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***TIME ALLOWED FOR THIS PAPER***

Reading time before commencing work: Ten minutes

Working time for the paper: Three hours

***MATERIALS REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED FOR THIS PAPER***

**To be provided by the supervisor:**

* This Question/Answer Booklet; ATAR Physics Formulae and Data Booklet

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* Standard items: pens, pencils, eraser or correction fluid, ruler, highlighter.
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**Structure of this paper**

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| Section | Number of questions available | Number of questions to be answered | Suggested working time  (minutes) | Marks available | Percentage of exam |
| Section One:  Short answer | 12 | 12 | 50 | 54 | 30 |
| Section Two:  Extended answer | 6 | 6 | 90 | 90 | 50 |
| Section Three:  Comprehension  and data analysis | 2 | 2 | 40 | 36 | 20 |
|  |  |  | **Total** | 180 | 100 |

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1. The rules for the conduct of Western Australian external examinations are detailed in the *Year 12 Information Handbook 2018.* Sitting this examination implies that you agree to abide by these rules.
2. Write answers in this Question/Answer Booklet.
3. When calculating numerical answers, show your working or reasoning clearly. Give final answers to **three** significant figures and include appropriate units where applicable.

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**Section One: Short response 30% (54 marks)**

This section has **twelve** **(12)** questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

When calculating numerical answers, show your working or reasoning clearly.

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Suggested working time for this section is 50 minutes.

**Question 1 (3 marks)**

An alien space ship is travelling at 0.650c relative to the Earth. It sends a signal to the Earth’s inhabitants by flashing a light every 0.270 seconds in the ship’s frame of reference. Calculate the time between each flash of light from the Earth’s frame of reference.

**Question 2 (6 marks)**

When an aeroplane needs to turn, it tilts its wings towards the centre of its turn at an angle ‘θ’ to the horizontal – see below).

θ

1. Explain why the aeroplane must tilt its wings in the manner described to complete the turn. As part of your answer, draw a vector diagram below to show the forces acting and the net force produced.

[3]

1. The diagram above shows the angle ‘θ’ for a turn of a particular size of radius. Describe how the angle ‘θ’ would change if the aeroplane had to complete a turn with a smaller radius. Explain your answer using relevant Physics formulae.

[3]

**Question 3 (3 marks)**

The diagram below shows a conducting loop carrying a current ‘I’. The current flows in a clockwise direction and produces a magnetic field through the centre of the loop of strength ‘B’ Tesla.

The loop is already sitting in an existing external magnetic field of strength ‘2B’ Tesla; this external field is directed into the page through the centre of the loop and is shown below.

X X X X X X X X X

X X X

X X X X

X X X X

**‘I’**

X X X

X X X X X X X X X

**‘2B’**

X X X

X X X X X X X X X

X X X

X X X X X X X X X

1. In terms of ‘B’, state the magnitude of the resultant field at the centre due to the external field and the field due to the current in the loop.

[1]

1. The current in the loop is doubled to ‘2I’ (its direction is maintained as clockwise). In terms of ‘B’, state magnitude of the resultant field due to the external field and the current in the loop.

[1]

1. The direction of the current in the loop is reversed while its magnitude is maintained as ‘I’. In terms of ‘B’, state magnitude of the resultant field due to the external field and the current in the loop.

[1]

**Question 4 (5 marks)**

A 50.0 kg uniform cantilever beam supports a 15.0 kg sign as shown below. The beam is 1.80 m long and the sign is suspended from its end as shown. A cable is also attached to the end of the beam and connects it to the wall. The cable makes an angle of 35° with the beam. The maximum tension the cable can withstand is 650 N.

Calculate the maximum distance from the wall the sign can be suspended before the cable will break. Ensure you illustrate all the forces acting on the beam in a free-body diagram.

35°

WALL

CABLE

BEAM

**SIGN**

**Question 5 (6 marks)**

Recently, a Perth man pulled a dangerous stunt by stepping out of a moving train that was passing over the Fremantle Rail Bridge into the water about 8.50 metres below. As he fell, he experienced a horizontal displacement of 13.0 metres. See the figure below.

