

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

- 1 (a) Distinguish between vector and scalar quantities.

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- (b) The electric field strength  $E$  at a distance  $x$  from an isolated point charge  $Q$  is given by the equation

$$E = \frac{Q}{x^2 b}$$

where  $b$  is a constant.

- (i) Use the definition of electric field strength to show that  $E$  has SI base units of  $\text{kg m A}^{-1} \text{s}^{-3}$ .

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- (ii) Use the units for  $E$  given in (b)(i) to determine the SI base units of  $b$ .

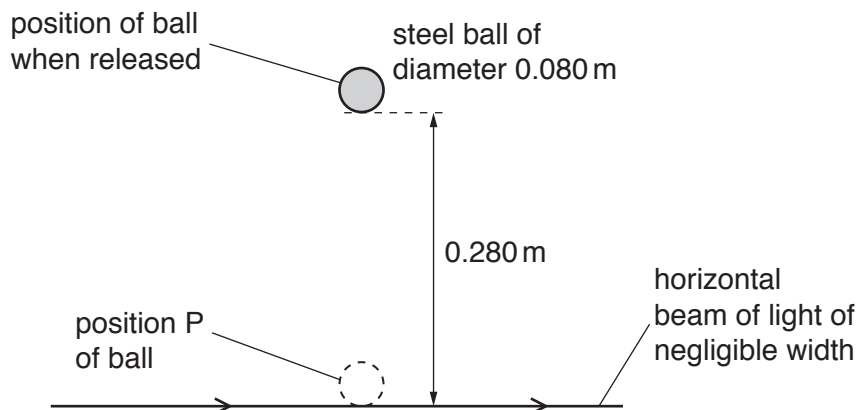
SI base units of  $b$  ..... [2]

[Total: 6]

- 2 (a) Define *acceleration*.

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- (b) A steel ball of diameter 0.080 m is released from rest and falls vertically in air, as illustrated in Fig. 2.1.



**Fig. 2.1** (not to scale)

A horizontal beam of light of negligible width is a vertical distance of 0.280 m below the bottom of the ball when it is released. The ball falls through and breaks the beam of light.

- (i) Explain why the force due to air resistance acting on the ball may be neglected when calculating the time taken for the ball to reach the beam of light.

..... [1]

- (ii) Calculate the time taken for the ball to fall from rest to position P where the bottom of the ball touches the beam of light.

time taken = ..... s [2]

- (iii) Determine the time interval during which the beam of light is broken by the ball.

time interval = ..... s [2]

- (c) A different ball is released from the same position as the steel ball in (b). This ball has the same diameter but a much lower density. For this ball, the force due to air resistance cannot be neglected as the ball falls.

State and explain the change, if any, to the time interval during which the beam of light is broken by the ball.

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[Total: 8]

- 3 (a) State Newton's third law of motion.

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- (b) A block X of mass  $m_X$  slides in a straight line along a horizontal frictionless surface, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

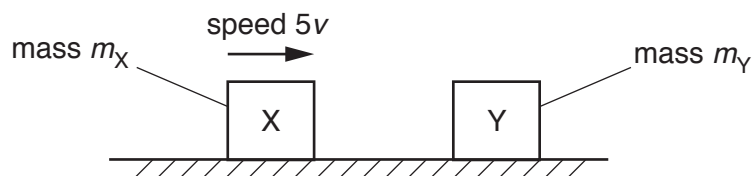


Fig. 3.1

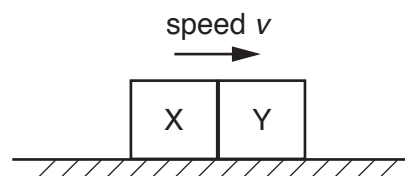


Fig. 3.2

The block X, moving with speed  $5v$ , collides head-on with a stationary block Y of mass  $m_Y$ . The two blocks stick together and then move with common speed  $v$ , as shown in Fig. 3.2.

