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**PHYSICS (SPECIFICATION A)** **PA01**  
**Unit 1 Particles, Radiation and Quantum Phenomena**

Friday 11 January 2008 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

<p><b>For this paper you must have:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a pencil and a ruler</li> <li>• a calculator.</li> </ul>
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Time allowed: 1 hour

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- Show all your working.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.  
 This includes up to two marks for the Quality of Written Communication
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- A *Data Sheet* is provided on pages 3 and 4. You may wish to detach this perforated sheet at the start of the examination.
- You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
- Questions 2(c) and 4(c) should be answered in continuous prose. In these questions you will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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**Data Sheet**

- A perforated *Data Sheet* is provided as pages 3 and 4 of this question paper.
- This sheet may be useful for answering some of the questions in the examination.
- You may wish to detach this sheet before you begin work.

## Data Sheet

Fundamental constants and values				Mechanics and Applied Physics		Fields, Waves, Quantum Phenomena	
Quantity	Symbol	Value	Units				
speed of light in vacuo	$c$	$3.00 \times 10^8$	$\text{m s}^{-1}$	$v = u + at$	$g = \frac{F}{m}$		
permeability of free space	$\mu_0$	$4\pi \times 10^{-7}$	$\text{H m}^{-1}$	$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t$	$g = -\frac{GM}{r^2}$		
permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0$	$8.85 \times 10^{-12}$	$\text{F m}^{-1}$	$s = ut + \frac{at^2}{2}$	$g = -\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x}$		
charge of electron	$e$	$1.60 \times 10^{-19}$	C	$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$	$V = -\frac{GM}{r}$		
the Planck constant	$h$	$6.63 \times 10^{-34}$	J s	$F = \frac{\Delta(mv)}{\Delta t}$	$a = -(2\pi f)^2 x$		
gravitational constant	$G$	$6.67 \times 10^{-11}$	$\text{N m}^2 \text{kg}^{-2}$	$P = Fv$	$v = \pm 2\pi f \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$		
the Avogadro constant	$N_A$	$6.02 \times 10^{23}$	$\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{power output}}{\text{power input}}$	$x = A \cos 2\pi ft$		
molar gas constant	$R$	8.31	$\text{J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\omega = \frac{v}{r} = 2\pi f$	$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$		
the Boltzmann constant	$k$	$1.38 \times 10^{-23}$	$\text{J K}^{-1}$	$a = \frac{v^2}{r} = r\omega^2$	$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$		
the Stefan constant	$\sigma$	$5.67 \times 10^{-8}$	$\text{W m}^{-2} \text{K}^{-4}$	$I = \sum mr^2$	$\lambda = \frac{\omega s}{D}$		
the Wien constant	$\alpha$	$2.90 \times 10^{-3}$	m K	$E_k = \frac{1}{2} I\omega^2$	$d \sin \theta = n\lambda$		
electron rest mass	$m_e$	$9.11 \times 10^{-31}$	kg	$\omega_2 = \omega_1 + at$	$\theta \approx \frac{\lambda}{D}$		
