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**PHYSICS**

**9702/22**

Paper 2 AS Level Structured Questions

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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.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

This document has **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

**Data**

acceleration of free fall	$g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
speed of light in free space	$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
elementary charge	$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
unified atomic mass unit	$1 \text{ u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
rest mass of proton	$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
rest mass of electron	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
Avogadro constant	$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
molar gas constant	$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Boltzmann constant	$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
gravitational constant	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$ $(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ m F}^{-1})$
Planck constant	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
Stefan–Boltzmann constant	$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$

**Formulae**

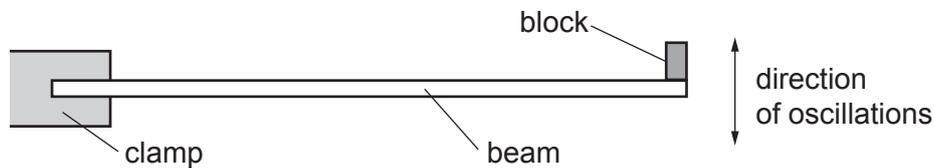
uniformly accelerated motion	$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$
hydrostatic pressure	$\Delta p = \rho g \Delta h$
upthrust	$F = \rho g V$
Doppler effect for sound waves	$f_o = \frac{f_s v}{v \pm v_s}$
electric current	$I = Anvq$
resistors in series	$R = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$
resistors in parallel	$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots$

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- 1 (a) In the following list, underline all units that are SI base units.

ampere      degree Celsius      kilogram      newton      [1]

- (b) Fig. 1.1 shows a horizontal beam clamped at one end with a block attached to the other end.



**Fig. 1.1**

The block is made to oscillate vertically.

The Young modulus  $E$  of the material of the beam is given by

$$E = \frac{kM}{T^2}$$

where  $M$  is the mass of the block,  
 $T$  is the period of the oscillations  
 and  $k$  is a constant.

A student determines the values and percentage uncertainties of  $k$ ,  $M$  and  $T$ .  
 Table 1.1 lists the percentage uncertainties.

**Table 1.1**

quantity	percentage uncertainty
$k$	$\pm 2.1\%$
$M$	$\pm 0.6\%$
$T$	$\pm 1.5\%$

The student uses the values of  $k$ ,  $M$  and  $T$  to calculate the value of  $E$  as  $8.245 \times 10^9$  Pa.

- (i) Calculate the percentage uncertainty in the value of  $E$ .

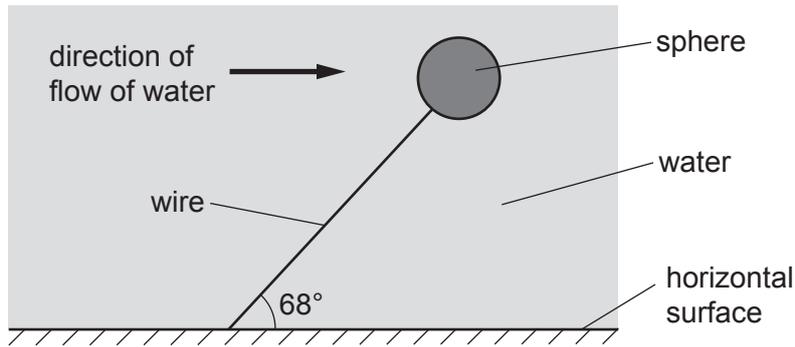
percentage uncertainty = ..... % [2]

- (ii) Use your answer in (b)(i) to determine the value of  $E$ , with its absolute uncertainty, to an appropriate number of significant figures.

$$E = (\dots\dots\dots \pm \dots\dots\dots) \times 10^9 \text{ Pa} \quad [2]$$

[Total: 5]

- 2 A sphere is attached by a metal wire to the horizontal surface at the bottom of a river, as shown in Fig. 2.1.



**Fig. 2.1** (not to scale)

The sphere is fully submerged and in equilibrium, with the wire at an angle of  $68^\circ$  to the horizontal surface. The weight of the sphere is 32 N. The upthrust acting on the sphere is 280 N. The density of the water is  $1.0 \times 10^3 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ .

Assume that the force on the sphere due to the water flow is in a horizontal direction.

