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General Certificate of Education  
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 Advanced Level Examination



**PHYSICS (SPECIFICATION A)**  
**Unit 10 The Synoptic Unit**

**PA10**

Thursday 26 June 2003 Morning Session

**In addition to this paper you will require:**

- a calculator;
- a pencil and a ruler.

Time allowed: 2 hours

**Instructions**

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

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- The paper carries 20% of the total marks for Physics Advanced.
- 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.
- In questions requiring description and explanation you will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

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**Fundamental constants and values**

Quantity	Symbol	Value	Units
speed of light in vacuo	$c$	$3.00 \times 10^8$	$\text{m s}^{-1}$
permeability of free space	$\mu_0$	$4\pi \times 10^{-7}$	$\text{H m}^{-1}$
permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0$	$8.85 \times 10^{-12}$	$\text{F m}^{-1}$
charge of electron	$e$	$1.60 \times 10^{-19}$	C
the Planck constant	$h$	$6.63 \times 10^{-34}$	J s
gravitational constant	$G$	$6.67 \times 10^{-11}$	$\text{N m}^2 \text{kg}^{-2}$
the Avogadro constant	$N_A$	$6.02 \times 10^{23}$	$\text{mol}^{-1}$
molar gas constant	$R$	8.31	$\text{J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$
the Boltzmann constant	$k$	$1.38 \times 10^{-23}$	$\text{J K}^{-1}$
the Stefan constant	$\sigma$	$5.67 \times 10^{-8}$	$\text{W m}^{-2} \text{K}^{-4}$
the Wien constant	$a$	$2.90 \times 10^{-3}$	m K
electron rest mass	$m_e$	$9.11 \times 10^{-31}$	kg
(equivalent to $5.5 \times 10^{-4}u$ )			
electron charge/mass ratio	$e/m_e$	$1.76 \times 10^{11}$	$\text{C kg}^{-1}$
proton rest mass	$m_p$	$1.67 \times 10^{-27}$	kg
(equivalent to 1.00728u)			
proton charge/mass ratio	$e/m_p$	$9.58 \times 10^7$	$\text{C kg}^{-1}$
neutron rest mass	$m_n$	$1.67 \times 10^{-27}$	kg
(equivalent to 1.00867u)			
gravitational field strength	$g$	9.81	$\text{N kg}^{-1}$
acceleration due to gravity	$g$	9.81	$\text{m s}^{-2}$
atomic mass unit	$u$	$1.661 \times 10^{-27}$	kg
(1u is equivalent to 931.3 MeV)			

**Fundamental particles**

Class	Name	Symbol	Rest energy /MeV
photon	photon	$\gamma$	0
lepton	neutrino	$\nu_e$	0
		$\nu_\mu$	0
	electron	$e^\pm$	0.510999
	muon	$\mu^\pm$	105.659
mesons	pion	$\pi^\pm$	139.576
		$\pi^0$	134.972
	kaon	$K^\pm$	493.821
		$K^0$	497.762
baryons	proton	p	938.257
	neutron	n	939.551

**Properties of quarks**

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

**Geometrical equations**

- 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 =  $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

**Mechanics and Applied Physics**

- $v = u + at$
- $s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t$
- $s = ut + \frac{at^2}{2}$
- $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$
- $F = \frac{\Delta(mv)}{\Delta t}$
- $P = Fv$
- efficiency =  $\frac{\text{power output}}{\text{power input}}$
- $\omega = \frac{v}{r} = 2\pi f$
- $a = \frac{v^2}{r} = r\omega^2$
- $I = \sum mr^2$
- $E_k = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$
- $\omega_2 = \omega_1 + at$
- $\theta = \omega_1 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$
- $\omega_2^2 = \omega_1^2 + 2a\theta$
- $\theta = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t$
- $T = I\alpha$
- angular momentum =  $I\omega$
- $W = T\theta$
- $P = T\omega$
- angular impulse = change of angular momentum =  $Tt$
- $\Delta Q = \Delta U + \Delta W$
- $\Delta W = p\Delta V$
- $pV^\gamma = \text{constant}$
- work done per cycle = area of loop
- input power = calorific value  $\times$  fuel flow rate
- indicated power as (area of  $p - V$  loop)  $\times$  (no. of cycles/s)  $\times$  (no. of cylinders)
- friction power = indicated power - brake power
- efficiency =  $\frac{W}{Q_{in}} = \frac{Q_{in} - Q_{out}}{Q_{in}}$
- maximum possible efficiency =  $\frac{T_H - T_C}{T_H}$

