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PHYSICS THEORY

PAPER 2

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2 ½HRS

**KANUNGU DISTRICT JOINT MOCK EXAMINATIONS**  
**UGANDA CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION**

**PHYSICS**

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**2HOURS 30MINUTES**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

*Attempt only five questions.*

*Any additional question(s) answered will not be marked.*

*Assume the following were necessary:*

*Acceleration due to gravity*

$$=10\text{ms}^{-2}$$

*Specific heat capacity of water*

$$=4200\text{Jkg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$$

*Specific latent heat of vaporization of water*

$$=2260000\text{Jkg}^{-1}$$

*Specific latent heat of fusion of water*

$$=340,000\text{Jkg}^{-1}$$

*Speed of sound in air*

$$=330\text{ms}^{-1}$$

*Density of water*

$$=1000\text{kgm}^{-3}$$

1. (a) (i). Name the state of matter that do not have a definite shape. (1mark)
- (ii). Give any two differences between the state of matter mentioned in a(i) above. (2marks)
- (b) (i). Distinguish between diffusion and capillarity. (2marks)
- (ii) Describe an experiment to demonstrate diffusion in gasses. (4marks)
- (iii). State any three advantages of capillarity in our daily lives. (2marks)
- (c)(i). A body weighs 12kg on earth. Determine its weight when on a planet whose acceleration due to gravity is  $8\text{ms}^{-2}$ . (3marks)
- (ii). Explain why weight varies with altitude. (2marks)
2. (a) state the newton's laws of motion. (3marks)
- (b) a body accelerates from rest to  $5\text{ms}^{-1}$  in 2seconds. It then maintains this speed for 4seconds after which it decelerates to rest in 3seconds.
  - i) Sketch the velocity-time graph of the motion. (4marks)
  - ii) Use the graph to determine the total distance covered. (3marks)
  - iii) Use the same graph to find the body's displacement from its original position. (2marks)
- (c) Describe the working of a rocket engine. (4marks)
3. (i) state materials used to produce concrete. (2marks)
- (ii) state any four advantages of concrete as a construction material. (2marks)
- (iii) glass is one of the roofing materials in Uganda. Give any four advantages of using glass to roof a house. (2marks)
- (b) (i) state the hooks law of elasticity. (1mrk)
- (ii) describe an experiment to determine the force constant of an elastic material. (5marks)
- (c) amass of 5kg extends rubber by 2cm. Determine;
  - i) The force constant of the rubber. (2marks)
  - ii) Extension caused by 3kg mass on the same rubber. (2marks)
4. (a) (i) Define the term fundamental interval as applied to thermometer (1mark)
- (ii) Briefly describe the steps taken to calibrate a thermometer.
- (b) When making a thermometer, water is not used as a thermometric liquid. Give any four reasons for this? (2marks)
- (c) (i) state pressure law. (1mrk)



- (ii) Describe an experiment to verify the pressure law. (5marks)
- (d) A gas at  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  occupies  $250\text{cm}^3$  when its pressure is  $800\text{mmHg}$ . What volume will the same gas occupy at s.t.p. (3marks)
5. (a) (i) Distinguish between conductor and insulator as applied to electrostatics. (2marks)
- (ii) state the law of electrostatics. (1mark)
- (b) Describe how a body can be charged positively by induction.
- (c) Explain how a lightening conductor safe guards a house against lightening. (5marks)
- (d) Sketch the electric field pattern for the following;
- i) Two negative charges close to each other. (2marks)
- ii) Two opposite charges close to each other. (1mark)
6. (a) Define the following terms as applied to wave motion.
- i) Wave length (1mark)
- ii) Wave velocity (1mark)
- (b) A wave of frequency ( $f$ ) and velocity length ( $\lambda$ ) travel from one point to another. Show that its velocity ( $V$ ) is given by  $V=\lambda f$  (3marks)
- (c) Distinguish between mechanical and electromagnetic waves. (2marks)
- (d) State the effect of observing the following.
- i) When sound waves undergo constructive interference. (1mark)
- ii) When light waves undergo constructive interference. (1mark)
- (e) (i) What is sound? (1mark)
- (ii) State any two properties of sound waves. (1mark)
- (iii) Describe an experiment to verify the law of reflection of sound. (5marks)
7. (a) State the law of refraction. (2marks)
- (b) Determine the power of a lens of focal length  $20\text{cm}$  (2marks)
- (c) (i) What is meant by the term dispersion (1mark)
- (ii) Describe using a diagram, how dispersion in a glass prism forms a spectrum. (5marks)
- (iii) Using a ray diagram, describe how long sightedness can be corrected. (4marks)

8. (a) Define the following terms as used in physics.

