Aldenham School



Science Department 13+ Exam - Physics

SAMPLE PAPER

20 Minutes

30 Marks

Q1. Lee blew across the top of paper tubes to make sounds.

He investigated how changing the length of a tube affects the pitch of the sound.

(a) What equipment could he use to measure the length of the tubes? Tick the correct box.



1 mark

(b) The photograph below shows the different lengths of tubes Lee used.



Suggest one way his test might not have been fair.

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1 mark

(c) Lee made a prediction.

Which of these statements is a prediction? Tick the correct box.

The tubes were made of paper.	
The pitch of the sound is how high or low it is.	
The longer tube will make a lower sound.	
The sound is caused by the vibration of air.	
	1 mark

(d) Lee blew across the ends of 3 different lengths of tube and compared the pitch of the sound produced.

His results5 are shown below.

Length of the tube, in cm	pitch of the sound
5	high
25	medium
50	low

Which length of tube made the sound with the highest pitch?

..... cm

1 mark Maximum 4 marks **Q2.** Ellie has a set of scales and some weights as shown below.



Ellie puts two weights in pan X and one weight in pan Y. The scales balance.

(a) Which weights could be in pans X and Y?

pan X: and

pan Y:

(b) Ellie removes all the weights from the scales. She then puts a cup on pan X. In which direction will pan Y move?

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1 mark

1 mark

(c) She puts weights into pan Y so the scales balance.



How much does the cup weigh?

.....N

1 mark

(d) Ellie puts some water in the cup.She then adds some more weights to pan Y to make the scales balance.



(i) How much do the cup **and** water weigh?

.....N

1 mark

(ii) How much does the water weigh?

.....N

1 mark maximum 5 marks **Q3.** Jenny is doing her homework.



(a) When Jenny writes, the pencil exerts a force of 5N on the paper.



not to scale

The area of the pencil in contact with the paper is 0.5 mm².

Calculate the pressure of the pencil on the paper. Give the unit.

2 marks

(b) Jenny puts a book on her desk.
She lifts the cover up with her finger, using a force of 0.5 N.
The cover is 10 cm wide.



Calculate the turning moment on the cover of the book. Give the unit.

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2 marks

Jenny's book has an area of 200 cm².
It exerts a pressure of 0.05 N/cm² on the desk.

What is the weight of the book? Use the space below to show your working.



2 marks maximum 6 marks **Q4.** (a) When light travels from air to glass, it changes direction. What is the name of this effect?

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1 mark

(b) The diagram below shows three rays of light A, B and C striking a glass block.



The paths of A and B have been drawn.

Continue ray C to show its path through the block and out the other side. Use a ruler.

2 marks

(c) The diagram below shows three rays of light, D, E and F, from a torch placed under water.

The path of ray E is shown as it leaves the water and enters the air.

Continue the paths of D and F as they pass through the air. Use a ruler.



(ii) experiment 2			
white light	0	green ball	
red filter			
What colour did this ball appear?			
Explain your answer.			
			2 marks

(b) Peter set up a different experiment. He cut three holes in a piece of card. Two of the holes were covered by coloured filters as shown below.



Peter placed a red filter between the piece of card and a white screen. He shone white light at the piece of card with three holes in it.





not to scale

What two forces act on the paper cup and its contents to keep it in this position?

1	1 mark
2	1 mark

(b) Debbie put 5 g of aluminium rivets into the paper cup. It moved down a little as shown in diagram B.



diagram B

not to scale

Debbie plotted a graph to show how the mass of aluminium rivets affected the distance the cup moved down.



(i)	Use the graph to find the mass that made the cup move down 4 mm.		
	g	1 mark	
(ii)	Why did the graph stay flat with masses greater than 40 g?		
		1 mark	

(c) Debbie removed the 5 g of aluminium rivets and put 5 g of iron nails into the cup.



diagram C

not to scale

The paper cup moved down more with 5 g of iron nails than with 5 g of aluminium rivets as shown in diagram C. Give the reason for this.

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1 mark maximum 5 marks