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Teacher's Introduction

This collection of four practice papers has been written to support the OCR AS Physics specification H156 (first examination 2016) for Paper 2.

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.
3. Set as a complete paper under exam conditions which is then peer-marked. This could be by the teacher assigning scripts to students to mark or by students swapping among themselves. Group marking can be particularly helpful as the students get the chance to develop their ideas by discussing why things do and don't score.
4. Go through one question at a time in a lesson. Get students to discuss their answers before revealing the mark scheme for that question.
5. Set a paper as a homework for the student to answer and mark. This would be an ideal activity for study leave, when the student could come to a tutorial to go through their script. They should be briefed to list questions that need addressing as a result of their marking of their script.

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Physics A

Practice Paper 2B

Name

Time allowed

1 hour

Instructions

Answer **all** of the questions and use the space provided.

Information

The total marks available for this paper is **70**. The number of marks available for each question is shown below on the right.



For this paper, you will need:

- Data, Formulae and Relationships Booklet

Additional materials required

- Electronic calculator
- Ruler (cm/mm)

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1. New cars undergo extensive performance testing, particularly of their mass.

a) State what is meant by 'velocity'.

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b) A car accelerates from 10 m s^{-1} to 27 m s^{-1} in 6.8 s .

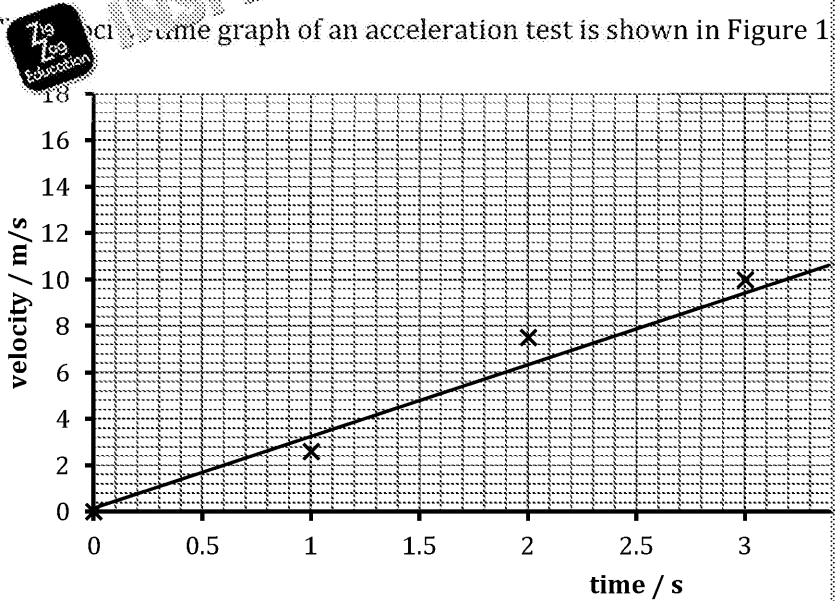
Calculate its displacement in that time.

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c) The velocity-time graph of an acceleration test is shown in Figure 1.1



Use Figure 1.1 to determine the acceleration of the car.

By adding worst fit lines, estimate a value for the uncertainty in the

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d) In a stopping test, the thinking distance was measured to be $22 \pm 1 \text{ m}$
measured to be $45 \pm 3 \text{ m}$.

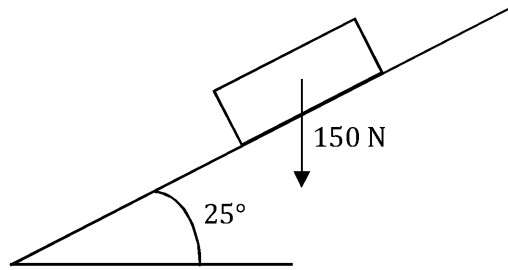
State the absolute uncertainty in the stopping distance.

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2. a) A 150 N block rests on a ramp as shown in Figure 2.1.



