

**Pre-PSPM**  
**SP015**  
**Physics 1**



*Semester 1*  
*Session 2023/2024*  
*2 hours*

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE:

1. This question paper consists of **8** questions.
  2. Answer **ALL** questions.
  3. The use of non-programmable scientific calculator is permitted.
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Question No.	Full Marks	Marks Obtained
1	2	
2	10	
3	13	
4	8	
5	5	
6	23	
7	8	
8	11	
TOTAL	80	

## LIST OF SELECTED CONSTANT VALUES

Speed of light in vacuum	$c$	$= 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Permeability of free space	$\mu_0$	$= 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H m}^{-1}$
Permittivity of free space	$\varepsilon_0$	$= 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$
Electron charge magnitude	$e$	$= 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Planck constant	$h$	$= 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
Electron mass	$m_e$	$= 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
		$= 5.49 \times 10^{-4} \text{ u}$
Neutron mass	$m_n$	$= 1.674 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
		$= 1.008665 \text{ u}$
Proton mass	$m_p$	$= 1.672 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
		$= 1.007277 \text{ u}$
Hydrogen mass	$m_H$	$= 1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
		$= 1.007825 \text{ u}$
Deuteron mass	$m_d$	$= 3.34 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
		$= 2.014102 \text{ u}$
Molar gas constant	$R$	$= 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Avogadro constant	$N_A$	$= 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Boltzmann constant	$k$	$= 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
Free-fall acceleration	$g$	$= 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
Atomic mass unit	1 u	$= 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
		$= 931.5 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c^2}$
Electron volt	1 eV	$= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
Constant of proportionality for Coulomb's law	$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}$	$= 9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$
Atmospheric pressure	1 atm	$= 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
Density of water	$\rho_w$	$= 1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

# LIST OF SELECTED FORMULAE SP015

1.  $v = u + at$
2.  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$
3.  $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$
4.  $s = \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t$
5.  $p = mv$
6.  $J = F\Delta t$
7.  $J = \Delta p = mv - mu$
8.  $f = \mu N$
9.  $W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s} = Fs \cos \theta$
10.  $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
11.  $U = mgh$
12.  $U_s = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}Fx$
13.  $W = \Delta K$
14.  $P_{\text{av}} = \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t}$
15.  $P = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} = Fv \cos \theta$
16.  $a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} = r\omega^2 = v\omega$
17.  $F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r} = mr\omega^2 = mv\omega$
18.  $s = r\theta$
19.  $v = r\omega$
20.  $a_t = r\alpha$
21.  $\omega = \omega_0 + \alpha t$
22.  $\theta = \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$
23.  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_0 + \omega)t$
24.  $\omega^2 = \omega_0^2 + 2\alpha\theta$
25.  $\tau = rF \sin \theta$
26.  $I = \sum mr^2$
27.  $I_{\text{solid sphere}} = \frac{2}{5}MR^2$
28.  $I_{\text{solid cylinder/disc}} = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$
29.  $I_{\text{ring}} = MR^2$
30.  $I_{\text{rod}} = \frac{1}{12}ML^2$
31.  $\sum \tau = I\alpha$
32.  $L = I\omega$
33.  $y = A \sin \omega t$
34.  $v = \omega A \cos \omega t = \pm \omega \sqrt{A^2 - y^2}$
35.  $a = -\omega^2 A \sin \omega t = -\omega^2 y$
36.  $K = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 (A^2 - y^2)$
37.  $U = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 y^2$
38.  $E = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2$
39.  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f$
40.  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\ell}{g}}$
41.  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$

42.  $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$
43.  $v = f\lambda$
44.  $y(x, t) = A \sin(\omega t \pm kx)$
45.  $v_y = A\omega \cos(\omega t \pm kx)$
46.  $y = 2A \cos kx \sin \omega t$
47.  $f_n = \frac{nv}{2L}$
48.  $f_n = \frac{n}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$
49.  $f_n = \frac{nv}{4L}$
50.  $v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$
51.  $\mu = \frac{m}{L}$
52.  $f_a = \left( \frac{v \pm v_o}{v \mp v_s} \right) f$
53.  $\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$
54.  $\varepsilon = \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$
55.  $Y = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon}$
56.  $U = \frac{1}{2} F \Delta L$
57.  $\frac{U}{V} = \frac{1}{2} \sigma \varepsilon$
58.  $\frac{Q}{t} = -kA \left( \frac{\Delta T}{L} \right)$
59.  $\Delta L = \alpha L_0 \Delta T$
60.  $\Delta A = \beta A_0 \Delta T$
61.  $\Delta V = \gamma V_0 \Delta T$
62.  $\beta = 2\alpha$
63.  $\gamma = 3\alpha$
64.  $n = \frac{m}{M} = \frac{N}{N_A}$
65.  $v_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle}$
66.  $v_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}}$
67.  $PV = \frac{1}{3} N m v_{\text{rms}}^2$
68.  $P = \frac{1}{3} \rho v_{\text{rms}}^2$
69.  $K_{\text{tr}} = \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{R}{N_A} \right) T = \frac{3}{2} kT$
70.  $U = \frac{1}{2} f N k T = \frac{1}{2} f n R T$
71.  $\Delta U = Q - W$
72.  $W = n R T \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i} = n R T \ln \frac{P_i}{P_f}$
73.  $W = \int P \, dV = P(V_f - V_i)$
74.  $W = \int P \, dV = 0$

