

Question 1

You are provided with the following apparatus

- Micrometer screw gauge
- A plastic drinking straw
- A white label with a horizontal line across the centre
- Some plasticine mass 5.0 g
- Half a meter rule
- A 200 ml beaker
- A 100 ml measuring cylinder
- Two rubber bands
- Seven shoe tacks
- Electronic beam balance
- Jockey

Proceed as follows

- a. Place the seven shoe tacks on the electronic beam balance and record the mass M. **1.7g**

$$M = (1.5 \text{ to } 2.0) \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg or } 0.0017 \text{ kg or } 0.002 \text{ kg (3 d.p or 4 d.p) (1mk)}$$

- b. Given that $W = 1.429 M$, where W is the weight of one tack, determine the value of W

$$W = 1.429 \times 0.0017 (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk}) = 0.0024293 \text{ N} (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk})$$

$$(0.0021435 \text{ to } 0.002858)$$

c.

- i. Fix the half meter rule vertically against the measuring cylinder using rubber band with the zero mark of the half meter rule at the bottom of the measuring cylinder
- ii. Measure 150ml of water using the beaker and pour it into the measuring cylinder
- iii. Roll the plasticine into a spherical ball and push one end of the straw into the plasticine to block one end
- iv. Insert the drinking straw with the plasticine into the measuring cylinder such that it floats vertically
- v. Remove the straw and fix the white label at 4 cm above the plasticine so that the line at the centre runs horizontally. Ensure the line is submerged under the water as shown below

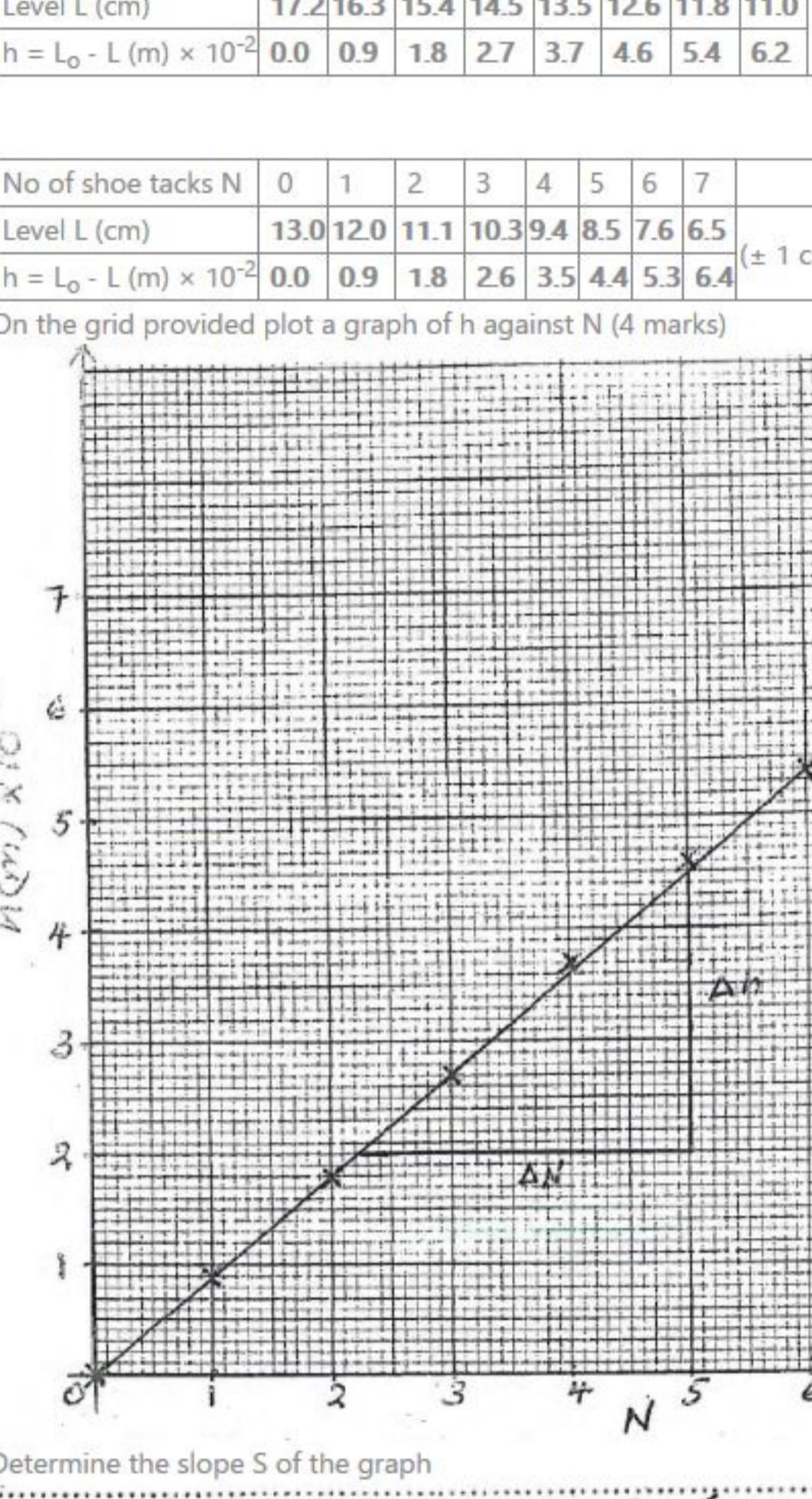
Record the position of the horizontal line as indicated on the half meter rule

