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- 1 A student is investigating how the rate at which water evaporates varies with temperature.

It is suggested that the relationship between the volume of water evaporated per unit time Y and the Celsius temperature θ of the water is

$$Y = k\theta^s$$

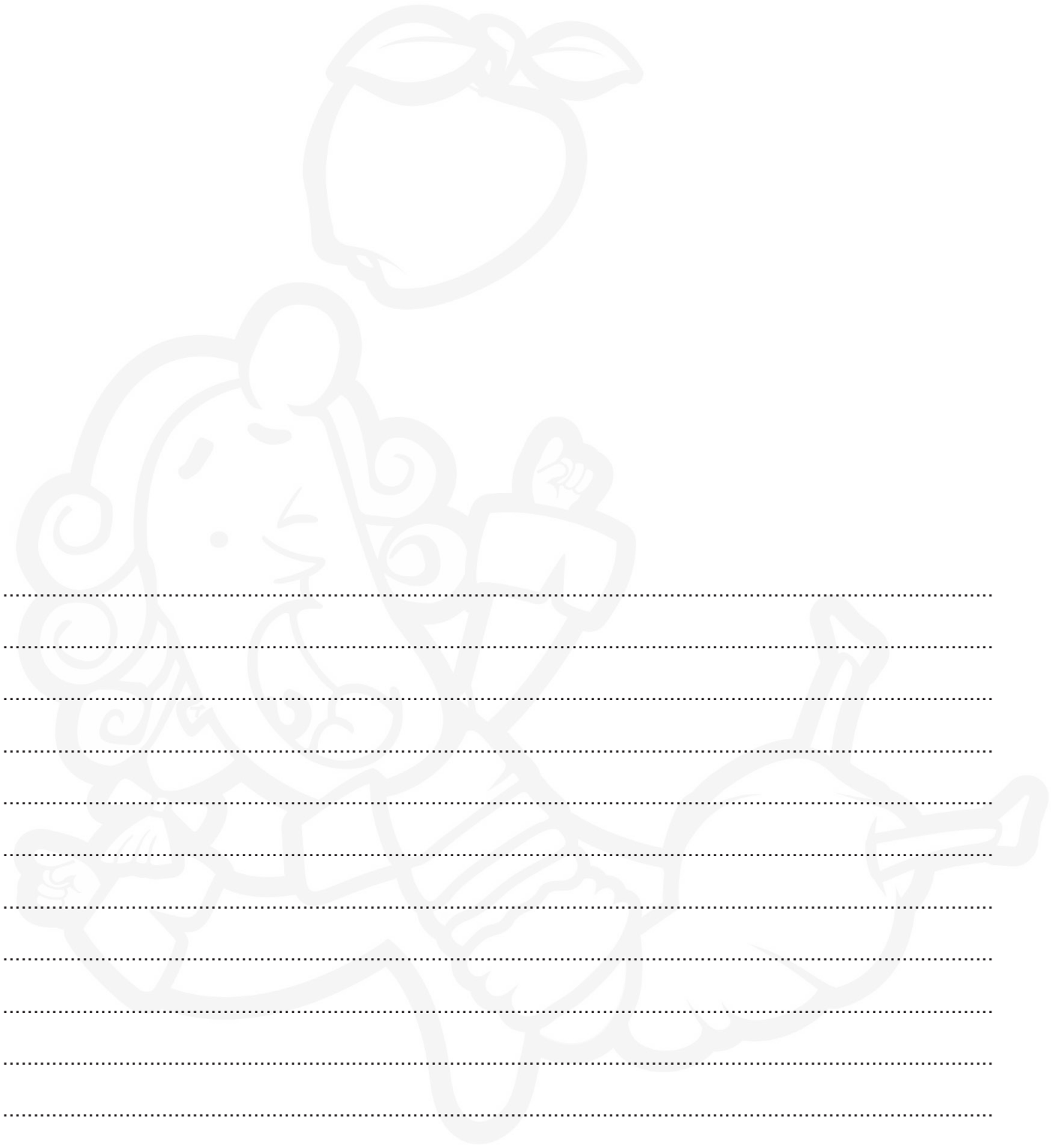
where k and s are constants.