- (i) Use conservation of momentum to show that the ratio  $\frac{m_Y}{m_X}$  is equal to 4.

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- (ii) Calculate the ratio

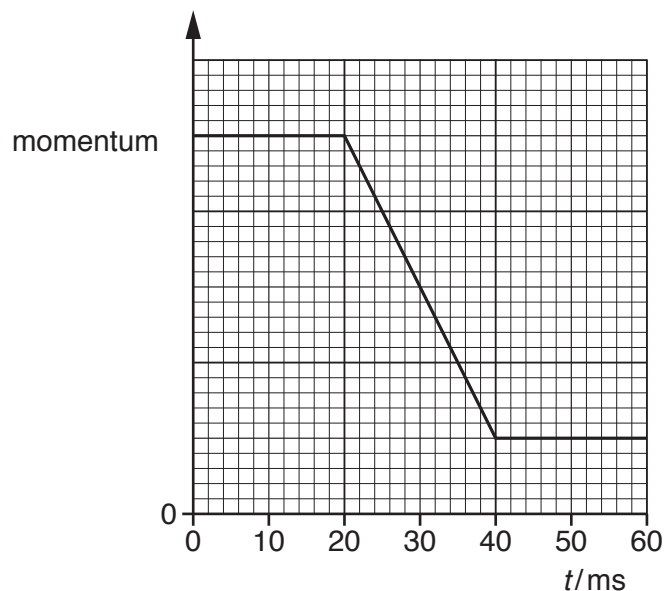
$$\frac{\text{total kinetic energy of X and Y after collision}}{\text{total kinetic energy of X and Y before collision}}.$$

ratio = ..... [3]

(iii) State the value of the ratio in (ii) for a perfectly elastic collision.

ratio = ..... [1]

(c) The variation with time  $t$  of the momentum of block X in (b) is shown in Fig. 3.3.



**Fig. 3.3**

Block X makes contact with block Y at time  $t = 20$  ms.

(i) Describe, qualitatively, the magnitude and direction of the resultant force, if any, acting on block X in the time interval:

1.  $t = 0$  to  $t = 20$  ms

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2.  $t = 20$  ms to  $t = 40$  ms.

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[3]

(ii) On Fig. 3.3, sketch the variation of the momentum of block Y with time  $t$  from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 60$  ms. [3]

[Total: 14]

- 4 (a) A sphere in a liquid accelerates vertically downwards from rest. For the viscous force acting on the moving sphere, state:

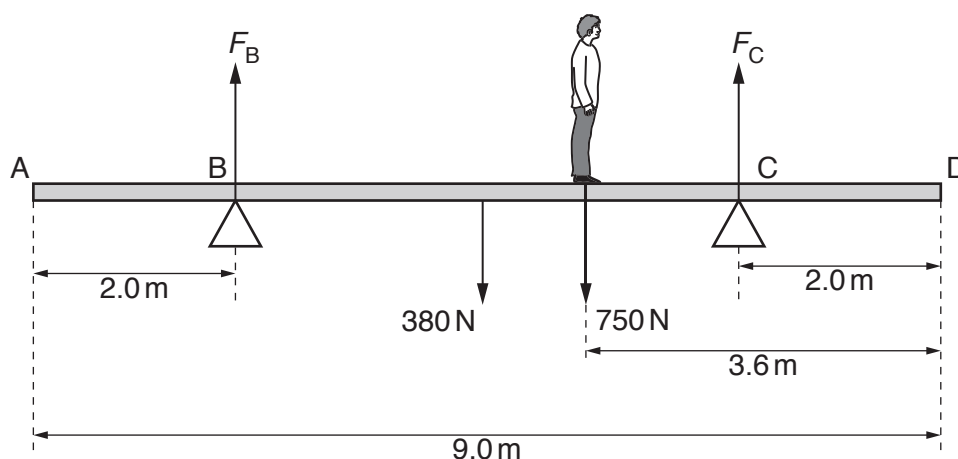
(i) the direction

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(ii) the variation, if any, in the magnitude.

