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PHYSICS

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Paper 1 Multiple Choice (Core)

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45 minutes

You must answer on the multiple choice answer sheet.

You will need: Multiple choice answer sheet
Soft clean eraser
Soft pencil (type B or HB is recommended)

INSTRUCTIONS

- There are **forty** questions on this paper. Answer **all** questions.
- For each question there are four possible answers **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**. Choose the **one** you consider correct and record your choice in soft pencil on the multiple choice answer sheet.
- Follow the instructions on the multiple choice answer sheet.
- Write in soft pencil.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on the multiple choice answer sheet in the spaces provided unless this has been done for you.
- Do **not** use correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- Take the weight of 1.0 kg to be 9.8 N (acceleration of free fall = 9.8 m/s^2).

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- Each correct answer will score one mark.
- Any rough working should be done on this question paper.

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- 1** A student investigates the oscillation of a mass suspended from a spring.

The student pulls the mass down from its rest position P and then releases it so that it oscillates vertically.

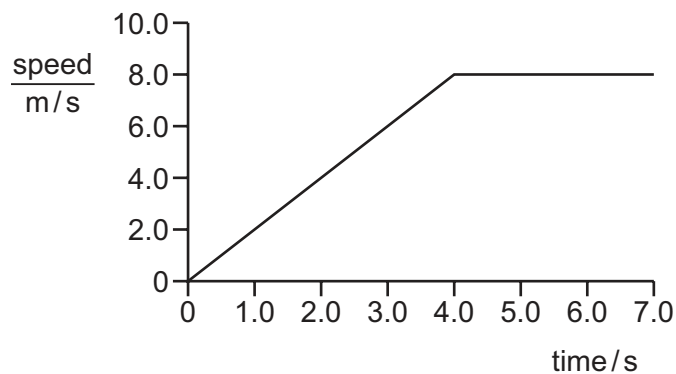
The student then follows the instructions listed to find the period of the oscillating mass.

- 1 Count 10 complete oscillations.
- 2 Divide the time on the stop-watch by 10.
- 3 Start the stop-watch as the mass passes upwards through point P.
- 4 Stop the stop-watch.

What is the correct order of these instructions?

- A** 1 → 3 → 4 → 2
- B** 3 → 1 → 4 → 2
- C** 3 → 4 → 1 → 2
- D** 4 → 3 → 2 → 1
- 2** A student measures the average speed of a cyclist in a race.
- Which quantities must she measure?
- A** the total time taken to complete the race and the time taken for the cyclist to reach her highest speed
- B** the total time taken to complete the race and the total distance travelled by the cyclist at her highest speed
- C** the total time taken to complete the race and the total distance travelled by the cyclist
- D** the time taken to reach her highest speed and the total distance travelled by the cyclist

- 3 The graph shows the motion of a sprinter.



She accelerates steadily from rest to 8.0 m/s in 4.0 s.

How far does she travel in the last three seconds of her acceleration?

- A** 9.0 m **B** 15 m **C** 16 m **D** 24 m

- 4 A person steps onto a bathroom scale.

The bathroom scale records both mass and weight.

Which row shows the readings on the bathroom scale?

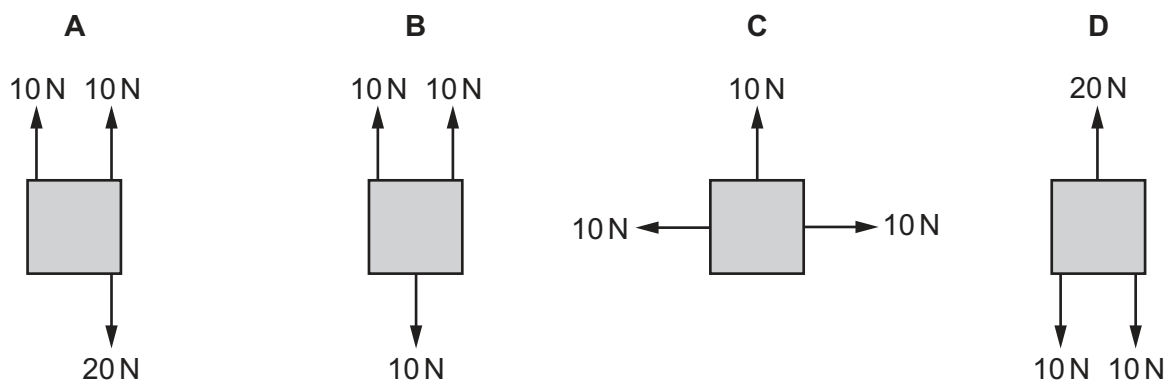
	mass	weight
A	60 N	590 kg
B	60 kg	590 N
C	590 kg	60 N
D	590 N	60 kg

- 5 Which equation is correct?

