



CHRIST CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**YEAR 12**

**ATAR PHYSICS**

**TRIAL EXAMINATION 2016**

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**Time allowed for this paper**

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

**Materials required/recommended for this paper**

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Question/Answer Booklet  
Formulae and Data Booklet

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Standard items: pens (blue/black preferred), pencils (including coloured), sharpener, correction fluid/tape, eraser, ruler, highlighters

Special items: non-programmable calculators approved for use in the WACE examinations, 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 exam
Section One: Short Answers	12	12	50	54	30%
Section Two: Problem-Solving	7	7	90	90	50%
Section Three: Comprehension	2	2	40	36	20%
<b>Total</b>					<b>180</b>

## Instructions to candidates

1. Write your answers in this Question/Answer Booklet
2. When calculating numerical answers, show your working or reasoning clearly. Give final answers to three significant figures and include appropriate units where applicable.
3. 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.
4. The Formulae and Data booklet is **not** handed in with your Question/Answer Booklet.

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**Section One: Short Response**

This section has **thirteen (13)** questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

Suggested working time for this section is **50 minutes**.

**Question 1****(3 marks)**

Calculate the momentum of blue light that has a de Broglie wavelength of 450 nm.

**Question 2****(5 marks)**

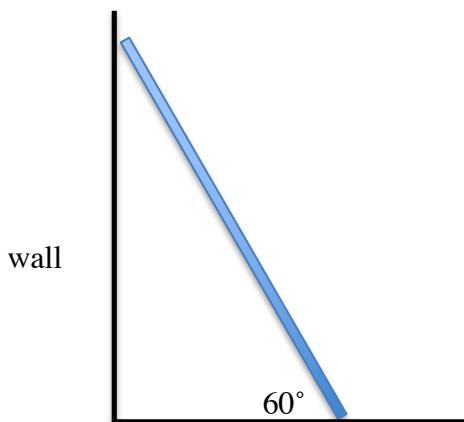
The table below contains information related to a planet orbiting a distant star.

Planet	Mass (kg)	Orbital Radius (m)	Radius of planet (m)	Length of day (s)
Zoot	$1.21 \times 10^{25}$	$4.00 \times 10^{11}$	$8.00 \times 10^6$	$9.50 \times 10^4$

Use selected data from the table to calculate the orbital period of planet Zoot.

**Question 3****(5 marks)**

A builder leans a 3.25 m long, uniform plank of wood with a weight of 495 N up against a smooth frictionless wall on a building site as shown in the diagram below. The plank makes an angle of  $60.0^\circ$  with the rough concrete floor. Calculate the frictional force between the base of the plank and the floor to keep the plank in this position.

**Question 4****(4 marks)**

Explain why light can be described as an electromagnetic wave but not as a mechanical wave.

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**Question 5****(6 marks)**

The wireless technology employed in an office transmits information via microwave pulses that have a power output of 5.75 kW for each pulse. A signal is transmitted at a frequency of  $2.40 \times 10^9$  Hz for a time of  $10^{-6}$  seconds per pulse.

- (a) Calculate the photon energy of each microwave pulse. (3 marks)

- (b) Calculate how many photons are emitted in each pulse. (3 marks)

**Question 6****(4 marks)**

When viewing different sources of light through a spectroscope, different types of spectrum would be seen. For each of the following examples **circle** the correct option from each group of responses.

- (a) A discharge tube filled with low pressure hydrogen gas powered by a high potential difference.

(1 mark)

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- (b) A flame of a burning candle.

(1 mark)

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- (c) A cold solution of chlorophyll illuminated from behind with an incandescent light globe

(1 mark)

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- (d) Light originating from the Sun as viewed on Earth.

(1 mark)

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**Question 7****(3 marks)**

- (a) Explain why a proton and a neutron are classified as hadrons.

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- (b) Explain why a proton has a charge of  $+1e$ , while a neutron is uncharged.

