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**PHYSICS**

Paper 3 (Practical)

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| Question | Maximum Score | Candidate’s Score |
| 1 | 20 |  |
| 2 | 20 |  |
| TOTAL | 40 |  |

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QUESTION

Apparatus

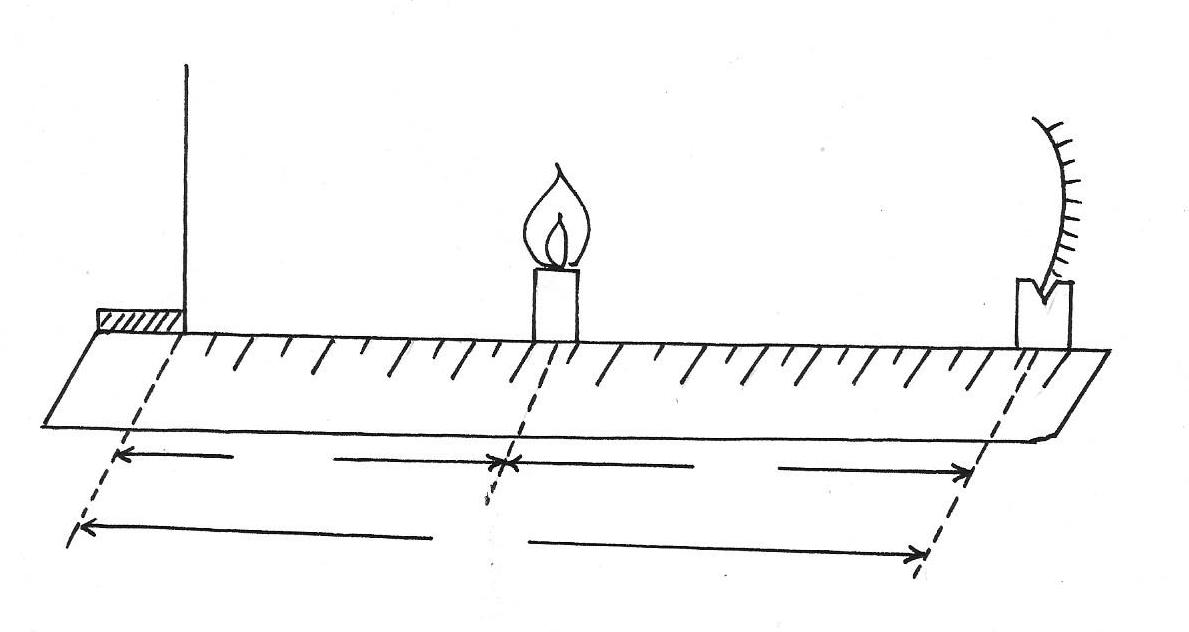
Concave mirror on a lens holder

Screen

Metre rule

Candle

Proceed as follows;



Metre rule

screen

Candle

Concave mirror

**x**

**u**

V

**Figure 1**

(i) Set the apparatus as shown in fig 1

(ii) Place the candle at a distance x= 5.0cm from the screen

(iii) Move the mirror to and from to focus a clear, sharp image of the candle on the screen

(iv) Measure and record the distance u between the mirror and candle and the distance v between the screen and the mirror.

(v) Repeat the experiment for other values of x and complete the table below (table 1)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| X(cm) | 5.0 | 10.0 | 15.0 | 20.0 | 25.0 | 30.0 |
| U(cm) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| V(cm) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (u+v) cm |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Uv(cm2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(vi) Plot a graph of (u+v) (y axis) against uv (5mks)



(v) Determine the slope S of the graph (5mks)

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(b) Using the value of S obtained in VII above, determines the value of f, the focal length of the mirror. (2mks)

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(c) Given that R = 4f determine the value of R (2mks)

