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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

Answer **five** questions, including at least **one**, but not more than **two** from each of the sections; **A, B and C**.

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

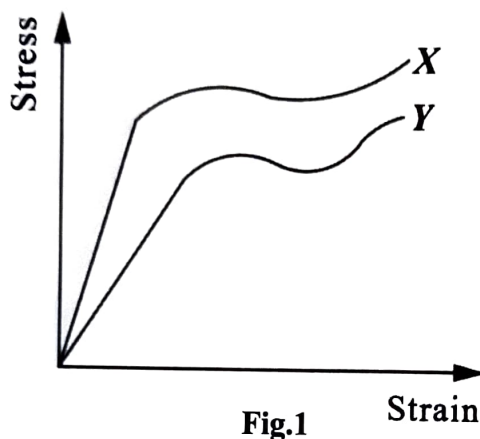
Non-programmable scientific calculators may be used.

Assume where necessary:

Acceleration due to gravity, $g$	$= 9.81 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .
Electron 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	$= 7 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$ .
Radius of the earth's orbit about the sun	$= 1.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$ .
Speed of light in a vacuum, $c$	$= 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .
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	$= 4200 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ .
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, $R$	$= 8.31 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ .
Charge to mass ratio, $e / m$	$= 1.8 \times 10^{11} \text{ C kg}^{-1}$ .
The constant $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$	$= 9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ F}^{-1} \text{ m}$ .
Faraday constant, $F$	$= 9.65 \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$ .

## SECTION A

1. (a) Define the following:
- (i) Brittleness. (01 mark)
  - (ii) Elasticity. (01 mark)
- (b) State Hooke's law. (01 mark)
- (c) Figure 1 shows graphs of stress against strain for two metals *X* and *Y*.



State and explain which metal;

- (i) has a greater Young's modulus, (02 marks)
  - (ii) is more ductile, (02 marks)
  - (iii) is stronger than the other. (02 marks)
- (d) Two wires *P* and *Q* of the same material have equal length but the radius of *P* is twice that of *Q*. Which wire;
- (i) can withstand the greater load before breaking? (02 marks)
  - (ii) has the greater strain for a given load? (02 marks)
- (e) A copper wire of length 4 m and cross sectional area  $1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm}^2$  is fixed between two rigid supports *A* and *B*, 4 m apart. What mass, when suspended at the middle of the wire will produce a sag of 1.5 m at that point? (Young's modulus of copper =  $1.2 \times 10^{11} \text{ Pa}$ ). (04 marks)
- (f) Explain why water flowing out of a small hole at the bottom of a wide tank results in a backward force on the tank. (03 marks)

2. (a) (i) What is meant by **dimensions of a physical quantity**? (01 mark)
- (ii) The velocity,  $v$  of a wave of wavelength,  $\lambda$  on the surface of a liquid of surface tension,  $\gamma$  and density,  $\rho$ , is given by  $v^2 = \frac{\lambda g}{2\pi} + \frac{2\pi\gamma}{\lambda\rho}$ , where  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity. Show that the equation is dimensionally consistent. (03 marks)

- (b) Figure 2 shows acceleration-time graph for a body of mass 10 kg which starts from rest and moves in a straight line.

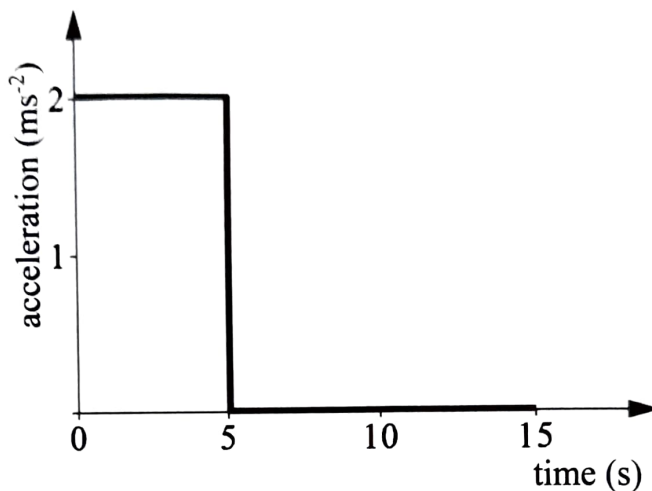


Fig.2

Use the graph to find the;