8.50 m

13.0 m

1. On the diagram above, draw the path taken by the man as he descends to the water. Air resistance can be ignored.

[2]

1. Calculate the velocity of the train. The bridge can be assumed to be horizontal.

[4]

**Question 6 (6 marks)**

Two small, neutrally charged objects are placed 25.0 cm apart in air. Electrons are transferred from one object to the other until an electrostatic force of magnitude 0.500 N exists between the two objects.

1. Is the electrostatic force attractive or repulsive? Explain.

[3]

1. Hence, calculate the size of the charge on each object that will create an electrostatic force of magnitude 0.500 N at this distance.

[3]

**Question 7 (4 marks)**

Here is an example of a particle interaction – the beta decay of a neutron that produces an anti-electron neutrino:

Complete the table below by adding the charge, baryon number and lepton number on each side of the equation (left-hand side (ΣLHS); right-hand side (ΣRHS)). State which Conservation Laws are either (i) observed; or (ii) violated. Show any working in the space below the table.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Conservation Law** | **ΣLHS** | **ΣRHS** | **Observed or violated?** |
| **Conservation of Charge (Q)** |  |  |  |
| **Conservation of Baryon Number** |  |  |  |
| **Conservation of Lepton Number** |  |  |  |

**Question 8 (4 marks)**

An observer in a spacecraft A, which is moving at v = 0, observes another spacecraft B moving past them at 0.900c.

**Spacecraft B**

**v = 0.900c**

**Spacecraft A**

**v = 0**

**Spacecraft C**

The observer also observes another spacecraft C moving at 0.980c relative to their spacecraft A and in the same direction as spacecraft B.

Calculate (in terms of ‘c’) how fast spacecraft C is moving with respect to spacecraft B.

**Question 9 (3 marks)**

The windings on the primary and secondary coils of an ideal transformer number 50 turns and 500 turns respectively. The primary RMS input voltage is measured to be 16.0 V; the secondary RMS current is measured to be 200 mA. Calculate the power generated in the primary coil of this transformer.

**Question 10 (5 marks)**

A positively charged droplet of oil enters a uniform electric field between two charged plates a distance of 25.0 cm apart. The plates are aligned horizontally. The droplet has a mass of 50.0 mg and possesses a charge of 10.0 μC. Its path through the electric field is a horizontal straight line (see diagram below).

TOP PLATE

25.0 cm

BOTTOM PLATE

1. Use the data above to calculate the potential difference (V) between the two plates.

[4]

1. Draw symbols on the plates to indicate their polarity.

[1]

**Question 11 (5 marks)**

A pilot is navigating their jetfighter through a giant vertical circular loop.

**TOP**

**BOTTOM**

The pilot knows that at particular points on the vertical circular path, they will feel ‘weightless’. At other points they will feel so heavy that they will experience G-forces that may cause them to pass out.

1. At which point (TOP or BOTTOM) will the pilot feel ‘heaviest’? Explain.

[2]

1. If the radius of the jetfighter’s path is 1000 m, at what speed would it have to be travelling for the pilot to feel absolutely weightless.

[3]

**Question 12 (4 marks)**

Estimate the gravitational force between two Year 12 Physics students sitting next to each other at school desk.

**Section Two: Problem-solving 50% (90 Marks)**

This section has **six (6)** questions. You must answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

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Suggested working time for this section is 90 minutes.

**Question 13 (17 marks)**

A common apparatus used to investigate the photoelectric effect is shown below. The ‘variable voltage source’ is given a reverse bias to ultimately create a stopping voltage (V0). During the experiment, it was found that caesium has a work function of 1.90 eV.

**incident light**

**vacuum tube**

**caesium metal cathode**

**anode**

**variable voltage source**

**A**

**V**

1. Light of a longer wavelength than 654 nm will NOT cause the emission of photoelectrons from the surface of caesium metal. Explain with suitable calculations.

[4]

1. Explain the purpose of the reverse bias voltage in this experiment. As part of your answer, explain the concept of ‘stopping voltage’ (V0) and how it is known when it has been reached in the experiment.