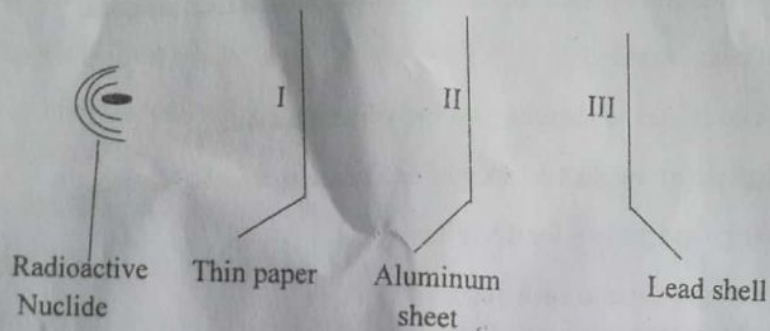
i) Atomic mass

(1mark)

ii) Isotopes

(1mark)

b) The figure below shows a radioactive nuclide placed in the lead box.



i) Identify the radiation /emission(s) in region I

(1mark)

ii) Identify the radiation/ emission in region II

(1mark)

(iii) Outline any three differences between emissions in region II.

(3marks)

c) Describe an experiment to distinguish between radioactive emissions using a gold leaf electroscope.

(5marks)

d) Explain why?

i) Alpha particles are least deflected in an electric field.

(2marks)

ii) Isotopes cannot be separated by chemical means.

(2marks)

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ANSWERS

i. a) Liquids ✓ and gases ✓ plasma. MARK 01  
mark 0

ii. liquid	Gases	
- molecules are close	molecules are far apart ✓	
- take shape of container	No shape	
- Incompressible	compressible ✓	
- rate of diffusion is low	rate of diffusion is very high	02

b) i) • Diffusion is the movement of molecules from high concentration areas to low concentration areas while  
• capillarity is the rise or fall of a liquid in the narrow tube ✓ 02

ii) • coloured gas is put in a transparent beaker  
• Another beaker is inverted on it  
• After sometime coloured gas spreads and fills the inverted beaker ✓ 04

iii) - Drying objects using towels ✓  
- Fuel moving in a lamp wick ✓ 03  
- water moving up a plant from soil  
- Drainage of tears from the eyes lacrimal ducts

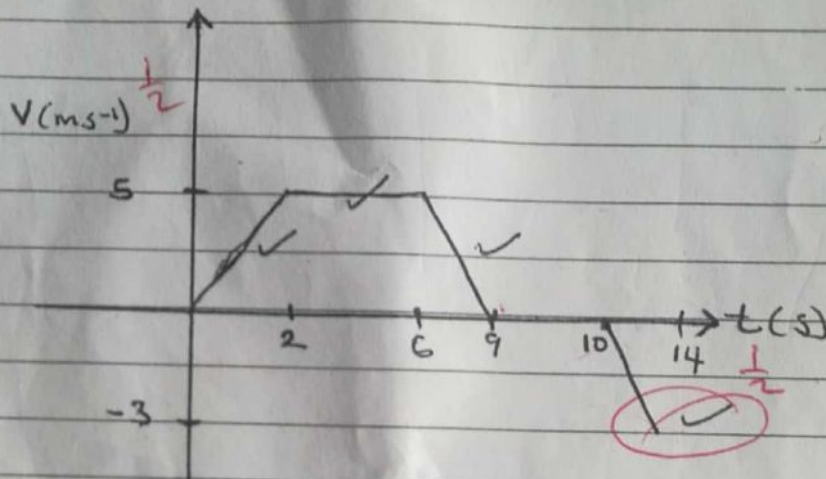
c) i)  $W = mg$  ✓  
 $= 12 \times 8$  ✓ 02  
 $= 96 \text{ N}$  ✓ 03

ii) altitude  
As ~~latitude~~ altitude increases, acceleration due to gravity reduces. Since  $W$  varies with  $g$ , weight reduces. ✓ 02

