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General information about practical exams

Centres must follow the guidance on science practical exams given in the *Cambridge Handbook*.

Safety

Supervisors must follow national and local regulations relating to safety and first aid.

Only those procedures described in the question paper should be attempted.

Supervisors must inform candidates that materials and apparatus used in the exam should be treated with caution. Suitable eye protection should be used where necessary.

The following hazard codes are used in these confidential instructions, where relevant:

C	corrosive	MH	moderate hazard
HH	health hazard	T	acutely toxic
F	flammable	O	oxidising
N	hazardous to the aquatic environment		

Hazard data sheets relating to substances used in this exam should be available from your chemical supplier.

Before the exam

- The packets containing the question papers must **not** be opened before the exam.
- It is assumed that standard school laboratory facilities, as indicated in the *Guide to Planning Practical Science*, will be available.
- Spare materials and apparatus for the tasks set must be available for candidates, if required.

During the exam

- It must be made clear to candidates at the start of the exam that they may request spare materials and apparatus for the tasks set.
- Where specified, the supervisor **must** perform the experiments and record the results as instructed. This must be done **out of sight** of the candidates, using the same materials and apparatus as the candidates.
- Any assistance provided to candidates must be recorded in the supervisor's report.
- If any materials or apparatus need to be replaced, for example, in the event of breakage or loss, this must be recorded in the supervisor's report.

After the exam

- The supervisor must complete a report for each practical session held and each laboratory used.
- Each packet of scripts returned to Cambridge International must contain the following items:
 - the scripts of the candidates specified on the bar code label provided
 - the supervisor's results relevant to these candidates
 - the supervisor's reports relevant to these candidates
 - seating plans for each practical session, referring to each candidate by candidate number
 - the attendance register.

Specific information for this practical exam

During the exam, the supervisor (NOT the invigilator) must do the experiments in Questions 1, 2 and 4 and record the results on a spare copy of the question paper, clearly labelled 'supervisor's results'.

Question 1

Each candidate will require:

- (i) 10 cm³ 1% starch solution, labelled **starch**
- (ii) 50 cm³ 0.05 mol dm⁻³ iodine solution, labelled **iodine solution**
- (iii) 50 cm³ 0.25% vitamin C solution, labelled **juice A**
- (iv) 50 cm³ distilled water, labelled **juice B**
- (v) 2 small beakers, capacity approximately 100 cm³
- (vi) dropping pipette
- (vii) 25 cm³ measuring cylinder
- (viii) 10 cm³ syringe
- (ix) 1 cm³ syringe
- (x) stirring rod
- (xi) one half of a lemon or lime (or other small citrus fruit), presented on a white tile (see note 1).

Notes

1. The citrus fruit should be cut as shown in Fig. 1.1.

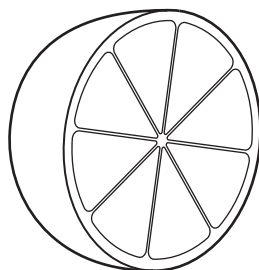


Fig. 1.1

Question 2

Each candidate will require:

- [N][MH] (i) 3 cm depth copper carbonate in a hard glass test-tube (approximately 150 mm × 20 mm), labelled **E**
- [MH] (ii) limewater in a small beaker labelled **limewater**
- [MH] (iii) 30 cm³ 1 mol dm⁻³ sulfuric acid in a test-tube, labelled **dilute sulfuric acid**
- [MH] (iv) access to 0.4 mol dm⁻³ aqueous sodium hydroxide labelled **aqueous sodium hydroxide**
- (v) 3 test-tubes (approximately 125 mm × 15 mm) and a means to support them
- (vi) delivery tube with bung to fit hard-glass test-tube containing **E**
- (vii) small beaker
- (viii) 25 cm³ measuring cylinder
- (ix) stirring rod
- (x) filter paper
- (xi) filter funnel
- (xii) wooden splint
- (xiii) Bunsen burner and a means to light it
- (xiv) test-tube holder for hard-glass test-tube in (i)
- (xv) tripod
- (xvi) gauze
- (xvii) heat-proof mat
- (xviii) tongs to hold the small beaker in (vii).

Question 3

No apparatus is required for this question.

Question 4

Each candidate will require:

- (i) stand, boss and clamp
- (ii) pendulum bob attached to approximately 60 cm of thread
- (iii) split cork to hold the thread in the clamp
- (iv) metre rule with a millimetre scale
- (v) stop-clock with an accuracy of 0.01 s.

Notes

1. A simple pendulum is to be set up for the candidates with the length of the pendulum (distance from the point of support to the **centre** of the bob) exactly 50.0 cm as shown in Fig. 4.1.

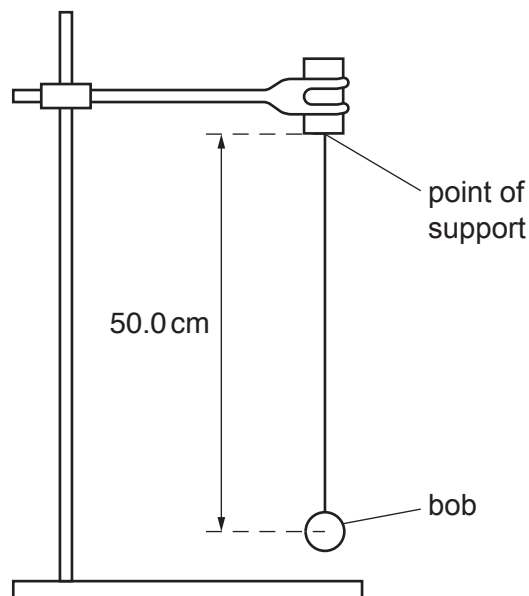


Fig. 4.1

2. At changeover, reset the pendulum to a length of exactly 50.0 cm.

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Supervisor's report

Syllabus and component number

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Centre number

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Centre name

Time of the practical session

Laboratory name/number

Give details of any difficulties experienced by the centre or by candidates (include the relevant candidate names and candidate numbers).

You must include:

- any difficulties experienced by the centre in the preparation of materials
- any difficulties experienced by candidates, e.g. due to faulty materials or apparatus
- any specific assistance given to candidates.

Declaration

- 1 Each packet that I am returning to Cambridge International contains the following items:
 - the scripts of the candidates specified on the bar code label provided
 - the supervisor's results relevant to these candidates
 - the supervisor's reports relevant to these candidates
 - seating plans for each practical session, referring to each candidate by candidate number
 - the attendance register
- 2 Where the practical exam has taken place in more than one practical session, I have clearly labelled the supervisor's results, supervisor's reports and seating plans with the time and laboratory name/number for each practical session.
- 3 I have included details of difficulties relating to each practical session experienced by the centre or by candidates.
- 4 I have reported any other adverse circumstances affecting candidates, e.g. illness, bereavement or temporary injury, directly to Cambridge International on a *special consideration form*.

Signed (supervisor)

Name (in block capitals)