1. The period of simple pendulum is given by the equation,

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

where  $l$  is the length of the pendulum and  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity. Show that this equation is dimensionally correct.

[2 marks]

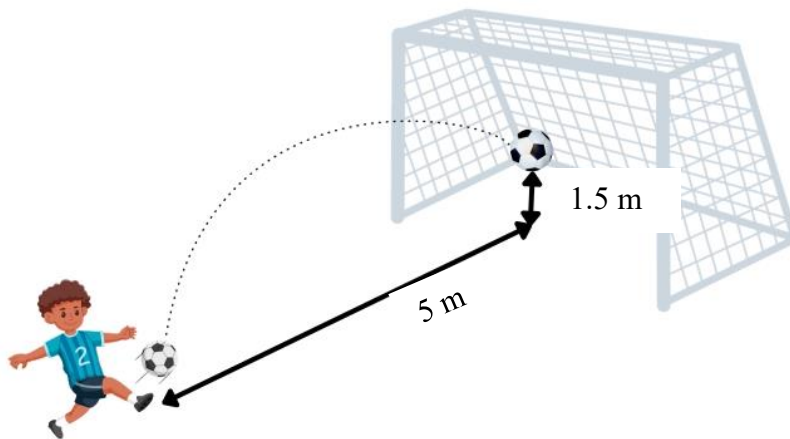
2.

- a) A car with an initial velocity of  $20 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  is moving along a straight road. It accelerates uniformly at a rate of  $4 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  until it reaches a final velocity of  $30 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . The car then slows down until it comes to a complete stop in the next 50 metre and remains stationary for 5 seconds.

- (i) Sketch a labelled velocity-time graph for the whole journey.  
(ii) Determine the total distance travelled by the car.

[5 marks]

b)



A football player takes a penalty kick, launching the ball into projectile motion. The final vertical displacement of the ball is 1.5 meters above the ground, and the horizontal displacement is 5 meters. It takes 0.5 seconds for the ball to reach the goal post. Determine the magnitude of

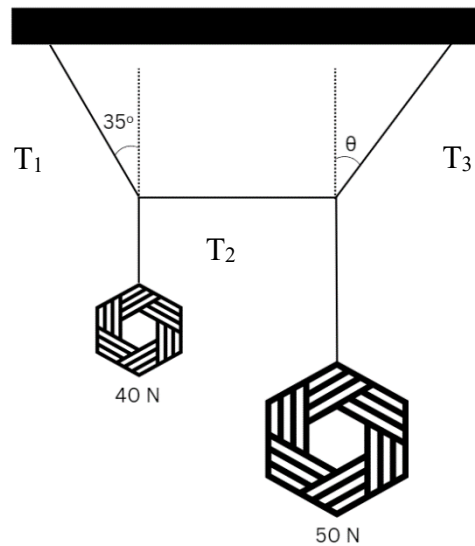
- (i) the initial velocity of the ball being kicked.  
(ii) the final speed of the ball when it reaches the goal post.

[5 marks]

3.

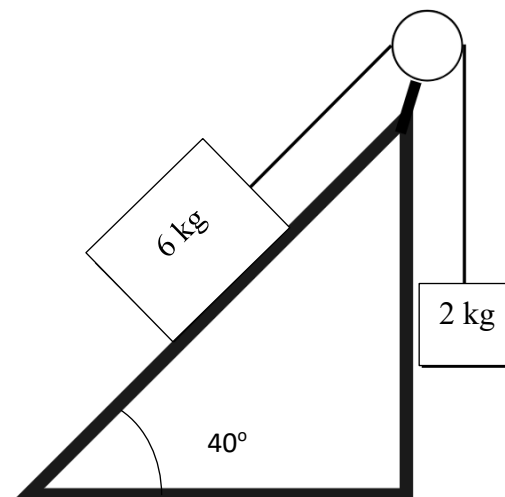
- a) Two identical balls where ball A is initially moving to the right with a velocity of  $25 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  collides with ball B that is initially at rest. Determine the final velocity of ball A if the velocity of ball B is  $10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at  $30^\circ$  from the horizontal after the collision.

