

Marking scheme

END OF TERM 1 2024

PHYSICS.

FORM 3

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**SECTION A (50 MARKS)**

1. Define the term Relative density (1 mk)

$$RD = \frac{\text{mass of substance}}{\text{Mass of an equal volume of water}} \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{\text{density of substance}}{\text{density of water}}$$

2. The mass of a 35cm<sup>3</sup> of a metal was found to be 0.086 kg. Calculate the density of the metal in SI Units. (3 mks)

$$\rho = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{0.086}{3.5 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$2.457 \times 10^2 \text{ kgm}^{-3} \quad 1\text{mk}$$

3. A rectangular brick of weight 24 N, measures 60 cm × 20 cm × 30 cm. calculate the values of

(i) the maximum

(ii) minimum

pressures which the block exert when resting on a horizontal table. (5mks)

$$\text{max. area} = 0.6 \times 0.3 = 0.18 \text{ cm}^2 \quad 1\text{mk}$$

$$\text{min. area} = 0.2 \times 0.3 = 0.06 \text{ cm}^2 \quad 1\text{mk}$$

$$\text{pressure max} = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{minimum area}} = \frac{24}{0.06} = 40\text{Nm}^{-2} \quad 1\text{mk}$$

$$\text{Pressure min} = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Max area}} = \frac{24}{0.06} = 13.33\text{Nm}^{-2}$$

4. a. State Hookes law (1mk)

For a helical spring or other elastic material, the extension is directly proportional to the stretching force provided the elastic limit is not exceeded.

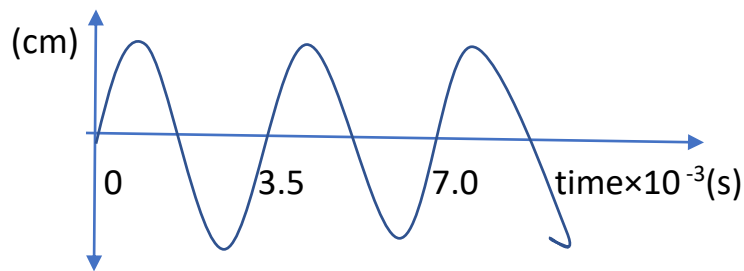
b. A spiral spring stretches by 0.6 cm when a mass of 300g is suspended on it. What is the spring constant? (3mks)

$$F = \frac{300}{1000} \times 10 = 3\text{N}$$

$$F = ke$$

$$k = \frac{3\text{N}}{0.006} = 500\text{Nm}^{-2}$$

5. Fig 1 shows the displacement – time graph for a certain wave



Determine the frequency of the wave (3mks)

$$T = 3.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}$$

$$F = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{3.5 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$= 2.857 \times 10^2 \text{ Hert}$$

6. A pupil blows a current of air over the surface of a sheet of paper held close to its mouth. State and explain what happens to the paper. (2mks)

Sheet of paper rises up 1mk

Fast moving air causes a reduction in pressure 1mk

Atmospheric pressure which is higher makes the paper to rise 1mk

7. Water flows along a horizontal pipe of cross-sectional area  $30\text{cm}^2$ . The speed of the water is  $4\text{m/s}$  but it reaches  $7.5\text{m/s}$  in a constriction in the pipe. Calculate the area of the constriction (3mks)

$$A_1V_1 = A_2V_2 \quad 1\text{mk}$$

$$3.0 \times 10^{-5} \times 4 = 7.5 \times 10^{-5} \times A_2 \quad 1\text{mk}$$

$$A_2 = 1.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2 \quad 1\text{mk}$$

8. Distinguish between a primary cell and a secondary cell. (2mks)

Primary cell can't be recharged while secondary cell can be recharged after use

9. Stating the specific parts in the flask explain how heat loss is reduced through:

(i) Conduction Double walled glass. 1mk

Glass is a poor conductor 1mk

(ii) Convection Evacuated double walled glass 1mk

No molecules to carry away heat.

