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# Topic Tests

for A Level OCR Physics A Modules 5 and 6

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# Teacher's Introduction

These topic tests have been designed to help you and your students assess knowledge of a topic after you have taught each section of **A Level OCR A Physics Module 5: Newtonian World and Astrophysics** and **Module 6: Particles and Medical Physics** (for first teaching in September 2015).

Each topic test closely follows the content of the specification and includes:

- **Factual questions:** Some simpler factual questions are included to ensure that all the content and basics are covered, and to allow weaker learners access to some marks.
- **Short-answer questions:** These are not in exam style, and the purpose of these is to test different elements, knowledge and skills from the specification in a variety of styles.
- **Exam-style questions:** Where appropriate, topics may contain one or more exam-style questions, to prepare students for what they might meet in the exam, and to test exam skills.

Mathematical and practical skills are also covered in these Topic Tests.

Tests have been designed to take approximately 25–60 minutes and most contain on average between 25 and 40 marks, though please note that marks fall outside this range where some topics require more detailed knowledge and assessment. Please note that some tests have been combined or split, as shown in the table:

## Module 5: Newtonian World and Astrophysics

Topic Number	Number of Marks
5.1.1/5.1.2/5.1.3	40
5.1.4	35
5.2	40
5.3.1/5.3.2	45
5.3.3	24
5.4.1/5.4.2	32
5.4.3	42
5.5.1	40
5.5.2	26
5.5.3	43

## Module 6: Particles and Medical Physics

Topic Number	Number of Marks
6.1	38
6.2.1 + 6.2.2 + 6.2.3	7 + 14 + 14 = 35
6.2.4	16
6.3.1 + 6.3.2	14 + 20 = 34
6.3.3	36
6.4.1 + 6.4.2	17 + 34 = 51
6.4.3	30
6.4.4	37
6.5.1 + 6.5.2 + 6.5.3	17 + 13 + 18 = 48

The topic tests are suitable for a classroom assessment, revision aid or homework task and are, therefore, suitable for use immediately after a topic is completed in class or at the end of teaching the course.

Students are able to see the number of marks awarded for each question, allowing them to gauge the level of detail they will require for the answers, as in exam conditions. Full answers with marks are included at the end of the resource. Additionally, it makes the resource a suitable tool for students to use independently.

It is recommended that students have access to a calculator and a data sheet to complete the questions.

I hope you find these tests useful during your teaching.

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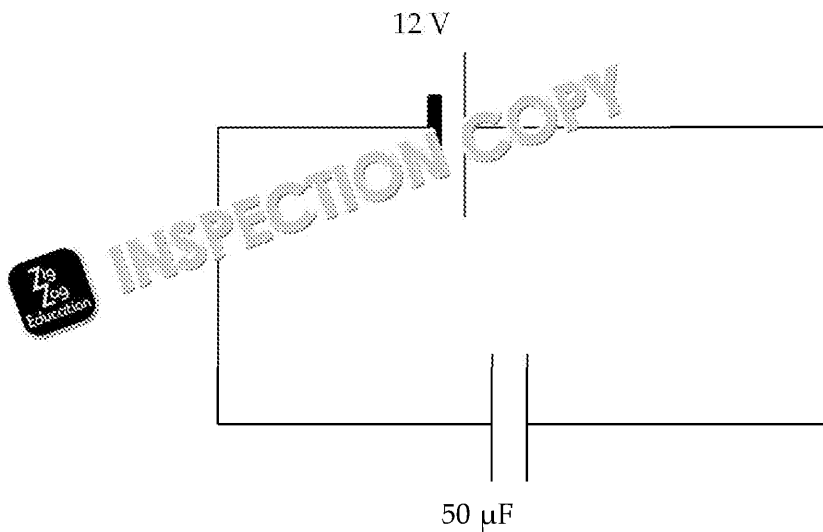
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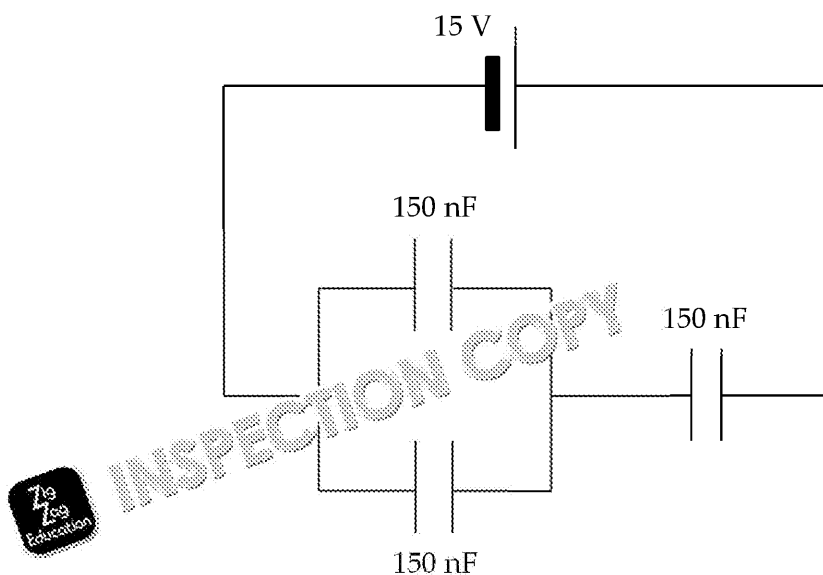
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### 6.1.1 Capacitors

1. Explain what the term 'capacitance' means.
2. A simple circuit is set up as below:



- a) Explain how the charge builds up across the capacitor plates.
  - b) Calculate the charge stored on the charged capacitor plates.
  - c) Calculate the number of electrons stored on the plates.
3. A group of Year 12 physicists set up the following circuit to analyse how capacitors behave in series and parallel circuits.



- a) Explain how the group could connect a voltmeter and ammeter in the circuit to determine how to calculate the total capacitance when capacitors are connected in series and parallel.
- b) Calculate the total capacitance present in the circuit.