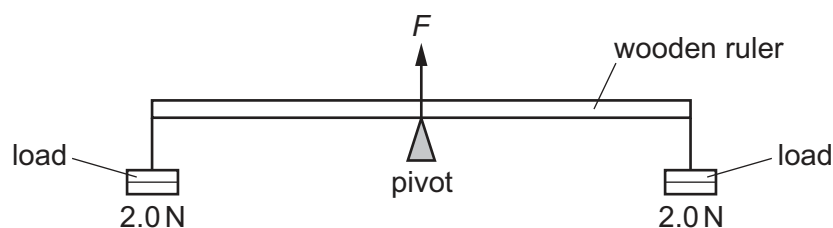
- A** density = mass $\times$ volume
B density = weight $\times$ volume
C mass = density $\times$ volume
D weight = density $\times$ volume

- 6 The diagrams show four identical objects. Each object is acted on by only the forces shown.

Which diagram shows an object in equilibrium?



- 7 A uniform wooden ruler is pivoted at its centre. A load of 2.0 N is suspended from each end of the ruler.



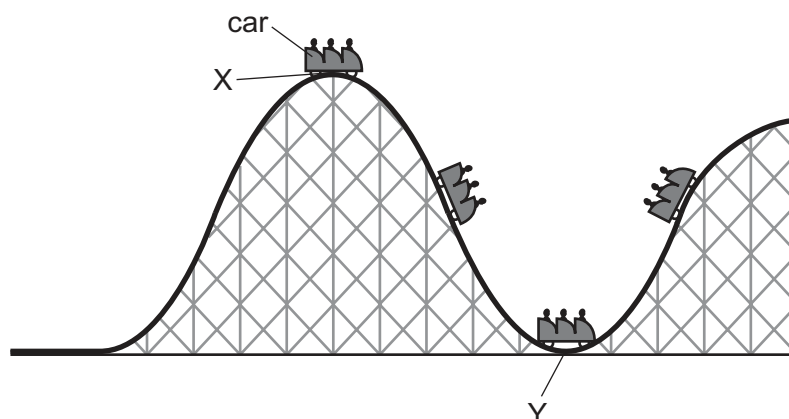
The pivot exerts an upward force F on the ruler.

What is F equal to?

- A 2.0 N
- B the weight of the ruler
- C 4.0 N
- D 4.0 N plus the weight of the ruler

- 8 The diagram shows part of a rollercoaster ride with the car at different positions.

The car runs freely down from position X to position Y and up the hill on the other side.



What happens to the energy in the kinetic store and the gravitational potential store of the car as it moves from position X to position Y?

	energy in kinetic store	energy in gravitational potential store
A	decreases	decreases
B	decreases	increases
C	increases	decreases
D	increases	increases

- 9 In a small power station, biofuel is used to generate electricity.

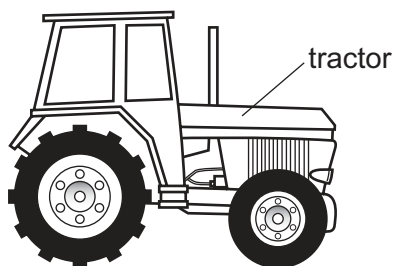
Which energy store is reduced by this process?

- A** chemical
 - B** kinetic
 - C** nuclear
 - D** thermal
- 10 An electric car is charged overnight. In 8.0 hours, 180 MJ of energy is transferred.

What is the power of the charger?

- A** 6.3 kW
- B** 380 kW
- C** 23 MW
- D** 1400 MW

- 11 Tractors have large tyres. These help to prevent the wheels from sinking into soft ground.



Which statement explains this?