- 2<sup>a</sup>
- Everybody remains at rest or uniform motion in a straight line unless acted upon by an external force. ✓
  - The rate of change of momentum is proportional to force applied and acts in the direction of the force. ✓
  - For every action, there is an equal but opposite reaction. ✓

03

bii)



04

Total distance = Area under the curve

$$\begin{aligned} \text{formula (1)} &= \frac{1}{2}(9+4) \times 5 + \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 3 \\ &= 32.5 \text{ m} + 6 \\ &= 38.5 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

03

(Note: Award all marks whichever method used)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii) Total displacement} &= \frac{1}{2} \times 5(9+4) - \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 3 \\ &= 32.5 \text{ m} - 6 \\ &= 26.5 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

02

- c.
- Fuel is burnt with oxygen. ✓
  - High speed gases are produced. ✓
  - The hot gases are expelled through the exhaust. ✓
  - They exert equal but opposite momentum on the rocket, hence forward motion of the rocket. ✓

04

opposite force



39.6 sand, cement, gravel, small stones, water

02

(ii) Durable

- weather resistant
- strong under tension
- fire resistant
- sound proof
- Any advantage of concrete

02

(ii) - It is cheap

- Poor conductor of heat

- readily available

- Easy to use

- Any advantage of glass

Transparent.

02

b(ii) Extension of an elastic material is proportional to force applied provided the elastic limit is not exceeded.

01

(i) • Spring with a pointer is suspended on stand with a ruler

• Initial pointer position is noted

• Mass is suspended on the spring

• Final pointer position is noted

• Extension is calculated

• Procedure is repeated for different masses

• Results obtained are tabulated

• A graph of mass against extension is plotted

• Slope of the graph is determined

• Slope equals constant

05

$$c(i) \quad k = \frac{F}{e} = \frac{5 \times 10}{0.02} = 2500 \text{ Nm}^{-1}$$

02

$$(ii) \quad e = \frac{F}{k} = \frac{3 \times 10}{2500} = 0.012 \text{ m}$$

02

4. (i) Fundamental interval is the difference between the upper and lower fixed points

- (ii)
- upper fixed point is determined ✓
  - lower fixed point is determined ✓
  - Fundamental interval is then found ✓
  - The fundamental interval is divided into 100 equal divisions and each division is  $1^\circ\text{C}$  ✓

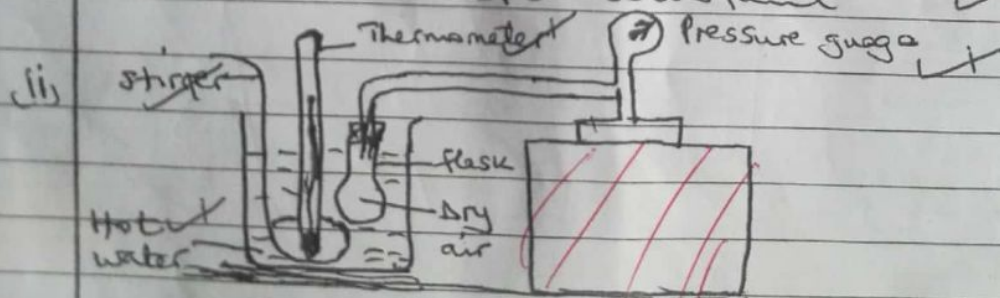
04

- (b)
- water is colourless, not easy to read ✓
  - water has high heat capacity ✓
  - water expands abnormally ✓
  - water sticks on glass ✓

02

(c) Pressure law states that the pressure of a fixed mass of gas is directly proportional to its absolute temperature provided volume is kept constant. ✓

01



- enclosed air is put in a water bath ✓
- Initial temperature,  $T$  and Pressure  $P$  are noted ✓
- water is heated ✓
- Procedure is repeated for different temperatures ✓
- Table of results made ✓
- Graph of  $P$  against  $T$  is plotted ✓
- its a straight line graph hence Pressure law 05

