Year 12 ATAR Course Examination, 2019

Question/Answer Booklet

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Time allowed for this paper

Reading time before commencing work: ten minutes
Working time for paper: three hours

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To be provided by the candidate
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Special Items: non-programmable calculators satisfying the conditions set by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority for this course, drawing templates, drawing compass and a protractor

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Structure of this paper

Section	Number of questions available	Number of questions to be answered	Suggested working time (minutes)	Marks available	Percentage of examination
Section One Short response	11	11	50	49	28
Section Two Problem-solving	7	7	90	92	52
Section Three Comprehension	2	2	40	36	20
				Total	**100**

Instructions to candidates

1.   The rules for the conduct of Western Australian external examinations are detailed in the *Year 12 Information Handbook 2019.* Sitting this examination implies that you agree to abide by these rules.

2.   Write answers in this Question/Answer Booklet.

3.   When calculating or estimating answers, show all your working clearly. Your working should be in sufficient detail to allow your answers to be checked readily and for marks to be awarded for reasoning.

      In calculations, give final answers to three significant figures and include appropriate units where applicable.

      In estimates, give final answers to a maximum of two significant figures and include appropriate units where applicable.

4.   You must be careful to confine your responses to the specific questions asked and to follow any instructions that are specific to a particular question.

5.   Supplementary pages for the use of planning/continuing your answer to a question have been provided at the end of this Question/Answer booklet. If you use these pages to continue an answer, indicate at the original answer where the answer is continued, i.e. give the page number.

6.   The Formulae and Data booklet is not to be handed in with your Question/Answer booklet.

SECTION ONE: Short Response   **28% (49 marks)**

This section has **11** questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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Suggested working time: 50 minutes.

Question 1   **(4 marks)**

Mars' mass is 6.39×10^{23} kg and has an orbital radius around the Sun of 228 million kilometres. Calculate the **weakest** gravitation force that can act between Earth and Mars, assuming both Earth and Mars have circular orbits.

Answer: _____ N

Question 2 **(4 marks)**

An electron with 2.80 eV of kinetic energy bombards an atom with a single ground state electron. The atom's electron is excited and later transitions back to the ground state, emitting a single 518 nm photon. Calculate the kinetic energy of the bombarding electron after it scattered off the atom.
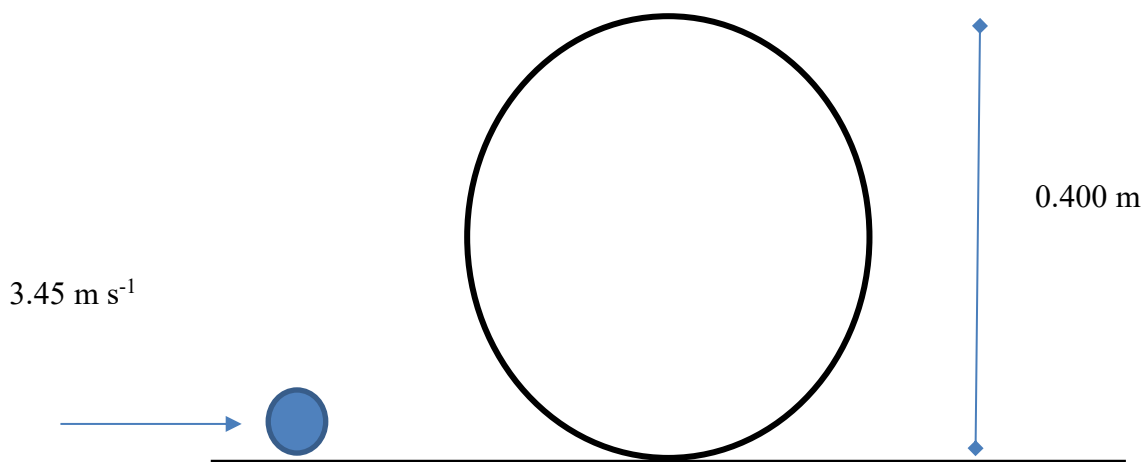
Answer: _____ eV

Question 3 **(4 marks)**

A 30.0 g golf ball at a mini-golf course approaches a small vertical loop obstacle at 3.45 ms^{-1}. The ball follows the track, completing the vertical loop.
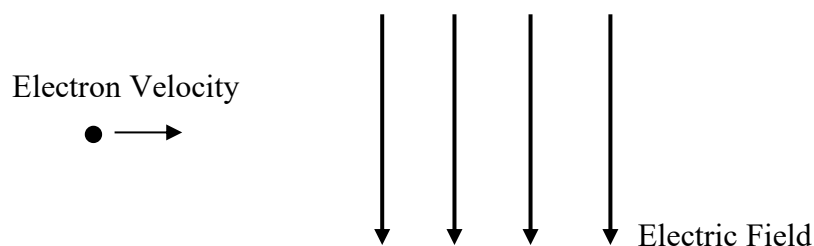
3.45 m s^{-1}

0.400 m

Calculate the magnitude of the reaction force applied to the ball by the track when the ball is at the top of the loop.

Answer: _____ N

Question 4 **(4 marks)**

The diagram below shows an electron entering a uniform 2.00 NC^{-1} electric field. There is also a magnetic field in this region (not shown on the diagram).

Electron Velocity

Electric Field

The electron has a constant velocity of 8540 ms^{-1} while in the presence of the two fields. State the direction of the magnetic field and calculate its strength.

Direction: _____ Strength: _____ T

Question 5 **(4 marks)**

The following particle reaction is proposed by a PhD student while studying new, exotic particles of the standard model.

$$udb \rightarrow c\bar{c} + s\bar{u} + uud$$

Justify whether this reaction is possible based on baryon number, lepton number and electric charge.