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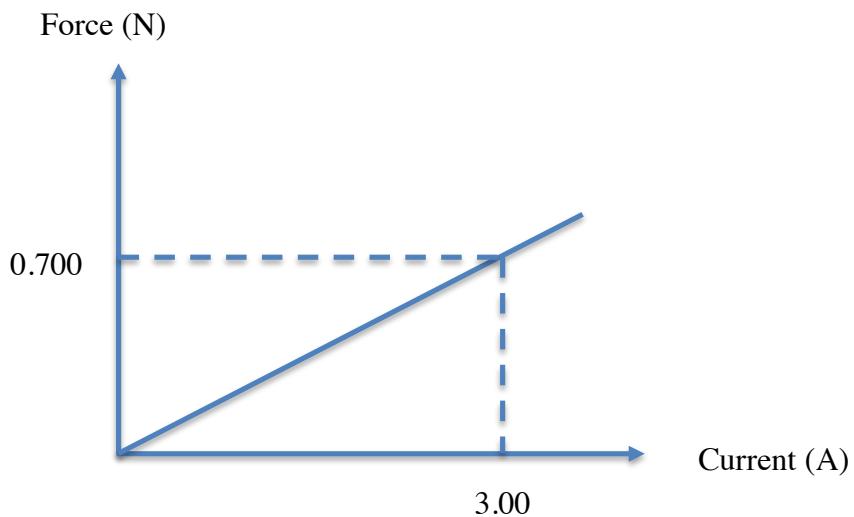
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**Question 8****(3 marks)**

A student performed an experiment to measure the force acting on a long current-carrying conductor placed perpendicular to an external magnetic field.

The graph below shows how the force on a 0.200 m length of the conductor varied as the current through the conductor was changed.



Determine the magnitude of the external magnetic field used in this experiment.

**Question 9****(6 marks)**

In one of Einstein's thought experiments, a passenger is sitting in the middle of a carriage that is 22.0 m long as it travels through a train station at 60.0% of the speed of light. A person standing on a platform observes the train passing through the station just as a light in the centre of the carriage is switched on when he is directly opposite the train passenger.

- (a) Are the two events an example of simultaneity? Explain.

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- (b) Calculate the length of the carriage as observed by the person standing on the station platform.

(3 marks)

**Question 10****(4 marks)**

The Standard Model explains that all matter is made up of elementary matter particles called quarks and leptons. Each type of particle interacts with the four fundamental forces differently.

- (a) Describe how quarks and leptons are **different** in their interaction with the four fundamental forces.

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- (b) Explain why baryons and mesons are categorised as different forms of hadrons.

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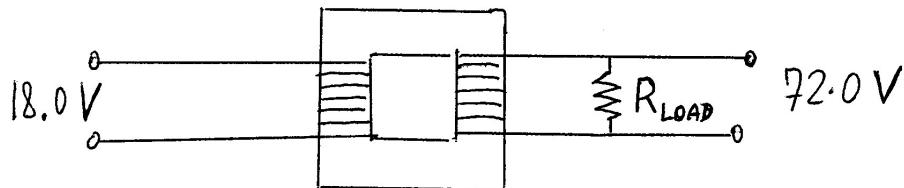
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**Question 11****(4 marks)**

An *ideal* transformer operates with an RMS input voltage of 18.0 V and an RMS current of 4.50 A drawn through the primary winding. The RMS output voltage is 72.0 V and there are 48 turns on the secondary winding.



- (a) Calculate the RMS output current for the transformer.

(2 marks)

- (b) Calculate the number of turns in the primary winding.

(2 marks)

**Question 12****(4 marks)**

Hamish has a toy car set that contains a loop-the-loop, as shown in the diagram below. Estimate the minimum speed that the toy car should have at the top of the loop to be able to successfully complete the loop-the-loop without dropping off the track. You must state any assumptions or estimates that you have made.

**Question 13****(3 marks)**

The Standard Model explains three of the four fundamental forces (strong, weak and electromagnetic) in terms of an exchange of force-carrying particles called gauge bosons, where each force is mediated by a different type of gauge boson. State the type of gauge boson that mediates each of the three fundamental forces.

