

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,

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- (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.

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

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