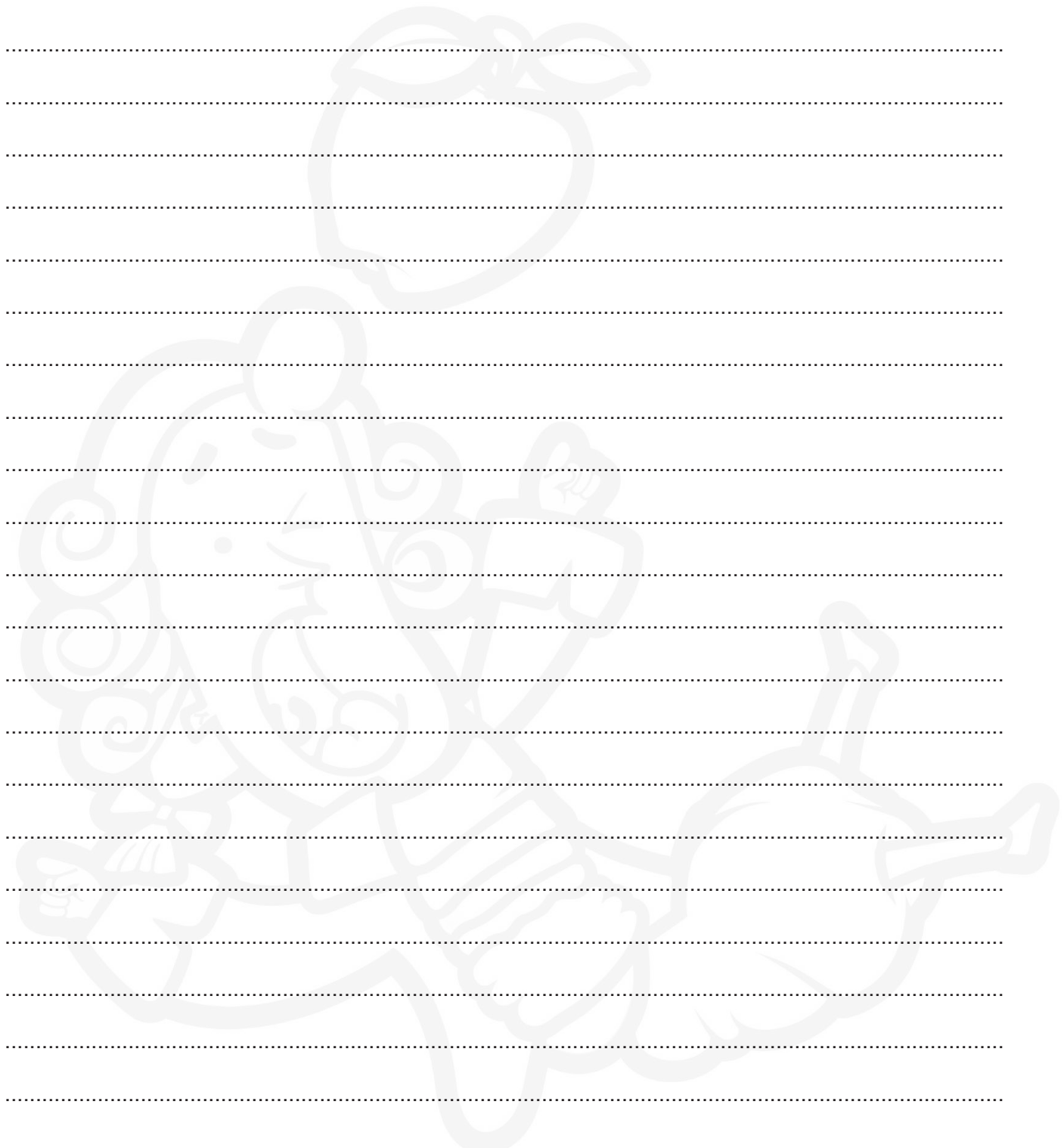
Design a laboratory experiment to test the relationship between Y and θ .
Explain how your results could be used to determine values for k and s .