**Fields, Waves, Quantum Phenomena**

- $g = \frac{F}{m}$
- $g = -\frac{GM}{r^2}$
- $g = -\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x}$
- $V = -\frac{GM}{r}$
- $a = -(2\pi f)^2 x$
- $v = \pm 2\pi f \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$
- $x = A \cos 2\pi ft$
- $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$
- $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$
- $\lambda = \frac{\omega S}{D}$
- $d \sin \theta = n\lambda$
- $\theta \approx \frac{\lambda}{D}$
- $n_2 = \frac{\sin \theta_1}{\sin \theta_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$
- $n_2 = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$
- $\sin \theta_c = \frac{1}{n}$
- $E = hf$
- $hf = \phi + E_k$
- $hf = E_1 - E_2$
- $\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv}$
- $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$
- Electricity**
- $\epsilon = \frac{E}{Q}$
- $\epsilon = I(R + r)$
- $\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$
- $R_T = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$
- $P = I^2 R$
- $E = \frac{F}{Q} = \frac{V}{d}$
- $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2}$
- $E = \frac{1}{2} QV$
- $F = BIl$
- $F = BQv$
- $Q = Q_0 e^{-t/RC}$
- $\Phi = BA$

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$$\text{magnitude of induced e.m.f.} = N \frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta t}$$

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

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

### 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

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

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

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

$$X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi fC}$$

### Alternating Currents

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

### Operational amplifier

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

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

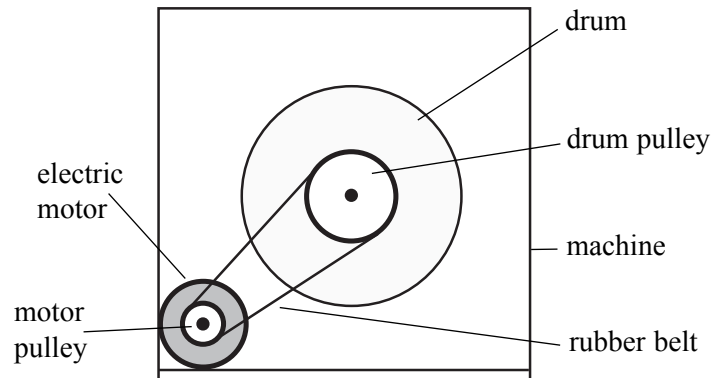
$$G = 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_1} \quad \text{non-inverting}$$

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

**TURN OVER FOR THE FIRST QUESTION**

Answer **all** questions.

- 1 An electric motor in a machine drives a rotating drum by means of a rubber belt attached to pulleys, one on the motor shaft and one on the drum shaft, as shown in the diagram below.



- (a) The pulley on the motor shaft has a diameter of 24 mm. When the motor is turning at 50 revolutions per second, calculate

- (i) the speed of the belt,

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- (ii) the centripetal acceleration of the belt as it passes round the motor pulley.

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(b) When the motor rotates at a particular speed, it causes a flexible metal panel in the machine to vibrate loudly. Explain why this happens.

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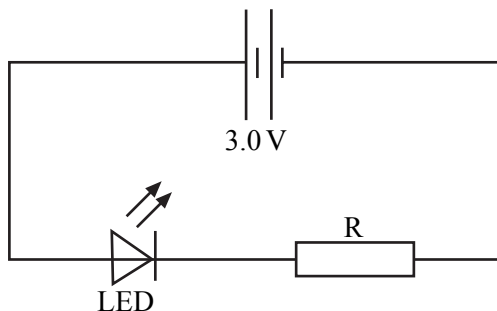
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- 2 The circuit diagram shows a light emitting diode (LED) connected in series with a resistor,  $R$ , and a 3.0 V battery of negligible internal resistance.



- (a) The LED lights normally when the forward voltage across it is 2.2 V and the current in it is 35 mA.

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- (i) the resistance of  $R$ ,

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- (ii) the number of electrons that pass through the LED each second.

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(b) The LED emits light at a peak wavelength of 635 nm.

(i) Calculate the energy of a photon of light of this wavelength.

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(ii) Estimate the number of photons emitted by the LED each second when the current through it is 35 mA. Assume all the photons emitted by the LED are of wavelength 635 nm and that all the electrical energy produces light.

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**TURN OVER FOR THE NEXT QUESTION**

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- 3 (a) A solar panel of area  $2.5 \text{ m}^2$  is fitted to a satellite in orbit above the Earth. The panel produces a current of  $2.4 \text{ A}$  at a potential difference of  $20 \text{ V}$  when solar radiation is incident normally on it.

- (i) Calculate the electrical power output of the panel.

