

**Uganda Certificate of Education**

**MOCK EXAMINATIONS**

**PHYSICS PAPER 1**

2 hours 30 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

Attempt **five** questions, including at least **one** but **not** more than **two** questions from each of the sections **A**, **B** and **C**. Any additional question(s) answered will **not** be marked.

Non-programmable scientific electronic calculators may be used.

Assume where necessary:

Acceleration due to gravity, $g$	=	$9.81\text{ms}^{-2}$
Electronic charge, $e$	=	$1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{C}$
Electron mass	=	$9.11 \times 10^{-31}\text{kg}$
Mass of the earth	=	$5.97 \times 10^{24}\text{kg}$
Plank's constant, $h$	=	$6.6 \times 10^{-34}\text{Js}$
Stefan's – Boltzmann's constant $\sigma$	=	$5.67 \times 10^{-8}\text{WM}^{-2}\text{K}^{-4}$
Radius of the earth	=	$6.4 \times 10^6\text{m}$
Radius of the sun	=	$7.0 \times 10^8\text{m}$
Radius of earth's orbit about the sun	=	$1.5 \times 10^{11}\text{m}$
Speed of light in a vacuum, $C$	=	$3.0 \times 10^8\text{ms}^{-1}$
Thermal conductivity of copper	=	$390\text{Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$
Thermal conductivity of aluminium	=	$210\text{Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$
Specific heat capacity of water	=	$4200\text{Jkg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$
Universal gravitational constant, $G$	=	$6.67 \times 10^{-11}\text{Nm}^2\text{kg}^{-2}$
Avogadro's number, $N_A$	=	$6.02 \times 10^{23}\text{mol}^{-1}$
Surface tension of water	=	$7.0 \times 10^{-2}\text{Nm}^{-1}$
Density of water	=	$1000\text{Kgm}^{-3}$
Gas constant, $R$	=	$8.31\text{Jmol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$
Charge to mass ratio, $\frac{e}{m}$	=	$1.8 \times 10^{11}\text{Ckg}^{-1}$
The constant, $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$	=	$9.0 \times 10^9\text{F}^{-1}\text{m}$
Specific heat capacity of copper	=	$400\text{JKg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$
Specific latent heat of fusion of ice	=	$3.3 \times 10^5\text{JKg}^{-1}$
Faraday constant, $F$	=	$9.56 \times 10^4\text{Cmol}^{-1}$

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## SECTION A

1. (a) (i) What is meant by the term simple harmonic motion? (01 mark)
- (ii) Show that a simple pendulum oscillates with *S.H.M* when slightly displaced and derive an expression for the period of the motion. (06 marks)



**Fig. 1**

Figure 1 above shows a block of mass  $0.1\text{ kg}$  resting on a smooth horizontal surface and attached to two springs  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  of force constants  $60\text{ Nm}^{-1}$  and  $100\text{ Nm}^{-1}$  respectively. The block is pulled through a distance of  $4.0\text{ cm}$  to the right and released.

- (i) Find the frequency of oscillation. (03 marks)
- (ii) Find the new amplitude of oscillation when a mass of  $60.0\text{ g}$  is dropped vertically on the block as the block passes the equilibrium position. Assume that the mass sticks to the block. (06 marks)
- (c) With the aid of sketch graphs, explain what is meant by critically damped and under damped oscillations. (04 marks)
2. (a) (i) State Archimede's principle. (01 mark)
- (ii) Show that the weight of fluid displaced is equal to the upthrust on the body. (04 marks)
- (b) (i) State the law of floatation. (01 mark)
- (ii) Describe an experiment to verify the law of floatation. (05 marks)
- (c) (i) State Bernoullis theorem. (01 mark)
- (ii) Write down the expression for the Bernoullis theorem and identify each term in the equation. (04 marks)
- (d) Explain the origin of the dynamic lift on the wings of an aeroplane's take off. (04 marks)
3. (a) (i) State Newton's laws of motion. (03 marks)
- (ii) Use Newton's laws of motion to show that linear momentum is conserved when two particles moving in a straight line collide. (04 marks)

- (b) Balls **P**, **Q** and **R** of masses  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$  and  $m_3$  lie on a smooth horizontal surface in a straight line. The balls are initially at rest. Ball **P** is projected with a velocity  $u_1$  towards **Q** and makes an elastic collision with **Q**. If **Q** makes a perfectly inelastic collision with **R**, show that **R** moves with a velocity.

$$V_2 = \frac{2m_1 m_2 u_1}{(m_1 + m_2)(m_2 + m_3)} \quad (06 \text{ marks})$$

- (c) (i) Define the impulse of a force. (01 mark)
- (ii) Explain what is meant by the term weightlessness. (03 marks)
4. (a) State Kepler's laws of planetary motion. (03 marks)
- (b) Describe an experiment to determine the gravitational constant  $G$ . (06 marks)
- (c) (i) What is meant by a parking orbit of an earth satellite? (01 mark)
- (ii) Calculate the period of a satellite which is  $100\text{Km}$  above the surface of the earth. (05 marks)
- (d) (i) Define uniform acceleration and state its units. (02 marks)
- (ii) Explain why a body moving in a circular path with uniform speed has an acceleration. (03 marks)

