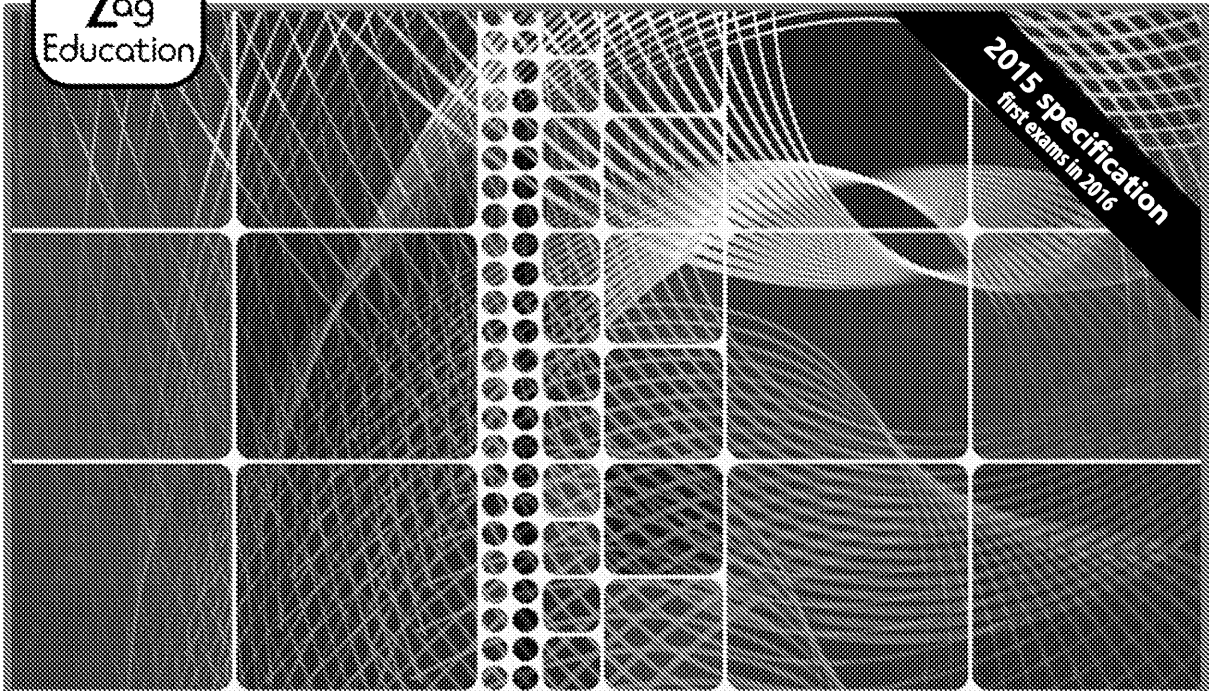




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for AS OCR Physics A: Paper 1

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Teacher's Introduction

This collection of four practice exams has been written to support the OCR AS Physics specification H156 (first examination 2016) for Paper 1.

Each paper follows the same format as the specimen paper released by the exam board. Every item listed in the specification is covered, with most aspects visited several times in the pack. All the papers meet the minimum 40% mathematical skills required by the specification.

The mark schemes are written in a similar format to those written by OCR. The individual marking points are on separate lines and the type of mark (independent (B), method (M), compensatory (C) and answer (A)) is indicated. There is additional guidance to clarify points and indicate alternative acceptable answers.

Remember!

Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material.

Suggested Uses

1. Set as a mock examination under exam conditions, marked by the teacher. This provides the most reliable summative assessment.
2. Set as a complete paper under exam conditions which is then marked by the student. This provides a good formative assessment as the student gets a good understanding of how the mark schemes work and what they need to do to score. Such a session could be reinforced by a lesson on exam technique.
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A C Shaw, March 2017