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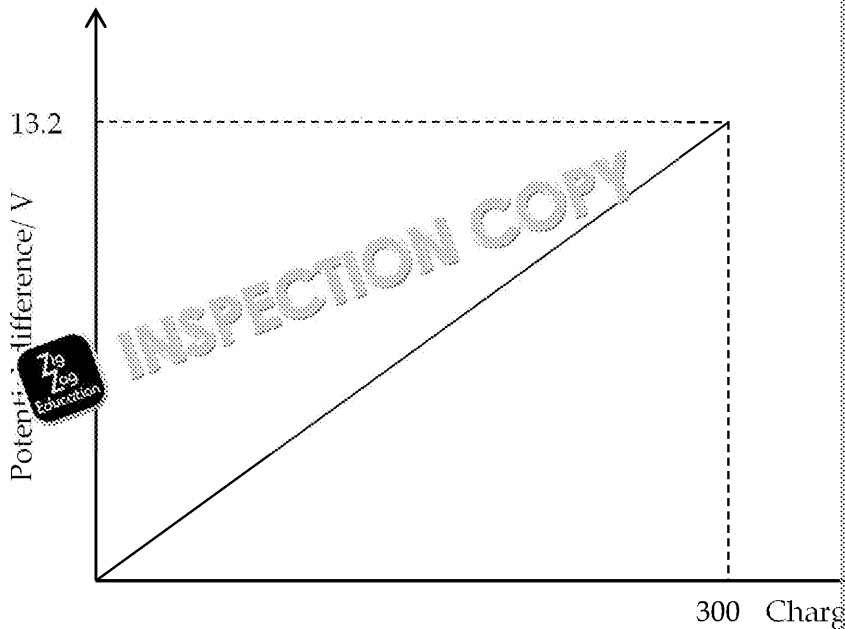
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## 6.1.2 Energy

4. The group reassemble the circuit so that it just includes one of the capacitors. They investigate the energy stored on the capacitor plates.

They plot their results to obtain the following:



- Explain where the energy stored on the capacitor plates comes from.
- Calculate the energy stored on the capacitor.
- Calculate the capacitance of the plates.
- Suggest two potential uses of capacitor plates.

## 6.1.3 Charging and discharging capacitors

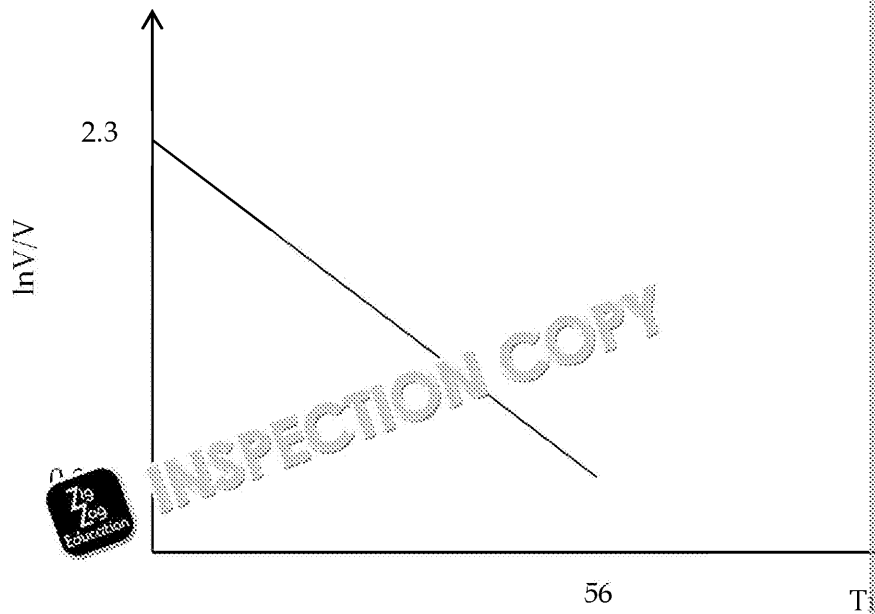
5. a) i) Sketch a circuit set-up that could be used to charge and discharge a capacitor through a resistor.
- ii) Explain how the current, charge and voltage across the capacitor change as the capacitor charges and discharges.
- b) Sketch the graphs of the relationship of  $V$ ,  $I$  across the resistor and capacitor against  $t$  as the capacitor discharges.
- c) State the decay constant for each graph.
- d) Calculate the charge present on the plates of a  $550 \mu\text{F}$  capacitor after discharging through a  $70 \Omega$  resistor if the initial charge present was  $1.5 \text{ mC}$ .
- e) Using the area under the graph, calculate the charge on the capacitor after another 40 seconds of discharging through the resistor.

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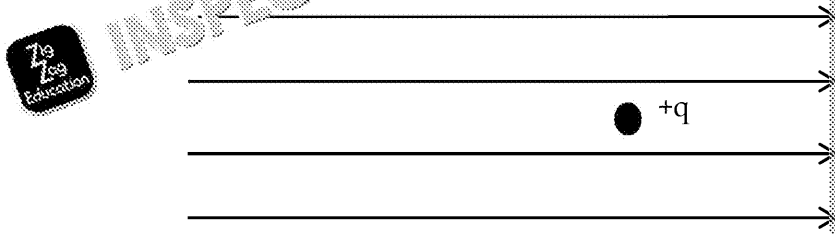
6. A graph is used to plot the data obtained for pd voltage and time during the discharge of a capacitor:



- Determine the maximum voltage across the capacitor plates.
- When  $t = \tau$ , estimate the potential difference across the plates.
- From the graph, calculate resistance of the resistor through which the capacitor was discharged.

### 6.2.1 Point and spherical charge

- State the property that forms an electric field.
- Sketch the field lines:
  - of a negative point charge.
  - of a uniformly charged sphere
  - between a positive and negative point charge
- Explain what electric field lines represent.
- A proton of charge  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  C is moving left to right in an electric field of strength  $10^3$  NC<sup>-1</sup>.



Calculate the constant force that the proton experiences as it travels within the field.

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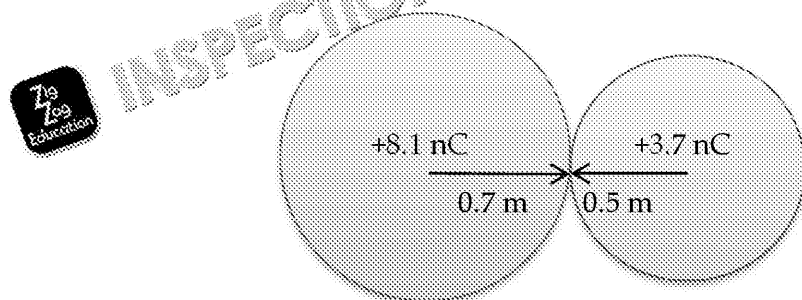


## 6.2.2 Coulomb's law

1. State another type of field that also gives rise to a non-contact force.
2. All the particles that make up atoms and the matter around us produce fields between them. This creates an attraction between particles.

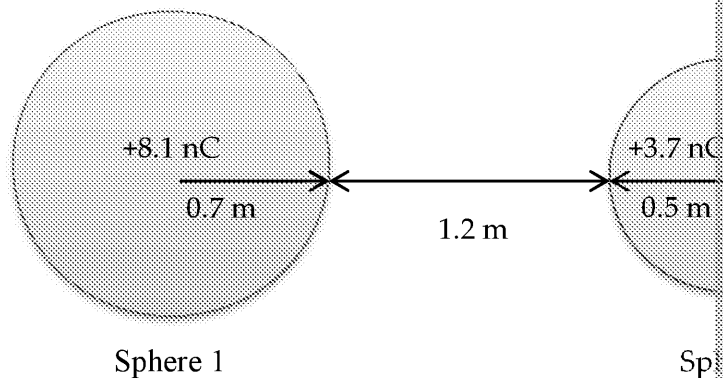
Calculate the electrostatic force between two protons in the nucleus of a Helium atom ( $e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ ,  $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Fm}^{-1}$ ,  $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ ) that sit  $1.5 \times 10^{-16} \text{ m}$  apart.

