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## GCE

## Physics A

### Unit PA10

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# Unit 10

1

(a)(i)  $r = 0.012$  (m) ✓  
 (use of  $v = 2\pi fr$  gives)  $v = 2\pi 50 \times 0.012$  ✓  
 $= 3.8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  ✓ (3.77  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ )

(a)(ii) correct use of  $a = \frac{v^2}{r}$  or  $a = \frac{3.8^2}{0.012}$  ✓  
 $= 1.2 \times 10^3 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  ✓

[or correct use of  $\alpha = \omega^2 r$ ]

(allow C.E. for value of  $v$  from (i))

(5)

(b) panel resonates ✓  
 (because) motor frequency = natural frequency of panel ✓

(2)

(7)

2

(a)(i) pd across resistor ( $= 3.0 - 2.2$ ) = 0.8 (V) ✓  
 (use of  $V = IR$  gives)  $R \left( = \frac{0.8}{0.035} \right) = 23 \Omega$  ✓ (22.9  $\Omega$ )

(a)(ii) charge flow in 1 s = 0.035 (C) ✓  
 no. of electrons (in 1 s)  $\left( = \frac{0.035}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \right) = 2.2 \times 10^{17}$  ✓ (2.19  $\times 10^{17}$ ) (4)

(b)(i) (use of  $E = hf = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$  gives)  $E = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{635 \times 10^{-9}}$  ✓  
 $= 3.1(3) \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$  ✓

(b)(ii) (use of  $P = VI$  gives)  $P (= 2.2 \times 0.035) = 0.077$  (W) ✓

[or use of  $P = I^2 R$  with  $R \left( = \frac{2.2}{0.035} \right) = 63$  ( $\Omega$ )]

maximum no. of photons emitted per sec. =  $\frac{0.077}{3.1 \times 10^{-19}}$   
 $= 2.5 \times 10^{17}$  ✓ (2.48  $\times 10^{17}$ )

(allow C.E. for value of  $E$  from (i) and value of  $P$  from (ii))

(4)

(8)

3

(a)(i) (use of  $P = VI$  gives)  $P (= 2.4 \times 20) = 48 \text{ W}$  ✓

(a)(ii) incident (solar) power ( $= 1.4 \times 2.5$ ) = 3.5 (kW) ✓

efficiency =  $\frac{48}{3500}$  ✓

= 0.014 ✓ (or 1.4%)

[or efficiency =  $\frac{48}{2.5}/1400$ ]  
 (allow C.E. for incorrect values of input and output power) (4)

(b)(i) in 1 s source emits  $1.1 \times 10^{14}$  particles ✓  
 energy emitted in 1 s =  $1.1 \times 10^{14} \times 5.1 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-13}$  (J) ✓ (= 90 J)

(b)(ii)  $T_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda}$  + correct use or  $\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{90 \times 365 \times 24 \times 3600}$  ✓  
 $= 2.44 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ✓  
 [or  $\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{90} = 7.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ]

(b)(iii) no. of nuclei  $\left( = \frac{\text{activity}}{\text{decay constant}} = \frac{11 \times 10^{14}}{2.44 \times 10^{-10}} \right) = 4.5(1) \times 10^{23}$  ✓  
 (allow C.E. for incorrect value of  $\lambda$  in (ii))  
 mass of isotope =  $\frac{4.51 \times 10^{23} \times 0.239}{6.02 \times 10^{23}}$  ✓  
 $= 0.18 \text{ kg}$  ✓  
 (allow C.E. for incorrect no. of nuclei) (7)  
(11)

4

(a)(i) area =  $120 \times 10^6 \text{ (m}^2\text{)}$  ✓  
 mass =  $120 \times 10^6 \times 10 \times 1100 = 1.3 \times 10^{12} \text{ kg}$  ✓

(ii) (use of  $E_p = mgh$  gives)  $\Delta E_p = 1.3 \times 10^{12} \times 9.8 \times 5 = 6.4 \times 10^{13} \text{ J}$  ✓  
 (allow C.E. for incorrect value of mass from (i))

(a)(iii) power (from sea water) =  $\frac{6.4 \times 10^{13}}{6 \times 3600}$  ✓  
 [or correct use of  $P = Fv$ ]  
 $= 3000 \text{ (MW)}$  ✓  
 (allow C.E. for incorrect value of  $\Delta E_p$  from (ii))  
 power output =  $3000 \times 0.4$  ✓  
 $= 120 \text{ MW}$  ✓  
 (allow C.E. for incorrect value of power) (7)  
(7)

5

(a)(i) initial acceleration/increase of speed ✓  
 reaches a constant speed/velocity ✓  
 acceleration decreases to become zero (at this speed) ✓

(a)(ii) drag/frictional forces increases with speed ✓  
 drag equal to weight (– upthrust) ✓  
 no resultant force at terminal speed  
 [or balanced forces or forces cancel] ✓

max(5)

- (b) column C  
 26.6  
 39.7  
 49.4 four values correct ✓  
 75.2 all values correct and to 3 or 4 s.f. ✓  
 118  
 173.5 (2)