Strong Force: \_\_\_\_\_

Weak Force: \_\_\_\_\_

Electromagnetic Force: \_\_\_\_\_

**End of Section One**

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**Section Two: Problem-Solving**

This section has **seven (7)** questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

Suggested working time for this section is **90 minutes**.

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**Question 1****(10 marks)**

A hydrogen atom is made up of a single proton in the nucleus of the atom and an orbiting electron, separated by a distance of  $3.62 \times 10^{-11}$  m.

- (a) Calculate the electrostatic force that exists between the proton and the electron.

(3 marks)

- (b) Calculate the gravitational force of attraction that exists between the electron and the proton.

(3 marks)

- (c) (i) Explain **qualitatively** how the electrostatic force would alter if the atom was deuterium, an isotope of hydrogen, containing both a proton and a neutron in the nucleus of the atom.

(2 marks)

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- (ii) Explain **qualitatively** how the gravitational force would alter if the atom was deuterium containing both a proton and a neutron in the nucleus of the atom.

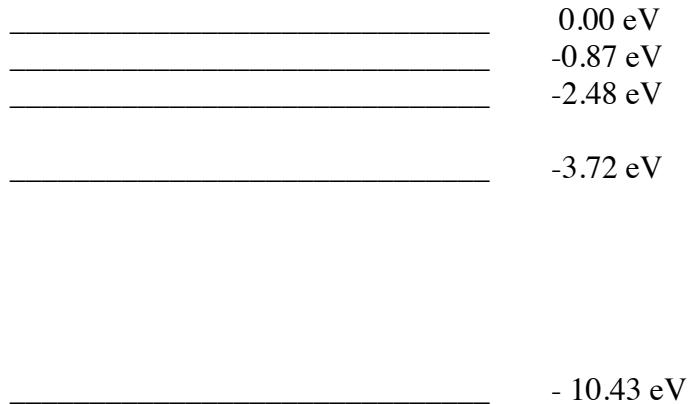
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**Question 2****(11 marks)**

Some energy levels of the mercury atom are shown in the diagram (not to scale) below.



- (a) Determine the maximum number of lines which could appear in the line emission spectrum of mercury using the energy levels shown. (2 marks)
- (b) Calculate the longest wavelength of light that could be found in this emission spectrum. (3 marks)
- (c) Calculate the highest frequency photon that could be emitted from the energy levels shown. (3 marks)

- (d) Determine the region of the electromagnetic spectrum from which the photon in part (c) above would be detected.  
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- (e) Describe what occurs within the atom when an atom is induced to emit its line emission spectra.  
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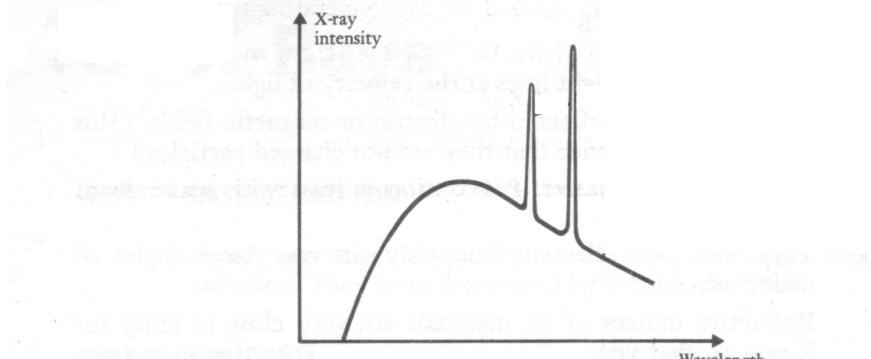
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## Question 3

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The X-ray spectrum in the graph below was produced by an X-ray tube with a supply voltage of 50.0 kV. The target anode was made of copper.



