

2000 A/L Structured Essay Question No (03)

A student plans to carry out an experiment using a sonometer to determine the frequency (f) of a tuning fork.

(a) Where should he place the sounded tuning fork in order to obtain resonance?

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(b) What procedure must he follow in order to obtain the **fundamental** resonance length?

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(c) The student measured the fundamental resonance lengths (l) corresponding to different tensions of the sonometer wire using different weights (Mg). Write down an expression relating M , l , f and the mass per unit length m of the sonometer wire.

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(d) (i) Which of his experimental ' l ' values is considered to have the highest accuracy?

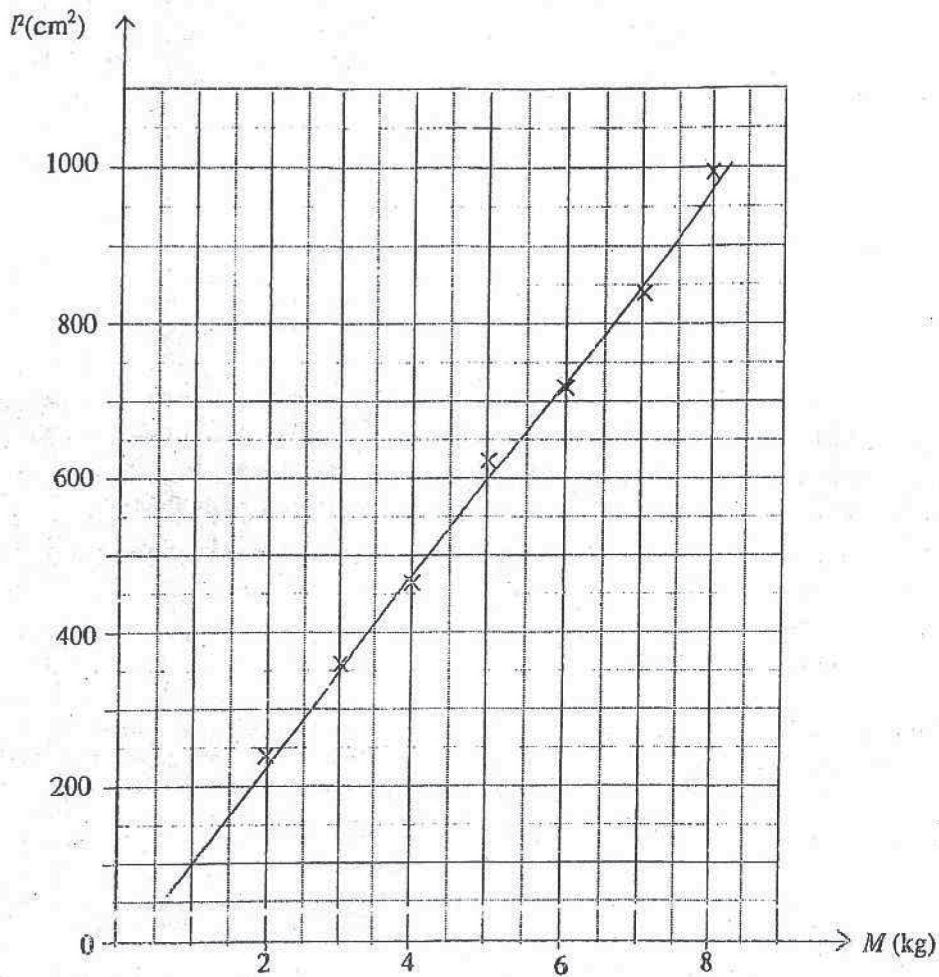
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(ii) Give the reason.

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(e) In this experiment the graph plotted by the student is shown in the figure.



(i) Mark with arrows, two suitable points on the graph, which you would use to find its gradient .

(ii) Find the gradient of the graph.

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(f) If the value of m is $8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg m}^{-1}$, find the frequency of the tuning fork.

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