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PHYSICS 0625/41

Paper 4 Theory (Extended)

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer all questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do not write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.
- Take the weight of 1.0 kg to be 9.8 N (acceleration of free fall = $9.8 \,\mathrm{m/s^2}$).

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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[1]



1 (a) Circle the vector quantities in the list.

acceleration mass speed time velocity

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(b) Fig. 1.1 shows the speed–time graph for a train travelling from station A to station B.

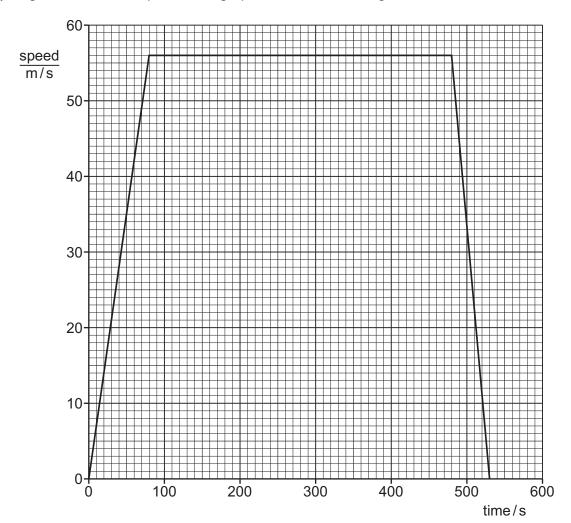


Fig. 1.1

(i) State the maximum speed of the train.

maximum speed =[1]

(ii) Describe the motion of the train between station A and station B.

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Calculate the distance between station A and station B.

	distance =	[3]
(iv)	On a different day, the train takes 650s to travel between station A and station B.	
	Suggest one change to the motion of the train that leads to this longer journey time.	
		[1]
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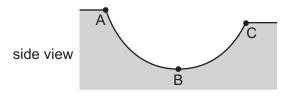
2 (a)	A resultant	force is applied t	o an object movir	ng with a velocity	v in a straight line.
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	(i)	State two different changes to the motion that the resultant force may cause.
		1
		2
		[2]
	(ii)	State one other way that forces may change a stationary object.
		[1]
b)		scribe how a uniform metre ruler, a pivot and a selection of masses can be used to nonstrate that there is no resultant moment on an object in equilibrium.
	You	may include a labelled diagram in your answer.
		[4]

[Total: 7]



Fig. 3.1 shows a side view of part of a concrete track at a skateboard park.



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Fig. 3.1

(a)	A skateboarder is initially at rest at point A. The skateboarder then travels through point B and
	comes to rest at point C.

track.	316
	[2]

(b) (i) B is at ground level and C is at 2.8 m above ground level. The mass of the skateboarder is 65 kg.

Calculate the work done on the skateboarder as she travels from B to C.

(ii) The skateboarder falls off the skateboard at B. She hits the track and comes to rest after a few milliseconds.

State the equation that defines the force *F* with which the skateboarder hits the track. State the meaning of any symbols you use.

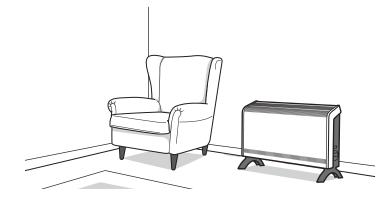
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4 Fig. 4.1 shows a heater used to warm the air in a room.



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Fig. 4.1

(a)	(i)	State the main method of thermal energy transfer throughout the air in the room.
		[1]
	(ii)	Explain how the heater warms all the air in the room.
		[3]
(b)	The	power of the heater is 2.0 kW when it is connected to the mains supply with an e.m.f. of 230 V.
	(i)	Show that the current in the heater is approximately 8.7A.
		rol
		[2]
	(ii)	The plug connecting the heater to the mains supply is fitted with a fuse.
		Fuse ratings of 3A, 5A, 10A and 13A are available.
		State which fuse is used. Explain your answer.
		fuse
		explanation



5 A ray of light is incident on a soap film. Fig. 5.1 shows a magnified image of a small part of the soap film. The ray of light is refracted as it enters the soap film.

