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PHYSICS PAPER III

This PDF comprises of two sample practicals of the expected questions in the national exam 2021.

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SAMPLE I

NAME:…… DATE:…….

CLASS:…… ADM NO……

PHYSICS 232/3

FORM FOUR

TIME: $2^1/_2$ HOURS

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Question 1

1. Complete retort stand with two clamps
2. Some water in a beaker ($100m^2$)
3. 100ml measuring cylinder
4. Boiling tube
5. Cotton thread (100cm)
6. Meter rule
7. Beam balance (can be shared)
8. Vermier calipers (can be shared)

Question 2

1. Meter rule

2. Convex lens of focal length 10cm
3. A cande
4. Lens holder
5. Cross wire mounted on a cardboard
6. A white screen
7. One cell
8. Cell holder (one cell)
9. A switch
10. Six connecting wires, at least two with crocodile clips.
11. 10Ω carbon resistor (label it R)
12. Ammeter
13. Volt meter

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232/3 PHYSICS (Practicals)

PAPER THREE

TIME: 2½HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- This paper consist of two questions and Answer ALL questions in the spaces provided
- All workings MUST be clearly shown.

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PART	QUESTION	MAX SCORE	CAND SCORE
I	11	19	
II	A	16	
	B	5	
		40 MKS	

You are provided with the following

- Water in a beaker
- Complete retort stand
- Two clamps
- 100ml measuring cylinder

- Boiling tube
- Cotton thread
- Meter rule
- Beam balance(can be shared)
- Vernier calipers (can be shared
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Proceed as follows

i) a) Using the vernier calipers, measure the internal diameter of the boiling tube

D=……. (1mk)

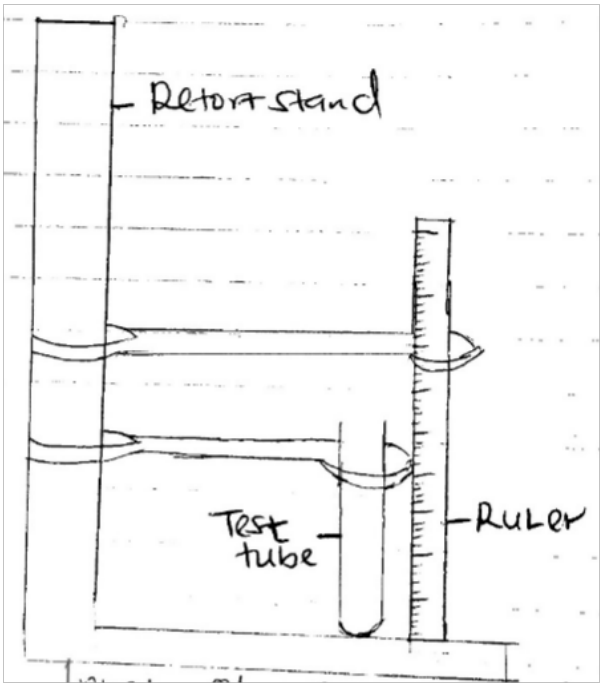
b) Measure the length H, of the boiling tube

H=…….cm (1mk)

ii) Measure the mass of the boiling tube using the beam balance

M=…….g (1mk)

iii) Clamp the boiling tube vertically with its base resting on a flat surface as shown, Use the second clamp to clamp the meter rule beside the boiling tube.



iv) Measure 10ml of water and pour into the boiling tube. Measure the height h, of the water. Keep adding water in small amounts in the boiling tube and complete the table below