### SECTION B

5. (a) (i) What is meant by the term triple point? (01 mark)
- (ii) Define the term Kelvin. (01 mark)
- (iii) What are the requirements of a good thermometric property? (03 marks)
- (b) With the aid of a well labeled diagram, describe the structure and mode of operation of the disappearing filament pyrometer. (06 marks)
- (c) The resistance of a wire at a temperature  $\theta^\circ\text{C}$  measured on a standard scale is given by  $R_\theta = R_0(1 + A\theta + 10^{-3}A\theta^2)$  where  $A$  is a constant. When the thermometer is at a temperature of  $50^\circ\text{C}$  on the standard scale, what will be the temperature indicated on the resistance scale? (05 marks)
- (d) (i) What is meant by a cooling correction? (01 mark)
- (ii) Explain why a small body of same material cools faster than a larger one. (03 marks)

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6. (a) (i) What are the molecular differences between a real gas and an ideal gas? (03 marks)
- (ii) Show that the average kinetic energy of translation of a molecule in random motion within a container is directly proportional to its absolute temperature. (05 marks)
- (b) (i) Explain why passage of sound waves through air is considered as an adiabatic process. (03 marks)
- (ii) Sketch a graph of pressure against volume for a real gas under going compression below critical temperature and explain the shape of your graph. (04 marks)
- (c) A beam of  $2 \times 10^{20}$  oxygen atoms each of mass  $2.32 \times 10^{-24} \text{ Kg}$  is incident normally on a wall of cubical container of edge  $10.0 \text{ cm}$ . The beam is reflected through  $180^\circ$ . If the mean speed of atoms is  $4.80 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , derive the expression for the pressure exerted by the oxygen gas and hence deduce the pressure. (05 marks)
7. (a) (i) State the laws of black body radiation. (02 marks)
- (ii) With the aid of a diagram, explain how a black body can be approximated in a laboratory. (04 marks)
- (iii) With the aid of sketch graphs explain the main features of the spectral distribution of black body radiation for three different temperatures. (04 marks)
- (b) (i) Define the coefficient of thermal conductivity of a material. (01 mark)
- (ii) State any **two** factors on which the rate of flow of heat through a material depends.. (02 marks)
- (c) Explain briefly the variation of temperature gradient along un lagged metal bar. (02 marks)
- (d) In the determination of thermal conductivity of copper of diameter  $50 \text{ mm}$ , one end of the insulated copper bar is in steam at  $100^\circ \text{C}$ . The temperatures at two positions along the bar are  $74^\circ \text{C}$  and  $55^\circ \text{C}$  respectively. The other end is cooled by water piped through a metal tubing wrapped round that end. The temperature of the water at the in let and out let to the pipe are  $16^\circ \text{C}$  and  $25^\circ \text{C}$  respectively. Water collected at outlet is  $150 \text{ g}$  per minute. Calculate the thermal conductivity of copper. (05 marks)

## SECTION C

8. (a) What is meant by unified atomic mass unit? (01 mark)
- (b) A typical nuclear reaction is given by;  
 ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U} + {}^1_0\text{n} \rightarrow {}^{95}_{42}\text{Mo} + {}^{139}_{57}\text{La} + 2 {}^1_0\text{n} + 7 {}^0_{-1}\text{e}$ . Calculate the total energy released by 1g of uranium. (05 marks)
- Mass of  ${}^1_0\text{n} = 1.009\text{ u}$   
 ${}^0_{-1}\text{e} = 0.0005\text{ u}$   
 ${}^{95}_{42}\text{Mo} = 94.906\text{ u}$   
 ${}^{139}_{57}\text{La} = 138.906\text{ u}$   
 ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U} = 235.044\text{ u}$   
 $1\text{u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27}\text{ Kg}$
- (c) (i) What is meant by a line spectrum? (02 marks)
- (ii) Explain how line spectra accounts for the existence of discrete energy levels in atoms. (04 marks)
- (d) Explain using suitable sketch graphs, how x – ray spectra in an x – ray tube are formed. (05 marks)
- (e) A beam of x – rays of wave length  $8.42 \times 10^{-11}\text{ m}$  is incident on a sodium chloride crystal of interplanal separation  $2.82 \times 10^{-10}\text{ m}$ . Calculate the first order diffraction angle. (03 marks)
9. (a) (i) State Rutherford’s model of the atom. (01 mark)
- (ii) Explain Rutherford’s model of the atom. (04 marks)
- (b) (i) What is a Bohr atom? (02 marks)
- (ii) Explain what is observed when a beam of alpha particles is directed into a thin gold foil. (06 marks)
- (iii) Explain briefly why the experiment in (b) (ii) above is carried in a vacuum. (02 marks)
- (c) A radioactive source produces alpha particles of energy  $60\text{ MeV}$ . If 20% of the alpha particles enter the ionization chamber a current of  $0.2\text{ A}$  flows. Find the activity of the alpha source if the energy needed to produce an ion pair is  $32\text{ MeV}$ . (05 marks)

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10. (a) (i) What are cathode rays? (01 mark)
- (ii) State **four** properties of cathode rays. (04 marks)
- (iii) Describe briefly how the sign of charge of cathode rays is determined. (02 marks)
- (b) (i) What is meant by the term specific charge? (01 mark)
- (ii) Describe with the aid of a labeled diagram, the structure and mode of operation of a Bain bridge mass spectrometer. (06 marks)
- (c) (i) What is an electron volt? (01 mark)
- (ii) Electrons are accelerated by a p.d of  $2.0 \times 10^3 V$  and pass at right angles into a uniform magnetic field of strength  $1.0 \times 10^{-2} Wbm^{-2}$ . Find the radius of their path. (05 marks)

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