(equivalent to $5.5 \times 10^{-4}u$ )				$\theta = \omega_1 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$	$n_2 = \frac{\sin \theta_1}{\sin \theta_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$		
electron charge/mass ratio	$e/m_e$	$1.76 \times 10^{11}$	$\text{C kg}^{-1}$	$\omega_2^2 = \omega_1^2 + 2a\theta$	$n_2 = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$		
proton rest mass	$m_p$	$1.67 \times 10^{-27}$	kg	$\theta = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t$	$\sin \theta_c = \frac{1}{n}$		
(equivalent to 1.00728u)				$T = I\alpha$	$E = hf$		
proton charge/mass ratio	$e/m_p$	$9.58 \times 10^7$	$\text{C kg}^{-1}$	$\text{angular momentum} = I\omega$	$hf = \phi + E_k$		
neutron rest mass	$m_n$	$1.67 \times 10^{-27}$	kg	$W = T\theta$	$hf = E_1 - E_2$		
(equivalent to 1.00867u)				$P = T\omega$	$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv}$		
gravitational field strength	$g$	9.81	$\text{N kg}^{-1}$	$\text{angular impulse} = \text{change of angular momentum} = Tt$	$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$		
acceleration due to gravity	$g$	9.81	$\text{m s}^{-2}$	$\Delta Q = \Delta U + \Delta W$			
atomic mass unit	$u$	$1.661 \times 10^{-27}$	kg	$\Delta W = p\Delta V$			
(1u is equivalent to 931.3 MeV)				$pV^\gamma = \text{constant}$			
<b>Fundamental particles</b>				$\text{work done per cycle} = \text{area of loop}$	<b>Electricity</b>		
Class	Name	Symbol	Rest energy /MeV	$\text{input power} = \text{calorific value} \times \text{fuel flow rate}$	$\epsilon = \frac{E}{Q}$		
photon	photon	$\gamma$	0	$\text{indicated power as (area of } p-V \text{ loop)} \times (\text{no. of cycles/s}) \times (\text{no. of cylinders})$	$\epsilon = I(R+r)$		
lepton	neutrino	$\nu_e$	0	$\text{friction power} = \text{indicated power} - \text{brake power}$	$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$		
		$\nu_\mu$	0	$\text{efficiency} = \frac{W}{Q_{in}} = \frac{Q_{in} - Q_{out}}{Q_{in}}$	$R_T = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$		
	electron	$e^\pm$	0.510999	$\text{maximum possible efficiency} = \frac{T_H - T_C}{T_H}$	$P = I^2 R$		
	muon	$\mu^\pm$	105.659		$E = \frac{F}{Q} = \frac{V}{d}$		
mesons	pion	$\pi^\pm$	139.576		$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2}$		
		$\pi^0$	134.972		$E = \frac{1}{2} QV$		
	kaon	$K^\pm$	493.821		$F = BIl$		
		$K^0$	497.762		$F = BQv$		
baryons	proton	p	938.257		$Q = Q_0 e^{-t/RC}$		
	neutron	n	939.551		$\Phi = BA$		
<b>Properties of quarks</b>							
Type	Charge	Baryon number	Strangeness				
u	$+\frac{2}{3}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	0				
d	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	0				
s	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	-1				
<b>Geometrical equations</b>							
arc length = $r\theta$							
circumference of circle = $2\pi r$							
area of circle = $\pi r^2$							
area of cylinder = $2\pi rh$							
volume of cylinder = $\pi r^2 h$							
area of sphere = $4\pi r^2$							
volume of sphere = $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$							