You should draw a diagram, on page 3, showing the arrangement of your equipment. In your account you should pay particular attention to

- the procedure to be followed,
- the measurements to be taken,
- the control of variables,
- the analysis of the data,
- any safety precautions to be taken.

Diagram





- 2 A student is investigating the current in a circuit. The circuit is set up as shown in Fig. 2.1.

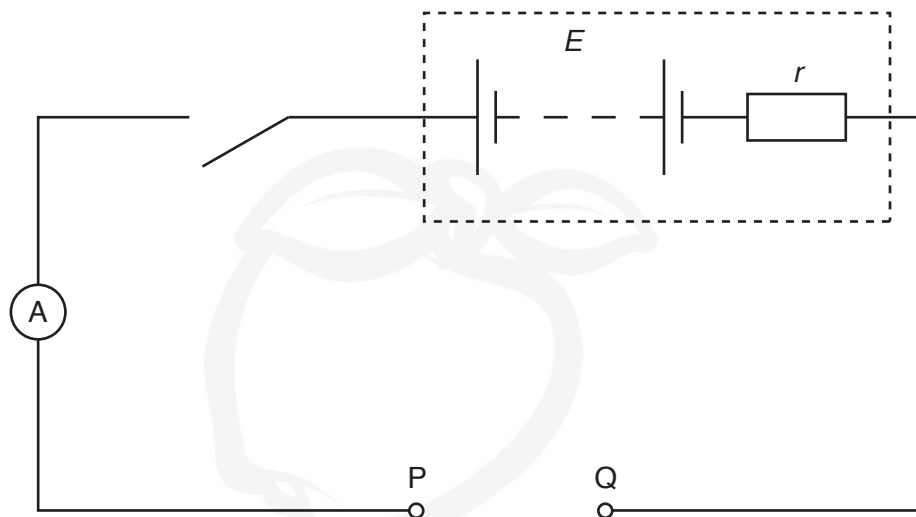


Fig. 2.1

Resistors, each of resistance R , are connected in parallel between P and Q. The current I is measured. The experiment is repeated for different numbers n of resistors between P and Q.

It is suggested that I and n are related by the equation

$$E = I \left(\frac{R}{n} + r \right)$$

where E is the electromotive force (e.m.f.) and r is the internal resistance of the power supply.

- (a) A graph is plotted of $\frac{1}{I}$ on the y -axis against $\frac{1}{n}$ on the x -axis.

Determine expressions for the gradient and the y -intercept.

gradient =

y -intercept =

[1]

(b) Values of n , I and $\frac{1}{n}$ are given in Fig. 2.2.

n	I/mA	$\frac{1}{n}$	$\frac{1}{I}/\text{A}^{-1}$
2	34 ± 2	0.50	
3	46 ± 2	0.33	
4	56 ± 2	0.25	
5	66 ± 2	0.20	
6	76 ± 2	0.17	
7	84 ± 2	0.14	

Fig. 2.2

Calculate and record values of $\frac{1}{I}/\text{A}^{-1}$ in Fig. 2.2.

Include the absolute uncertainties in $\frac{1}{I}$.

[2]

(c) (i) Plot a graph of $\frac{1}{I}/\text{A}^{-1}$ against $\frac{1}{n}$.

Include error bars for $\frac{1}{I}$.