$$L_0 = 17.2 \text{ cm (16.5 — 17.5) cm (1mk)}$$

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- vii. Also record this value in the table as L when there is no shoe tack in the straw.

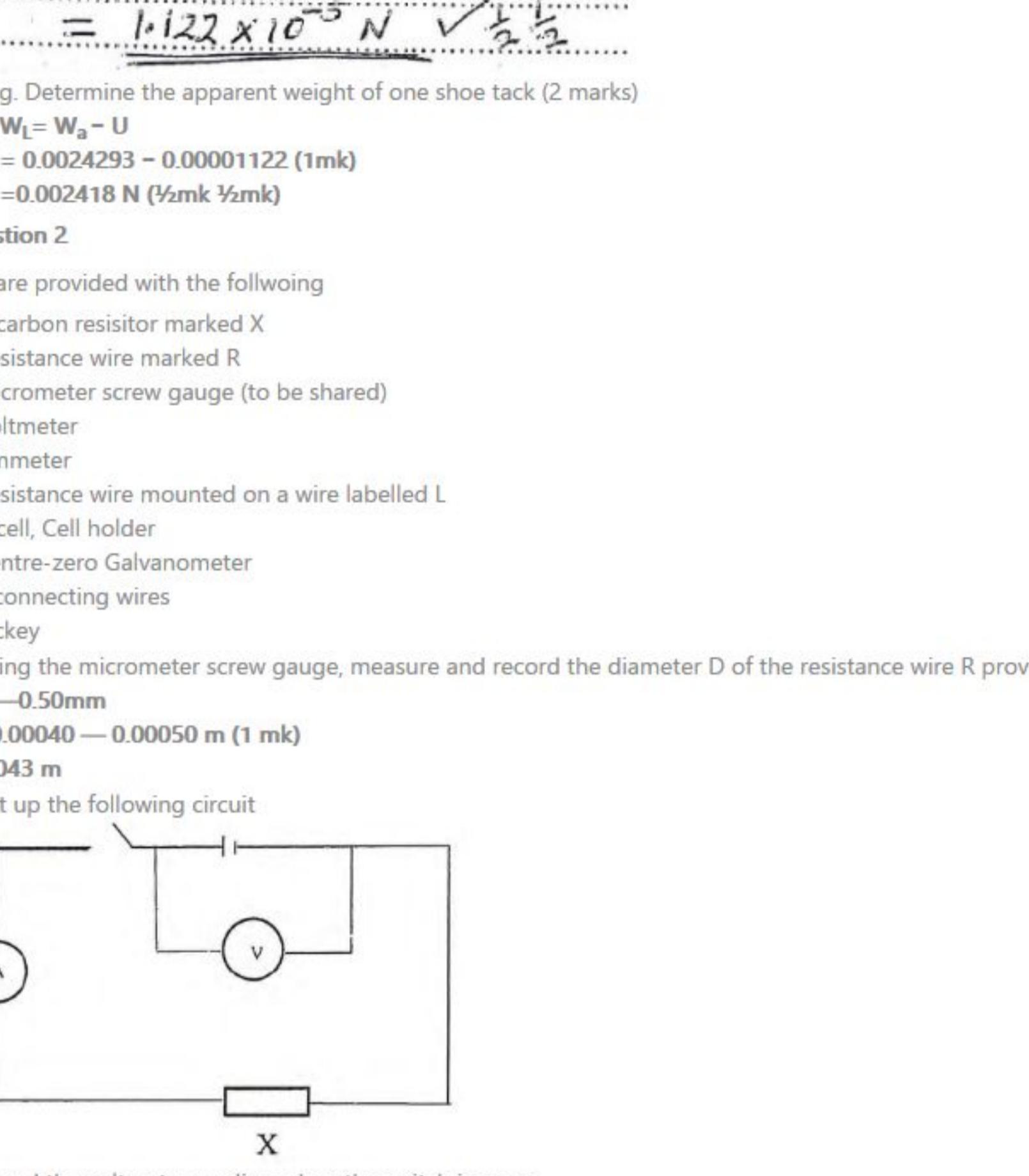
Insert one shoe tack into the straw and record the new level L of the horizontal line in the table. Repeat the procedure for each number of shoe tacks indicated while recording the level each time.



