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# A-level PHYSICS

Paper 1

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- a scientific calculator
- a Data and Formulae Booklet
- a protractor.

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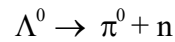
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## Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

0 1

The neutral lambda particle  $\Lambda^0$  is a baryon with a strangeness of  $-1$ One possible decay for a  $\Lambda^0$  is

↑  
s quark

0 1 . 1

Deduce the quark structure of a  $\Lambda^0$ .

s quark decays to a d quark

$\therefore$  uds ✓

0 1 . 2

State and explain which interaction is involved in this decay.

[2 marks]

Weak interaction ✓, as strange quark decays ✓ (strangeness goes from  $-1$  to  $0$ ).

0 1 . 3

An antiparticle of the neutral lambda particle decays into a neutral pion and particle X.

Identify X.

[1 mark]

Anti-neutron ✓



0 1 . 4

The rest energy of a  $\Lambda^0$  is equal to the energy of a photon with a frequency of  $2.69 \times 10^{23}$  Hz.

Determine, in MeV, the rest energy of a  $\Lambda^0$ .

[1 mark]

$$E = hf = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 2.69 \times 10^{23}$$

$$= 1.78 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J}$$

$$\div 1.6 \times 10^{-19} = 1.11 \times 10^9 \text{ eV}$$

$$\therefore 1.11 \times 10^3 \text{ MeV}$$

rest energy = 1.11 × 10<sup>3</sup> ✓ MeV

0 1 . 5

The discovery of particles such as the  $\Lambda^0$  is made by large international research teams.

Suggest **one** reason for this.

[1 mark]

Research is expensive and requires funding from many countries. ✓

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0 2

In 2021 the world land speed record was  $1230 \text{ km h}^{-1}$ .

This was the average speed achieved by a jet-powered car in two runs. Each run was measured over a distance of  $1.61 \text{ km}$ .

0 2 . 1

The average speed for one of these runs was  $343 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

Calculate, in s, the time taken for the car to complete the other run.

[2 marks]

$$v_{av} = \frac{1230 \times 1000}{60 \times 60} = 341.67 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$341.67 = \frac{343 + v}{2} \quad v = 340.33 \text{ m s}^{-1} \checkmark$$

$$v = \frac{s}{t} \quad t = \frac{s}{v} = \frac{1610}{340.33} = 4.73$$

time = 4.73 ✓ s

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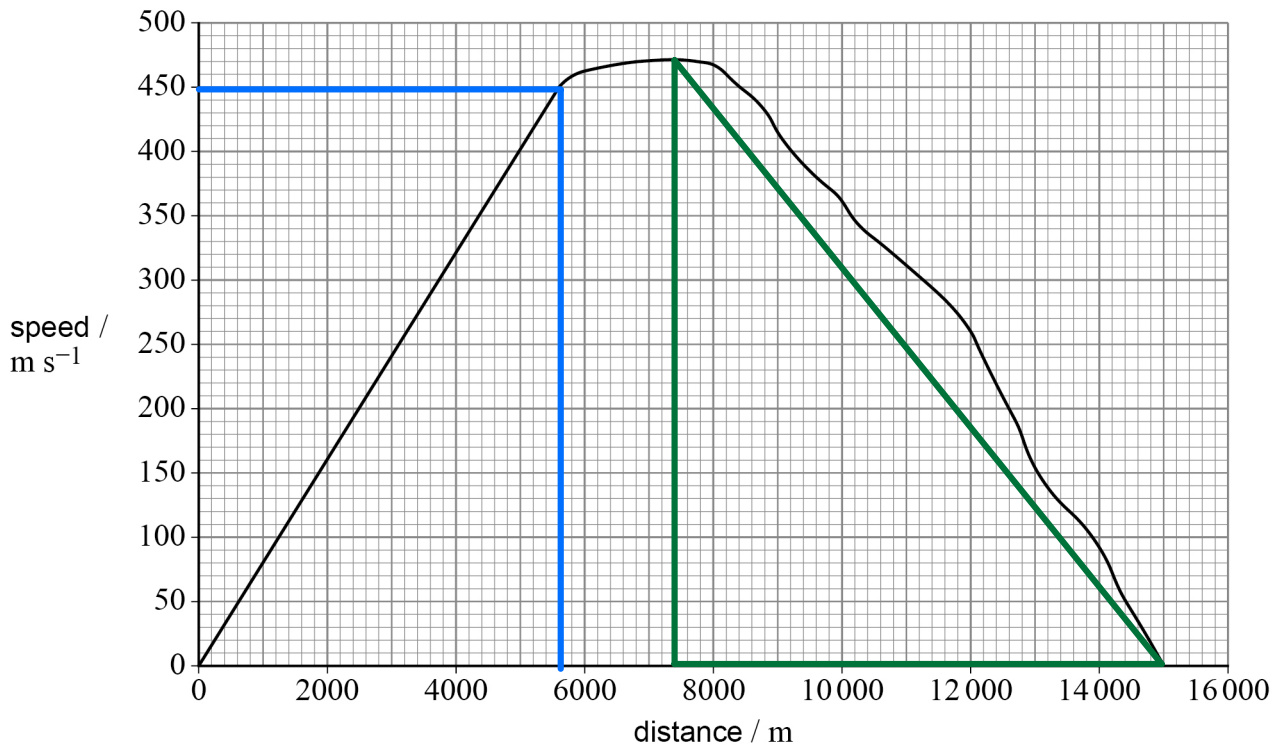


0 2 . 2

Engineers are designing a new jet-powered car to break this record.

**Figure 1** shows the variation of speed with distance for the car, as predicted by the engineers.

**Figure 1**



The car reaches its maximum acceleration when it is 5600 m from the start.  
At this point the mass of the car is  $6.50 \times 10^3$  kg.

Determine the kinetic energy of the car at its maximum acceleration.

[2 marks]

$$v = 450 \text{ m s}^{-1} \checkmark$$

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 6.50 \times 10^3 \times 450^2$$

$$= 6.58 \times 10^8 \text{ J}$$

kinetic energy =  $6.58 \times 10^8$  J  $\checkmark$



0 2 . 3

At any point on the graph in **Figure 1**, the acceleration is given by:

$$\text{acceleration} = \text{speed} \times \text{gradient of line}$$

When the car is at its maximum acceleration, the power input to the jet engines is 640 MW.

Calculate the percentage of the input power used to accelerate the car at its maximum acceleration.

[4 marks]

$$\text{Gradient} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{450}{5600} = 0.080 \text{ s}^{-1} \checkmark$$

$$a = v \times \text{gradient} = 450 \times 0.080 = 36.16 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

$$F = ma = 6.50 \times 10^3 \times 36.16 = 2.35 \times 10^5 \text{ N} \checkmark$$

$$P = Fv = 2.35 \times 10^5 \times 450 = 1.058 \times 10^8 \text{ W} \checkmark$$

$$\eta = \frac{105.8 \text{ MW}}{650 \text{ MW}} \times 100 = 16.3$$

percentage of input power = 16 ✓ %

0 2 . 4

Scientists recommend that the average deceleration of the driver of the car should be less than 3g.

Deduce whether the average deceleration is less than 3g.

[2 marks]

$$s = 15000 - 7400 = 7600 \text{ m}$$

$$u = 470 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$v = 0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$a = ?$$

$$t$$

$$a = \frac{v^2 - u^2}{2s} = \frac{0 - 470^2}{2 \times 7600} = -14.5 \text{ m s}^{-2} \checkmark$$

$$a_{av} = \frac{-14.5}{-9.81} = 1.48g < 3g$$

∴ less than 3g ✓

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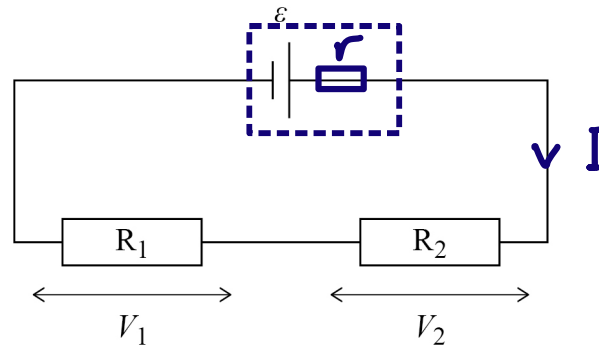
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0 3 . 1 In Figure 2 the cell has emf  $\varepsilon$  and internal resistance  $r$ .

