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**PHYSICS**  
 (Theory)  
 Paper 2  
**Jul/Aug. 2023**  
 2½ hours



**MATIGO MOCK EXAMINATIONS BOARD**  
*Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education*  
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 2 hours 30 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

Answer **five** questions, taking at least **one** from each sections A, B, C and D, but not more than one question should be chosen from either A or B.  
 Any additional questions(s) answered will **not** be marked.

Mathematical tables and graph paper are provided.

Non-programmable scientific calculators may be used

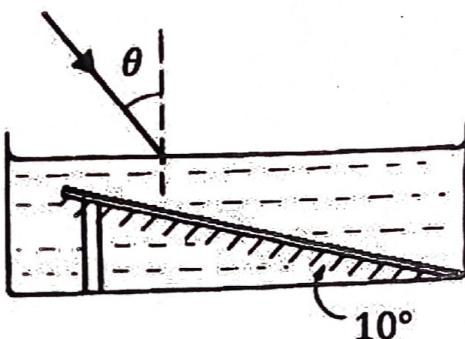
Assume where necessary:

Acceleration due to gravity, g	= 9.81ms <sup>-2</sup>
Speed of light in vacuum, C	= $3.0 \times 10^8$ ms <sup>-1</sup>
Speed of sound in air, v	= 340ms <sup>-1</sup>
Electronic Charge, e	= $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C
Electronic mass,	= $9.11 \times 10^{-31}$ kg
Permeability of free space, $\mu_0$	= $4.0\pi \times 10^{-7}$ Hm <sup>-1</sup>
Permittivity of free space, $\epsilon_0$	= $8.85 \times 10^{-12}$ Fm <sup>-1</sup>
The Constant $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$	= $9.0 \times 10^9$ F <sup>-1</sup> m
Resistivity of Nichrome wire at 25°C	= $1.2 \times 10^{-6}$ Ωm
Specific heat capacity of water	= $4.2 \times 10^3$ J/kg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>
Avogadro's number, $N_A$	= $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ mol <sup>-1</sup>
One electron volt (eV)	= $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ J

**Turn Over**

## SECTION A

1. (a) Define the following term as used in refraction of light (01 mark)
- (i) Real depth (01 mark)
- (ii) Apparent depth
- (b) A plane mirror lies at the bottom of a long flat dish containing water, the mirror making an angle of  $10^\circ$  with the horizontal, as shown in the figure below.



**Figure 1**

- A narrow beam of monochromatic light falls on the surface of the water at an angle of incidence  $\theta$ . If the relative index of water is  $\frac{4}{3}$ , determine the maximum value of  $\theta$  for which light, after reflection from the mirror, would emerge from the upper surface of the water. (05 marks)
- (c) (i) Explain how a blurred image and a caustic surface are formed in a large spherical concave mirror. (03 marks)
- (ii) Briefly explain two ways how the defect in (c)(i) above can be minimized. (02 marks)
- (d) (i) Describe a graphical method for finding the focal length of a concave mirror. (05 marks)
- (ii) An object is placed at a distance of  $36\text{cm}$  from convex mirror. A plane mirror is placed in between so that the two virtual images formed coincide. If the plane mirror is at a distance of  $24\text{cm}$  from the object, find the radius of curvature of the convex mirror. (03 marks)
2. (a)(i) Define *focal plane* of a convex lens. (01 marks)
- (ii) Using a ray diagram of a finite object, derive the formula  $\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$  for a convex lens. (04 marks)
- (iii) Show that the linear magnification produced by a thin converging lens is equal to the ratio of image distance to the object distance. (03 marks)

- (b) A small finite object is  $40\text{cm}$  from a concave lens with a focal length of  $40\text{cm}$ . a convex lens is placed  $55\text{cm}$  to the right of the concave lens. If the two lenses are placed coaxially to form a final real inverted image at  $37.5\text{cm}$  to the right of the convex lens, find the focal length of the converging. (04 marks)
- (c) Explain why substances with a high refractive index like diamond, sparkle. (03 marks)
- (d) You are provided with a concave mirror, meter rule, optical pin, small quantity of a liquid, clamp and retort stand. Using the apparatus provided describe how you can determine experimentally the refractive index of the liquid provided. (05 marks)

### SECTION B

3. (a) (i) What is meant by the term **beat period**. (01 mark)  
(ii) Calculate the velocity of sound in a gas in which two waves of length  $2m$  and  $2.02m$  produce 7 beats in 4 seconds. (03 marks)
- (b) (i) State the laws of vibration of a fixed string. (03 marks)  
(ii) Describe an experiment to show that the wire under tension vibrates with more than one frequency. (05 marks)
- (c) (i) Explain how stationary waves are formed. (03 marks)  
(ii) A vibrating tuning fork of frequency  $760\text{Hz}$  is held above the open end of a closed tube of length  $40\text{cm}$ . If the tube resonates with a tuning fork, determine the mode of vibration and the end correction.  
*(Velocity of sound in air is  $300\text{ms}^{-1}$ )* (05 marks)

