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SECTION 1 — 20 marks

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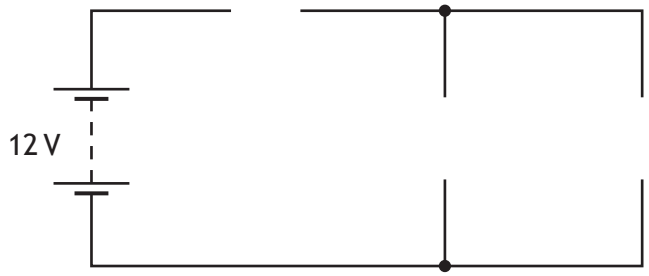
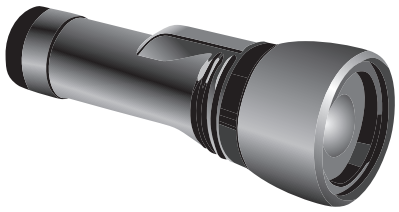
1. Complete the circuit diagram below to show a motor operated when one switch or another switch is pressed. **2**



2. An electric torch is shown in the diagram below. The lamp is rated at 7·2 V and 0·7 A.



Calculate the resistance of the lamp. **2**

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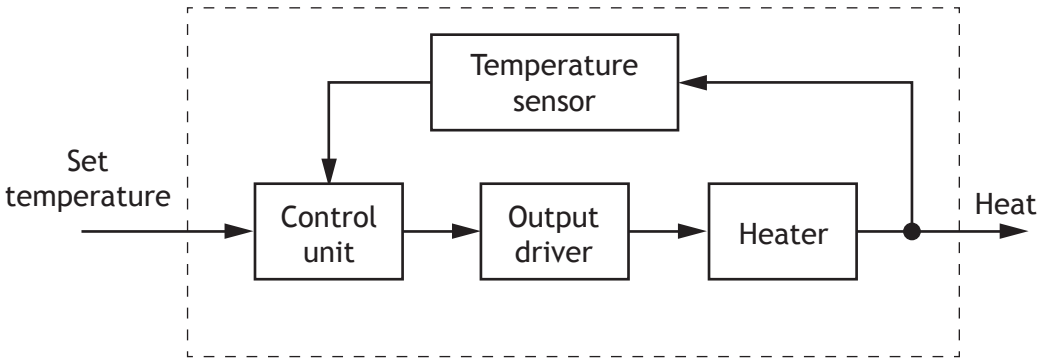
3. A diagram for a heating system is shown below.



(a) State the name of this type of diagram. **1**

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(b) State the function of the output driver. **1**

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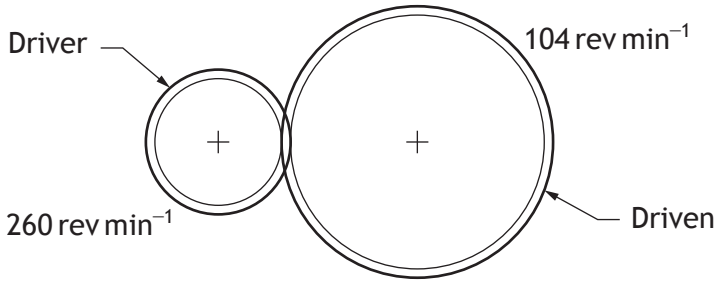
4. A motorised coffee grinder uses a simple gear train.

