

Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.

- 1** One end of a wire is connected to a fixed point. A load is attached to the other end so that the wire hangs vertically.

The diameter d of the wire and the load F are measured as

$$d = 0.40 \pm 0.02 \text{ mm},$$

$$F = 25.0 \pm 0.5 \text{ N}.$$

- (a)** For the measurement of the diameter of the wire, state

- (i)** the name of a suitable measuring instrument,

.....[1]

- (ii)** how random errors may be reduced when using the instrument in **(i)**.

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.....[2]

- (b)** The stress σ in the wire is calculated by using the expression

$$\sigma = \frac{4F}{\pi d^2}.$$

- (i)** Show that the value of σ is $1.99 \times 10^8 \text{ N m}^{-2}$.

[1]

- (ii)** Determine the percentage uncertainty in σ .

percentage uncertainty =% [2]

- (iii) Use the information in **(b)(i)** and your answer in **(b)(ii)** to determine the value of σ , with its absolute uncertainty, to an appropriate number of significant figures.

$$\sigma = \dots\dots\dots \pm \dots\dots\dots \text{Nm}^{-2} \text{ [2]}$$

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