- i) Mark the normal contact force on the diagram.
- ii) Determine the magnitude of the friction preventing the block sliding down.



b) State Newton's Second Law of Motion in terms of momentum.

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c) Explain how $F = ma$ is a special case of Newton's Second Law of Motion.

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d) If the slope were oiled so that friction could be neglected, calculate the acceleration of the block. Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

State the units of your answer.

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e) As the block gets faster, the acceleration would get less. Explain why.

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3. It is illegal to drive a car while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

a) Explain how these substances make a crash more likely.

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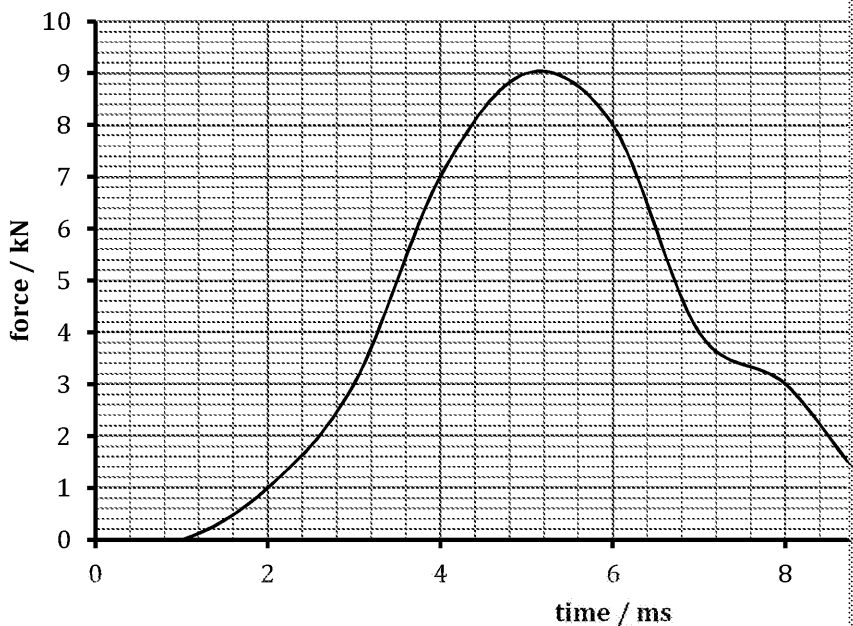
b) State two things, other than the influence of alcohol or drugs, which increase the stopping distance of a car.

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A lot of work goes into testing cars to ensure they are as safe as possible.

c) A sensor mounted in a crash test dummy produced a graph of force against time, as shown in Figure 3.1.



Estimate the impulse on the crash test dummy during the crash.

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d) Explain, in terms of momentum, how an airbag reduces the chance of injury.

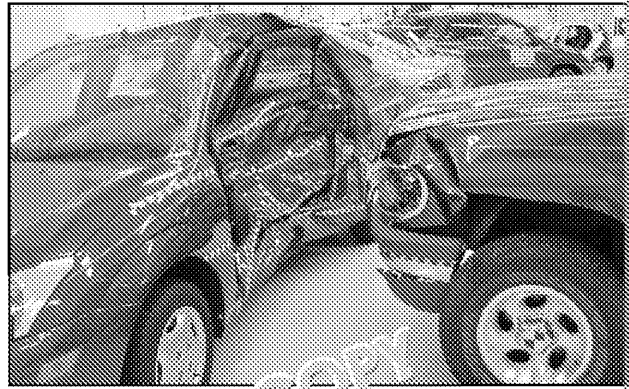
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In some tests, cars are crashed into other cars. An example is shown in Figure 4.1.



e) State and explain whether the collisions are elastic or inelastic.



