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**PHYSICS**

**9702/23**

Paper 2 AS Structured Questions

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**1 hour**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

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Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.  
 Write in dark blue or black pen.  
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Answer **all** questions.

Electronic calculators may be used.  
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## 2

**Data**

speed of light in free space,	$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
permeability of free space,	$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H m}^{-1}$
permittivity of free space,	$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$
	$(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ m F}^{-1})$
elementary charge,	$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
the Planck constant,	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
unified atomic mass constant,	$u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
rest mass of electron,	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
rest mass of proton,	$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
molar gas constant,	$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
the Avogadro constant,	$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
the Boltzmann constant,	$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
gravitational constant,	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
acceleration of free fall,	$g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

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**Formulae**

uniformly accelerated motion,

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

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

work done on/by a gas,

$$W = p\Delta V$$

gravitational potential,

$$\phi = -\frac{Gm}{r}$$

hydrostatic pressure,

$$p = \rho gh$$

pressure of an ideal gas,

$$p = \frac{1}{3} \frac{Nm}{V} \langle c^2 \rangle$$

simple harmonic motion,

$$a = -\omega^2 x$$

velocity of particle in s.h.m.,

$$v = v_0 \cos \omega t$$

$$v = \pm \omega \sqrt{(x_0^2 - x^2)}$$

electric potential,

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

capacitors in series,

$$1/C = 1/C_1 + 1/C_2 + \dots$$

capacitors in parallel,

$$C = C_1 + C_2 + \dots$$

energy of charged capacitor,

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

resistors in series,

$$R = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$$

resistors in parallel,

$$1/R = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + \dots$$

alternating current/voltage,

$$x = x_0 \sin \omega t$$

radioactive decay,

$$x = x_0 \exp(-\lambda t)$$

decay constant,

$$\lambda = \frac{0.693}{t_{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

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Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.

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- 1 (a) State the SI base units of force.

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- (b) Two wires each of length  $l$  are placed parallel to each other a distance  $x$  apart, as shown in Fig. 1.1.

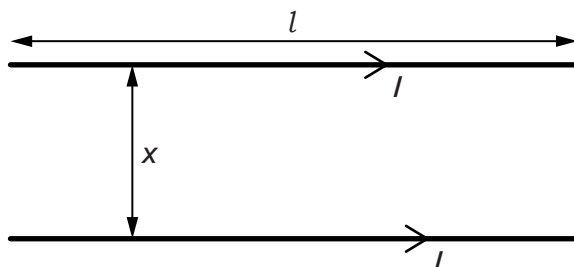


Fig. 1.1

Each wire carries a current  $I$ . The currents give rise to a force  $F$  on each wire given by

$$F = \frac{KI^2l}{x}$$

where  $K$  is a constant.

- (i) Determine the SI base units of  $K$ .

units of  $K$  ..... [2]

- (ii) On Fig. 1.2, sketch the variation with  $x$  of  $F$ . The quantities  $I$  and  $l$  remain constant.



Fig. 1.2

[2]

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(iii) The current  $I$  in both of the wires is varied.

On Fig. 1.3, sketch the variation with  $I$  of  $F$ . The quantities  $x$  and  $l$  remain constant.

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Fig. 1.3

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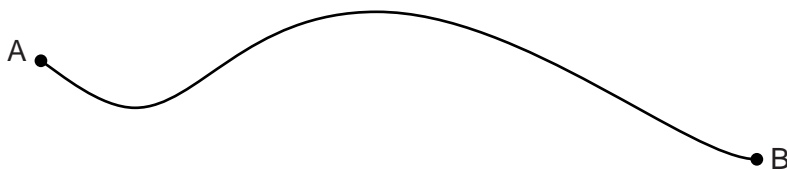


Fig. 2.1

The student takes time  $t$  to walk from A to B.

(i) State the quantity, apart from  $t$ , that must be measured in order to determine the average value of

1. speed,

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..... [1]

2. velocity.

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(ii) Define *acceleration*.

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(b) A girl falls vertically onto a trampoline, as shown in Fig. 2.2.

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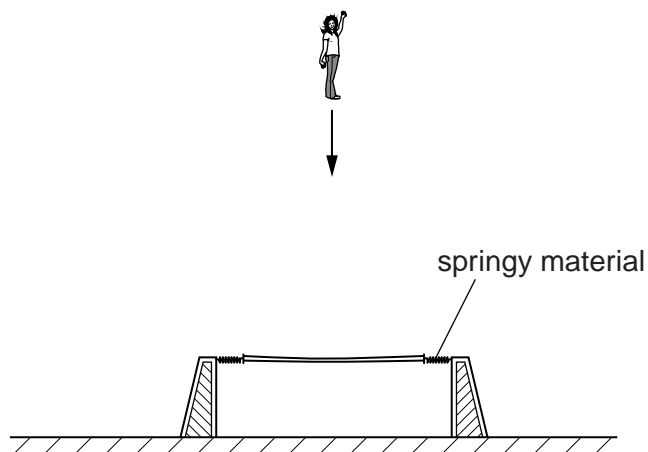


Fig. 2.2

The trampoline consists of a central section supported by springy material. At time  $t = 0$  the girl starts to fall. The girl hits the trampoline and rebounds vertically. The variation with time  $t$  of velocity  $v$  of the girl is illustrated in Fig. 2.3.

