



# Cambridge O Level

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**PHYSICS**

**5054/41**

Paper 4 Alternative to Practical

**May/June 2022**

**1 hour**

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 30.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

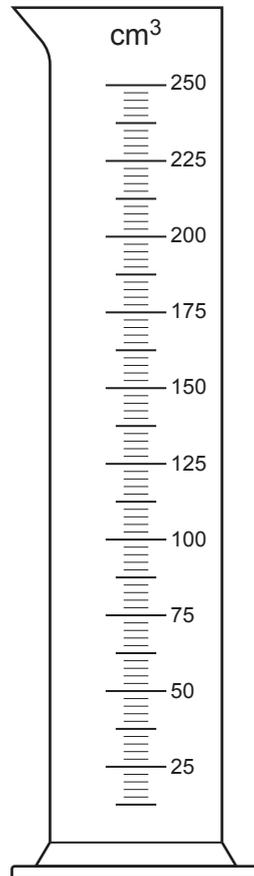
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- 1 A student investigates how the temperature of a volume of water changes as hotter water is added to it.

160 cm<sup>3</sup> of water at 20 °C is poured into a glass measuring cylinder.

Fig. 1.1 shows the measuring cylinder.



**Fig. 1.1**

- (a) The measuring cylinder contains 160 cm<sup>3</sup> of water.

On Fig. 1.1, draw the level of the water, showing the meniscus.

[2]

(b) The student pours  $100 \text{ cm}^3$  of water from the measuring cylinder into a large beaker.

He then:

- uses a kettle to provide a constant supply of hot water
- adds  $50 \text{ cm}^3$  of hot water at  $70^\circ\text{C}$  to the beaker
- stirs the mixture
- records the new temperature of the water in the beaker
- continues to add  $50 \text{ cm}^3$  of hot water at a time, recording the new temperature for each addition, until a total of  $300 \text{ cm}^3$  of hot water has been added.

(i) The student ensures that the temperature of the water added each time is  $70^\circ\text{C}$ .

Suggest how this is done.

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(ii) The student repeats the experiment and obtains three sets of results, as shown in Table 1.1.

**Table 1.1**

total volume of hot water added $V/\text{cm}^3$	temperature $\theta/^\circ\text{C}$			average temperature $\theta_{\text{av}}/^\circ\text{C}$
0	20	20	20	20
50	33	34	33	33
100	42	40	40	41
150	47	49	46	
200	51	52	51	51
250	53	54	53	53
300	54	55	54	54

Calculate the average temperature  $\theta_{\text{av}}$  when total volume of hot water added  $V = 150 \text{ cm}^3$ .