[3 marks]



- b) FIGURE shows two hanging deco of weight  $40\text{ N}$  and  $50\text{ N}$  respectively. Determine  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$  and  $\theta$  as the system is in equilibrium.

[5 marks]



- c) FIGURE shows two boxes connected by a frictionless pulley. The  $6\text{ kg}$  box is released from rest and slides down the rough inclined plane with the coefficient of kinetic friction of  $0.15$ . Determine
- The acceleration for both boxes.
  - The tension of the string.

[5 marks]

4.

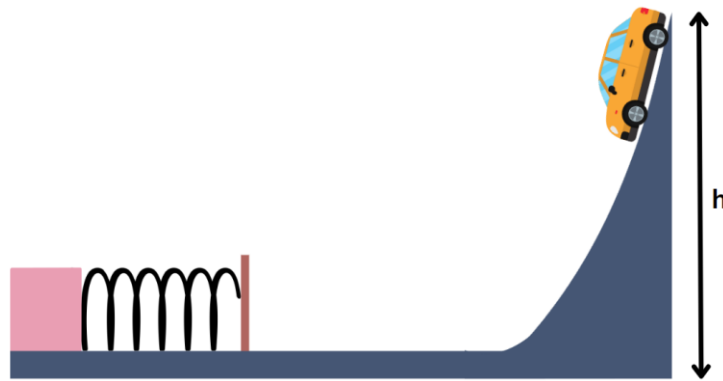


FIGURE shows a model car of mass 5 kg slides down a frictionless ramp into a spring. The spring has a spring constant of  $4000 \text{ Nm}^{-1}$  and experiences a maximum compression of 23 cm. Determine

- (i) The height of the initial release point,  $h$ .
- (ii) The speed of the model car when the spring has been compressed for 15 cm.
- (iii) The average power delivered to the model car if the time taken to compress the spring by 15 cm is 50 ms.

[8 marks]

5. A conical pendulum is formed by attaching a 0.2 kg ball to a 50 cm long string. It is then allowing the ball to move in horizontal circular motion with the string making an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the vertical. Determine

- (i) The centripetal acceleration of the ball.
- (ii) The period of revolution.

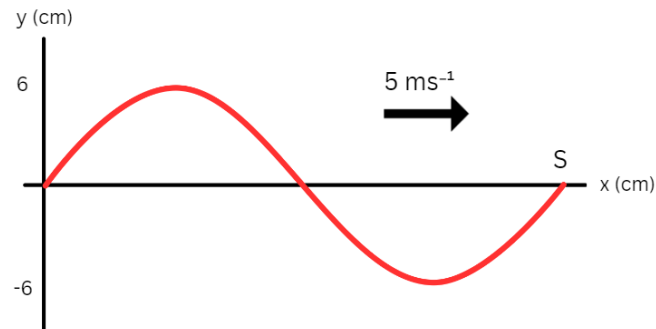
[5 marks]

6.

- a) A mass-spring system undergoes simple harmonic motion with an amplitude of 5 cm and a frequency of 2 Hz.
  - (i) Write the expression for its velocity as a function of time.
  - (ii) Determine the acceleration of the mass-spring system at  $t = 15 \text{ s}$ .
  - (iii) If the mass attached to the spring is then doubled, determine the value of new period in terms of the old one.

[5 marks]

- b) The displacement-distance graph of a wave travelling with a velocity of  $5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  is shown as in FIGURE below.



The time taken for a point in the wave to complete one cycle is 0.5 seconds.

- Determine the value of S in the graph.
- Express the equation of the wave.
- Determine the particle vibrational velocity when displaced vertically 3.5 cm from equilibrium position.

[5 marks]

- c) A standing wave is given by the equation,

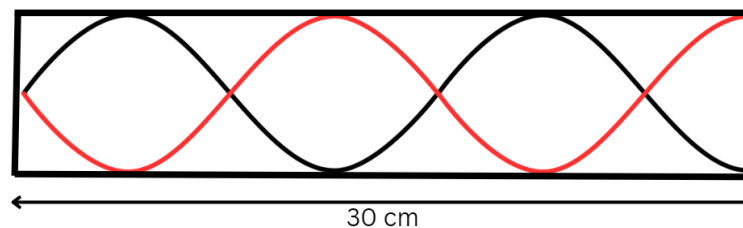
$$y = 8 \cos 5\pi x \sin \frac{\pi}{2} t$$

where y and x are in cm and t is in s. Determine

- amplitude of a particle at  $x = 1.2 \text{ cm}$
- speed of the wave

[4 marks]

- d) A tube 30 cm long with one end closed produces a standing wave as in FIGURE.



