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## PHYSICS

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Paper 2 AS Level Structured Questions

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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- 1 (a) The list below shows some SI quantities.

Underline the quantity that is **not** an SI base quantity.

charge

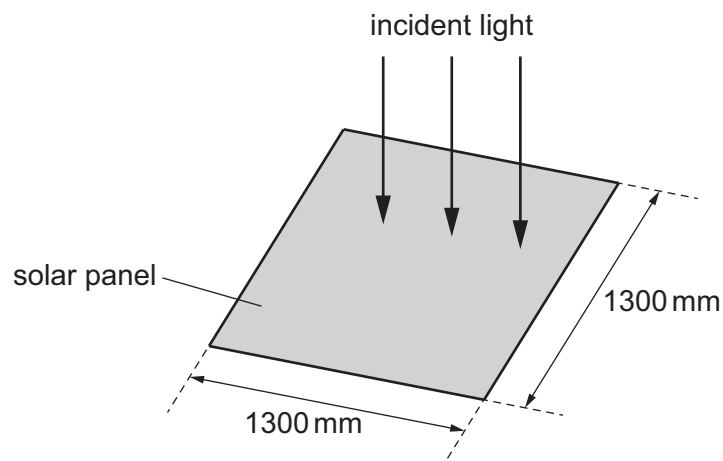
current

length

time

[1]

- (b) A square solar panel with sides of length 1300 mm is shown in Fig. 1.1.



**Fig. 1.1** (not to scale)

Light is incident normally on the solar panel.

- (i) The power of the light incident on the solar panel is 750 W.

Calculate the intensity of the light.

intensity = .....  $\text{Wm}^{-2}$  [3]

- (ii) The percentage uncertainty in the incident power is  $\pm 3\%$ .  
The uncertainty in the length of each side is  $\pm 5 \text{ mm}$ .

Calculate the percentage uncertainty in the intensity of the light.

percentage uncertainty = ..... % [2]

(iii) The useful power output of the solar panel is 160 W.

Calculate the percentage efficiency of the solar panel.

efficiency = ..... % [1]

(iv) Another square solar panel is placed so that light of the same intensity is incident normally on it. The new panel has shorter sides than the original panel. The new panel has the same power output as the original panel.

State and explain whether the efficiency of the new panel is greater than, less than or the same as the efficiency of the original panel.

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..... [3]

[Total: 10]

- 2 A skydiver jumps from an aircraft at time  $t = 0$  and falls vertically downwards. The variation with  $t$  of her velocity  $v$  is shown in Fig. 2.1.