(d)

$$\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2} \quad \checkmark \quad V_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1 T_2}{T_1 P_2} = \frac{800 \times 250 \times 273}{273 \times 760} = 263.2 \text{ cm}^3$$

03



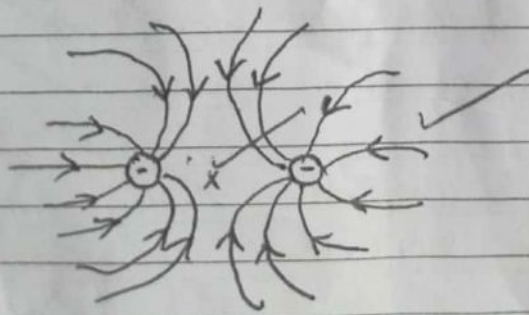
5(a) A conductor allows electrons to flow easily ✓  
 An insulator do not allow electrons to flow ✓

(b) Like charges repel ✓  
 unlike charges attract ✓

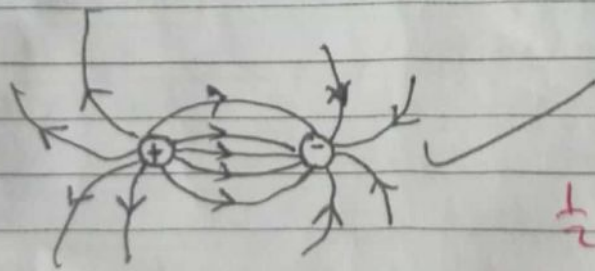
- (b)
- Body is Placed on an insulating stand ✓
  - Negative inducing rod is Placed close to the body ✓
  - The body is then earthed ✓
  - With rod in position, earthing is removed ✓
  - Inducing rod is then removed and the body becomes positively charged. ✓ 0.5  
0.5

- (c)
- Negatively charged cloud Passes over the spikes ✓
  - It induces a Positive charge on the spikes ✓
  - A strong field is created around the spikes
  - The field ionises air around ✓
  - Positive charges are repelled to the cloud, thus neutralizing it. ✓ 0.5
  - Negative charges are attracted to the spikes, harmlessly discharge it to the ground. ✓ 0.5

(d)



02



$\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  01

03

6 a) wavelength is the distance between two successive wave particles in a phase ✓

Consecutive ✓  
ii) wave velocity is the distance covered by the wave per second (unit time) ✓ 01

i b) Distance covered =  $\lambda$  } for one wave cycle.  
Time taken  $t = T$  ✓

$$V = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} = \frac{\lambda}{T} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{But } T = \frac{1}{f} \quad \checkmark$$

$$V = \frac{\lambda}{\frac{1}{f}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$V = f\lambda \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark$$

03

(c) Mechanical is produced by vibration of particles of the medium ✓

Electromagnetic is produced by vibrations of magnetic and electric sparks ✓ 02

di) Loud sound is heard ✓ 01

ii) Bright light is obtained ✓ 01

ei) sound is a form of energy produced by vibrating objects ✓ 01

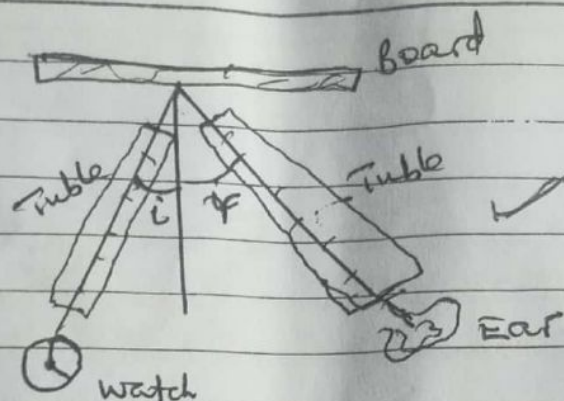
ii) -  
• It is mechanical ✓ 01

• It is longitudinal ✓ 01

- reflected, refracted, diffracted, interference



iii)



- The apparatus is set up as shown above
- The watch ticks ✓
- The ear is moved to detect maximum sound intensity ✓
- The position is noted and angles  $i$  and  $r$  are measured and recorded ✓
- It is found that  $\angle i = \angle r$  ✓ 05

