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1 In this experiment, you will investigate the forces acting on a metre rule.

(a) • Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.1.

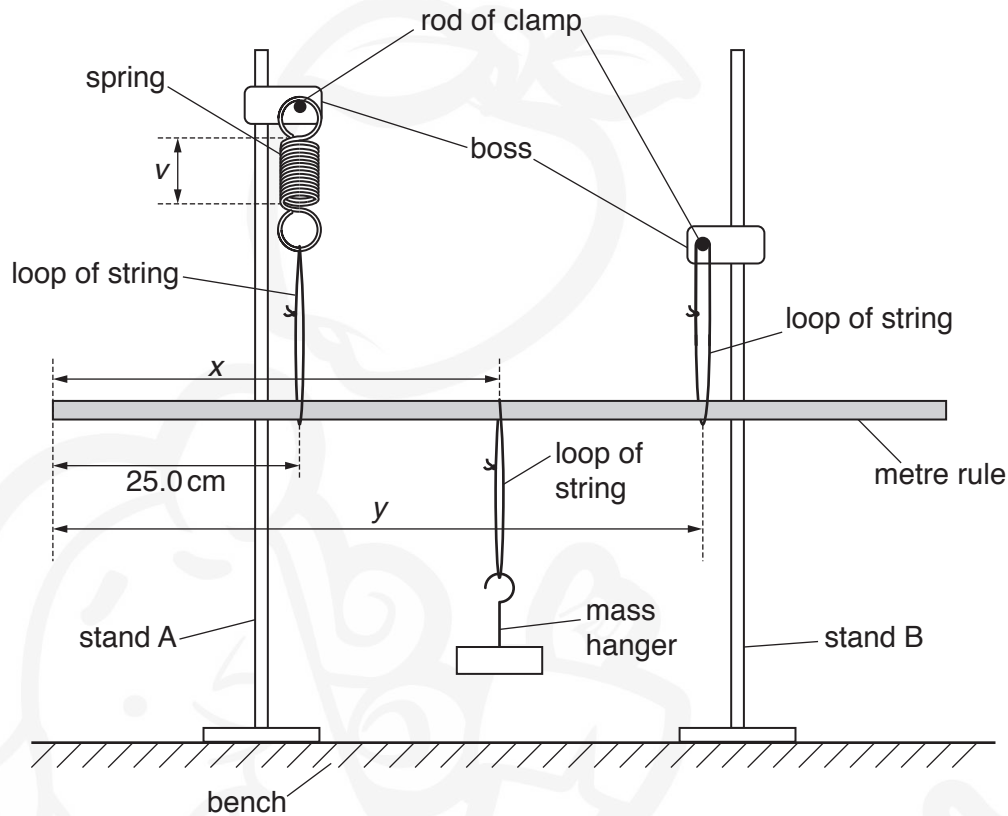


Fig. 1.1

- The distance between the end of the rule and the loop of string attached to the spring is 25.0 cm. **Keep this distance constant throughout the experiment.**

The distance between the end of the rule and the loop of string supporting the mass hanger is x .

The distance between the end of the rule and the loop of string attached to stand B is y .

Adjust the apparatus until $x = 50.0 \text{ cm}$ and $y = 75.0 \text{ cm}$.

- The strings and spring should be vertical and the rule should be parallel to the bench.

The length of the coiled section of the spring is v . To view this more clearly, you may use the adhesive putty to attach the white card to stand A behind the spring.

Measure and record v .

$v = \dots\dots\dots$ [1]

- (b) • Change x by moving the loop of string supporting the mass hanger to a different position on the rule.
- Move stand B and slide the loop of string attached to stand B along the rule until **v has the same value as in (a).**
 - Ensure the strings and spring are vertical and the rule is parallel to the bench.
 - Measure and record x and y .

$x =$

$y =$

[1]



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- (c) • Write down your value of v from (a).

$v =$

- Repeat (b) until you have six sets of values of x and y . Record your results in a table.

- (d) (i) Plot a graph of y on the y -axis against x on the x -axis.

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- (ii) Draw the straight line of best fit.