Figure 2



The current in the circuit is  $I$ .

The potential difference (pd) across  $R_1$  is  $V_1$  and the pd across  $R_2$  is  $V_2$ .

Explain how the law of conservation of energy applies in this circuit.

You should consider the movement of one coulomb of charge around the circuit.

[2 marks]

emf is the energy supplied to the circuit per coulomb of charge  $\therefore$  1C gains  $\varepsilon J$  of energy as it passes through the cell. ✓

$\therefore$   $\varepsilon J$  of energy must be dissipated in the circuit i.e.

$$\varepsilon = IR_1 + IR_2 + Ir \quad \checkmark$$

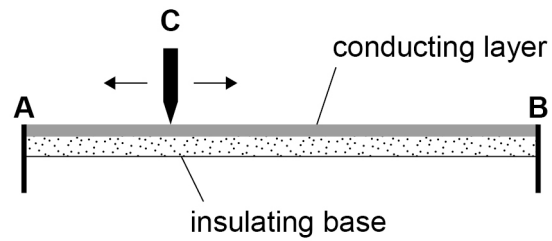
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**Figure 3** shows a variable resistor made with a thin conducting layer on an insulating base.

**Figure 3**

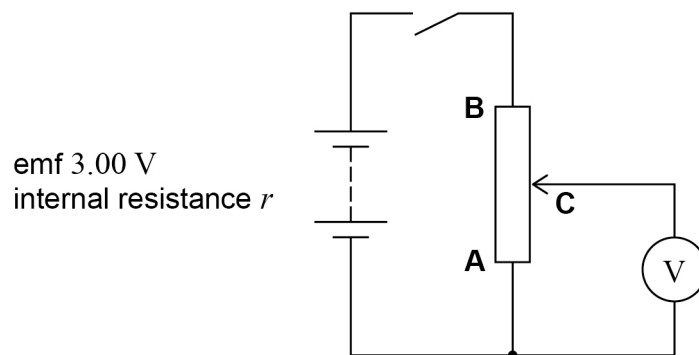


The conducting layer has constant width and thickness and has connections at the ends **A** and **B**.

**C** is a sliding contact that can move along the surface of the conducting layer between **A** and **B**.

**Figure 4** shows a circuit that uses the variable resistor as a potential divider.

**Figure 4**



The variable resistor is connected to a battery of emf 3.00 V and internal resistance  $r$ . The resistance of the conducting layer between **A** and **B** is 125  $\Omega$ .



- 0 3 . 2** The sliding contact **C** is moved to end **B** of the variable resistor. The switch is closed. The digital voltmeter reads 2.89 V.

Show that  $r$  is approximately  $4.8 \Omega$ .

[3 marks]

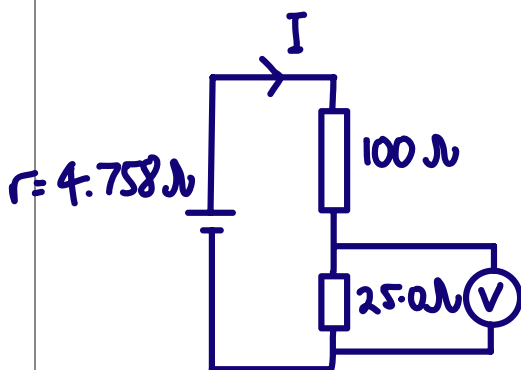
$$\xi = V + Ir \quad I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{2.89}{125} = 0.02312 \checkmark$$

$$r = \frac{\xi - V}{I} = \frac{3.00 - 2.89}{0.02312} = \underline{4.758} \checkmark \approx 4.8 \Omega$$

- 0 3 . 3** **C** is set at  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the distance between **A** and **B**. The thickness of the conducting layer is uniform so the resistance between **A** and **C** is  $25.0 \Omega$ .

Determine the voltmeter reading at this setting.

[2 marks]



$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \text{constant}$$

$$\frac{V_1}{R_1} = \frac{V_T}{R_T} \checkmark \quad V_1 = 25.0 \times \frac{3.00}{4.758 + 100 + 25.0}$$

voltmeter reading = 0.578 V  $\checkmark$  V

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0 3 4

**Figure 5** shows a variable resistor similar to the one shown in **Figure 3** but with the following three manufacturing faults:

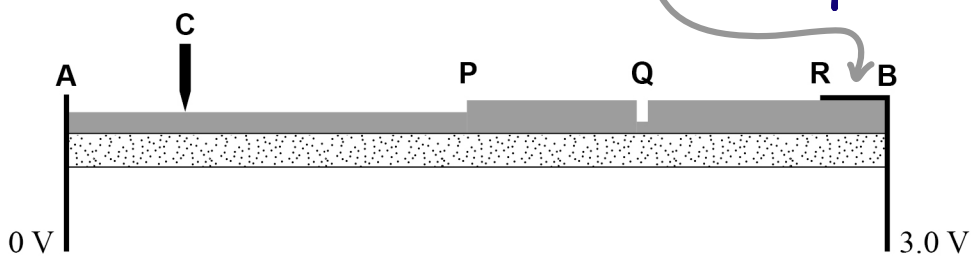
- at **P** the conducting layer changes in thickness so that **AP** is thinner than **PB**
- at **Q** there is a scratch into the surface of the conducting layer and across its full width
- from **R** to **B** the conducting connector is laid over the conducting layer.

The width of the conducting layer is constant.

A pd of 3.0 V is applied across **A** and **B**.  
**C** is moved from **A** to **B**.

*Conductor*  
 ∴ no resistance  
 ∴ no pd dropped

**Figure 5**

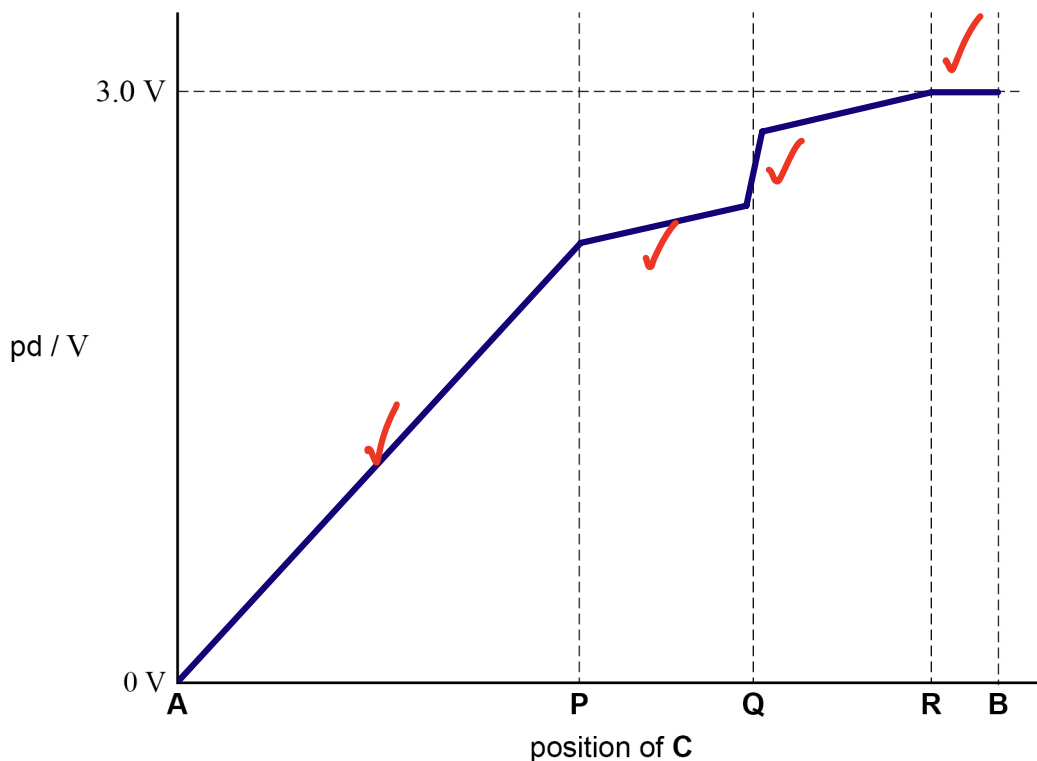


Sketch, on the axes in **Figure 6**, a graph to show how the pd between **A** and **C** varies as **C** is moved from **A** to **B**.