Question 6   **(4 marks)**

A square coil moves into a uniform 0.260 T magnetic field which is aligned perpendicular to the area of the coil. The coil is induced with a 0.650 V emf as it enters the field at 4.75 ms^{-1}. Considering the movement of the coil <u>as it moves into the field only</u>, for what amount of time does the coil have an induced emf?

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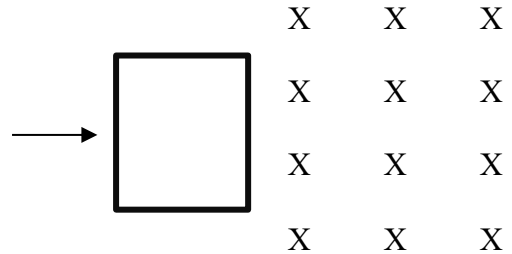
Answer: _____ s

Question 7   **(4 marks)**

The red-shift of light from galaxies not our own is supporting evidence of the Big Bang Theory. Describe what causes the increasing amount of red-shift of light from galaxies further away and why *only* nearby galaxies may have blue-shifted light.
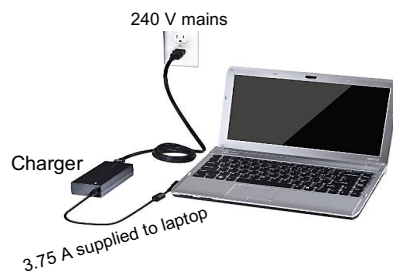
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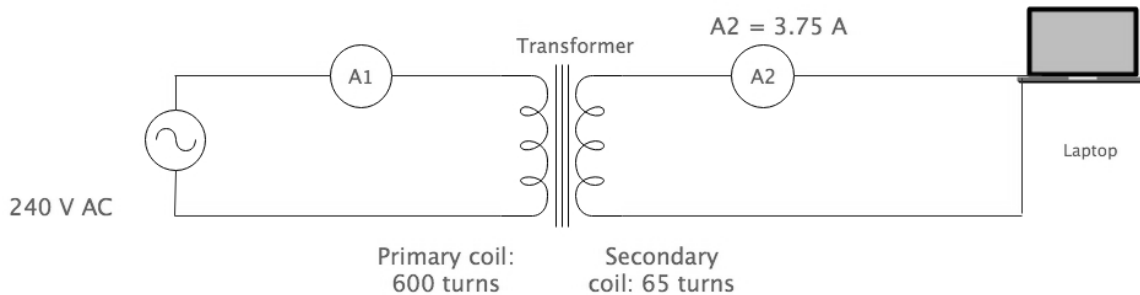
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Question 8 **(5 marks)**

Laptop chargers are traditional transformers that create an alternating current in the secondary coil.

240 V mains

Charger

3.75 A supplied to laptop

The circuit diagram depicting the above situation is shown below.

A2 = 3.75 A

Transformer

A1

A2

Laptop

240 V AC

Primary coil:
600 turns

Secondary
coil: 65 turns

(a)   Explain briefly how the transformer creates an alternating current in the secondary coil.

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(b)   Using information from the diagram, calculate the potential difference that the charger
        provides to the laptop.   (2 marks)
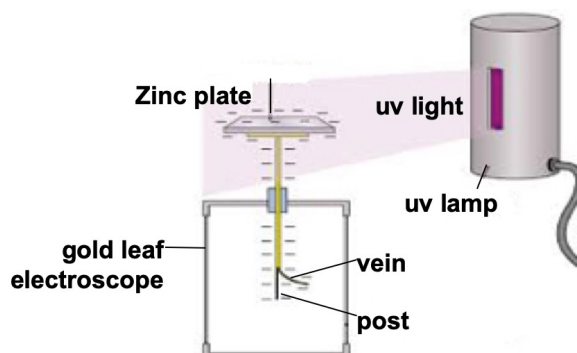
Answer _____V

Question 9   **(5 marks)**

The photoelectric effect can be demonstrated by illuminating a negatively-charged electroscope, with ultraviolet (UV) light. In an electroscope, the vein rises when the vein and post have like charges. A particular electroscope has a zinc metal plate. Once the electroscope was charged, a student switched on an ultraviolet light. After a few seconds, the electroscope was discharged as electrons were emitted from the surface of the zinc.

(a)   Would a positively charged electroscope have been discharged in the same way? Explain.
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(b)   Calculate the velocity of the emitted electrons, if the UV light has a frequency of
         1.20×10^{15} Hz. The work function of zinc is 4.30 eV.   (3 marks)

Answer _____ms^{-1}

Question 10 **(6 marks)**

The figure on the left below shows the side view of an electron diffraction tube used to demonstrate the wave properties of an electron. An electron beam is incident on a thin graphite target that behaves like the slits in a diffraction grating experiment. After passing through the graphite target the electrons strike a fluorescent screen. The figure on the right below shows the appearance of the fluorescent screen when the electrons are incident on it.

(a)   Explain how the pattern produced on the screen supports the idea that the electron beam is behaving as a wave rather than as a stream of particles. (2 marks)

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(b)   When the electrons strike the graphite target, they have a speed of 2.20×10^7 ms^{-1}.