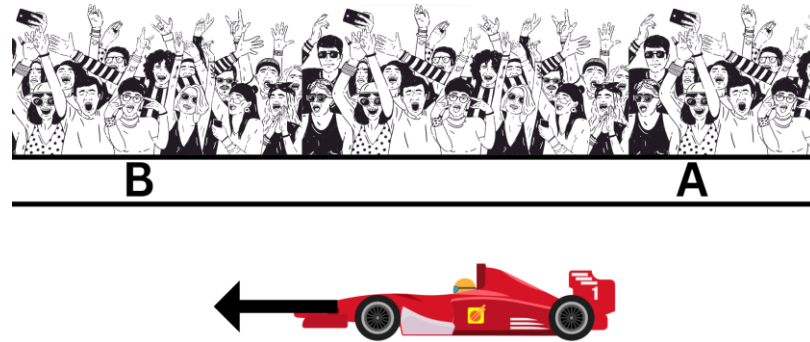
Determine

- the wavelength of the wave.
- the number of harmonic if the frequency produced above is 2100 Hz.

(Given speed of sound in air =  $343 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ )

[4 marks]



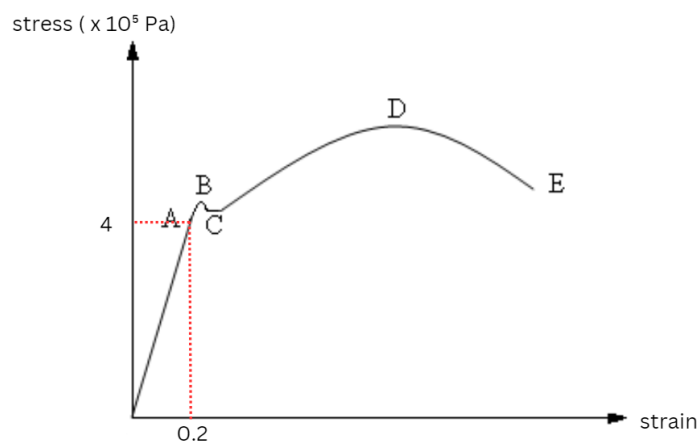


- e) F1 car is moving on a straight track at a constant speed of 322 km per hour emits a predominant frequency of 750 Hz. Two spectators, A and B, are standing along the track at different distances as in FIGURE. As the F1 car moves toward spectator B and simultaneously moves away from spectator A, find the ratio of the apparent frequency heard by spectator B to the apparent frequency heard by spectator A. Given the speed of sound in air is  $343 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

[5 marks]

7.

- a) FIGURE shows the graph of stress-strain for a metal under tension.



Determine,

- strain energy per unit volume of the metal.
- point where marked the change in internal structure of the metal.

[2 marks]



- b) FIGURE shows two properly insulated rods, P and Q, that area of the same size but of different material make thermal contact. The free ends of P and Q are maintained at temperatures  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  respectively. The thermal conductivity of P is 20% from the thermal conductivity of Q.
- Determine the temperature at the junction between P and Q under steady condition.
  - Sketch the graphs to show the variation in temperature across the distance P and Q.

[4 marks]

- c) Determine the change in area (in  $\text{cm}^2$ ) of a 60.0 cm by 150 cm car windshield when the temperature changes from  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $36^{\circ}\text{C}$ . (The coefficient of linear expansion of glass is  $9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$ ).

[2 marks]

8.

- a) A container contains  $83.75 \text{ g m}^{-3}$  hydrogen gas is at temperature of 550 K. Molar mass of hydrogen is  $2.02 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ . Determine
- the r.m.s speed of the hydrogen gas
  - the pressure of the hydrogen gas
  - the average translational kinetic energy for one molecule of hydrogen gas.

[5 marks]

- b) Two moles of an ideal gas in a container have a pressure of  $1.2 \times 10^5 \text{ N m}^{-2}$  at  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The gas undergoes isothermal compression until its volume becomes a quarter of its original volume. The gas is then undergoing isochoric process and return to its original pressure. Determine
- The pressure of the gas after the process of isothermal compression.
  - The total work done on the gas.
  - Sketch and label the graph of pressure against volume to show the process undergoes by the gas.

[6 marks]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**