$V \propto R \propto \frac{1}{A}$  ∴ thinner → greater increase in V

[4 marks]

**Figure 6**

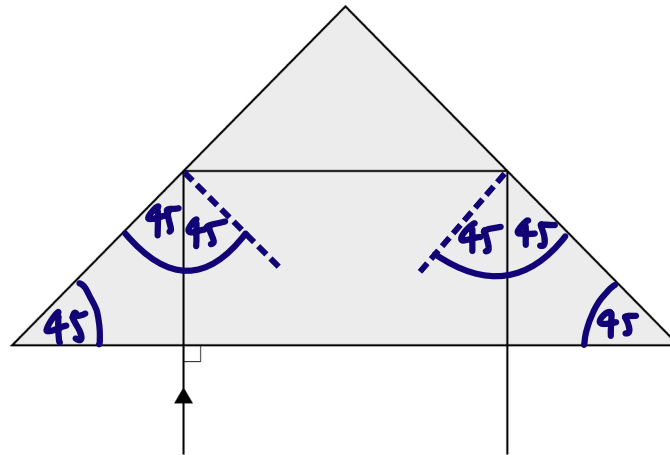


0 4

Porro prisms are used in binoculars to reverse the path of the light. The prism is in the shape of a right-angled isosceles triangle.

**Figure 7** shows a ray of light, at normal incidence on the longest side, passing through a glass Porro prism.

Figure 7



The critical angle for light in the prism is  $41.5^\circ$ .

0 4 . 1

Show that the glass used to make the prism has a refractive index of about 1.5

[1 mark]

$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{1}{n} \quad n = \frac{1}{\sin 41.5} = \underline{1.51} \checkmark \approx 1.5$$

0 4 . 2

Explain why the ray emerges parallel to the incident ray.

[2 marks]

Each angle of incidence =  $45^\circ \therefore > \theta_c \checkmark$   
and therefore TIR occurs. Angle of incidence  
when leaving the block is  $0^\circ \therefore$  parallel  
to incident ray.  $\checkmark$

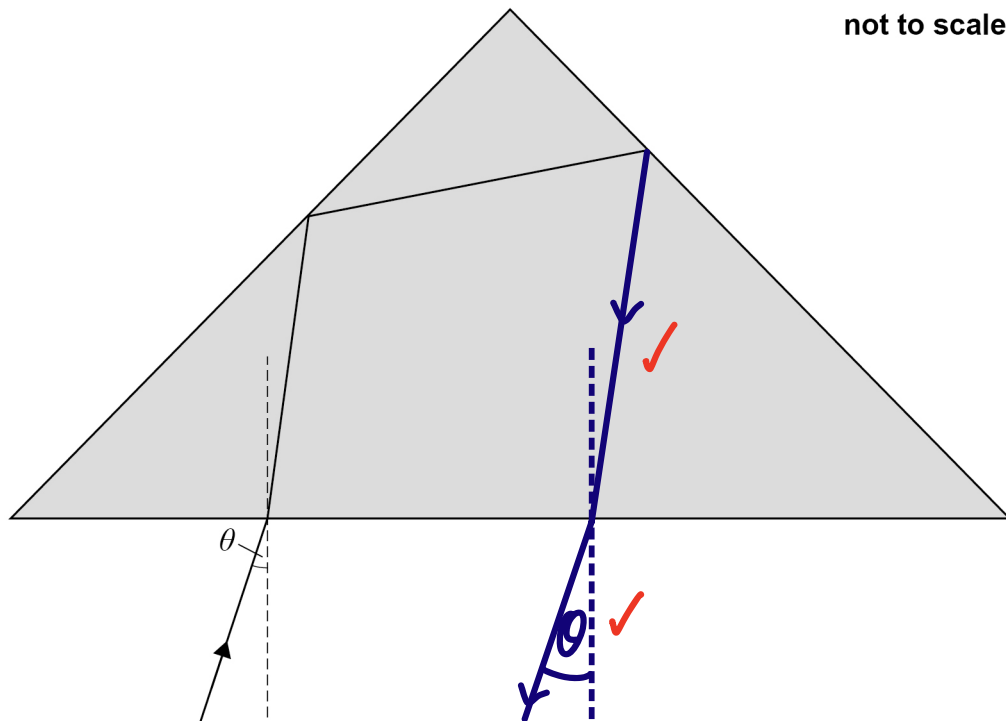
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**Figure 8** shows a ray of light entering the prism at an angle of incidence  $\theta$  and reflecting off one of the shorter sides.

**Figure 8**



$\theta$  is the largest angle of incidence for which all of the light leaves through the longest side.

- 0 4 . 3** Draw on **Figure 8** the path of the ray of light as it continues inside the prism and emerges from the longest side.

[3 marks]

We know TIR occurs  $\therefore$  ray reflected off right side is parallel to incident ray on left side. Ray leaving block is parallel to ray incident on block.



0 4 . 4

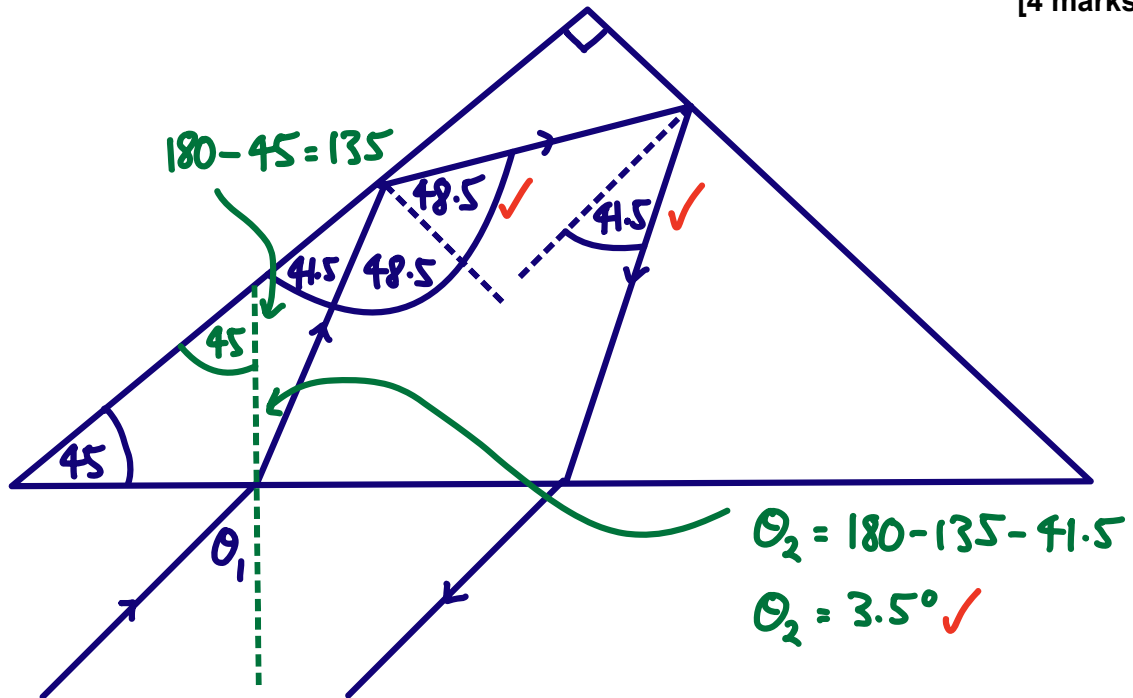
When the angle of incidence is greater than  $\theta$ , some of the light escapes the prism through one of the shorter sides.

Assume that the refractive index is 1.5 and the critical angle is  $41.5^\circ$ .

Show that  $\theta$  is about  $5^\circ$ .

You can use **Figure 8** in your answer.

[4 marks]



$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

$$1 \times \sin \theta = 1.5 \sin 3.5$$

$$\theta = \underline{5.25}^\circ \approx 5^\circ$$

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0 4 . 5

A manufacturer wants to make a prism with a larger value of  $\theta$ .