[3]

1. If light of wavelength 500 nm is incident on the caesium metal surface, calculate the stopping voltage (V0).

[5]

1. For each of the following statements, decide whether it is TRUE or FALSE.

[3]

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **STATEMENT** | **TRUE OR FALSE?** |
| When light sources of the same intensity but different frequencies are used (both exceeding f0), the lower frequency light has the higher stopping voltage (V0). |  |
| Increasing the intensity of the incident light (f > f0) will increase the stopping voltage. |  |
| Decreasing the intensity of the incident light (f > f0) will decrease the photocurrent detected in the ammeter. |  |

1. The photoelectric effect is confirmation that light has a dual nature – it can act as both a wave or a particle. Give two (2) reasons as to why the wave model CANNOT explain the photoelectric effect.

[2]

**Question 14 (12 marks)**

As part of its mission to colonise Mars, NASA will send a geostationary satellite to orbit Mars.

Mars has the following characteristics:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mass | 6.39 x 1023 kilograms |
| Radius of planet | 3390 kilometres |
| Length of one day on Mars | 24 hours, 39 minutes, 35 seconds |
| Length of one year on Mars | 687 days |
| Orbital radius | 228 million kilometres |

1. On what plane must the geostationary satellite’s orbit be? Show on the diagram below

[1]

**MARS**

**equator**

**axis of rotation**

1. Calculate the altitude of the geostationary satellite above Mars’ surface.

[4]

1. Calculate the gravitational field strength at the height of the geostationary satellite.

[If you could not calculate a value for part (b), use an orbital radius of 2.10 x 107 m]

[2]

1. Objects inside the geostationary satellite will appear to be ‘weightless’. Explain what this means and why this occurs.

[2]

1. Phobos is one of Mars’ moons. It has an elliptical orbit (see below).

[3]

**X**

**Orbit of Phobos**

**Rx**

**RY**

**Y**

**Mars**

‘RX’ is the minimum radius of the elliptical orbit at point X.

‘RY’ is the maximum radius of the elliptical orbit at point Y.

Compare the orbital velocity at point X (vX) to that at point Y (vY).

Use an appropriate formula to help explain your answer.

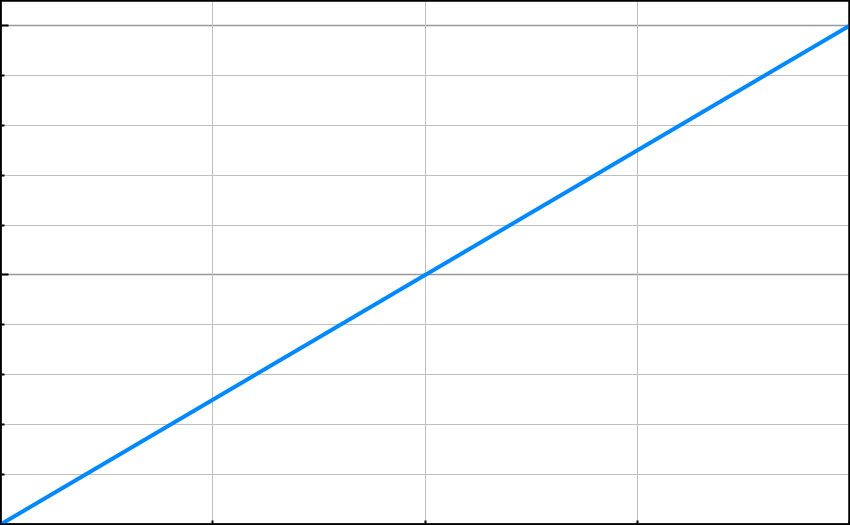
**Question 15 (14 marks)**

From 1914, an American astronomer Vesto Slipher was working at the Lowell Observatory (USA). He began recording the light absorption spectra of galaxies outside of the Milky Way. Most of these spectra were red-shifted due to the Doppler Effect; meaning the galaxies are moving away from the Earth. This discovery provided evidence that ultimately led to a fundamental rethink of the nature of our Universe.

During the early 1920s, two American astronomers - Edwin Hubble and Milton Humanson – built on Slipher’s work and recorded images of 46 galaxies using the largest optical telescope in the world. Due to recent breakthroughs in astronomy at that time, Hubble and Humanson were able to measure the distance ‘d’ (in megaparsecs) to these 46 galaxies using special fixed-period pulsating stars called Cepheid variables. By measuring the size of the red-shift for each galaxy, the recessional velocity ‘v’ can be calculated.