- (a) By considering the components of force in the vertical direction, determine the tension in the wire.

tension = ..... N [2]

- (b) For the sphere, calculate:

- (i) the volume

volume = .....  $\text{m}^3$  [1]

- (ii) the density.

density = .....  $\text{kg m}^{-3}$  [2]

- (c) The centre of the sphere is initially at a height of 6.2m above the horizontal surface. The speed of the water then increases, causing the sphere to move to a different position. This movement of the sphere causes its gravitational potential energy to decrease by 77 J.

Calculate the final height of the centre of the sphere above the horizontal surface.

height = ..... m [3]

- (d) The extension of the wire increases when the sphere changes position as described in (c). The wire obeys Hooke's law.

- (i) State a symbol equation that gives the relationship between the tension  $T$  in the wire and its extension  $x$ . Identify any other symbol that you use.

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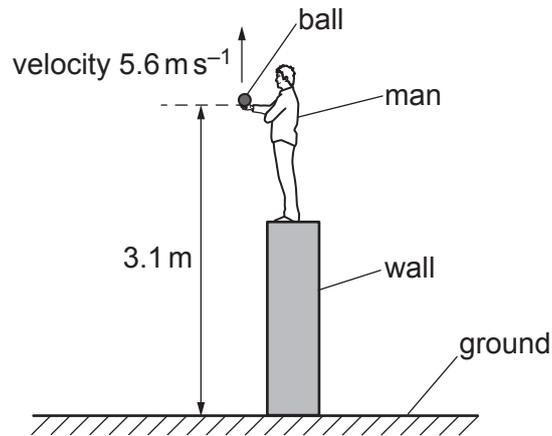
- (ii) Before the sphere changed position, the initial elastic potential energy of the wire was 0.65 J. The change in position of the sphere causes the extension of the wire to double.

Calculate the final elastic potential energy of the wire after the sphere has changed position.

final elastic potential energy = ..... J [2]

[Total: 11]

- 3 A man standing on a wall throws a small ball vertically upwards with a velocity of  $5.6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The ball leaves his hand when it is at a height of  $3.1 \text{ m}$  above the ground, as shown in Fig. 3.1.



**Fig. 3.1** (not to scale)

Assume that air resistance is negligible.

- (a) Show that the ball reaches a maximum height above the ground of  $4.7 \text{ m}$ .

[2]

- (b) The man does not catch the ball as it falls.

Calculate the time taken for the ball to fall from its maximum height to the ground.

time taken = ..... s [2]

- (c) The ball leaves the man's hand at time  $t = 0$  and hits the ground at time  $t = T$ .

On Fig. 3.2, sketch a graph to show the variation of the velocity  $v$  of the ball with time  $t$  from  $t = 0$  to  $t = T$ . Numerical values of  $v$  and  $t$  are not required. Assume that  $v$  is positive in the upward direction.

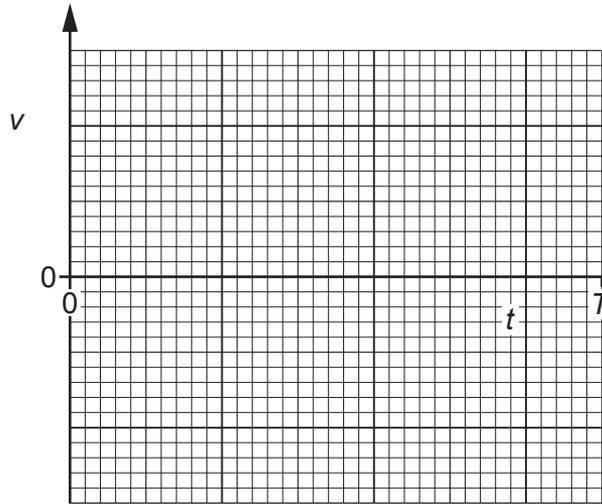


Fig. 3.2

[3]

- (d) State what is represented by the gradient of the graph in (c).

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- (e) The man now throws a second ball with the same velocity and from the same height as the first ball. The mass of the second ball is greater than that of the first ball. Assume that air resistance is still negligible.

For the first and second balls, compare:

- (i) the magnitudes of their accelerations

..... [1]

- (ii) the speeds with which they hit the ground.

..... [1]

[Total: 10]

4 (a) State the principle of conservation of momentum.

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(b) Two balls, X and Y, move along a horizontal frictionless surface, as shown from above in Fig. 4.1.