(iii) Radiation Silvered surfaces 1mk

Absorption and emission of heat minimized

10. A building standing  $100\text{m}$  from a pinhole camera produces on the screen of the camera an image  $5\text{cm}$  high  $10\text{cm}$  behind the pinhole. Determine the actual height of the building. (3 marks)

$$m = \frac{h_i}{h_o} = \frac{v}{u} = \frac{0.05}{100} = \frac{0.1}{h_o} \quad h_o = 50\text{m}$$

11. a. Distinguish between a potential difference and electromotive force.  
(2mks)

Pd. Voltage across a cell in a closed circuit      1mk

Emf Voltage across a cell in an open circuit      1mk

b. A current of 0.08A passes in a circuit for 2.5 minutes. How much charge passes through a point in the circuit.      (3mks)

$$Q = It \quad 1mk$$

$$= 0.08 \times 2.5 \times 60 \quad 1mk$$

$$= 12 \text{ coulombs} \quad 1mk$$

is not. Explain how you would identify the magnetized bar without using a magnet  
(3mks)

Suspend both X and Y      1mk

Displace and let them settle      1mk

One settling facing North South direction is magnetized      1mk

13. An oil drop of average diameter 0.7mm spreading out into a roughly circular patch of diameter 75mm on the surface of water in a trough. (i) Calculate the average diameter of a molecule of oil.      (3mks)

Volume of sphere = volume of patch

$$\frac{4\pi r^3}{3} = \pi R^2 h \quad 1mk$$

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$$4\pi(0.35)^3 = \pi(35)^2 \times 3h \quad 1mk$$

$$= 4.667 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mm} \text{ or } 4.667 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}$$

(ii) State two assumptions to be made in (i) above when calculating the diameter.  
(2mks)

Monolayer

Oil patch a perfect cylindrical

Oil drop a perfect sphere

14. a) State the principle of moments (2mks)

For a system in equilibrium some of clockwise moments is equal to the sum of anticlockwise moments

b) The diagram below shows a uniform bar of lengths 6m. If the weight of the bar is 15N, determine x. (3mks)



$$F_1d_1 = F_2d_2$$

$$30x = 15(3-x)$$

$$x = 1\text{m}$$



### SECTION B (50MARKS)

15. **Figure below** shows a velocity-time graph for the motion of a body of mass 2 kg.

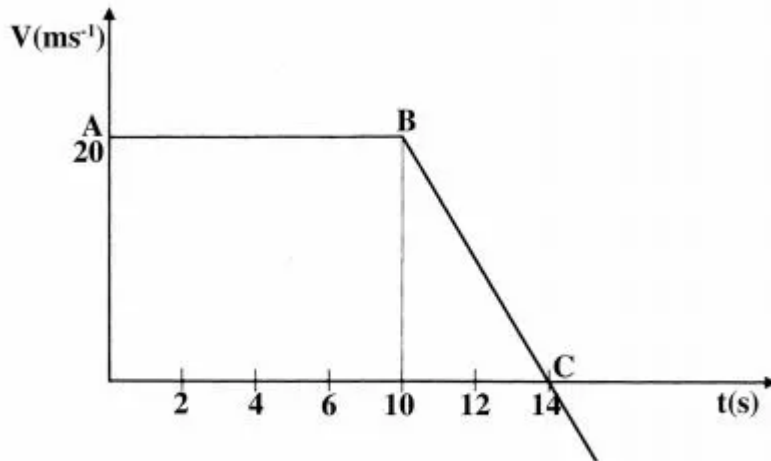


Figure 9

(a) Use the graph to determine the:

(i) displacement of the body after 8 seconds. (3 marks)

Displacement = Area under graph

$$\frac{1}{2}(10+14) \times 20$$

$$= 240\text{m}$$

OR

$$(10 \times 20) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(20 \times 4)$$

$$= 240\text{m}$$

(ii) acceleration after point **B**; (3 marks)

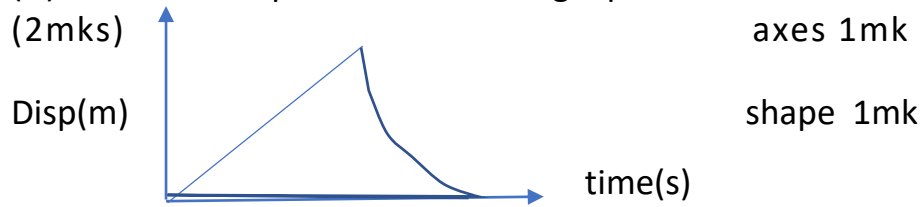
$$a = \frac{v-u}{t} = \frac{0-20}{4}$$

$$= -5\text{ms}^{-2}$$

(iii) force acting on the body in part (a) (ii). (3 marks)

$$F = ma = 2 \times -5 = -10\text{ms}^{-2}$$

(b) Sketch a displacement-time graph for the motion from point A to C. (2mks)



axes 1mk

shape 1mk

16. (a) **Figure below** shows a simple electric bell circuit.