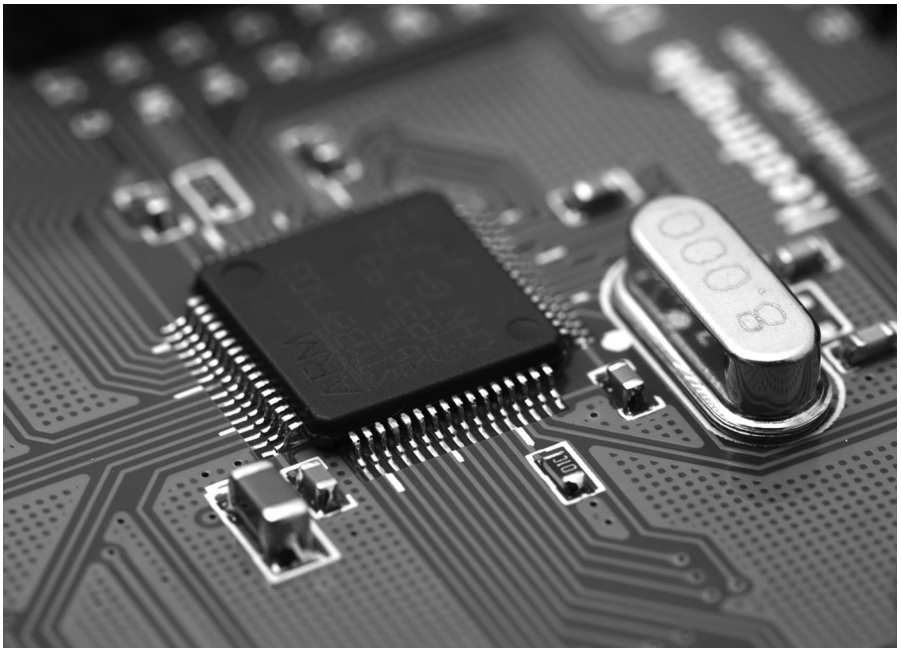


(a) Calculate the velocity ratio of the gear train. **2**

Show all working and final unit.

(b) Describe how the simple gear drive could be altered to make the driver and driven gears turn in the same direction. **1**

5. Microcontrollers are often used in place of hard wired electronic circuits in control systems.



Describe an advantage of a microcontroller over a hard wired circuit for:

(a) a design engineer; **1**

(b) a manufacturer during the production of the control system. **1**

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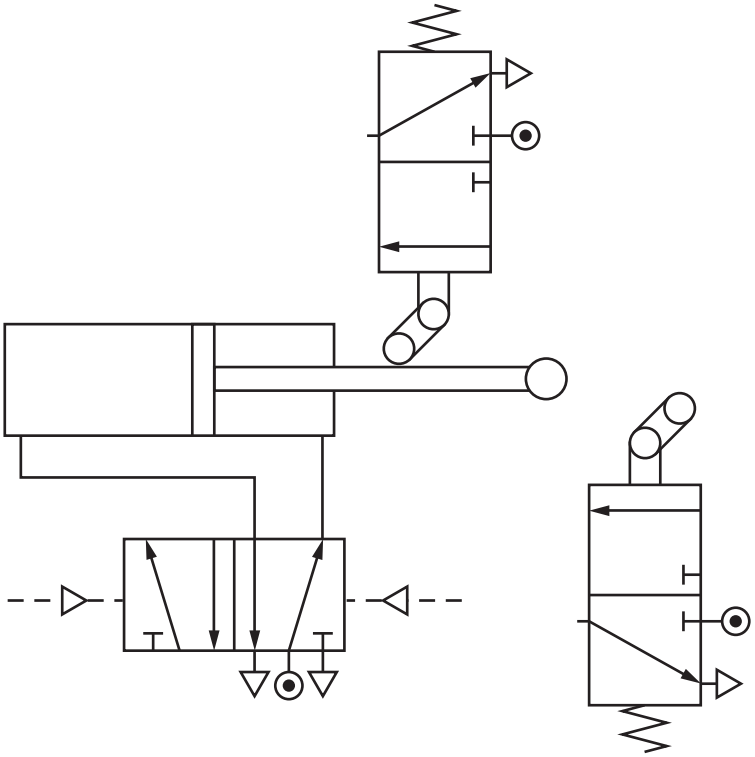
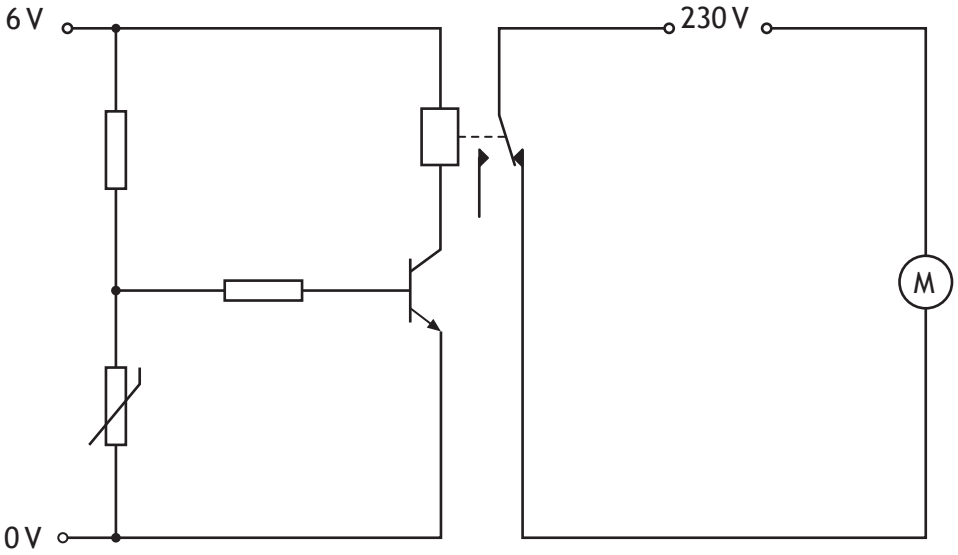
6. An incomplete pneumatic circuit to produce reciprocating motion is shown in the diagram below.