$$\text{magnitude of induced emf} = N \frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta t}$$

$$I_{\text{rms}} = \frac{I_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$V_{\text{rms}} = \frac{V_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

### Mechanical and Thermal Properties

$$\text{the Young modulus} = \frac{\text{tensile stress}}{\text{tensile strain}} = \frac{F}{A} \frac{l}{e}$$

$$\text{energy stored} = \frac{1}{2} Fe$$

$$\Delta Q = mc \Delta\theta$$

$$\Delta Q = ml$$

$$pV = \frac{1}{3} Nmc^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} mc^2 = \frac{3}{2} kT = \frac{3RT}{2N_A}$$

### Nuclear Physics and Turning Points in Physics

$$\text{force} = \frac{eV_p}{d}$$

$$\text{force} = Bev$$

$$\text{radius of curvature} = \frac{mv}{Be}$$

$$\frac{eV}{d} = mg$$

$$\text{work done} = eV$$

$$F = 6\pi\eta rv$$

$$I = k \frac{I_0}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta N}{\Delta t} = -\lambda N$$

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2meV}}$$

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$T_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda}$$

$$R = r_0 A^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$E = mc^2 = \frac{m_0 c^2}{\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$l = l_0 \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$t = \frac{t_0}{\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

### Astrophysics and Medical Physics

Body	Mass/kg	Mean radius/m
Sun	$2.00 \times 10^{30}$	$7.00 \times 10^8$
Earth	$6.00 \times 10^{24}$	$6.40 \times 10^6$

$$1 \text{ astronomical unit} = 1.50 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$$

$$1 \text{ parsec} = 206265 \text{ AU} = 3.08 \times 10^{16} \text{ m} = 3.26 \text{ ly}$$

$$1 \text{ light year} = 9.45 \times 10^{15} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Hubble constant } (H) = 65 \text{ kms}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$M = \frac{\text{angle subtended by image at eye}}{\text{angle subtended by object at unaided eye}}$$

$$M = \frac{f_o}{f_e}$$

$$m - M = 5 \log \frac{d}{10}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} T = \text{constant} = 0.0029 \text{ m K}$$

$$v = Hd$$

$$P = \sigma AT^4$$

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = \frac{v}{c}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} = -\frac{v}{c}$$

$$R_s \approx \frac{2GM}{c^2}$$

### Medical Physics

$$\text{power} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f} \text{ and } m = \frac{v}{u}$$

$$\text{intensity level} = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_0}$$

$$I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$$

$$\mu_m = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$$

### Electronics

Resistors

Preferred values for resistors (E24)  
Series: 1.0 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.5 1.6 1.8 2.0 2.2  
2.4 2.7 3.0 3.3 3.6 3.9 4.3 4.7 5.1 5.6 6.2  
6.8 7.5 8.2 9.1 ohms  
and multiples that are ten times greater

$$Z = \frac{V_{\text{rms}}}{I_{\text{rms}}}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_T} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} + \dots$$

$$C_T = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots$$

$$X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi f C}$$

### Alternating Currents

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

### Operational amplifier

$$G = \frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{in}}} \quad \text{voltage gain}$$

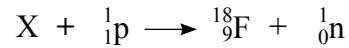
$$G = -\frac{R_f}{R_1} \quad \text{inverting}$$

$$G = 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_1} \quad \text{non-inverting}$$

$$V_{\text{out}} = -R_f \left( \frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2} + \frac{V_3}{R_3} \right) \quad \text{summing}$$

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

- 1 The fluorine isotope  ${}^{18}_9\text{F}$  can be produced in the process represented by



in which nucleus X combines with a fast moving proton to form the nucleus  ${}^{18}_9\text{F}$  with the ejection of a neutron.

- (a) (i) Determine the number of protons and neutrons in nucleus X.

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..... neutrons

- (ii) Only one isotope of X produces this reaction.  
Explain what is meant by *isotope*.

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(3 marks)

- (b) (i) Determine the  $\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{mass}}$  ratio for the  ${}^{18}_9\text{F}$  nucleus, in  $\text{C kg}^{-1}$ .

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- (ii) Show that the  $\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{mass}}$  ratio for the  ${}^{18}_9\text{F}$  nucleus is larger than that of nucleus X.

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2 When a metal plate is illuminated with electromagnetic radiation of wavelength  $1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ , the maximum kinetic energy of the emitted photoelectrons is  $1.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ .

(a) State what is meant by the *work function* of the metal.

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(2 marks)

(b) (i) Show that the work function of the metal is  $1.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$ .

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(ii) Calculate the threshold frequency for the metal.

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(4 marks)

- (c) The wavelength of the incident electromagnetic radiation remains at  $1.50 \times 10^{-7}$  m but its intensity is doubled.  
State and explain what changes occur, if any, to the maximum kinetic energy of each photoelectron and to the number emitted per second.

You may be awarded additional marks for the quality of written communication in your answer.

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- 3 (a) A muon can decay via the weak interaction

$$\mu^- \rightarrow e^- + X + \nu_\mu$$

- (i) Name a mediating particle of the weak interaction.

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- (ii) Identify particle X.

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- (b) An electron-neutrino may interact with a neutron as represented in the following equation.

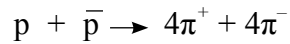
$$\nu_e + n \rightarrow e^- + p$$

Draw a Feynman diagram to represent this interaction.

*(3 marks)*



- (c) In a head-on collision between a proton and an antiproton the following reaction was observed.



- (i) What name is given to the type of process in which a particle and its antiparticle interact?

