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Unit 3   Practical

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In addition to this paper you will require:
- a calculator,
- a pencil and a ruler.

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Instructions
- Use a blue or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **both** questions in the spaces provided. All working must be shown.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.

Information
- The maximum mark for this paper is 30.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- The paper carries 15% of the total marks for Physics Advanced Subsidiary and carries $7\frac{1}{2}$% of the total marks for Physics Advanced.
- A *Data Sheet* is provided on pages 3 and 4. You may wish to detach this perforated sheet at the start of the examination.
- You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
- You are advised to spend no more than 30 minutes on Question 1.

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Data Sheet

- A perforated Data Sheet is provided as pages 3 and 4 of this question paper.

- This sheet may be useful for answering some of the questions in the examination.

- You may wish to detach this sheet before you begin work.

Data Sheet

Fundamental constants and values

Quantity	Symbol	Value	Units
speed of light in vacuo	c	3.00×10^8	$m\ s^{-1}$
permeability of free space	μ_0	$4\pi \times 10^{-7}$	$H\ m^{-1}$
permittivity of free space	ε_0	8.85×10^{-12}	$F\ m^{-1}$
charge of electron	e	1.60×10^{-19}	C
the Planck constant	h	6.63×10^{-34}	$J\ s$
gravitational constant	G	6.67×10^{-11}	$N\ m^2\ kg^{-2}$
the Avogadro constant	N_A	6.02×10^{23}	mol^{-1}
molar gas constant	R	8.31	$J\ K^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$
the Boltzmann constant	k	1.38×10^{-23}	$J\ K^{-1}$
the Stefan constant	σ	5.67×10^{-8}	$W\ m^{-2}\ K^{-4}$
the Wien constant	α	2.90×10^{-3}	$m\ K$
electron rest mass (equivalent to $5.5 \times 10^{-4}u$)	m_e	9.11×10^{-31}	kg
electron charge/mass ratio	e/m_e	1.76×10^{11}	$C\ kg^{-1}$
proton rest mass (equivalent to $1.00728u$)	m_p	1.67×10^{-27}	kg
proton charge/mass ratio	e/m_p	9.58×10^7	$C\ kg^{-1}$
neutron rest mass (equivalent to $1.00867u$)	m_n	1.67×10^{-27}	kg
gravitational field strength	g	9.81	$N\ kg^{-1}$
acceleration due to gravity	g	9.81	$m\ s^{-2}$
atomic mass unit (1u is equivalent to 931.3 MeV)	u	1.661×10^{-27}	kg

Fundamental particles

Class	Name	Symbol	Rest energy /MeV
photon	photon	γ	0
lepton	neutrino	ν_e	0
		ν_μ	0
	electron	$e^\pm$	0.510999
	muon	$\mu^\pm$	105.659
mesons	pion	$\pi^\pm$	139.576
		π^0	134.972
	kaon	$K^\pm$	493.821
		K^0	497.762
baryons	proton	p	938.257
	neutron	n	939.551

Properties of quarks

Type	Charge	Baryon number	Strangeness
u	$+\frac{2}{3}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	0
d	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	0
s	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	-1

Geometrical equations

arc length $= r\theta$

circumference of circle $= 2\pi r$

area of circle $= \pi r^2$

area of cylinder $= 2\pi rh$

volume of cylinder $= \pi r^2 h$

area of sphere $= 4\pi r^2$

volume of sphere $= \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

Mechanics and Applied Physics

$v = u + at$

$s = \left(\dfrac{u+v}{2}\right)t$

$s = ut + \dfrac{at^2}{2}$

$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$

$F = \dfrac{\Delta(mv)}{\Delta t}$

$P = Fv$

$efficiency = \dfrac{power\ output}{power\ input}$

$\omega = \dfrac{v}{r} = 2\pi f$

$a = \dfrac{v^2}{r} = r\omega^2$

$I = \sum mr^2$

$E_k = \frac{1}{2} I\omega^2$

$\omega_2 = \omega_1 + \alpha t$

$\theta = \omega_1 t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$

$\omega_2^2 = \omega_1^2 + 2\alpha\theta$

$\theta = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t$

$T = I\alpha$

angular momentum $= I\omega$
$W = T\theta$
$P = T\omega$

angular impulse $=$ change of angular momentum $= Tt$

$\Delta Q = \Delta U + \Delta W$
$\Delta W = p\Delta V$
$pV^\gamma = $ constant

work done per cycle = area of loop

input power = calorific value × fuel flow rate

indicated power as (area of $p - V$ loop) × (no. of cycles/s) × (no. of cylinders)

