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- Define the following terms:
  - Tensile stress
  - Tensile strain
  - Young's modulus
- Derive the expression for the work done in stretching a wire of length  $L$  by a load  $W$  through an extension  $X$  .
- A vertical wire made of steel of length 2.0 m and 1.0 mm diameter has a load of 5.0 kg applied to its lower end. What is the energy stored in the wire?
- A copper wire 2.0 m long and  $1.22 \times 10^{-3}$  m diameter is fixed horizontally to two rigid supports 2.0 m apart. Find the mass in kg of the load, which when suspended at the mid point of the wire, produces a sag of  $2.0 \times 10^{-2}$  m at the point.
- Define angular momentum and give its dimensions.
- A grinding wheel in a form of solid cylinder of 0.2 m diameter and 3 kg mass is rotated at 3600 rev/minute.
  - What is its kinetic energy?
  - Find how far it would have to fall to acquire the same kinetic energy as in the question above.
- What is the difference between isothermal and adiabatic processes?
  - Write down the equation of state obeyed by each process in the question above.
- Using the same graph and under the same conditions sketch the isotherms and the adiabatics.
- Derive the expression for the work done by the gas when it expands from volume  $V_1$  to volume  $V_2$  during an:

- Isothermal process
- Adiabatic process
- When water is boiled under a pressure of 2 atmospheres the boiling point is  $120^{\circ}\text{C}$ . At this pressure 1 kg of water has a volume of  $10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$  and 2 kg of steam have a volume of  $1.648 \text{ m}^3$ . Compute the work done when 1 kg of steam is formed at this temperature increase in the internal energy.
- State Kepler's laws of planetary motion.
- Explain the variation of acceleration due to gravity,  $g$ , inside and outside the earth.
- Derive the formula for mass and density of the earth.
- What do you understand by the term satellite?
- A satellite of mass 100 kg moves in a circular orbit of radius 7000 km around the earth, assumed to be a sphere of radius 6400 km. Calculate the total energy needed to place the satellite in orbit from the earth assuming  $g = 10 \text{ N/kg}$  at the earth's surface.
- What is interference? Explain the term path difference with reference to the interference of two wave-trains.
- Why is it not possible to see interference when the light beams from head lamps of a car overlap?
- Discuss whether it is possible to observe an interference pattern when white light is shone on a Young's double slit experiment.
- A grating has 500 lines per millimetre and is illuminated normally with monochromatic light of wavelength  $5.89 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ .
  - How many diffraction maxima may be observed?
  - Calculate the angular separation.
- Explain the mechanism of electric conduction in:
  - Gases
  - Electrolytes
- Develop an equation for the torque acting on a current carrying coil of dimensions  $l \times b$  placed in a magnetic field. How is this effect applied in a moving coil galvanometer?
- A galvanometer coil has 50 turns, each with an area of  $1.0 \text{ cm}^2$ . If the coil is in a radial field of  $10^{-2} \text{ T}$  and suspended by a suspension of torsion constant  $2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Nm per degree}$ , what current is needed to give a deflection of  $30^{\circ}$ ?
- Explain the following terms:
  - Forward bias.
  - Reverse bias.
  - Inverting and non-inverting amplifier.

- Define the following:
  - Logic gate.
  - Integrated circuit.
  - Modulation.
- An operational amplifier is to have a voltage gain of 100 . Calculate the required values for the external resistances  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  when the following gains are required:
  - non-inverting.
  - Inverting.
- State the laws of electromagnetic induction.
- Outline four applications of eddy currents.
- A coil of 100 turns is rotated at 1500 revolutions per minute in a magnetic field of uniform density 0.05 T. If the axis of rotation is at right angles to the direction of the flux and the area per turn is  $4000 \text{ mm}^2$  . Calculate the:
  - Frequency
  - Period
  - Maximum induced e.m.f.
  - Maximum value of the induced e.m.f. when the coil has rotated through  $30^\circ$  from the position of zero e.m.f.
- Give a general form expressing the force exerted on the wire carrying current  $i$  if its length  $l$  is inclined at angle  $\theta$  to the magnetic field  $B$  .
- A wire carrying a current of 2 A has a length of 100 mm in a uniform magnetic field of  $0.8 \text{ Wb/m}^2$  . Find the force acting on the wire when the field is at  $60^\circ$  to the wire.
- A wire carrying a current of 25 A and 8 m long is placed in a magnetic field of flux density 0.42 T . What is the force on the wire if it is placed:
  - At right angles to the field?
  - At  $45^\circ$  to the field?
  - Along the field?
- Write down Bragg's equation for the study of the atomic structure of the crystals by  $X$  – rays.
- The radiation from an  $X$  — ray tube which operates at 50 kV is diffracted by a cubic KCl crystal of molecular mass 74.6 and density  $1.99 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$  . Calculate:
  - The shortest wavelength limit of the spectrum from the tube.
  - The glancing angle for first order reflection from the planes of the crystal for that wavelength and angle of deviation of a diffracted beam.
- The radiation emitted by an  $X$  — ray tube consists of continuous spectrum with a line spectrum superimposed on it. Explain how the continuous spectrum and the line spectrum are produced.

- Draw the graph of the spectra stated. ‘
- Explain the following observations:
  - A radioactive source is placed in front of a detector which can detect all forms of radioactive emissions. It is found that the activity registered is noticeably reduced when a thin sheet of paper is placed between the source and detector.
  - When a brass plate with a narrow vertical slit is placed in front of the radioactive source (above) and a horizontal magnetic field normal to the line joining the source and the detector is applied, it is found that the activity is further reduced.
  - The magnetic field (above) is removed and a sheet of aluminum is placed in front of the source. The activity recorded is similarly reduced.
- Define the terms laser and maser.
- Give three applications of laser.
- A laser beam has a power of  $20 \times 10^9$  watts and a diameter of 2 mm. Calculate the peak values of electric field and magnetic fields.
- A 2.71 g sample of KCl from the chemistry stock is found to be radioactive and decays at a constant rate of 4490 disintegrations per second. The decays are traced to the element potassium and in particular to the isotope  $^{40}\text{K}$  which constitutes 1.17% of normal potassium. Calculate the half life of the nuclide.