Complete the values of L with number of stacks on the table below (6 marks)

No of shoe tacks N	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Level L (cm)	17.2	16.3	15.4	14.5	13.5	12.6	11.8	11.0	(± 1 cm)
$h = L_0 - L \text{ (m)} \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	0.9	1.8	2.7	3.7	4.6	5.4	6.2	

- d. On the grid provided plot a graph of h against N (4 marks)



- e. Determine the slope S of the graph

$$S = \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta N} = \frac{(4.5 - 2.0) \times 10^{-2}}{5 - 2} \checkmark 1 \\ = 8.929 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \checkmark \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$$

- f. Given the upthrust U of one shoe tack is given as $U = \frac{4\pi S}{10000}$, determine the value of U (2 marks)

$$U = \frac{4\pi \times 8.929 \times 10^{-3}}{10000} \checkmark 1 \\ = 1.122 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N} \checkmark \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$$

- g. Determine the apparent weight of one shoe tack (2 marks)

$$W_L = W_a - U \\ = 0.0024293 - 0.00001122 \text{ (1mk)}$$

$$= 0.002418 \text{ N} (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk})$$

Question 2

You are provided with the following

- A carbon resistor marked X
- Resistance wire marked R
- Micrometer screw gauge (to be shared)
- Voltmeter
- Ammeter
- Resistance wire mounted on a wire labelled L
- A cell, Cell holder
- Centre-zero Galvanometer
- 8 connecting wires
- jockey

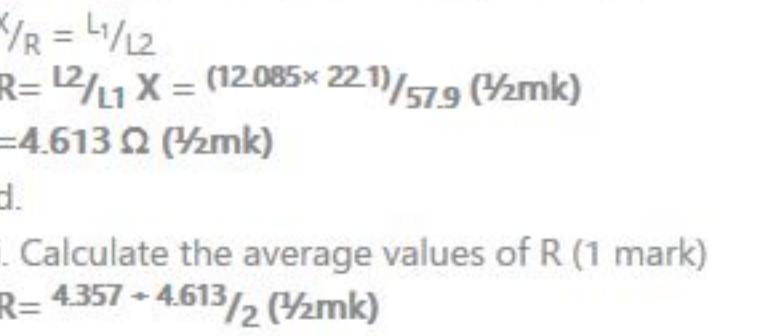
- a. Using the micrometer screw gauge, measure and record the diameter D of the resistance wire R provided