3. Two uniformly charged spheres are placed in contact with each other.



- a) Calculate the electrostatic force between them.

The distance between the centre of the spheres is then doubled.



- b) By calculation, indicate the effect on the electrostatic force between the spheres if the separation is doubled.
- c) Calculate the electric field strength of Sphere 1 felt at Sphere 2's surface.

The electric field strength of a sphere can be used as model comparison to the gravitational fields created by planets.

- d) Explain the similarities between electric fields and gravitational fields. How can spheres act as good models of planets.
- e) Explain situations where electric fields differ and an accurate comparison cannot be made.

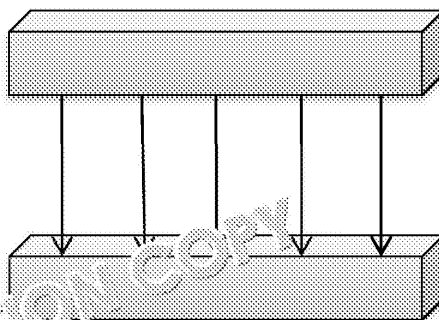
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## 6.2.3 Uniform electric fields

1. The plates have a potential difference of 10 V and a cross-sectional area of  $0.01 \text{ m}^2$ . The electric field strength between the plates is  $5.2 \times 10^5 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$ .



- a) State which plate is positive.  
 b) Calculate the distance between the plates.  
 c) Calculate the capacitance between the plates.

A sheet of glass is placed in-between the two capacitor plates. The glass has the same dimensions as the space between the plates.

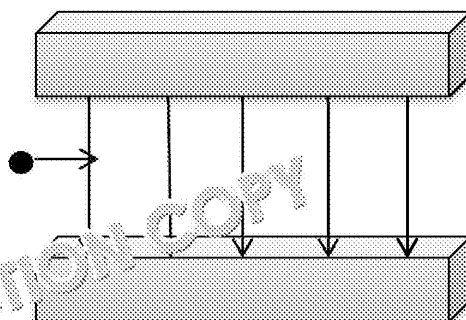
- d) Explain the effect this will have on the capacitance of the capacitor compared to the original capacitor.

A proton ( $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ ) is released from rest from the top plate and is accelerated towards the bottom plate.

Assume that the force due to gravity is negligible compared to the force due to the electric field.

- e) Calculate the final speed of the proton as it reaches the bottom plate.

A proton enters the plates from the left at rest and is accelerated as it travels between the plates. The lengths of the plates are 0.07 m and it takes the proton  $1.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}$  to travel the length of the plates.



- f) Sketch the path the proton will take as it travels between the plates.  
 g) Calculate the horizontal component of the proton's velocity.  
 h) Compare the proton's final vertical component of velocity with its initial vertical component of velocity.

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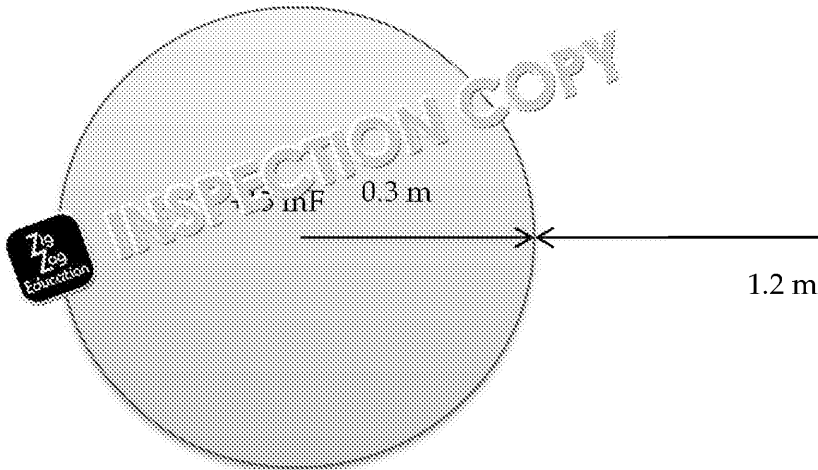
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## 6.2.4 Electric potential and energy

1. Explain what is meant by the term 'electric potential'.
2. Explain what happens when two opposing charges are separated or when like charges are brought together.
3. An isolated charged sphere of  $+15 \text{ mF}$  sits  $1.2 \text{ m}$  from a small point charge.



- a) Calculate the electric potential felt by the small point charge at  $1.2 \text{ m}$ .
  - b) Explain what would happen to the electric potential felt if the separation between the sphere and the point charge doubled.
  - c) Derive the equation for the capacitance of the isolated sphere.
  - d) Calculate the capacitance of the sphere.
4. Electrons inside an atom will exert an electrostatic force on all the other electrons that make up an atom and on all the atoms that make up the molecule (and so on).
    - a) Sketch a force–distance graph for an electron.
    - b) Explain how this graph would differ for a negatively charged sphere.
    - c) Explain how you could determine the total work done to move a charge from infinity to separation  $r$  (radius of the electron).

The work done in moving a proton in an electron's electric field is  $2.3 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$ .

- d) Calculate the distance the proton has moved in the field.
- e) Explain what the work done would be if the proton was moved in the opposite direction.

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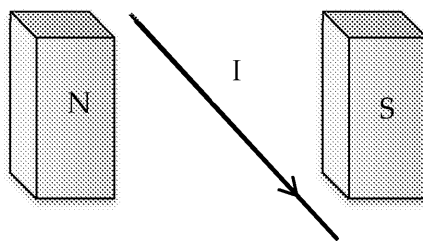
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## 6.3.1 Magnetic fields

1. State two situations that give rise to a magnetic field.
2. Sketch the magnetic field lines of the following:
  - magnet
  - long solenoid
3. Any current carrying wire produces a magnetic field. The wires used around your house carry a current and, therefore, produce their own magnetic field.
  - a) Sketch the magnetic field lines of the wire if the current is flowing into the page.
  - b) Explain whether the field lines would differ if the current was flowing out of the page.

The example wire of length 0.02 m carries a current of 1.3 A. The example magnetic field is between two poles with magnetic flux density is 0.23 T.



- c) Use Fleming's left-hand rule to explain the motion of the wire when it is placed in the magnetic field.
- d) Calculate the force exerted on the wire in the magnetic field.

The wire is now twisted round in the magnetic field and no longer sits parallel to the direction of the field.

The wire now sits at an angle of  $32^\circ$ .

- e) Explain whether the force exerted on the wire alters.
- f) Describe an experiment to prove your answer to (e).
- g) How would the force alter if the experiment was carried out on a wire of length 0.04 m?