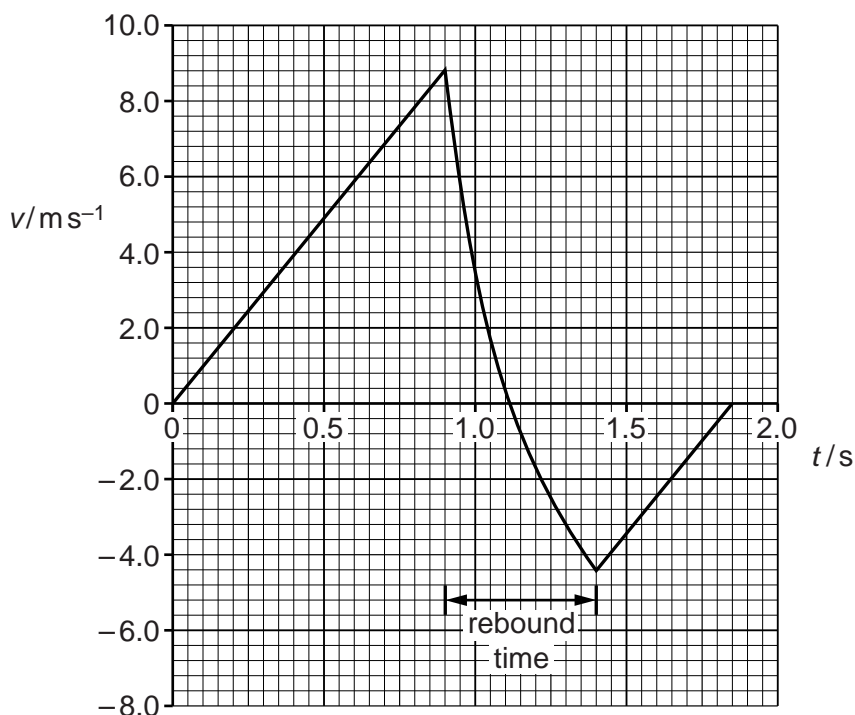


Fig. 2.3

For the motion of the girl, calculate

- (i) the distance fallen between time  $t = 0$  and when she hits the trampoline,

distance = ..... m [2]



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(ii) the average acceleration during the rebound.

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acceleration = .....  $\text{ms}^{-2}$  [2]

(c) (i) Use Fig. 2.3 to compare, without calculation, the accelerations of the girl before and after the rebound. Explain your answer.

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(ii) Use Fig. 2.3 to compare, without calculation, the potential energy of the girl at  $t = 0$  and  $t = 1.85\text{s}$ . Explain your answer.

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3 (a) (i) State the principle of conservation of momentum.

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(ii) State the difference between an elastic and an inelastic collision.

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(b) An object A of mass 4.2 kg and horizontal velocity  $3.6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  moves towards object B as shown in Fig. 3.1.

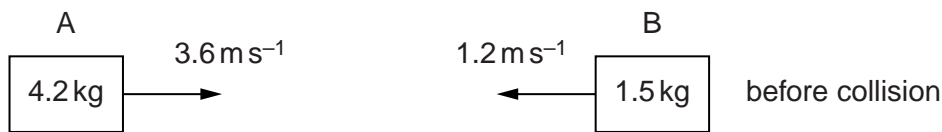


Fig. 3.1

Object B of mass 1.5 kg is moving with a horizontal velocity of  $1.2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  towards object A.

The objects collide and then both move to the right, as shown in Fig. 3.2.

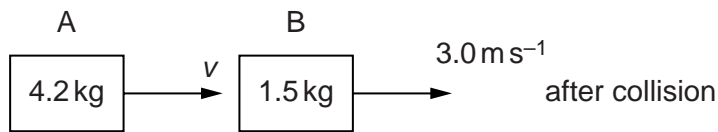


Fig. 3.2

Object A has velocity  $v$  and object B has velocity  $3.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

(i) Calculate the velocity  $v$  of object A after the collision.

velocity = .....  $\text{m s}^{-1}$  [3]

(ii) Determine whether the collision is elastic or inelastic.

[3]

4 (a) Define

(i) stress,

..... [1]

(ii) strain.

..... [1]

(b) The Young modulus of the metal of a wire is 0.17 TPa. The cross-sectional area of the wire is 0.18 mm<sup>2</sup>.

The wire is extended by a force  $F$ . This causes the length of the wire to be increased by 0.095%.