Complete the diagram by inserting the missing piping. **2**



7. An electronic circuit to control the operation of a motor is shown in the diagram below.

Complete the circuit by adding a diode to protect the transistor. **2**



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8. A geothermal power station is shown below.

Describe the role of:

(a) a mechanical engineer during the **design** of the power station; **1**

(b) a civil engineer during the **construction** of the power station; **1**

(c) an electrical engineer during the **monitoring** of the power station. **1**

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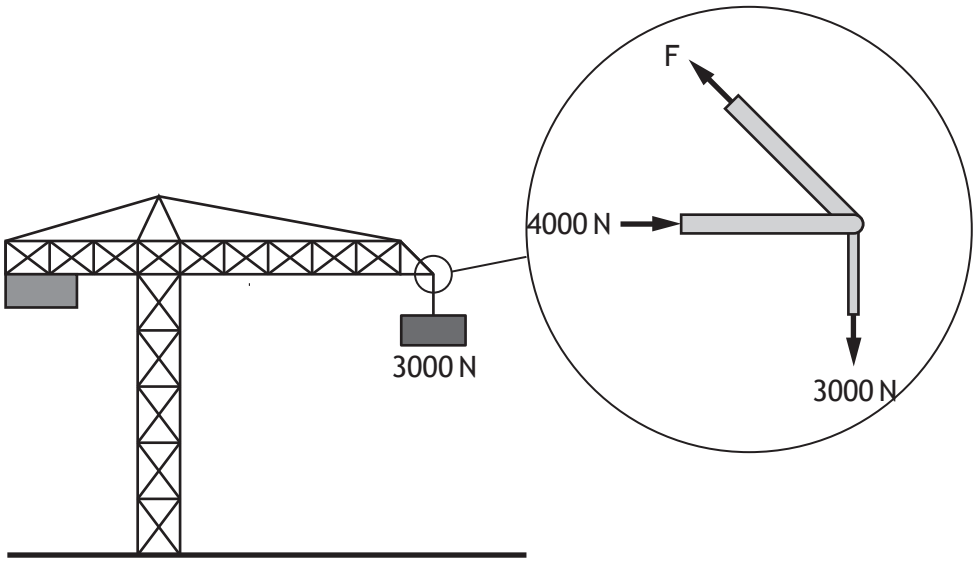
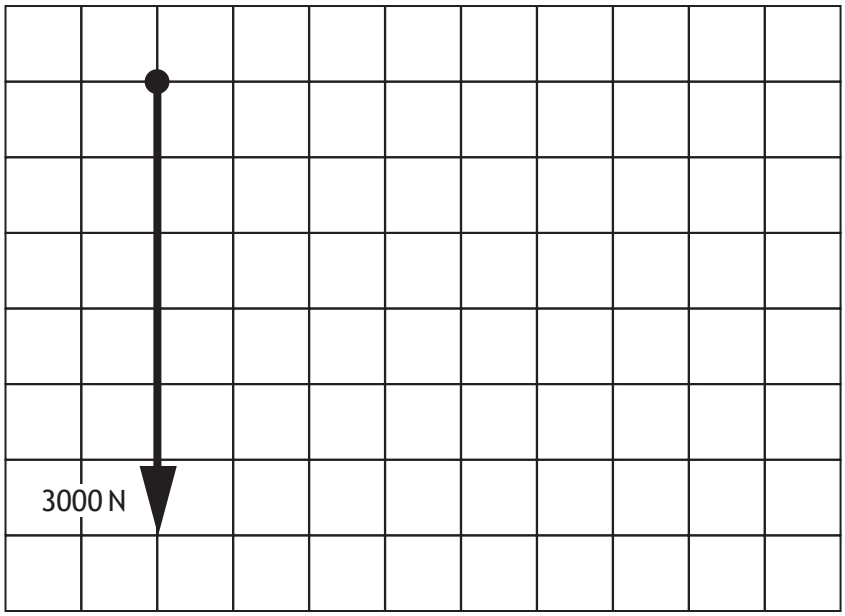
9. A crane is used to lift a 3000 N load. Detail of the end of the crane is shown below.



