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PHYSICS
Paper 2
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2 ¼ hours



ENTEBBE JOINT EXAMINATION BUREAU

Uganda Certificate of Education

PHYSICS

PAPER 2

2 hours 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

*Attempt any **five** questions.*

*Any extra question **shall not** be assessed*

Where necessary assume the following:

<i>Acceleration due to gravity</i>	<i>=</i>	<i>10ms⁻²</i>
<i>Speed of sound in air</i>	<i>=</i>	<i>320ms⁻²</i>
<i>Specific heat capacity of water</i>	<i>=</i>	<i>4200 J kg⁻¹ K⁻¹</i>
<i>Specific heat capacity of copper</i>	<i>=</i>	<i>400 J kg⁻¹ K⁻¹</i>
<i>Specific latent heat of fusion of water</i>	<i>=</i>	<i>340000 J Kg⁻¹</i>
<i>Speed of light in vacuum</i>	<i>=</i>	<i>3.0 x 10⁸ms⁻¹</i>
<i>Velocity of electromagnetic waves</i>	<i>=</i>	<i>3.0 x 10⁸ms⁻¹</i>

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1. (a) (i) Define the terms **mass** and **weight**. (02 marks)
 - (ii) State **four** differences between mass and weight. (02 marks)
 - (b) (i) Define **volume** and state its S.I unit. (03 marks)
 - (ii) A plastic bottle of capacity 250cm^3 has a mass of 3.5kg when filled completely with liquid x . It has a total mass of 1.46kg when it is two-fifth full of the same liquid. Determine the density of the liquid in kgm^{-3} and the mass of the empty bottle in grammes. (06 marks)
 - (c) Explain briefly why;
 - (i) liquids are almost incompressible. (02 marks)
 - (ii) solids have a definite shape and size while liquids assume the shape of the container. (02 marks)
2. (a) Define the terms;
 - (i) acceleration, (01 mark)
 - (ii) uniformly accelerated motion. (01 mark)
 - (b) Figure 1 shows a velocity-time graph of a certain body.

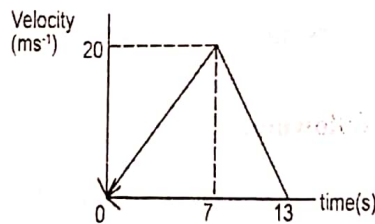


Fig 1

- (i) Describe the motion of the body. (03 marks)
 - (ii) Calculate the deceleration of the body. (02 marks)
- (c) (i) What is meant by **an inelastic collision**? Give **one** example. (02 marks)
 - (ii) A bullet fired at close range strikes a wooden wall of a house and passes through in a straight line. Explain why the bullet emerges out of the wall with reduced speed. (02 marks)
- (d) (i) State **Newton's third law of motion**. (01 mark)
 - (ii) A spring balance carrying a mass of 4kg on its hook is hung on the ceiling of a lift which is accelerating upwards at 0.4ms^{-2} . Determine the reading of the spring balance. (03 marks)

3. (a) Define the term **pressure** and state its S.I unit. (02 marks)
- (b) You are provided with a light transparent plastic bottle, water, masking tape and a nail. Describe briefly a simple experiment you would perform using this apparatus to show that pressure acts equally in all directions. (04 marks)
- (c) A diver dives to a depth of 20m below the surface of sea water of density $1.03 \times 10^3 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$. If the atmospheric pressure is $1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$, calculate the total pressure on the diver at the depth. (04 marks)
- (d) State;
- (i) Pascal's principle of transmission of pressure in fluids. (01 mark)
- (ii) two applications of Pascal principles. (01 mark)
- (e) (i) An empty plastic bottle of mineral water with a tightly fixed bottle top is placed in a refrigerator operating at a temperature of -10°C for 1 hour. State what is observed when the bottle is pulled out of the refrigerator. (01 mark)
- (ii) Explain your observation in e (i) above. (03 marks)
4. (a) Define the following terms;
- (i) critical angle. (01 mark)
- (ii) absolute refracting index of a material. (01 mark)
- (b) State two applications of total internal reflection. (02 marks)
- (c) A ray of light is incident from glass into air as shown in the diagram below.

