

- 1 The speed  $v$  of a transverse wave on a uniform string is given by the expression

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{Tl}{m}}$$

where  $T$  is the tension in the string,  $l$  is its length and  $m$  is its mass.

An experiment is performed to determine the speed  $v$  of the wave. The measurements are shown in Fig. 1.1.

| quantity | measurement | uncertainty |
|----------|-------------|-------------|
| $T$      | 1.8N        | $\pm 5\%$   |
| $l$      | 126cm       | $\pm 1\%$   |
| $m$      | 5.1g        | $\pm 2\%$   |

**Fig. 1.1**

- (a) State an appropriate instrument to measure the length  $l$ .

..... [1]

- (b) (i) the data in Fig. 1.1 to calculate the speed  $v$ .

$v =$  .....  $\text{ms}^{-1}$  [2]

- (ii) your answer in (b)(i) and the data in Fig. 1.1 to determine the value of  $v$ , with its absolute uncertainty, to an appropriate number of significant figures.

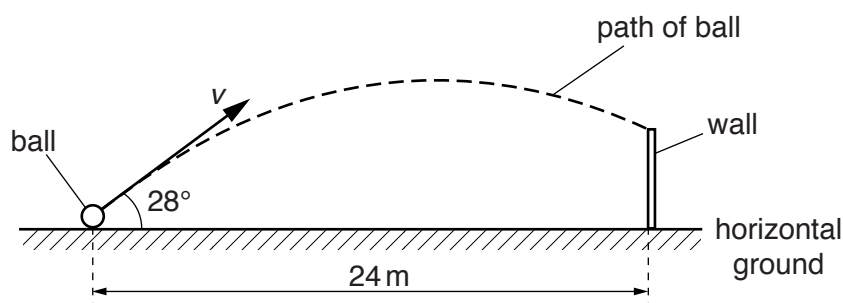
$v =$  .....  $\pm$  .....  $\text{ms}^{-1}$  [3]

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- 2 (a) Define *acceleration*.

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 ..... [1]

- (b) A ball is kicked from horizontal ground towards the top of a vertical wall, as shown in Fig. 2.1.



**Fig. 2.1** (not to scale)

The horizontal distance between the initial position of the ball and the base of the wall is 24 m. The ball is kicked with an initial velocity  $v$  at an angle of  $28^\circ$  to the horizontal. The ball hits the top of the wall after a time of 1.5 s. Air resistance may be assumed to be negligible.

- (i) Calculate the initial horizontal component  $v_x$  of the velocity of the ball.

$$v_x = \dots\dots\dots \text{ms}^{-1} \quad [1]$$

- (ii) Show that the initial vertical component  $v_y$  of the velocity of the ball is  $8.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

[2]

- (iii) Calculate the time taken for the ball to reach its maximum height above the ground.

$$\text{time} = \dots\dots\dots \text{s} \quad [2]$$

- (iv) The ball is kicked at time  $t = 0$ . On Fig. 2.2, sketch the variation with time  $t$  of the vertical component  $v_y$  of the velocity of the ball until it hits the wall. It may be assumed that velocity is positive when in the upwards direction.