   (i)   Calculate the potential difference required to accelerate the electrons to this speed.
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   (ii)   Calculate the de Broglie wavelength of the electrons as they strike the graphite.
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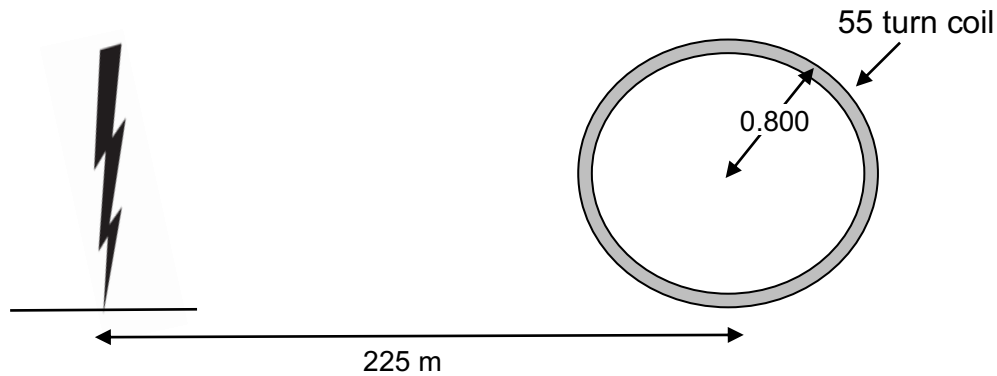
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Question 11   **(5 marks)**

During a lightning strike, there is a *negative* discharge from a cloud to the ground. This discharge produces a 325 kA current that falls to 0.00 A in 50.0 μs. There is a 55 turn coil of radius 0.800 m placed 225 m from the strike as shown below.

55 turn coil

0.800

225 m

*   diagram not to scale

(a)   On the diagram indicate the direction of the induced emf in the coil.   (1 mark)

(b)   Calculate the average emf induced in the coil during this strike.   (4 marks)

Answer _____ V

End of Section One

SECTION TWO: Problem-solving 52% (92 marks)

This section has **seven** questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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Suggested working time: 90 minutes.

Question 12 **(12 marks)**

Claire is standing on Earth. She observes Jim passing by in a spaceship at 0.60 c. Jim observes the spaceship to be 18.0 m long. Jim is playing hyperspace pong where he hits a ball towards the front of the spaceship from the back at 0.40 c (according to Jim). The ball has a rest mass of 0.500 kg.

(a) What time does Jim observe the ball take to reach the front of the spaceship? (2 marks)

Answer: _____ s

(b) As the ball completes the journey towards the front of the spaceship, does Jim observe the proper length of the ball's journey or the proper time for the ball's journey or both? Justify your choice. (2 marks)

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(c) How long is the spaceship as measured by Claire?   (2 marks)

Answer: _____ m

(d) What is the velocity of the ball as measured by Claire? Give your answer as a fraction of the speed of light.   (2 marks)

Answer: _____ c

(e) Calculate the total energy of the ball as measured by Jim.   (2 marks)
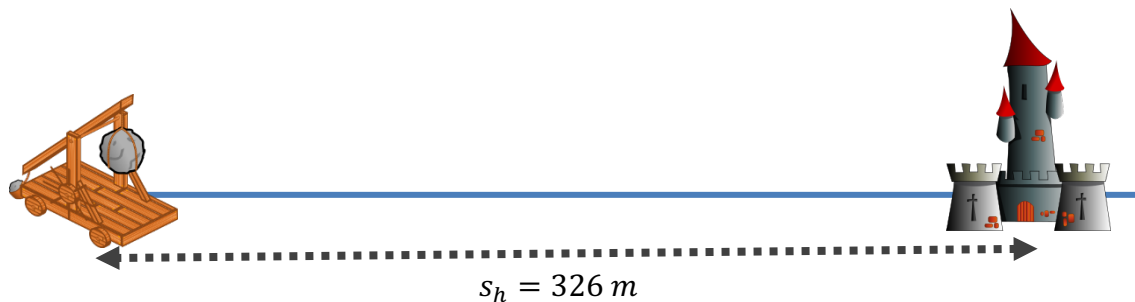
Answer: _____ J

(f) Calculate the momentum of the ball as measured by Claire.   (2 marks)

Answer: _____ kg m s^{-1}

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Question 13 **(12 marks)**

A trebuchet is a siege weapon that flings boulders from a great distance. Consider the arrangement of a trebuchet and a castle shown below.

$$s_h = 326\ m$$

(a) The boulder lands at the same height it was launched from, was fired at 45.0⁰ above the horizontal and was airborne for 8.16 s. Complete the following questions:

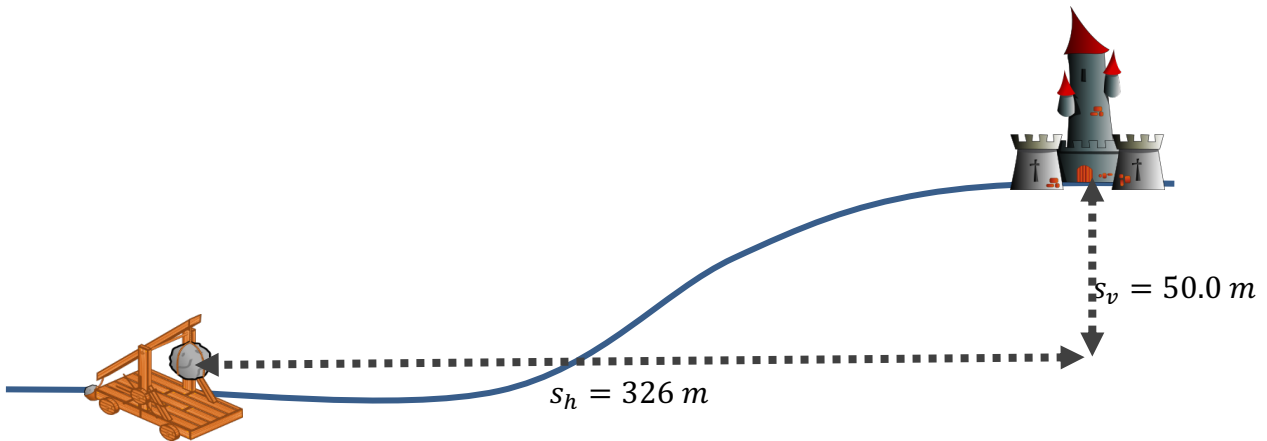i.Calculate the launch velocity of the boulder. (3 marks)

Answer: _____ m s⁻¹

ii.Calculate the maximum height the boulder achieved above its launch point. (3 marks)

Answer: _____ m

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Medieval castles were often built at higher elevations to give an advantage to those under siege.