- (a) Clearly indicate on the graph above, with the label ' $\lambda_{\max}$ ', the wavelength that corresponds to highest frequency of the Bremsstrahlung X-rays produced. (1 mark)

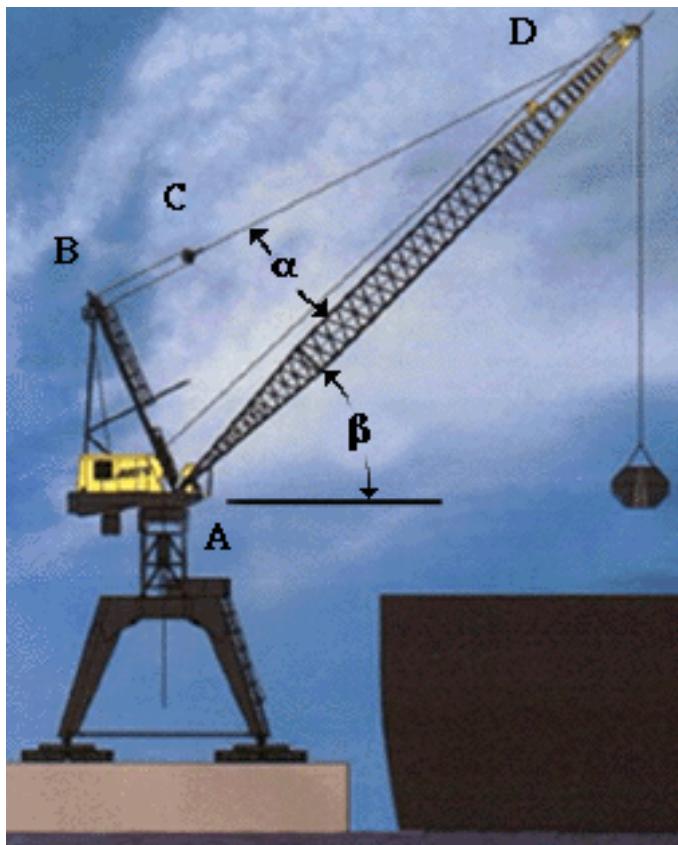
(b) Explain how the different sections of the intensity vs wavelength graph are produced. (4 marks)

- (c) Calculate the maximum kinetic energy in joules of the thermionic electrons accelerated by the supply voltage of 50.0 kV.  
(3 marks)

- (d) Calculate the wavelength of these X-rays if the kinetic energy is entirely transformed into energy of the X-ray photons.  
(3 marks)

**Question 4****(17 marks)**

A crane at a port, similar to one in the image below, is used to lift heavy objects out of ships.



In the image, the crane is lifting an object that has a mass of  $1.00 \times 10^3$  kg. The crane mast (AD) has a length of 30.0 m, with a uniform distribution of  $4.00 \times 10^2$  kg mass, pivoting about point A. The mast makes an angle  $\beta$  of  $40.0^\circ$  from the horizontal. The cable CD makes an angle  $\alpha$  of  $20.0^\circ$  with the top of the crane mast (point D). Note: Angle ABD is  $90.0^\circ$ .

- (a) Calculate the magnitude of the tension in cable CD.

(4 marks)

- (b) Calculate the reaction force acting on the crane mast at point A when in the position shown.  
(5 marks)

- (c) The position of the crane mast can be raised or lowered by altering angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  through changing the length of cable BC. Explain the effect increasing the length of cable BC would have on the magnitude of the tension in cable CD.