4. (a)(i) What are **coherent** sources of waves? (01 mark)  
(ii) What are the methods of producing coherent source? (04 marks)
- (b)(i) Distinguish between plane **polarized light** and **ordinary light**. (02 marks)  
(ii) Describe how plane polarized light can be produced. (04 marks)  
(iii) State two uses of polarized light. (01 mark)
- (c)(i) What is meant by interference pattern as applied to waves. (03 marks)  
(ii) Using young's method to determine wavelength of light, two slits of separation  $1.4\text{mm}$  was used when the screen was placed  $20.0\text{cm}$  from the slits, 20 bright fringes occupying a distance  $2.0\text{mm}$  was obtained. Find wavelength of light used. (03 marks)

- (d) List **two** changes that would be observed in (c)(ii) if the distance of the screen from the slits was decreased. (02 marks)

### SECTION C

5. (a)(i) Define the term **Ampere**. (01 mark)
- (i) Describe how the magnetic flux density at the centre of the coil may be determined using a current balance. (05 marks)
- (b)(i) Derive an expression for the magnetic force experienced by a moving charge  $e$ , in a uniform magnetic field of flux density,  $B$  at a speed,  $v$  (03 marks)
- (ii) Figure 2, shows a silver ribbon whose cross section is  $1.0\text{cm} \times 0.2\text{cm}$ . The ribbon carries a current of  $50\text{A}$  from left to right and it lies in a uniform magnetic field of magnitude  $1.5T$ . Using a density value of  $n = 6.0 \times 10^{28}$  electrons per cubic meter for silver, find the hall potential between the edges of the ribbon. (04 marks)

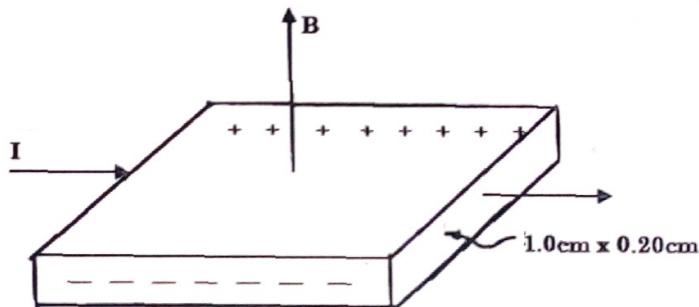


Figure 2

- (c)(i) What is **magnetic torque**? (01 marks)
- (ii) Name **two** devices, stating their functions whose operations are based on magnetic torque on current carrying conductors. (02 marks)
- (d)(i) State any **four** properties of a magnet. (02 marks)
- (ii) Sketch the magnetic field pattern due to a local bar magnet in the earth's magnetic field whose south pole is pointing in the geographical north. (02 marks)
6. (a)(i) State the **laws of electromagnetic induction**. (02 marks)
- (ii) Describe an experiment to demonstrate faraday's law of electromagnetic induction. (04 marks)
- (b) A coil of 100 turns is wound around the middle of a long solenoid of 250 turns per metre and radius  $5.0\text{cm}$ . A sinusoidal current  $I = 5\sqrt{2} \sin 100\pi t$  is passed through the solenoid. Find the *emf* induced across the terminals of the coil.
- (c)(i) Distinguish between **mutual** and **self-induction**. (02 marks)

- (ii) Two coils A and B are placed in the same horizontal plane near each other as shown in the figure below. P is a rheostat of large value while V is a strong battery.

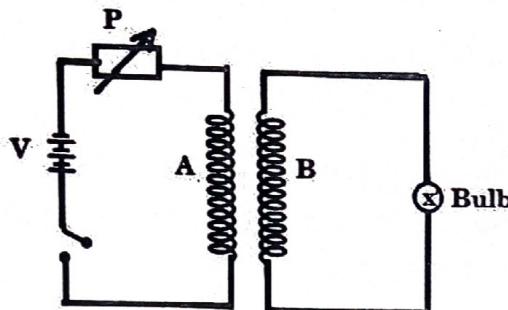


Figure 3

Explain what happens when the resistance, R is varied very fast after closing the switch. (03 marks)

- (d)(i) Describe how an a.c transformer works. (05 marks)

7. (a) Define the following terms;  
 (i) Root mean square value and  
 (ii) Peak value of alternating current. (2 marks)
- (b) Explain why a hot wire ammeter is suitable for measuring alternating current while a moving galvanometer is not. (03 marks)
- (c)(i) Define **resonant frequency**. (01 mark)
- (ii) A circuit consists of a capacitor of capacitance  $4.0\mu F$  and a resistor of resistance  $1200\Omega$  connects to an alternating emf of  $120V$  operating at frequency of  $50Hz$  as shown in figure 4 below.