Two alternative changes to the original design of the prism are suggested:

1. use a prism of the original glass in the shape of an equilateral triangle, as shown in **Figure 9**
2. use a prism of the original shape made from glass with a smaller refractive index, as shown in **Figure 10**.

Figure 9

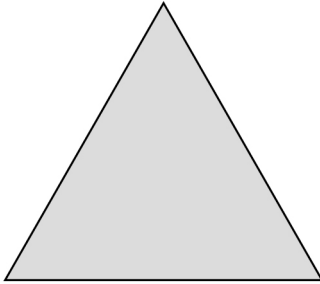
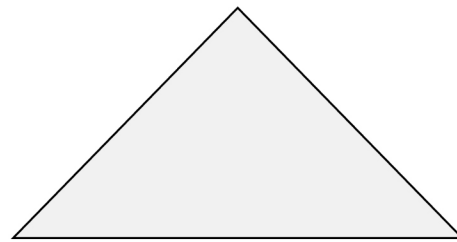


Figure 10



Discuss whether either of the two suggestions would work.

[4 marks]

1 Light would not leave the prism at the original angle. ✓ It would also escape from the second reflection (no TIR) ∴ it does not work. ✓

2  $\sin \theta_c = \frac{1}{n}$   $n$  is smaller ∴  $\theta_c$  is greater ✓  
∴ value of  $\theta$  would be reduced, ✓ so it would not work as effectively.

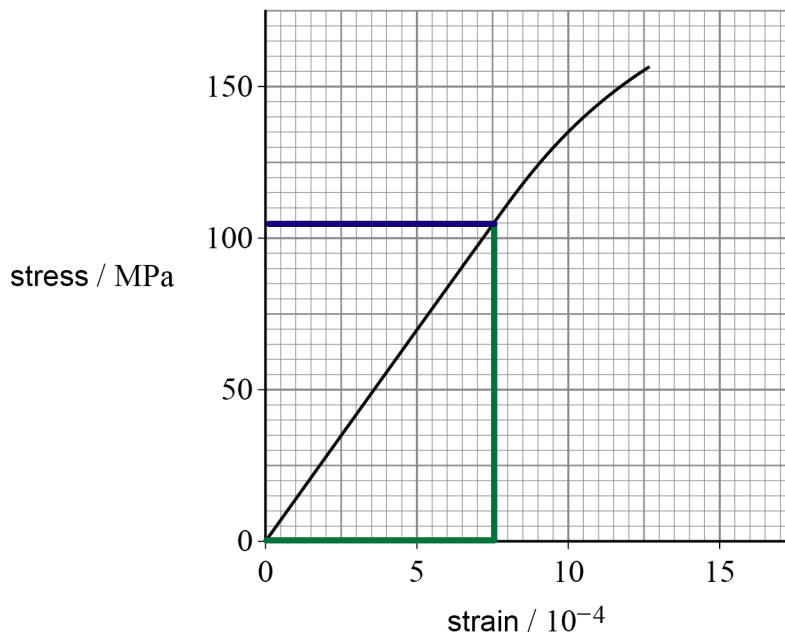




0 5

Figure 11 shows the stress–strain graph for a metal in tension up to the point at which it fractures.

Figure 11



0 5 . 1

Determine, using Figure 11, the Young modulus of the metal.

[1 mark]

$$\text{Gradient} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} = \frac{105 \times 10^6}{7.5 \times 10^{-4}} = 1.4 \times 10^{11}$$

Young modulus =  $1.4 \times 10^{11}$  ✓ Pa

0 5 . 2

Explain how the graph shows that this metal is brittle.

[1 mark]

Very little plastic deformation before fracture ✓ (not much increase in strain beyond linear section).

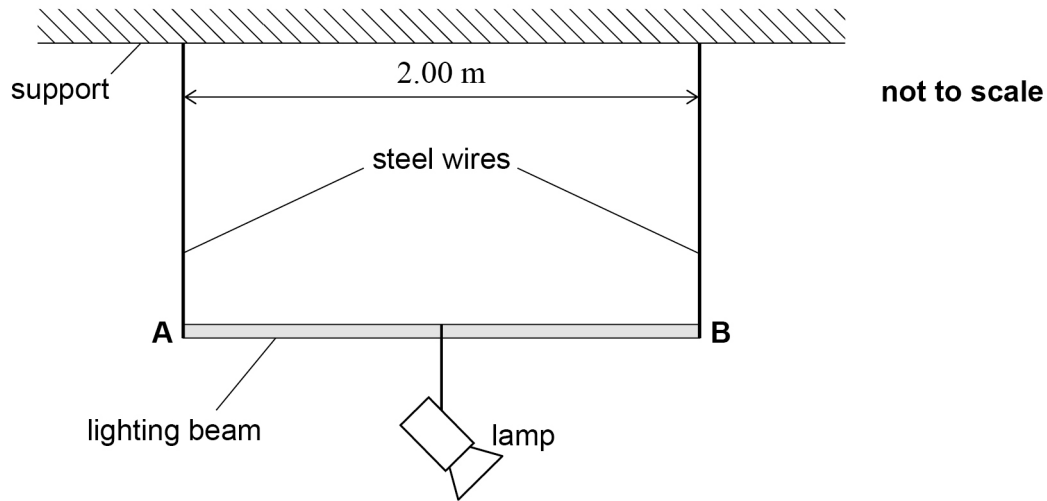
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**Figure 12** shows a uniform rigid lighting beam **AB** suspended from a fixed horizontal support by two identical vertical steel wires. A lamp is attached to the midpoint of **AB**.

**Figure 12**



The unloaded length of each steel wire was 1.20 m before it was attached to **AB**. **AB** is horizontal.

mass of **AB** = 4.4 kg  
 mass of lamp = 16.0 kg  
 distance between wires = 2.00 m  
 diameter of each wire = 0.800 mm  
 Young modulus of steel =  $2.10 \times 10^{11}$  Pa

0 5 . 3 Calculate the extension of each wire.

[3 marks]

$$W = mg = (4.4 + 16.0) \times 9.81 = 200.124 \text{ N}$$

$$F \text{ on each wire} = \frac{W}{2} = 100.062 \text{ N} \checkmark$$

$$E = \frac{FL}{A\Delta L} \quad \Delta L = \frac{FL}{EA} = \frac{4FL}{E\pi d^2} \checkmark$$

$$\Delta L = \frac{4 \times 100.062 \times 1.20}{2.10 \times 10^{11} \times \pi \times (0.800 \times 10^{-3})^2} = 1.14 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{extension} = \underline{1.1 \times 10^{-3}} \checkmark \text{ m}$$

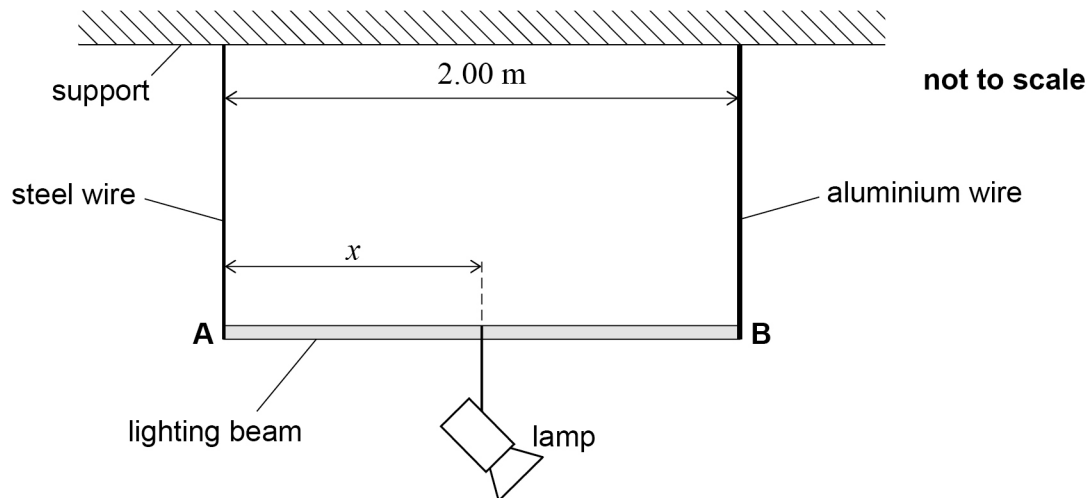


0 5 . 4

The right-hand steel wire is removed and replaced with an aluminium wire of diameter 1.60 mm. The unloaded length of the aluminium wire is the same as that of the original steel wire.

