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**PHYSICS**

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Paper 2 Core

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**1 hour 15 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use a pencil for any diagrams or graphs.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

**DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.**

Answer **all** questions.

You may lose marks if you do not show your working or if you do not use appropriate units.

Take the weight of 1 kg to be 10 N (i.e. acceleration of free fall =  $10 \text{ m/s}^2$ ).

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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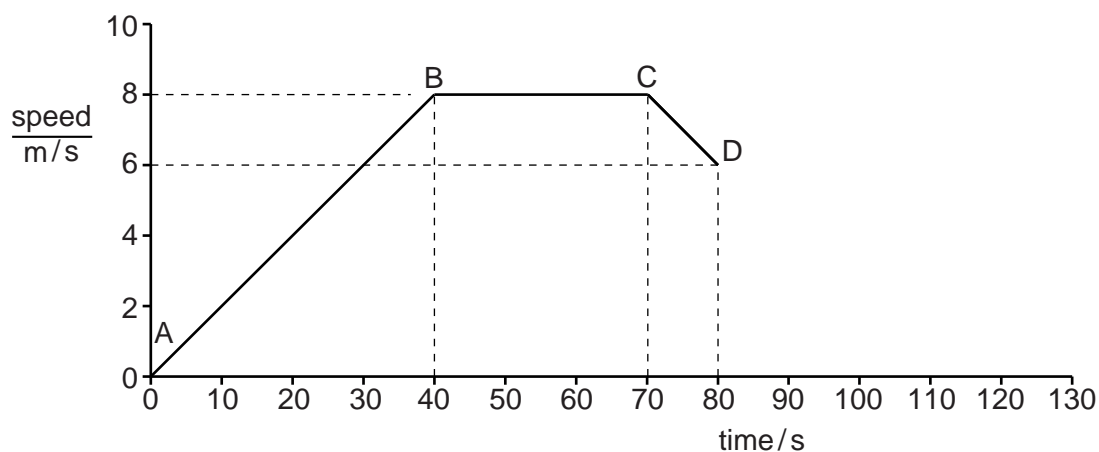
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- 1 Fig. 1.1 shows how the speed of a truck varies during a period of 80 s.

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**Fig. 1.1**

- (a) In which section of the journey is the truck

- (i) travelling at constant speed, .....  
 (ii) increasing its speed? .....

[2]

- (b) Calculate the distance travelled by the truck in

- (i) the section BC,

distance = ..... m [4]

- (ii) the section CD.

distance = ..... m [2]

- (c) After point D, the truck takes 30 s to come to rest.

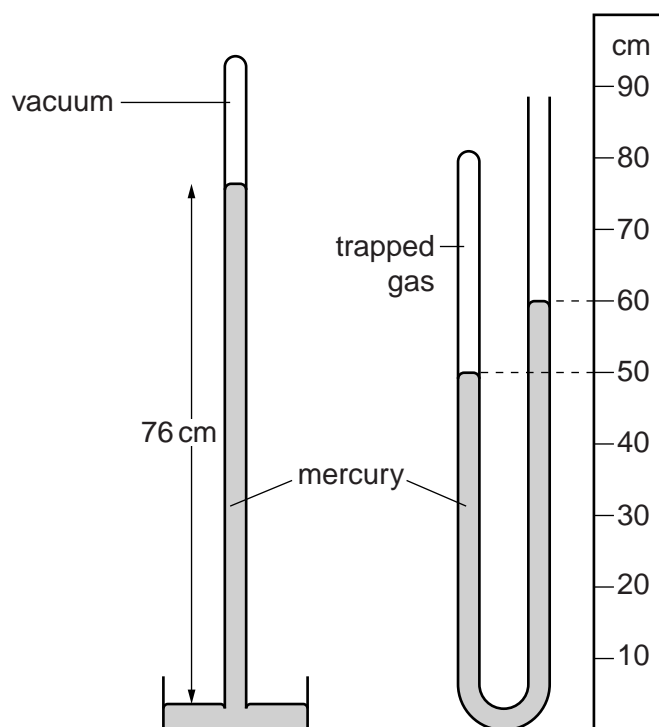
On Fig. 1.1, draw a line to show this part of the motion of the truck.

[1]

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- 2 Fig. 2.1 shows a simple mercury barometer alongside a mercury manometer that contains some trapped gas.