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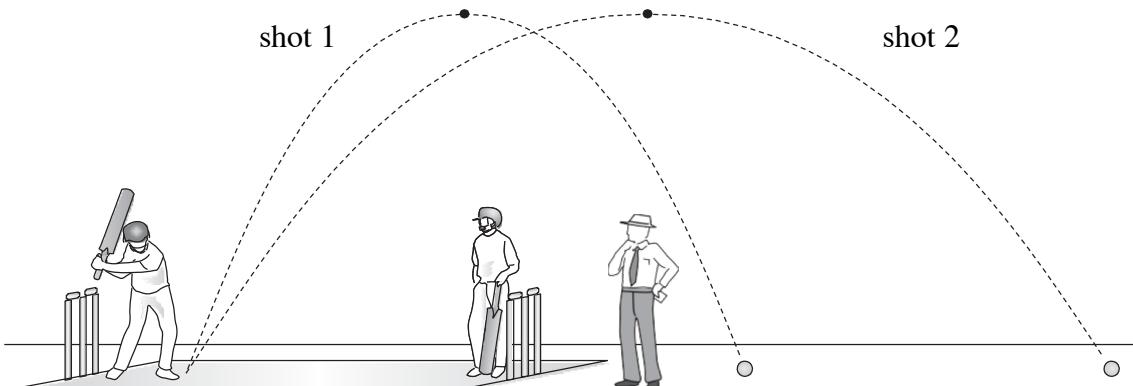
The crane can rotate horizontally about point A to position the object removed from the ship, onto a waiting truck on the dock without the mass swinging outwards.

- (d) Calculate the centripetal acceleration of the object that was lifted, if the crane is rotated horizontally at a uniform speed through  $120^\circ$  in a time of 30.0 s.

(5 marks)

**Question 5****(14 marks)**

The picture below shows two consecutive shots by a batsman in a game of cricket.



Both balls achieve the same height above the ground but shot 2 reaches twice the distance (range) compared to shot 1 before hitting the ground.

- (a) Neglecting air resistance, compare shot 1 with shot 2, with an explanation using the projectile concepts of initial velocity, time of flight, and acceleration due to gravity, why shot 1 has a greater range than shot 2.

(5 marks)

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The cricket field used in the game has a boundary of 55.0 m from the batsman. A six is required to win the game on the last ball of the game. The batsman hits the ball with the base of his bat at ground level with an initial speed of  $24.2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at an angle of  $39.0^\circ$  above the horizontal. (Disregard air resistance in part (b) and (c) of this question).

- (b) Calculate the height that the ball reaches. (3 marks)
- (c) The ball is hit towards a fieldsman on the boundary who can only catch the ball if it is below a height of 2.55 m as it reaches his position. Does the batsman win the game? Verify your answer with a calculation. (6 marks)

**Question 6****(11 marks)**

A farmer needs to supply a water pump with a high voltage of 1.20 kV RMS but only has access to a 240 V RMS supply. He connects a transformer with 220 turns of wire on the primary coil to a secondary coil to step up to the voltage required. (Assume that the transformer is 100% efficient).

- (a) Calculate the number of turns required on the secondary winding of the transformer.

(3 marks)

The maximum allowable voltage drop (potential difference) across the cables that connect the secondary coil of the transformer to the water pump is 5% of the output voltage. The transformer has an electrical power output of 8.25 kW.

- (b) Calculate the maximum allowable resistance of the cables connecting the secondary coil of the transformer to the water pump.

(3 marks)

- (c) Calculate the electrical power that is available to the water pump.

(3 marks)

- (d) In such a transformer the energy output is not 100%. Describe two methods used in transformer construction to increase efficiency.  
(2 marks)

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**Question 7****(16 marks)**

In an experiment a group of students investigate the photoelectric effect. They measure the energy of photo-electrons ejected from a polished metal in eV as the frequency of the incident light used was varied. The results of the experiment are shown below.

E (eV)	f ( $\times 10^{14}$ Hz)	
2.00	13.0	
1.60	12.0	
1.10	11.0	
0.700	10.0	
0.500	9.50	
0.250	9.00	