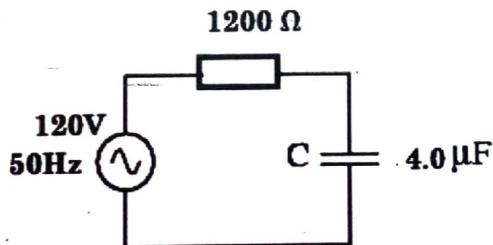
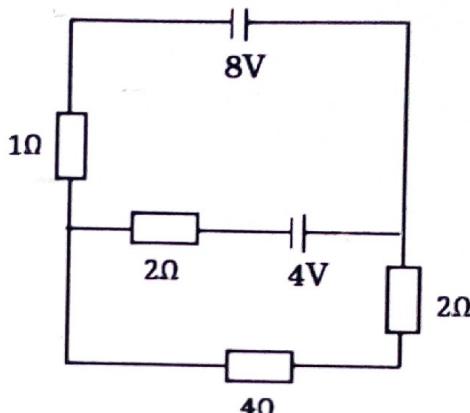


Figure 4

- Find;
- (i) Current supplied (02 marks)  
 (ii) Voltage across the capacitor. (02 marks)  
 (iii) Average power supplied. (02 marks)
- (d) (i) Explain why a capacitor is referred to as a wattless component. (04 marks)
- (ii) Describe the mode of operation of the repulsion type of a moving iron ammeter. (04 marks)

## SECTION D

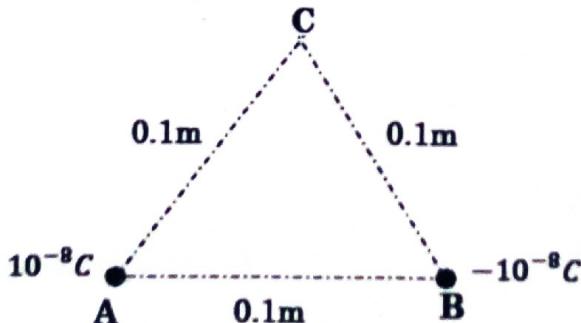
8. (a) Define the terms **electromotive force** and **internal resistance**. (02 marks)
- (b) Describe an experiment to determine the resistivity of a specimen wire using a voltmeter and an ammeter. (05 marks)
- (c) (i) State **Kirchhoff's laws**. (02 marks)
- (ii) In the circuit diagram below four resistors of resistance  $1\Omega$ ,  $2\Omega$ ,  $2\Omega$  and  $4\Omega$  are connected to two batteries, find the current through  $1\Omega$  resistor and power dissipated in the  $4\Omega$  resistor.



**Figure 5**

- (d) (i) With the aid of a diagram, derive the balance condition of the Wheatstone bridge. (03 marks)
- (ii) Explain why a meter bridge cannot be used to measure very low resistances or very high resistances. (02 marks)

9. (a) (i) State **Coulomb's law** of electrostatics. (01 marks)
- (ii) Two point charges of  $10^{-8}C$  and  $-10^{-8}C$  are placed  $0.1m$  apart. Calculate electric field intensity at point C. (05 marks)



**Figure 6**

- (b)(i) Explain how a conductor can be charged negatively by induction. (03 marks)

- (ii) Explain how the presence of a neutral conductor near a negatively charged material can affect the potential of the material. (03 marks)
- (c) (i) What is meant by Electrostatic shielding? (02 marks)  
(ii) Describe how a Van de Graff generator builds up a large potential. (06 marks)
- 10.** (a) What is meant by **dielectric field strength?** (01 mark)
- (b) A parallel plate capacitor is charged to 100V and then isolated. When a sheet of a dielectric is inserted between its plates, the p.d decreases to 50V.
- (i) Explain why there is a decrease in potential difference across the plate. (03 marks)  
(ii) Calculate the permittivity of sheet of dielectric. (02 marks)
- (c) Derive an expression for the energy stored in a capacitor of capacitance,  $C$  charged to a voltage,  $V$ . (05 marks)
- (d)(i) State **two** physical properties desirable in a material to be used as a dielectric in capacitor. (02 marks)  
(ii) Mention any two types of dielectric materials. (02 marks)
- (e) Describe an experiment to determine capacitance of a capacitor using a reed switch. (05 marks)

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