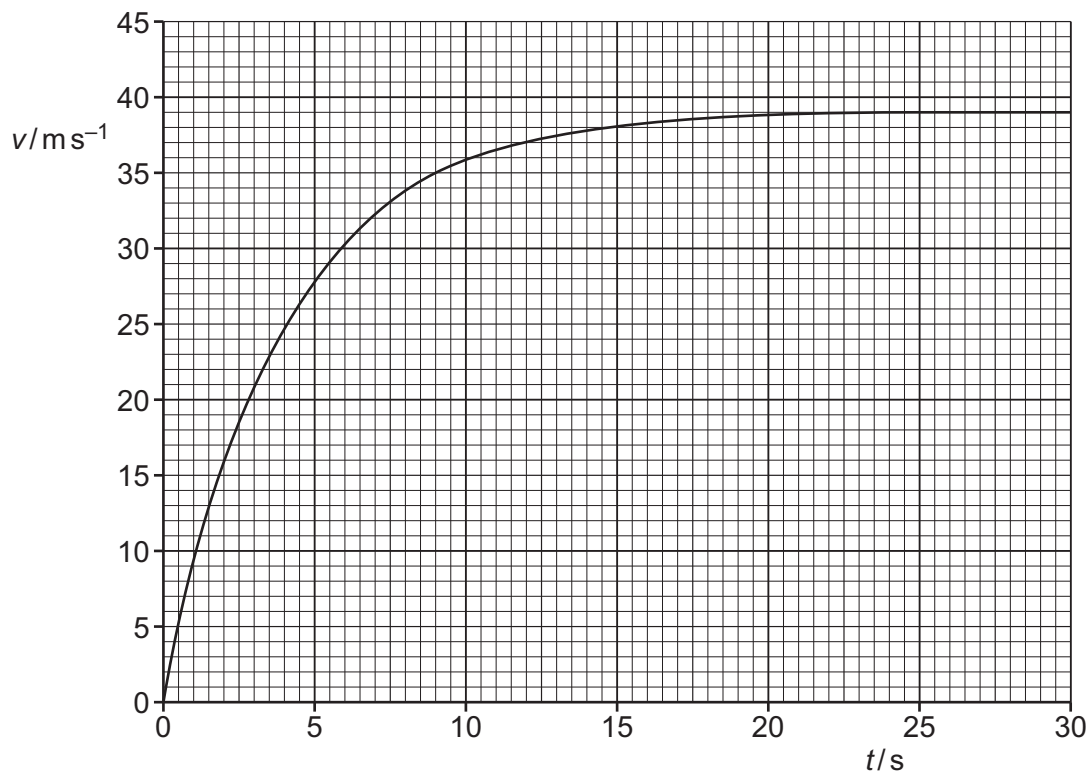


Fig. 2.1

- (a) (i) Using Fig. 2.1, state the terminal velocity of the skydiver.

terminal velocity = .....  $\text{ms}^{-1}$  [1]

- (ii) By drawing a suitable line on Fig. 2.1, determine the acceleration of the skydiver at time  $t = 9.0 \text{ s}$ .

acceleration = .....  $\text{ms}^{-2}$  [2]

- (b) The mass of the skydiver and her equipment is 68 kg. The upthrust on the skydiver is negligible.

After reaching terminal velocity, the skydiver opens her parachute at time  $t_1$ . A total drag force of 1800 N acts on the skydiver.

Determine the magnitude and direction of the acceleration of the skydiver at time  $t_1$ .

acceleration = .....ms<sup>-2</sup>

direction = .....  
[3]

- (c) The parachute is fully open at time  $t_2$ . At a later time  $t_3$  the skydiver reaches a constant velocity of 5.7 ms<sup>-1</sup>.

- (i) Describe and explain the variation with time of the magnitude of her acceleration between time  $t_2$  and time  $t_3$ .

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..... [2]

- (ii) Calculate the change in momentum of the skydiver between time  $t_1$  and time  $t_3$ .

change in momentum = ..... N s [2]

[Total: 10]

- 3 Lightning occurs when charge builds up in the atmosphere, creating a potential difference between the ground and the atmosphere.

During a lightning strike there is an average current of  $3.3 \times 10^4 \text{ A}$  for a time of  $2.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}$ .

- (a) Calculate the charge transferred during the lightning strike.

charge = ..... C [2]

- (b) The potential difference between the ground and the atmosphere is  $3.0 \times 10^7 \text{ V}$ .

Calculate the average power, in GW, transferred during the lightning strike.

power = ..... GW [2]

- (c) A lightning rod is attached to a tall building to conduct charge safely to the ground. The lightning rod is modelled as a uniform cylindrical copper cable of total length 95 m that runs from the ground to the top of the building, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

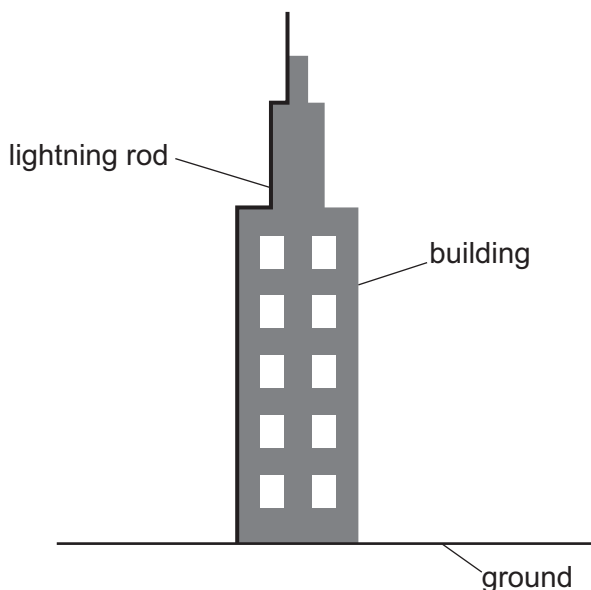


Fig. 3.1

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- (i) The resistance of the lightning rod is  $9.6\,\Omega$ .  
The resistivity of copper is  $1.7 \times 10^{-8}\,\Omega\text{m}$ .