$s_v = 50.0\ m$

$s_h = 326\ m$

(b) A launched boulder is in the air for 4.80 s. The distances, s_h and s_v above indicate how far the boulder travelled to hit the castle. Determine both the speed and angle above the horizon the boulder was launched at. Air resistance can be ignored.   (6 marks)
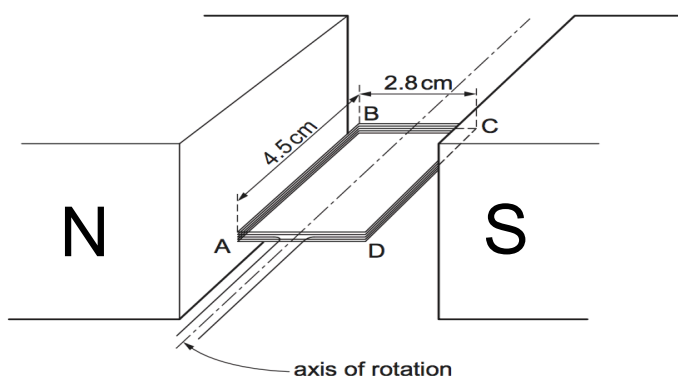
Speed: _____ m s^{-1} Angle: _____ ^{0}

Question 14 **(13 marks)**

A small rectangular coil ABCD contains 140 turns of wire. The sides AB and BC of the coil are of lengths 4.5 cm and 2.8 cm respectively, as shown in the figure below.

The coil is held between the poles of a large magnet so that the coil can rotate about an axis through its centre. When the current in the coil is 170 mA and the coil is stationary, the maximum torque produced in the coil is 2.1×10^{-3} N m.

(a)   For the coil in the position shown calculate the magnitude of the force on

   (i) side AB of the coil   (3 marks)

Answer _____ N

   (ii) side BC of the coil   (1 marks)

Answer _____ N

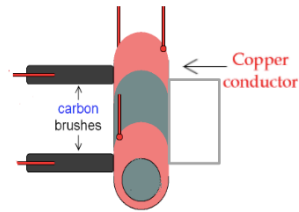(b)   Calculate the strength of the magnetic field experienced by the sides of the coil.   (2 marks)

Answer: _____ T

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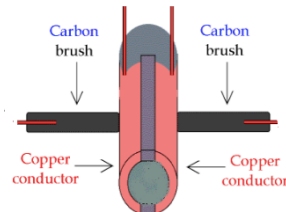(c)   The above diagram does not show how the coil is connected to a potential difference. Of the two mechanisms shown below, which mechanism should be used for the coil to rotate as a DC motor. **Name the mechanism** and **explain your choice**.   (3 marks)

Mechanism 1   Mechanism 2

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(d)   Once the coil has started rotating as a DC motor, does the maximum torque increase, decrease or remain the same. Explain.   (4 marks)

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Question 15   **(15 marks)**

During an experiment, a pendulum is set up, as shown in the diagram. The length of the cord attached to the bob is 1.55 m. The bob has a mass of 1.80 kg and is released from rest from the position shown. At the lowest point of its path, the bob is 7.80 cm beneath its starting point.
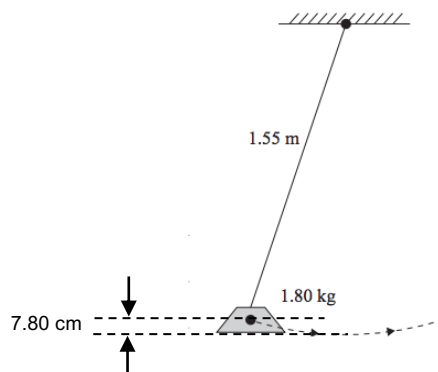
(a)   By considering conservation of energy, calculate the velocity of the bob at its lowest point.
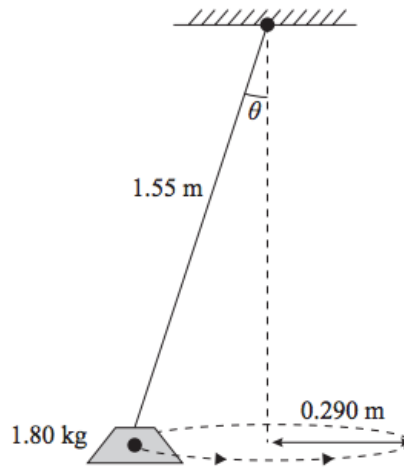   (3 marks)

Answer = _____ m s^{-1}

(b)   Calculate the tension in the cord at the lowest point of its path.   (3 marks)

Answer = _____ N

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Later, the experimental setup is modified so that the bob swings in a horizontal circular path, with radius 0.290 m, as a conical pendulum.

(c)   On the above diagram, indicate all forces acting on the bob. Clearly label the forces using arrows.   (3 marks)

(d)   Show that the tension in the cord is now 18.0 N.   (3 marks)

(e)   Calculate the magnitude of the velocity of the bob at the position shown.   (3 marks)

Answer _____ m s^{1}

Question 16 **(13 marks)**

Digital television in Australia can be accessed by using a satellite dish pointed at a satellite in space. The satellite used to transmit the signals appears to stay still relative to the Earth.
The satellite, with a mass of 300 kg, is actually travelling around the Earth in a geostationary orbit.