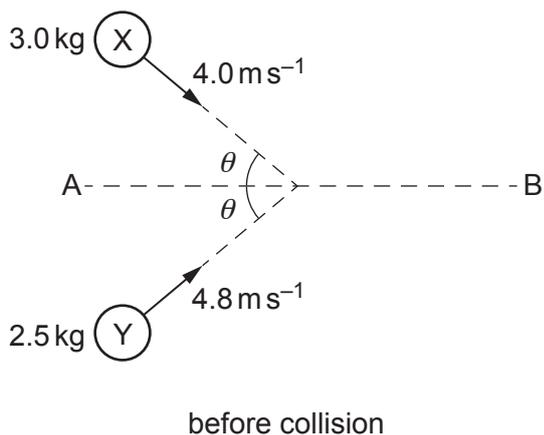


Fig. 4.1 (not to scale)

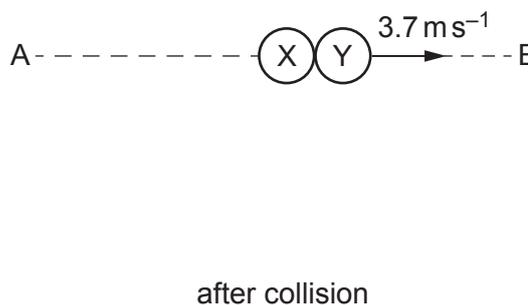


Fig. 4.2 (not to scale)

Ball X has a mass of 3.0 kg and a velocity of  $4.0 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  in a direction at angle  $\theta$  to a line AB. Ball Y has a mass of 2.5 kg and a velocity of  $4.8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  in a direction at angle  $\theta$  to the line AB.

The balls collide and stick together. After colliding, the balls have a velocity of  $3.7 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  along the line AB on the horizontal surface, as shown in Fig. 4.2.

(i) By considering the components of the momenta along the line AB, calculate  $\theta$ .

$\theta = \dots\dots\dots^\circ$  [3]

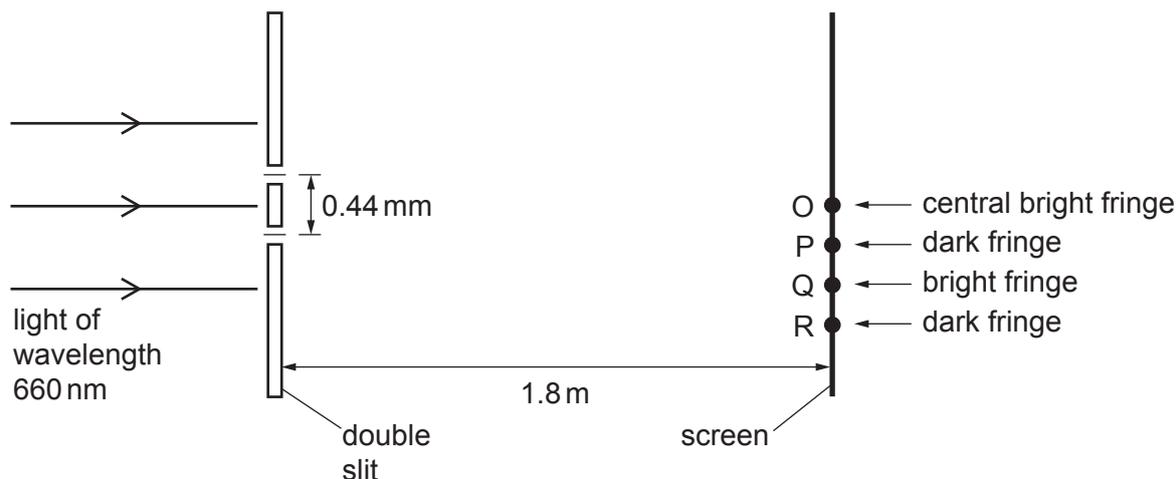
- (ii) By calculation of kinetic energies, state and explain whether the collision of the balls is inelastic or perfectly elastic.

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[Total: 7]

- 5 Light from a laser is used to produce an interference pattern on a screen, as shown in Fig. 5.1.



**Fig. 5.1** (not to scale)

The light of wavelength 660 nm is incident normally on two slits that have a separation of 0.44 mm. The double slit is parallel to the screen. The perpendicular distance between the double slit and the screen is 1.8 m.

The central bright fringe on the screen is formed at point O. The next dark fringe below point O is formed at point P. The next bright fringe and the next dark fringe below point P are formed at points Q and R respectively.

- (a) The light waves from the two slits are coherent.

State what is meant by coherent.

