



KAMUZU BARRACKS COMMUNITY DAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

2022 MALAWI SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION – FORM 3

PHYSICS

December, 2022

Subject Number: M164/I

Time Allowed: 2 hours

8:00 – 12:00 am

PAPER I

(100 marks)

Theory

Instructions

1. This paper contains 10 printed pages.
Please check.
2. Write your **Candidate Name, Number** and **Shift** at the top of each page of the question paper.
3. This paper has two sections, A and B. In Section A there are four short answer questions while in Section B there are three essay questions.
4. Answer **all** the **seven** questions in the spaces Provided.
5. Use of electronic calculators is allowed.
6. The maximum number of marks for each answer is indicated against each question.
7. In the table provided on this page, **tick** against the question number you have answered.

Question Number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns	
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Section A (70 marks)

Answer **all** question in this section.

1. **Figure 1** is a diagram of a measuring instrument.

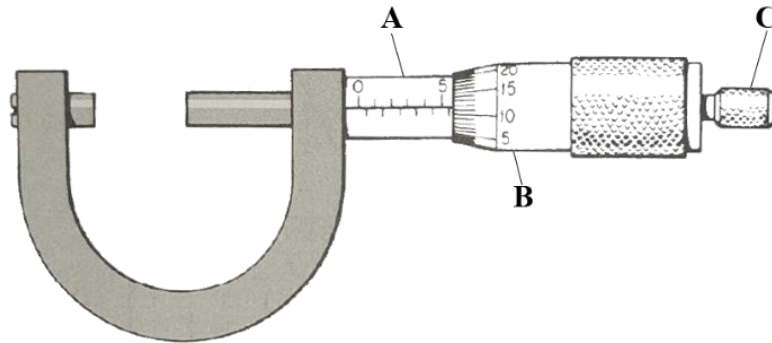


Figure 1

- a. Name the measuring instrument in **figure 1**.

(1 mark)

- b. Identify the parts labelled **A** and **B** from the measuring instrument in **figure 1**.

A: _____
(1 mark)

B: _____
(1 mark)

- c. Give **two** objects that can be measured using the instrument in **figure 1**.

(2 marks)

- d. State the function of the part labelled **C**.

(2 marks)

- d. Given that reading of part labelled **A** is 4.7mm, and that of part labelled **B** is 20 mm. Calculate the scale reading of the instrument and give the answer in centimeters (cm).

(4 marks)

2. a. A scientist is carrying out an experiment to determine the relationship between voltage and current in a circuit. The materials she used include, ammeter, voltmeter, cells, resistor, connecting wires, and a switch.

(i) Formulate a hypothesis for the experiment.

(1 mark)

(ii) Identify the independent variable.

(1 mark)

(iii) Identify the dependent variable:

(1 mark)

(iv) Identify any **two** controlled variables.

