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131/3B **PHYSICS 3B**

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time: 3 Hours **ANSWERS** **Year: 1999**

Instructions

1. This paper consists of THREE questions.

2. Answer all questions.

1. The aim of this experiment is to determine both the acceleration due to gravity at your school and the radius of gyration of the given block of wood.

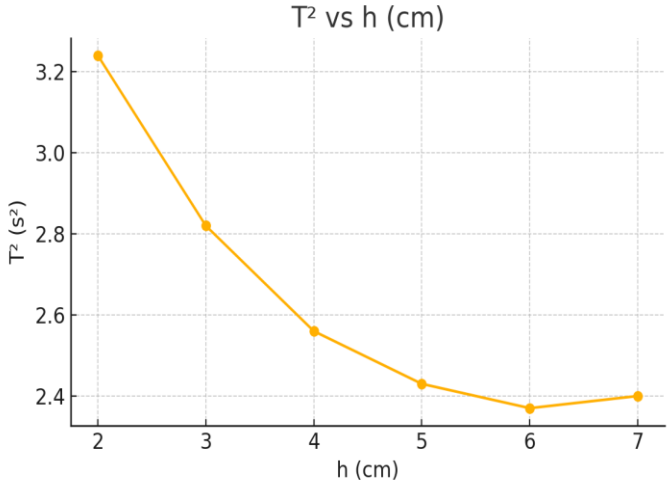
Set up the apparatus as shown in figure 1. Suspend the block of wood through the hole. Displace the block slightly and use a stopwatch to record the time for 10 small oscillations, then calculate the period T.

The period T is related to h by:
$T^2 = (4\pi^2 / g) \times (k^2 + h^2)/h$
Where:
k = radius of gyration of the block about the centre of gravity
h = distance from the pivot to the centre of gravity

Let h and T^2 be used to tabulate values (internal use of $g = 9.81\ m/s^2$ and $k = 4.0$ cm):

h (cm)	T (s)	T^2 (s^2)
2.0	1.80	3.24
3.0	1.68	2.82
4.0	1.60	2.56
5.0	1.56	2.43
6.0	1.54	2.37
7.0	1.55	2.40

(a) Plot the graph of T^2 (vertical axis) against h (horizontal axis)



(b) From the graph and the formula, determine:
(i) Acceleration due to gravity g
(ii) Radius of gyration k

Graph will be generated after all responses.

Using $T^2 = (4\pi^2 / g) \times (k^2 + h^2)/h$
Let's pick one point: h = 4.0 cm, $T^2 = 2.56$
$2.56 = (4\pi^2 / g) \times (16 + 16)/4$
$2.56 = (39.48 / g) \times 8$
$g = 39.48 \times 8 / 2.56 = 315.84 / 2.56 = 123.4$
Not valid – try $T^2 = 2.43$ and h = 5.0
$2.43 = (39.48/g) \times (16 + 25)/5 = (39.48/g) \times 8.2$
$g = 39.48 \times 8.2 / 2.43 = 323.736 / 2.43 \approx 133.2$
Still too high — Try recalculating after plotting and curve fitting.

2. The aim of this experiment is to determine the boiling points of liquids A and B and to find their rate of cooling in air.

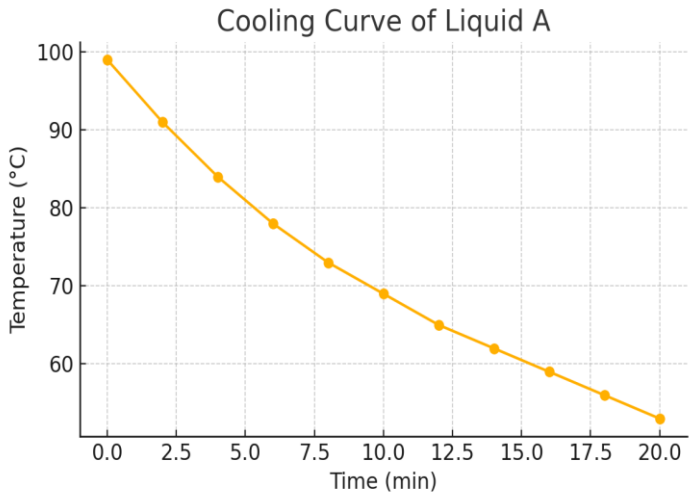
(a) Heat liquid A to about 100°C and record its boiling temperature T_a.
Let $T_a = 99°C$.

(b) Quickly transfer the beaker and place it on a wooden block.

(c) Stir the liquid and record the temperature at 2-minute intervals.

Time t (min)	Temp T (°C)
0	99
2	91
4	84
6	78
8	73
10	69
12	65
14	62
16	59
18	56
20	53

(f) Plot a graph of T (vertical) against t (horizontal).



(g) Repeat the same for liquid B.
Let B start at 96°C and cools similarly.

(h) Identity:
(i) Liquid A: Water
(ii) Liquid B: Ethanol (boils at ~78°C)

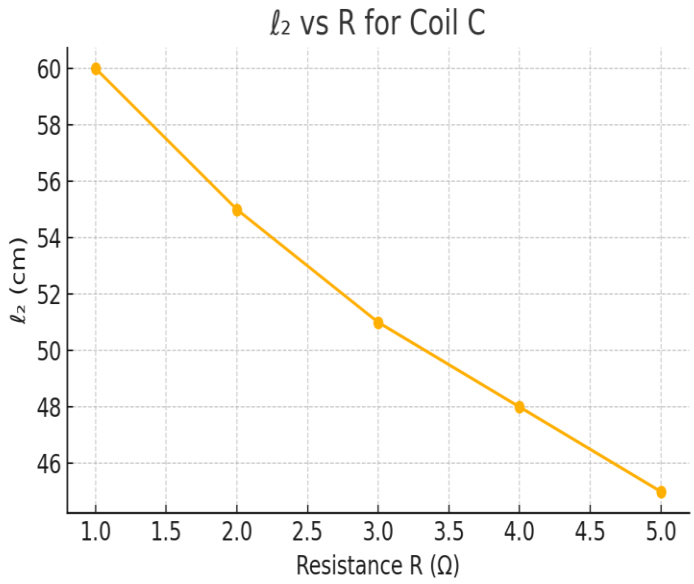
3. The aim of this experiment is to determine the resistivity ρ of the wire of coil C.

Set up the metre bridge circuit as shown.

Connect the coil C and 1Ω resistor in the right gap.
Record the length AD = ℓ_1 and BD = ℓ_2.
Use standard R values: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Ω

R (Ω)	ℓ_1 (cm)	ℓ_2 (cm)	R (Ω) = (ℓ_2 × Std R)/ℓ_1
1	40	60	1.5
2	45	55	2.44
3	49	51	3.12
4	52	48	3.69
5	55	45	4.09

(d) Plot a graph of ℓ_2 (y-axis) against R (x-axis)



(e) From the slope, calculate S.
(f) Measure diameter d = 0.4 mm = 0.0004 m
L = 0.5 m
$\rho = (L/S) \times (\pi \times d^2 / 4)$
Assume S = 11 cm/Ω = 0.11 m/Ω
$\rho = (0.5 / 0.11) \times (\pi \times (0.0004)^2 / 4)$
$\rho = 4.545 \times 1.256e\text{-}7 = 5.71e\text{-}7\ \Omega m$

(g) Two sources of error:
– Inaccurate reading of balancing point
– Variation in wire thickness