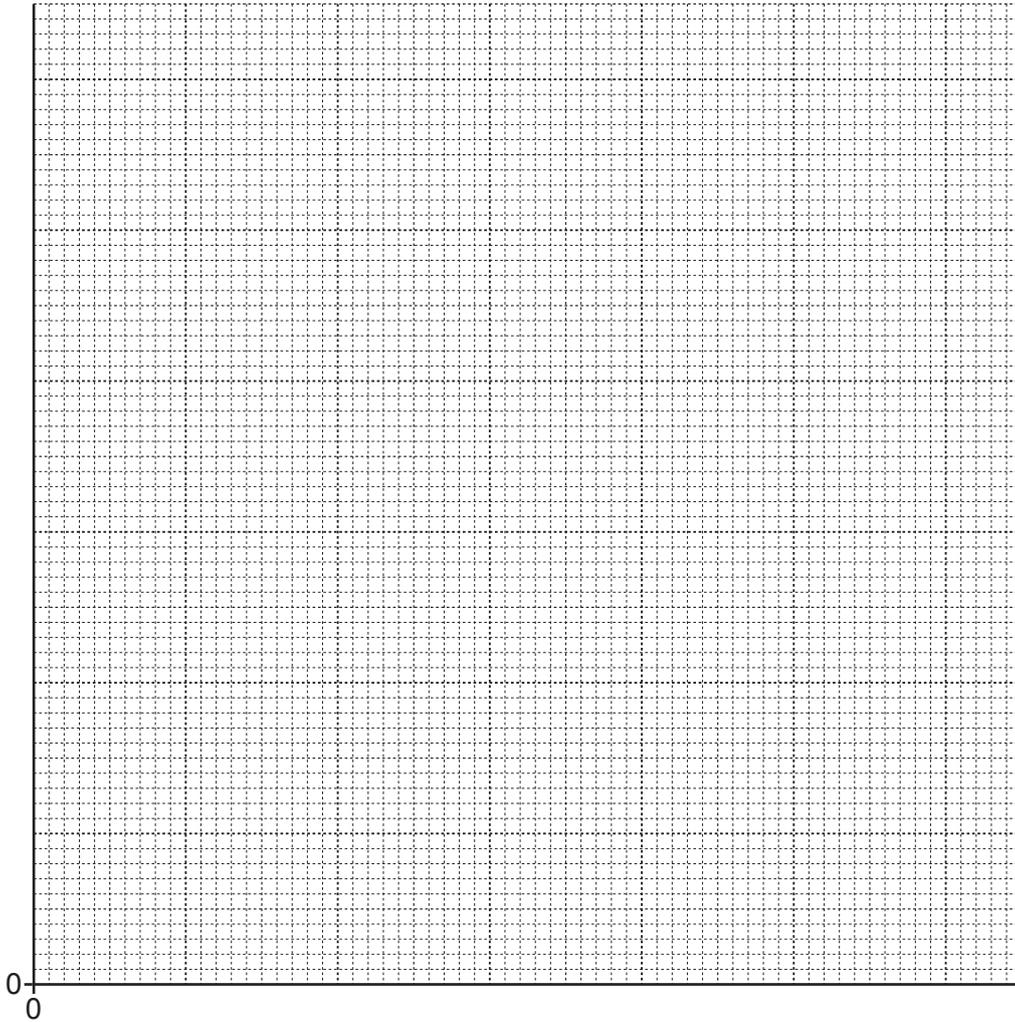
Record, in Table 1.1, your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

[2]

(iii) On Fig. 1.2, plot a graph of  $\theta_{\text{av}}/^\circ\text{C}$  on the y-axis against  $V/\text{cm}^3$  on the x-axis. Start both axes from the origin (0,0).

Draw a smooth curved line of best fit.

[4]



**Fig. 1.2**

- (iv) Your graph shows that  $\theta_{av}$  is **not** directly proportional to  $V$ .

Describe how your graph shows this and suggest why  $\theta_{av}$  is not directly proportional to  $V$ .

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- (c) The student repeats the experiment with a layer of insulation around the beaker.

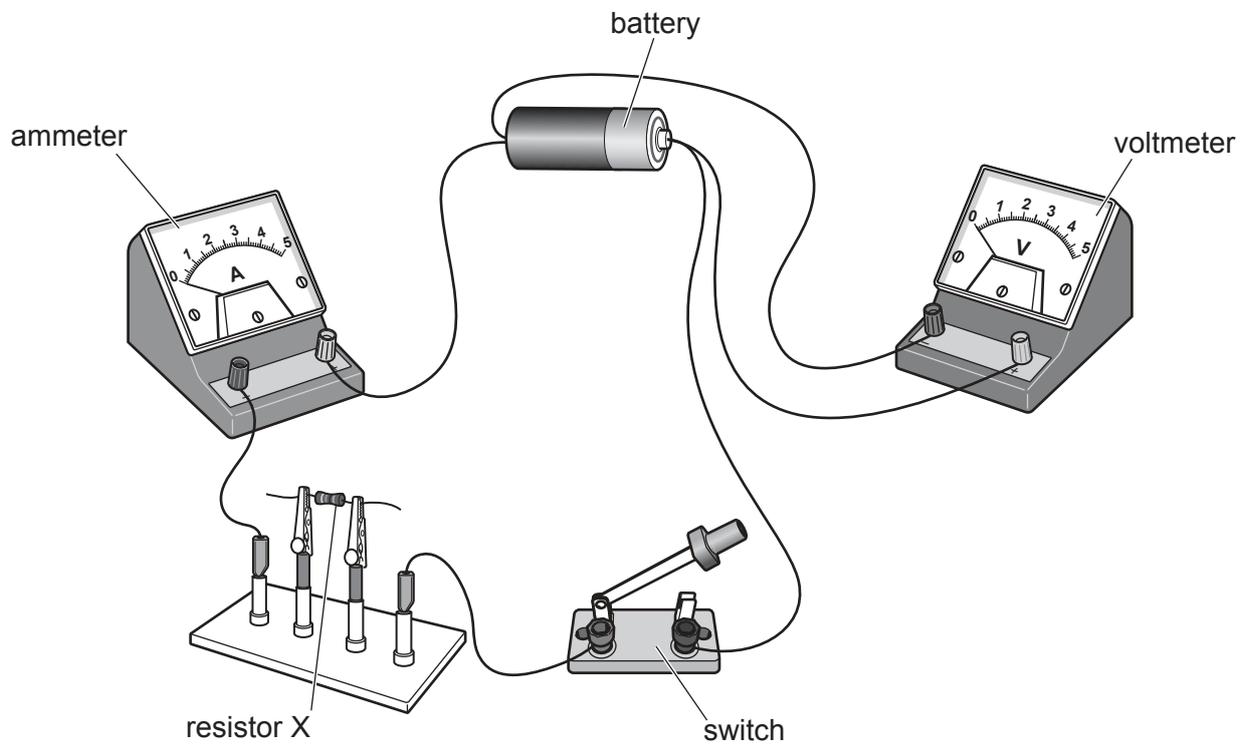
On your graph in Fig. 1.2, sketch a line to show the results with a layer of insulation around the beaker. Label this line with the letter A. [2]