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**Fig. 2.1**

From Fig. 2.1 find

- (a) the pressure of the atmosphere,

pressure of atmosphere = ..... cm of mercury [1]

- (b) the pressure of the trapped gas.

pressure of trapped gas = ..... cm of mercury [3]

- (c) The atmospheric pressure increases.

State what happens to the levels of mercury in the manometer.

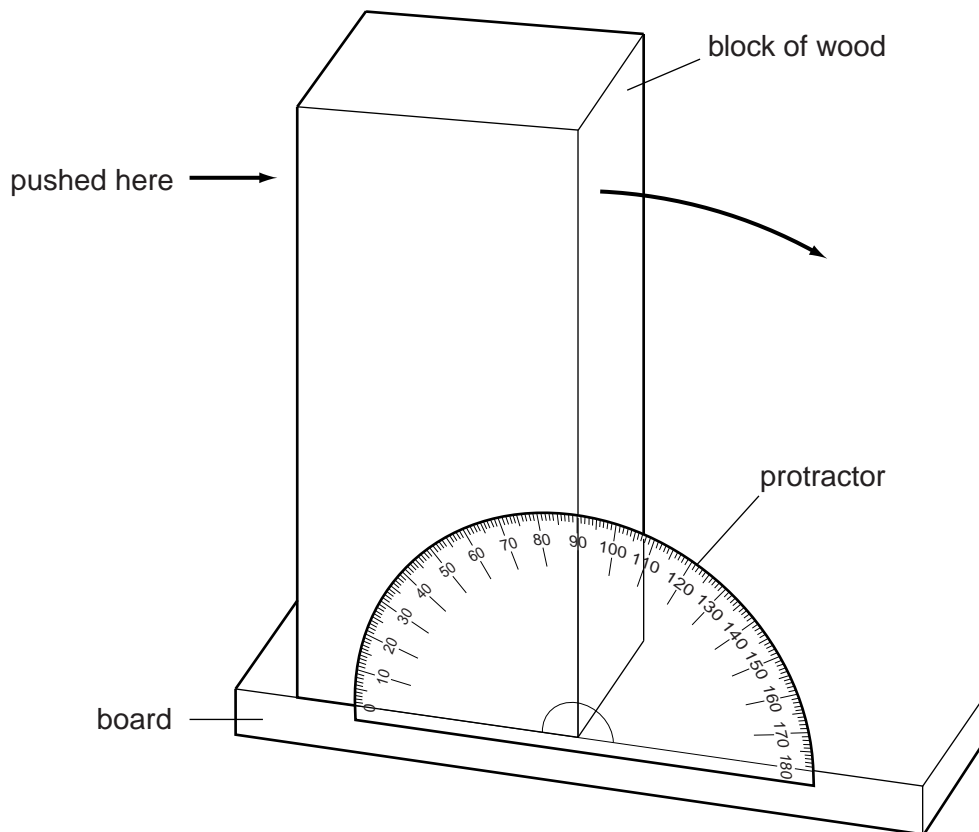
left-hand level .....

right-hand level .....

[2]

[Total: 6]

- 3 Fig. 3.1 shows a rectangular block of wood on a flat, rough horizontal board.



**Fig. 3.1**

The block is pushed at the top, as shown in Fig. 3.1, and it tilts to the right.

- (a) On the front face of the block, draw the line that will be vertical at the instant before the block topples over. [1]
- (b) Use the protractor shown on Fig. 3.1 to measure the angle through which the block tilts before it topples over.

angle = ..... [1]

- (c) The block is put back on the board, as in Fig. 3.1. This time, instead of the block being pushed, the left-hand edge of the board is raised.

State the angle that the board makes with the horizontal at the instant the block topples over.

angle = ..... [1]

- (d) State how your answer to (c) might differ if the procedure is repeated after several centimetres have been cut off the top of the block.

.....

..... [1]

[Total: 4]

- 4 Two geologists are collecting rocks from the bottom of a cliff. The rocks are loaded into a basket and then pulled up the cliff on the end of a rope, as shown in Fig. 4.1. The basket of rocks is brought to rest at the top of the cliff.

