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**031/2C**

**PHYSICS 2C**

**(ACTUAL PRACTICAL C)**

(For Both School and Private candidates)

**Time: 2:30 Hours**

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**Instructions**

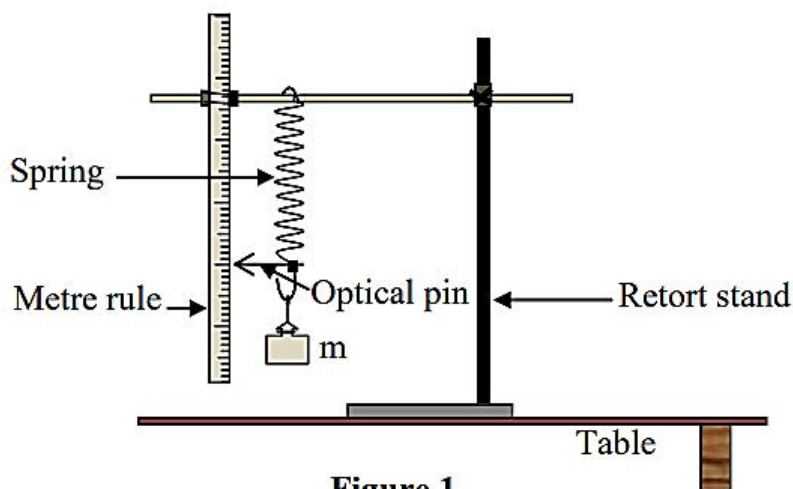
1. This paper consists of **two (2)** questions.
2. Answer **all** questions.
3. Each question carries twenty **five (25)** marks.
4. All writing must be in **blue** or **black** ink **except** drawing which must be in pencil.
5. Cellular phones, and any unauthorized materials are **not** allowed in the examination room.
6. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet (s)



1. Find the values of unknown masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ .

**Proceed as follows:**

- (a) Clamp a metre rule vertically with the zero mark uppermost. Suspend the spring as shown in Figure 1 using a plasticine. Attach an optical pin to its lower end so that its point will move over the vertical scale. Read and record the scale reading  $X_0$ .



**Figure 1**

- (b) Hang the mass = 50 g, to extend the spring. Read and record the new scale reading hence calculate the extension,  $e = X_1 - X_0$
- (c) Without removing the 50g mass and put the unknown mass  $m_1$ , repeat the procedures in 1(b) for the values of mass  $m = 100$  g, 150 g, 200 g and 250 g to obtain a total of five readings, and calculate the extension in each observation.
- (d) Remove the last 250 g mass and put the unknown mass<sub>1</sub>, record the new reading  $x_1$  and the corresponding extension  $e = X_1 - X_0$
- (e) Replace  $m_1$  by  $m_2$  and repeat the procedure 1(d), record the reading  $x_2$  and the corresponding extension  $e_2$

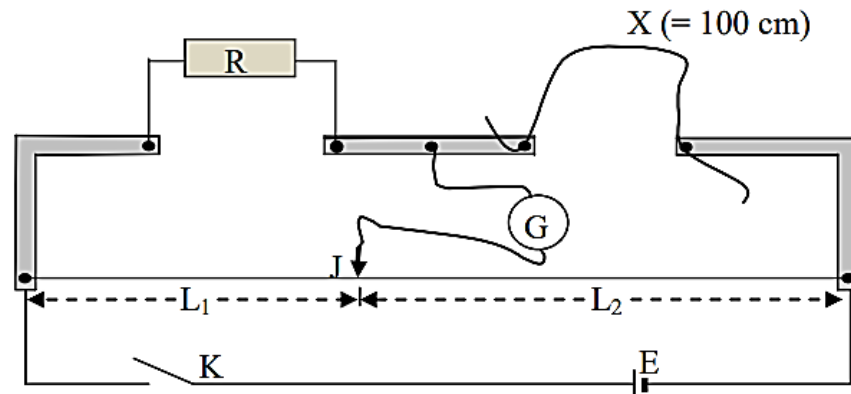
### Questions

- Tabulate your results of  $m$ ,  $x$  and  $e$
- Plot a graph of mass (g) against extension  $e$  (cm).
- Find the slope  $S$  of the graph

- (iv) From the graph determine the unknown masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$
- (v) State the physical meaning of the slope  $S$ .

2. Determine the resistance per unit length  $\rho$  of the wire provided through the following procedures:

- (a) Set up the circuit as shown in the diagram below, where  $R$  is the resistance box,  $E$  is a dry cell,  $K$  is a key,  $G$  is a centre-zero galvanometer,  $J$  is a jockey and  $x$  is a wire of unknown resistance.



**Figure 2**

- (b) Measure the length  $x$  of the wire provided equal to 100 cm, fit it to the metre bridge as shown in Figure 2. Close the key and slide a jockey over the resistance wire of the metre bridge until the galvanometer reads zero. Read and record  $L_1$  and its corresponding  $L_2$
- (c) Repeat the procedures in 2(b) without changing the length  $x$ , setting  $R = 2 \Omega, 3 \Omega, 4 \Omega$  and  $5 \Omega$  and record the values for  $L_1$  and the corresponding values of  $L_2$  in each case.
  - (i) Tabulate your results including the values of  $\frac{L_1}{L_2}$
  - (ii) Plot a graph of  $R$  against  $\frac{L_1}{L_2}$
  - (iii) Compute the slope of the graph
  - (iv) Determine the value for the resistance per unit length  $\rho$  of the wire provided. Show clearly how you arrive to your answer.