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- (ii) Solar radiation on the satellite has an intensity of  $1.4 \text{ kW m}^{-2}$ . Calculate the efficiency of the panel.

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- (b) The back-up power system in the satellite is provided by a radioactive isotope enclosed in a sealed container which absorbs the radiation from the isotope. Energy from the radiation is converted to electrical energy by means of a thermoelectric module.

- (i) The isotope has an activity of  $1.1 \times 10^{14} \text{ Bq}$  and produces  $\alpha$  particles of energy  $5.1 \text{ MeV}$ . Show that the container absorbs energy from the  $\alpha$  particles at a rate of  $90 \text{ J s}^{-1}$ .

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- (ii) The isotope has a half-life of 90 years. Calculate the decay constant  $\lambda$  of this isotope.

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- (ii) The mass number of the isotope is 239.  
Calculate the mass of isotope needed for an activity of  $1.1 \times 10^{14}$  Bq.

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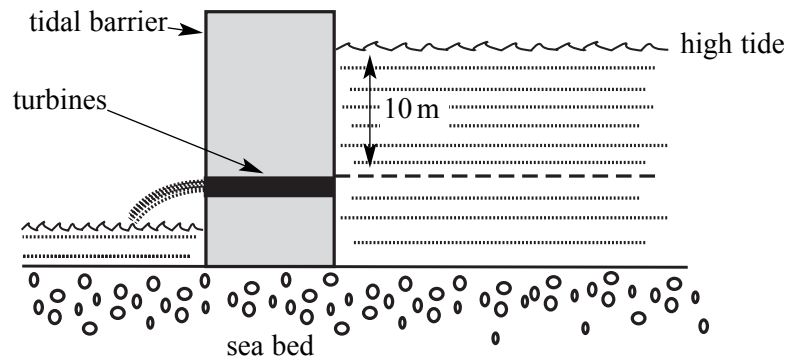
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**TURN OVER FOR THE NEXT QUESTION**

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- 4 Tidal power could make a significant contribution to UK energy requirements. This question is about a tidal power station which traps sea water behind a tidal barrier at high tide and then releases the water through turbines 10.0 m below the high tide mark.



- (i) Calculate the mass of sea water covering an area of  $120 \text{ km}^2$  and depth 10.0 m.

density of sea water =  $1100 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

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- (ii) Calculate the maximum loss of potential energy of the sea water in part (i) when it is released through the turbines.

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- (iii) The potential energy of the sea water released through the turbines, calculated in part (ii), is lost over a period of 6.0 hours. Estimate the average power output of the power station over this time period. Assume the power station efficiency is 40%.

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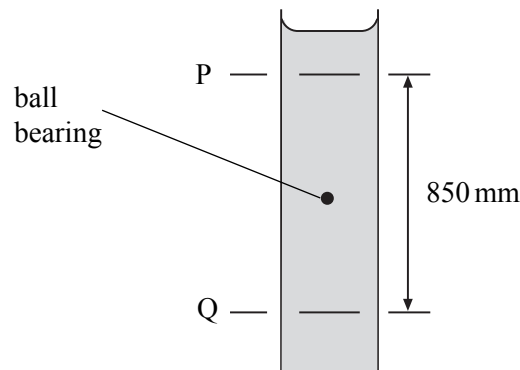
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- 5 A student carried out an experiment to determine the terminal speed of various ball bearings as they fell through a viscous liquid. She did this by timing their fall between two marks, P and Q, which were 850 mm apart on a vertical glass tube.



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

- (a) (i) Describe the motion of a ball bearing after being released from rest at the surface.

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- (ii) In terms of the forces acting, explain why a ball bearing reaches a terminal speed under these conditions.

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(b) The student's results are shown in **columns A** and **B**. Complete **column C**.

<b>column A</b>	<b>column B</b>	<b>column C</b>	<b>column D</b>	<b>column E</b>
radius of ball bearing $r/\text{mm}$	time of fall/s (through 850 mm)	terminal speed $v/\text{mm s}^{-1}$	$\log_{10}(r/\text{mm})$	$\log_{10}(v/\text{mm s}^{-1})$
1.62	32.0		0.210	
1.98	21.4		0.297	
2.21	17.2		0.344	
2.73	11.3		0.436	
3.40	7.2		0.531	
4.12	4.9		0.615	

(2 marks)

(c) The relationship between  $v$  and  $r$  is known to be of the form

$$v = kr^n,$$

where  $n$  and  $k$  are constants.

(i) Enter the corresponding values for  $\log_{10}(v/\text{mm s}^{-1})$  in **column E** of the table in part (b).