The picture below show the three main types of satellite orbits. Low Earth Orbits (LEO), Medium Earth Orbits (MEO) and Geostationary Earth Orbits (GEO).
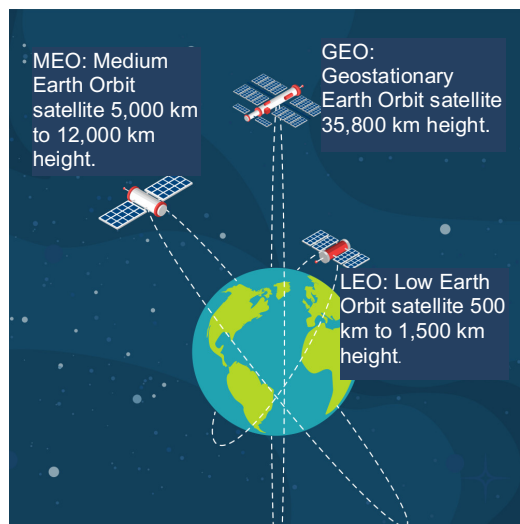
(a)   In the picture, there is an error with the indicated orbit of a GEO satellite. Indicate this error and explain why the orbit shown must be an error.   (2 marks)

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(b)   Which of these satellites experiences the greatest gravitational force from the Earth? Circle the correct answer from the choices below. Explain your answer in the space provided.
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LEO   MEO   GEO   All satellites experience the same force

Explanation

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(c)   Which of these satellites is travelling at the greatest speed relative to the Earth? Circle the
       correct answer from the choices below. Explain your answer in the space provided.

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       LEO   MEO   GEO   All satellites have the same speed

       Explanation

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(d)   Kepler's Third Law is given on your data sheet. By using relevant equations, in the space
       below, derive Kepler's Third Law.   (3 marks)

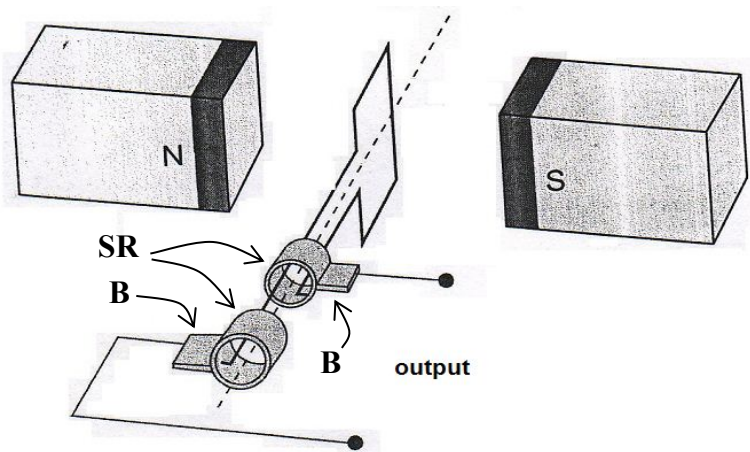(e)   Using the information in the picture, calculate the minimum period of a LEO satellite.
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                                           Answer: _____ s

Question 17 **(13 marks)**

The diagram below shows an AC generator consisting of a rectangular coil with dimensions of 14.0 cm × 21.0 cm, and 800 turns of copper wire. The magnetic flux density between the poles is 9.40 mT. The coil is turned at a uniform rate.

a) Explain the function of the components labelled SR and B. (2 marks)

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b) Referring to Lenz's law, explain how induced emf is achieved from such a generator and why the output is a sine or cosine shape rather than being constant. (3 marks)

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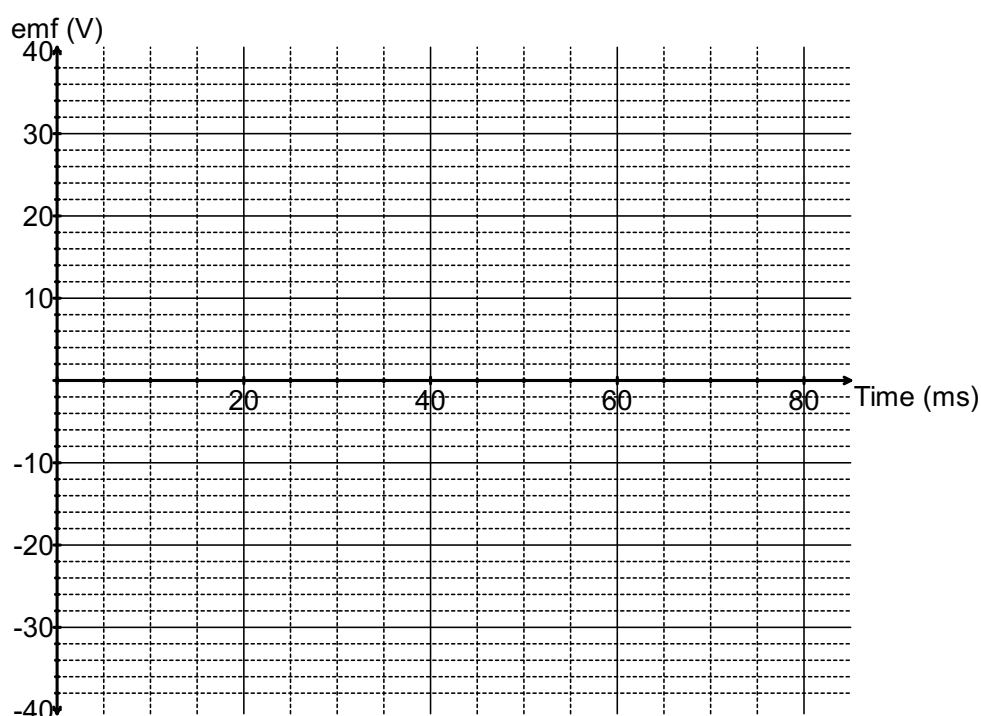_____