When the lamp is at the midpoint of **AB**, one of the wires extends more than the other so that **AB** is not horizontal. To make **AB** horizontal the lamp has to be moved to a distance  $x$  from **A**. **Figure 13** shows the new arrangement.

Figure 13



The Young modulus of aluminium is  $7.00 \times 10^{10}$  Pa.

Deduce distance  $x$ .

[5 marks]

*AB horizontal  $\therefore \Delta L$  same for both wires*

$$\Delta L = \frac{F_s L}{E_s d_s^2} = \frac{F_a L}{E_a d_a^2} \quad \frac{F_s}{E_s d_s^2} = \frac{F_a}{E_a d_a^2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$F_s = F_a \times \frac{2.10}{0.700} \times \frac{0.800^2}{1.60^2} = \frac{3.00}{4.00} F_a = 0.750 F_a \quad \checkmark$$

$$F_a + F_s = 200.124$$

$$F_a + 0.750 F_a = 200.124$$

$$F_a = 200.124 / 1.75 = 114.4 \text{ N} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\overset{\curvearrowright}{M}_A \quad (16g \cdot x) + (4.4g \times 1.00) = 114.4 \times 2.00 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x = \underline{1.18} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{m}$$

$$x = 1.183$$

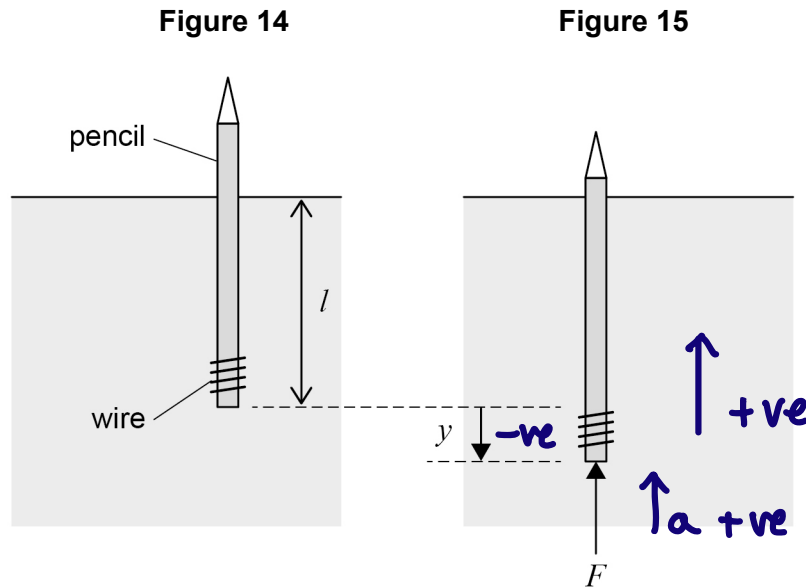
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0 6

A pencil is weighted with a thin coil of wire. The volume of the wire is negligible. **Figure 14** shows the pencil and wire floating in equilibrium in water.



In **Figure 14** the combined weight of the pencil and wire is equal to an upwards force called the buoyancy force. The length of the pencil that is submerged is  $l$ . A student pushes the pencil down through a displacement  $y$  as shown in **Figure 15**. The buoyancy force is now greater than the weight. There is a resultant upward force  $F$  acting on the pencil when the student releases it. The magnitude of  $F$  for any value of  $y$  is given by

$$F = A\rho gy$$

where  $A$  is the cross-sectional area of the pencil  
 $\rho$  is the density of water  
 $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity.

The pencil is pushed down and released. The pencil then oscillates vertically about the equilibrium position.



0 6 . 1 Show that the pencil moves with simple harmonic motion.

[2 marks]

$$F = -A\rho g y \quad F = ma \quad \checkmark$$

$$-A\rho g y = ma \quad a = -\frac{A\rho g}{m} y$$

$A, \rho, g$  and  $m$  are all constant  $\therefore$

$a \propto -y$  as  $a$  is positive when  $y$  is negative.  $\checkmark$

$a \propto -y \quad \therefore$  SHM

0 6 . 2 The time period  $T$  of the vertical oscillations is given by

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

The measured value of  $l$  in **Figure 15** is 85 mm.

The pencil is pushed down 5.0 mm and released.

Calculate the maximum acceleration of the pencil.

[2 marks]

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} \quad T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \quad \omega^2 = \frac{g}{l} \quad \checkmark$$

$$a_{\max} = -\omega^2 A = -\frac{g}{l} A = -\frac{9.81}{85 \times 10^{-3}} \cdot 5.0 \times 10^{-3} = -0.577$$

maximum acceleration = 0.58  $\checkmark$  m s<sup>-2</sup>

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A ship floating in the sea can be modelled by the pencil floating in water. The ship can oscillate vertically. These oscillations are called heave oscillations.

Wave motion causes forced oscillations of the ship. Under certain conditions, heave resonance may then occur.

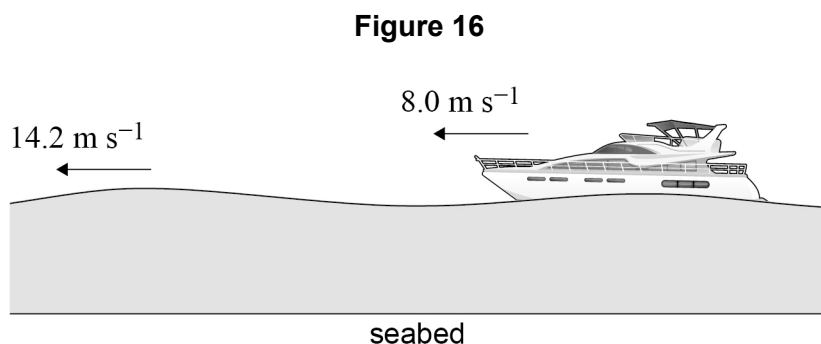
0 6 . 3 Explain what is meant by resonance.

[2 marks]

Frequency of the forced vibrations equals the natural frequency of a system, causing it to oscillate at maximum amplitude.

0 6 . 4 **Figure 16** shows a ship moving through continuous waves of wavelength 118 m and velocity  $14.2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

The ship is moving steadily at  $8.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  relative to the seabed in the same direction as the waves.



The natural frequency of heave oscillations of the ship is 0.13 Hz.

A crew member needs an emergency operation. The ship's doctor is confident that she can do the operation if the ship remains fairly steady.

There are two options:

- stop the ship's motors and loosely anchor the ship to the seabed
- continue to sail the ship at  $8.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  in the same direction.

Deduce which is the better option.

Support your answer with a calculation.

[3 marks]

Stationary: Wave frequency,  $f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{14.2}{118} = 0.120 \text{ Hz}$

This is close to natural frequency ✓

Moving: If the ship continues moving at  $8.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$$f = \frac{14.2 - 8.0}{118} = 0.053 \text{ Hz} \quad \checkmark$$

The frequency of waves against the moving ship will be further away from the resonant frequency, so the amplitude will be lower which would be the better option for the doctor and patient. ✓

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## Section B

Each of Questions 07 to 31 is followed by four responses, A, B, C and D.

For each question select the best response.

Only **one** answer per question is allowed.

For each question, completely fill in the circle alongside the appropriate answer.

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If you want to change your answer you must cross out your original answer as shown.

If you wish to return to an answer previously crossed out, ring the answer you now wish to select as shown.

You may do your working in the blank space around each question but this will not be marked. Do **not** use additional sheets for this working.

**07** Which combination of an object's speed and journey time gives a distance travelled of 1 mm?

[1 mark]

	Speed	Journey time
<b>A</b>	$10 \mu\text{m s}^{-1}$	100 s
<b>B</b>	$10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$	$0.01 \mu\text{s}$
<b>C</b>	$1 \text{ nm s}^{-1}$	1 Gs
<b>D</b>	$0.1 \text{ Mm s}^{-1}$	100 ns






$$s = vt$$

$$10^{-3}$$

$$10^{-4}$$

$$10^0$$

$$10^{-2}$$





**0 8** A person jumps as high as she can from a standing position.

What is a reasonable estimate of her speed just after she leaves the ground?