(ii) Using the grid opposite, plot a graph of  $\log_{10}(v/\text{mm s}^{-1})$  on the  $y$ -axis, against  $\log_{10}(r/\text{mm})$  on the  $x$ -axis. (4 marks)

(d) Use your graph to determine

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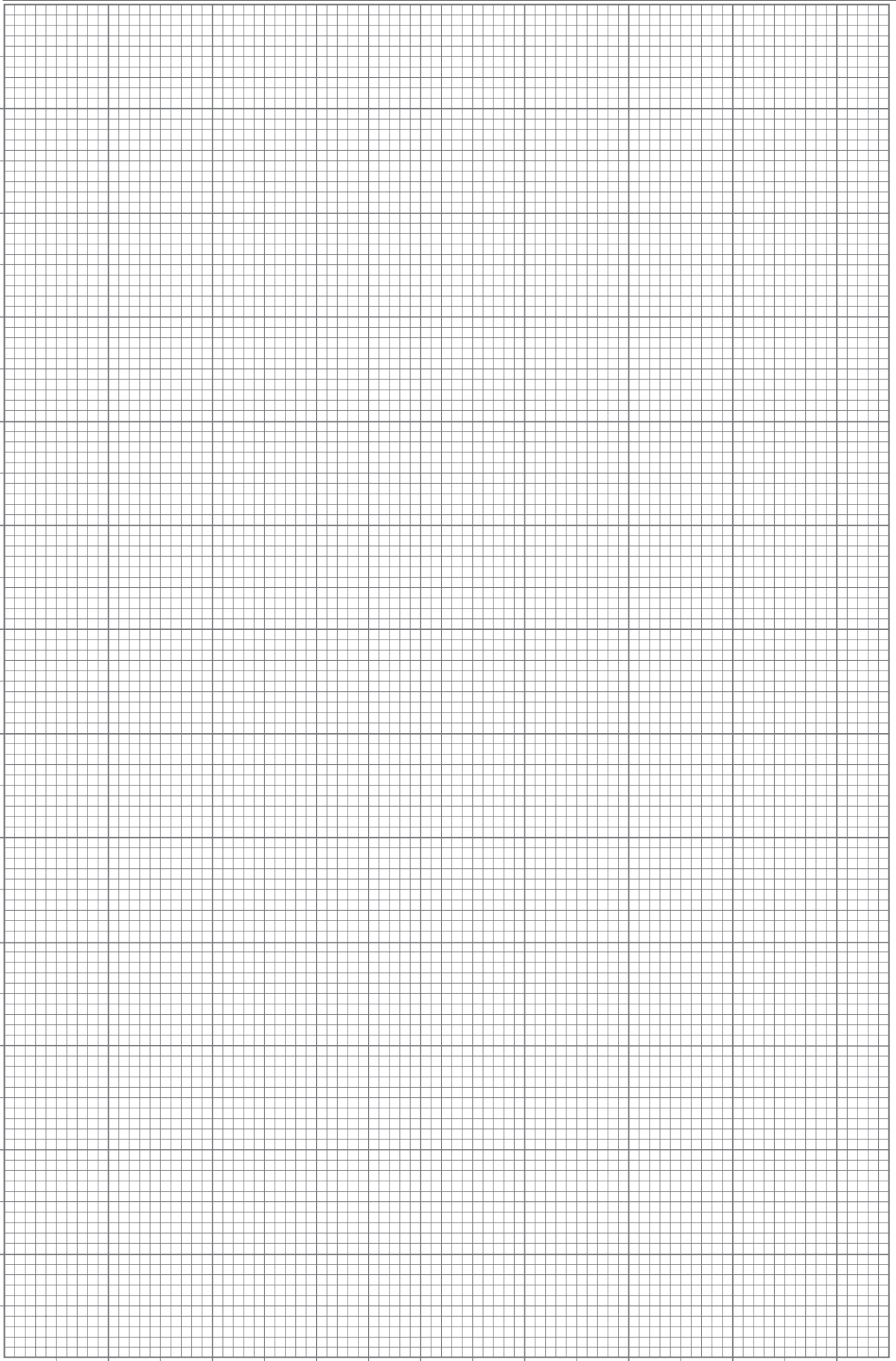
(ii) the constant  $k$ .