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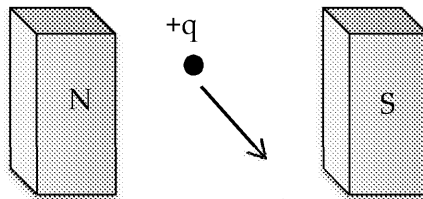
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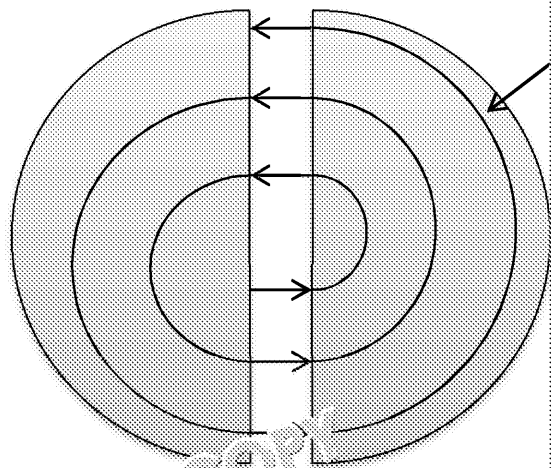
### 6.3.2 Motion of charged particle

1. A proton is travelling perpendicular to the field at a speed of  $4.4 \times 10^4$  m s<sup>-1</sup> in a magnetic field of 0.12 T.



- Calculate the force on the moving proton.
  - State the direction of the force exerted on the proton.
  - Calculate the radius of the path of the proton as it moves in-between the poles.
2. Radiotherapy is a treatment used to eradicate cancer from the body. It involves directing beams of radiation onto an affected area of the body to destroy the cancerous cells. Radiation, despite being useful for destroying cancer cells, can also damage healthy tissue. To reduce the amount of healthy tissue exposed to the radiation the beams are directed in one direction.

A cyclotron, a particle accelerator, is made up of two D-magnetics to both accelerate the particles and direct them in one direction:



- Explain how the magnetic field causes the beam to follow its circular path.

An electron leaves the cyclotron with a kinetic energy of  $4.65 \times 10^{-18}$  J. The magnetic field has a flux density of 0.7 T.

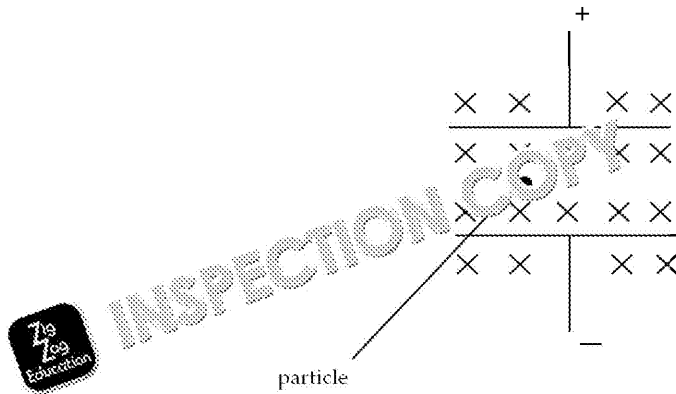
- Calculate the maximum radius the electrons will obtain.
- Calculate the time it will take for an electron to complete the last orbit.

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3. Velocity selectors use both magnetic and electric fields in their set up. The fields can be used to choose a charged particle's velocity as it travels. The selector is comprised of two horizontal charged plates to create an electric field set up perpendicular to the magnetic field. The magnetic flux density is 0.33 T and the electric field strength is 3.2



- Draw the force diagram of the forces acting on a charged particle as it is deflected.
- Calculate the speed of the charged particle when the beam is not deflected.

Mass spectrometers use velocity selectors to determine the mass concentration of ions.

- Explain why it is important to have the option of choosing the velocity of particles in a mass spectrometer.

A singly ionised ion travels with a speed of  $2.8 \times 10^5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  in a magnetic field of density 0.5 T. The radius of curvature is  $1.31 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$ .

- Calculate the mass of the ion.

A larger singly ionised atom is used in the mass spectrometer.

- Suggest what you could deduce about the ion's radius of curvature if you used the ion discussed in (d).

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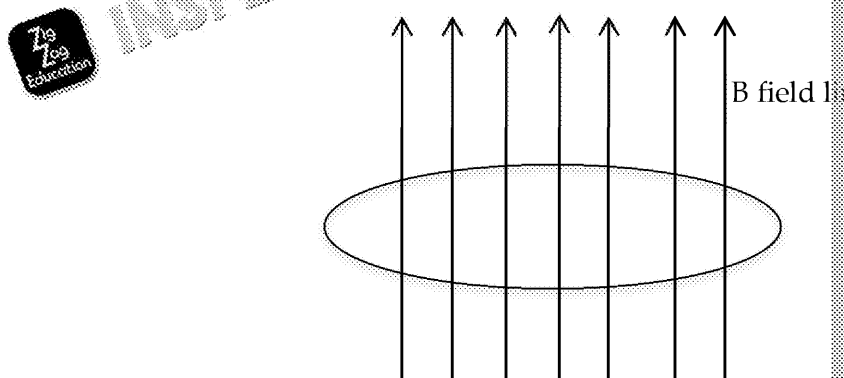


### 6.3.3 Electromagnetism

1. Explain what is meant by the term 'electromagnetism'.
2. An electromotive force (emf) is induced across a coil when a magnet is moved away from a metal coil.

Explain what type of current will be present in the coil.

3. Define the term 'magnetic flux'.
4. A current-carrying wire is bent round into a circular loop. The wire has a current of 2.0 A. The field line present has a flux density of 0.2 T.



- a) Calculate the magnetic flux through the current-carrying loop.
- b) Explain how the flux would differ if the coil was rotated to sit at an angle to the magnetic field.

A similar set-up is used for a solenoid. It is constructed from a long coil of wire that is wrapped upon itself to create 30 turns in the circular loop.

- c) Calculate the magnetic flux linkage.
5. A search coil, consisting of 1,450 turns and a cross-sectional area of  $0.3 \text{ m}^2$ , is used in an experiment to measure fluctuations in magnetic flux.

The coil is initially placed perpendicular to the field of a magnet with a flux density of  $0.05 \text{ T}$  and is rotated in the field over five seconds through an angle of  $47^\circ$ .

- a) Explain Faraday's law of induction.
- b) Explain how this illustrates the understanding of induction developed by Faraday that the induced emf is proportional to the rate of change of magnetic flux linkage with a proportionality to be  $-1$ .
- c) Calculate the change in flux linkage over this time.
- d) Calculate the induced emf in the coil.
- e) Explain how the induced emf would change if the number of coils in the search coil was increased.