[1 mark]

A  $2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

B  $4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

C  $8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

D  $10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$$s \approx 0.60$$

$$u = ?$$

$$v = 0$$

$$a = -9.81$$

$$t$$

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

$$u = \sqrt{-2as}$$

$$u = \sqrt{-2 \times 9.81 \times 0.60}$$

$$u = 3.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

**0 9** A nucleus contains  $N$  neutrons and  $Z$  protons.

Which combination of  $N$  and  $Z$  gives a nucleus with the greatest specific charge?

[1 mark]

	$N$	$Z$
<b>A</b>	6	5
<b>B</b>	8	7
<b>C</b>	16	13
<b>D</b>	20	17

$$5/11$$

$$7/15$$

$$13/29$$

$$17/37$$

$$\frac{Q}{m} \propto \frac{Z}{N+Z}$$

**1 0** Which statement about muons is correct?

[1 mark]

A They consist of a quark and an antiquark.

B They include pions and kaons.

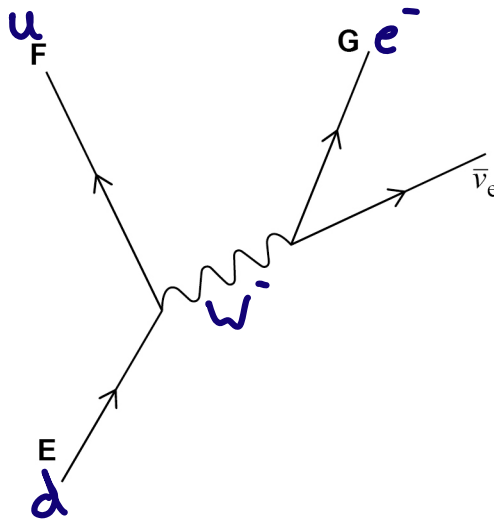
C They are subject to the strong interaction.

D They decay into electrons.

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- 1 1** The diagram represents a quark change in which an electron antineutrino is produced.



What are **E**, **F** and **G**?

[1 mark]

	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	
<b>A</b>	up quark	down quark	$\beta^-$	<input type="radio"/>
<b>B</b>	down quark	up quark	$\beta^-$	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<b>C</b>	up quark	down quark	$\beta^+$	<input type="radio"/>
<b>D</b>	down quark	up quark	$\beta^+$	<input type="radio"/>

- 1 2** Photoelectrons are released when monochromatic light with a photon energy of  $4.2 \times 10^{-19}$  J is incident on a metal surface. The work function of the surface is 2.4 eV.

What is the maximum speed of the photoelectrons as they leave the surface?

[1 mark]

- A**  $1.3 \times 10^6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
- B**  $6.3 \times 10^5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
- C**  $2.8 \times 10^5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
- D**  $2.0 \times 10^5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$$E_{k(\text{max})} = hf - \phi$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = 4.2 \times 10^{-19} - (2.4 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19})$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 3.6 \times 10^{-19}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31}}}$$

$$= 2.81 \times 10^5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

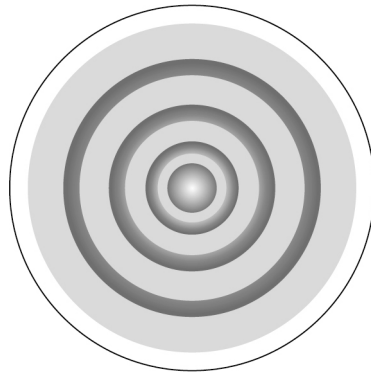


1 3

Electrons with a certain kinetic energy pass through a powdered crystalline sample and are incident on a fluorescent screen. The diagram shows a sketch of the diffraction pattern produced.



A change is made and this second pattern is produced.



Which change could produce the second pattern?

[1 mark]

A decreasing the kinetic energy of the electrons



$\lambda \uparrow$

B replacing the electrons with protons with the same kinetic energy

$\lambda \downarrow$

C using a crystalline sample with a wider spacing between its atoms

diff  $\downarrow$

D moving the screen closer to the crystalline sample

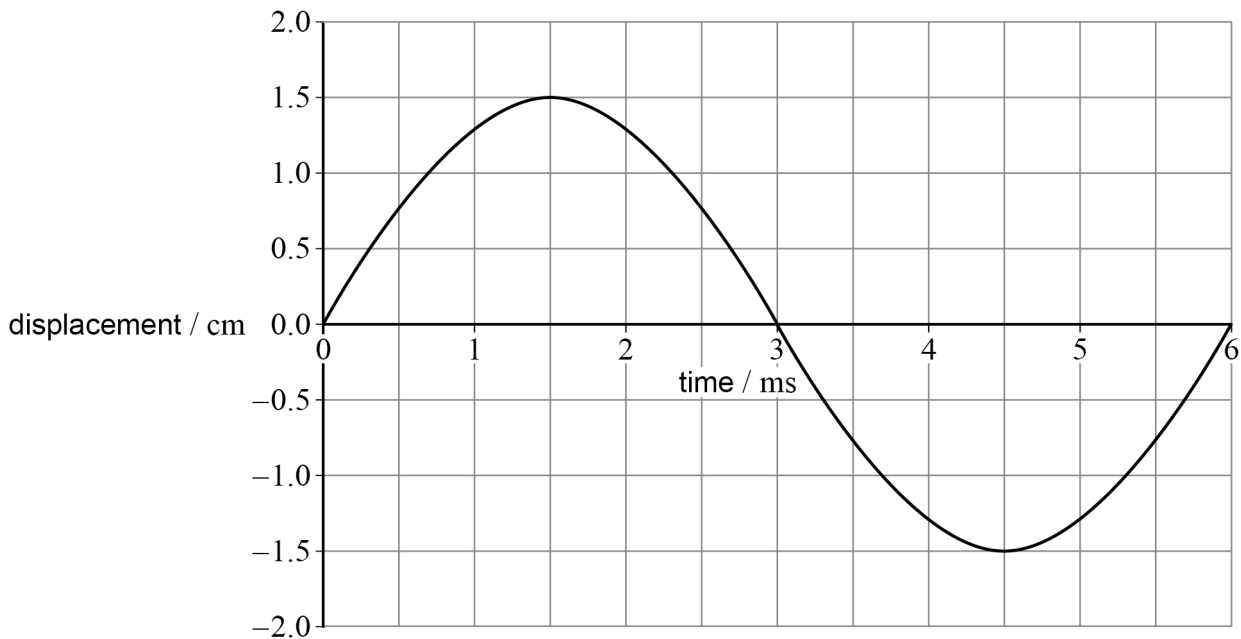
$$\lambda = \frac{h}{mv} \quad \downarrow v \quad \uparrow \lambda \quad \uparrow \text{diffraction}$$

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1 4

A string with a length of 1.2 m vibrates at its second harmonic.  
The diagram shows the displacement–time graph for a point on the string.



What are the wavelength and frequency of the wave on the string?

[1 mark]

	Wavelength / m	Frequency / kHz	
A	0.6	0.17	<input type="radio"/>
B	0.6	0.34	<input type="radio"/>
C	1.2	0.17	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
D	1.2	0.34	<input type="radio"/>

$$T = 6.0 \text{ ms} \quad f = 167 \text{ Hz} = 0.167 \text{ kHz}$$

$$L = 1.2 \text{ m} \quad \text{2nd harmonic} \quad \therefore L = \lambda = 1.2 \text{ m}$$



1 5

A standing wave is created on a string.

Which statement about the two waves that create the standing wave is **not** correct?

[1 mark]

- A They have the same frequency.
- B They have a constant phase relationship.
- C They travel in opposite directions.
- D They have the same speed.

Phase difference  
causes interference  
 $\therefore$  standing wave

1 6

A double slit with a separation  $s$  is illuminated by light of wavelength  $\lambda$ .Fringes with spacing  $w$  are produced on a screen placed a distance  $D$  from the slits.The distance from the slits to the screen is changed to  $\frac{D}{2}$ .Which combination of slit separation and wavelength produces a fringe spacing of  $1.5w$  on the screen?