With reference to the crane shown above:

(a) complete the triangle of forces scale drawing below; **1**



10 mm = 500 N

(b) determine, using the given scale, the size of force F. **1**

F = _____

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SECTION 2 — 70 marks

Attempt ALL questions

10. A wind farm is shown below.

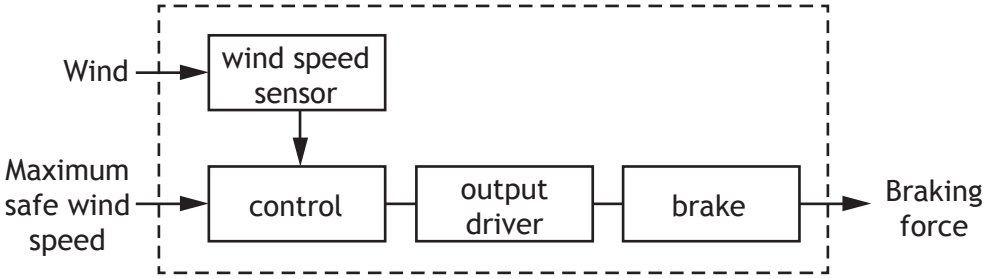
(a) (i) Describe **one** positive environmental impact of a wind farm. **1**

(ii) Describe **one** negative environmental impact of a wind farm. **1**

(iii) Explain an **economic** impact of using a wind farm to produce electricity. **2**

10. (continued)

A wind turbine can only be used when the wind speed is below a maximum safe level. A diagram for part of the braking system is shown below.



(b) Describe, using appropriate terminology, the operation of the wind turbine braking system. **3**