0.40—0.50mm

$$D = 0.00040 — 0.00050 \text{ m (1 mk)}$$

0.00043 m

- b. Set up the following circuit



- i. Record the voltmeter reading when the switch is open

$$E = 1.65 (1.5—1.7) \text{ V Accept 1 dp and 2 dp (1 mk)}$$

- ii. Close the switch and record the voltmeter and ammeter readings V and I

$$V = 1.5 (1.4 — 1.6) \text{ V (1 mk)}$$

$$I = 0.12 (0.10 — 0.14) \text{ A (1 mk)}$$

- iii. Now connect the voltmeter across the carbon resistor X and record voltmeter reading V_1

$$V_1 = 1.4 \pm 0.2 \text{ V (1 mark)}$$

- iv. Compare the values of V and V_1 giving a reason why they are different (2 marks)

$$V_1 < V \text{ or } V > V_1$$

There is voltage drop across ammeter and connecting wires

- v. Calculate X_1 given that $X_1 = \frac{V_1}{I}$

$$X_1 = \frac{1.4}{0.12} (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk})$$

$$= 11.67 \Omega (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk} (+ unit) (10—16\Omega))$$

$$\text{Min } X_1 = \frac{1.4}{0.14} = 10\Omega$$

$$\text{Max } X_1 = \frac{1.4}{0.10} = 16\Omega$$

- vi. Calculate the internal resistance r of the cell given that $r = \frac{(E-V)}{I}$ (2 marks)

$$r = (1.65 - 1.5)/0.12 (1 \text{ mk})$$

$$= 1.252 \Omega (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk} \frac{1}{2} \text{ mk})$$

- vii. Calculate X_2 given that $E = I(X_2 + r)$

$$X_2 = \frac{E}{I} - r = \frac{1.65}{0.12} - 1.25 (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk})$$

$$= 12.5 \Omega (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk} (\text{ignore missing unit}))$$

- viii. Calculate X the average values of X_2 and X_1

$$X_2 = \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2} = (11.67 + 12.5)/2 (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk}) = 12.085 \Omega (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk}) \text{ Ignore missing unit}$$

- c. Connect another circuit as shown below

- i. Move the sliding pointer along the resistance wire until the galvanometer reading comes to zero. Record L_1 and L_2

$$L_1 = 21.2 \text{ cm} (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk}) L_2 = 58.8 \text{ cm} (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk}) (L_1 + L_2 = 80)$$

- ii. Obtain the value of the unknown resistance R given that $\frac{R}{X} = \frac{L_1}{L_2}$

$$R = \frac{L_1}{L_2} X = (21.2 \times 12.085)/58.8 (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk})$$

$$= 4.357 \Omega (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk}) (\text{ignore missing unit}) (5 \pm 1 \Omega)$$

- iii. Interchange the positions of R and X and repeat the procedure in i above and calculate the value of R using similar argument

$$L_1 = 57.9 \text{ cm} (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk}) L_2 = 22.1 \text{ cm} (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk})$$

$$R = \frac{L_2}{L_1} X = (22.1 \times 12.085)/57.9 (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk})$$

$$= 4.613 \Omega (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk}) (\text{ignore missing unit})$$

- iv. Calculate the average values of R (1 mark)

$$R = \frac{4.357 + 4.613}{2} (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk})$$

$$= 4.485 \Omega (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mk}) (\text{ignore missing unit}) (5 \pm 1 \Omega)$$

- v. Given that $R = \frac{355}{100\pi D^2}$ (2 marks)

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