friction power = indicated power – brake power

$efficiency = \dfrac{W}{Q_{in}} = \dfrac{Q_{in} - Q_{out}}{Q_{in}}$

maximum possible

$efficiency = \dfrac{T_H - T_C}{T_H}$

Fields, Waves, Quantum Phenomena

$g = \dfrac{F}{m}$

$g = -\dfrac{GM}{r^2}$

$g = -\dfrac{\Delta V}{\Delta x}$

$V = -\dfrac{GM}{r}$

$a = -(2\pi f)^2 x$

$v = \pm 2\pi f \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$

$x = A \cos 2\pi ft$

$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\dfrac{m}{k}}$

$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\dfrac{l}{g}}$

$\lambda = \dfrac{\omega s}{D}$

$d \sin\theta = n\lambda$

$\theta \approx \dfrac{\lambda}{D}$

$_1n_2 = \dfrac{\sin\theta_1}{\sin\theta_2} = \dfrac{c_1}{c_2}$

$_1n_2 = \dfrac{n_2}{n_1}$

$\sin\theta_c = \dfrac{1}{n}$

$E = hf$
$hf = \phi + E_k$
$hf = E_1 - E_2$

$\lambda = \dfrac{h}{p} = \dfrac{h}{mv}$

$c = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}}$

Electricity

$\epsilon = \dfrac{E}{Q}$

$\epsilon = I(R + r)$

$\dfrac{1}{R_T} = \dfrac{1}{R_1} + \dfrac{1}{R_2} + \dfrac{1}{R_3} + \cdots$

$R_T = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \cdots$

$P = I^2 R$

$E = \dfrac{F}{Q} = \dfrac{V}{d}$

$E = \dfrac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}\dfrac{Q}{r^2}$

$E = \frac{1}{2} QV$

$F = BIl$

$F = BQv$

$Q = Q_0 e^{-t/RC}$

$\Phi = BA$

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$$\text{magnitude of induced e.m.f.} = N\frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta t}$$

$$I_{rms} = \frac{I_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$V_{rms} = \frac{V_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Mechanical and Thermal Properties

$$\text{the Young modulus} = \frac{\text{tensile stress}}{\text{tensile strain}} = \frac{F}{A}\frac{l}{e}$$

$$\text{energy stored} = \tfrac{1}{2}Fe$$

$$\Delta Q = mc\,\Delta\theta$$

$$\Delta Q = ml$$

$$pV = \tfrac{1}{3}N m\overline{c^2}$$

$$\tfrac{1}{2}m\overline{c^2} = \tfrac{3}{2}kT = \frac{3RT}{2N_A}$$

Nuclear Physics and Turning Points in Physics

$$\text{force} = \frac{eV_p}{d}$$

$$\text{force} = Bev$$

$$\text{radius of curvature} = \frac{mv}{Be}$$

$$\frac{eV}{d} = mg$$

$$\text{work done} = eV$$

$$F = 6\pi\eta rv$$

$$I = k\frac{I_0}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta N}{\Delta t} = -\lambda N$$

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2meV}}$$

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$T_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda}$$

$$R = r_0 A^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$E = mc^2 = \frac{m_0 c^2}{\left(1 - \dfrac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$l = l_0\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$t = \frac{t_0}{\left(1 - \dfrac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Astrophysics and Medical Physics

Body	Mass/kg	Mean radius/m
Sun	2.00×10^{30}	7.00×10^8
Earth	6.00×10^{24}	6.40×10^6