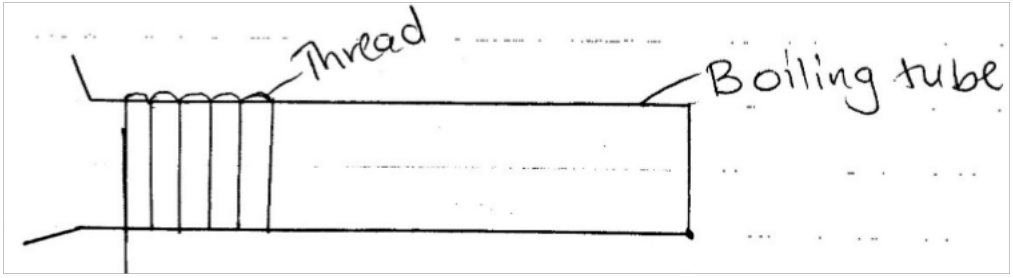
VOLUME IN CM^3/ML	HEIGHT H(CM)
10	
20	
35	
45	
50	
65	

(3MKS)

v) On the grid provided, plot a graph of volume V(cm^3) of water (y-axis) against height h(cm)
(5mks)

vi) From the graph determine the slope, (3mks)

vii) Wind the cotton thread ten times round the boiling tube, pushing the windings very close together, the turns should not overlap on each other.



Unwind the thread and measure the length L of the thread.

L……(cm) (1mk)

viii) Calculate the volume V,of the glass material which the boiling tube is made of, given that

$$V=h\left[\frac{2L^2}{2500}-5\right]$$

V= …… (2mks)

ix) Calculate the density d, of the glass material of the boiling tube

d=…….....

(2mks)

QUESTION 2

PART A

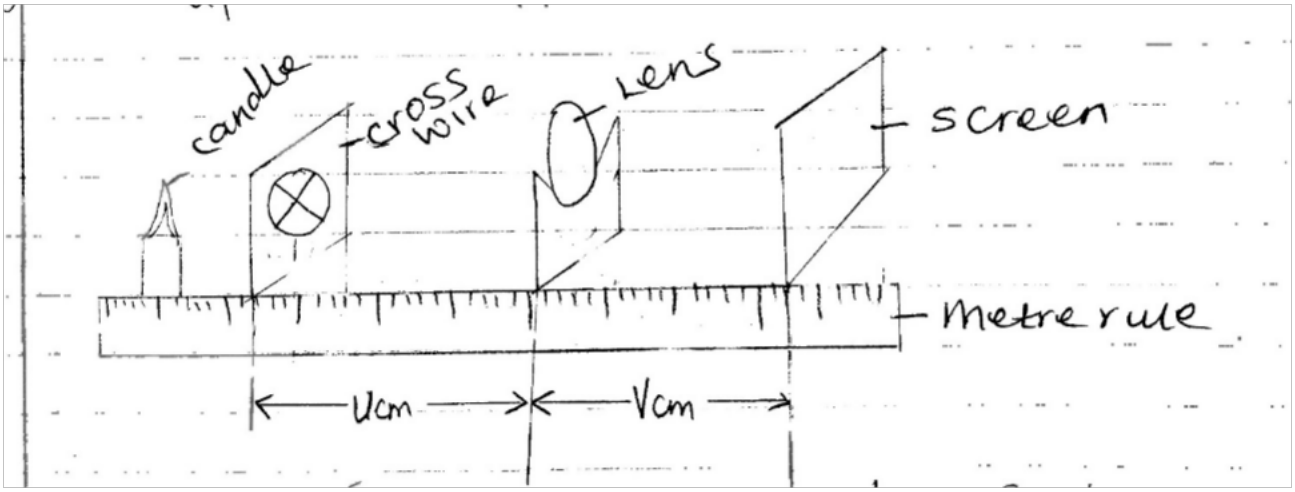
You are provided with the following

- A meter rule
- Convex lens
- A candle

- Len's holder
- Cross wither mounted on a cardboard
- A white screen

Proceed as follows:-

i) Set up the apparatus as shown



ii) Starting with U=30cm vary the position of the screen S until a sharp image of the cross wire is observed on the screen. Measure and record the value of the image distance V.

iii) Repeat the experiment above for other values of U, and complete the table below

(6mks)