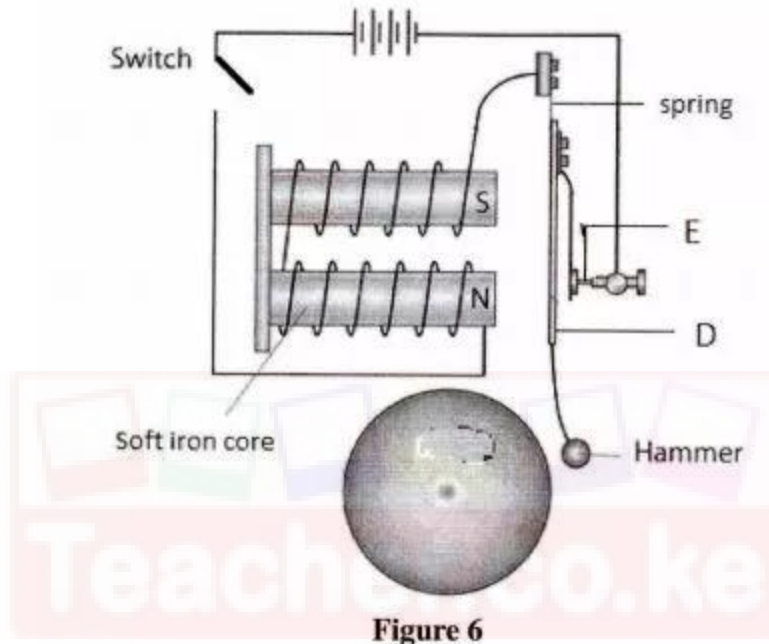


Figure 6

(i) Name the parts labelled:

(I) **D**(1 mark) Soft iron armature

(II) **E**(1 mark) Contact screw

(ii) When the switch is closed, the hammer hits the gong repeatedly. Explain why:

(I) the hammer hits the gong.(2 marks)

Armature attracted by electromagnet

Hammer hits gong

(II) the hammer hits the gong repeatedly. (3 marks)

Armature attracted by electromagnet

Hammer hits gong 1mk

Contact screw broken and current stops flowing

Electromagnet demagnetized 1mk

repeated Armature springs back connecting the circuit and process  
1mk

(III) the soft iron is used and not any other material (2mks)

Easily magnetized 1mk

Easily demagnetized 1mk

17. (a) State Newton's first law of motion. (1 mark)

A body remain in its state of rest or uniform motion in

A straight line unless an acted upon by an external force.

(b) A wooden block resting on a horizontal bench is given an initial velocity  $u$  so that it slides on the bench for a distance  $x$  before it stops.

Various values of  $x$  are measured for different values of the initial velocity.



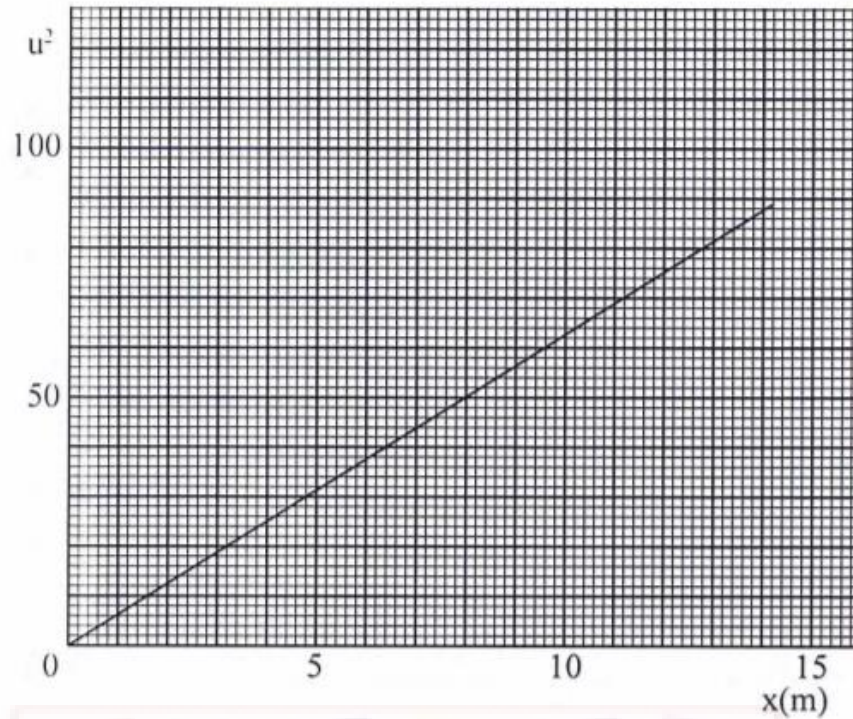


Figure 9

Figure shows a graph of  $u^2$  against  $x$ .