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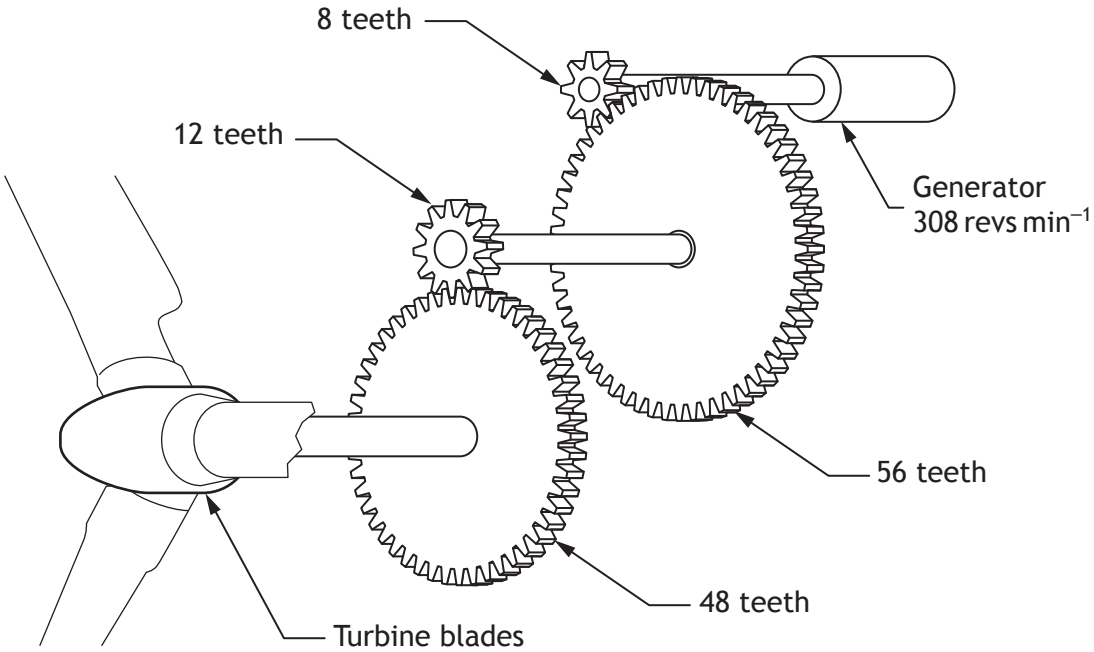
10. (continued)

A pupil's model of the wind turbine's compound gear train is shown in the diagram below.



(c) Describe an advantage of using a compound gear train over a simple gear train. **1**

10. (continued)

(d) Calculate the speed of the turbine blade. **4**
Show all working and final unit.

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11. A lifeboat winching system on a cruise ship is shown below.

A lifeboat of mass 7750 kg is lowered into the water.

(a) Calculate the kinetic energy of the lifeboat as it enters the water at $3\ ms^{-1}$. **2**

Show all working and final unit.

The lifeboat is winched back up to its starting position 15 m above the water level.

(b) Calculate, showing all working and final unit:

(i) the potential energy of the lifeboat; **2**

11. (b) (continued)

(ii) the efficiency of the system when the input energy to the winch is 2·50 MJ. **2**

(c) Explain why the winching system is not 100% efficient. **2**

The rope used to raise the lifeboat has a length of 15 m.

(d) Calculate the change in length of the rope when the resulting strain is 0·00375. **3**

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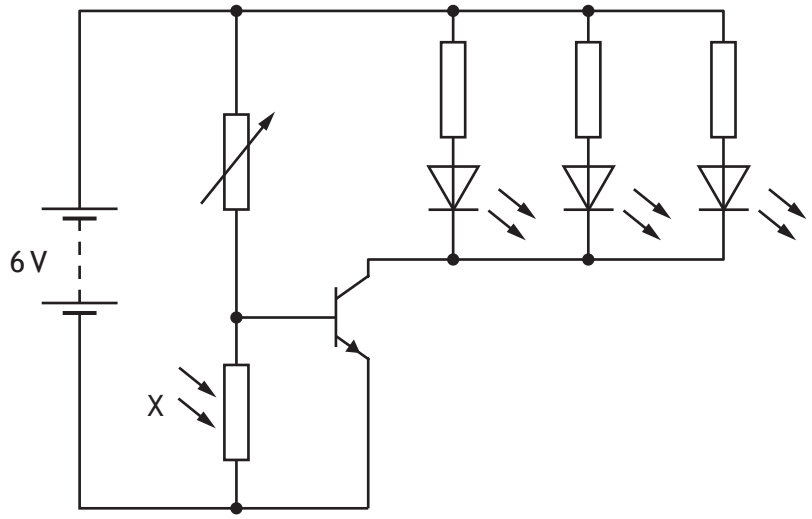
12. The circuit used in a bicycle light is shown below.