U(cm)	30	35	40	45	50	55
V(cm)						
$M=\frac{V}{U}$						

iv) Plot a graph of M against V (5mks)

v) Determine the slope of the graph (3mk)

vi) The equation of the graph is given by $M=\frac{v}{f}-1$. Use your graph to obtain the value

of f (2mks)

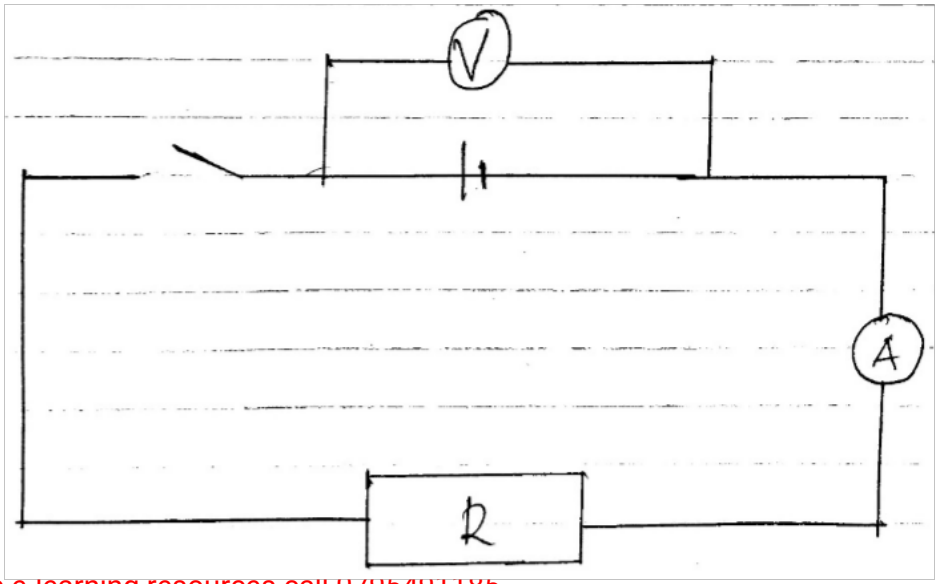
PART B

You are provided with the following apparatus:

- One cell and a cell holder
- Six connecting wires, two with crocodile clips
- A switch
- A 10 carbon resistor labledded R
- An Ammeter
- A voltmeter

Proceed as follows

i) Set up the apparatus as shown below.



Record the reading E of the voltmeter E…….. volts (1mk)

ii) Close the switch and record the reading, V, of the voltmeter and I the reading of the ammeter

V= ……..volts (1mk

I= …….amperes (1mk)

iii) Given that E = v + V + 1r, determine the value of r

r…….. volts (2mks)

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SAMPLE 1

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PHYSICS PAPER 3

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The teacher should make sure that the following apparatus are available

QUESTION ONE

- *A bare copper wire of diameter 0.71 mm (SWG 22) and length 50cm.*
- *A retort stand, boss and clamp*
- *An optical pin mounted on a cork*
- *A stop watch*
- *Wire cutters /pliers(to be shared)*
- *A metre rule or half metre rule*
- *A cylindrical container*
- *Some water*
- *a boiling tube*
- *some sand(in 100ml beaker)*
- *Spatula*
- *a rubber band*

QUESTION TWO

- *A 250 cm^3 beaker*
- *Water*
- *Screen*
- *Candle*

Name……..Adm. No…….

FORM 4

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PHYSICS PAPER 3

TIME : 2 ½ HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. *Write your name and admission number in the spaces provided.*
2. *Answer all the questions in the spaces provided.*
3. *You are supposed to spend the first 15 minutes of the 2 ½ hours allowed for this paper reading the whole paper clearly before commencing your work.*
4. *Non – programmable silent electronic calculators and KNEC mathematical tables may be used.*
5. *Candidates are advised to record their observations as soon as they are made.*

QUESTION 1

This question consists of part A and B.

Attempt both parts.