- (c)(i) column E  
 1.42  
 1.60  
 1.69 all values correct and to 3 or 4 s.f. ✓  
 1.88  
 2.07  
 2.24

- (b)(ii) axes labelled and suitable scales chosen ✓  
 at least 5 points plotted correctly ✓  
 acceptable line ✓ (4)

(d)(i) gradient =  $\left( \text{e.g.} \frac{2.40 - 1.00}{0.7} \right) = 2.0$  ✓  
 $n = \text{gradient} (= 2)$  ✓

- (d)(ii) intercept on y-axis =  $\log k$  ✓  
 intercept = 1.0 ✓  
 $k (= 10^{1.0}) = 10$  ✓  
 units of  $k$ : for  $n = 2$ ,  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$  ✓

max. (5)  
 (16)

- 6(a)(i) volume of air is less with the powder present ✓  
 pressure  $\propto$  1/volume so pressure is greater ✓

(a)(ii) initial volume =  $3.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$  ✓  
 final volume =  $2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$  ✓  
 final pressure =  $\frac{100 \times 10^3 \times 3.5 \times 10^{-4}}{2.5 \times 10^{-4}}$  ✓ =  $140 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa}$  ✓  
 [alternative: no. of moles ( $n$ ) ( $= \frac{P_0 V_0}{RT_0}$ ) =  $\frac{1.0 \times 10^5 \times 3.5 \times 10^{-4}}{RT_0}$  ✓✓  
 final pressure ( $= \frac{nRT_0}{V_1}$ ) =  $\frac{1.0 \times 10^5 \times 3.5 \times 10^{-4}}{2.5 \times 10^{-4}}$  ✓ =  $140 \text{ kPa}$  ✓] (6)

(b)(i) volume of powder  $\left( = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{density}} = \frac{0.13}{2700} \right) = 4.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3$  ✓

- (b)(ii) assuming powder volume as in (b)(i),  
 initial volume =  $(3.5 - 0.48) \times 10^{-4} \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$  ✓  
 final volume =  $(2.5 - 0.48) \times 10^{-4} \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$  ✓

$$\text{final pressure} = \frac{100 \times 10^3 \times 3}{2} = 150 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa} \checkmark$$

test successful as calculated final pressure = measured final pressure  $\checkmark$  (5)  
(11)

7

(a)(i) (in 1 s),  $E = 0.045 \times 4200 \times (47 - 15) \checkmark$   
 $= 6050 \text{ J} \checkmark$

(a)(ii)  $P \left( = \frac{E}{t} \right) = 6.0 \text{ kW} \checkmark$  (3)

(b)(i) (use of  $P = VI$  gives)  $I \left( = \frac{6050}{230} \right) = 26 \text{ A} \checkmark$  (26.3 A)  
 (allow C.E. for value of  $P$  from (a))

(b)(ii) radius =  $1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (m)} \checkmark$   
 cross-sectional area =  $\pi(1.2 \times 10^{-3})^2$  (or  $4.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ (m}^2\text{)}) \checkmark$   
 $\frac{R}{l} = \frac{\rho}{A} \checkmark$   
 $= \frac{1.7 \times 10^{-8}}{4.5 \times 10^{-6}} \checkmark$   
 $= 3.8 \times 10^{-3} \Omega \text{ m}^{-1} \checkmark$   
 (allow C.E. for value of  $A$ )

(b)(iii)  $\frac{V}{l} \left( = \frac{IR}{l} = 26 \times 3.8 \times 10^{-3} \right) = 0.1 \text{ (V m}^{-1}\text{) (per wire)}$   
 two wires per cable gives pd per metre =  $2 \times 0.1 \checkmark$  (=  $0.20 \text{ V m}^{-1}$ )  $\checkmark$

(iv) maximum length  $\left( = \frac{6}{0.2} \right) = 30 \text{ m} \checkmark$  (9)

(12)

8

(a)  $mg = T \cos 6 \checkmark$   
 $F = T \sin 6 \checkmark$   
 hence  $F = mg \tan 6 \checkmark$   
 [or correct use of triangle:  
 $\checkmark$  for sides correct,  $\checkmark$  for  $6^\circ$ ,  $\checkmark$  for  $\tan 6 = F/mg$   
 or  $F \Delta x = mg \Delta h$ ,  $\tan \theta = \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta x}$   $\tan 6^\circ = \frac{F}{mg}$  (3)

(b)(i) (use of  $E = \frac{V}{d}$  gives)  $E = \frac{4200}{60 \times 10^{-3}} = 7.0 \times 10^4 \text{ V m}^{-1} \checkmark$

(ii) (use of  $Q = \frac{F}{E}$  gives)  $Q \left( = \frac{mg \tan 6}{E} \right) = \frac{2.1 \times 10^{-4} \times 9.8 \tan 6}{7 \times 10^4} \checkmark$   
 $= 3.1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C } \checkmark$

(allow C.E. for value of  $E$  from (i))

(3)

(6)

Quality of Written Communication (Q1(b) and Q6(a)(i))  $\checkmark\checkmark$

(2)

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