6. Describe an experiment using a search coil that could investigate magnetic flux linkage.

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7. AC generators are useful devices for supplying power to machines such as
- Explain how an AC generator works.
  - Sketch the graph of how flux linkage varies with time.
  - Explain how you could determine the induced emf from the graph.
  - Explain what you can deduce about the value of induced emf when the coil is at different positions.
8. A transformer is set up with an input of 11 V connected to its primary coil.
- Calculate the voltage in the secondary coil that has 2,000 turns.
  - Determine the ratio of current between the two coils.
  - Explain how the relationship between  $V_s$  and  $V_p$  would alter if the transformer had been a step-down transformer.
9. The national grid uses transmission lines to supply power to homes all across the country.
- Explain how transformers are used in the process of getting electricity to homes.
- A relatively small power station will supply 1 MW of power and 230 kV to the transmission lines.
- Calculate the power lost when the cables used have a resistance of 100  $\Omega$ .
  - Explain why power is lost in the cables.
  - Suggest how the station could reduce the amount of power lost in the cables.

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## 6.4.1 The nuclear atom

1. Explain how Rutherford's scattering experiment provided evidence for the existence of smaller particles that formed a charged nucleus.
2. The idea of an atom being comprised of constituent parts is a very old one, dating back to ancient cultures. Our knowledge of the atom has developed significantly since the 19th century.
  - a) State the properties of the simple nuclear model of an atom.

Given that nucleus of a hydrogen-3 atom can be written in the form  ${}^3_1\text{H}$

- b) state the proton number and the nucleon number
  - c) determine the number of neutrons in the nucleus of a hydrogen-3 atom
  - d) calculate the volume of the nucleus
  - e) calculate the approximate density of the nucleus
  - f) calculate the approximate density of a hydrogen-1 atom ( $R_H \approx 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ ) assuming that the mass of the electron is negligible.
3. Two charged particles of the same charge will exert repulsive forces on each other. In the nucleus of any atom, the protons that make up the nucleus of an atom are held together by other forces.
    - a) Explain why protons in the nucleus remain in close proximity to each other despite the repulsive forces that remain bound together when there are repulsive forces present.
    - b) Sketch the graph of nuclear force against the separation of two nucleons, showing its characteristic range properties.

## 6.4.2 Fundamental particles

1. State the anti-particles of the following particles:
  - Proton
  - Neutron
  - Electron
  - Neutrino
2. Comment on the mass and charge of anti-particles.
3. Despite the idea of the atom being comprised of smaller parts being a very old one, it was not until the early 20th century that an understanding of these parts was developed. These parts were comprised of smaller parts further down the hierarchy.

The term 'subatomic particle' only started to be discussed in the 1960s.

  - a) State the two classification groups of subatomic particles.
  - b) State two examples of each.
  - c) Comment on the properties of each group of subatomic particles.

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4. a) Explain what is meant by a fundamental particle.  
 b) State the different flavours of quarks and their respective anti-quarks.  
 c) i) State the quark model for a proton and neutron.  
 ii) Use the quark model to confirm that charge of a proton is  $+e$  and a neutron is 0.  
 iii) Hence determine the charge of their anti-particles.  
 d) Using its quark model, explain whether a proton is a baryon or a meson.
5. Radioactive decay is a useful process that can produce huge amounts of energy which are harnessed for various uses.

- a) Explain why a nucleus would emit radiation.  
 b) State what particles are emitted during each beta decay.  
 c) • State the particle transformation during each beta decay.  
 • State the energy transformation during each beta decay.  
 d) Complete the following decays:

$$c \rightarrow s + {}_{+1}^0e + ?$$

$$c \rightarrow s + u + ?$$

- e) Comment whether the following decay is valid:

$$s \rightarrow u + d + u$$



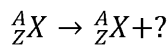
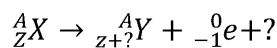
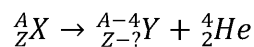
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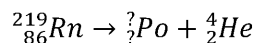


## 6.4.3 Radioactivity

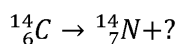
1. Explain the two terms used to describe the behaviour of radioactive decay.
2. a) State the three main types of radiation.  
b) Comment on the nature, penetration and range of each.
3. a) Describe an experimental method, involving a GM tube, that could be used to determine the half-life of protactinium-234.  
b) Suggest a consideration that would need to be taken during this experiment to ensure accurate results.  
c) State the dangers associated with working with radioactive substances and suggest ways in which to reduce them.
4. a) State the properties conserved during radioactive decay.  
b) Complete the following general radioactive decay equations and represent them as shown in each:



- c) i. Predict the isotope in the following decay:



- ii. Indicate what type of radiation will be emitted in the following decay:



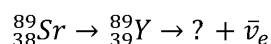
5. Radioactive substances are used in brachytherapy, which is a treatment that involves placing the radioactive source directly inside the patient near the cancerous cells directly.  
a) Explain what is meant by the activity of a source.

Strontium-89 is a radioactive substance used in treatments involving cancer. The half-life of the isotope is 50.53 days.

- b) Calculate the decay constant for strontium-89.

Depending on the isotope used it may be necessary to keep the patient in isolation to prevent the radioactivity emitted. It is considered safe once the activity has been reduced by 8% of its original value.

- c) Calculate how long a patient would have to be in isolation for.  
d) If the general decay equation for strontium-89 is:



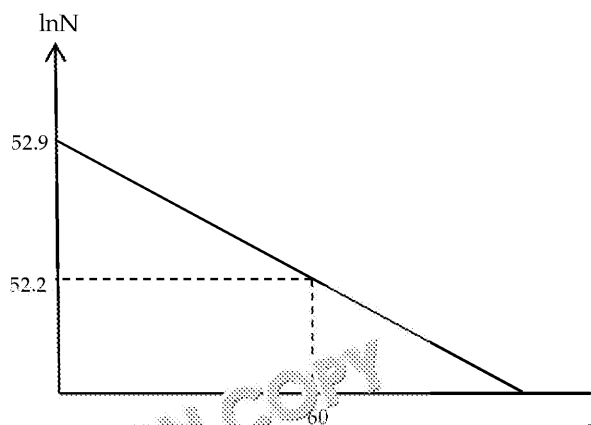
State which radiation is emitted to destroy the cancer cells' structure.

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6. Medical physicists plot the graph of another radioactive isotope, iodine-



- a) Calculate the decay constant for iodine-125.

Iodine-125 and strontium-89 both have relatively short half-lives.

- b) Suggest a reason why these particular isotopes were chosen for use in medical treatments.

Radioactive decay processes can also aid scientists in dating all things of archaeological interest. They allow scientists to date materials spanning the last 50,000 years and beyond.