The graph below shows some of Hubble’s and Humanson’s original data for ‘d’ and ‘v’ which, to their surprise, showed a distinct linear relationship.

500



Recessional Velocity ‘v’ (km s-1)

5

10

15

20

400

300

200

100

Distance ‘d’ (Mpc)

The data yielded the first iteration of Hubble’s Law which states the following relationship:

where:

v = recessional velocity of the galaxy (km s-1);

Ho = Hubble’s constant;

d = distance to the galaxy (Mpc).

1. The slope of the graph on the previous page is equal to Hubble’s Constant. Use the graph to estimate Hubble’s Constant (Ho) for this data.

[2]

1. Hubble’s Constant can be used to estimate the age of the Universe (T).

Use this equation and the fact that 1 Mpc = 3.08 x 1022 m to calculate the age of the Universe in years.

[If you could not calculate a value for Hubble’s Constant in part (b), use a value of 30 km s-1 Mpc-1].

[3]

When investigating the Doppler Effect, the recessional velocity ‘v’ for a galaxy can be calculated by the equation:

λo = the wavelength of spectral lines from the receding galaxy; and

λr = the wavelength of spectral lines from a light source at rest.

1. The diagram below shows one of the spectral lines in the Hydrogen spectrum (λ = 656 nm) when the light source and hydrogen sample is at rest.

656 nm

**700 nm**

**600 nm**

**500 nm**

**400 nm**

The diagrams below show the same spectral line when the light from three different distant galaxies A, B and C is observed.

**GALAXY ‘A’**

**700 nm**

**600 nm**

**500 nm**

**400 nm**

690 nm

**GALAXY ‘B’**

**600 nm**

**500 nm**

**400 nm**

665 nm

**700 nm**

**GALAXY ‘C’**

**400 nm**

**700 nm**

**600 nm**

**500 nm**

675 nm

Rank the three galaxies (A, B and C) in order of closest to Earth to furthest from Earth.

[2]

CLOSEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

FURTHEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Use the data for galaxy C and the equation provided in part (b) to calculate its recessional velocity.

[3]

1. A more recent measurement of Hubble’s Constant (H0) yielded a value of 75 km s-1 Mpc-1. Use the recessional velocity from part (d) to calculate how far from Earth galaxy C is in metres.

[If you could not calculate a value in part (d), use 8.70 x 106 m s-1]

[4]

**Question 16 (18 marks)**

Electric guitars are able to convert the mechanical energy of a vibrating string into electrical energy via a device called an ‘electric pickup’. These electrical signals are then transformed back into mechanical energy by a loudspeaker – creating the sound we hear.

**Mechanical Energy (loud speaker)**

**Mechanical Energy (vibrating string)**

**Electrical Energy (electric pickup)**

A simple schematic diagram of an electric pickup is shown below.

**Magnetic field due to coil**

**Vibrating string**

**Coil**

**Permanent magnet**

The permanent magnet creates a steady magnetic field near the guitar string. The guitar strings must be made of steel. When the steel guitar string is plucked, an induced EMF (and current) is formed in the coil. This AC electric signal is sent to the loudspeaker to be converted back into mechanical energy.

1. Describe and explain what will happen to the steel guitar strings when they are placed near the permanent magnetic field.

[2]

1. Describe how an EMF is induced in the electric pickup’s coil.

[2]

1. An AC signal is produced in the electric pickup’s coil with the same frequency as the vibrating string. Using Lenz’s Law, explain how the AC signal is produced.

[3]

1. The cross-sectional area of the coil in the electric pickup is 1.26 x 10-5 m2 and consists of 1000 turns.

The string is vibrating at 100 Hz. In one complete vibration, the string will move towards the coil from rest position and then away (see below).

**Motion of string during one period of vibration**

As the string moves towards the coil, the coil experiences a change in magnetic field strength of 2.00 x 10-3 T.

This part of the string’s motion will take **one-quarter of the period** of the string’s vibration.