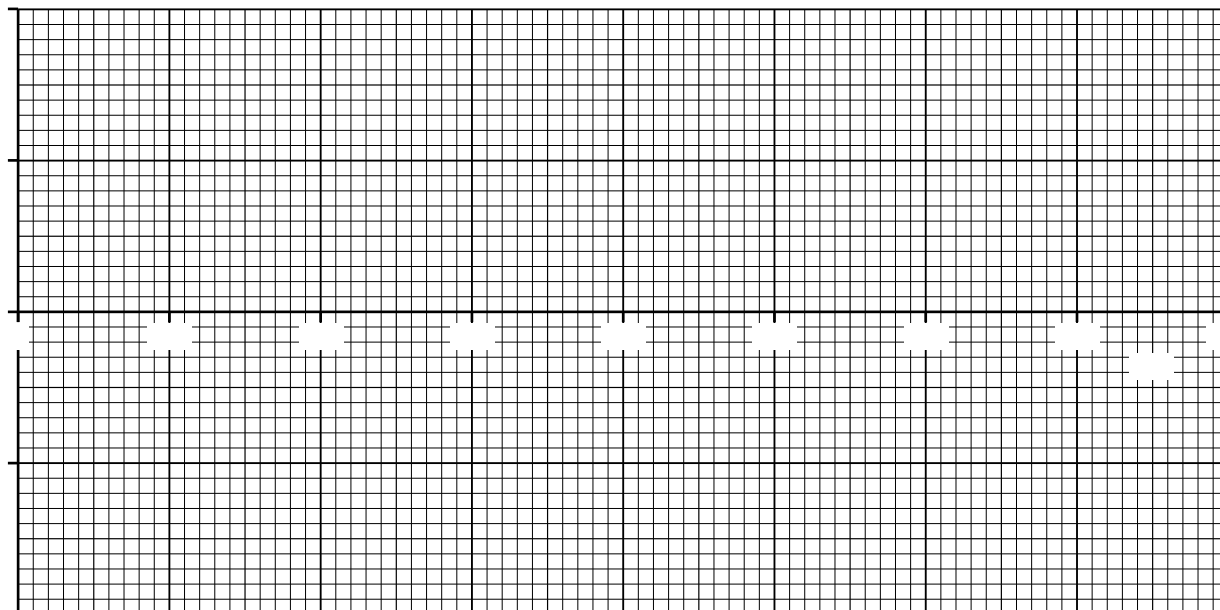


Fig. 2.2

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- (c) (i) the information in (b) to determine the maximum height of the ball above the ground.

maximum height = ..... m [2]

- (ii) The maximum gravitational potential energy of the ball above the ground is 22 J. Calculate the mass of the ball.

mass = ..... kg [2]

- (d) A ball of greater mass is kicked with the same velocity as the ball in (b). State and explain the effect, if any, of the increased mass on the maximum height reached by the ball. Air resistance is still assumed to be negligible.

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..... [1]

[Total: 13]

3 (a) State what is meant by

(i) *work done*,

.....  
..... [1]

(ii) *elastic potential energy*.

.....  
..... [1]

(b) A block of mass  $0.40\text{ kg}$  slides in a straight line with a constant speed of  $0.30\text{ m s}^{-1}$  along a horizontal surface, as shown in Fig. 3.1.



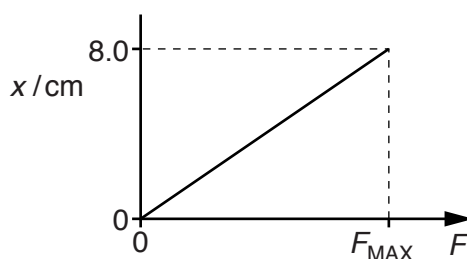
Fig. 3.1

The block hits a spring and decelerates. The speed of the block becomes zero when the spring is compressed by  $8.0\text{ cm}$ .

(i) Calculate the initial kinetic energy of the block.

kinetic energy = ..... J [2]

- (ii) The variation of the compression  $x$  of the spring with the force  $F$  applied to the spring is shown in Fig. 3.2.



**Fig. 3.2**

your answer in **(b)(i)** to determine the maximum force  $F_{\text{MAX}}$  exerted on the spring by the block.  
Explain your working.

$$F_{\text{MAX}} = \dots\dots\dots \text{N} \quad [3]$$

- (iii) Calculate the maximum deceleration of the block.

$$\text{deceleration} = \dots\dots\dots \text{ms}^{-2} \quad [1]$$

- (iv) State and explain whether the block is in equilibrium

1. before it hits the spring,

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2. when its speed becomes zero.

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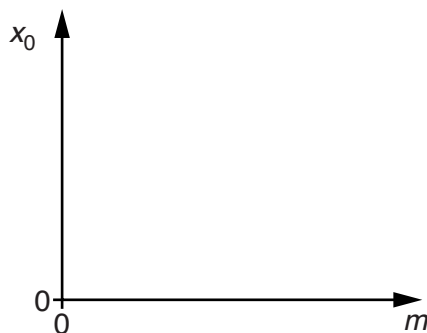
(c) The energy  $E$  stored in a spring is given by

$$E = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

where  $k$  is the spring constant of the spring and  $x$  is its compression.