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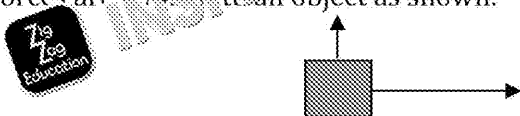
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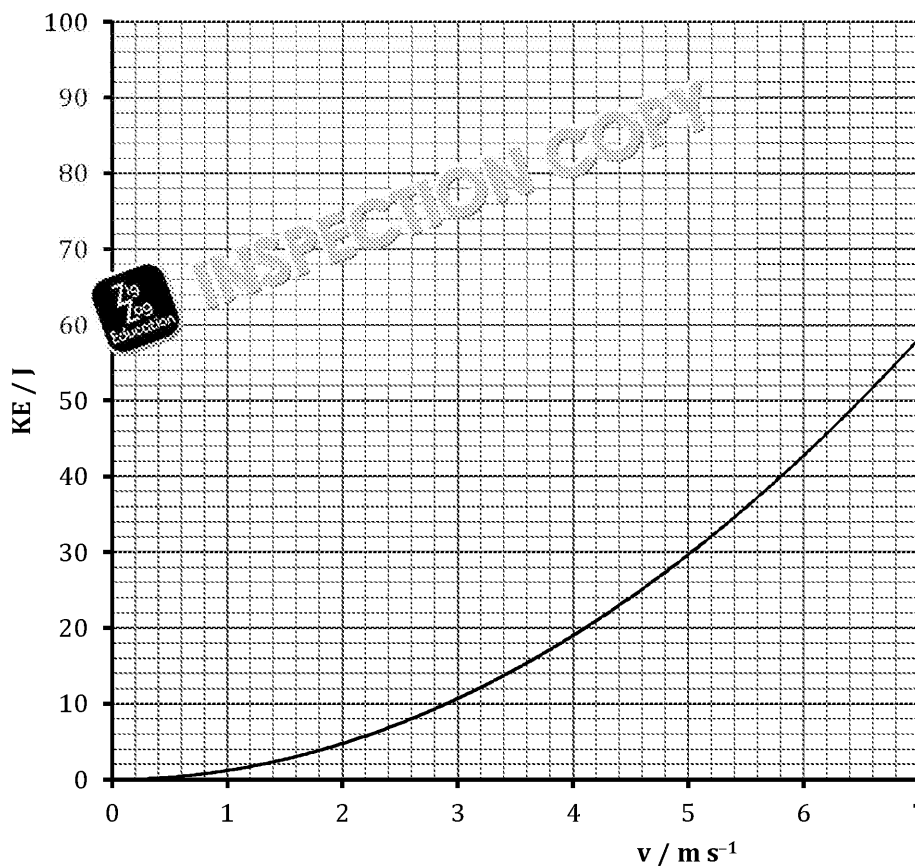
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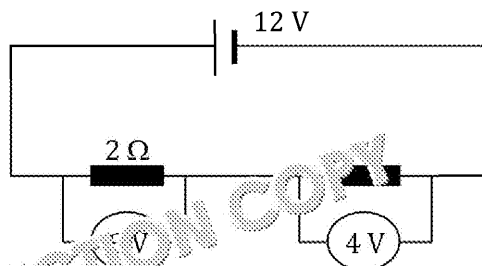
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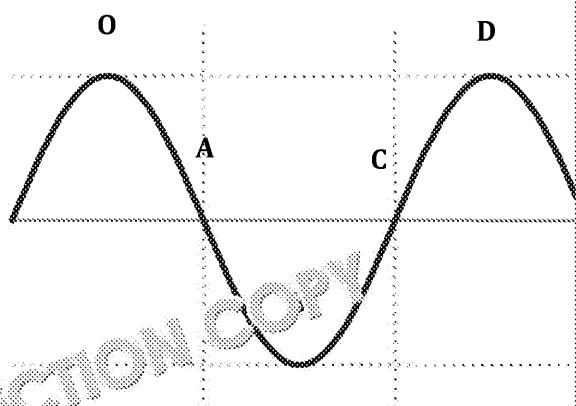
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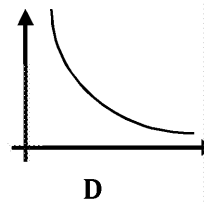
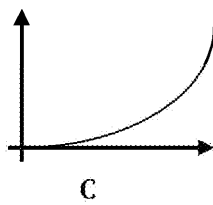
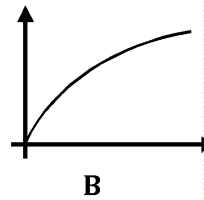
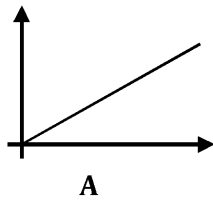
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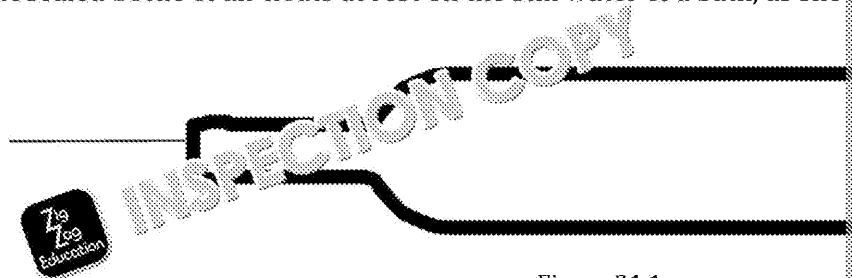