Calculate the average EMF generated in the coil as the string moves towards the coil.

[4]

**Question 16 continued in the next page**

The AC signal from the pickup coil is sent to a coil in the loudspeaker. The speaker cone is connected to a diaphragm which has the coil wrapped around it. The coil and the diaphragm sit in a permanent radial magnetic field. Any force or movement experienced by the coil and diaphragm will be experienced by the speaker cone. The top diagram below shows the arrangement from side-on. The bottom diagram shows the coil/diaphragm/magnet arrangement.

SPEAKER CONE

COIL AND DIAPHRAGM

SOUTH POLE

NORTH POLE

NORTH POLE

COIL AND DIAPHRAGM

SOUTH POLE

NORTH POLE

1. At the instant that the coil is carrying a clockwise conventional current, state whether the magnetic force experienced by the coil is ‘into the page’ or ‘out of the page’.

[1]

1. Hence, describe how the speaker produces the same frequency sound as the guitar string.

[3]

1. The diameter of the coil is 2.00 cm and it consists of 50 turns. The magnetic field has a strength of 0.500 T and the maximum current carried by the coil is 2.00 A. Hence, calculate the maximum force experienced by the coil.

[3]

**Question 17 (17 marks)**

A solar prominence is a large, bright gaseous feature extending outward from the sun’s surface in a continuous loop. These huge red flames consist of superheated gases whose composition is now known to be mainly hydrogen.

1. Explain how a superheated atom can produce a line emission spectrum and why it can be used to identify the element that produced it.

[4]

The red colour of the prominences is thought to be mainly due to an emission from the superheated hydrogen atoms. The characteristic wavelength of this red light is measured to be about 656 nm. The diagram below shows the energy levels in a hydrogen atom (not to scale).

eV

n = ∞

n = 4

0 eV

-0.85 eV

n = 3

-1.5 eV

n = 2

-3.4 eV

n = 1

-13.6 eV

1. Calculate the photon energy (in eV) of this red emission line.

[3]

1. Use the energy level diagram for hydrogen to determine the electron transition responsible for this emission line. Show this transition with an arrow. Show your working below.

[2]

The hydrogen line emission spectrum can also be produced in an emission tube. A high voltage is applied to the tube accelerating electrons to high speeds. The hydrogen atoms in the tube are then excited via bombardment by these electrons. Once these collisions between the accelerated electrons and hydrogen atoms occur, the electrons will possess varying degrees of energy. In the emission tube below, the tube has an accelerating potential (VTUBE) of 1000 V.

**Low pressure Hydrogen gas**

**VTUBE = 1000 V**

1. Determine the maximum energy (in eV) an accelerated electron in this tube could possess.

[2]

1. An accelerated electron collides with a Hydrogen atom and ionises it. Hence, calculate the amount of energy the electron retains after this collision. Show working.

[2]

1. Calculate the minimum wavelength electromagnetic radiation that will be emitted by the hydrogen atoms in the tube. Identify this type of electromagnetic radiation.

[4]

**Question 18 [12 marks]**

In 1989, the now deceased Japanese Physicist Akira Tonomura and his team achieved fame by performing the ‘single electron interference’ experiment. Tonomura modified a transmission electron microscope to develop his experimental set up. At the time, the magazine Physics World described it as the ‘most beautiful Physics experiment in the world’.

In this experiment, electrons are emitted from a very sharp tungsten tip and have an accelerating potential of 5.00 kV applied to them.

An array of ‘electron optics’ then attenuates and focuses the electron beam until it consists of barely 100 electrons per second.

The electrons are the aimed at a double slit with gaps about 1 µm in width. The electrons pass through the double slit and are then passed through electron lenses to produce a magnified image of their impact on a fluorescent screen.

This experimental set up is shown schematically below.

