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Friday 5 June 2020			
Afternoon (Time: 1 hour 20 minutes)		Paper Reference WPH16/01	
Physics International Advanced Level Unit 6: Practical Skills in Physics II			
You must have: Scientific calculator, Ruler			Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- **Show all your working out in calculations and include units where appropriate.**

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- The list of data, formulae and relationships is printed at the end of this booklet.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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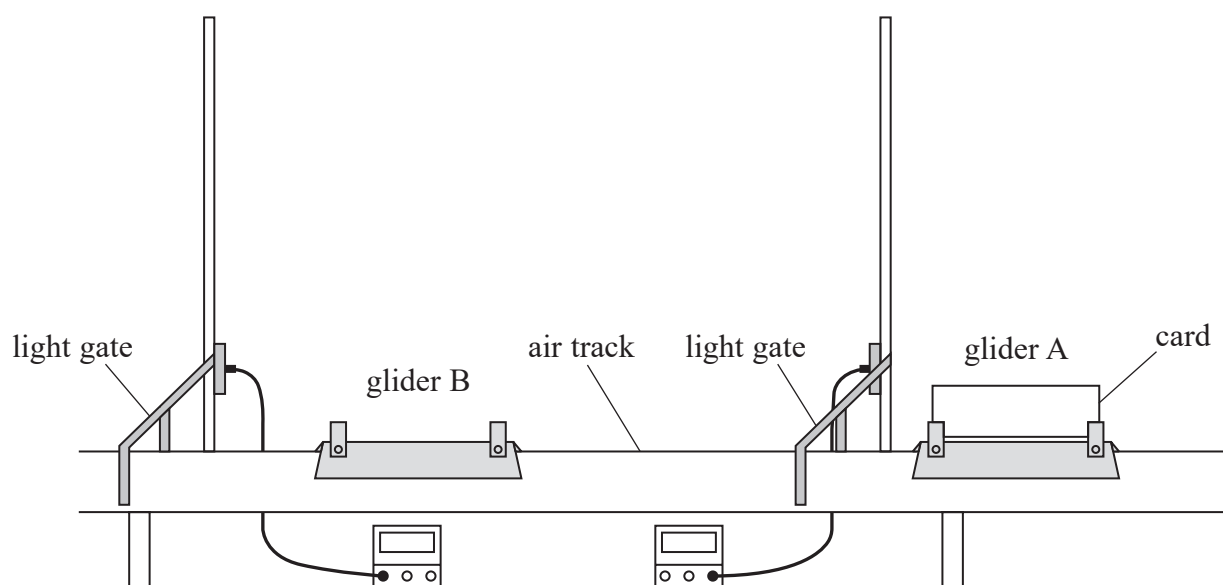
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Answer ALL questions.

- 1** A student investigated the conservation of momentum using the apparatus as shown.



- (a) The air track provides a cushion of air which reduces friction between the gliders and the track.

Describe how the student would show that the air track is horizontal before starting the investigation.

(1)

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- (b) The student pushed glider A. The first light gate recorded the time t_1 for the card on glider A to pass through it.

The gliders collided and stuck together. The second light gate recorded the time t_2 for the card on glider A to pass through it.

The student recorded t_1 and t_2 for three separate collisions.

t_1/s	0.34	0.21	0.28
t_2/s	0.70	0.39	0.55

The masses of the gliders were identical. If momentum is conserved then $t_2 = 2t_1$.

Show that momentum was conserved in this investigation.

(3)

- (c) Another student suggested that using a piece of card twice as long would improve the investigation.

Assess this suggestion.

(3)

(Total for Question 1 = 7 marks)



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- 2 A student wrote the following plan to investigate the distance travelled by alpha particles in air.

Place the *Geiger-Müller* tube in front of the source.

Measure the distance d from the source to the tube.

Measure the count.

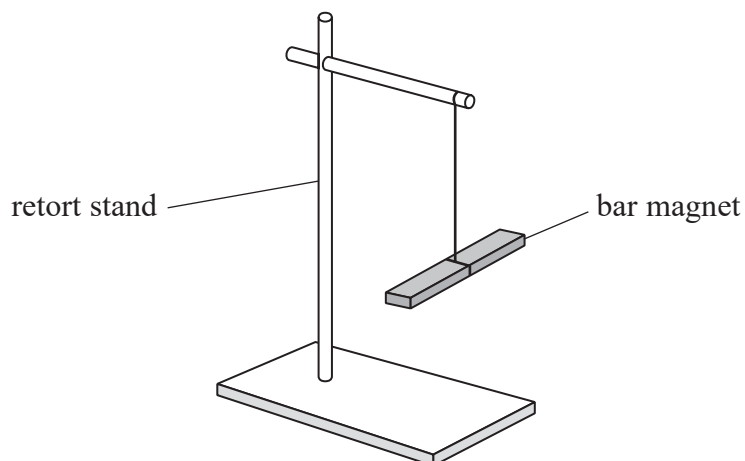
Change d and take more readings.