- c) Explain how carbon dating can be used to determine the time since

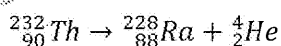
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## 6.4.4 Nuclear fission and fusion

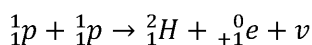
1. State the two conclusions that can be drawn from Einstein's mass-energy equation.
2. Einstein's mass-energy equation can be applied to any moving mass. In everyday lives but usually the change in mass is negligible and its effect is not noticeable. At rest a cyclist weighs 65 kg. Once she begins cycling she travels at a speed of 10 m s<sup>-1</sup>. Calculate her change in mass as she begins to cycle.
3. Explain the conservation of mass-energy that occurs during radioactive decay.
4. Calculate the kinetic energy released during the following reaction:



( $m_{\text{Th}} = 232.038055 \text{ u}$ ;  $m_{\text{Ra}} = 228.031064 \text{ u}$ ;  $m_{\text{He}} = 4.002602 \text{ u}$ ;  $1 \text{ u} \approx 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ )

5. a) Indicate the decay process of induced fission.  
b) Explain what would happen if the fast-moving neutrons released were harnessed and slowed down.  
c) How has society utilised the consequence of (b)?
6. A new nuclear power station has been commissioned and scientists are working together to create a safe design.  
a) Explain the basic structure of a nuclear reactor.  
b) Suggest the considerations the scientists and architects will need to take about the environmental impact of the waste produced by the station.

7. a) What type of reaction is illustrated in the following process (give a name)?



- b) Complete the following process for the same reaction:  
$${}_1^2\text{H} + {}_1^1\text{p} \rightarrow {}_2^3\text{He}$$
  
c) Explain why there are no power stations utilising this type of reaction.

8. a) Explain the conservation of mass-energy that occurs during annihilation.

An A Level student is investigating the energy released during annihilation. The student is focusing on electron-positron annihilation and predicts that the gamma rays from the annihilation must have energy of  $6.8 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}$ .

- b) Calculate what whether the student's prediction is correct or incorrect.

The student also predicts that if the electron and positron had been moving at a speed of  $0.5c$  the energy of the gamma ray would be increased.

- c) Is the student correct in their prediction? Give a reason for your answer.

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9. The binding energy refers to the amount of energy required to separate constituent parts.
- Explain why the sum of masses of the constituent parts of a nucleus is greater than the mass of the atom.
  - Calculate the binding energy of a helium-4 nucleus ( ${}^4_2\text{He}$ ) with atomic mass 4.002602 u ( $m_p = 1.007276 \text{ u}$ ;  $m_n = 1.008664 \text{ u}$ ;  $1 \text{ u} \approx 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ )
  - Calculate the binding energy per nucleon of a hydrogen-3 nucleus with atomic mass 3.0160492 u.
  - Explain which nucleus would be harder to break apart.
  - Sketch general graph of binding energy per nucleon against the mass number.
  - Identify which sections of the graph release energy in different radioactive decays.



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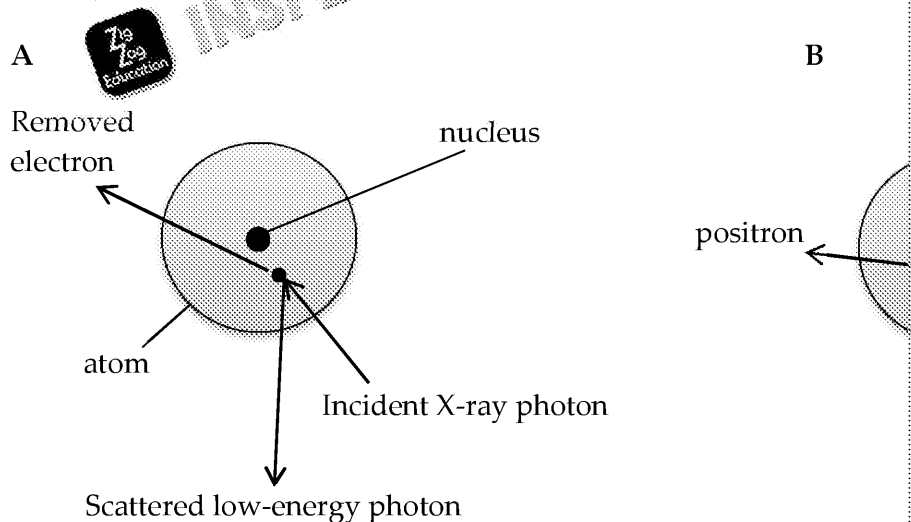


## 6.5.1 Using X-rays

- Sketch a diagram of an X-ray tube that includes labels of its key components.
  - Explain how the equipment drawn in your diagram produces X-rays.
- A patient with a broken wrist is getting an X-ray taken in hospital.

The X-ray beam is directed towards the wrist and achieves a transmitted intensity of  $11.7\text{ W}$  when it passes through the soft tissue in the patient's hand. The absorption coefficient of soft tissue is  $0.54$ .

- Explain how simple scatter and the photoelectric effect would cause the X-ray beam transmitted to the patient to decrease from its original intensity.
- Identify the two attenuation mechanisms represented in the following diagram and explain how these mechanisms cause attenuation of the rays.



- Calculate the initial intensity of the X-ray beam that has travelled through the patient if it has passed through the patient.

Soft tissue has a very low absorption coefficient compared to bone or metal.

- Explain what effect this would have on the visibility of structures on the X-ray images.
  - Explain how you could counteract the effect of low absorption.
- When patients have a medical condition, such as cancer where tumours are small, CT scans are used more often than X-ray scans.
    - Sketch a diagram of how CAT scans can be used for this type of imaging. Label each key feature.
    - Explain why CAT scans would be advantageous over simple X-ray scans.
    - Suggest one reason why a doctor might decide to still use X-ray scans.

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## 6.5.2 Diagnostic methods in medicine

1. State two isotopes used as medical tracers.
2. Gamma cameras are another means of imaging a patient's body to observe internal structures such as their skeleton, kidneys and liver.
  - a) Sketch a diagram of a gamma camera, including labels of its key components.
  - b) Explain how the equipment can be used to image the internal structures.
3. Illustrate the difference between a CAT scan and a PET scan.
4. Explain how a PET scan operates.



## 6.5.3 Ultrasound

1. Explain what is meant by the term 'ultrasound'.
2. State the purpose of an ultrasound transducer.
3. Explain how the ultrasound transducer converts between sound and electrical signals.
4. Explain the main differences between an A-scan and a B-scan.
5. Ultrasounds are most commonly used in scans of foetuses. The transducer is placed on the expectant mother's stomach and waves are transmitted into her body.
  - a) Explain what the ultrasound intensity reflected at the boundary between the transducer and the mother's stomach is.
  - b) Calculate the acoustic impedance of air given that air has a density of  $1.2 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ .

Ultrasound waves travel at  $1450 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  in fat of density  $1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ .

- c) Determine the ratio between the intensity of the reflected and transmitted waves between the transducer and the mother's stomach.
- d) Explain what your answer to (c) indicates.
- e) Explain how the ratio in (c) could be improved.

Since the transducer is placed on the patient's skin, the transducer has to pass through the skin above a blood vessel.