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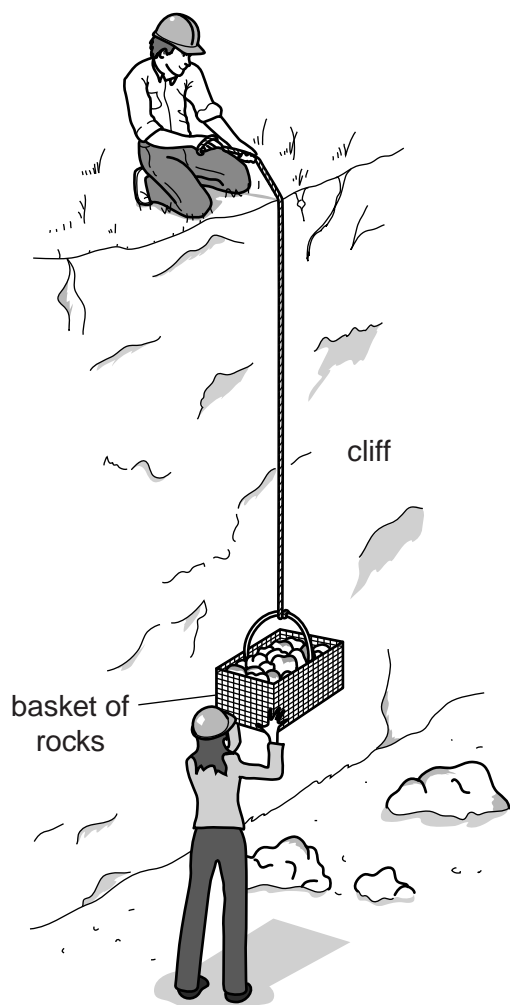


Fig. 4.1

- (a) (i) Which form of energy that the basket possesses is significantly greater at the top of the cliff than when it is at the bottom of the cliff?

..... [1]

- (ii) Which two measurements must be made in order to calculate the increase in energy in (i)?

1. ....

2. ....

[2]

- (b) Which form of energy in his body has the man at the top of the cliff used in order to raise the basket of rocks?

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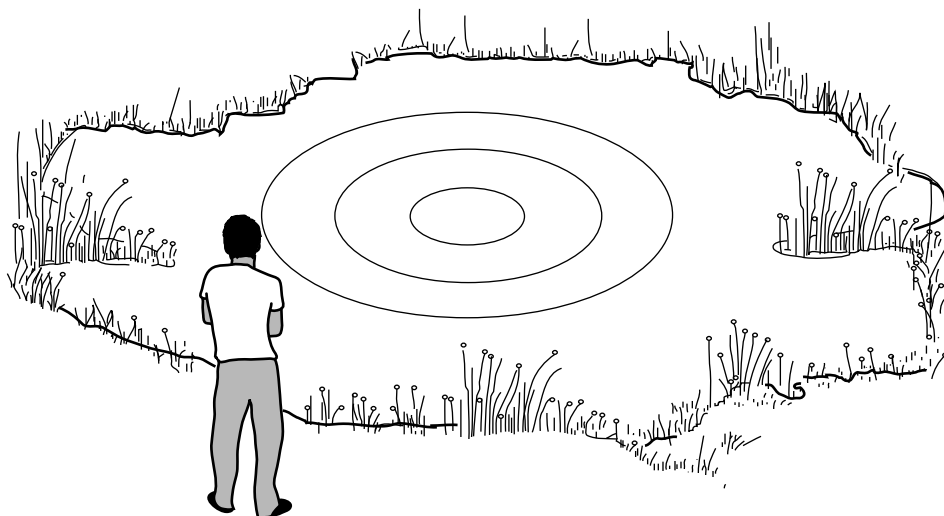
- (c) State the measurement needed, in addition to those in (a)(ii), in order to calculate the useful power developed by the man at the top of the cliff.

..... [2]

[Total: 6]

- 5 The boy shown in Fig. 5.1 has just thrown a number of stones into a pond, one after the other. Fig. 5.1 shows the crests of the waves a short time after the stones landed in the water.

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**Fig. 5.1**

- (a) On Fig. 5.1, mark with a cross the point where the stones hit the water. [1]
- (b) Fig. 5.2 shows a section through the surface of the water before the stones land.