(a) State the **full** name of component X shown in the circuit. **1**

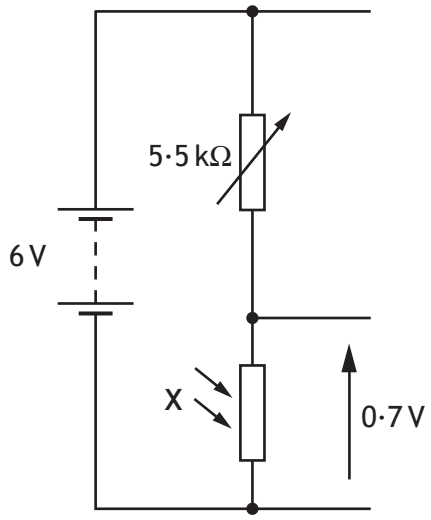
(b) Describe the operation of the circuit. **4**

(c) (i) Describe one advantage of wiring the LEDs in parallel rather than in series. **1**

(ii) Describe why LEDs were used in preference to lamps. **1**

12. (continued)

The sensing sub-system used in the operation of the bicycle light is shown below.



(d) Calculate the resistance of component **X**. **4**

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13. A rollercoaster is shown below.

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(a) Describe two tasks a structural engineer would undertake during the **design** of the rollercoaster's structure.

1 _____ **1**

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2 _____ **1**

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An electronic engineer used computer simulation during the design of the rollercoaster.

(b) State one feature of the **rollercoaster** design that the electronic engineer would simulate. **1**

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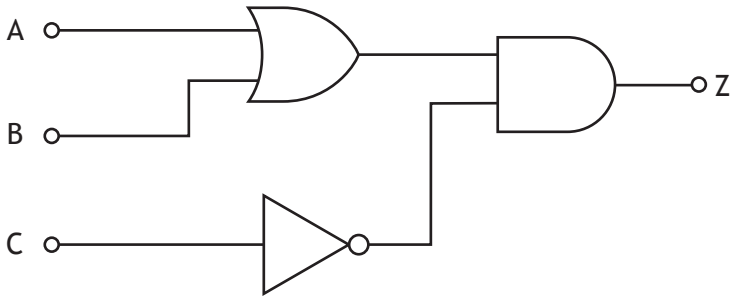
The logic diagram for part of the electronic control system used in the rollercoaster is shown below.

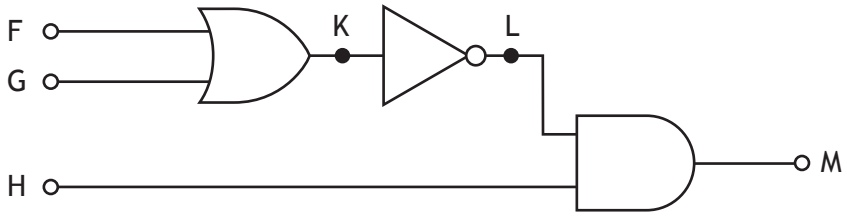


(c) Complete the Boolean equation for the logic diagram. **3**

Z = _____

13. (continued)

The logic diagram for a second part of the electronic control system is shown below.