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- (ii) Immediately following the process named in part (c)(i), what was formed before the  $4\pi^+$  and  $4\pi^-$  were created?

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- (d) Determine the quark structure of an antiproton,  $\bar{p}$ .

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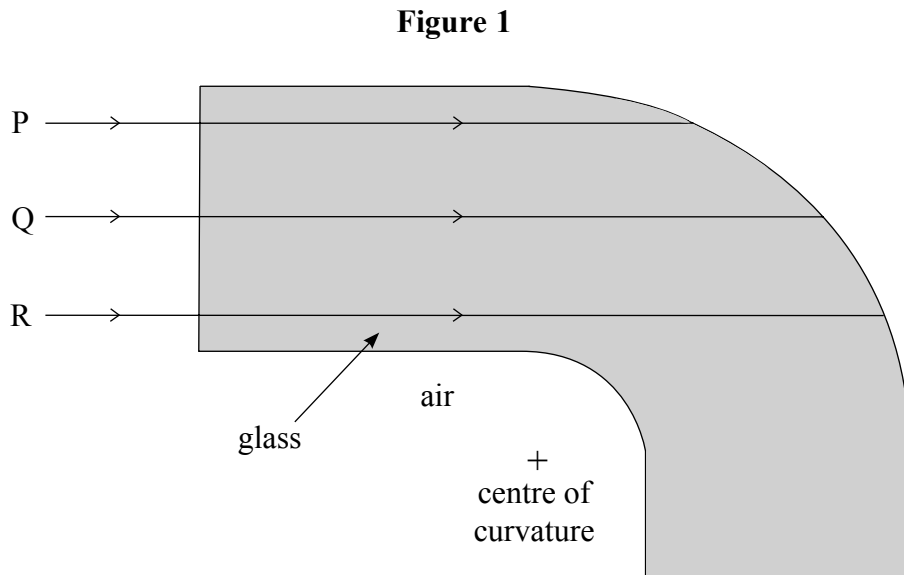
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- 4 **Figure 1** shows a glass optical fibre bent through  $90^\circ$  and surrounded by air. Three light rays PQR, initially travelling parallel to the axis of the fibre, are incident normally on the flat end of the fibre. They then strike the internal surface of the fibre at the glass-air boundary. Ray Q is incident at the critical angle.



- (a) (i) Explain what is meant by *critical angle*.

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- (ii) Calculate the critical angle for a boundary between the glass and air.  
refractive index of the glass = 1.54

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(4 marks)

- (b) Draw, using a ruler, on **Figure 1** the path taken by rays P, Q and R on striking the internal surface.

(3 marks)

- (c) (i) Describe what would happen to ray Q if the glass shown in **Figure 1** had been surrounded during manufacture with a glass cladding of lower refractive index.

You may be awarded additional marks to those shown in the brackets for the quality of written communication in your answer.

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- (ii) State **one** reason why a glass cladding is normally used.

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- (iii) Calculate the critical angle for a boundary between the glass core and the glass cladding.

refractive index of the glass used for the cladding = 1.46

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(6 marks)

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- 5 The diagram shows five electron energy levels of an isolated atom. The ground state and the ionisation level are included.

		energy/ $10^{-18}$ J
ionisation level	_____	0.0
level D	_____	-1.9
level C	_____	-2.1
level B	_____	-2.4
ground state A	_____	-4.6

- (a) (i) Explain what is meant by *ionisation*.

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- (ii) Ionisation may be caused by electron impact. Explain how else might an atom be ionised.

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- (iii) Calculate the ground state energy in eV.

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*(3 marks)*

- (b) (i) An electron with kinetic energy  $2.6 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$  collides inelastically with an electron in the ground state.  
State which energy levels may be occupied following this collision.

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- (ii) A photon of energy  $2.6 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$  is incident on an electron in the ground state.  
State and explain what would happen.

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*(3 marks)*

- (c) After a separate excitation process, level D is occupied.  
Calculate the longest possible wavelength of electromagnetic radiation emitted as the atom de-excites.

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*(3 marks)*

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**Quality of Written Communication** *(2 marks)*

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