

# Physics Practice Papers Answers for All Boards

## Paper 1

1.1 a Kinetic energy =  $0.5 \times \text{mass} \times \text{speed}^2$ . Or  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$

b Kinetic energy =  $0.5 \times \text{mass} \times \text{speed}^2$

Kinetic energy =  $0.5 \times 3 \times 10^2$   
= 150 J or joules

c Kinetic energy =  $0.5 \times \text{mass} \times \text{speed}^2$

Kinetic energy =  $0.5 \times 8 \times 10^2$   
= 400 J or joules

d  $E_k = 0.5 \times m \times v^2$  rearrange to

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times E_k}{m}}$$

[Accept alternative direct substitution method into original equation then rearrange]

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 576}{8}} = 12 \text{ m/s}$$

e Speed of dog relative to cat =  $12 - 10 = 2 \text{ m/s}$

speed =  $\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$  rearrange to

$$\text{time} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$$

$$\text{time} = \frac{10}{2} = 5 \text{ seconds}$$

1.2 a Light as a pathway transferring energy by radiation

b Elastic potential

c Vibrational/mechanical

d Chemical

e Kinetic

f Gravitational potential

1.3 Bradley increases his chemical store by eating his breakfast; When he is cycling up the hill he is depleting his chemical store; meanwhile he is increasing his gravitational store; and increasing his kinetic store; At the top of the hill his gravitational store is at a maximum; As he descends his gravitational store decreases and his kinetic store increases (If he is free-wheeling his chemical store remains fairly constant); On hitting his brakes at the bottom, a redistribution takes place from his (and the bike's) kinetic energy store to the thermal store of the brake disk, wheels and other parts where friction takes place.

2.1 a Atoms must be approximately the same size; In liquid diagram spaces cannot be any bigger than actual atoms; In gas diagram at least approximately 75% of box should be empty space;

Solid: ordered, regular close together, vibration around a fixed point.

Liquid: close together, disordered, multidirectional weaker bonds.

Gas: far apart, high speed, random motion.

b Particles/atoms/molecules

c Keep the marbles together in a uniform/ordered/regular pattern, then vibrate them slightly.

d Shake the marbles hard/so some of the marbles fall out of the tray; High speed molecules that evaporate are like the marbles that leave the tray; Only the fastest marbles with the highest energy in the kinetic store will leave the tray.

3.1  $E = m \times c \times \Delta\theta$

$$E = 0.25 \times 4200 \times 10$$

$$E = 10500 \text{ J or joules}$$

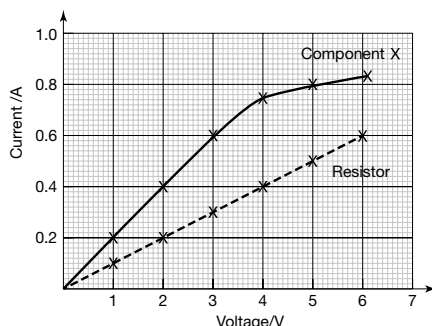
3.2  $E_p = mgh$  rearrange to:

$$m = \frac{E_p}{g \times h}; 6 \text{ kJ} = 6000 \text{ J}$$

$$m = \frac{6000}{10 \times 12}; = 50 \text{ kg}$$

4.1 a Correctly labelled axis and units; correctly plotted points

b Resistor straight line with ruler; and filament lamp straight line then curve



c Filament lamp; Device only ohmic within a limited range; Then resistance increases as potential difference (or temperature) increases.

d  $10\Omega$ ; evidence of using line of best fit, not single value, to calculate the resistance.