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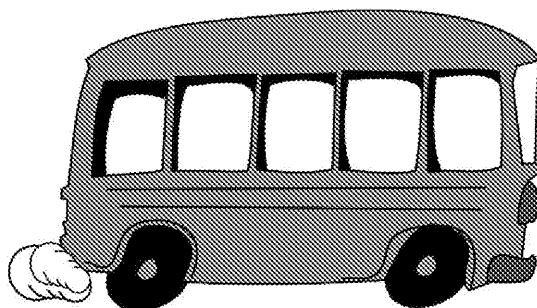


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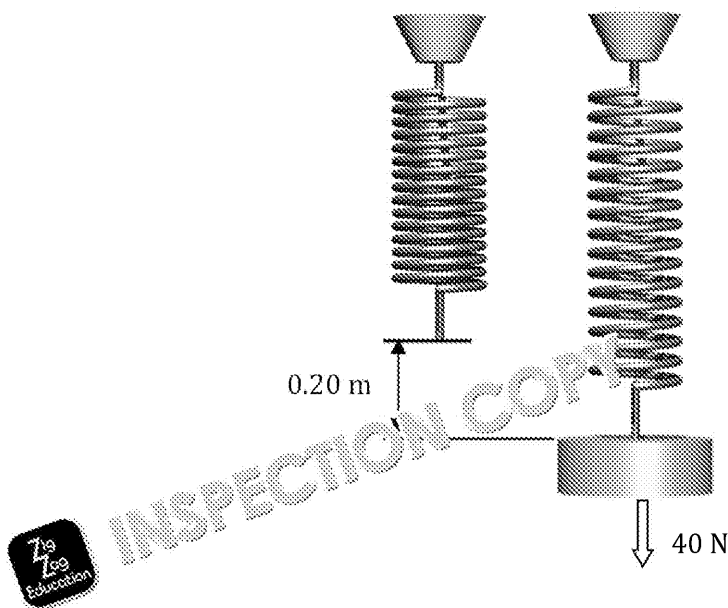


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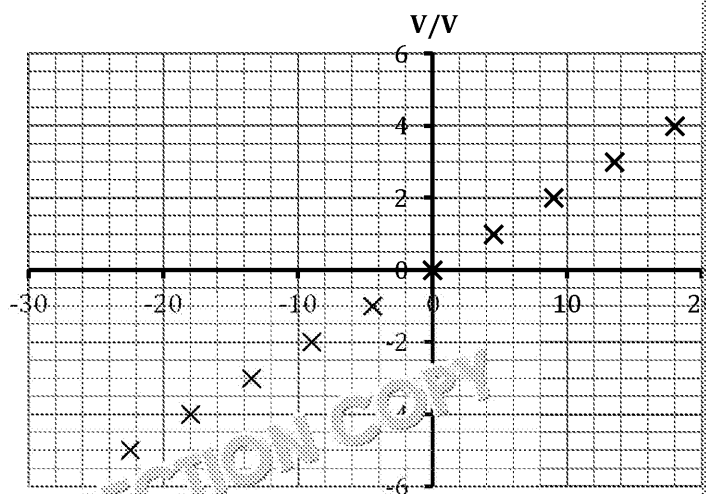


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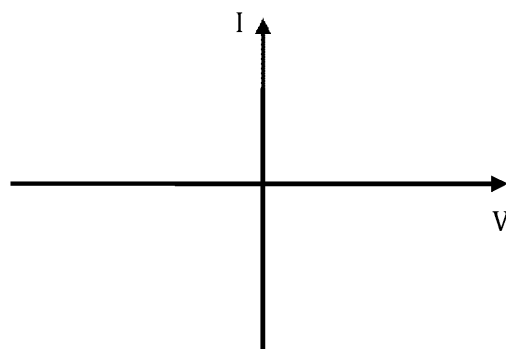
Use the graph to calculate the resistance of this ohmic conductor.