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- (b) A man of weight 750 N stands a distance of 3.6 m from end D of a horizontal uniform beam AD, as shown in Fig. 4.1.



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

The beam has a weight of 380 N and a length of 9.0 m. The beam is supported by a vertical force  $F_B$  at pivot B and a vertical force  $F_C$  at pivot C. Pivot B is a distance of 2.0 m from end A and pivot C is a distance of 2.0 m from end D. The beam is in equilibrium.

(i) State the principle of moments.

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 .....  
 ..... [2]

- (ii) By using moments about pivot C, calculate  $F_B$ .

$$F_B = \dots\dots\dots \text{ N [2]}$$

- (iii) The man walks towards end D. The beam is about to tip when  $F_B$  becomes zero.

Determine the minimum distance  $x$  from end D that the man can stand without tipping the beam.

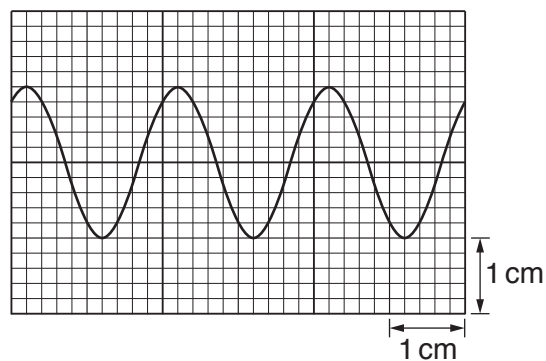
$$x = \dots\dots\dots \text{ m [2]}$$

[Total: 8]

- 5 (a) State what is meant by the *wavelength* of a progressive wave.

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- (b) A cathode-ray oscilloscope (CRO) is used to analyse a sound wave. The screen of the CRO is shown in Fig. 5.1.



**Fig. 5.1**

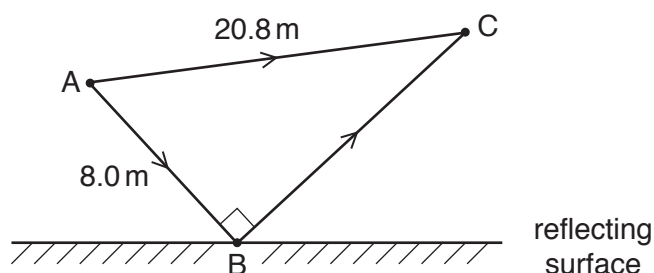
The time-base setting of the CRO is  $2.5 \text{ ms cm}^{-1}$ .

Determine the frequency of the sound wave.

frequency = ..... Hz [2]



- (c) The source emitting the sound in (b) is at point A. Waves travel from the source to point C along two different paths, AC and ABC, as shown in Fig. 5.2.



**Fig. 5.2** (not to scale)

Distance AB is 8.0 m and distance AC is 20.8 m. Angle ABC is  $90^\circ$ . Assume that there is no phase change of the sound wave due to the reflection at point B. The wavelength of the waves is 1.6 m.

- (i) Show that the waves meeting at C have a path difference of 6.4 m.

[1]

- (ii) Explain why an intensity maximum is detected at point C.

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 .....  
 ..... [2]

- (iii) Determine the difference between the times taken for the sound to travel from the source to point C along the two different paths.

time difference = ..... s [2]

- (iv) The wavelength of the sound is gradually increased. Calculate the wavelength of the sound when an intensity maximum is next detected at point C.

wavelength = ..... m [1]

[Total: 9]

- 6 (a) State Kirchhoff's first law.

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- (b) The variations with potential difference  $V$  of the current  $I$  for a resistor  $X$  and for a semiconductor diode are shown in Fig. 6.1.