[1 mark]

	Slit separation	Wavelength
A	$0.22s$	$0.66\lambda$
B	$0.50s$	$0.75\lambda$
C	$0.60s$	$1.20\lambda$
D	$1.20s$	$0.40\lambda$

- 3
- 1.5
- 2
- $\frac{1}{3}$

$$w_1 = \frac{\lambda D}{s} \quad w_2 = \frac{\lambda_2 \frac{D}{2}}{s_2}$$

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$$1.5 w_1 = w_2$$

$$1.5 \frac{\lambda D}{s} = \frac{\lambda_2 \frac{D}{2}}{s_2} \quad 3 \frac{\lambda}{s} = \frac{\lambda_2}{s_2}$$

Turn over ►



1 | 7

A single narrow slit is illuminated with monochromatic light and a diffraction pattern is produced.

The slit width is increased.

*Increasing width causes less diffraction*

What happens to the width and brightness of the central maximum of the diffraction pattern?

[1 mark]

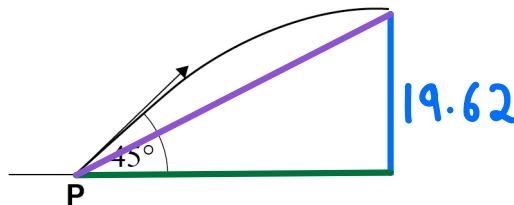
	Width of central maximum	Brightness of central maximum	
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B	increases	decreases	<input type="radio"/>
C	decreases	increases	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
D	decreases	decreases	<input type="radio"/>

1 | 8

A ball is kicked from point P on level ground. The ball initially travels at  $45^\circ$  to the horizontal.

The ball reaches its maximum height after a time of 2.0 s.

Air resistance can be ignored.



What is the displacement of the ball from P when at its maximum height?

[1 mark]

A 20 m

B 40 m

C 45 m

D 60 m

$$\begin{aligned} \uparrow s \\ u \\ v = 0 \\ a = -9.81 \\ t = 2.0 \end{aligned}$$

$$v = u + at$$

$$u = 0 - 9.81 \times 2.0$$

$$u = 19.62 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$s_v = \frac{1}{2}(u+v)t$$

$$s_v = \frac{1}{2}(19.62) \times 2.0 = 19.62$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \\ s_h = vt = 19.62 \times 2.0 \\ = 39.24 \end{aligned}$$

$$s = \sqrt{s_h^2 + s_v^2} = \sqrt{39.24^2 + 19.62^2} = 43.9$$



1 9

An object is moving in a straight line. A graph is plotted to show the variation of the momentum of the object with time.

Which quantities can be calculated from the gradient of the graph and the area under the graph?

[1 mark]

	Gradient of graph	Area under graph	
A	power	mass $\times$ displacement	<input type="radio"/>
B	force	work done $\times$ time	<input type="radio"/>
C	power	work done $\times$ time	<input type="radio"/>
D	force	mass $\times$ displacement	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

2 0

Which is a pair of vectors?

- A weight and work
- B force and energy
- C displacement and momentum
- D acceleration and power

$$P \quad \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} = F \quad p t = m v t = m s$$

[1 mark]

2 1

Which statement about a superconducting metal is correct?

[1 mark]

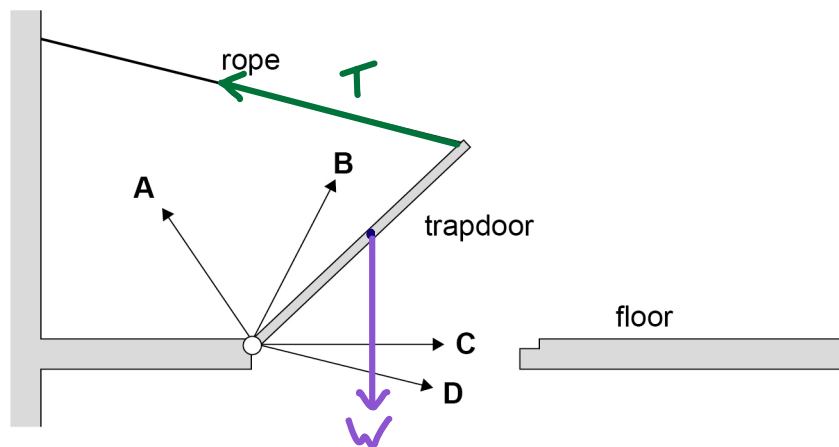
- A Its resistivity is small but not zero.
- B A current in it causes no heating effect.
- C Its critical temperature is independent of the metal it is made from.
- D Keeping it cold makes it too expensive to use.

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2 2

A heavy uniform trapdoor is hinged to the floor. It is held open by a rope as shown.



Which arrow shows the direction of the reaction force of the hinge on the trapdoor?

[1 mark]

A B C D 

Must be up to balance weight and  
vertical component of tension.

Must be to the right to balance  
the horizontal component of tension.

2 3

A sphere of mass  $m$  falls with speed  $v$ .

The resistive force on the sphere is  $kv$ , where  $k$  is a constant.

What is the terminal speed of the sphere?

[1 mark]

A  $\frac{mg}{k}$ B  $\frac{km}{g}$ C  $kmg$ D  $\frac{k}{mg}$ 

$$W = kv$$

$$mg = kv$$

$$v = \frac{mg}{k}$$





2 4

A trolley moves down a slope with constant acceleration. The mass of the trolley is doubled and the trolley moves down the same slope again. Air resistance and friction are negligible.

Which is correct?

[1 mark]

A The accelerating force is unchanged.

$$F \propto m$$

B The accelerating force is halved.

C The acceleration is unchanged.

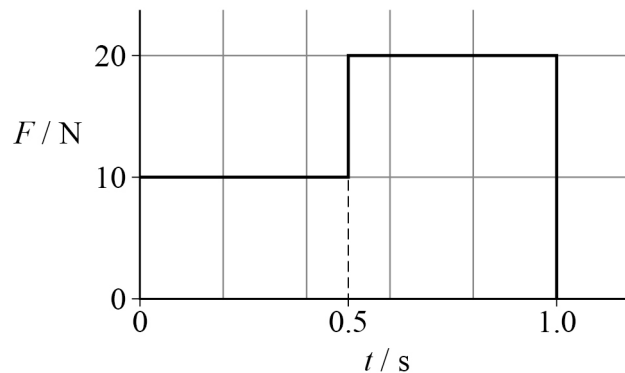
$$a \text{ independent of } m$$

D The acceleration is halved.

2 5

A variable force  $F$  acts on an object of mass 2.0 kg. The object is at rest at time  $t = 0$

The graph shows the variation of  $F$  with  $t$ .



What is the speed of the object when  $t = 1.0$  s?

[1 mark]

A  $3.75 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$$F \Delta t = m \Delta v$$

B  $5.00 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

C  $7.50 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$$\text{Area} = (10 \times 0.5) + (20 \times 0.5) = 15$$

D  $15.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

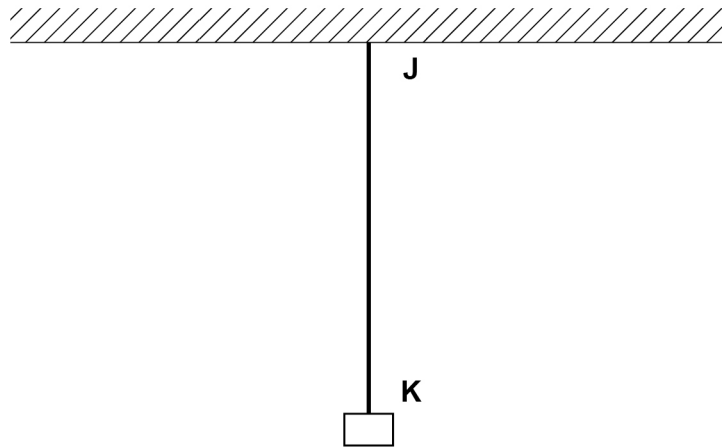
$$\Delta v = \frac{15}{2.0} = 7.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