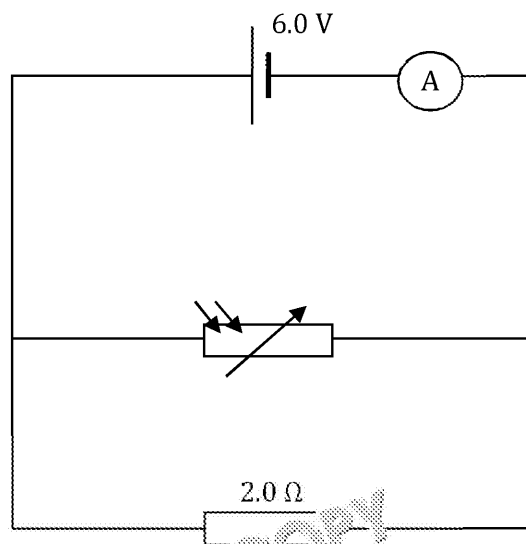
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4. A student connects up the circuit shown in Figure 4.1.



The LDR is placed in a dark box and the ammeter reads 13 A.

a) Determine the current through the LDR.



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b) Calculate the resistance of the LDR.

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c) The wire in the resistor has a cross-sectional area of $1.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2$. The drift velocity of the charge carriers is $2.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m s}^{-1}$.

Calculate the number density of charge carriers in the resistor wire.

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d) The resistor and the LDR are tested in separate circuits.

Compare how the number density of charge carriers in the resistor and the LDR change when shining light on them.

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e) A particular section of a circuit has 10^{20} electrons in it. It is, however, made of a material with a positive charge.

Calculate the total charge of the protons in that section.

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f) State whether it is the electrons or the protons moving in the resistor.

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5. a) A scientist wants to check that the manufacturer's claim for the charge used in a resistor is correct. She carries out an experiment and finds that the charge used is $27 \text{ C} \pm 10\%$, whereas the manufacturer claims that it only used $27 \text{ C} \pm 10\%$.

i) Calculate the percentage uncertainty in her result.

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ii) Calculate the percentage difference between her result and the

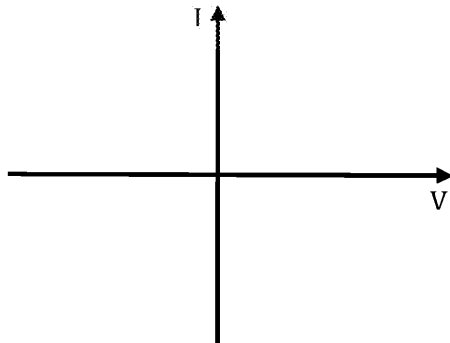
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iii) Discuss whether her result proves or disproves the manufacturer

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Another tool used for testing components is an IV characteristic graph.

b) Sketch the IV graph for a thermistor.



c) A technician is asked by the manufacturer to produce an IV characteristic graph for a thermistor.
Describe how this could be done.

Suggest why the manufacturer would include this information with the data sheet.

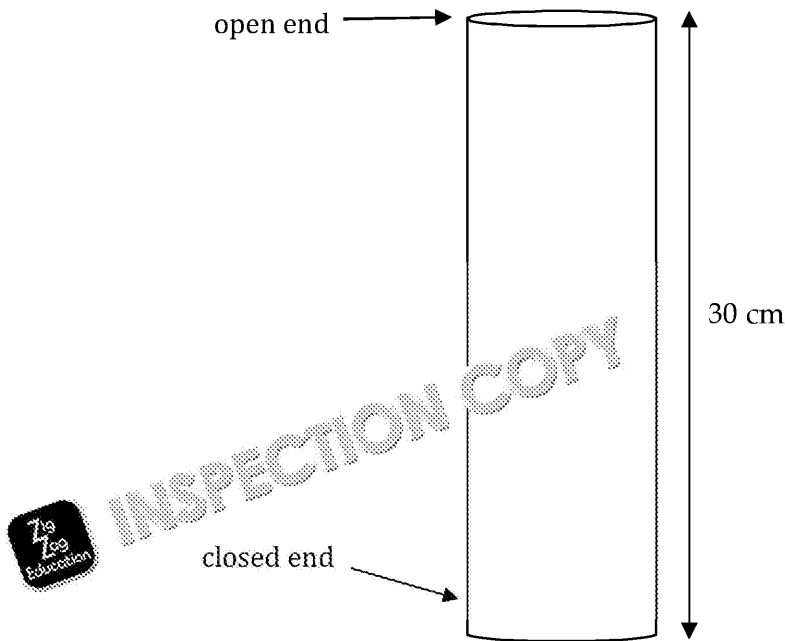
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6. a) A bottle can be modelled as a 30 cm tall cylinder with one end closed. Figure 6.1.