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b) Sketch the current–voltage graph for a filament lamp.



c) A particular lamp is run at 6.0 V and 2.0 A.

Calculate how much energy it dissipates in 2.0 s.

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d) The lamp is one of the components powered by a 12 V cell.

Calculate how much energy that cell supplies for every 24 C of charge.

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e) Explain what the benefit is of putting two cells in parallel.

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25. a) Describe the motion of the particles or fields in a transverse wave.

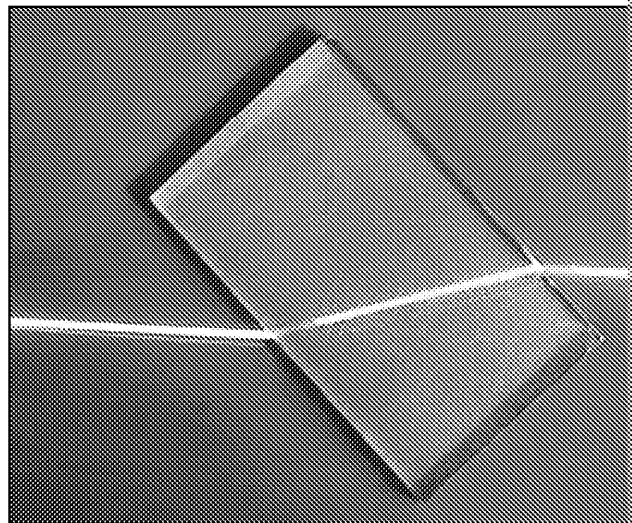
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b) A block of glass slows light down to $2.1 \times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$. Calculate its refractive index.

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c) A ray of light is incident on the boundary between air and a glass block.



Calculate the angle at which it is refracted.

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d) Calculate the critical angle for the glass-air boundary.



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26. A student obtained this graph by varying the frequency of light shining on a photocell.

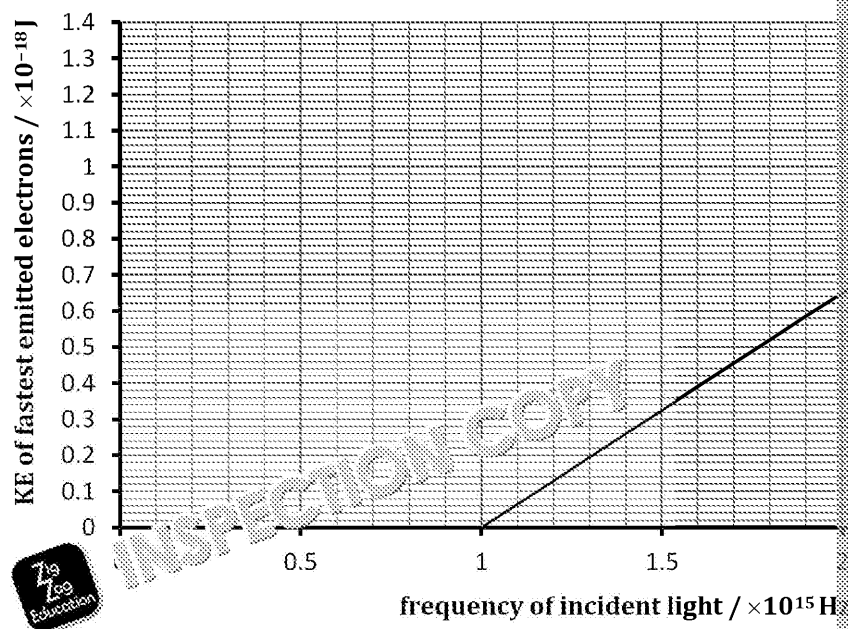


Figure 26.1

- Use Figure 26.1 to determine a value of Planck's constant.
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Calculate its de Broglie wavelength.
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- Describe how the wave-like nature of the electron could be demonstrated.
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Physics A