The mass  $m$  of the block in (b) is now varied. The initial speed of the block remains constant and the spring continues to obey Hooke's law.

On Fig. 3.3, sketch the variation of the maximum compression  $x_0$  of the spring with mass  $m$ .



**Fig. 3.3**

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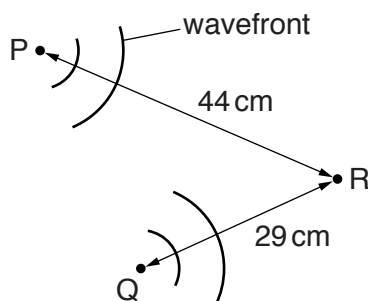
- 4 (a) (i) By reference to the direction of propagation of energy, state what is meant by a *transverse* wave.

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 ..... [1]

- (ii) State the principle of superposition.

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 .....  
 ..... [2]

- (b) Circular water waves may be produced by vibrating dippers at points P and Q, as illustrated in Fig. 4.1.



**Fig. 4.1** (not to scale)

The waves from P alone have the same amplitude at point R as the waves from Q alone. Distance PR is 44 cm and distance QR is 29 cm.

The dippers vibrate in phase with a period of 1.5 s to produce waves of speed  $4.0 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ .

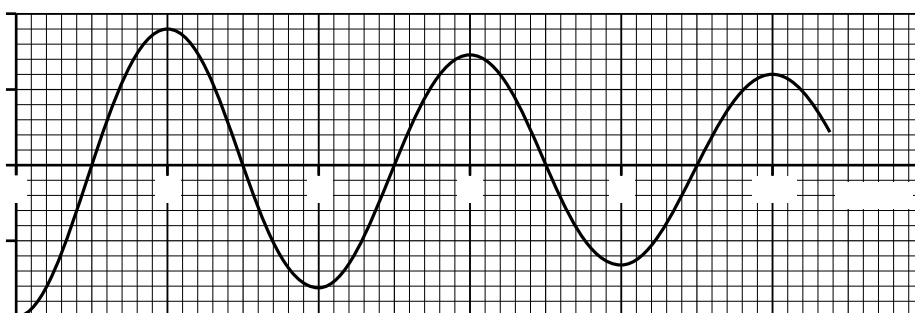
- (i) Determine the wavelength of the waves.

wavelength = ..... cm [2]

- (ii) By reference to the distances PR and QR, explain why the water particles are at rest at point R.

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 .....  
 ..... [3]

- (c) A wave is produced on the surface of a different liquid. At one particular time, the variation of the vertical displacement  $y$  with distance  $x$  along the surface of the liquid is shown in Fig. 4.2.



**Fig. 4.2**

- (i) The wave has intensity  $I_1$  at distance  $x = 2.0$  cm and intensity  $I_2$  at  $x = 10.0$  cm.

Determine the ratio

$$\frac{\text{intensity } I_2}{\text{intensity } I_1}.$$

ratio = ..... [2]

- (ii) State the phase difference, with its unit, between the oscillations of the liquid particles at distances  $x = 3.0$  cm and  $x = 4.0$  cm.

phase difference = ..... [1]

[Total: 11]



- 5 (a) (i) State what is meant by an *electric current*.

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..... [1]

- (ii) Define electric *potential difference* (*p.d.*).

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..... [1]

- (b) A power supply of electromotive force (e.m.f.)  $8.7\text{ V}$  and negligible internal resistance is connected by two identical wires to three filament lamps, as shown in Fig. 5.1.