5.1 a  $E_p = mgh$

$$E_p = 2000 \times 10 \times 90$$

$$E_p = 1800000 \text{ J}$$

$$E_p = 1800 \text{ kJ}$$

b  $E_p = mgh$  and  $E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

All potential energy store converted to kinetic energy of carriage and passengers; [Expressed in words or as equation]

$$mgh = 0.5 \times m \times v^2$$

$$v = \frac{g \times h}{0.5}$$

$$v = \frac{10 \times 90}{0.5} = 42.4 \text{ m/s}$$

6.1 a An alpha emitter ionises the air and allows a current to flow; It is not very penetrative so smoke prevents the alpha emitter from continuing to ionise the air.

b Radiation is ionising; Tampering with an alpha emitter could lead to irradiation or contamination; If ingested, alpha radiation could be extremely dangerous.

c The time it takes; for the number of nuclei of the isotope to halve. [Accept other correct definition linked to mass/count-rate/activity]

d  $1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} = 2$  half-lives

e  $2 \times 433 = 866$  years

6.2 a a - 2; b - 1; c - 4; d - 3

b Beta decay

c A helium nucleus

7.1 When an object becomes **charged** it creates an **electric** field; The field **exerts a force** on other charged objects placed inside the field; It exerts an **attractive** force on objects with **opposite** charge and; a **repulsive** force on objects with the **same** charge.

8.1 a Beta (radiation)

b Neutron splits; and emits a proton; and an electron.

c It will prevent contamination.

d It will not prevent irradiation; as beta radiation will penetrate gloves (and skin).

e Keep source at arm's length with tongs, then place inside a lead-lined box.

9.1 a Volume = length × breadth × height = 4 × 2 × 3 = 24 cm<sup>3</sup>

b density =  $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{192}{24} = 8 \text{ g/cm}^3$

c g/cm<sup>3</sup> → kg/m<sup>3</sup> = 8 × 1000; = 8000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

d Side B because it has a smaller area; and area is inversely proportional to pressure.

e Conversion of mass to weight = × 10 N/kg because  $W = mg$

Conversion of cm<sup>2</sup> to m<sup>2</sup> ÷ 10000

Area of face A = 4 × 3 = 12 cm<sup>2</sup>

Pressure =  $\frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}}$

$\frac{0.192 \times 10}{\frac{12}{10000}} = 1600 \text{ Pa}$   
= 1.6 kPa

**Paper 2**

1 Non-contact forces: gravity; and electrostatic.

Contact forces: friction; and air resistance.

2 a N/kg

b m/s<sup>2</sup>

c force

d Nm

3 a Pressure due to a column of liquid ( $p$ ) = height of column ( $h$ ) × density of liquid ( $\rho$ ) × gravitational field strength ( $g$ )  
or  $p = h \times \rho \times g$  (accept words or correct symbols and penalise incorrect use of uppercase letters in symbols)

b Pressure increases with depth or height of column of water; because of  $p = h\rho g$ ; Deeper hole has higher pressure so water is pushed out further.

c i  $p = h\rho g = 25 \times 1027 \times 10 = 256800$  or 257 000; Pa (or 257 or 256.8 kPa for 3 marks) (accept N/m<sup>2</sup> for Pa)

ii  $p = h\rho g$  rearrange to:  $h = \frac{p}{\rho g}$ ;  
 $\frac{22000}{1027 \times 10} = 2.14$ ; m

4 a Triangle area = 0.5 ×  $b \times h$   
rectangle area =  $b \times h$

triangles:

$0.5 \times 15 \times 40 = 300$  m and  
 $0.5 \times 20 \times 10 = 100$  m; (both triangle areas required)

rectangle: 20 × 40 = 800

Total distance = 300 + 100 + 800 = 1200 m

b Acceleration =  $\frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time taken}}$   
 $= \frac{50 - 40}{35 - 15} = \frac{10}{20} = 0.5$ ; m/s<sup>2</sup>

c Constant speed

d Deceleration/negative acceleration/slowing down

5 a Momentum of bullet:  $p = mv = 0.020 \times 500 = 10$ ; kg m/s (moment unidirection → not required)

b Velocity of block and bullet =  $\frac{\text{momentum of bullet}}{\text{combined mass}}$ ;  
 $= \frac{10}{10 + 0.020}$ ;  
= 0.99 or 1 m/s

c  $E_k = \frac{1}{2} 0.5 \times 10.02 \times 1^2$ ;  
= 5.01 J or joules

d All  $E_k$  is conserved and transferred to gravitational store of block so:  $E_k = E_p$

$mgh = 5.01$  J; necessary to

rearrange to  $h = \frac{5.01}{m \times g}$

$h = \frac{5.01}{m \times g} = \frac{5.01}{10.02 \times 10} = 0.05$  m  
(accept 5 cm or 50 mm)