Practice Exam 1B

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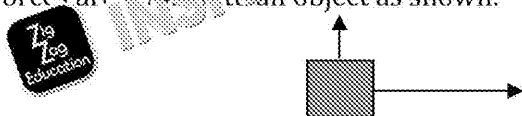
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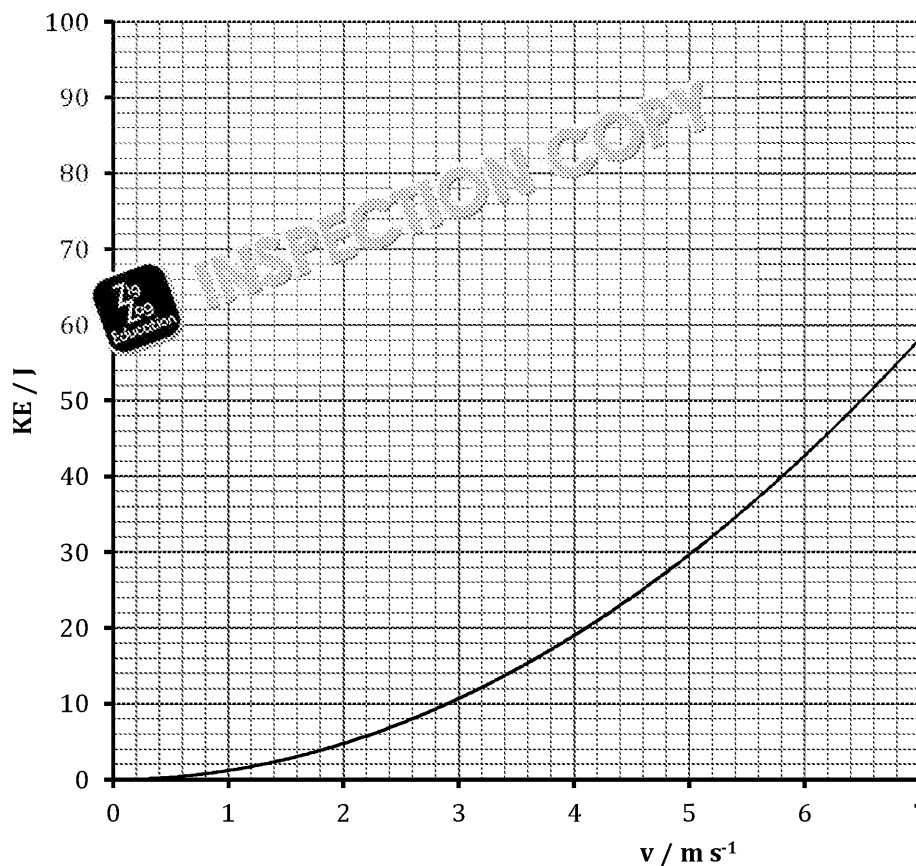
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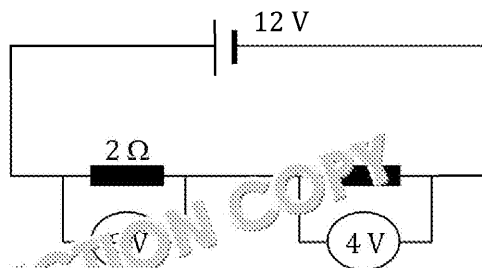
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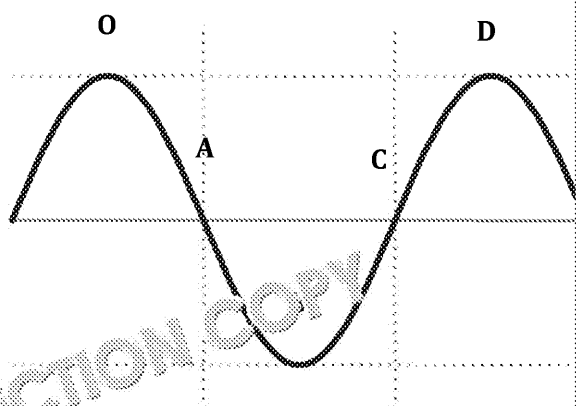
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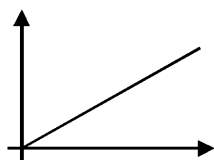
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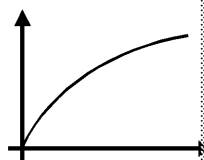