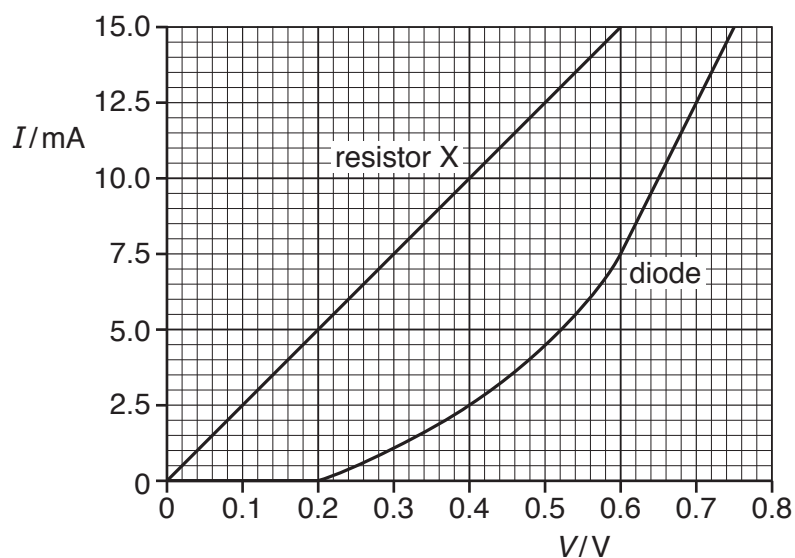


Fig. 6.1

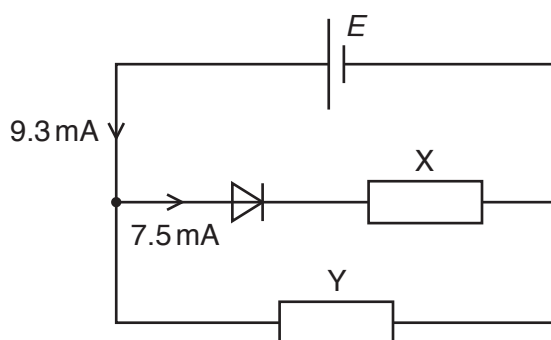
- (i) Determine the resistance of the diode for a potential difference  $V$  of 0.60 V.

resistance = .....  $\Omega$  [3]

- (ii) Describe, qualitatively, the variation of the resistance of the diode as  $V$  increases from 0.60 V to 0.75 V.

..... [1]

- (c) The diode and the resistor X in (b) are connected into the circuit shown in Fig. 6.2.



**Fig. 6.2**

The cell has electromotive force (e.m.f.)  $E$  and negligible internal resistance. Resistor Y is connected in parallel with resistor X and the diode. The current in the cell is  $9.3 \text{ mA}$  and the current in the diode is  $7.5 \text{ mA}$ .

- (i) Use Fig. 6.1 to determine  $E$ .

$$E = \dots\dots\dots \text{V} \quad [1]$$

- (ii) Determine the resistance of resistor Y.

$$\text{resistance} = \dots\dots\dots \Omega \quad [2]$$

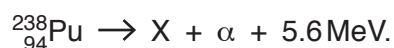
- (iii) Calculate the power dissipated in the diode.

$$\text{power} = \dots\dots\dots \text{W} \quad [2]$$

- (iv) The cell is now replaced by a new cell of e.m.f.  $0.50 \text{ V}$  and negligible internal resistance. Use Fig. 6.1 to determine the new current in the diode.

$$\text{current} = \dots\dots\dots \text{mA} \quad [1]$$

- 7 A nucleus of plutonium-238 ( ${}^{238}_{94}\text{Pu}$ ) decays by emitting an  $\alpha$ -particle to produce a new nucleus X and 5.6 MeV of energy. The decay is represented by



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

number of protons = .....

number of neutrons = .....

[2]

- (b) Calculate the number of plutonium-238 nuclei that must decay in a time of 1.0 s to produce a power of 0.15 W.

number = ..... [2]

[Total: 4]

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