5.00 kV

Fluorescent Screen Lenses

Electron Lenses

Double Slit

‘Electron Optics’

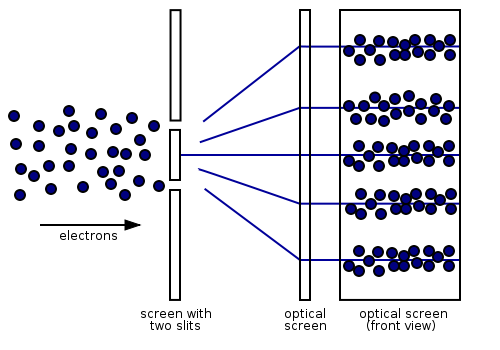
1. Calculate the maximum velocity achieved by electrons in the beam after they have the 5.00 kV accelerating potential applied to them. Show working.

[4]

1. Hence, calculate the de Broglie wavelength for the electrons when they are travelling at this maximum speed. [If you were unable to calculate part (a) use v = 4.00 x 107 ms-1]

[3]

After the electron beam passed through the double slit, the following pattern formed on the fluorescent screen.



Double slit

Pattern formed by electron beam on fluorescent screen

Electron beam

1. The pattern formed on the fluorescent screen by the electrons as they passed through the double slit one at a time showed evidence that electrons possessed a ‘wave nature’. Explain using your knowledge of wave properties.

[3]

1. On the empty florescent screen below, draw the pattern you would expect if electrons only behaved as particles. Support your answer with a reason.

[2]

Double slit

Electron beam

Pattern formed by electron beam on fluorescent screen

**Section Three: Comprehension and Data Analysis 20% (36 Marks)**

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

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Suggested working time for this section is 40 minutes.

**Question 19 (18 marks)**

**The ‘Near Perfect’ Liquid**

On the 18th April, 2005, a team of physicists at Brookhaven National Laboratory, New York, announced that they appeared to have discovered a new state of matter. Up until then, states of matter appeared to be limited to the Bose-Einstein Condensate, solids, liquids, gases and plasma. This new state of matter appeared to be composed of the fundamental particles that are the building blocks of atomic nuclei – quarks and gluons.

The researchers believed that amongst the many implications of their discovery, one of the most significant would be new insight into the composition of the universe just moments after the Big Bang.

The new state of matter was created and discovered by four different teams at the Brookhaven Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC). In the RHIC experiment, two beams of heavy gold ions were accelerated to relativistic velocities. Once the ions in both beams reached the required velocities, they were directed towards each other allowing the gold ions to ‘smash’ into each other and produce extremely high temperatures - more than one million times the temperature of the core of the sun. Thousands of subatomic collisions occurred every second and the trajectories of the particles produced after these collisions were measured and analyzed.

The results of the experiment revealed that at these temperatures a ‘near perfect liquid’ was created. The particles produced appeared to move in a coordinated and collective fashion – almost like a school of fish. The high degree of collective interaction between the particles and the extremely low viscosity of the matter created at the RHIC led the Brookhaven team of physicists to describe this as the most nearly perfect liquid ever observed.

The viscosity of a liquid can be defined as the resistance of a liquid to flow and can be measured in several ways – the most common being kinematic viscosity. **Kinematic viscosity** can be obtained by dividing the absolute **viscosity** of a fluid with the fluid mass density. The kinematic viscosity of water at 20°C is measured to be 1.0034 mm2 s-1; the kinematic viscosity of honey at 20°C is much higher than this - 9927.9 1 mm2 s-1. The higher the kinematic viscosity of a liquid, the more resistance the liquid displays to flow; this is due to the ‘thickness’ of the liquid and its high internal friction – meaning it flows more slowly.

Just microseconds after the Big Bang it is theorized that the Universe was dominated by a type of ultra-hot matter called the quark-gluon plasma (QGP). As the team of physicists at Brookhaven made their observations of the ‘super liquid’ they had created at the RHIC, they realized that these matched some of the theoretical properties of the ultra-hot QGP.

The ‘near perfect liquid’ (QGP) has since been studied more closely in the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) (where lead ions were used) at CERN; at Vienna University of Technology in 2012; and more recently, at the Berkeley National Laboratory. These studies have further refined the key property of ‘near perfect liquids’ – that they have the lowest viscosity-to-density ratio allowed by quantum mechanics which means that they can flow with almost no friction whatsoever.