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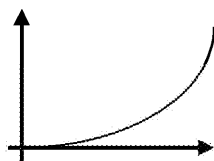
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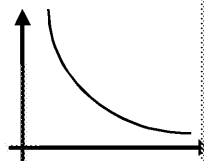
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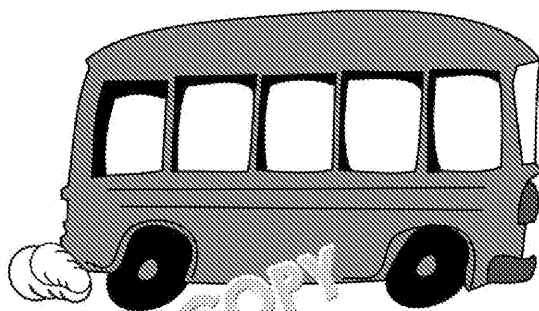
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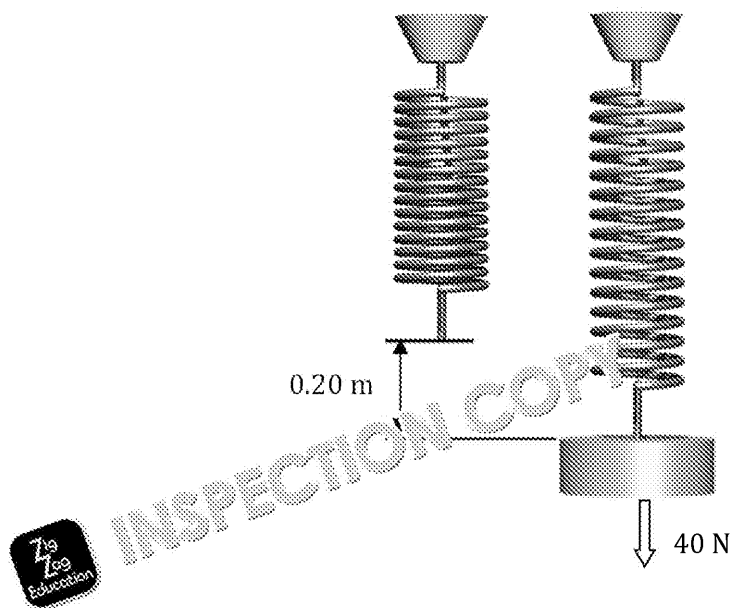
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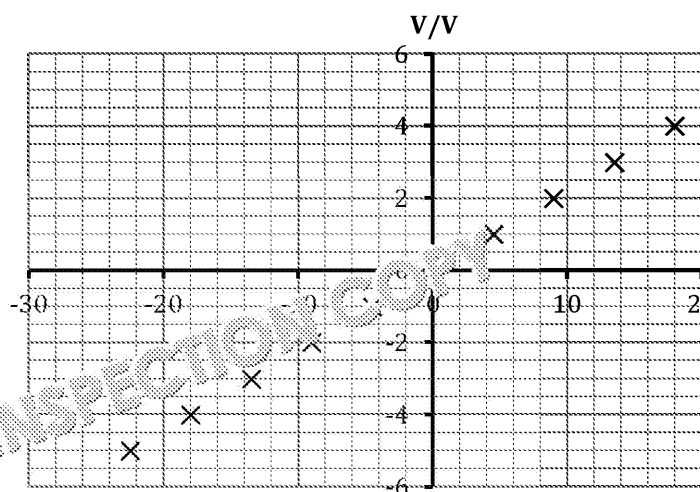


Figure 24.1

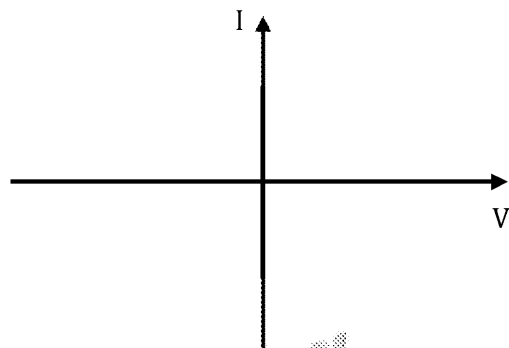
Use the graph to calculate the resistance of this ohmic conductor.

