

Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education

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	=	9.81ms^{-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 σ	=	$5.67 \times 10^{-8}\text{Wm}^{-2}\text{K}^{-4}$
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	=	1000Kgm^{-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 kg resting on a smooth horizontal surface and attached to two springs S_1 and S_2 of force constants 60 Nm^{-1} and 100 Nm^{-1} respectively. The block is pulled through a distance of 4.0 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 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.

$$V_2 = \frac{2m_1m_2u_1}{(m_1+m_2)(m_2+m_3)} \quad (06 \text{ marks})$$

- (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 100Km 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°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 2×10^{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 cm . The beam is reflected through 180° . If the mean speed of atoms is 4.80 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 mm , one end of the insulated copper bar is in steam at 100° C . The temperatures at two positions along the bar are 74° C and 55° 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° C and 25° C respectively. Water collected at outlet is 150 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;

$${}_{92}^{235}\text{U} + {}_0^1\text{n} \rightarrow {}_{42}^{95}\text{Mo} + {}_{57}^{139}\text{La} + 2{}_0^1\text{n} + 7{}_1^0\text{e}.$$
 Calculate the total energy released by 1g of uranium. (05 marks)
- Mass of ${}_0^1\text{n} = 1.009\text{ u}$
- ${}_1^0\text{e} = 0.0005\text{ u}$
- ${}_{42}^{95}\text{Mo} = 94.906\text{ u}$
- ${}_{57}^{139}\text{La} = 138.906\text{ u}$
- ${}_{92}^{235}\text{U} = 235.044\text{ u}$
- $1\text{u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27}\text{Kg}$
- (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 60MeV . If 20% of the alpha particles enter the ionization chamber a current of 0.2A flows. Find the activity of the alpha source if the energy needed to produce an ion pair is 32MeV . (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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