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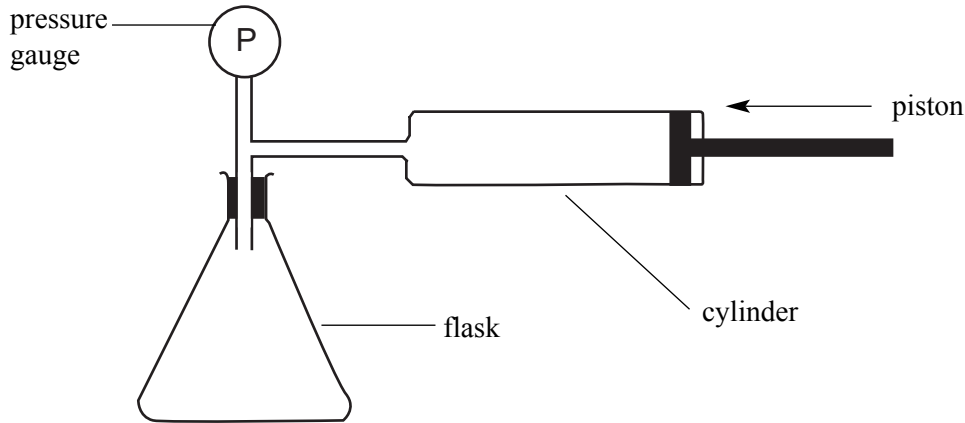
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- 6 The diagram shows an arrangement that is used to measure the density of a powder. The air in the cylinder is forced into the flask and the air pressure is measured, by the pressure gauge P, before and after the change. The test is then repeated with the powder present in the flask. In both tests, the initial pressure in the flask is the same.



- (a) (i) Explain why, after compression of the air the pressure in the flask is greater when the powder is present than when it is not present.

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

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- (ii) Calculate the pressure in the flask, after compression at constant temperature, when no powder was present. Assume that the volume of the tubes and pressure gauge is negligible.

$$\text{volume of the empty flask} = 2.50 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{volume of the cylinder} = 1.00 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{initial pressure of the air in the flask and cylinder} = 100 \text{ kPa.}$$

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(b) To test the apparatus, 0.13 kg of powder of density  $2700 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$  was placed in the flask before compression.

(i) Calculate the volume of this amount of powder.

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(ii) The pressure of the air in the flask increased to 150 kPa when the test was carried out with this amount of powder in the flask. By carrying out an appropriate calculation, justify whether or not the test was successful.

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**TURN OVER FOR THE NEXT QUESTION**

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7 (a) An electric shower heats water from  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $47^{\circ}\text{C}$  when water flows through it at a rate of  $0.045\text{ kg s}^{-1}$ .

(i) Calculate the energy supplied to the water each second by the heating element in the shower.

specific heat capacity of water =  $4200\text{ J kg}^{-1}\text{ K}^{-1}$

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(ii) Show that the power of the heating element is  $6.0\text{ kW}$ . Assume there is no heat loss to the surroundings.

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(3 marks)

(b) (i) The heating element in part (a) is connected to an alternating supply at  $230\text{ V rms}$ . Calculate the rms current passing through the heating element in normal operation.

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(ii) The live wire and the neutral wire in the connecting cable are insulated copper wires of diameter  $2.4\text{ mm}$ . Calculate the resistance per metre length of copper wire of this diameter.

resistivity of copper =  $1.7 \times 10^{-8}\text{ }\Omega\text{ m}$

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- (iii) Show that in normal operation, the potential drop per metre along the cable is  $0.20 \text{ V m}^{-1}$ .

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- (iv) Electrical safety regulations require the potential drop along the cable to be less than  $6.0 \text{ V}$ . Calculate the maximum safe distance along the cable from the distribution board to the heating element.

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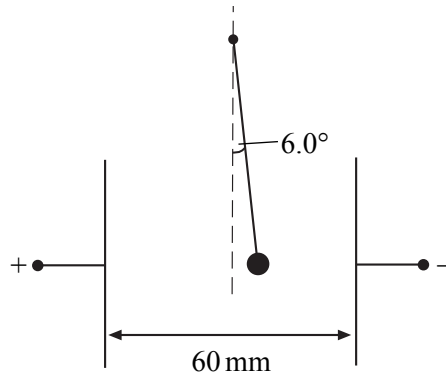
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**TURN OVER FOR THE NEXT QUESTION**

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- 8 A small charged sphere of mass  $2.1 \times 10^{-4}$  kg, suspended from a thread of insulating material, was placed between two vertical parallel plates 60 mm apart. When a potential difference of 4200 V was applied to the plates, the sphere moved until the thread made an angle of  $6.0^\circ$  to the vertical, as shown in the diagram below.



- (a) Show that the electrostatic force  $F$  on the sphere is given by

$$F = mg \tan 6.0^\circ$$

where  $m$  is the mass of the sphere.

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(3 marks)

- (b) Calculate

- (i) the electric field strength between the plates,

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- (ii) the charge on the sphere.

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QUALITY OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (2 marks)

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