Blowing over the top of the bottle generates a note.

- i) Sketch the stationary wave pattern for the fundamental mode of vibration.
ii) Calculate the wavelength of the third harmonic.

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- b) A TV aerial consists of a set of antennae evenly spaced along a central support, as shown in the image on the right.

Suggest and explain a suitable separation for the antennae on an aerial tuned to receive a 506 MHz radio wave.

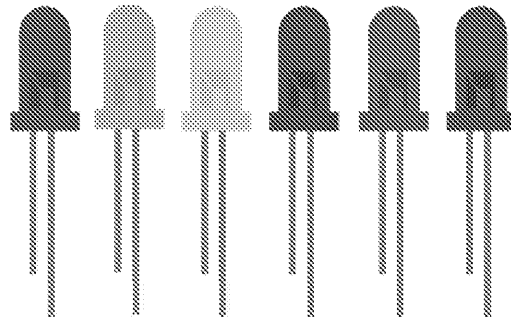
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7. An LED has an activation voltage of 6.2 V.



a) Calculate the wavelength of the EM wave emitted.

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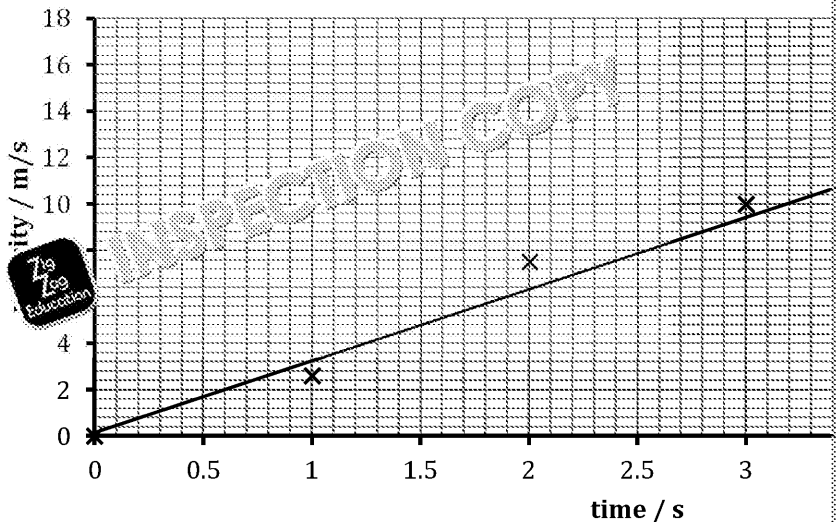
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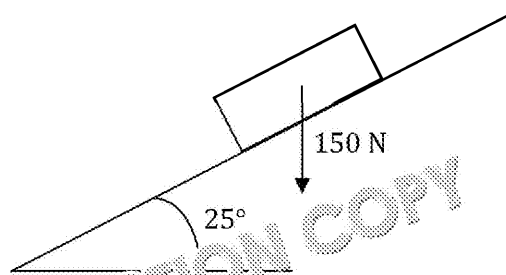
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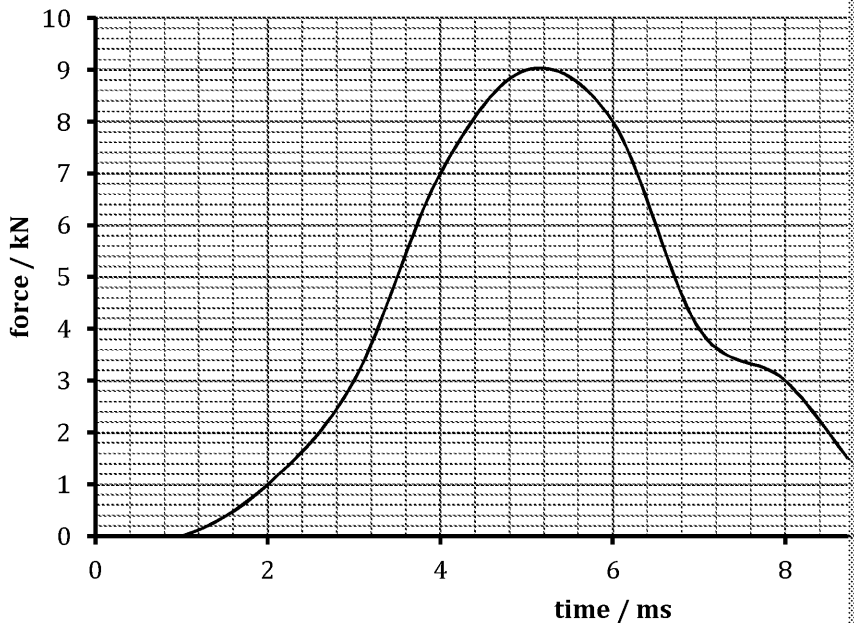
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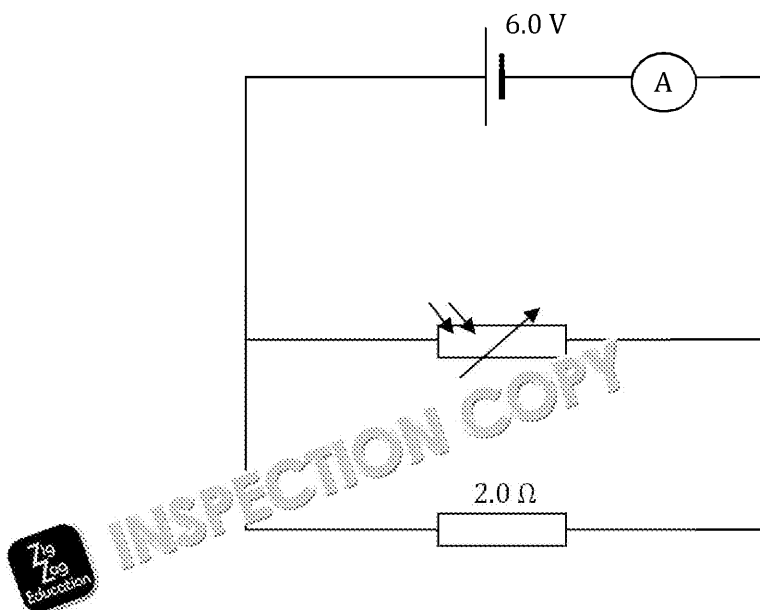


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- A particular section of a circuit has 10^{20} electrons in it. It is, however, not connected to a circuit.

Calculate the total charge of the protons in that section.

- State whether it is the electrons or the protons that are moving in the resistor.