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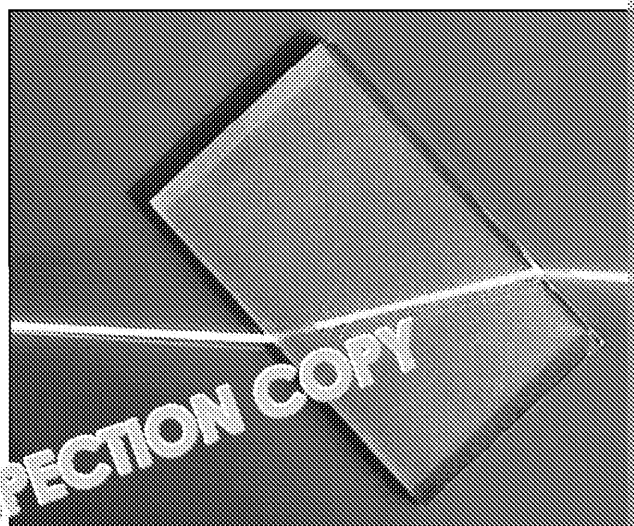


- b) Sketch the current–voltage graph for a filament lamp.



- c) A particular lamp is run at 6.0 V and 2.0 A .
Calculate how much energy it dissipates in 240 s .
- d) The lamp is one of the components powered by a 12 V cell.
Calculate how much energy that cell supplies for every 24 C of charge.
- e) Explain what the benefit is of putting two cells in parallel.

25. a) Describe the motion of the particles or fields in a transverse wave.
- b) A block of glass slows light down to $2.1 \times 10^8\text{ m s}^{-1}$. Calculate its refractive index.
- c) A ray of light is incident on the boundary between air and a glass block.



- d) Calculate the angle at which it is refracted.
- d) Calculate the critical angle for the glass–air boundary.

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26. A student obtained this graph by varying the frequency of light shining on

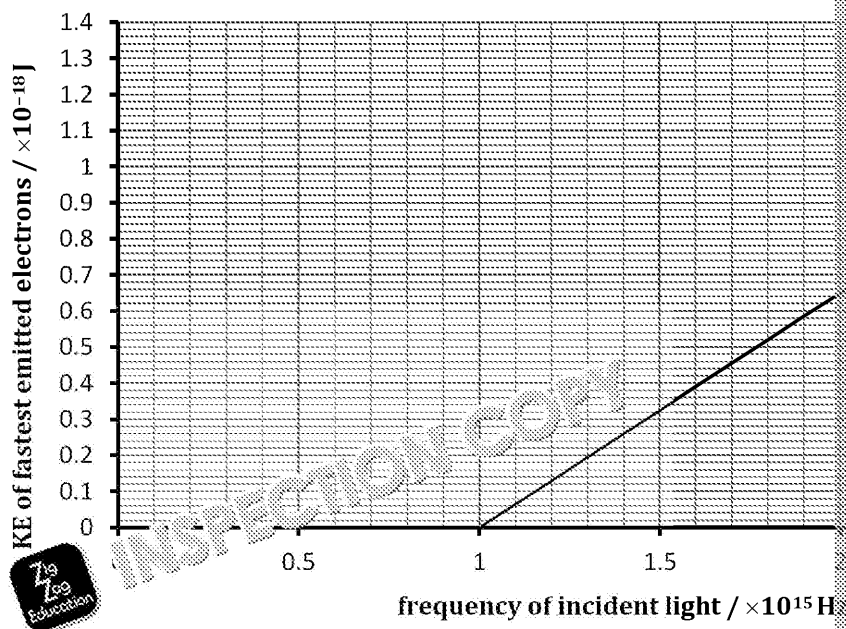


Figure 26.1

- Use Figure 26.1 to determine a value of Planck's constant.
- Calculate the work function of the photocell.
- A particular electron was emitted with a velocity of 1.5×10^6 m s⁻¹. Calculate its de Broglie wavelength.
- Describe how the wave-like nature of the electron could be demonstrated.