(d) Complete the truth table below for the logic diagram. **3**

F	G	H	K	L	M
0	0	0			
0	0	1			
0	1	0			
0	1	1			
1	0	0			
1	0	1			
1	1	0			
1	1	1			

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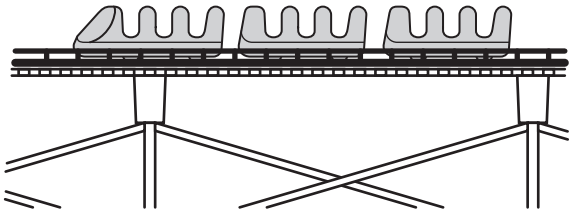
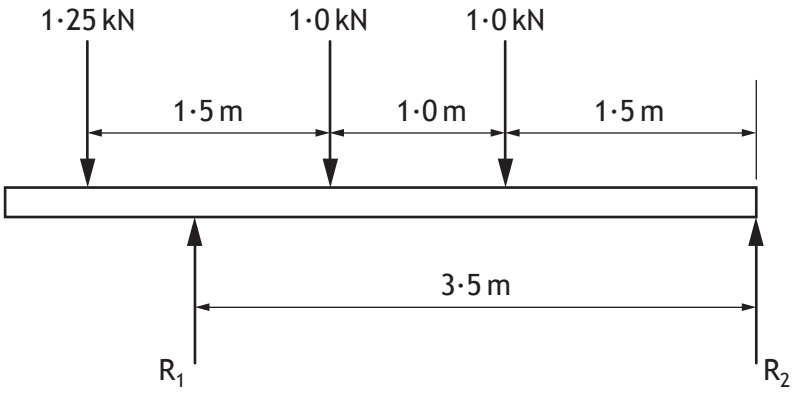
13. (continued)

The rollercoaster carriages sit on the track as shown below.



The forces acting on the system are shown in the diagram below.



(e) Calculate the size of reaction force R_1, by taking moments about R_2. Show all working and final unit. **3**

14. A pneumatic system used to lower metal components into an acid bath to be cleaned is shown below.

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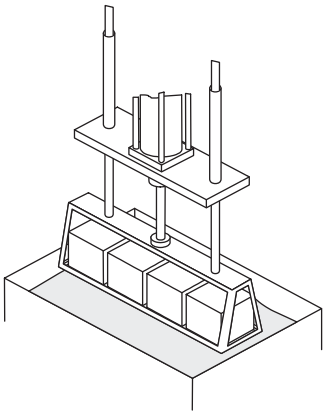
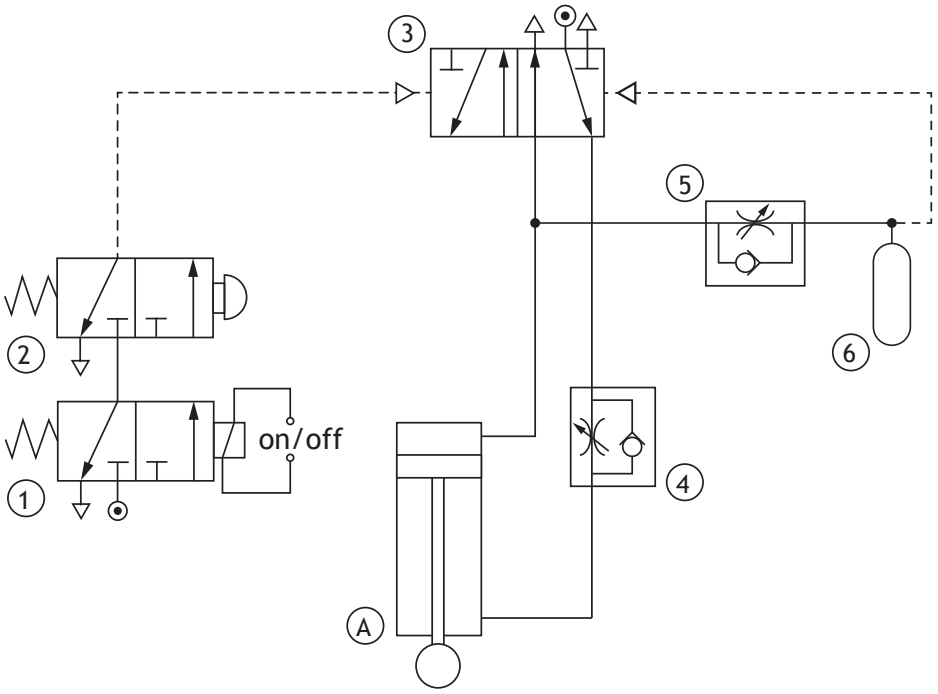


The pneumatic circuit used is shown below.