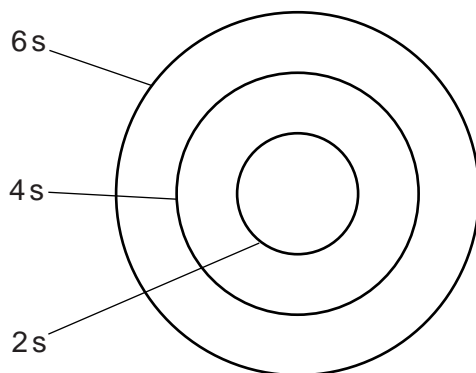


**Fig. 5.2**

On Fig. 5.2, sketch what the section of the surface might look like at the instant shown in Fig. 5.1. [2]

- (c) Later, the boy throws a single stone into the water. Fig. 5.3 shows, from above, the position of the wavefront at 2 s, 4 s and 6 s after the stone landed.

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**Fig. 5.3**

- (i) From Fig. 5.3, what can be deduced about the speed of the wave?

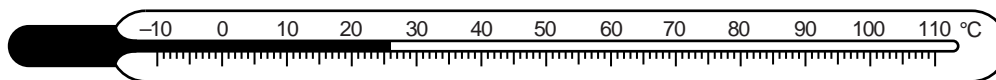
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- (ii) On Fig. 5.3, draw the wavefront 8 s after the stone landed. [2]

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- 6 The liquid-in-glass thermometer in Fig. 6.1 has a scale from  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $110^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

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**Fig. 6.1**

- (a) Two of the temperatures marked on the thermometer are known as *fixed points*.

State the values of these fixed points.

.....  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  and .....  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  [1]

- (b) The bulb of the thermometer shown in Fig. 6.1 is put into some boiling water.

- (i) What happens to the liquid in the bulb when its temperature is raised?

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- (ii) What is seen happening to the liquid in the capillary tube when the bulb is put in the boiling water?

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[3]

- (c) On a certain day in a cold country, the air temperature is  $-12^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

On Fig. 6.1, use an arrow to show approximately where the surface of the liquid will be at this temperature. [1]

[Total: 5]



- 7** A teacher is trying to find an unusual way to measure the speed of sound using an echo method.

She has a firework, which will make a loud bang at ground level when ignited. She also has a stopwatch and a tape measure.

- (a)** To obtain an echo, she needs a suitable reflector.

Suggest something that she could use as a reflector.

..... [1]

- (b)** She stands a measured distance of 360m from her chosen reflector and ignites the firework in a safe manner.

- (i)** When should she start the stopwatch?

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- (ii)** When should she stop the stopwatch?

.....

[2]

- (c)** After she stops the stopwatch, its appearance is as shown in Fig. 7.1.



**Fig. 7.1**

- (i)** Using this reading and the distance from **(b)**, calculate the speed of sound in air.

speed of sound = ..... m/s [4]

- (ii)** Suggest one reason why the speed calculated in **(c)(i)** might not be quite correct. Assume that the stopwatch and tape measure function correctly.

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..... [1]

[Total: 8]

- 8 (a) In terms of molecules, explain why solids expand when they are heated.

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- (b) (i) State one example where the expansion or contraction of a solid is a problem. Describe how this problem is solved. You may draw a diagram if it helps to clarify your answer.

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- (ii) Describe one example where the expansion or contraction of a solid is useful. You may draw a diagram if it helps to clarify your answer.

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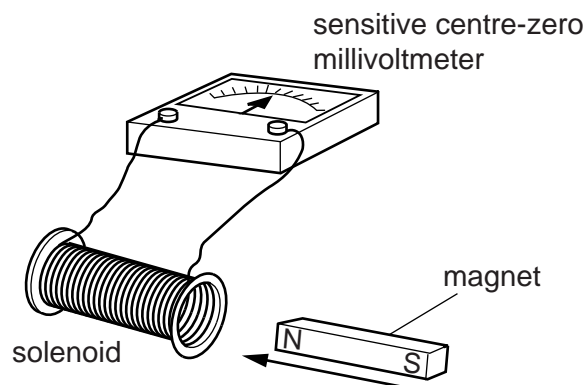
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- 9 A solenoid with many turns is connected across a sensitive centre-zero millivoltmeter, as shown in Fig. 9.1.

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**Fig. 9.1**

- (a) The N pole of a magnet is moved into the solenoid, and then held stationary in the solenoid.

Describe what happens to the needle of the millivoltmeter during this process.

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 ..... [2]

- (b) The N pole is then removed from the solenoid.

Describe what happens to the needle during this process.

.....  
 ..... [1]

- (c) Complete the following sentence.