- f) Explain why ultrasound waves reflected off the blood cells could be received by the transducer from reflected waves.

During the appointment the doctor places the ultrasound transducer against the skin and uses the fact that frequency shifts during the scan to produce a colour Doppler image which indicates speed and direction of the blood flow.

- g) Calculate the speed of the blood flow if the transducers emit an ultrasound wave of  $12 \text{ MHz}$  and the observed Doppler shift is  $1.22 \text{ kHz}$ .

**Note:** The speed of ultrasound in blood is  $1600 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

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## Answers

### 5.1 Thermal physics

- When two objects are at the same temperature and there is no net flow of the
- $T(K) = \theta(^{\circ}C) + 273$   
 $T(K) = 34 + 273$   
 $T(K) = 307 \text{ K (1)}$
- $T(K) = \theta(^{\circ}C) + 273$   
 $\theta(^{\circ}C) = 348 - 273$   
 $\theta(^{\circ}C) = 75^{\circ}C \text{ (1)}$
- As it refers to the properties of a substance being defined using absolute zero system with minimum energy
- Molecules are **tightly spaced** (1) and **randomly oscillate around a**
    - Molecules are still in contact with each other but are less **tightly spaced** (1) and they move **randomly**. (1)
    - Molecules are not in contact with each other (1) and they move significantly
  - Air**: negligible electrostatic attraction. (1)  
**Mug**: strong electrostatic attraction. (1)
- The molecules gain kinetic energy and, therefore, the speed of the molecules
- The molecules gain kinetic energy and, therefore, the amplitude of the molecules
- Refers to the continuous random motion of small particles that are suspended in a fluid
  - Smoke particles can be viewed in a glass strip illuminated under a microscope
    - The strip can be connected to a video monitor that displays the particles. The particles can be seen to move randomly on the screen. (1) (Move with Brownian motion)
- The sum of random distribution of kinetic and potential energies of the particles
  - The kinetic energy of the particles would increase and consequently so will the temperature
  - A system will have minimum internal energy when it is at absolute zero
  - No, a system will always have some internal energy as the particles will have kinetic energy and potential. (1)
- Refers to the process of a substance changing from one state to another.
  - During the phase change from a solid to a liquid:
    - the temperature is constant and, therefore, the kinetic energy remains constant
    - the internal energy increases as the potential energy between the molecules increases (1)Student needs to provide both answers for full marks.
- $E = mc\Delta T$
  - Take initial readings of the mass of the water from the scales (weigh beaker and water together), then remove the beaker mass away to get the mass of the water) and the temperature of the water
    - Place heater in water and connect it to the voltmeter, ammeter and power supply. Use the heater to increase the temperature of the water, noting the voltage and current. The power is supplied for. (1)
    - Use thermometer to measure temperature of the water after heating
    - Use the readings for the equation  $IVt(E) = mc\Delta T$  to determine  $c$ . (1)

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$$c) \quad c = \frac{E}{m\Delta t}$$

$$c = \frac{67}{0.7 \times 19} = 5.03 \text{ Jkg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

d) (1) mark for any of the following:

- Heat loss to surroundings (inaccurate change in temperature)
- Heat loss to beaker (inaccurate change in temperature)
- Systematic errors in meter readings (inaccurate value for thermal energy)
- Systematic error in scale reading (inaccurate value for mass)

e) If the amount of water and, therefore, mass of the water increased then the water would be less than before as from the equation the change in temperature is in order for the other parameters to remain constant. (1)

12. a) The specific latent heat of vaporisation is the energy required to change a liquid into a gas whereas the specific latent heat of fusion is the energy required to change a solid into a liquid.

b) • Place water of known mass into two containers, the inner one is fitted with a hole.  
• Place a Bunsen burner under the water and set it up to a voltmeter and a heater causing the water to boil turning to steam through hole.

c) Full marks (2) for any two suitable answers:

- The water might continue to change state after the power to the heater is switched off.
- The apparatus may heat up and, therefore, need to take their specific heat capacity into account.

(1)

- The water remaining in the container will have heated up. (1)

d)  $E = IVt$

$$E = mL$$

$$IVt = mL$$

$$L = \frac{IVt}{m} \quad (1)$$

$$L = \frac{3 \times 12 \times 60}{0.9} = 2.4 \times 10^3 \text{ J} \quad (1)$$

#### 5.1.4 Ideal gas

1. A constant that states that there are  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  molecules in one mole of a substance.  
OR

Number of atoms in 12 g of carbon-12. (1)

2.  $N = nN_a$

$$N = 23 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 1.38 \times 10^{25} \text{ Molecules.} \quad (1)$$

3. Refers to model gas that has no interactions and, therefore, satisfies the gas laws.

$$4. \quad pV = nRT \quad (1)$$

OR

$$pV = NkT \quad (1)$$

$$5. \quad T = \frac{pV}{Nk}$$

$$T = \frac{1.04 \times 10^5 \times 0.32}{(2.58 \times 10^{25} \times 1.38 \times 10^{23})} = 93 \text{ K.} \quad (1)$$

6. It is assumed for an ideal gas that the potential energy is negligible; therefore, the mean kinetic energies of all the molecules in the gas. (1)

7. The theory refers to the study of the microscopic properties of gas molecules and the macroscopic properties apparent in the ideal gas laws. (1)

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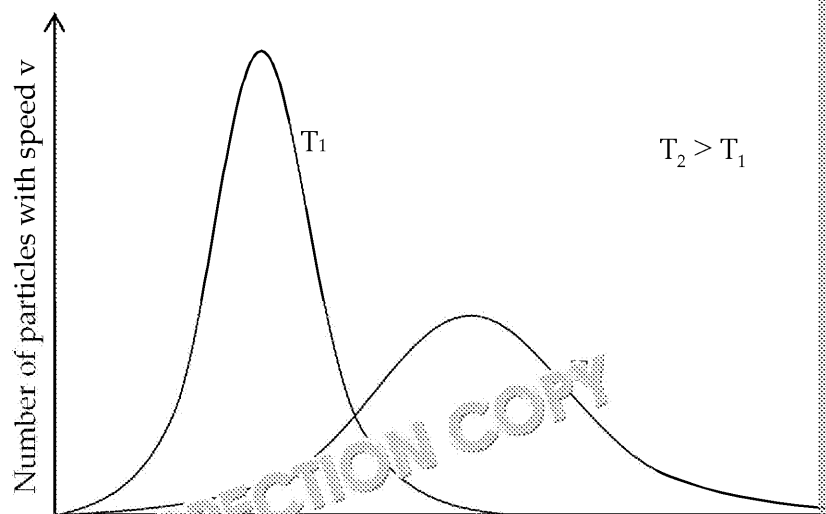


