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PHYSICS 3B

(ACTUAL PRACTICAL B)

(For Both School and Private candidates)

Time: 3:20 Hours

Year: 2023

Instructions

1. This paper consists of **three (3)** questions.
2. Answer **all** questions.
3. Question **one (1)** carries **20** marks, and the other **two(2)** carry **15** marks each.
4. Mathematical tables and non-programmable calculators may be used.
5. All writing must be in **blue** or **black** ink **except** drawing which must be in pencil
6. Cellular phones and any unauthorized materials are **not** allowed in the examination room.
7. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet (s).

The following information may be useful:

Specific heat capacity of Water $C_w = 4.2 J / gK$

Pie, $\pi = 3.14$.



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1. You are required to examine the oscillations of a simple pendulum using the given apparatus by following the procedures:

- (a) Suspend a pendulum bob from the length L equals to 0.90 m and displace it through a small angle so that it swings parallel to the edge of the bench.
- (b) Determine the time, t for 20 oscillations and the corresponding periodic time, T .
- (c) Repeat the procedures in 1 (a) and (b) above for the values of $L = 0.70\text{ m}, 0.50\text{ m}, 0.30\text{ m},$ and $0.10\text{ m}.$

Questions

- (i) Record your readings in a table including the values of $\log L$ and $\log T$.
- (ii) Plot a graph of $\log_{10} L$ against $\log_{10} T$
- (iii) Use the graph in 1 (ii) to resolve the values of constants n and k from the equation $L^n = kT^{-1}$

2. You are provided with hot water, metal foil, wooden block, thermometer, stopwatch, marker pen, rubber bands, copper calorimeter with its lids, stirrer and kerosene lamp/Bunsen burner. Follow the following procedures to perform an experiment:

- (a) Cover the outer surface of the calorimeter with the metal foil provided and use the rubber bands to hold the metal foil tightly on the calorimeter.
- (b) Use a marker pen; indicate a mark of about two-thirds inside the calorimeter.
- (c) Fill the calorimeter with hot water of about 90°C to the mark indicated in 2 (b).
- (d) Cover the calorimeter with its lid when the stirrer and thermometer are

inserted.

- (e) While stirring, start the stopwatch when the temperature of the liquid in the calorimeter is about 80°C . Read and record the temperature of the liquid after every 2 minutes until it reaches 60°C .
- (f) Empty the calorimeter, remove the metal foil and carefully blacken the outer surface of the calorimeter using the soot from a kerosene lamp/ Bunsen burner provided. Repeat the procedures in 2 (c) up to (e).

Questions

- (i) Tabulate your results.
- (ii) Using the same axis, plot the cooling curves for the blackened calorimeter with its content and for the calorimeter with metal foil together with its content.
- (iii) From each of the curves, read and record the time taken for hot water to cool from 80°C to 60°C .
- (iv) What is the implication of the results in 2 (iii).
- (v) What is the aim of doing this experiment?

3. Determine the e.m.f. of the given dry cell E using ammeter A, resistance box R, switch K, masking tape and pieces of connecting wires. In order to achieve the task, the follow the instructions below:

- (a) Carefully set up the circuit as required using the given apparatuses.
- (b) Start with $R = 2\Omega$, close the switch and record the current I from the ammeter.
- (c) Repeat the procedure in 3 (b) for the values of $R = 4\ \Omega$, $6\ \Omega$, $8\ \Omega$ and $10\ \Omega$.

Questions

- (i) Draw a well labelled circuit diagram of your connections.
- (ii) Tabulate the obtained data including the value of $\frac{1}{I}$
- (iii) Plot a graph of R against $\frac{1}{I}$
- (iv) Use the graph in 3 (iii), determine the e.m.f. of the dry cell E.