Determine the radius of the lightning rod.

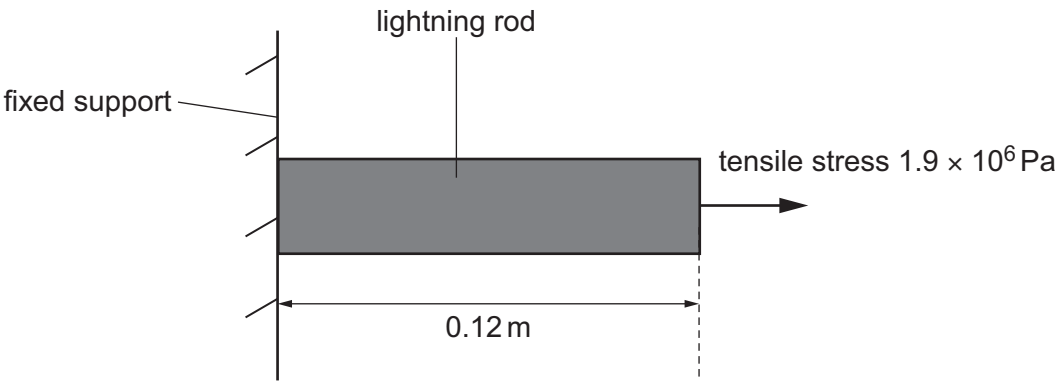
radius = ..... m [3]

- (ii) The radius of the copper lightning rod is doubled with no change to its length.

State the effect of this change on the resistance of the lightning rod.

..... [1]

- (d) A section of the lightning rod of length  $0.12\text{m}$  is removed for testing. A tensile stress of  $1.9 \times 10^6\text{Pa}$  is applied, as shown in Fig. 3.2.



**Fig. 3.2** (not to scale)

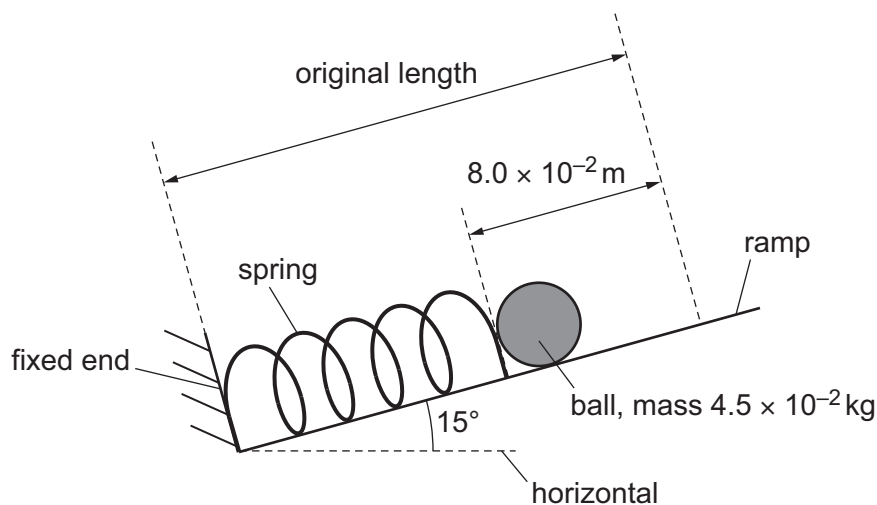
The section of the rod obeys Hooke's law. The Young modulus of copper is  $1.3 \times 10^{11}\text{Pa}$ .

Calculate the extension of the section.

extension = ..... m [3]

[Total: 11]

- 4 A pinball machine uses a spring to launch a small metal ball of mass  $4.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kg}$  up a ramp. The spring is compressed by  $8.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$  and held in equilibrium, as shown in Fig. 4.1.



**Fig. 4.1** (not to scale)

The ramp is at an angle of  $15^\circ$  to the horizontal.

- (a) The spring obeys Hooke's law and has a spring constant of  $29 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ .

Calculate the elastic potential energy in the compressed spring.

elastic potential energy = ..... J [2]

- (b) The spring is released and expands quickly back to its original length.

- (i) Calculate the increase in gravitational potential energy of the ball when the spring returns to its original length.

increase in gravitational potential energy = ..... J [3]



- (ii) The ball leaves the spring when the spring reaches its original length. Assume that all the elastic potential energy of the spring is transferred to the ball.

