

A Level · OCR · Physics





Multiple Choice Questions

# **Handling Data**

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#### Medium (5 questions) /5 Hard (4 questions) /4 **Total Marks** /9

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### **Medium Questions**

**1** A solid cylindrical glass rod has length  $20.0 \pm 0.1$  cm and diameter  $5.00 \pm 0.01$  mm.

What is the percentage uncertainty in the calculated volume of this rod?

- **A.** 0.1 %
- **B.** 0.2 %
- **C.** 0.7 %
- **D.** 0.9 %

(1 mark)

- 2 Which is the **best** value for the elementary charge e in terms of both accuracy and uncertainty?
  - **A.**  $(1.5 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-19}$ C
  - **B.**  $(1.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-19}$ C
  - **C.**  $(1.7 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-19}$ C
  - **D.**  $(1.8 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-19}$ C

(1 mark)

- **3** The student measures the height of a tube. The student's values are:
  - 83.5cm 82.9cm 83.3cm 83.1cm

What is the average height *h* and the absolute uncertainty in *h*?

- **A.**  $83.2 \pm 0.3$  cm
- **B.**  $83.2 \pm 0.1$  cm
- **C.**  $83.2 \pm 0.5$  cm
- **D.**  $83.1 \pm 0.3$  cm

(1 mark)

**4** A student of mass 85.2 kg uses a set of weighing scales to measure his mass three times. The following readings are obtained.

	Mass / kg
Reading 1	87.2
Reading 2	87.1
Reading 3	87.2

Which statement describes the precision and accuracy of the data?

- **A.** not precise to  $\pm$  0.1 kg and accurate to  $\pm$  0.1 kg
- **B.** not precise to  $\pm$  0.1 kg and not accurate to  $\pm$  0.1 kg
- **C.** precise to  $\pm$  0.1 kg and accurate to  $\pm$  0.1 kg
- **D.** precise to  $\pm$  0.1 kg and not accurate to  $\pm$  0.1 kg

(1 mark)

- **5** A hard disk is labeled as having a storage capacity of 420 GB. The letter B stands for byte, which is a unit. What is the equivalent storage capacity in bytes?
  - **A.**  $4.20 \times 10^8$
  - **B.**  $4.20 \times 10^{11}$
  - **C.**  $4.20 \times 10^9$
  - **D.**  $4.20 \times 10^{17}$

(1 mark)

## **Hard Questions**

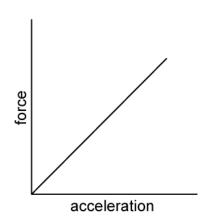
- 1 Which is the best estimate of the area of a rectangular field of length  $98 \pm 3$  m and width  $47 \pm 2 \text{ m}$ ?
  - **A.**  $4600 \pm 5 \text{ m}^2$
  - **B.**  $4600 \pm 6 \text{ m}^2$
  - **C.**  $4600 \pm 300 \text{ m}^2$
  - **D.**  $4606 \pm 337 \text{ m}^2$

(1 mark)

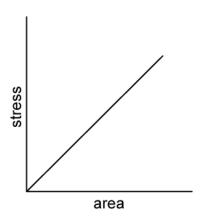
2 The units for the gradient of a graph are kg m<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-2</sup>.

Which one of the following options is a possible graph with this gradient?

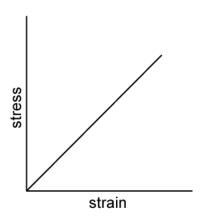
A.



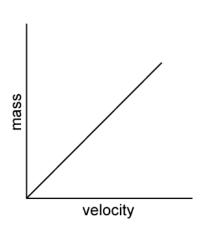
В.



C.



D.



(1 mark)

3 A voltmeter and ammeter are used to determine the resistance in a resistor. The value of the resistance is found to be 8.50  $\Omega$  with an absolute uncertainty of 15 %. The current through the resistor is measured to be 2.35 A with an absolute uncertainty of 6%.

What is the uncertainty of the voltmeter?

(1 mark)

**4** A trolley is released from rest and it travels down a ramp. Its velocity is measured at 0.5 s intervals. The table of results are shown below, and a graph is plotted.

v / m s <sup>-1</sup>	<i>t /</i> s
0.620	0.5
1.99	1.0
3.00	1.5
3.98	2.0
4.99	2.5

#### Which statement is **true**?

- **A.** There are no anomalies in the results
- **B.** The area under the graph is 6.2 m (2 s.f)
- **C.** The gradient of the graph is  $1.7 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  (2 s.f)
- **D.** The graph will show an inversely proportional relationship between v and t

(1 mark)