- 7A) - The incident ray, the refracted ray and the normal at the point of incidence all lie in the same plane ✓
- Ratio of sine of angle of incidence to sine of angle of refraction is constant for given pair of media 02

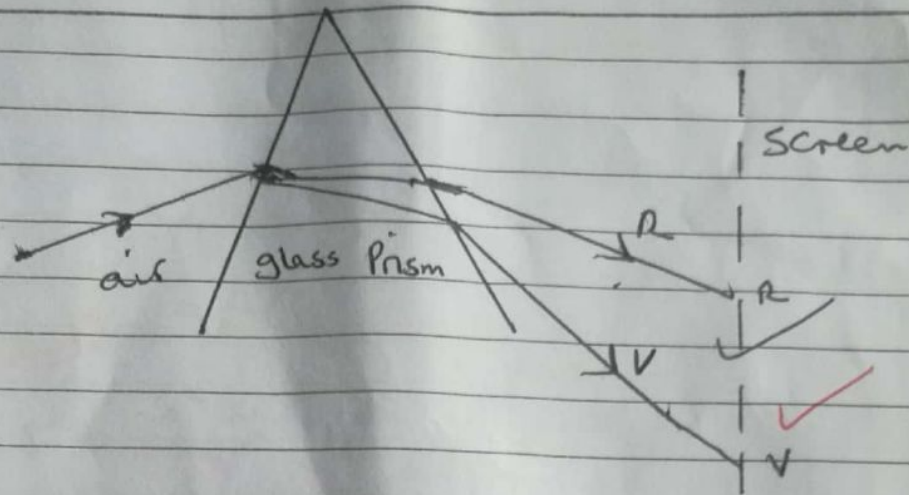
b) Power =  $\frac{1}{f(m)}$  ✓

$$= \frac{1}{0.2}$$

$$= 5 \text{ Diopters.} \quad \checkmark \quad 02$$

- c) Dispersion is separation of white light into its constituent colours. ✓ 01

ciii)



- white light is made of many colours
- colours move at different speed in air
- Glass has different refractive indices for the different colours
- different colours are deviated differently
- Red is least and Violet most deviated

diii)

Eye

- Biological
- Focal length varies
- Image distance fixed

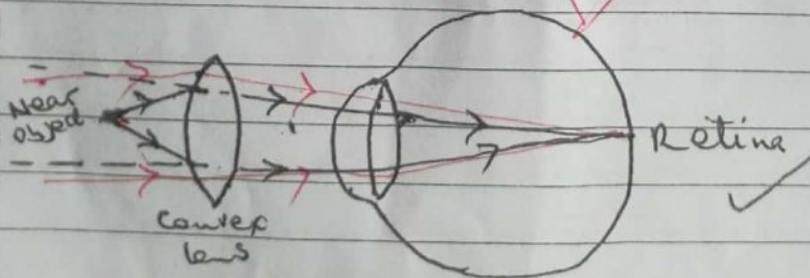
Camera

Artificial

focal length is fixed

image distance varies

(ii)



- convex lens is put near the eye
- Rays from near object are made parallel
- The rays are converged at the retina



8. (i) Atomic mass is the total number of neutrons and Protons ✓ 0

(ii) ~~At~~ Isotopes are atoms of the same element with same atomic number but different mass number ✓ 0

Accept

atoms of similar Proton number but different neutron number

(b, c) I, Alpha, Beta, Gamma ✓ 01

(iii) Beta, Gamma ✓ 01

(iii) - Negatively charged

~~gamma~~  
gamma  
Neutral ✓

- Less Penetrating

more Penetrating ✓

- More ionizing

less ionizing ✓ 0.

- deflected by

Cannot be

electric and magnetic field

deflected 02

(c)

• Gold leaf electroscope is charged ✓

• Radiations are directed to the cap ✓

• If the leaf rises, then radiations are same charge as that on the Gold leaf ✓

• If the leaf falls, then are opposite charge ✓

• If no charge in leaf, radiations have no charge ✓ 02

(d) Alpha Particles are massive. Hence less deviated ✓ 01

(iii) Isotopes have similar chemical properties, hence react same way. 01

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