PART A

You are provided with the following:

- *A bare copper wire of diameter 0.71 mm (SWG 22) and length 50cm.*
- *A retort stand, boss and clamp*
- *An optical pin mounted on a cork*
- *A stop watch*
- *Wire cutters /pliers(to be shared)*
- *A metre rule or half metre rule*

Proceed as follows:

(a) Clamp the cork so that optical pin is horizontal. Hang the copper wire from the pin by the loop as shown in figure 1. Ensure the wire is straight and the length X between the lower tip and the optical pin is 32 cm. if the length exceeds 32 cm reduce by cutting at the lower tip using the wire cutters provided.

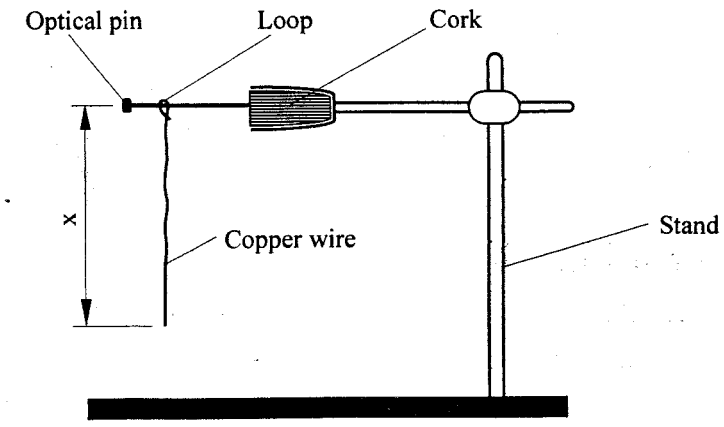


Figure 1

(b) Displace the lower tip of the wire slightly in a plane perpendicular to the optical pin and then release it. Measure the time t=10 oscillations of the wire and record the value in table 1.

(c) Repeat the procedure in (b) above for other values of X shown in the table. (*Note that each length X is obtained by cutting off an appropriate length from the lower tip of the wire. For example to get X= 28 cm cut off 4 cm from the lower end).* Complete the table.
(5 Marks)

Table 1

Length X cm	32	28	24	20	16	12
Time t for 10 oscillations (s)						
Period T= (s)						
T^2 (S^2)						

(d) Plot a graph of T^2 (y-axis) against X (metres) on the graph paper provided. (5 marks)

(e) i) Determine the slope, S, of the graph. (3 marks)

ii) Obtain the value of K in the equation S= (2marks)

PART B

You are provided with the following:

- *A cylindrical container (about 20cm high and diameter 8cm or more)- used plastic containers can be used by cutting the upper section*
- *Some water*
- *A stop watch*
- *A metre rule or half-metre rule*
- *A boiling tube*
- *Some sand (in 100ml beaker)*
- *Spatula*
- *A rubber band*

Proceed as follows:

(f) Tie the rubber band round the boiling tube so that it is at a distance L =12 cm from the bottom of the tube (see fig 2a). Pour water into the cylindrical container until the level is about 2.0 cm from the top of the beaker. Float the boiling tube in the water in the container. Add sand gradually into the boiling tube until the tube sinks to the 12 cm mark. See figure 2(b).

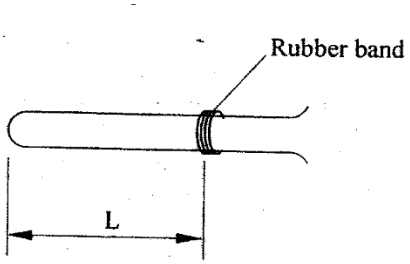


Figure 2(a)