S2

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**QUESTION 2**

You are provided with the following

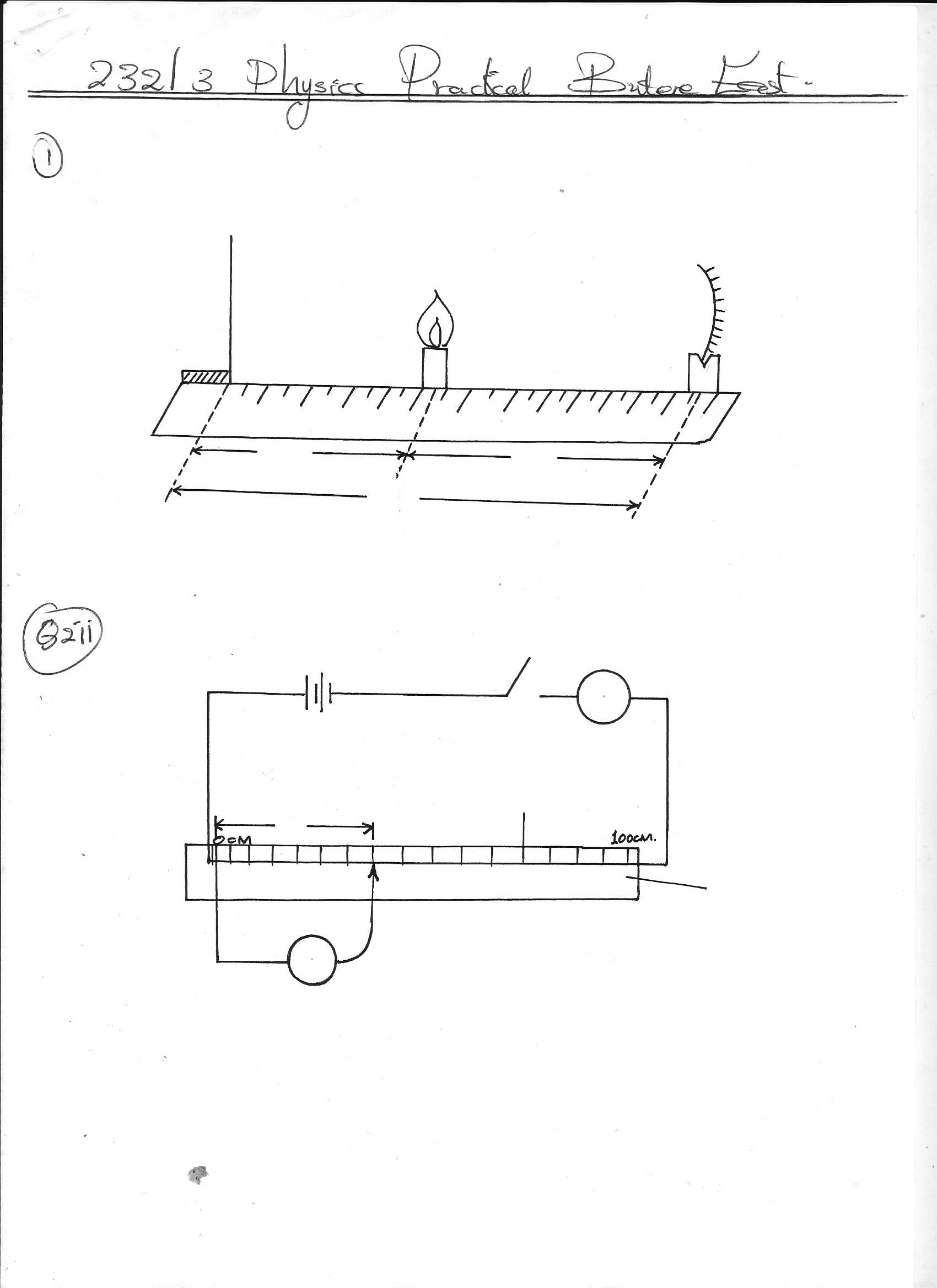
* An ammeter (0-1A)
* A voltmeter
* A wire mounted on a mm scale
* A switch
* A long wire with a crocodile clip at one end (crocodile clip to be used or a jockey)
* 2 new size D dry cells and a cell holder
* A micrometer screw gauge(may be shared)
* Six connecting wires, two with crocodile clips at the end

Proceed as follows

(i) measure the diameter d of the mounted wire at 3 different points

Average diameter= mm (1mk)

(ii) Set up the apparatus as shown in the circuit diagram in fig 2



**Mm scale**

**Mounted wire**

**A**

**Figure 2**

**L**

**V**

(iii) Close the switch and tap the mounted wire with crocodile chip as shown in the circuit. Ensure that both meters show possible deflection. Open the switch

(iv) Tap the wire at L= 20cm, close the switch, and record in the table provided the ammeter and the voltmeter reading.

(v) Repeat procedure in IV for the other values of L, shown in the table below and complete the table. (8mks)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| L (cm) | L(m) | V(volts) | I | R= V (Ω)  I |
| 20 |  |  |  |  |
| 30 |  |  |  |  |
| 40 |  |  |  |  |
| 50 |  |  |  |  |
| 60 |  |  |  |  |
| 70 |  |  |  |  |
| 80 |  |  |  |  |

(vi) Plot the graph of R(y-axis) against Lcm (grid provided)



(a) Determine the slope of the graph (3mks)

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R =ℓL

A

(b) Given that the where A is the cross sectional area of the wire and is a constant for the material of wire. Determine the value of the constant