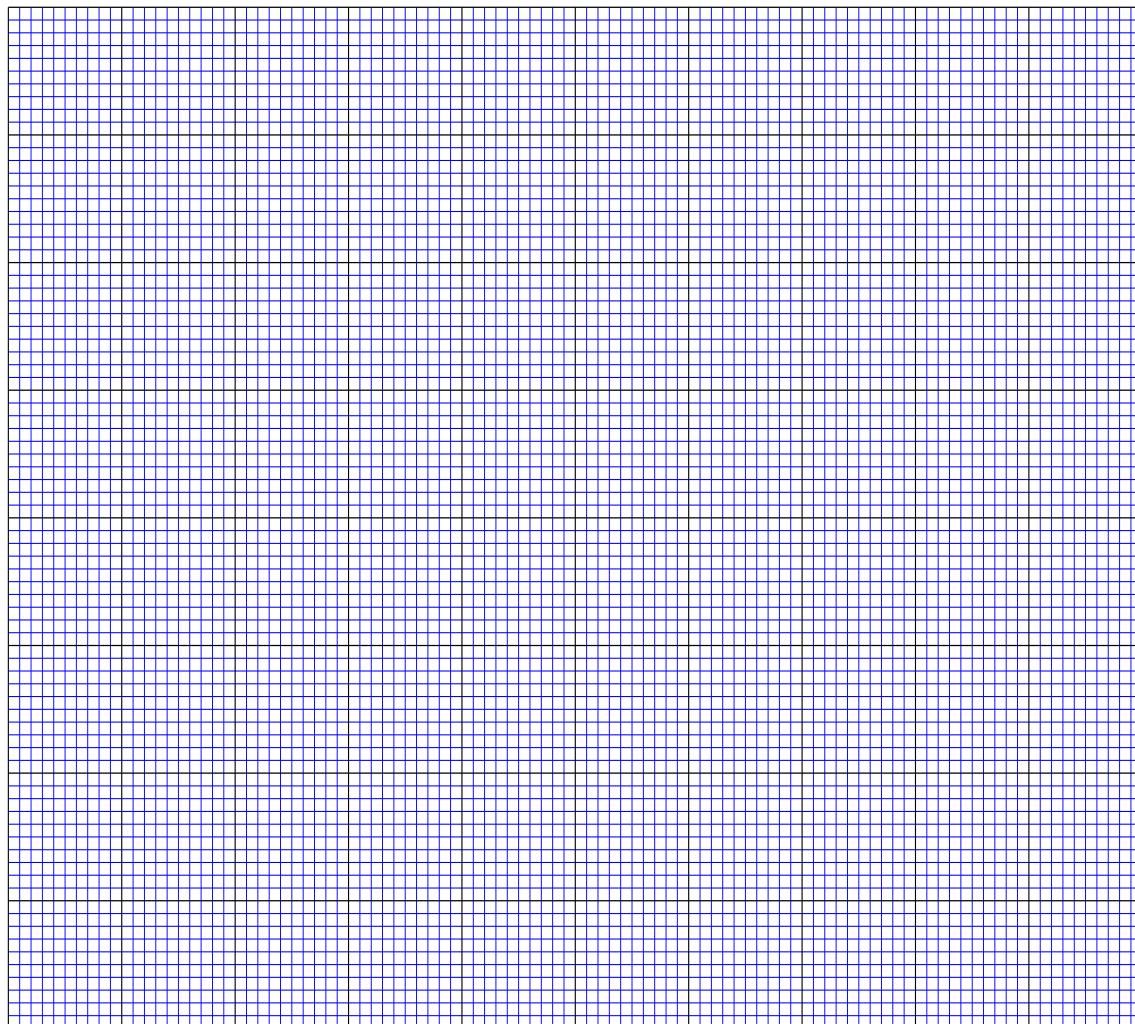
- (b) Process the data in order to construct a graph E (joules) v f  
(3 marks)
- (c) Construct a graph of E v f on the following page. The y-axis should be started from -7.00 eV.  
(5 marks)
- (d) Explain, in relation to electron-photon interaction, the significance of the x-intercept of the graph.  
(2 marks)

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- (e) Explain the significance of the y-intercept of the graph.  
(2 marks)

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(f) Calculate the gradient of the graph.

(3 marks)

(g) State what the gradient represents.