6  $p = m \times v = 1000 \times 20 = 20000$  kg m/s

Change in momentum = force × time, rearrange to:

force =  $\frac{\text{change in momentum}}{\text{time}}$   
 $= \frac{20000}{0.05} = 400000$  N

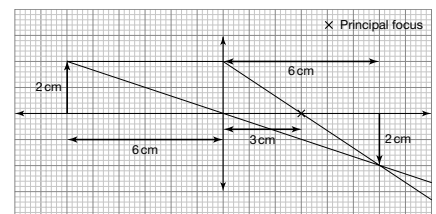
7 a The transducer sends a pulse; and is able to detect the reflected pulse; The pulse is partially reflected from the different tissue boundaries in its path; The different pulses reflected arrive back (to the transducer) at different times; The transducer is moved across the body; and the pulses detected by the transducer can be used to form images of the internal tissue of the foetus.

b X-rays are ionising and; therefore may be harmful to a developing foetus; Ultrasound has no harmful effects; Ultrasound is reflected from different boundaries allowing images of organs and other soft tissues to be formed.

8 The speed of the light wave is reduced in the block; The light wave is refracted;

The wavelength is also decreased inside the block; The light ray bends towards the normal.

9 a Horizontal line from object to lens; line from top of object through centre of lens to intersection point; line from top of lens passing through focal point; intersection of at least two lines; image drawn with arrow (allow the construction lines through focal point on object side and parallel line to principal axis as alternative to mark points 1 and 2)



b Convex

c Real

d × 1

magnification =  $\frac{\text{image height}}{\text{object height}}$

$= \frac{2.0}{2.0} = \times 1 \pm 10\%$

(accept stated as words: image is neither enlarged or diminished but same size as object)

10 Place magnet on a large piece of paper (A3); Draw around magnet with a pencil (so it doesn't move during the experiment); Place the compass near the magnet and draw a dot in front of arrow point; Move compass so tail of compass is over the dot and draw a new dot; Continue to move the compass so that in each position it aligns itself with the magnetic field of the magnet; At the end, join the lines and remember to include the arrows showing direction north to south.

11 a Clockwise

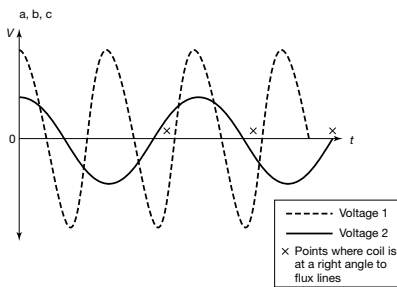
b Clockwise

c No the motors will not all rotate at the same speed; B will rotate faster than A and C; B has more cells, so there will be a greater current in the coil (than A and D) so a greater force.

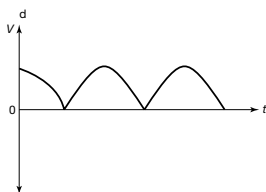
d Stronger magnet; or increase number of turns.

12 a A cosine wave form (accept starting at positive or negative max value); graph marked when voltage is zero; at least 2 points labelled.

- b** Trace is twice the amplitude as potential difference 1; Trace is twice the frequency of potential difference 1.
- c** dc wave form with negative part of sinusoidal trace inverted.



- d** Split-ring commutator = dc; slip rings = ac.



- e** The output of the split-ring commutator is dc, whereas the output of the slip rings is ac.
- 13 a** Gravity; and outward force of fusion energy.
- b** Red giant stage; hydrogen fuel is used up; Outer layers expand and start to cool and become red.
  - c** Larger (mass) stars burn hotter to balance greater gravitational force; so run out of fuel faster than the Sun; When fuel runs out it expands and instead of becoming a red giant it becomes a red super giant; For both large (mass) and very large (mass) stars the next stage is a supernova. This is where the outer layers are blown off in an 'explosion'; For a large star the supernova core collapses to a neutron star; A neutron star is very, very dense and although small has a huge gravitational field; For a very, very large star

the supernova core continues to collapse until a black hole is formed; A black hole is a tiny point with a huge gravitational field and the pull is so great not even light can escape.