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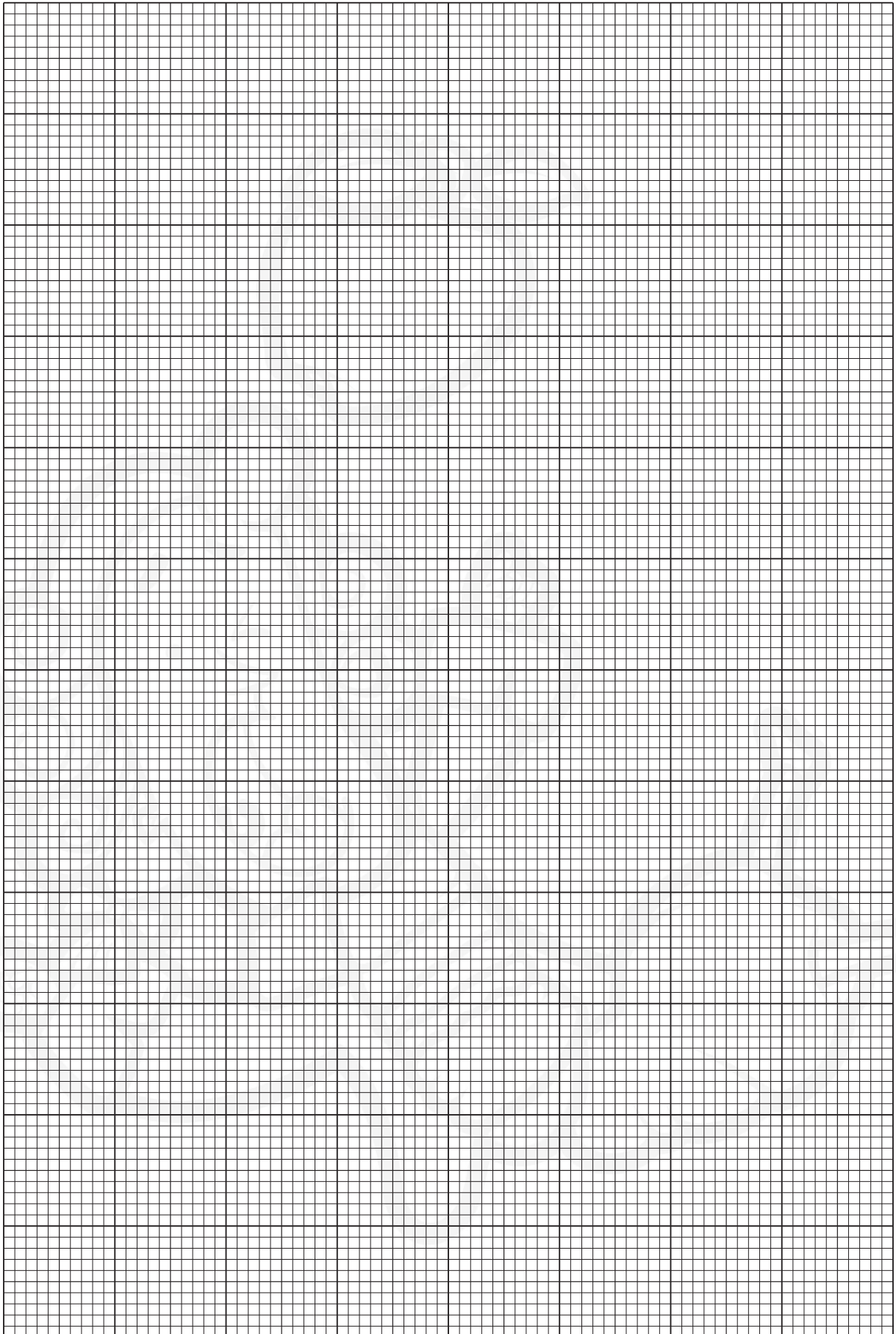
- (iii) Determine the gradient and y -intercept of this line.

[1]

gradient =

y -intercept =

[2]



- (e) It is suggested that the quantities y and x are related by the equation

$$y = Px + Q$$

where P and Q are constants.

Using your answers in (d)(iii), determine the values of P and Q .
Give appropriate units.

$$P = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$Q = \dots\dots\dots [2]$$

- (f) Theory suggests that

$$P = \frac{2m}{(R+m)}$$

where R is the mass of the metre rule and $m = 0.100 \text{ kg}$.

Calculate R . Give your answer to three significant figures.

$$R = \dots\dots\dots \text{ kg } [2]$$

[Total: 20]

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2 In this experiment, you will investigate the upthrust on lids placed in water.

(a) (i) You have been provided with two lids and some coins.

- Take the **larger** of the two lids.
- The diameter of the lid is d . The height of the lid is t , as shown in Fig. 2.1.



Fig. 2.1

Measure and record d and t .

$d =$

$t =$

[1]

(ii) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of d .

percentage uncertainty = [1]

- (b) (i) The volume of the air space within the lid is V .

Calculate V where

$$V = \frac{\pi d^2 t}{4}.$$

$V =$ [1]

- (ii) Justify the number of significant figures that you have given for your value of V .

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- (c) • Place the lid on the surface of the water so that it floats with its open face upwards.
• Add coins to the inside of the lid. After you have added n coins, the lid will sink.
• Record n .

$n =$ [2]

(d) Take the **smaller** lid and repeat (a)(i), (b)(i) and (c).