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2 6

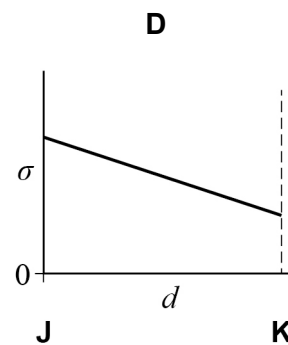
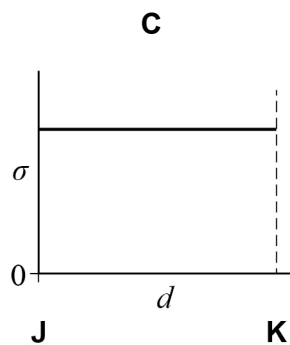
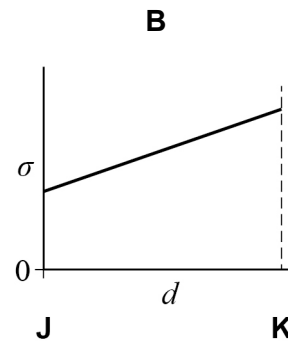
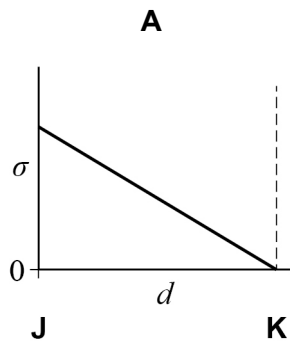
A heavy cable is attached to a fixed support and carries a load at its lower end.



The weight of the cable is **not** negligible.  
The cable has constant cross-sectional area and density.

Which graph shows the variation of tensile stress  $\sigma$  in the cable with distance  $d$  from J to K?

[1 mark]

A B C D 

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$$

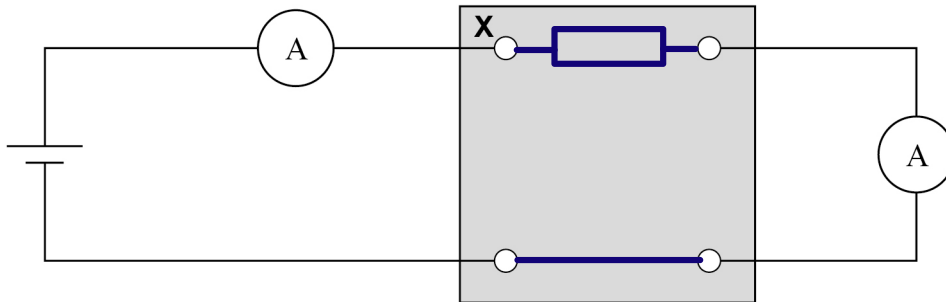
$F$  is max at J as the whole weight of the cable is acting on it.

$F$  is min at K as no weight of cable acting.



2 7

A box with four terminals is connected to a cell and two ammeters. The top left terminal is X.

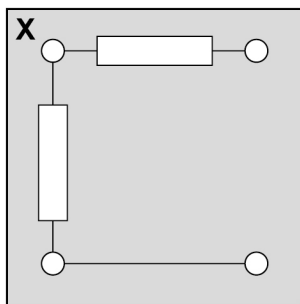


Each of the boxes A to D is connected into the circuit in turn. All the resistors have equal resistance.

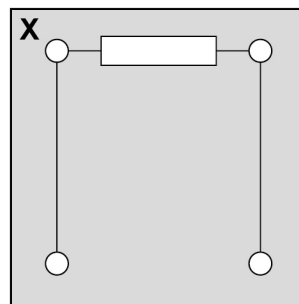
Which box gives the same reading on both ammeters?

[1 mark]

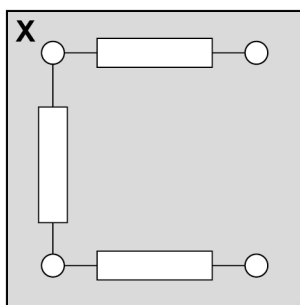
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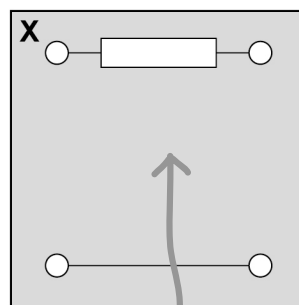
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D



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B

C

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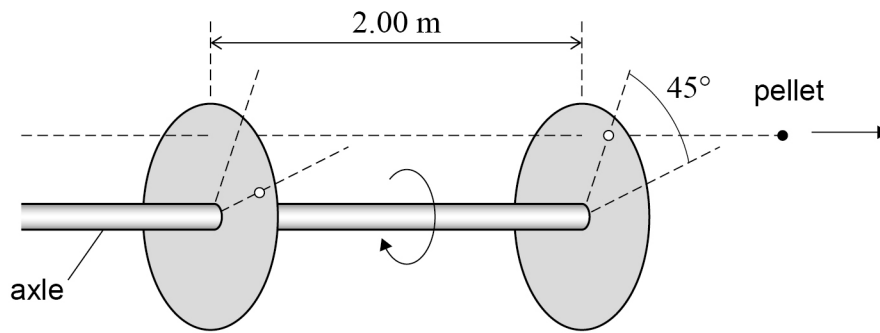
*The only series circuit.*

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**2 8**

Two circular discs made of card rotate at constant speed on a common axle.



The discs are 2.00 m apart.

An air-gun pellet is fired parallel to the axle. The pellet makes holes in the discs.

The holes are separated by an angle of  $45^\circ$ .

The speed of the pellet between the discs is  $300 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

How many revolutions does each disc complete in one second?

[1 mark]

A 19

$$t = \frac{s}{v} = \frac{2.00}{300} = \frac{1}{150} \text{ s} \equiv 45^\circ$$

B 118

C 740

$$1 \text{ rev} = 360^\circ = \frac{8}{150} \text{ s rev}^{-1}$$

D 1074

$$\therefore \frac{150}{8} \text{ rev s}^{-1} = 18.75 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

**2 9**

A resistor dissipates 100 W when connected across a 25 V supply with negligible internal resistance.

The supply output is reduced to 20 V and the resistor is replaced so that the power dissipated is still 100 W.

What is the percentage decrease in resistance?

[1 mark]

A 20

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

B 36

C 64

$$\frac{V_1^2}{R_1} = \frac{V_2^2}{R_2}$$

$$\frac{R_2}{R_1} = \frac{V_2^2}{V_1^2} = \frac{20^2}{25^2} = 0.64$$

D 80

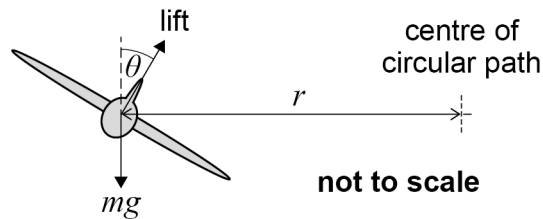
$$\therefore R_2 = 0.64 R_1$$

$$\therefore \text{decreased by } 36\%$$



3 0

When an aircraft turns in a horizontal circular path, it banks at an angle  $\theta$ .



The aircraft has mass  $m$  and travels at constant speed  $v$  in a horizontal circular path of radius  $r$ . The lift force acts at the angle  $\theta$ .

What is  $\tan \theta$ ?

A  $\frac{gv^2}{r}$

B  $\frac{rv^2}{g}$

C  $\frac{rg}{v^2}$

D  $\frac{v^2}{rg}$

$$F = \frac{mv^2}{r} = L \sin \theta$$

[1 mark]

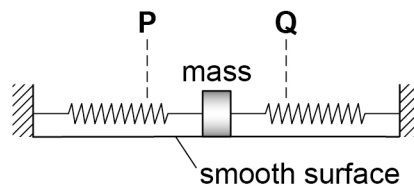
$$mg = L \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{L \sin \theta}{L \cos \theta} = \frac{mv^2/r}{mg}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{v^2}{gr}$$

3 1

A mass, attached to two springs, oscillates horizontally between P and Q. The motion of the system is simple harmonic.



Which quantity has its magnitude at a minimum value when the mass is at Q?

[1 mark]

A the acceleration of the mass  *max*

B the kinetic energy of the mass

C the potential energy of the mass-spring system  *max*

D the resultant force of the springs on the mass  *max*

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