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c)   The coil is rotated at 1500 rpm. Calculate the magnitude of the average induced emf in the coil as it rotates through 90º from the position shown.   (3 marks)

d)   Sketch the emf output curve for this AC generator on the graph below. You must start from the position shown on the diagram and continue up to 80 ms. Make estimates for values that you cannot calculate.   (3 marks)

e)   Identify three times on the graph when the flux enclosed by the coil is a maximum value at 1500 rpm. Circle these times.   (1 mark)

f)   When the coil is rotated at 750 rpm the emf output changes. Sketch the voltage curve for 750 rpm onto the graph and clearly label it '750 rpm'.   (1 mark)

Question 18 **(14 marks)**

A gantry crane is being used to lift a 2.50 tonne crate as shown in the diagram below. The gantry consists of a 4.32 tonne, 21.0 m uniform beam that is supported by two 10.0 m support columns A and B. The 2.50 tonne crate is 4.50 m from the center of column A and 16.50 m from column B. There is a 750 kg winch whose center of mass is directly above the center of mass the crate.
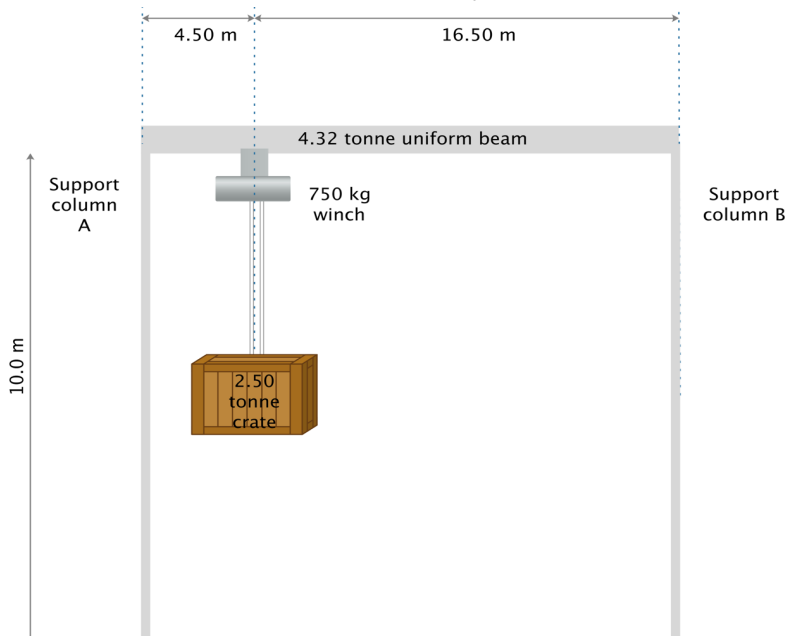
(a)   Draw a free body diagram of the beam, clearly labelling all forces. Include the **magnitude** of the **downward forces** in the diagram. (4 marks)

(b)   Calculate the reaction force provided by each column on the beam. (4 marks)

Reaction force Column A: _____ N   Reaction force Column B: _____ N

In a variation of the gantry crane, the beam is supported by one column, pivoted at its base and at its point of attachment with the beam, which is held in place by a steel cable attached to a large concrete block. The beam is supported by a 250 kg strut CD which is pivoted at both ends. CD makes an angle of 60° with the beam and is attached 11.0 m from the right hand end of the beam. The cable makes an angle of 40° with the support column.
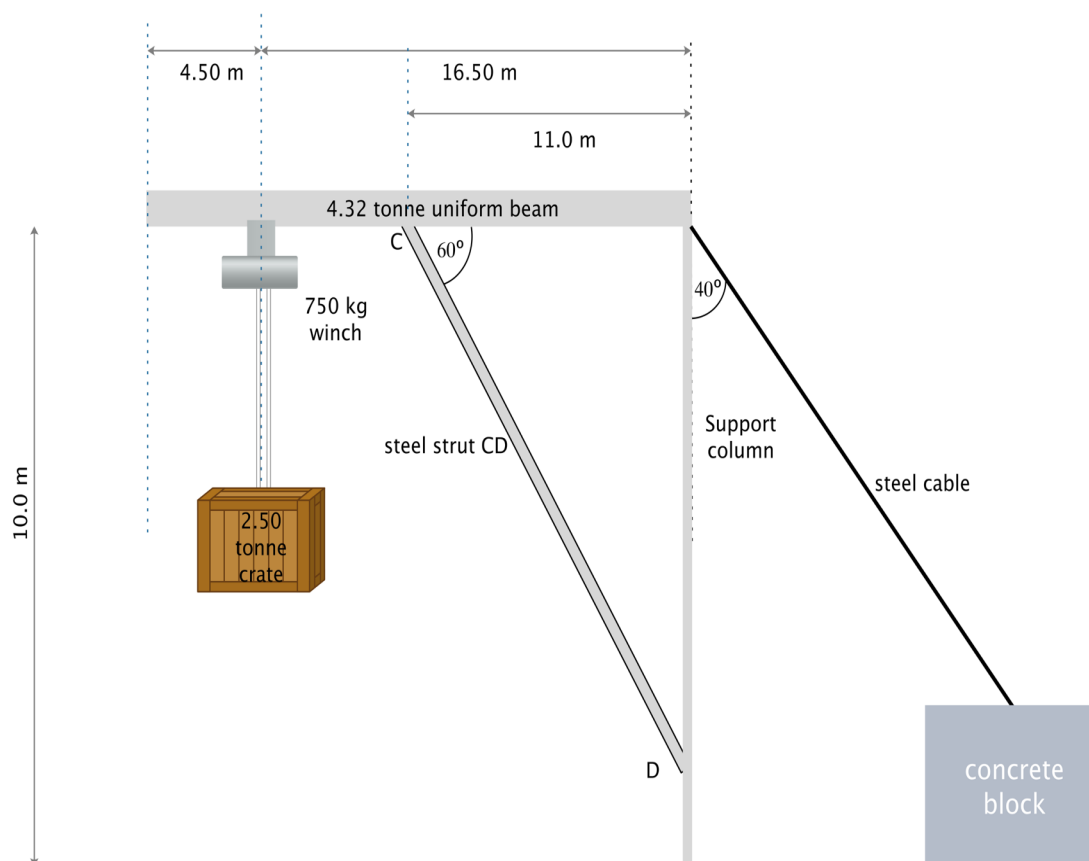
(c)   Calculate the tension in the steel cable.   (3 marks)

Answer: _____ N

(d)   Calculate the force of compression in strut CD.   (3 marks)

Answer: _____ N

End of Section Two

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SECTION THREE: Comprehension   **20% (36 marks)**

This section has **two (2)** questions. You must answer **both** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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Suggested working time: 40 minutes.