1 astronomical unit = 1.50×10^{11} m

1 parsec = 206265 AU = 3.08×10^{16} m = 3.26 ly

1 light year = 9.45×10^{15} m

Hubble constant (H) = 65 $\text{km s}^{-1}\,\text{Mpc}^{-1}$

$$M = \frac{\text{angle subtended by image at eye}}{\text{angle subtended by object at unaided eye}}$$

$$M = \frac{f_o}{f_e}$$

$$m - M = 5\log\frac{d}{10}$$

$$\lambda_{max}T = \text{constant} = 0.0029 \text{ m K}$$

$$v = Hd$$

$$P = \sigma A T^4$$

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = \frac{v}{c}$$

$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} = -\frac{v}{c}$$

$$R_s \approx \frac{2GM}{c^2}$$

Medical Physics

$$power = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f} \quad \text{and} \quad m = \frac{v}{u}$$

$$\text{intensity level} = 10\log\frac{I}{I_0}$$

$$I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$$

$$\mu_m = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$$

Electronics

Resistors

Preferred values for resistors (E24)
Series: 1.0 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.5 1.6 1.8 2.0 2.2 2.4 2.7 3.0 3.3 3.6 3.9 4.3 4.7 5.1 5.6 6.2 6.8 7.5 8.2 9.1 ohms
and multiples that are ten times greater

$$Z = \frac{V_{rms}}{I_{rms}}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_T} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} + \cdots$$

$$C_T = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \cdots$$

$$X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi f C}$$

Alternating Currents

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

Operational amplifier

$$G = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \qquad \text{voltage gain}$$

$$G = -\frac{R_f}{R_1} \qquad \text{inverting}$$

$$G = 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_1} \qquad \text{non-inverting}$$

$$V_{out} = -R_f\left(\frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2} + \frac{V_3}{R_3}\right) \qquad \text{summing}$$

Answer **both** questions.

You are advised to spend no more than 30 minutes on Question 1.

1 Snooker tables are designed so that the height of the cushion around the table is such as to minimise the kinetic energy lost by the ball on striking it.
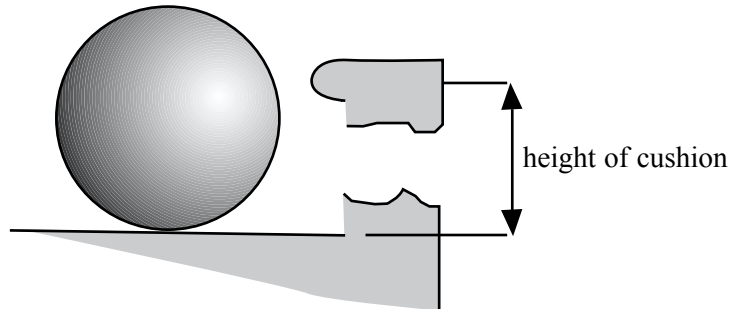
height of cushion

Design an experiment to investigate how the amount of kinetic energy lost by a snooker ball incident normally on the cushion is determined by the height of the point of contact between the ball and the cushion.

You should assume that the normal laboratory apparatus used in schools and colleges is available to you and that there is a mechanism that enables the height of the cushion to be adjusted.

You are advised to draw a suitable diagram to illustrate the design of your solution to the investigation.

You should also include the following in your answer:
- The quantities you intend to measure and how you will measure them.
- How you propose to use your measurements to determine how the amount of kinetic energy lost by the ball depends on the height of the cushion.
- The factors you will need to control and how you will do this.
- How you could overcome any difficulties in obtaining reliable results.

Write your answers to Question 1 on **pages 6 and 7** of this booklet.

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2 In this experiment you are required to balance a metre ruler on a prism.
   No description of the experiment is required.

(a) Arrange the metre ruler, prism and wooden block as shown in **Figure 1**.
   Use the open jaws of the clamp to restrict the movement of one end of the ruler.
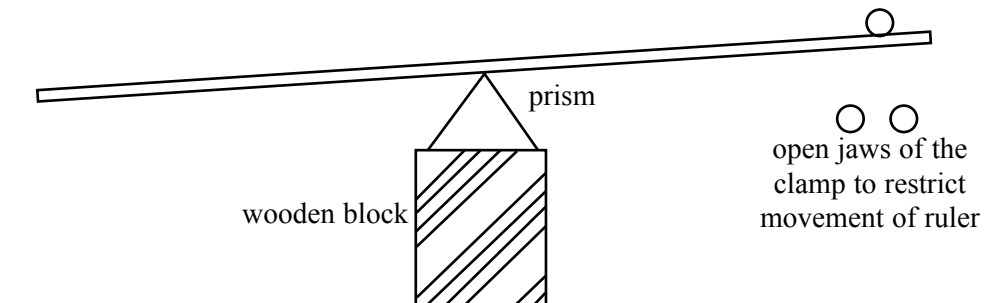
Figure 1

Adjust the position of the ruler until it is balanced horizontally on the prism.
Locate and record the position of the centre of mass of the ruler.