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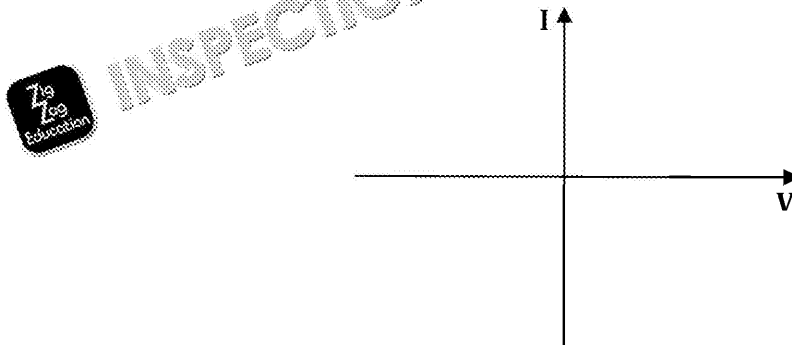
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5. a) A scientist wants to check that the manufacturer's claim for the charge is correct. She carries out an experiment and finds that the charge used is $27 \text{ C} \pm 10 \%$.
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 - Calculate the percentage difference between her result and the manufacturer's claim.
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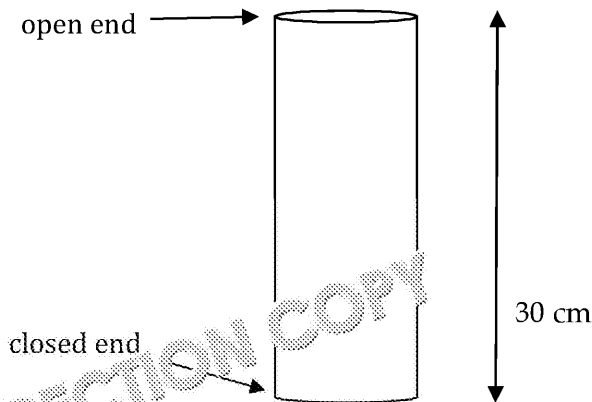
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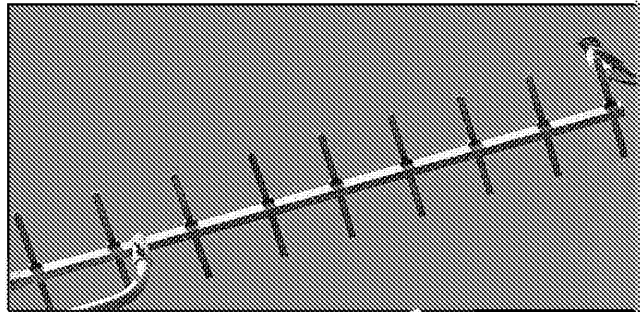
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- Copy Figure 6.1 and sketch the stationary wave pattern for the first harmonic.
- Calculate the wavelength of the third harmonic.

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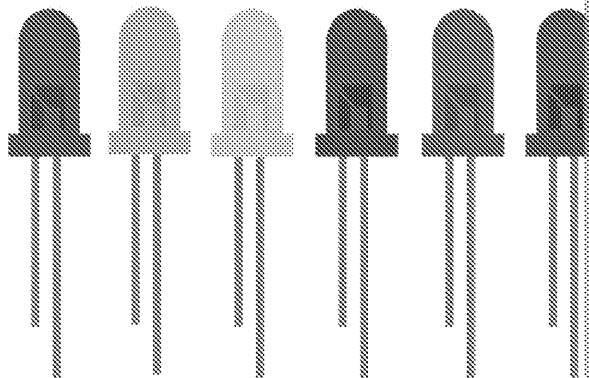


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Discuss the difference in the fringe pattern when using a diffraction grating compared to a double slit.

State and explain which method is more accurate.



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Paper 2A 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 awarded. If the A mark is not awarded, the C mark may be scored even if the A mark isn't.

M – A method mark that must be seen for a mark. This is 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. It is expected that students should be encouraged to develop good habits ready for the real exams.

Question	Answer	Marks		
1	 $v_x = 50 \cos 20$ $v_x = 46.98 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$	C1 A1	Must answer	
	$6.0 = (0+) \frac{1}{2} \times 9.81 \times t^2$ $t = \sqrt{\frac{6.0}{\frac{1}{2} \times 9.81}}$ $t = 1.1 \text{ (s)}$	C1 C1 A1		
	$s = 1.1 \times 47$ $s = 52 \text{ (m)}$	C1 A1		
Total		/7		
2	a	Equal size and opposite direction And not acting through one point	B1 B1	
	b	T = 400 × 2.4 T = 960 Nm	C1 A1 A1	
	c	F = 960/0.30 F = 3200 (N)	C1 A1	
	d	P = 3200/0.05 P = 64000 (Nm ⁻²)	C1 A1	
	e	Longer lever arm To increase torque/moment	B1 B1	OR: So as
Total		/11		
3	a	WD = F × h F = mg	B1 B1	
	b	 $mgh = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ $v = \sqrt{2 \times 0.81 \times 3.0}$ $v = 7.7 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$	C1 C1 C1 A1	
	c	20 J	B1	Unit
	d	P = 20/3.5 P = 5.7 (W)	C1 A1	
	e	WD = Fd, so yes Hard to read scales while pushing Possibility of parallax error	B1 B1 B1	
Total		/12		