8. The four assumptions of the kinetic theory of gases:
- Particles occupy negligible volume compared to the volume of the gas.
  - There are negligible forces between particles expected during collision.
  - All collisions between particles are perfectly elastic and the time of collision is negligible compared to the time between collisions. (1)
  - Gases comprise a large number of molecules in random, rapid motion.
9. • Gas molecules collide with each other and the walls of the container; therefore, no kinetic energy and no speed is lost during collisions. (1)
- Each gas molecule experiences a change in momentum and exerts a force on the walls of the container since the kinetic theory states that there is a large number of molecules, at a macroscopic level, it translates to the pressure exerted on the walls of the container.
10. a) Pressure is inversely proportional to volume for fixed mass of gas at constant temperature. (1)
- b) • Fill a container, of known volume, with gas and completely submerge it in a beaker of water connected to a heater. (1)
- Connect a pressure gauge to the container to measure the pressure.
  - Push the thermometer into the beaker of water. (1)
  - In order to see how the parameters relate, increase the temperature of the gas. Record the temperature on the thermometer and the corresponding pressure.
- c) The **kinetic energy** and, therefore, the **speed** of the molecules **increases** and the volume remaining constant, the **number of collisions per second** and the **force** exerted on the wall increases and from the equation  $P = \frac{F}{A}$  the pressure increases. (1)
- d)  $\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2}$  (1)
- $$P_2 = \frac{P_1}{T_1} \times T_2 = 1.3 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa. (1)}$$
- e) Extrapolate the straight line so it cuts the x-axis to give an estimated value of zero pressure. (1)
- f)  $N = nN_a$  (1)
- $$N = 7 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 4.21 \times 10^{24} \text{ molecules. (1)}$$
- g)  $pV = \frac{1}{3} Nmc^2$  (1)
- $$\overline{c^2} = \frac{3pV}{Nm} = \frac{3 \times 1.12 \times 10^5 \times 0.98}{(4.21 \times 10^{24}) \times (2.32 \times 10^{-26})} = 3.37 \times 10^6$$
- $$c_{rms} = 1.84 \times 10^3 \text{ ms}^{-1} \text{ (1)}$$
11. a)  $pV = NkT$ ;  $pV = \frac{1}{3} Nmc^2$  (1)
- Therefore
- $$NkT = \frac{1}{3} Nmc^2$$
- $$kT = \frac{1}{3} mc^2 \text{ (1)}$$
- If both sides are multiplied by  $\frac{3}{2}$ .
- $$\frac{1}{2} mc^2 = \frac{3}{2} kT. \text{ (1)}$$
- b)  $\frac{1}{2} mc^2 = \frac{3}{2} kT$
- $$1.4 \times 10^{-22} = \frac{3}{2} kT \text{ (1)}$$
- $$T = \frac{\frac{2}{3} \times 1.45 \times 10^{-20}}{1.38 \times 10^{-23}} = 700 \text{ K (1)}$$
- c) If the temperature is greater, the kinetic energy will be greater. (1)

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- d) (1) mark for correct sketch of curve lower in height and with a wider spread.



## 5.2 Circular motion

1. The angle subtended when the arc length is equal to the radius. (1)

2.  $35^\circ = \frac{7\pi}{36}$  (1);  $270^\circ = \frac{3\pi}{2}$  (1)

3.  $\frac{5\pi}{3} = 300^\circ$  (1);  $3\pi = 540^\circ$  (1)

4. The time taken to complete one revolution. (1)

5. The number of complete revolutions per second. (1)

6. a)  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$  (1)

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{4.3} = 1.46 \text{ s (1)}$$

b)  $f = \frac{1}{T}$  (1)

$$f = \frac{1}{1.46} = 0.68 \text{ Hz (1)}$$

OR

$$\omega = 2\pi f \text{ (1)}$$

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{4.3}{2\pi} = 0.68 \text{ Hz (1)}$$

7. a) An object will remain in a circular path if a centripetal force is applied to its motion (centripetal force). (1)

- b) The gravitational force of the Earth on the Moon acts as the centripetal force. (1)

- c)  $T = 27$  days

$$T = 27 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60 = 2332800 \text{ s (1)}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{2332800} = 2.69 \times 10^{-6} \text{ rads}^{-1} \text{ (1)}$$

- d) The linear velocity remains constant during circular motion. (1)

- e) The Moon would continue travelling in a straight line at a constant linear velocity if there was no external force. (1)

- f)  $v = rw$  (1)

$$v = (4.6 \times 10^6 \times 2.69 \times 10^{-6}) = 12.37 \text{ ms}^{-1} \text{ (1)}$$

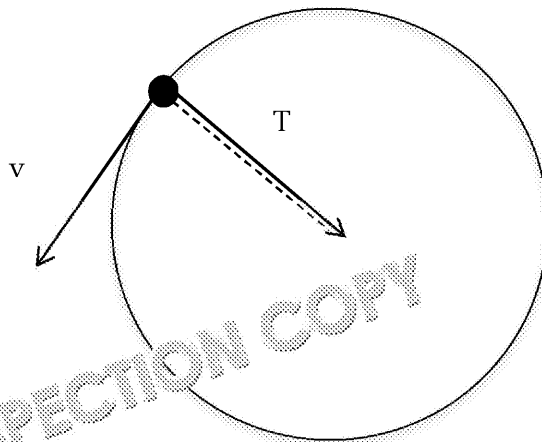
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8. a) The centripetal force originates from the force of friction from the tyres of the car. (1)
- b)  $F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$  (1)  
 $F = \frac{900 \times 11.6^2}{8 \times 10^3} = 15.1 \text{ N}$  (1)
- c)  $F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$ ;  $F = ma$  (1)  
 $ma = \frac{mv^2}{r}$   
 $a = \frac{v^2}{r}$  (1)
- d) The direction of acceleration is always in the direction of the force (1) and centripetal acceleration is towards the centre of the circular path. (1)
- e)  $a = \frac{v^2}{r}$   
 $a = \frac{11.6^2}{8 \times 10^3} = 0.02 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  (1)
- Alternatively,  
 $a = \frac{F}{m}$   
 $a = \frac{15.1}{750} = 0.02 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  (1)

9. a) • Measure the length of the string and the mass of a rubber bung. (1)  
 • Tie the string to a rubber bung and attach the other end of a known mass to a pulley and rotate the mass round in a horizontal circle. (1)  
 • Measure the time it takes to complete  $N$  number of rotations with the mass. (1)  
 • The linear speed can be worked out from  $v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$  and  $F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$ . (1)
- b)  $T = 3 \times 1 = 3 \text{ s}$  (1)
- c)  $a = \omega^2 r$  (1)  
 $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{3} = 2.09 \text{ rads}^{-1}$  (1)  
 $a = 2.09^2 \times 0.8 = 3.49 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  (1)
- d) Tension in the string. (1)
- e) (1) mark for each label.



- f) If the length of string and, therefore, radius of the circular path was reduced:  
 • the period of rotation would decrease (1)  
 OR  
 • the angular velocity of the rubber bung would increase (1)

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