Question 19   **(18 marks)**

The Universe Has A Speed Limit, And It Isn't The Speed Of Light

When it comes to speed limits, the ultimate one set by the laws of physics themselves is the speed of light. Moreover, anything that's made of matter can only approach, but never reach, the speed of light. If you don't have mass, you must move at the speed of light; if you do have mass, you can never reach it. But practically, in our universe, there's an even more restrictive speed limit for matter, and it's lower than the speed of light. Here's the scientific story of the real cosmic speed limit.

When scientists talk about the speed of light - 299,792,458 ms^{-1} - we implicitly mean "the speed of light in a vacuum". Only in the absence of particles, fields or a medium to travel through can we achieve this ultimate cosmic speed. Even at that, it's only the truly massless particles and waves that can achieve this speed. This includes photons, gluons and gravitational waves, but not anything else we know of. But there's no such thing, practically, as a perfect vacuum. Even in the deepest abyss of intergalactic space, there are three things you absolutely cannot get rid of.

1. The WHIM: the warm-hot intergalactic medium. This tenuous, sparse plasma are the leftovers from the cosmic web. While some matter clumps into stars and galaxies, other matter remains in the great voids of the universe. Starlight ionises these atoms, creating a plasma that may make up about 50% of the total normal matter in the universe.
2. The CMB: the cosmic microwave background. This leftover bath of photons originates from the Big Bang, where it was at extremely high energies. Even today, at temperatures just 2.7 degrees above absolute zero, there are over 400 CMB photons per cubic centimetre of space at an average energy of 0.00023 eV per photon.
3. The CNB: the cosmic neutrino background. The Big Bang, in addition to photons, creates a bath of neutrinos. Outnumbering protons by perhaps a billion to one, many of these now slow-moving particles fall into galaxies and clusters, but many remain in intergalactic space as well.

Any particle travelling through the universe will pass through particles from the WHIM, neutrinos from the CNB and photons from the CMB.

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The Large Hadron Collider accelerates particles here on Earth up to a maximum velocity of 299,792,455 ms^{-1}, or 99.999999% the speed of light. The highest-energy cosmic rays have approximately 36 million times the energy of the fastest protons ever created at the Large Hadron Collider. Assuming that these cosmic rays are also made of protons gives a speed of 299,792,457.99999999999992 ms^{-1}, which is extremely close to, but still below, the speed of light in a vacuum. There's a very good reason that, by the time we receive them, these cosmic rays aren't more energetic than this.

If there is a particle with energies in excess of 5.00×10^{19} eV, they can only travel a few million light years - max - before a photon from the CMB, interacts with it. When that interaction occurs, there will be enough energy to produce a neutral pion, which steals energy away from the original particle, following from $E = mc^2$.
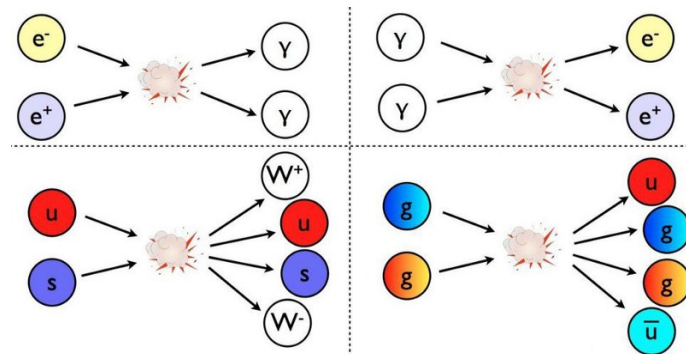
The more energetic your particle is, the more likely you are to produce pions, which you'll continue to do until you fall below this theoretical cosmic energy limit of 5.00×10^{19} eV, known as the GZK cut-off.

We believe that every charged particle in the cosmos - every cosmic ray, every proton, every atomic nucleus - should be limited by this speed. Not just the speed of light, but a little bit lower, thanks to the leftover glow from the Big Bang and the particles in the intergalactic medium. If we see anything that's at a higher energy, then it means:

1. **either** particles at high energies might be playing by different rules than the ones we presently think they do,
2. **or** they are being produced much closer than we think they are: within our own Local Group or Milky Way, rather than these distant, extragalactic black holes,
3. **or** they're not protons at all, but composite nuclei.

The few particles we've seen that break the GZK barrier are indeed in excess of 5×10^{19} eV, in terms of energy, but do not exceed 3×10^{21} eV, which would be the corresponding energy value for an iron nucleus. Since many of the highest-energy cosmic rays have been confirmed to be heavy nuclei, rather than individual protons, this reigns as the most likely explanation for the extreme ultra-high-energy cosmic rays.

There is a speed limit to the particles that travel through the universe, and it isn't the speed of light. Instead, it's a value that's very slightly lower, dictated by the amount of energy in the leftover glow from the Big Bang. As the universe continues to expand and cool, that speed limit will slowly rise over cosmic timescales, getting ever-closer to the speed of light. But remember, as you travel through the universe, if you go too fast, even the radiation left over from the Big Bang can fry you. So long as you're made of matter, there's a cosmic speed limit that you simply cannot overcome.