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Question	Answer	Marks		
4	a	0.20×50 $= v_t \times 50 + v_c \times 10$	B1 B1	
	b	$\frac{1}{2} \times 50 \times 0.20^2$ $= \frac{1}{2} \times 50 \times v_t^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times v_c^2$	B1 B1	
	c	$(v=)v_t = v_c$ $0.20 \times 50 = v \times 60$ $v = 0.17 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$	C1 C1 A1	OR: $v =$
	d	<p>Level 3 (6 marks) Gives all 5 points from guidance and suggests repeating and averaging. <i>Answer discusses both effect on final speed AND experimental study. The answer is well-structured and presented in a logical order.</i></p> <p>Level 2 (3-4 marks) Gives 3 or 4 points from guidance. <i>Answer discusses both effect on final speed AND experimental study. The answer is well-structured and presented in a logical order.</i></p> <p>Level 1 (1-2 marks) Gives one or two points from guidance. <i>Answer may only discuss effect on final speed OR experimental study, but not both.</i></p> <p>0 marks No answer worth crediting.</p>	B1 × 6	<p>Effect</p> <p>Redu</p> <p>Some</p> <p>Exp</p> <p>Ligh</p> <p>With</p> <p>Meas</p>
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5	a	source internal	B1 B1	
	b	1.0 V Sum of all pd rises and falls round a closed loop = 0	B1 B1	
	c	$\frac{5.2}{12} = \frac{4}{4+x}$ $x = \frac{12 \times 4}{5.2} - 4$ $x = 5.2 \text{ (}\Omega\text{)}$	C1 C1 A1	
	d	$P = \frac{5.2^2}{5.2}$ $P = 5.2 \text{ (W)}$	C1 A1	
Total			/9	



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Question		Answer	Marks	
6	a	$i=34^\circ$ $r=10^\circ$ $\sin 34 = n \sin 10$ $n = 3.2$	C1 C1 A1	All Or
	b	$\frac{3.00 \times 10^8}{c} = \frac{3.2}{1}$ $c = 9.4 \times 10^7 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$	C1 A1	EC
	c	<p>Level 3 (5–6 marks) Gives 5 or 6 points from guidance. <i>Answer includes points from all three categories. The answer is well-structured and presented in a logical order.</i></p> <p>Level 2 (3–4 marks) Gives 3 or 4 points from guidance. <i>Answer includes points from two or three categories. The answer lacks clear structure or is not presented in a logical order.</i></p> <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks) Gives one or two points from guidance. <i>The answer lacks clear structure or is not presented in a logical order.</i></p> <p>0 marks No answer worth crediting.</p>	B1 × 6	Eq Ra Pre Me Sh Ch Un (1) Tra An bo Re Re Sh
Total			/11	
7	a	Smallest amount of light energy (for a given frequency)	B1	Ac set
	b	<p>Level 3 (5–6 marks) Gives 5 or 6 points from guidance. <i>Answer includes both supporting and contradicting points. The answer is well-structured and presented in a logical order.</i></p> <p>Level 2 (3–4 marks) Gives 3 or 4 points from guidance. <i>Answer includes both supporting and contradicting points. The answer lacks clear structure or is not presented in a logical order.</i></p> <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks) Gives one or two points from guidance. <i>Answer may only address supporting or contradicting points. The answer lacks clear structure or is not presented in a logical order.</i></p> <p>0 marks No answer worth crediting.</p>	B1 × 6	Su Ph Pre Su Co Lig Wh slit Wh
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