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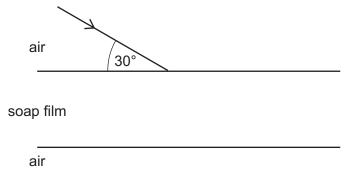


Fig. 5.1

The refractive index of the soap film is 1.28.

a)	Define refractive index in terms of the speed of light.
	[1

(b) (i) Show that the angle of refraction as the light enters the soap film is approximately 43°.

- (ii) On Fig. 5.1, carefully draw the refracted light ray in the soap film and label the angle of refraction.
 [2]
- (c) The ray of light is monochromatic red light with a wavelength of 680 nm in air.
 - (i) Define monochromatic.
 - (ii) Calculate the frequency of the light.

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[2]

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6 Fig. 6.1 shows a person using a magnetic window cleaner. The part on the outside of the window is attracted to the inside part through the glass window.

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Fig. 6.1

Each part of the window cleaner contains two magnets. Fig. 6.2 shows the magnetic field between the parts of the window cleaner.

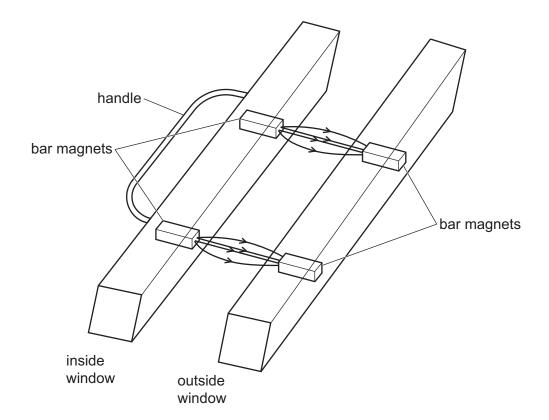


Fig. 6.2

(a)	Glass is not a magnetic material.	_
	State the difference between magnetic and non-magnetic materials.	
		[1]
(b)	Suggest a suitable material for the magnets in the window cleaner. Explain your answer.	
		[1]
(c)	Label the poles of the magnets in Fig. 6.2.	[1]
(d)	State how the field lines in Fig. 6.2 show different strengths of the magnetic field between magnets.	the

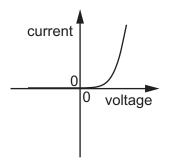
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7 (a) Fig. 7.1 shows a sketch of the current–voltage graph for an electrical component.



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Fig. 7.1

(i) Name the electrical component.

(ii) Draw the circuit symbol for this component.

(b) Fig. 7.2 shows an electric circuit for two identical electric heaters, A and B, connected to a mains supply of 230 V.

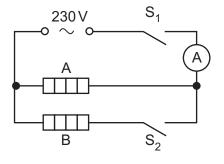


Fig. 7.2

 $\rm S_1$ is closed. $\rm S_2$ is open. The reading on the ammeter is 3.9A.



(i) Calculate the resistance of heater A.

resistance =[2

(ii) Calculate the energy transferred by heater A in 5.0 minutes.

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energy =[3]

(iii) S_1 remains closed and S_2 is closed.

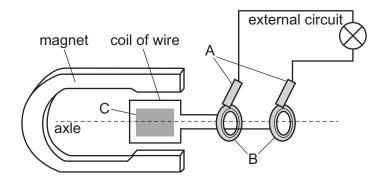
Determine the reading on the ammeter. Show your working.

ammeter reading =[2]

[Total: 10]



8 Fig. 8.1 shows a diagram of part of a simple a.c. generator.



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Fig. 8.1

(a)	(i)	Identify	components A and	В	in	Fig.	8.1.	
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Α	
В	
	2]

(ii) Component C is made of soft iron.

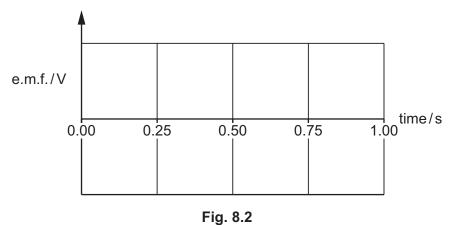
Describe the effect of this component on the generator.	
	[4]

(i)



(b) The coil of the generator rotates at a constant speed of two complete revolutions per second. Sketch a graph of the e.m.f. generated against time on the axes in Fig. 8.2. The coil is in the position shown in Fig. 8.1 at time = 0.