Quantum mechanics has imposed a theoretical limit on how ‘liquid’ or how low the viscosity of a fluid could be. In fact, in 2004, scientists predicted that the lowest possible kinematic viscosity possible was equal to:

**, where = Planck’s Constant**

In 2005, measurements showed that QGP has a viscosity just above this value and far below the previously least viscous liquid known, super fluid helium. However, recent experiments are pointing to a viscosity that may be even lower than this theoretical limit. More studies of this exotic, hot-plasma soup of quarks and gluons are ongoing and will no doubt reveal more information about the early Universe.

1. State the name of the family of particles that a gluon comes from. Briefly describe the function of these particles.

[2]

1. Explain why quarks and gluons have been ‘inseparable’ for most of the Universe’s existence – but were separate in the first few microseconds of the Universe.

[3]

1. Explain what is meant by the term ‘relativistic velocities’.

[2]

1. At the RHIC, gold ions are accelerated to about 99.7% of the speed of light. Calculate the amount of energy possessed by a gold ion at this speed (mass of a gold ion is 196.966569 u; 1 u = 1.66 x 10-27 kg).

[4]

1. Explain what scientists mean by the term a ‘perfect liquid’.

[2]

1. The article describes the conditions experienced during the collision experiments that create the hot-plasma soup of quarks and gluons. These conditions are said to be simulating those present in the Universe microseconds after the Big Bang. Describe how these conditions are replicated in the RHIC.

[3]

1. Calculate the theoretical lowest possible kinematic viscosity for a liquid ( using the formula in the article (no units are required).

[2]

**Question 20 (18 marks)**

A group of students performed an experiment to investigate Ampere’s Force Law. This Law allows the mutual magnetic force between two parallel, current carrying conductors a set distance apart to be calculated.

The students knew that this force can be calculated using the following expression:

Where: Fm = mutual magnetic force exerted on equal lengths of each parallel conductor (N);

L = equal parallel length of each conductor (m);

µ0 = magnetic constant (N A-2);

I1 = current in conductor 1 (A);

I2 = current in conductor 2 (A);

r = perpendicular distance between conductor 1 and conductor 2 (m).

The students set up some equipment that allowed them to use sensitive force probes to detect and measure the mutual magnetic force, Fm, between two parallel, current carrying conductors a set distance ‘r’ apart.

The direction and magnitude of the current in each conductor was kept constant; and the distance ‘r’ between them was varied and measured. The corresponding mutual magnetic force on each conductor was then measured with the force probes.

This set up is shown below:

r

I1

I2

L

Conductor 2

Conductor 1

The students found that the mutual magnetic force, Fm, could be ‘attraction’ or ‘repulsion’ depending on the direction of the currents I1 and I2.

1. The diagrams below indicate the directions of the currents I1 and I2 in two scenarios. For each scenario:

* Draw a vector on each conductor indicating the direction of the magnetic field at that point due to the current in the other conductor.
* Indicate whether the mutual magnetic force, Fm, acting on the conductors are ‘attraction’ or ‘repulsion’. Circle your choice.

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1. ATTRACTION / REPULSION

I1

I2

1. ATTRACTION / REPULSION

I2

I1

The students collected data using the experimental set up shown earlier to determine an experimental value for the magnetic constant, µ0. The data they collected is summarised below:

**I1 = 2.50 A; I2 = 3.10 A, L = 1.00 m**

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| r (m) | Average Fm (x 10-6 N) | 1/r ( \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ) |
| 0.0500 | 31.8 |  |
| 0.100 | 15.6 | 10.0 |
| 0.150 | 10.4 | 6.70 |
| 0.200 | 7.78 | 5.00 |
| 0.250 | 6.62 | 4.00 |
| 0.300 | 5.19 | 3.33 |

1. Fill in the missing values in the table. Show any working below. Also, write the units for ‘1/r’ in the space provided at the top of the column.

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1. On the axes provided, plot the values for ‘Average Fm’ against ‘1/r’. Place ‘1/r’ on the horizontal axis. Draw a line of best fit for this data.

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1. Calculate the slope of your line of best fit. State units.

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1. Use the value of the slope you calculated in part (d) to calculate an experimental value for ‘µ0’.

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**End of Section 3**

**Additional working space**

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**Additional graph if required.**

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**End of examination**