Postion of the centre of mass of the ruler = ... *(1 mark)*

(b) Hang the mass, M, about 5.0 cm from the left-hand end of the ruler and adjust the ruler until it is once again balanced as shown in **Figure 2**.
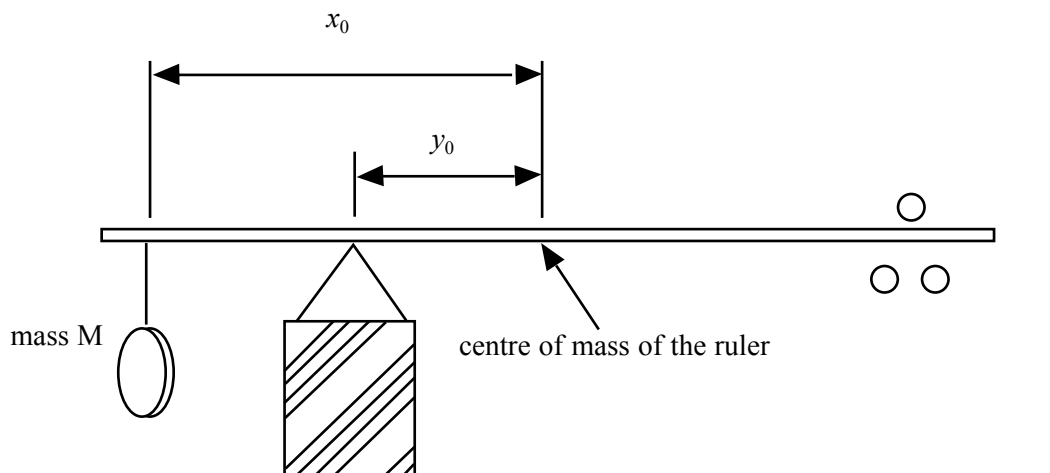
Figure 2

    (i)   Measure and record x_0 and y_0.

$$x_0 = ... \qquad y_0 = ...$$

    (ii)   Calculate the constant k, given by $k = \dfrac{y_0}{x_0}$

$$k = ...$$

                                                    (2 marks)

(c)   You are provided with the mass, *S*, of a rubber stopper. Record *S* below.

$$S = ...$$

Hang the stopper on the ruler on the opposite side of the pivot to mass M so that the mass and the stopper are equal distances, *x*, from the centre of mass of the ruler.
Adjust the position of the ruler until it is balanced, as shown in **Figure 3**.
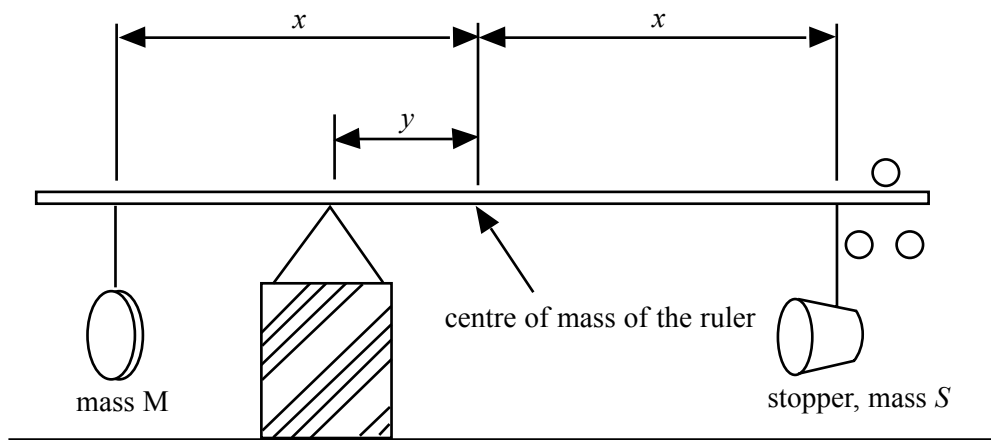
Figure 3

Investigate how *y* varies for **five** different values of *x*.
Record your measurements and observations in the space below.

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(d) Using the grid **on page 11**, plot a graph of your results with y on the vertical axis and x on the horizontal axis.

(5 marks)

(e) (i) Measure and record the gradient, G of your graph.

$G = $ ....

(ii) Evaluate $\dfrac{k - G}{k(1 + G)}$.