Calculate

(i) the stress,

stress = ..... Pa [4]

(ii) the force  $F$ .

$F$  = ..... N [2]

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5 (a) Explain the principle of superposition.

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(b) Sound waves travel from a source S to a point X along two paths SX and SPX, as shown in Fig. 5.1.

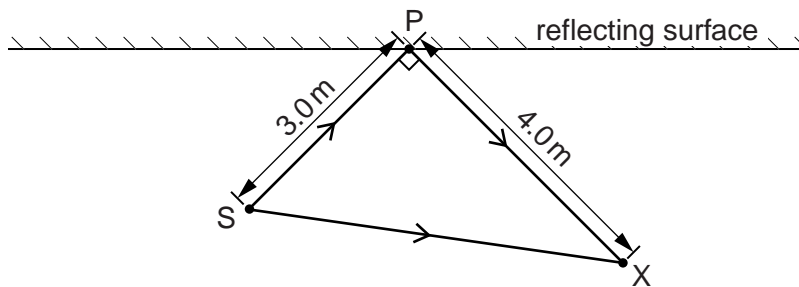


Fig. 5.1

(i) State the phase difference between these waves at X for this to be the position of

1. a minimum,

phase difference = ..... unit ..... [1]

2. a maximum.

phase difference = ..... unit ..... [1]

(ii) The frequency of the sound from S is 400Hz and the speed of sound is 320 ms<sup>-1</sup>. Calculate the wavelength of the sound waves.

wavelength = ..... m [2]

(iii) The distance SP is 3.0m and the distance PX is 4.0m. The angle SPX is 90°. Suggest whether a maximum or a minimum is detected at point X. Explain your answer.

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6 (a) Define *potential difference* (p.d.).

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(b) A battery of electromotive force 20V and zero internal resistance is connected in series with two resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , as shown in Fig. 6.1.

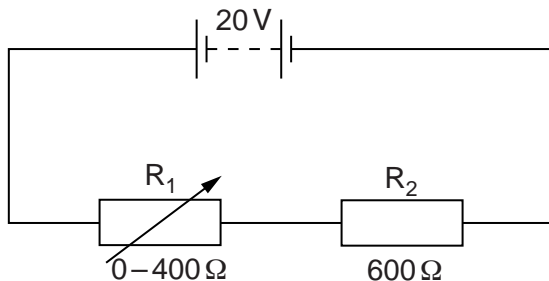


Fig. 6.1

The resistance of  $R_2$  is 600  $\Omega$ . The resistance of  $R_1$  is varied from 0 to 400  $\Omega$ .

Calculate

(i) the maximum p.d. across  $R_2$ ,

maximum p.d. = ..... V [1]

(ii) the minimum p.d. across  $R_2$ .

minimum p.d. = ..... V [2]

(c) A light-dependent resistor (LDR) is connected in parallel with  $R_2$ , as shown in Fig. 6.2.

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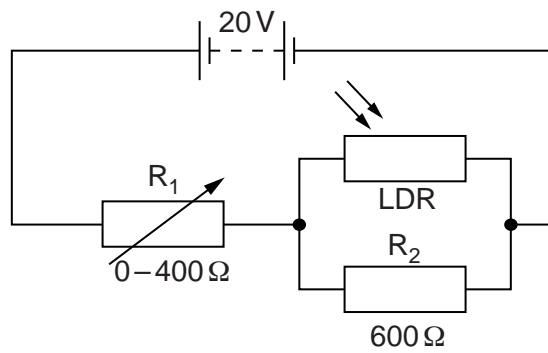


Fig. 6.2

When the light intensity is varied, the resistance of the LDR changes from  $5.0\text{ k}\Omega$  to  $1.2\text{ k}\Omega$ .

(i) For the **maximum** light intensity, calculate the total resistance of  $R_2$  and the LDR.

total resistance = .....  $\Omega$  [2]

(ii) The resistance of  $R_1$  is varied from 0 to  $400\Omega$  in the circuits of Fig. 6.1 and Fig. 6.2. State and explain the difference, if any, between the minimum p.d. across  $R_2$  in each circuit. Numerical values are not required.

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Please turn over for Question 7.

7 (a) Two isotopes of uranium are uranium-235 ( $^{235}_{92}\text{U}$ ) and uranium-238 ( $^{238}_{92}\text{U}$ ).

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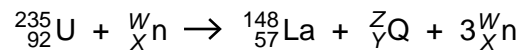
(i) Describe in detail an atom of uranium-235.

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(ii) With reference to the two forms of uranium, explain the term *isotopes*.

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(b) When a uranium-235 nucleus absorbs a neutron, the following reaction may occur:



(i) Determine the values of Y and Z.

Y = .....

Z = .....

[2]

(ii) Explain why the sum of the masses of the uranium nucleus and of the neutron does not equal the total mass of the products of the reaction.

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