[Total: 14]



- 2 A student investigates the resistance of two resistors.

Fig. 2.1 shows the apparatus used to find the current  $I$  in resistor X and the potential difference  $V$  across it.



**Fig. 2.1**

- (a) Draw a circuit diagram for the arrangement shown in Fig. 2.1.

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- (b) The student records the current  $I$  and the potential difference  $V$  across resistor X when the switch is closed. He calculates the resistance  $R_X$  of resistor X.

He replaces resistor X with resistor Y and repeats the experiment.

The values recorded for both resistors are shown in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1**

resistor	$I/A$	$V/V$	resistance $/\Omega$
X	0.10	1.0	10
Y	0.07	1.0	

- (i) Calculate the resistance  $R_Y$  of resistor Y and complete Table 2.1.

Use the equation:

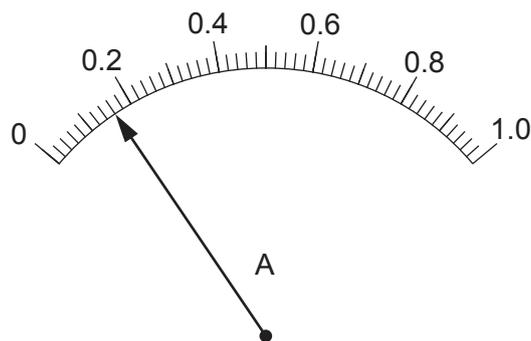
$$\text{resistance} = \frac{V}{I}$$

Give your answer to the nearest whole number.

[2]

- (ii) The student combines resistors X and Y in a parallel arrangement. He uses this combination in the circuit in Fig. 2.1 in place of the single resistor Y.

Fig. 2.2 shows the ammeter reading for the parallel arrangement.



**Fig. 2.2**

Record the reading of  $I$  shown in Fig. 2.2.

$I = \dots\dots\dots$  A [1]

(iii) The potential difference stays at 1.0 V.

Using the value of  $I$  in (b)(ii) and the equation in (b)(i), calculate the resistance  $R_C$  of the parallel combination.

$$R_C = \dots\dots\dots \Omega \quad [1]$$

(c) Theory suggests that the resistance  $R_C$  of the two resistors X and Y arranged in parallel is given by:

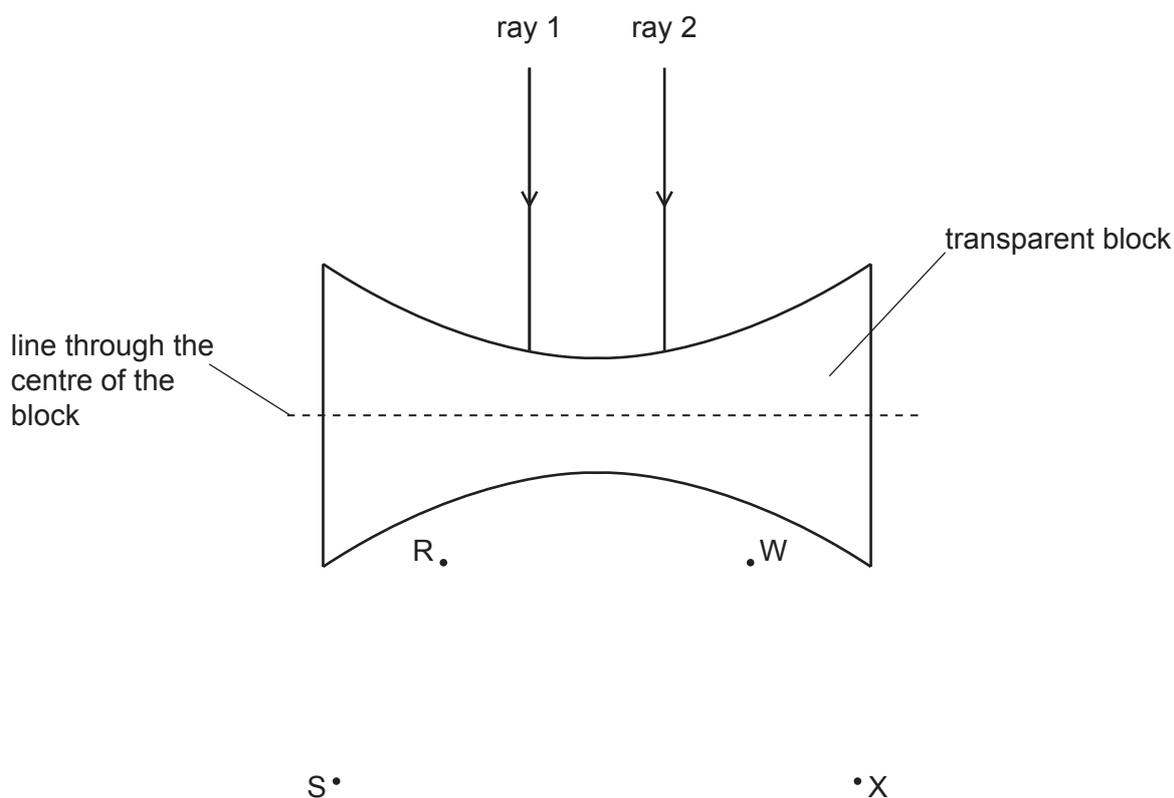
$$R_C = \frac{R_X R_Y}{R_X + R_Y}$$

State, giving a reason, whether your value for  $R_C$  in (b)(iii) agrees with this suggestion.

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[Total: 7]

- 3 A student directs two parallel rays of light, ray 1 and ray 2, towards the side of a transparent plastic block, as shown in Fig. 3.1. The block rests on a sheet of paper.



**Fig. 3.1**

- (a) The student marks two points R and S on the path of ray 1 after it has passed through the block.
- (i) On Fig. 3.1, draw a line joining S and R and continue the line to meet the block. [1]
- (ii) On Fig. 3.1, draw a line to complete the path of ray 1 through the block. [1]
- (b) The student marks two points W and X on the path of ray 2 after it has passed through the block.
- On Fig. 3.1, complete the path of ray 2. [1]
- (c) (i) Extend lines SR and XW back until they meet at a point. Label this point F. [1]
- (ii) Measure the perpendicular distance from F to the centre of the block.

distance = ..... cm [1]

[Total: 5]

4 A student determines the diameter of a thin wire.

The apparatus available is:

- 2.0 m length of thin wire
- wire cutters
- ruler

(a) Suggest how the student determines an accurate value for the diameter of the wire using **only** the apparatus listed.

Draw a diagram to illustrate your method.

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(b) A second student determines the diameter using a different piece of apparatus. His value for the diameter is more accurate.

State the name of the different piece of apparatus he uses.

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[Total: 4]

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