(1 mark)

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**Section Three: Comprehension**

This section has **two (2)** questions. Answer **both** questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

Suggested working time for this section is **40 minutes**.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 1****(20 marks)****Photoconductivity**

Big companies sometimes make big mistakes. When American inventor Chester Carlson (1906–1968) approached some of the world's largest corporations with his idea for a photocopying machine, during the 1940s, they simply didn't want to know. They couldn't imagine who would want to make lots of copies of documents. It took Carlson years to turn the idea into one of the most important office inventions of the 20th century—and those companies kicked themselves when they realised just how big an opportunity they had missed. Photocopiers look complex, but they work using two areas of science; static electricity and photoconductivity.



The science of static electricity is put to practical use inside a photocopier. Static electricity, however, is only one of the two scientific principles that makes a photocopier work. The other is photoconductivity.

Photoconductivity is a phenomenon, in which some materials become more electrically conductive due to the absorption of electromagnetic radiation. Certain crystalline semi conductors, such as silicon, germanium, lead sulfide, and cadmium sulfide, and the related semi metal selenium are strongly photoconductive. Normally, semiconductors are relatively poor electrical conductors because they have only a small number of electrons that are free to move when they experience a potential difference. Most of the electrons are bound to their atomic lattice in the set of energy states called the *valence band*. But if an external source of energy such as heat or light is provided, some electrons can be raised to a higher energy *conduction band*, where the electrons can be moved in an electric field. The current formed will cease when the light source is removed.

Photoconductivity can occur when the semiconductor material is bombarded with photons of sufficient energy to excite electrons across the band gap, the region between the valence and conduction bands. This increases the number of free electrons and leaves behind electron holes from where the electron has been promoted raising the material's electrical conductivity. In metals these electron holes are quickly filled by a higher energy electron dropping back as there is an abundance of free electrons. To cause excitation, the photons that strike the semiconductor must have enough energy to raise electrons across the band gap.

- (a) Briefly describe the similarities and differences between the photoelectric effect and photoconductivity.

(4 marks)

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The chemical element used in xerography, the typical process used initially in modern photocopiers, was selenium. To cross the band gap, selenium requires an energy equivalent to 2.60 eV.

- (b) Calculate the wavelength of the photon required to excite an electron across the band gap of a selenium atom.

(3 marks)

- (c) State the part of the electromagnetic spectrum that match the photons required to cross the band gap of selenium.

(1 mark)

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Selenium is a poor electrical conductor, but when light of a particular frequency is absorbed by some of its valence band electrons and a potential difference is applied, these electrons are able to pass more freely from one atom to another. When the light is removed, the mobility of the electrons falls. Xerography typically used an aluminum drum coated with a layer of selenium. The selenium has largely been replaced by more efficient photoconductive polymers such as polyvinylcarbazole.

The photoconductor inside a photocopier is similar to a solar cell. When sunlight shines onto a solar panel, the solar cells inside the panel take in the available energy in the light and convert it directly into electrical energy by removing the electrons that exist in the excited state as an electric current.

Instead of producing an electric current when light shines onto it as in the solar cell, the photoconductor captures the pattern of the light as a pattern of static electricity.

After a great deal of research and tinkering in his laboratory, Chester Carlson figured out how he could use these two bits of science—static electricity and photoconductivity—to help him make copies of documents. He figured out that if you shine an *extremely* bright light onto a document, you can make a shadow of the black and white areas on the page. If the light is shone onto the document at an angle, it doesn't reflect straight back: it bounces off at an angle. So, by shining the light at an angle onto the document, you can reflect an 'electrical shadow' of the document onto another object, the photoconductor. This forms a reflected image of the document on the photoconductor.

- (d) Explain what is meant by the term 'electrical shadow'.

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The cylindrical drum in a photocopier has a photoconductive coating that is electrostatically charged by a high voltage wire called a corona wire or a charge roller. The bright lamp then illuminates the original document, and the white areas of the document reflect the light onto the surface of the photoconductive drum. The areas of the drum that are exposed to light become conductive by giving electrons sufficient energy to jump the band gap and can then discharge to the ground. The area of the drum not exposed to light (those areas that correspond to black portions of the original document) remains negatively charged; an electrical copy of the light shining onto it. This is the key to how a photocopier works.