- (i) distance travelled in 15 s. (04 marks)
- (ii) average force acting on the body over the 15 s. (03 marks)
- (c) With examples, explain any **two** of Newton's laws of motion. (04 marks)
- (d) (i) State the principle of conservation of linear momentum. (01 mark)
- (ii) A particle of mass,  $M_1$  moving with a velocity,  $U_1$  collides with a stationary particle of mass,  $M_2$ . The collision is elastic and the velocities of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  after impact are  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  respectively. If the particles move in the same direction and  $\alpha = \frac{M_2}{M_1}$ , show that  $U_1 = v_1 \frac{(1+\alpha)}{(1-\alpha)}$ . (04 marks)

3. (a) (i) State **Bernoulli's principle**. (02 marks)
- (ii) Explain with the aid of a diagram, why air flows over the wings of an aircraft causes a lift. (02 marks)
- (b) Air flows over the upper surfaces of an aircraft's wings at a speed of  $135 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and passed the lower surfaces of the wing at a speed of  $120 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . (04 marks)
- (i) Calculate the pressure difference due to the flow. (02 marks)
- (ii) Determine the lift force on the air craft if the total wing area is  $28 \text{ m}^2$ . (Assume density of air is  $1.2 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ . ) (02 marks)
- (c) (i) What is meant by **streamline flow**? (02 marks)
- (ii) With the aid of a labelled diagram, describe how the velocity of a fluid flow can be measured. (05 marks)
- (d) The depth of water in a tank of a large cross-sectional area is maintained at  $2.0 \text{ m}$ . If the water emerges out of the tank continuously through a hole of diameter  $5 \text{ mm}$  drilled at a height of  $10.0 \text{ cm}$  above the base of the tank, calculate the;
- (i) speed at which water emerges out from the hole. (03 marks)
- (ii) rate of mass flow of water from the hole. (02 marks)
4. (a) (i) Define **angular velocity**. (01 mark)
- (ii) Explain why a body moving with constant speed along a circular path has an acceleration. (03 marks)
- (iii) Derive an expression for the acceleration of a body moving in a circular path of radius  $r$  with a constant speed  $v$ . (04 marks)
- (b) Define the following:
- (i) Projectile motion.
- (ii) Angle of projection. (01 mark)
- (01 mark)
- (c) An object  $P$  is projected vertically upwards from the ground with a speed of  $36 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . If object  $Q$  is dropped vertically above  $P$  from a height of  $90 \text{ m}$  above the ground after  $2 \text{ s}$ , find the;
- (i) time when  $P$  and  $Q$  collide, from the time  $P$  was thrown upwards. (07 marks)
- (ii) height above the ground where  $P$  and  $Q$  collide. (03 marks)



## SECTION B

5. (a) Define the following:
- (i) specific heat capacity. (01 mark)
  - (ii) specific latent heat of vaporisation. (01 mark)
- (b) With the aid of a labelled diagram, describe an experiment to determine the specific latent heat of vaporization of a liquid. (07 marks)
- (c) The inlet and outlet temperatures of water flowing in a continuous flow method are  $15.2^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $17.4^{\circ}\text{C}$  respectively. A flow rate of  $20\text{ g min}^{-1}$  is obtained when a current of  $2.3\text{ A}$  flows and a p.d of  $3.3\text{ V}$  is applied. When oil, which flows in and out at the same temperature as water is used, the flow rate obtained is  $70.0\text{ g min}^{-1}$ . Calculate the specific heat capacity of oil, if a p.d  $3.9\text{ V}$  is applied and a current of  $2.7\text{ A}$  flows. (05 marks)
- (d) Explain the effect of pressure on:
- (i) boiling point of a liquid. (03 marks)
  - (ii) melting point of ice. (03 marks)
6. (a) Define the following:
- (i) Molar heat capacity of a gas at constant pressure. (01 mark)
  - (ii) Molar heat capacity of a gas at constant volume. (01 mark)
- (b) Derive the expression  $C_p - C_v = R$ , where  $C_p$  is the molar heat capacity of a gas at constant pressure and  $C_v$  is the molar heat capacity of a gas at constant volume and  $R$  is the gas constant. (05 marks)
- (c) (i) Differentiate between **adiabatic** and **isothermal** expansions. (02 marks)
- (ii) State **two** examples of adiabatic changes. (01 mark)
- (d) A fixed mass of an ideal gas of volume  $400\text{ cm}^3$  at  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  expands adiabatically and its temperature falls to  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ . It is then compressed isothermally until the pressure returns to its original value. If the molar heat capacity at constant pressure is  $28.6\text{ J mol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ , calculate the final volume after isothermal compression. (05 marks)