Calculate the speed of the ball as it leaves the spring.

speed = .....  $\text{ms}^{-1}$  [3]

- (c) The ball comes to rest on a horizontal trapdoor of negligible mass at a distance  $d$  from its pivot.  
A force  $F$  acts vertically downwards at a distance of 2.0 cm from the pivot, as shown in Fig. 4.2.

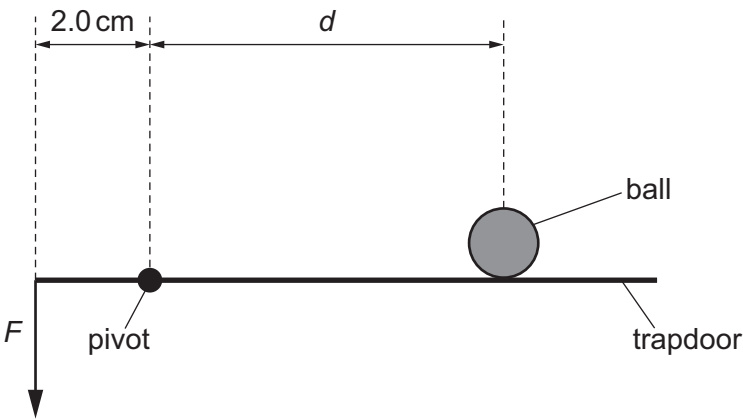


Fig. 4.2 (not to scale)

- (i) The trapdoor is in equilibrium when  $F$  is 1.7 N.

Calculate  $d$ .

$d$  = ..... m [2]

- (ii) Force  $F$  is decreased from 1.7 N.

State the direction of the resultant moment about the pivot on the trapdoor.

..... [1]

[Total: 11]

- 5 (a) State Kirchhoff's second law.

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..... [1]

- (b) A battery of electromotive force (e.m.f.) 9.0V and negligible internal resistance is connected in series with a variable resistor X and a thermistor Y as shown in Fig. 5.1.

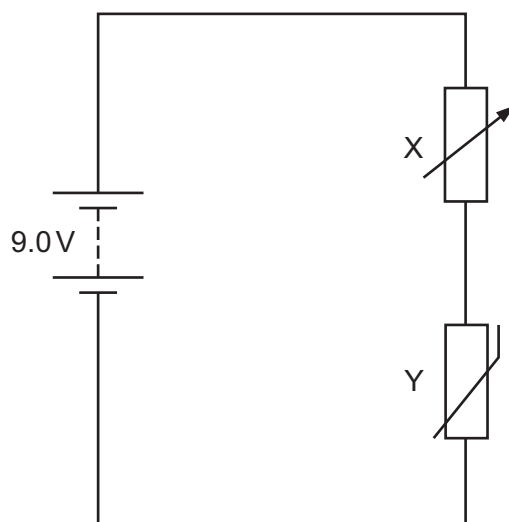


Fig. 5.1

Fig. 5.2 shows the relationship between temperature and resistance for the thermistor.