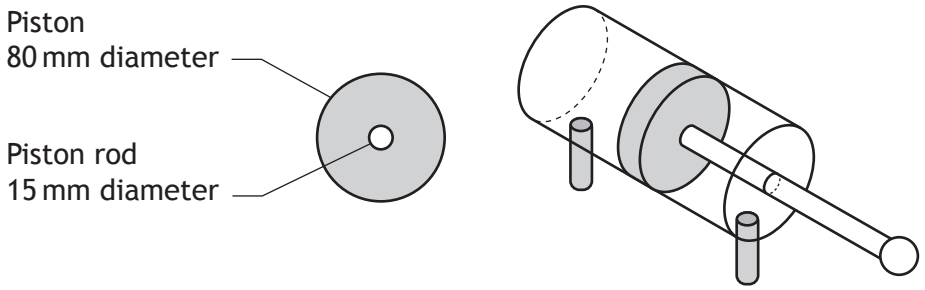


(a) Describe the operation of the pneumatic circuit. **4**

When Valve (1) is actuated . . .

14. (continued)

The pneumatic cylinder used is shown in the diagram below.

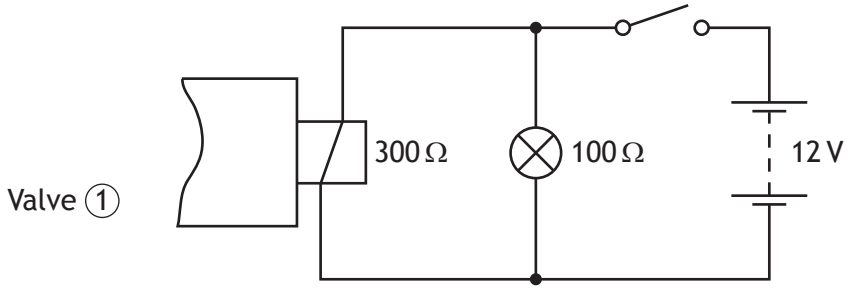


(b) Calculate the air pressure required to produce an **instroking** force of 1460 N. **4**

Show all working and final unit.

14. (continued)

The solenoid on pneumatic valve ① is connected to a circuit as shown below.



(c) Calculate the total resistance of the circuit. **2**

Show all working and final unit.

An ammeter is used to measure current in the circuit.

(d) (i) Draw the symbol for an ammeter below. **1**

(ii) Indicate, with an X, on the circuit above where an ammeter would be connected to measure the current through the solenoid. **1**

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15. A sign used to display a car's speed is shown below.

The sign is operated by a microcontroller. Input and output connections to the microcontroller are shown in the table below.

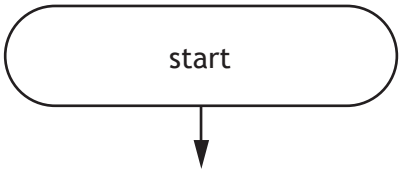
Input connections	Pin	Output connections
	7	
	6	speed display
	5	"smiley" face display
	4	
	3	
speed sensor (1 = too fast)	2	
	1	
	0	

The sign operates using the following sequence.

1 The speed sensor measures the speed of the car.
2 If the car is moving too fast, the speed display sign is switched on for 0·5 seconds.
3 If the car is not moving too fast, the "smiley" face display is switched on for 1 second.
4 The sequence then repeats.

15. (continued)

(a) Complete the flowchart for the sequence with reference to the Data Booklet and input/output connections. Include **all** pin numbers in your flowchart. **6**



(b) State the type of program loop used in the operation of the sign. **1**

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15. (continued)

The sign applies a load of 88 N onto a supporting pole, resulting in a stress of $0{\cdot}095\ \text{Nmm}^{-2}$.

(c) Calculate the cross-sectional area of the pole. **3**

Show all working and final unit.

A solar panel is used to provide power for the sign.

(d) Explain how the use of solar panels can contribute towards tackling climate change. **2**

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