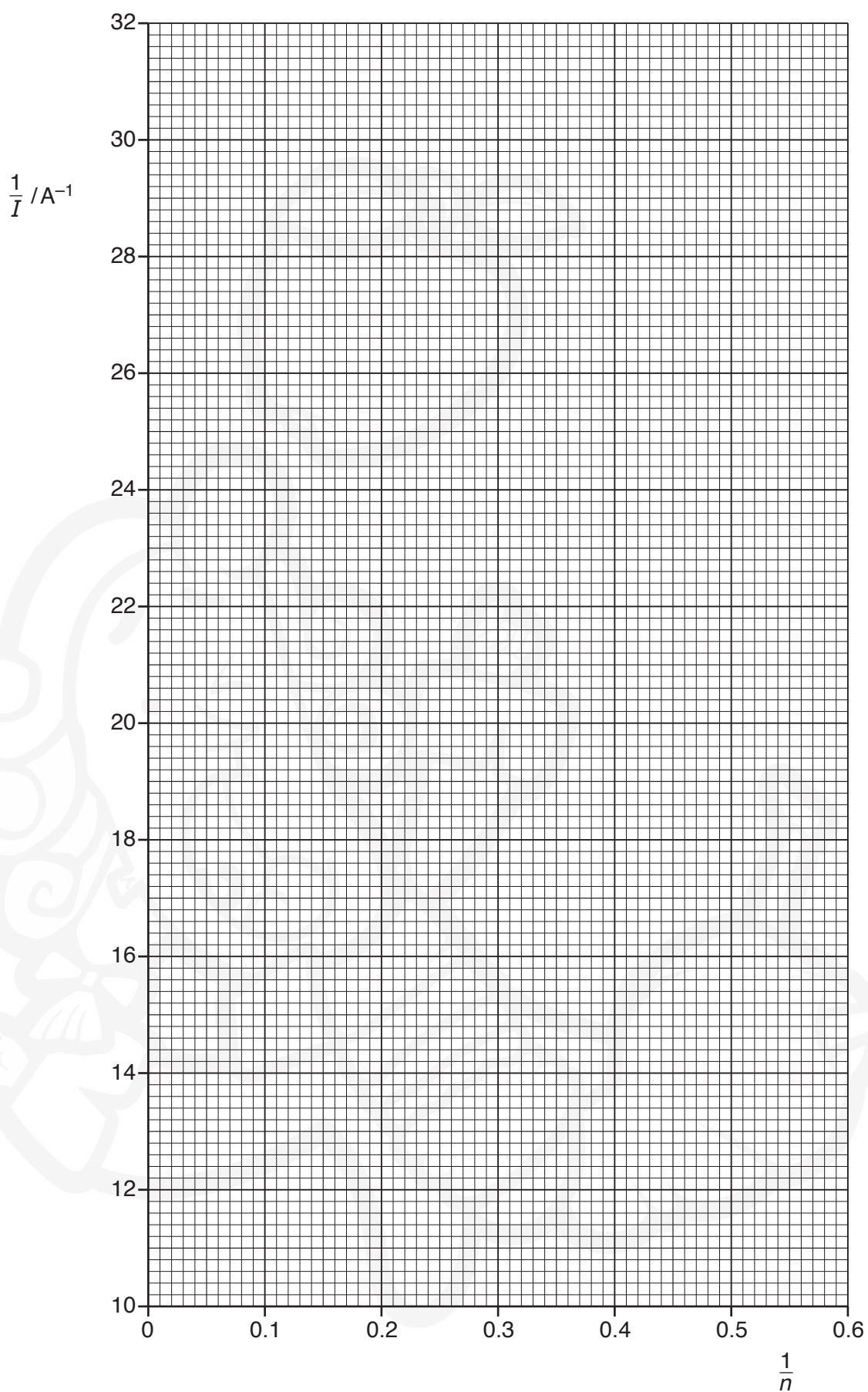
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(ii) Draw the straight line of best fit and a worst acceptable straight line on your graph. Both lines should be clearly labelled.

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(iii) Determine the gradient of the line of best fit. Include the absolute uncertainty in your answer.

gradient = [2]



- (iv) Determine the y -intercept of the line of best fit. Include the absolute uncertainty in your answer.

y -intercept = [2]

- (d) (i) Using your answers to (a), (c)(iii) and (c)(iv), determine the values of E and r . Include appropriate units.

Data: $R = 470 \pm 5 \Omega$.

$E =$

$r =$ [3]

- (ii) Determine the percentage uncertainty in r .

percentage uncertainty in $r =$ % [1]

[Total: 15]