- (i) Determine the slope  $S$  of the graph. (3 marks)

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{50}{8}$$

$$= 6.25$$

- (ii) Determine the value of  $k$  given that  $u^2 = 20kx$  where  $k$  is a frictional constant for the surface. (3 marks)

$$\text{slope} = 20k$$

$$k = \frac{6.25}{20}$$

$$= 0.3125$$

- (iii) State with a reason what happens to the value of  $k$  when the roughness of the bench surface is reduced. (2 marks)

$k$  reduces

Reducing roughness lowers friction (inter locking between molecules of the surfaces reduced)

- (c) An object is thrown vertically upwards with an initial velocity of  $30 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ . Determine its maximum height (acceleration due to gravity  $g$  is  $10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ ). (3 marks)

$$v = u - gt$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$0 = u - gt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(10 \times 9)$$

$$t = 3\text{s}$$

$$= 45\text{m}$$

18. a) State Pascal's principle of transmission of pressure in liquids. (1mk)

Pressure exerted at a point in an enclosed system is equally transmitted to all other parts

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(b) Figure shows heights of two immiscible liquids X and Y in a U-tube (drawn to scale)

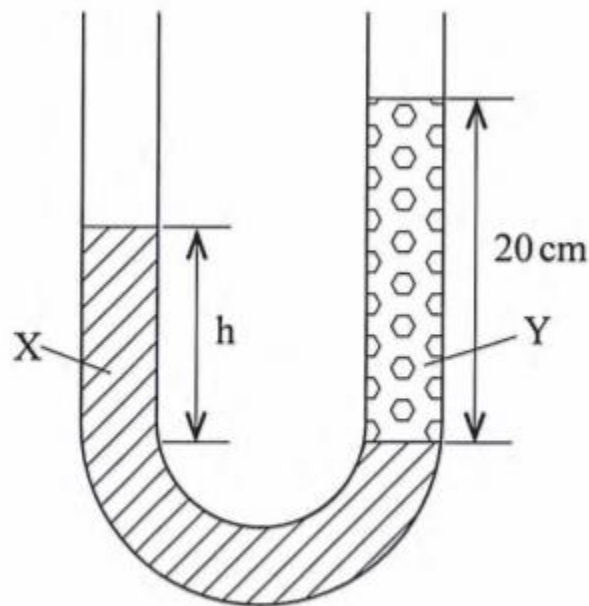


Figure 10

- (i) State with a reason which of the two liquids X and Y has a higher density. (2 marks)

X Shorter column supported

- (ii) Determine the value of h. (3 marks)

$$4.5 \text{ cm} = 20 \text{ cm}$$

$$2.8 \text{ cm} = \frac{20 \times 2.8}{4.5} = 12.44 \text{ cm}$$

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- iii) Given that the density of liquid Y is  $\rho$ , write down an expression for the density  $d$  of liquid X in terms of  $\rho$ . (2 marks)

$$P_x = P_y$$

$$\rho_1 g h_1 = \rho_2 g h_2$$

$$\rho_x = \rho_y h_y / h_x$$

(c) (i) With the aid of a diagram, describe how a liquid may be siphoned from one container to another using a flexible tube. (3 marks)

Diagram 1mk

Pressure difference due to height difference causes liquid to flow  
1mk

iii) State one application of the siphon. (1 mark)

Emptying of tankers

19.a) Figure below shows a ray of light travelling from glass to air.



Determine the:

(i) Critical angle of the glass — air interface ( 1 mark)

$42^\circ$

(ii) Refractive index of glass (3mark)

$$n = \frac{1}{\sin C}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sin 42^\circ}$$

$$= 1.4944$$

(b) A piece of metal is embedded at the Centre of an ice block 15 cm from the surface of the ice. Given that the refractive index of ice is 1.32, determine how far from the surface of the ice block the metal appears to be. (3 marks)

$$n = \text{Real depth} / \text{Apparent depth}$$

$$1.32 = 15 / \text{Apparent depth}$$

$$\text{Apparent depth} = 11.37 \text{ cm}$$