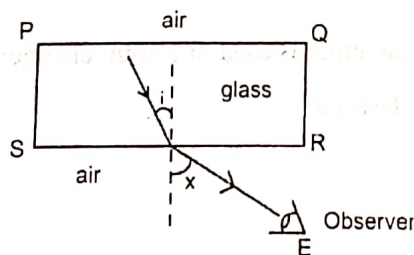
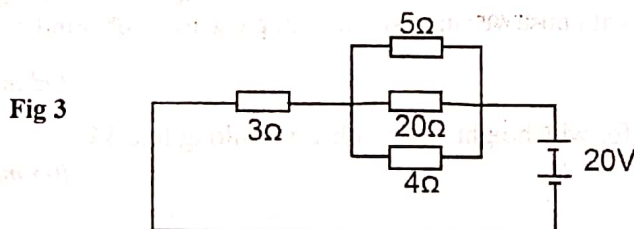


Fig 2

Given the refractive index of the material of the glass block PQRS is 1.52 and that with observer in position, E angle x is 37.6° , Find;

- (i) angle i (03 marks)
- (ii) angle, i for which light will be observed along line SR. (03 marks)

- (d) An object of height 1cm is placed perpendicular on the axis of convex lens of focal length 15cm at a distance of 10cm from the lens. By graphical method, and using a scale of 1cm to represent 5cm on the horizontal axis, determine the;
- position and nature of the image formed by the lens
 - magnification produced.
- (06 marks)
5. (a) Define the terms;
- wave length.** (01 mark)
 - a ray,** (01 mark)
 - wave front.** (01 mark)
- (b) (i) What is meant by the terms **beats** and **reverberation**? (02 marks)
- (ii) State **one** way of minimising reverberation in a music studio. (01 mark)
- (c) Two men stand facing each other, 200m apart on the same side of a high wall and at the same perpendicular distance from it. When one fires a pistol the other hears the sound 0.60 seconds after the flash and a second sound 0.25 seconds after the first.
- Briefly explain these observations. (02 marks)
 - Determine the velocity of sound in air. (02 marks)
 - Find the perpendicular distance of the men from the wall. (03 marks)
- (d) State **two** properties that distinguish electromagnetic waves from other forms of waves. (02 marks)
6. (a) Define the following terms as used in current electricity;
- potential difference. (01 mark)
 - an Ohm (01 mark)
- (b) State **Ohm's law.** (01 mark)
- (c) Figure 3 shows a resistor of resistance 3Ω connected to a set of three resistors of 4Ω , 5Ω and 20Ω .



Calculate the;

- (i) effective resistance in the circuit. (02 marks)
 - (ii) p.d. across the 3Ω resistor. (02 marks)
 - (iii) current passing through the 20Ω resistor. (03 marks)
- (d) (i) Define term **internal resistance of a cell**. (01 mark)
- (ii) You are provided with a voltmeter, a switch, a standard resistor and connecting wires. With the aid of a circuit diagram, describe how internal resistance of a dry cell can be determined using this apparatus. (03 marks)
- (e) Why should the wire used in making a fuse be thin and of low melting point? (02 marks)
7. (a) (i) What is a **magnetic field**? (01 mark)
- (ii) Sketch the magnetic field pattern due to two long straight conductors carrying current in opposite directions placed close to each other. (02 marks)
- (b) State **two** factors on which the magnetic force on a conductor carrying current in a magnetic field depends. (02 marks)
- (c) (i) With the aid of a labeled diagram, describe the structure and mode of action of a d.c. motor. (06 marks)
- (ii) State **two** ways of improving the efficiency of a motor. (02 marks)
- (d) Why does the brightness of a lamp of a bicycle connected to a dynamo increase with increase in speed of the bicycle and gives no light when the bicycle is stationary? (03 marks)
8. (a) Define the following terms;
- (i) radioactivity (01 mark)
 - (ii) half-life (01 mark)
- (b) A radioactive nuclide has a half-life of 4 hours. Calculate the mass that would decay after 4.8 hours if the original mass of the nuclide is 38.4g. (03 marks)
- (c) (i) What are **x-rays**? (01 mark)
- (ii) State **two** differences between x-rays and cathode rays. (02 marks)

(d) With reference to an x-ray tube, explain why the:

(i) tube has to be evacuated. (02 marks)

(ii) tungsten target is embedded in a copper block. (02 marks)

(iii) high voltage is connected across the tube. (02 marks)

(e) Why is;

(i) is radioactivity referred to as a spontaneous process? (01 mark)

(ii) are hard x-rays not used in x-ray photography? (01 mark)