Devise a more detailed plan for this investigation.

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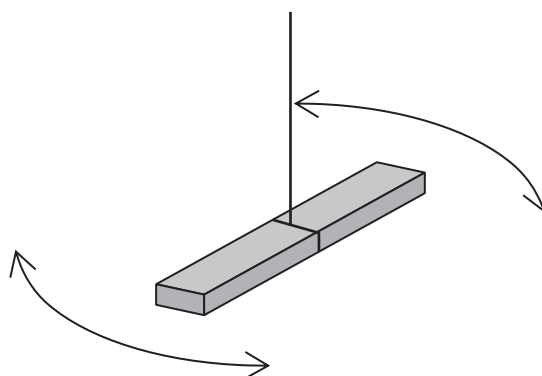


- 3 A bar magnet was suspended from a wooden retort stand as shown.



The magnet lined up with the magnetic field of the Earth.

The magnet was given a small angular displacement from its equilibrium position and oscillated in a horizontal plane about the string as shown.



- (a) Describe how the time period of these oscillations should be measured to make the readings as accurate as possible.

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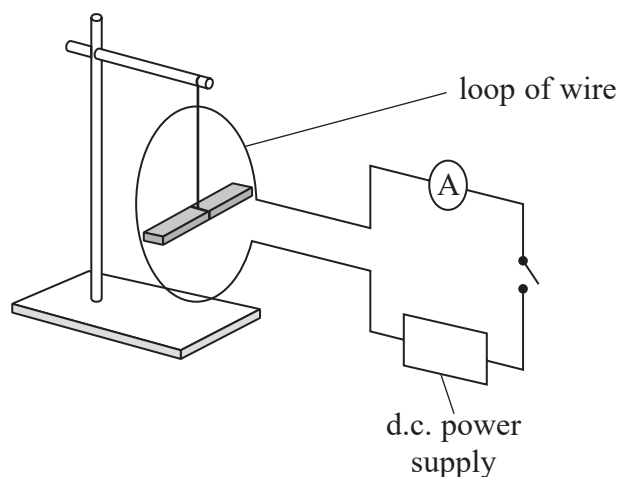
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- (b) A loop of wire was placed vertically around the centre of the oscillating magnet as shown.



When the switch was closed, there was a current I in the loop of wire and the time period T of the oscillations decreased.

A student predicted that the relationship between T and I is

$$T = I^n$$

where n is a constant.

- (i) State an additional component required in the circuit that would allow this relationship to be investigated.

(1)

- (ii) Explain why plotting a graph of $\log T$ against $\log I$ would test the validity of this relationship.

(2)



(c) The student processed his results and produced the table below.

T/s	I/A		
0.813	1.20		
0.754	1.40		
0.706	1.60		
0.663	1.80		
0.631	2.00		
0.593	2.20		

- (i) Plot a graph of $\log T$ against $\log I$ on the grid opposite.
Use the additional columns in the table to record your processed data.

(6)

- (ii) Use your graph to determine a value for n .