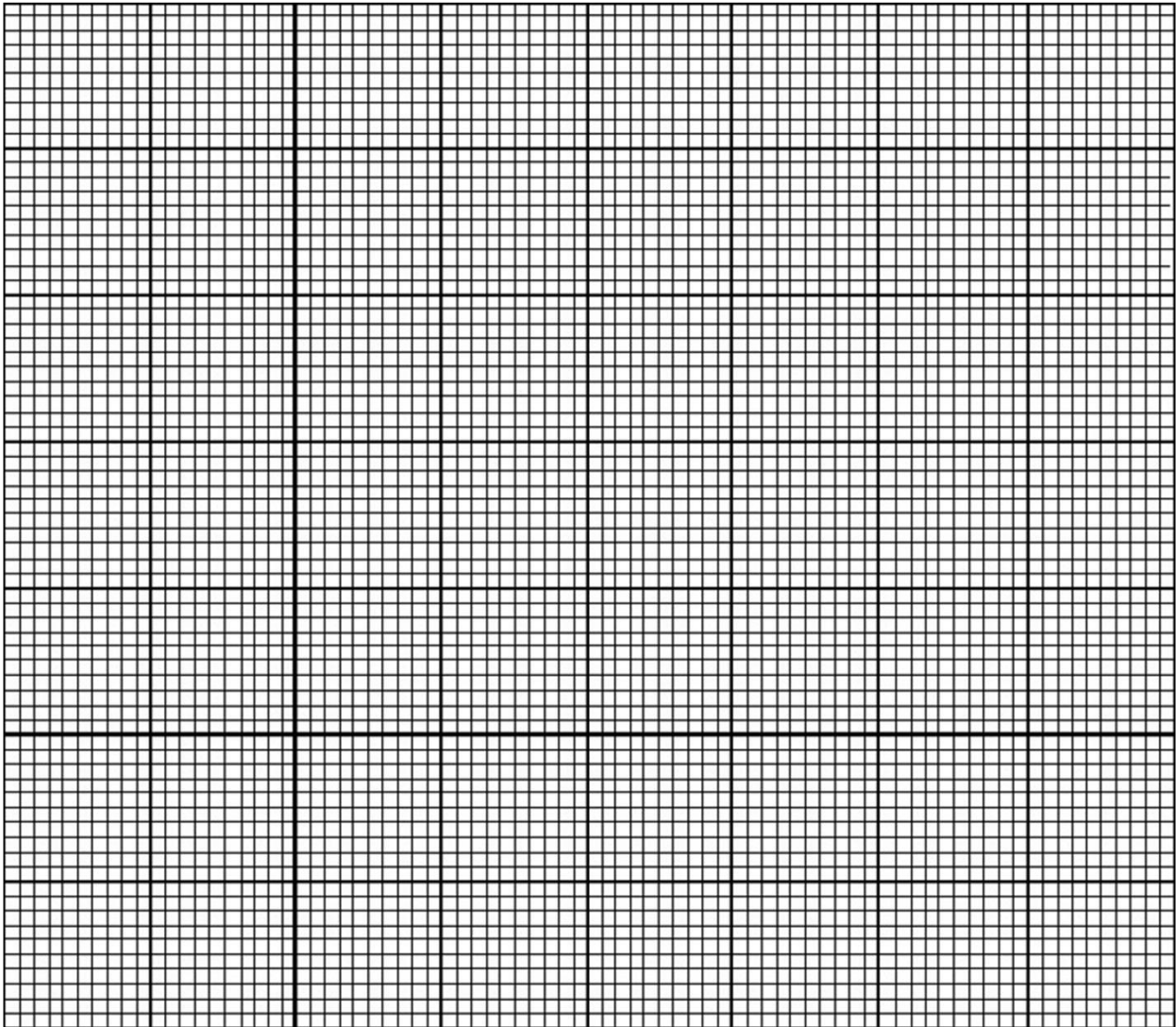
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- b. **Table 1** show the results obtained from the experiment conducted in 2a.

Table 1

Number of Cells	Voltage (V)	Current (A)
1	1.5	0.1
2	3	0.24
3	4.5	0.3
4	6	0.4

- (i) Plot a graph of voltage against current on the graph paper below.



(4 marks)

- (ii) State the relationship between voltage and current.

(1 mark)

- c. Describe any **two** types errors that can be faced during a scientific investigation.

(4 marks)

- c. Name **two** methods of communicating the results of a scientific investigation.

(2 marks)

3. a. Define the term freezing.

(1 mark)

- b. State any **two** properties of liquids.

(2 marks)

- b. Describe the kinetic theory of matter.

(3 marks)

- c. Explain the relationship between molecular motion and absolute temperature.

(3 marks)

- d. Mention any **two** factors that affect gas pressure.

(2 marks)

- e. In relation to gas pressure, explain how car or bicycle tires are kept inflated.

(4 marks)

4. a. State the SI unit of temperature.

(1 mark)

- b. The body temperature of a normal person is 0.37×10^2 °C.

- (i) Express the body temperature in normal form.

(2 marks)

- (ii) Convert the body temperature found in **b(i)** to the SI unit stated in **4a**.

(2 marks)

- d. Discuss the **two** types of liquid in glass thermometers.

(4 marks)

- e. The pressure in a constant volume gas thermometer is 755 mmHg at 0 °C of ice and 790 mmHg at 100 °C. Calculate the temperature when the pressure is 765 mmHg.

(5 marks)

Section B (30 marks)

Answer **all** questions in this section.

5. a. Describe how you can measure the depth of a blind hole using a vernier calliper.

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(5 marks)

- b. Explain in terms of the kinetic theory of matter why candle wax melts when the candle is lit.

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(5 marks)

6. a. Outline the steps you could follow to measure 113grams of sugar from a given sample bag of sugar using a triple beam balance.

(5 marks)

- b. With the aid of a well labelled diagram, describe how the distance between the molecules of a state of matter affect the Intermolecular Forces (IMF).

(5 marks)

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7. Describe an experiment you could carry out to determine the relationship between the periodic time (T) of an oscillating spring and the mass on the spring.

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(10 marks)

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