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 ..... [1]

- (b) For the two light waves superposing at R, calculate:

- (i) the difference in their path lengths, in nm, from the slits

path difference = ..... nm [1]

- (ii) their phase difference.

phase difference = ..... ° [1]

(c) Calculate the distance OQ.

distance OQ = ..... m [3]

(d) The intensity of the light incident on the double slit is increased without changing the frequency.

Describe how the appearance of the fringes after this change is different from, and similar to, their appearance before the change.

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..... [3]

(e) The light of wavelength 660 nm is now replaced by blue light from a laser.

State and explain the change, if any, that must be made to the separation of the two slits so that the fringe separation on the screen is the same as it was for light of wavelength 660 nm.

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- 6 (a) A network of three resistors of resistances  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  is shown in Fig. 6.1.

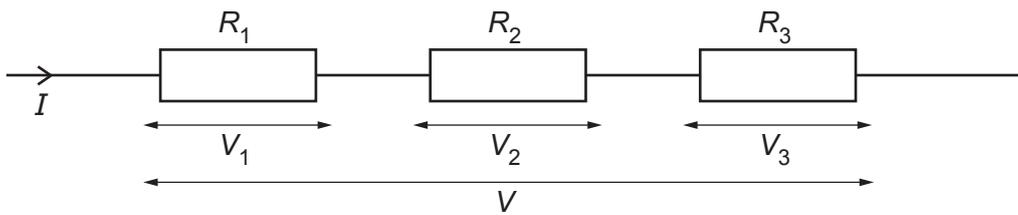


Fig. 6.1

The individual potential differences across the resistors are  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  and  $V_3$ . The current in the combination of resistors is  $I$  and the total potential difference across the combination is  $V$ .

Show that the combined resistance  $R$  of the network is given by

$$R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3.$$

[2]

- (b) A battery of electromotive force (e.m.f.) 8.0V and negligible internal resistance is connected to a thermistor, a switch X and two fixed resistors, as shown in Fig. 6.2.

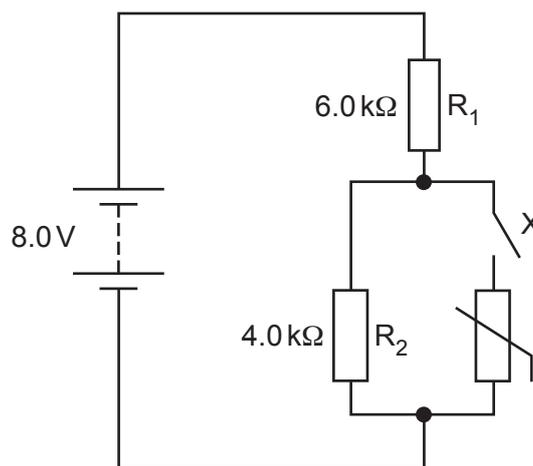


Fig. 6.2

Resistor  $R_1$  has resistance  $6.0\text{ k}\Omega$  and resistor  $R_2$  has resistance  $4.0\text{ k}\Omega$ .

(i) Switch X is open.

Calculate the potential difference across  $R_1$ .

potential difference = ..... V [2]

(ii) Switch X is now closed. The resistance of the thermistor is  $12.0\text{ k}\Omega$ .

Calculate the current in the battery.

current = ..... A [2]

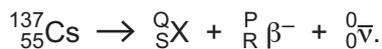
(c) The switch X in the circuit in (b) remains closed. The temperature of the thermistor decreases.

By reference to the current in the battery, state and explain the effect, if any, of the decrease in temperature on the power produced by the battery.

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..... [3]

[Total: 9]

- 7 (a) A nucleus of caesium-137 ( $^{137}_{55}\text{Cs}$ ) decays by emitting a  $\beta^-$  particle to produce a nucleus of an element X and an antineutrino. The decay is represented by



- (i) State the number represented by each of the following letters.

P .....

Q .....

R .....

S .....

[2]

- (ii) State the name of the class (group) of particles that includes the  $\beta^-$  particle and the antineutrino.

..... [1]

- (b) A particle Y has a quark composition of ddd where d represents a down quark.

A particle Z has a quark composition of  $\bar{u}d$  where  $\bar{u}$  represents an up antiquark.

- (i) Show that the charges of particles Y and Z are equal.

[2]

- (ii) State and explain which particle is a meson and which particle is a baryon.

meson: .....

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baryon: .....

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[2]

[Total: 7]

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