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it is transmitted through cables over long distances.

(c) In power stations, transformers are used to step up the voltage of electricity generated before

Explain the advantages of transmitting electricity at high voltages.
[2]

(ii) A power station generates electricity at 25 000 V. A transformer steps up the voltage to 300 000 V. The primary coil of the step-up transformer has 450 turns.

Calculate the number of turns $N_{\rm s}$ on the secondary coil of the transformer.

$$N_{\rm s}$$
 =[2]

[Total: 10]

[3]

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strontium-90. Explain your answer.

9 Strontium-90 ($^{90}_{38}$ Sr) is a radioactive isotope that contains 38 protons and 52 neutrons. Strontium-90 decays to form an isotope of yttrium (Y) by emitting beta (β) particles.

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suggestion	
explanation	
	[2]

Suggest how the nucleus of a stable isotope of strontium differs from a nucleus of

(ii) Complete the nuclide equation for the decay of strontium-90 to yttrium.

$$^{90}_{38}$$
Sr \longrightarrow $^{\dots}$ Y + $^{\dots}$ $^{\beta}$ [2]

(iii) Explain why scientists limit the amount of time they are exposed to radioactive strontium.

(b) Yttrium is also unstable. A scientist places a sample of yttrium near a radiation detector. Table 9.1 shows the count rate recorded by the detector as the sample decays.

Table 9.1

time/h	recorded count rate counts/min
0	68
50	49
100	38
150	32
200	26
250	24
300	20
350	21
400	20



Fig. 9.1 shows a graph of the count rate due to yttrium against time.

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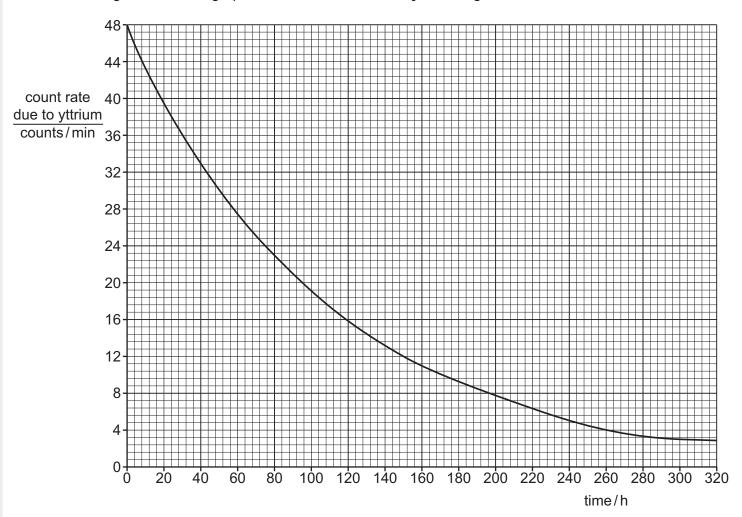


Fig. 9.1

(i) Use Fig. 9.1 to determine the half-life of yttrium. Show your working.

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(ii) Explain the difference between the count rate in Table 9.1 and the count rate due to yttrium plotted on the graph in Fig. 9.1.

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a)	Describe the composition of Jupiter and the Earth.							
	Jupi	iter						
	the	Earth						
			[2]					
b)		gravitational field strength at the surface of the Earth is approximately 9.8 N/kg. Tvitational field strength at the surface of Jupiter is approximately 23 N/kg.	he.					
	(i)	Define gravitational field strength.						
			[2]					
	(ii)	State one factor which causes the difference between the gravitational field strength the surface of Jupiter and the gravitational field strength at the surface of the Earth.	at					
			[1]					
c)		e and explain the difference between the orbital speed of Jupiter and the orbital speed Earth.	of					
	state	ement						
	expl	anation						
			[3]					

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