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Paper 1A Mark Scheme

Types of mark

B – An independent mark.

A – An answer mark, for the end of a calculation.

C – A compensatory mark. If the A mark is awarded, any C marks are automatically shown. A C mark may be scored even if the A mark isn't.

M – A method mark that must be seen for a mark. They are not automatically awarded.

Terms used in mark schemes

bald – an answer given without any other accompanying information

owtte – or words to that effect

ora – or reverse argument

Significant figures

Answers should be given to the same number of significant figures as the question asks for. Penalise every occurrence to get them into good habits ready for the exam.



Section A

Question	Answer	Mark
1	B	
2	B	
3	D	
4	A	
5	C	
6	D	
7	D	
8	C	
9	C	
10	B	
11	A	
12	D	
13	B	
14	C	
15	A	
16	B	
17	C	
18	B	
19	C	
20	B	
Total		





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Section B

Question		Answer	Marks	
21	a	(Size but) no direction	B1	Any
		distance / speed / time	B1	
	b	Gradient calculated	M1	Allow
		$v = 4 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$	A1	
c	A component of the weight acts backwards creating a resultant force backwards	B1 B1		
d	 $\text{mass} = \frac{11800}{9.81} = 1203.1 \text{ kg}$ $\text{deceleration} = \frac{4-2}{0.8}$ $\text{acceleration} = 3.75 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ $\text{force} = 1200 \times 3.75 = 4500 \text{ (N)}$	C1 C1 C1 A1	NB:	
Total				/10
22	a	$v = \sqrt{2 \times 9.8 \times 5.0}$	C1	Can
		$v = 9.9 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	B1	
		$p = 9.9 \times 1.4 = 14 \text{ (kg m s}^{-1}\text{)}$	A1	ene
		assumed negligible air resistance / drag	B1	
b	Newton's Third Law (of Motion)		B1	Acc
c	Light gates		B1	Or s Alte Mea time
	Time between known points / over known distance		B1	
	$\text{speed} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$		B1	
Total				/8
23	a	$A = \pi \times \left(\frac{1.5 \times 10^{-2}}{2} \right)^2 = 1.8 \times 10^{-4}$	C1	Acc valu Acc
		$\text{stress} = \frac{20 \times 10^3}{1.8 \times 10^{-4}}$	C1	
		$= 1.1 \times 10^8 \text{ (Pa)}$	A1	
b	Strain = $\frac{2}{10}$		C1	
	strain = 0.2		A1	
	 Diameter value too high		B1	
	Area too high		B1	
	Stress too low		B1	
Total				/8

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Question		Answer	Marks	
24	a	4.0	B1	
	b	Point plotted for 7.0 Ω and line of best fit drawn (magnitude of) gradient taken	B1 C1	(No evidence best fit line drawn) All correct
		1.8 (Ω)	A1	
	c	10 ⁻⁴ / 10 ⁻³ m s ⁻¹	B1	All correct
d	Conductor has free/delocalised electrons which carry the current	M1		
	In an insulator, the electrons are bound to the atoms / fixed / in orbital	B1		
Total				/7
25	a	Phase difference is fixed/constant	B1	
	b	Constructive	B1	
	c	zero / one wavelength, etc.	B1	Any explanation
	d	$\frac{623 \times 10^{-9}}{2.00 \times 10^{-3}} \times 5.00$ $= 1.56 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (m)}$	C1	1.56 m
			A1	
	e	The fringe separation decreases Colour changes / becomes (more) blue	B1	
B1				
f	Decreased Quartered / goes down four times	C1		
		A1		
Total				/9
26	a	Exhibiting wave-like and particle-like behaviour	B1	
	b	$\frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31} \times 2.5 \times 10^7}$ $= 2.9 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$	C1	
			A1	
	c	Diffraction more because wavelength gets less due to increase in momentum	B1 B1 B1	Or correct explanation
d	Successfully predicts new observations (or) simpler than predecessor	B1 B1		
Total				/8

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