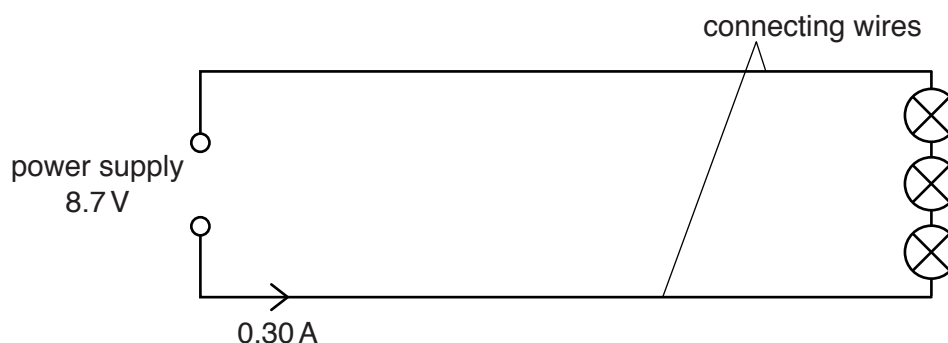


Fig. 5.1 (not to scale)

The power supply provides a current of  $0.30\text{ A}$  to the circuit.  
The filament lamps are identical. The  $I$ – $V$  characteristic for **one** of the lamps is shown in Fig. 5.2.

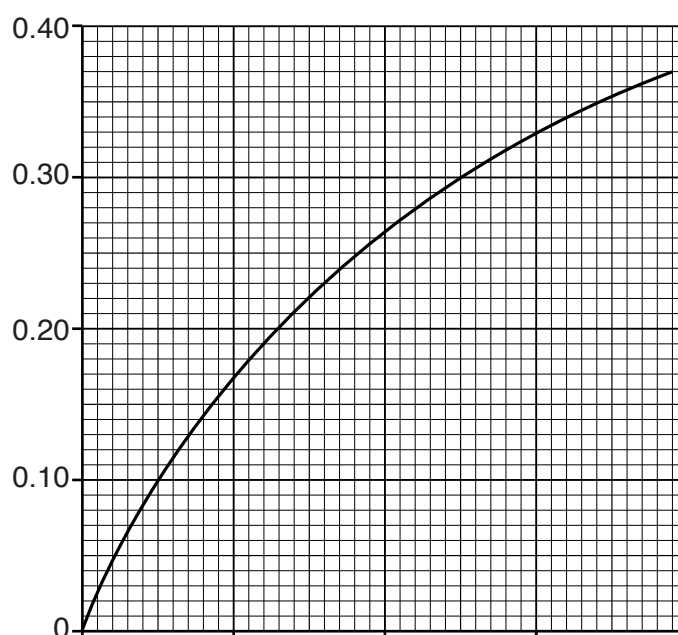


Fig. 5.2

- (i) Show that the resistance of each connecting wire is  $2.0\ \Omega$ .

[2]

- (ii) The resistivity of the metal of the connecting wires does not vary with temperature. On Fig. 5.2, sketch the  $I$ – $V$  characteristic for **one** of the connecting wires.

[2]

- (iii) Calculate the power loss in one of the connecting wires.

power = ..... W [2]

- (iv) Some data for the connecting wires are given below.

cross-sectional area =  $0.40\text{ mm}^2$

resistivity =  $1.7 \times 10^{-8}\ \Omega\text{ m}$

number density of free electrons =  $8.5 \times 10^{28}\text{ m}^{-3}$

Calculate

1. the length of one of the connecting wires,

length = ..... m [2]

2. the drift speed of a free electron in the connecting wires.

drift speed = .....  $\text{ms}^{-1}$  [2]

[Total: 12]

**6** A neutron decays by emitting a  $\beta^-$  particle.

**(a)** Complete the equation below for this decay.

$${}^1_0\text{n} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{.....} \\ \text{.....} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{.....} \\ \text{.....} \end{array} \beta^- + \begin{array}{c} \text{.....} \\ \text{.....} \end{array} \bar{\nu}$$

[2]

**(b)** State the name of the particle represented by the symbol  $\bar{\nu}$ .

..... [1]

**(c)** State the name of the class (group) of particles that includes  $\beta^-$  and  $\bar{\nu}$ .

..... [1]

**(d)** State

**(i)** the quark structure of the neutron,

..... [1]

**(ii)** the change to the quark structure when the neutron decays.

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..... [1]

[Total: 6]