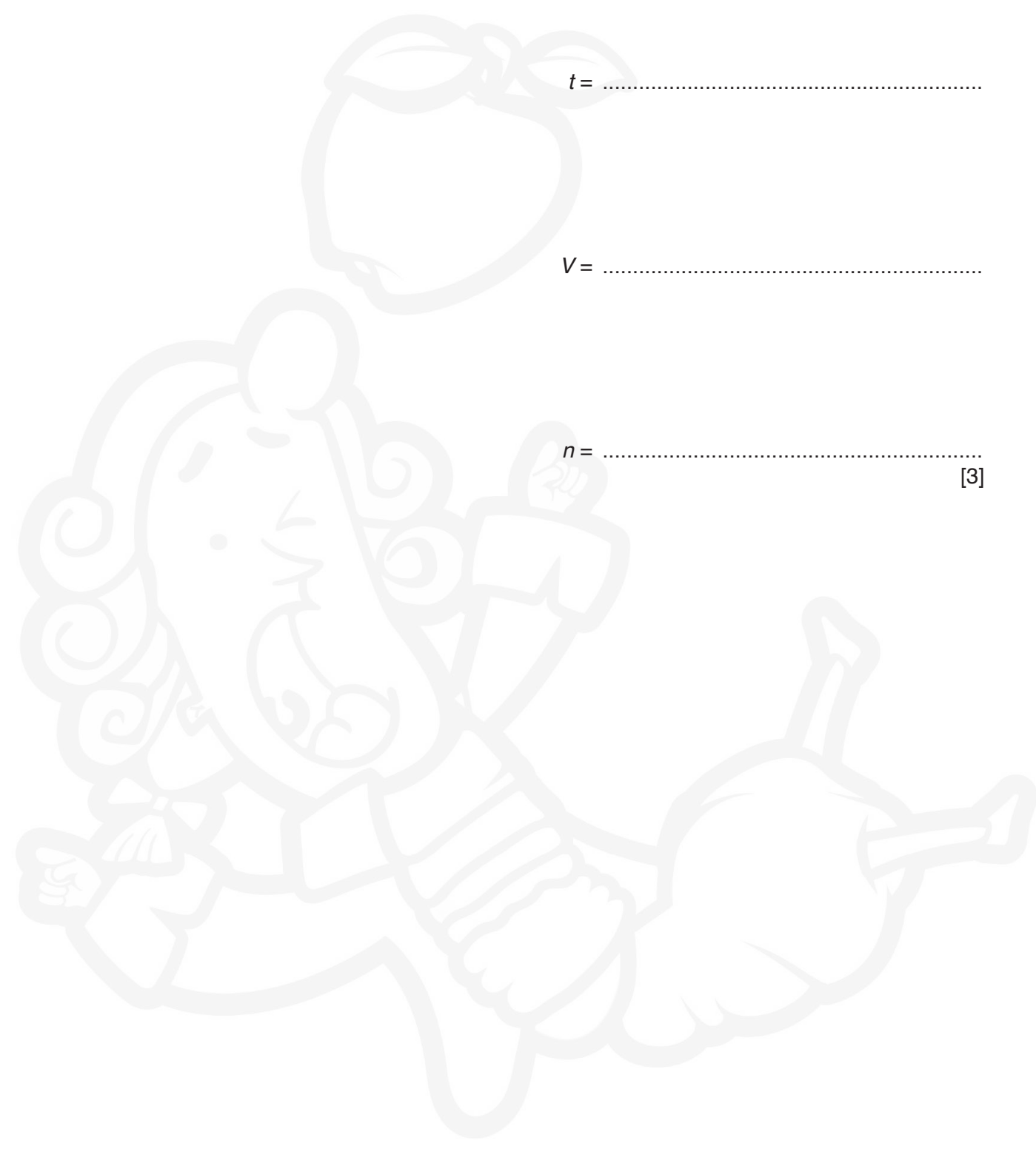
$d =$

$t =$

$V =$

$n =$

[3]



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- (e) It is suggested that the relationship between n and V is

$$n = kV$$

where k is a constant.

- (i) Using your data, calculate two values of k .

first value of $k =$

second value of $k =$ [1]

- (ii) Explain whether your results support the suggested relationship.

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- (f) Theory suggests that

$$k = \frac{\rho}{M}$$

where the density ρ of water is 1.00 g cm^{-3} and M is the mass of a coin.

Using your second value of k , calculate M . Give an appropriate unit.

$M =$ [1]

(g) (i) Describe four sources of uncertainty or limitations of the procedure for this experiment.

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(ii) Describe four improvements that could be made to this experiment. You may suggest the use of other apparatus or different procedures.

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[Total: 20]

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