- (e) Describe how areas on the photoconductor become charged.

(4 marks)

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Ink powder, known as toner, is then brought very near to the photoconductor. The toner particles are positively charged so are attracted to it, and will stick to the negatively charged areas of the 'electrical shadow'.

The resulting toner image on the surface of the drum is transferred from the drum onto a piece of paper which has a higher negative charge than the drum. The paper is pushed onto the photoconductor and heated to fuse the ink to the paper. The paper now has a copy of the original document.

- (f) Explain why the paper must have a stronger electrical charge than that created on the photoconductor drum.

(2 marks)

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- (g) Calculate the electrostatic force that exists between a  $-2.50 \mu\text{C}$  charged area of the photocopier drum and ink toner that has a charge of  $+3.00 \mu\text{C}$  if they are initially separated by a distance of  $5.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ .  
(3 marks)

**Question 2****(20 marks)****Investigating Jupiter**

NASA has sent various probes out in space to investigate our neighbours in space. One of the more ambitious projects was to send the Juno probe to investigate Jupiter, as a follow up to a previous visit by Galileo in 2003. Juno has the ability to send back images of Jupiter and detailed information never achieved with such clarity before as it orbits the large gas giant.

The Juno probe has a mass of 1600 kg.

The Equatorial Radius of Jupiter is  $7.15 \times 10^7$  m

Polar Radius of  $6.69 \times 10^7$  m

Orbital Period of =  $3.12 \times 10^9$  s

Rotational period  $3.57 \times 10^8$  s

Mean Earth Jupiter distance is  $7.50 \times 10^9$  m.

With the exception of the Sun, Jupiter is the most dominant object in the solar system. Because of its enormous size and the fact that it was likely the first of the planets to form, it has profoundly influenced the formation and evolution of the other bodies that orbit our star.

The trip to Jupiter took Juno about 5 years being launched in August 2011. Its journey enabled the use of the Earth's gravity to increase the probe's speed. To do this the probe first was put into an elliptical heliocentric orbit around the inner solar system over a two-year period before swinging back past the Earth in October 2013 to use its gravitational field to get a boost to propel it towards Jupiter by boosting its speed by 3.9 km/s.

- (a) Describe how a probe, such as Juno, can use the gravitational field of the Earth to increase its velocity.

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Juno arrived at Jupiter in July of this year. Jupiter's gravity accelerated Juno to a speed of  $74 \text{ kms}^{-1}$  before it fired its main engines to slow Juno down by  $542 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  to slip to be captured and placed into a polar orbit with a period of 53.5 days to begin its primary scientific mission.

- (b) Calculate the altitude at which Juno was orbiting Jupiter at this stage of its mission.  
(4 marks)

A primary piece of research is to map Jupiter's gravitational and magnetic fields to learn more about what its interior structure looks like. Scientists want to understand what powers the auroras, Jupiter's northern and southern lights.

- (b) Explain how auroras form, and what the northern and southern auroras show us about Jupiter's magnetic field.  
(4 marks)

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The final orbit of Juno will be a polar orbit as these are best for mapping and monitoring a planet. Juno will be slowed down to end up in an orbit that will take 14 days to complete. In each orbit Juno will sit 5000 km above the planet.

- (b) Explain why a polar orbit is best used to map a planet like Jupiter.  
(3 marks)

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- (c) Calculate the orbital speed of Juno in its final polar orbit about Jupiter.  
(3 marks)

Juno is fitted with various pieces of scientific equipment including ultraviolet and infrared cameras to take images of the atmosphere and the auroras. These cameras and an on board spectrometer will help fingerprint the chemical gases present in Jupiter's atmosphere. Other equipment will measure the strength of the magnetic field and electric field that surrounds Jupiter.

- (d) Explain how the gas make up of the atmosphere will be determined using the on board spectrometer.  
(3 marks)

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Juno's scientific mission will be complete in February 2018 when it will be directed to dive into Jupiter's atmosphere, where it will burn up like a meteor that enters the Earth's atmosphere.

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