When the N pole moves into the solenoid, ..... is

..... in the solenoid. [2]

[Total: 5]

- 10 A length of bare uniform resistance wire is included in the circuit of Fig. 10.1. Contact C can be moved to any position along the resistance wire.

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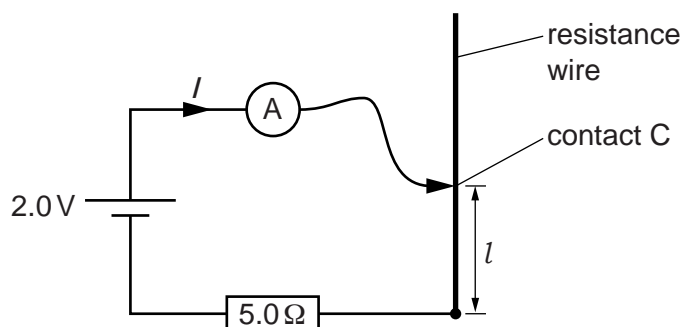


Fig. 10.1

- (a) On the axes of Fig. 10.2, sketch the graph that relates the current  $I$  in the circuit to the length  $l$  of the resistance wire.

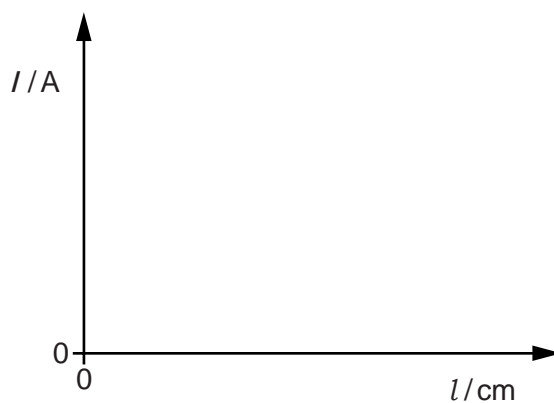


Fig. 10.2

[2]

- (b) Calculate the reading on the ammeter when the length  $l$  is zero.

ammeter reading = ..... A [3]

- (c) Contact C is moved so that the resistance of the length  $l$  of the resistance wire is  $15.0\ \Omega$ .

Calculate

- (i) the total resistance of the circuit,

resistance = .....  $\Omega$

- (ii) the new ammeter reading.

ammeter reading = ..... A  
[2]

- (d) When  $l = 25\text{ cm}$ , the reading on the ammeter is half that found in (b).

Calculate the resistance of  $25\text{ cm}$  of the resistance wire.

resistance = .....  $\Omega$  [2]

- (e) Which of the following effects is caused by the current in the resistance wire?

Tick the boxes alongside **two** correct effects.

heating

☐

light

☐

sound

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magnetism

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[2]

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- 11 (a) A particular radioactive source is known to emit either  $\alpha$ -particles or  $\beta$ -particles.

Describe an experiment involving a solid absorber to determine which type of particle is being emitted. Include a diagram of the experimental arrangement.

diagram

[1]

method

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..... [4]

statement of how the results identify the particles

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..... [1]

- (b) The table below gives the count-rate obtained from a radioactive source over a period of 80 minutes.

time/minutes	0	15	30	42	58	80
$\frac{\text{count-rate}}{\text{counts/s}}$	400	228	128	80	44	16

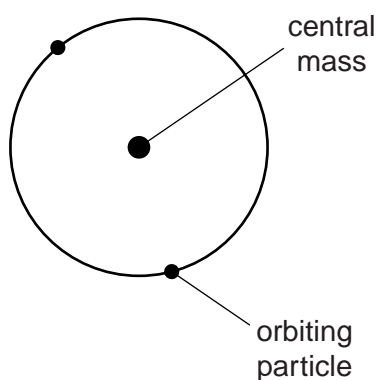
From this table, estimate the half-life of the radioactive source.

half-life = ..... minutes [1]

[Total: 7]

12 Fig. 12.1 represents a neutral atom.

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**Fig. 12.1**

**(a)** What name do we give to

(i) the central mass, .....

(ii) the two orbiting particles? ..... [2]

**(b)** The central mass contains two neutrons.

(i) What other type of particle does it contain? .....

(ii) How many of these other particles are there? ..... [2]

(iii) Use nuclide notation,  ${}^A_Z\text{X}$ , to describe the nuclide in Fig. 12.1, writing appropriate numbers in place of  $A$  and  $Z$ .

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[2]

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