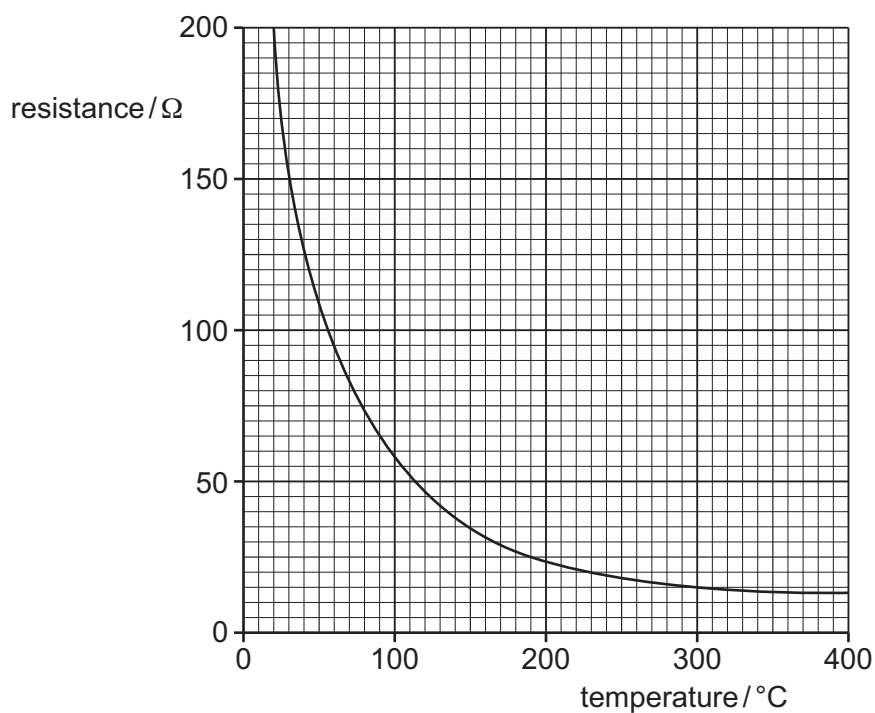


Fig. 5.2

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- (i) The current in the circuit is  $1.1 \times 10^{-2}\text{A}$ . The potential difference across Y is 4.0V.  
Calculate the resistance of X.

resistance = .....  $\Omega$  [2]

- (ii) The temperature of Y is changed to 190 °C. The resistance of X remains unchanged.  
Determine the new potential difference across Y.

potential difference = ..... V [3]

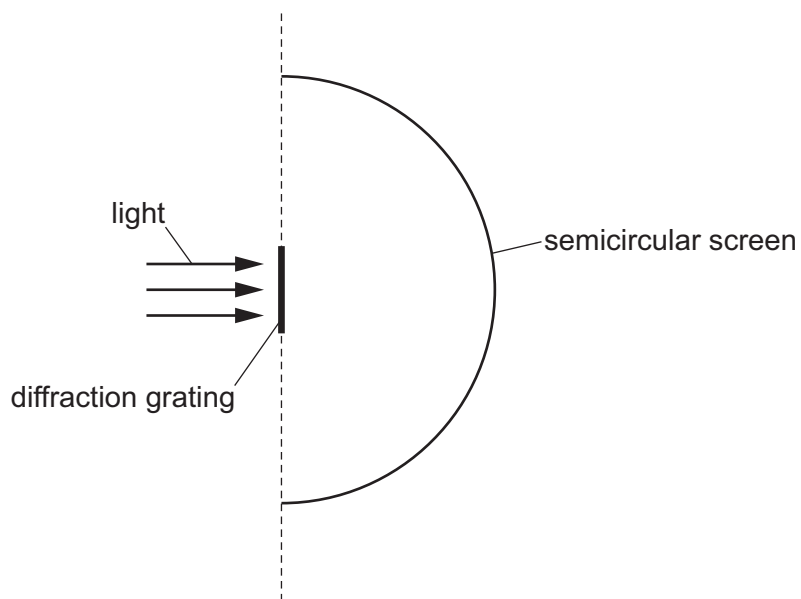
- (iii) The resistance of X is increased. The temperature of Y remains at 190 °C.

By reference to the current in the circuit, state and explain the effect of this change, if any, on the potential difference **across Y**.

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..... [3]

[Total: 9]

- 6 Light of a single frequency is incident normally on a diffraction grating. An interference pattern of bright and dark fringes forms on the semicircular screen shown in Fig. 6.1.



**Fig. 6.1** (not to scale)

The light has wavelength 520 nm.

The separation of the lines in the grating is  $3.8 \times 10^{-6}$  m.

- (a) Determine the total number of bright fringes formed on the screen.

number of bright fringes = ..... [3]

(b) The light is replaced with red light of a single frequency.

(i) State whether the frequency of the red light is greater than, less than or the same as the frequency of the original light.

..... [1]

(ii) State and explain the effect of this change on the number of bright fringes formed on the screen. A calculation is not required.

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..... [2]

[Total: 6]

- 7 A particle Q and a particle R are each composed of one quark and one antiquark.
- (a) State the name of the class (group) of particles that includes Q and R.
- ..... [1]
- (b) Q has a charge of  $-1e$ , where  $e$  is the elementary charge. R has a charge of 0.

Complete Table 7.1 to show a possible second quark in each of Q and R.

Table 7.1

|   | charge | first quark | second quark |
|---|--------|-------------|--------------|
| Q | $-1e$  | strange     |              |
| R | 0      | anti-up     |              |

[2]

[Total: 3]

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