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(a)   Name three things in the universe that can move at the cosmic speed limit and describe the requirements to reach the cosmic speed limit.   (3 marks)

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(b)   A neutral pion has a rest mass of 135 MeV/c^2. Calculate the minimum number of neutral pions that need to be produced by a 5.03×10^{19} eV particle to reduce to the cosmic energy limit.   (3 marks)

(c)   The article compares the Large Hadron Collider and cosmic rays. Protons in the Large Hadron Collider are accelerated up to 6.50 TeV. What is the energy of the most energetic cosmic rays in eV?   (3 marks)

Answer: _____ eV

(d)   Calculate the average frequency of a photon from the CMB.   (3 marks)

Answer: _____ Hz

(e)   Explain why the interaction of a very energetic particle with a photon can cause the particle to slow down.   (3 marks)

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(f)   Describe which of the three reasons given in the article is the most likely cause when we have detected particles more energetic than the GZK barrier.   (3 marks)

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Question 20 (18 marks)

Escape velocity and The Black Hole

Article adapted from Fundamentals of Modern Physics by Peter J Nolan. 2014
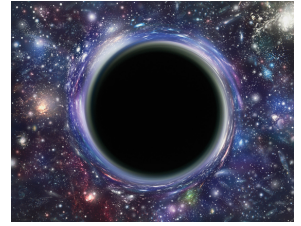
The simplest way to describe the black hole is to start with a classical analogue. Suppose we wished to launch a rocket from the Earth to a far distant place in outer space. How fast must the rocket travel to escape the gravitational pull of the Earth? This value is known as the *escape velocity*. When we launch the rocket, it has a velocity v, and hence, a kinetic energy. As the rocket proceeds into space, its velocity decreases but its potential energy increases. The absolute potential energy of an object when it is a distance r away from the centre of the Earth is found from:

$$PE = -\frac{GM_e m}{r}$$

where G is the universal gravitational constant, M_e is the mass of the Earth, and m is the mass of the object. Let us now apply this potential energy term to a rocket that is trying to escape from the gravitational pull of the Earth. The total energy of the rocket at any time is equal to the sum of its potential energy and its kinetic energy, that is:

$$E = KE + PE = \tfrac{1}{2}mv^2 - \left[GM_e m \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \right]$$

When the rocket is fired from the surface of the Earth, $r = R$, at an escape velocity v_e, its total energy will be:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv_e^2 - \left[GM_e m \left(\frac{1}{R} \right) \right]$$

By the law of conservation of energy, the total energy of the rocket remains a constant. Hence, we can equate the total energy at the surface of the Earth to the total energy when the rocket is far removed from the Earth. That is:

$$\tfrac{1}{2}mv_e^2 - \left[GM_e m \left(\tfrac{1}{R} \right) \right] = \tfrac{1}{2}mv^2 - \left[GM_e m \left(\tfrac{1}{r} \right) \right]$$

When the rocket escapes the pull of the Earth, it has effectively travelled to infinity, that is, $r = \infty$, and its velocity at that time is reduced to zero, that is, $v = 0$. Hence, the equation reduces to:

$$\tfrac{1}{2}mv_e^2 - \left[GM_e m \left(\tfrac{1}{R} \right) \right] = 0 - \left[GM_e m \left(\tfrac{1}{\infty} \right) \right] = 0$$
$$\frac{1}{2}mv_e^2 = \frac{GM_e m}{R}$$
$$v_e^2 = \frac{2GM_e}{R}$$
$$v_e = \sqrt{\frac{2GM_e}{R}}$$

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If we substitute v_e for the c, the speed of light and rearrange, we get a formula that tells us the maximum radius of any object with mass, for light to be able to escape from it.

$$R_S = \frac{2GM_e}{c^2}$$

This value is called the **Schwarzchild radius** and any distance to an object closer than this value is said the be within the **event horizon**, a region from which nothing, not even light, can escape!

The reason for the name, black hole, comes from the idea that if we look at an object in space, such as a star, we see light coming from that star. If the star became a black hole, no light could come from that star. Hence, when we look into space, we would no longer see a bright star at that location, but rather nothing but the blackness of space. There seems to be a hole in space where the star used to be and therefore we say that there is a black hole there.

Solving the Schwarzschild radius of the Sun, by replacing the mass of the Earth by the mass of the Sun, we get 2.95×10^3 m. Thus, if the Sun were to contract to a radius below 2.95×10^3 m, the gravitational force would become so great that no light could escape from the Sun, and the Sun would become a black hole.

(a)   Explain the relationship between the concept of *escape velocity* and the concept of a *black hole*.   (2 marks)

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(b)   The article states that:
"When the rocket escapes the pull of the earth it has effectively travelled to infinity, that is, r = ∞, and its velocity at that time is reduced to zero, that is, v = 0."

(i)   Use Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation to support the argument that at r = ∞, the rocket has escaped the pull of the Earth.   (2 marks)

(ii)   If an object left the Earth with the minimum escape velocity, why would this value be zero, when r is equal to infinity?   (2 marks)

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(c)   (i)   Show that the escape velocity for an object to leave the Earth's gravitational pull is equal to 1.12×10^4 ms^{-1}.   (2 marks)

(ii)   Show that the total energy of 12.0 tonne space craft launched at its escape velocity from the surface of the Earth is zero.   (3 marks)

(iii)   At what speed would this space craft be travelling in deep space at a distance of 325 million kilometres from the Earth? (4 marks)

Speed _____ ms^{-1}

(d)   One of the largest stars in our galaxy is Betelgeuse. This star has a radius 887 times that of our Sun and a mass 11.6 times that of our Sun. Explain what is meant by the *Schwarzschild radius* for this star and calculate is value. (3 marks)

Schwarzschild radius: _____ m

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