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## PHYSICS

9702/52

Paper 5 Planning, Analysis and Evaluation

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 30.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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- 1 Fig. 1.1 shows two identical cylindrical metal conductors P and Q, each of length  $L$  and cross-sectional area  $A$ .

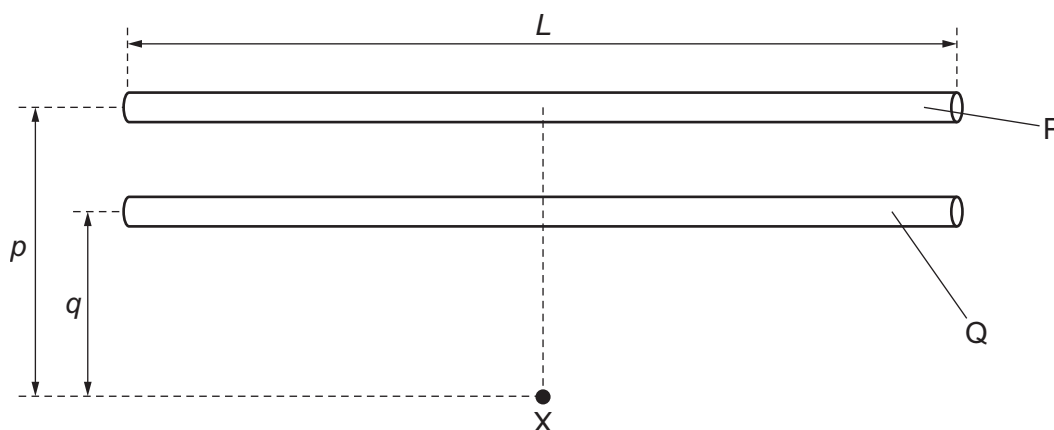


Fig. 1.1

The conductors are placed parallel to each other. The perpendicular distance from the midpoint of P to point X is  $p$ . The perpendicular distance from the midpoint of Q to point X is  $q$ .

The two conductors are electrically connected in parallel. This parallel combination is connected in series to a power supply and a resistor. The potential difference  $V$  between the ends of P is the same as the potential difference between the ends of Q.

The magnetic flux density at X due to the currents in the conductors is  $B$ .

It is suggested that  $B$  is related to  $p$  by the relationship

$$B = \frac{YAV}{Lp} + \frac{YZAV}{Lq}$$

where  $Y$  and  $Z$  are constants.

Plan a laboratory experiment to test the relationship between  $B$  and  $p$ .

Draw a diagram showing the arrangement of your equipment.

Explain how the results could be used to determine values for  $Y$  and  $Z$ .

In your plan you should include:

- the procedure to be followed
- the measurements to be taken
- the control of variables
- the analysis of the data
- any safety precautions to be taken.



[illegible]

..... [15]

- 2 A student investigates the cooling of a liquid in a beaker.

The temperature  $\theta_R$  of the laboratory is measured using a thermometer.

Hot water is added to an insulated beaker, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

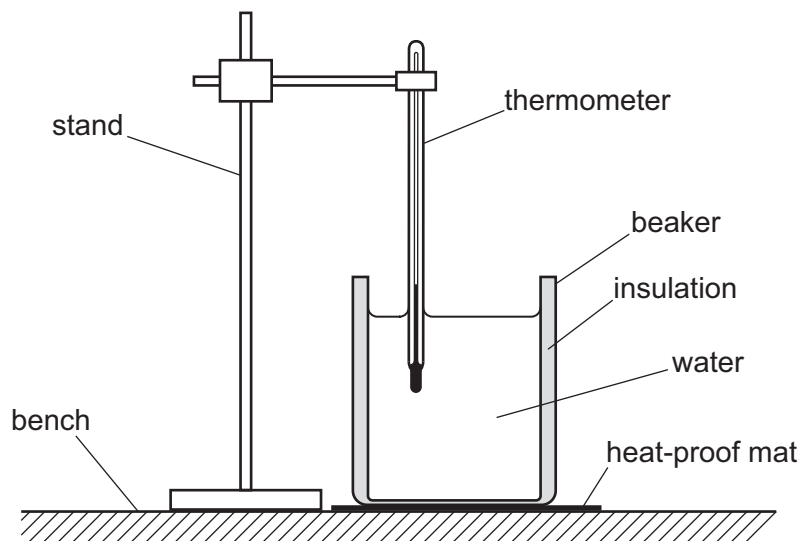


Fig. 2.1

The thermometer measures the temperature of the water. At time  $t$  the temperature of the water is  $\theta$ .

A series of readings of  $t$  and  $\theta$  are taken.

It is suggested that  $\theta$  and  $t$  are related by the equation

$$\theta = \theta_R + (\theta_0 - \theta_R)e^{-\left(\frac{t}{K}\right)}$$

where  $\theta_0$  is the temperature at  $t = 0$  and  $K$  is a constant.

- (a) A graph is plotted of  $\ln(\theta - \theta_R)$  on the  $y$ -axis against  $t$  on the  $x$ -axis.

Determine expressions for the gradient and  $y$ -intercept.

gradient = .....

$y$ -intercept = .....

[1]





(b) Values of  $t$  and  $\theta$  are given in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1**

$t/\text{min}$	$\theta/^\circ\text{C}$	$(\theta - \theta_R)/^\circ\text{C}$	$\ln((\theta - \theta_R)/^\circ\text{C})$
6.0	$75.0 \pm 0.5$		
12.0	$64.5 \pm 0.5$		
18.0	$57.0 \pm 0.5$		
24.0	$50.0 \pm 0.5$		
30.0	$44.5 \pm 0.5$		
36.0	$41.0 \pm 0.5$		

The value of  $\theta_R$  is  $(18.5 \pm 0.5)^\circ\text{C}$ .