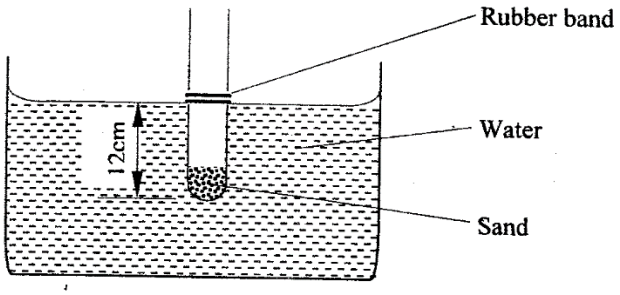


Figure 2(b)

(g) Depress the boiling tube slightly and release so that it oscillates vertically without touching the sides of the container. Measure and record in table 2 the time t_1, for **five** oscillations of the boiling tube. Repeat the procedure two more times to obtain t_2 and t_3 and record the values in table 2. Complete the table.
(3 marks)

Table 2

$t_1((s)$	$t_2(s)$	$t_3(s)$	Average t(s) $t = \left(\frac{t_1 + t_2 + t_3}{3}\right)$	$T = \frac{t}{5}(s)$

(h) Evaluate P=given that L is the length of the tube in metres up to the rubber band in part (f) and T is the value obtained in (g) above.
(2 marks)

P=

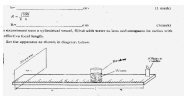
QUESTION TWO

You are provided with the following.

- *A 250 cm^3 beaker*
- *Water*
- *a metre rule*
- *Screen*
- *Candle*

i) Add 200cm^3 of water to the vessel and obtain 'h' the height in centimetres of the water above the base of the vessel. Determine the appropriate value of R, the internal radius in centimetres from the formulae;

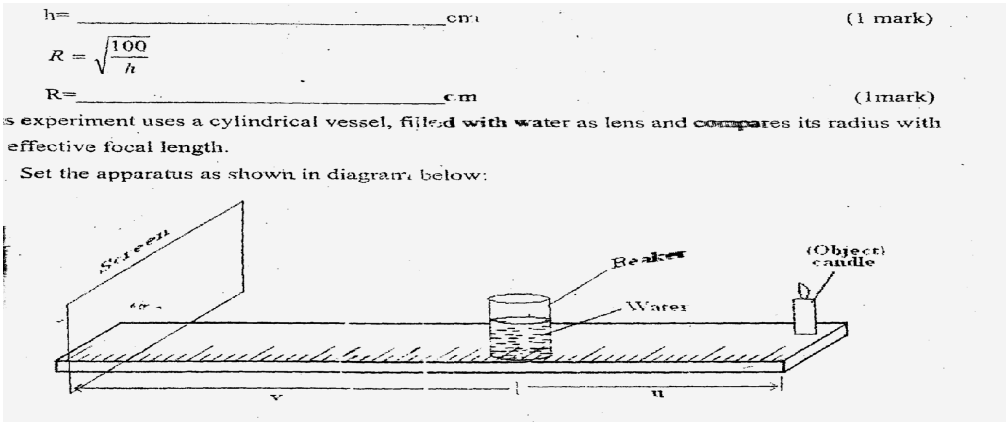
h= _____ cm (1 Marks)



R=_____cm (1 Marks)

This experiment uses a cylindrical vessel, filled with water as a lens and compare its radius with the effective focal length.

ii) Set the apparatus as shown in diagram below:



Set u to be about 10R away from the Centre of the 'lens' and adjust the position of the screen to locate the image formed. The image is a sharp vertical line. Measure u and v from the Centre of the vessel. Repeat the experiment with the follow multiples of R. and record all values of u and V in the table below:

(8 marks)

	10R	9R	8R	7R	6R	5R	4R	3R
U (cm)								
V (cm)								

NB: Any other appropriate value of u depending on the value of R obtained can be awarded.

iii) Plot a graph of u (cm) against v (cm).
(5 marks)

iv) From the graph determine

a) 'V' the value of V for which v=u (1 Mark)

b) 'U' the value of U for which u=2v (1 Mark)

v) **Determine** the effective focal length of the 'lens' from the formulae f= (2 Marks)

vi) Hence determine the value of (1 Mark)