$\dfrac{k - G}{k(1 + G)} = $ ....

(3 marks)

(f) (i) State and explain which of the measurements that were made to determine k contain the greater percentage error.

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(ii) By considering the arrangement shown in **Figure 2**, suggest how the mass of M should compare with the mass of the ruler to reduce the percentage error in k.

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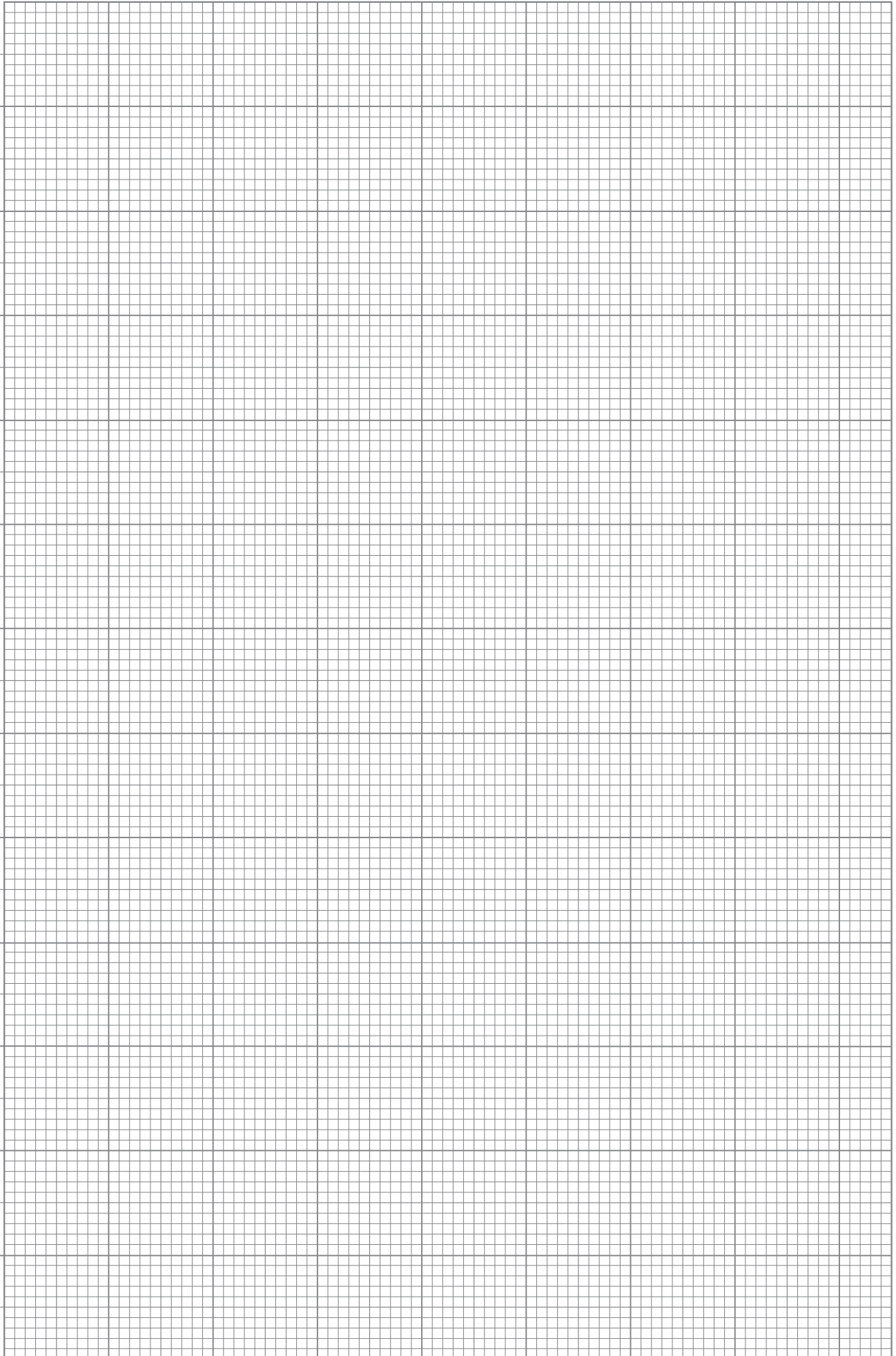...

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(iii)   Explain what determined your choice of additional values of *x*.

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(6 marks)

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