Calculate and record values of  $(\theta - \theta_R)/^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\ln((\theta - \theta_R)/^\circ\text{C})$  in Table 2.1.

Include the absolute uncertainties in  $(\theta - \theta_R)$  and  $\ln((\theta - \theta_R)/^\circ\text{C})$ . [2]

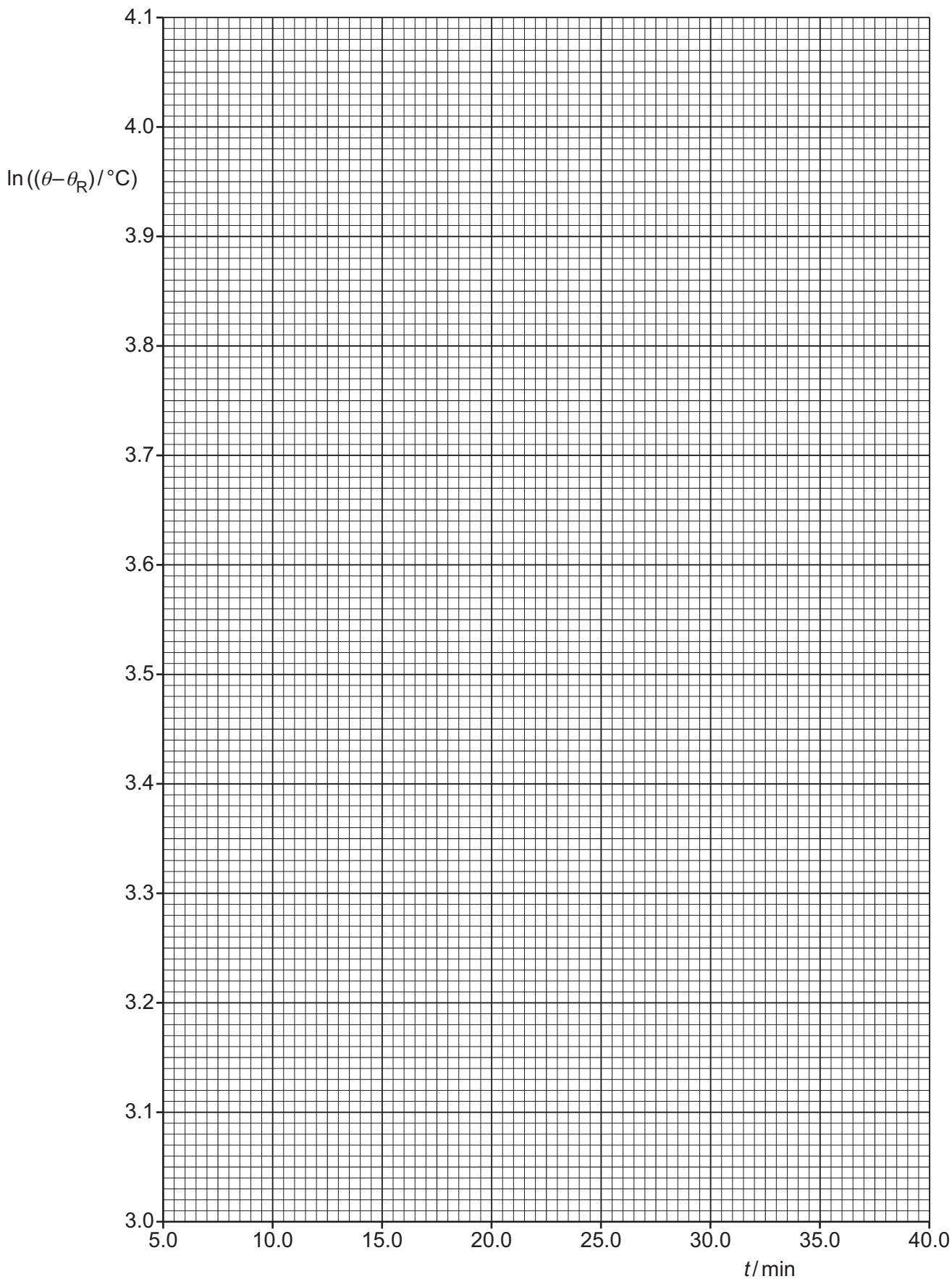
(c) (i) Plot a graph of  $\ln((\theta - \theta_R)/^\circ\text{C})$  against  $t/\text{min}$ . Include error bars for  $\ln((\theta - \theta_R)/^\circ\text{C})$ . [2]

(ii) Draw the straight line of best fit and a worst acceptable straight line on your graph. Label both lines. [2]

(iii) Determine the gradient of the line of best fit. Include the absolute uncertainty in your answer.

gradient = ..... [2]







- (iv) Determine the  $y$ -intercept of the line of best fit. Include the absolute uncertainty in your answer.

$y$ -intercept = ..... [2]

- (d) (i) Using your answers to (a), (c)(iii) and (c)(iv), determine the values of  $K$  and  $\theta_0$ . Include appropriate units.

$K$  = .....

$\theta_0$  = ..... [2]

- (ii) Determine the absolute uncertainty in your value of  $\theta_0$ .

absolute uncertainty = ..... [1]

- (e) Determine the time  $t$  for the temperature to reach  $25.0^\circ\text{C}$ .

$t$  = ..... min [1]

[Total: 15]