- (e) (i) What is **saturated vapour pressure** of a liquid? (01 mark)
- (ii) Describe an experiment to show that a liquid boils when its saturated vapour pressure equals to the atmospheric pressure. (04 marks)
7. (a) Define the following: (01 mark)
- (i) Temperature gradient. (01 mark)
- (ii) Thermal conductivity.
- (b) Explain why a poor conductor whose thermal conductivity is to be determined, must be thin and fairly of large surface area. (03 marks)
- (c) With the aid of a labelled diagram, describe how the presence of radiation is detected by a bolometer connected to Wheatstone bridge. (06 marks)
- (d) A metal sphere whose surface acts as a black body, is placed at the principal focus of a concave mirror of diameter 60 cm, which is directed towards the sun. If the solar radiation falling normally on the earth is  $1400 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ , and the mean temperature of the surroundings is  $30^\circ\text{C}$ , find the diameter of the sphere when the maximum temperature it attains is  $1870^\circ\text{C}$ . (06 marks)
- (e) State **three** properties of radiant energy. (03 marks)

### SECTION C

8. (a) State any **four** properties of cathode rays. (02 marks)
- (b) Show that the path of an electron projected at right angles to a uniform electric field is a parabola. (05 marks)
- (c) Two metal plates each 5.0 cm long are held horizontally 4.0 cm apart in a vacuum, one being vertically above the other. The upper plate is at a potential of 400 V while the lower one is earthed. Electrons having a velocity of  $1.0 \times 10^7 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  enter horizontally mid-way between the plates and in a direction parallel to the 5.0 cm edge. Calculate the vertical deflection of the electron as it emerges from the plates. (04 marks)
- (d) (i) With the aid of a labelled diagram, describe how the specific charge of positive rays may be determined. (06 marks)
- (ii) Explain how the set up in (d) (i) can be used to determine the abundance of isotopes. (03 marks)

9. (a) What is meant by **thermionic emission**? (01 mark)
- (b) (i) Sketch the anode current versus anode voltage characteristics of thermionic diode. (02 marks)
- (ii) Explain the main features of the curves. (05 marks)
- (c) (i) With the aid of a diagram, describe the operation of a Cathode ray oscilloscope (C.R.O). (06 marks)
- (ii) Describe the use of a time base in a C.R.O. (02 marks)
- (d) Explain the wave form obtained on a C.R.O connected across the resistor  $R$  in the circuit shown in Figure 3. (04 marks)

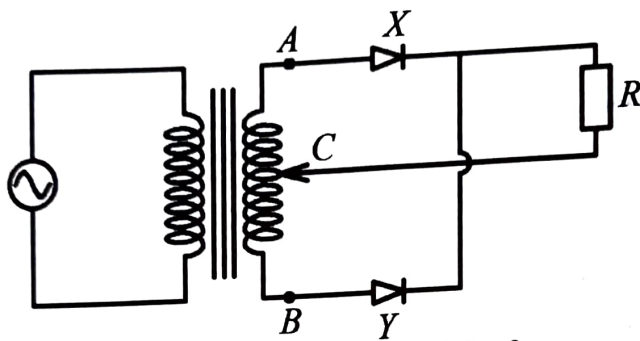


Fig. 3

10. (a) State **two** characteristics of a photo electric emission. (02 marks)
- (b) (i) State **three** advantages of nuclear fusion over nuclear fission as a potential source of energy. (03 marks)
- (ii) Why does nuclear fusion take place only at high temperatures? (01 mark)
- (c) Given that;
- mass of a proton = 1.0073 U,  
 mass of an electron = 0.0005 U,  
 mass of a neutron = 1.0087 U and  
 mass of  ${}^{227}_{87}\text{Fr} = 223.0198 \text{ U}$ .
- (i) Calculate the difference in the mass between  ${}^{227}_{87}\text{Fr}$  nucleus and the sum of the masses of its nucleons. (05 marks)
- (ii) How is the difference in the masses in (c) (i) accounted for? (02 marks)
- (d) (i) State **three** uses of X - rays. (03 marks)
- (ii) Explain how quantum theory provides an explanation for the photoelectric effect. (04 marks)