

- 8 (a) State what is meant by a *photon*.

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- (b) A beam of light is incident normally on a metal surface, as illustrated in Fig. 8.1.

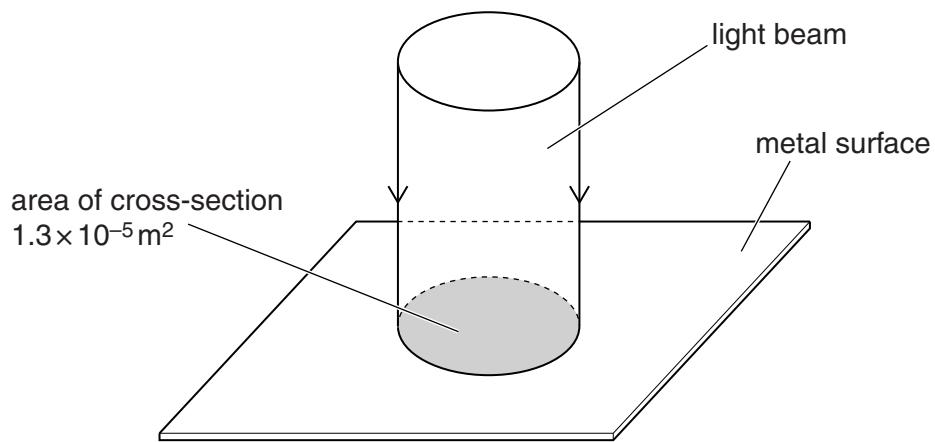


Fig. 8.1

The beam of light has cross-sectional area  $1.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2$  and power  $2.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W}$ .  
The light has wavelength 570 nm.

The light energy is absorbed by the metal and no light is reflected.

- (i) Show that a photon of this light has an energy of  $3.5 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ .

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(ii) Calculate, for a time of 1.0 s,

1. the number of photons incident on the surface,

number = ..... [2]

2. the change in momentum of the photons.

change in momentum = .....  $\text{kg m s}^{-1}$  [3]

(c) Use your answer in (b)(ii) to calculate the pressure that the light exerts on the metal surface.

pressure = ..... Pa [2]