

ICSE Class 10 Physics Practical Syllabus

Lever - There are many possibilities with a meter rule as a lever with a load (known or unknown) suspended from a point near one end (say left), the lever itself pivoted on a knife-edge slotted weights suspended from the other (right) side for effort.

Determine the mass of a metre rule using a spring balance or by balancing it on a knife-edge some point away from the middle and a 50g weight on the other side. Next pivot (F) the metre rule at the 40cm, 50cm and 60cm mark, each time suspending a load L or the left end and effort E near the right end. Adjust E and or its position so that the rule is balanced. Tabulate the position of L, F and E and the magnitudes of L and E and the distances of load arm and effort arm. Calculate $MA=L/E$ and $VR = \text{effort arm/load arm}$. It will be found that $MA \approx VR$ in the third case. Try to explain why this is so. Also try to calculate the real load and real effort in these cases.

2. Determine the VR and MA of a given pulley system.

3. Trace the course of different rays of light refracting through a rectangular glass slab at different angles of incidence, measure the angles of incidence, refraction and emergence. Also measure the lateral displacement.

4. Determine the focal length of a convex lens by (a) the distant object method and (b) using a needle and a plane mirror.

5. Determine the focal length of a convex lens by using two pins and formula $f = uv/(u+v)$.

6. For a triangular prism, trace the course of rays passing through it, measure angles i_1 , i_2 , A and δ . Repeat for four different angles of incidence (say $i_1=40^\circ$, 50° , 60° and 70°). Verify $i_1 + i_2 = A + \delta$ and $A = r_1 + r_2$.

7. For a ray of light incident normally ($i_1=0$) on one face of a prism, trace course of the ray. Measure the angle δ . Explain briefly. Do this for prisms with $A=60^\circ$, 45° and 90° . 8. Calculate the sp. heat of the material of the given calorimeter, from the temperature readings and masses of cold water, warm water and its mixture taken in the calorimeter.