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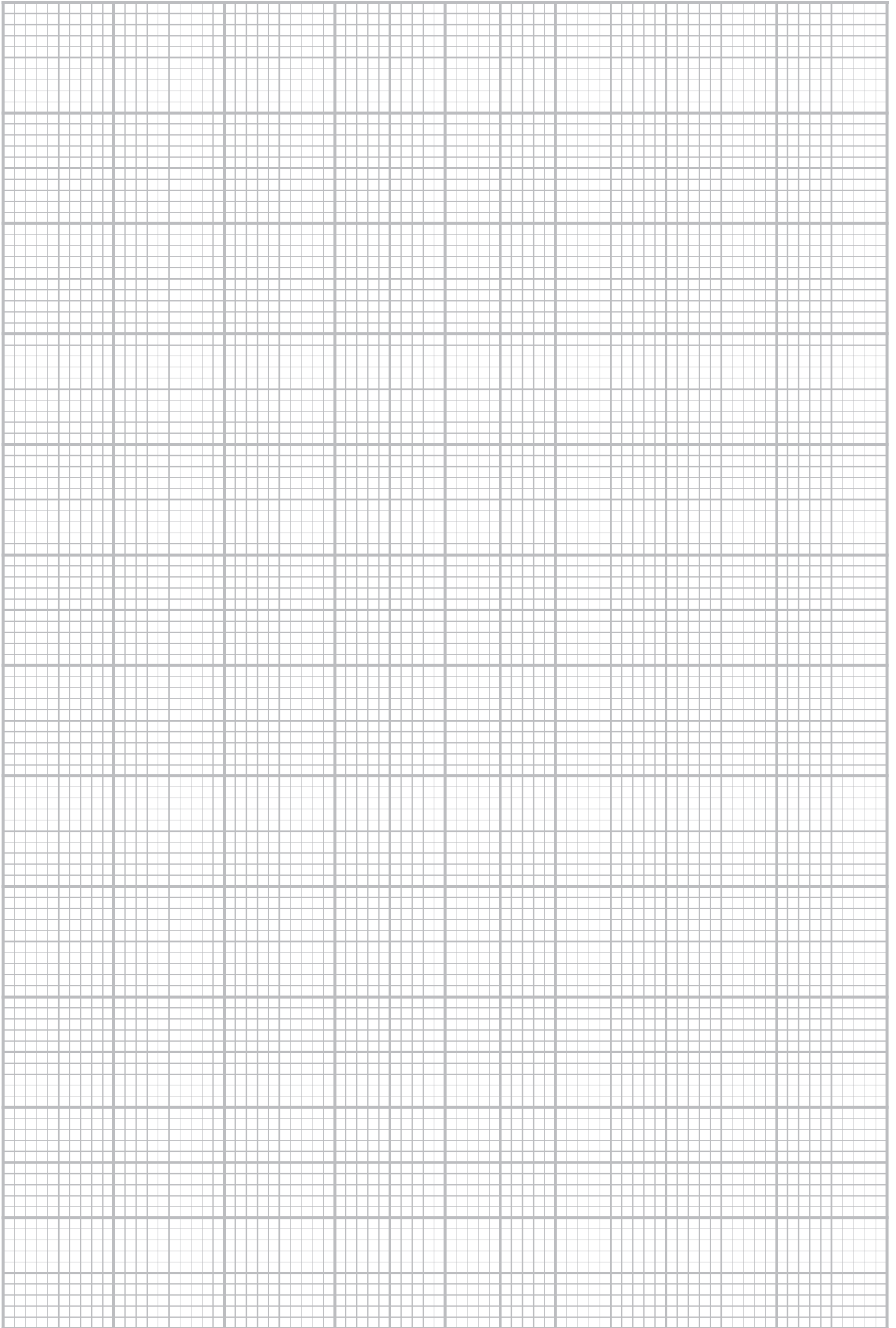
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- (iii) After plotting the graph, the student modified his prediction. He suggested that the relationship between T and I is

$$T = kI^n$$

where k is a constant.

Justify this suggestion.

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(Total for Question 3 = 19 marks)

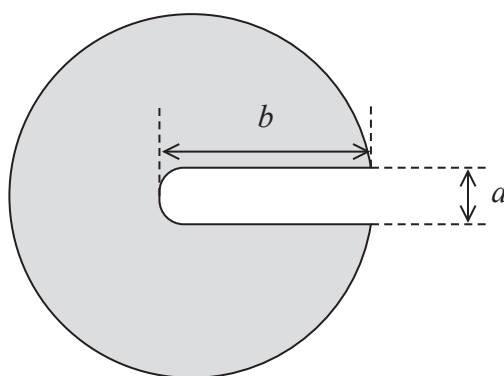
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- 4 The diagram shows a 100 g slotted mass drawn approximately to size. A student determined the density of the metal from which the slotted mass was made.



- (a) (i) State the most appropriate measuring instrument for the student to use to measure the width a and the length b of the slot.

(1)

- (ii) Explain one technique she should use when measuring a and b .

(2)

- (iii) Calculate the area of the slot and its uncertainty in cm^2 . Assume the slot is rectangular.

$$a = 0.47 \pm 0.01 \text{ cm}$$

$$b = 2.19 \pm 0.005 \text{ cm}$$

(3)

Area of the slot = \pm cm^2



(b) The student made a single measurement of the diameter of the slotted mass as 3.81 cm.

(i) Calculate the shaded area of the slotted mass in cm^2 .

(2)

Shaded area = cm^2

(ii) Calculate the uncertainty in the value of the shaded area.

(3)

Uncertainty = cm^2

(c) The student used a micrometer screw gauge to measure the thickness t of the slotted mass. She obtained the following results.

t/mm				mean t/mm
11.39	11.36	11.35	11.38	11.37

(i) Calculate the density ρ of the metal in g cm^{-3} . Assume the value of mass is 100 g with negligible uncertainty.

(2)

ρ = g cm^{-3}



(ii) Calculate the percentage uncertainty in the value of ρ .

(3)

Percentage uncertainty =

(d) The student thinks that the slotted mass is made from brass, which has a density of 8.5 g cm^{-3} .

Determine whether the slotted mass could be made of brass.

(2)

(Total for Question 4 = 18 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS