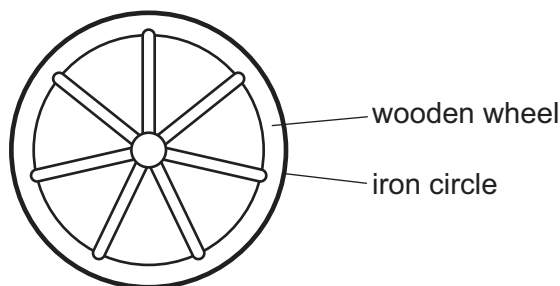
- A Larger tyres exert a greater force on the ground.
 - B Larger tyres exert a greater pressure on the ground.
 - C Larger tyres exert a smaller force on the ground.
 - D Larger tyres exert a smaller pressure on the ground.
- 12 Brownian motion is the random motion of particles.
- In which states of matter is Brownian motion observed?
- A gases, liquids and solids
 - B gases and liquids only
 - C gases and solids only
 - D liquids and solids only
- 13 A student investigates the relationship between the pressure of a gas and its volume at constant temperature. He records his results in the table.

reading	pressure N/cm ²	volume / cm ³
1	10.0	24
2	7.4	32
3	4.0	63
4	13.0	19

What is the correct conclusion from the experiment?

- A The volume decreases when the pressure increases.
- B The volume increases when the pressure increases.
- C The volume initially increases when the pressure increases, but then decreases.
- D The volume is independent of the pressure.

- 14 A wooden wheel can be strengthened by putting a tight circle of iron around it.



Which action would make it easier to fit the circle over the wood?

- A cooling the iron circle only
 - B heating the iron circle
 - C heating the wooden wheel and cooling the iron circle
 - D heating the wooden wheel but not heating or cooling the iron circle
- 15 Which diagram shows the processes happening during changes of state?

A

gas $\xrightarrow{\text{boiling}}$ liquid $\xrightarrow{\text{solidification}}$ solid

B

gas $\xrightarrow{\text{condensation}}$ liquid $\xrightarrow{\text{melting}}$ solid

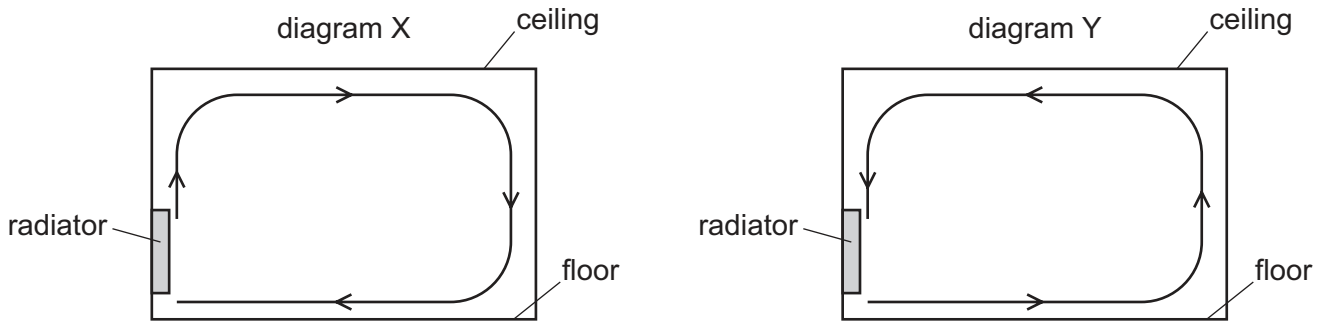
C

solid $\xrightarrow{\text{melting}}$ liquid $\xrightarrow{\text{boiling}}$ gas

D

solid $\xrightarrow{\text{solidification}}$ liquid $\xrightarrow{\text{boiling}}$ gas

16 A room is heated by a radiator. The diagrams X and Y show two possible circulations of hot air, which heat the room.



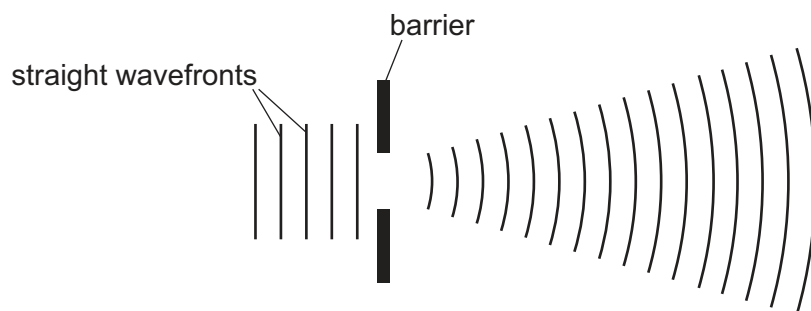
Which diagram and reason explain the heating of the room by convection?

	diagram	reason
A	X	air density decreases when air is heated
B	X	air density increases when air is heated
C	Y	air density decreases when air is heated
D	Y	air density increases when air is heated

17 Which description and example are correct for a transverse wave?

	description	example
A	The direction of vibration is parallel to the direction of propagation.	sound
B	The direction of vibration is parallel to the direction of propagation.	waves on a rope
C	The direction of vibration is at right angles to the direction of propagation.	sound
D	The direction of vibration is at right angles to the direction of propagation.	waves on a rope

- 18 Straight wavefronts on the surface of a ripple tank approach a gap in a barrier. The diagram shows how the wavefronts change shape as they pass through the gap.



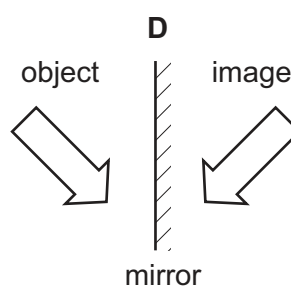
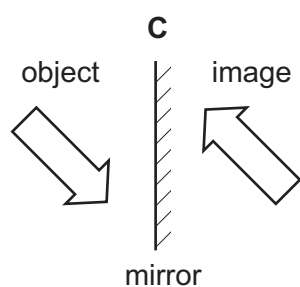
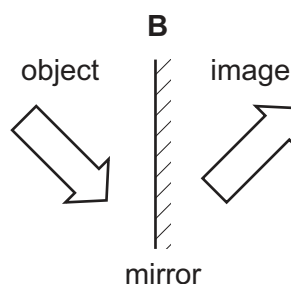
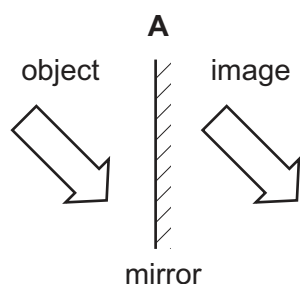
What is the name of this effect?

- A diffraction
 - B propagation
 - C reflection
 - D refraction
- 19 Red, green and violet lights are part of the visible spectrum of light.

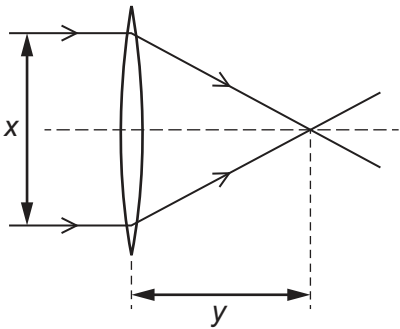
What is the order of colours from shortest to longest wavelength?

- A red → green → violet
- B red → violet → green
- C violet → red → green
- D violet → green → red

- 20 Which diagram shows the image correctly formed by reflection?



21 A student passes parallel rays of light through four different converging lenses. He measures the distance x and the distance y for each experiment.



Which lens has the longest focal length?

	x / cm	y / cm
A	4.6	2.0
B	5.1	3.1
C	5.9	2.3
D	6.1	2.4

22 The table shows different types of wave in the electromagnetic spectrum.

radio waves	microwaves	infrared waves	visible light	ultraviolet waves	X-rays	gamma rays
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Where do all the waves travel at the same speed?

- A in a vacuum
- B in diamond
- C in glass
- D in water

23 Which statement about a sound that can be heard by a person with normal hearing is correct?

- A The sound is a longitudinal wave with a frequency between 2.0 Hz and 20 Hz.
- B The sound is a longitudinal wave with a frequency between 20 Hz and 20 000 Hz.
- C The sound is a transverse wave with a frequency between 2.0 Hz and 2000 Hz.
- D The sound is a transverse wave with a frequency between 2.0 Hz and 20 MHz.

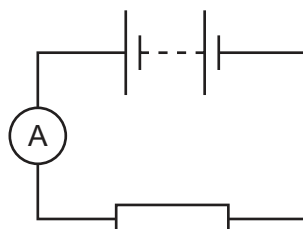
24 A hard magnetic material can be used to make a permanent magnet.

A soft magnetic material can be used to make a temporary magnet.

Which row shows whether iron and steel are hard or soft magnetic materials?

	iron	steel
A	hard	hard
B	hard	soft
C	soft	hard
D	soft	soft

25 A battery is connected to an ammeter and a resistor.



The ammeter reading is 0.20 A.

An electrical insulator is connected in parallel with the resistor.

What is the ammeter reading?

- A** 0 A
- B** between 0 A and 0.20 A
- C** 0.20 A
- D** greater than 0.20 A

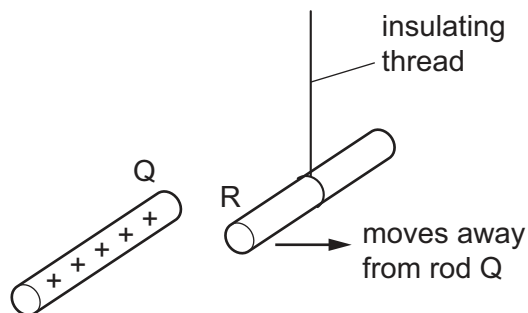
26 Which unit is used to measure electromotive force (e.m.f.)?

- A** ampere
- B** joule
- C** volt
- D** watt

27 Which equation is correct for resistance R , potential difference (p.d.) V and current I ?

- A** $R = \frac{V}{I}$
- B** $R = V + I$
- C** $R = \frac{I}{V}$
- D** $R = V \times I$

- 28 In the diagram, rod R is suspended from an insulating thread.

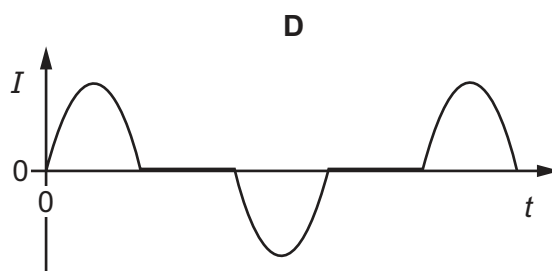
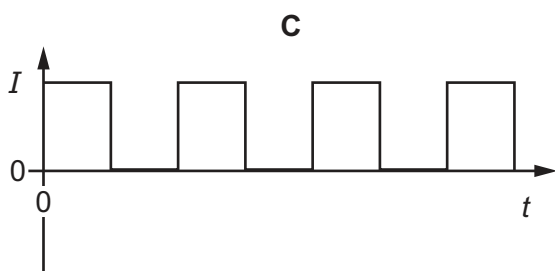
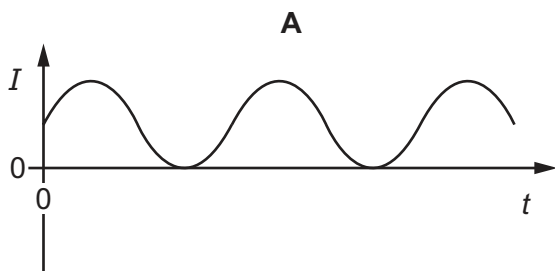


When the positively charged rod Q is brought close to rod R, rod R moves away from rod Q.

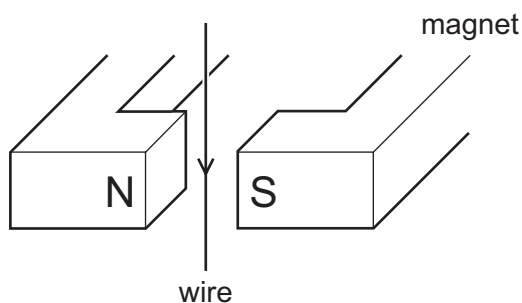
Which conclusion can be made from this observation?

- A Rod R is charged, but it is not possible to identify the sign of the charge.
 - B Rod R must be positively charged.
 - C Rod R must be negatively charged.
 - D Rod R is uncharged.
- 29 In which heating system circuit would thermistors **not** be useful?
- A to keep different rooms at different temperatures
 - B to turn an alarm on if the system overheats
 - C to turn a heating system off at a particular temperature
 - D to turn a heating system on when a sound is detected
- 30 Which statement is correct?
- A A fuse is included in a circuit to prevent the current becoming too high.
 - B A fuse should be connected to the neutral wire in a plug.
 - C An electric circuit will only work if it includes a fuse.
 - D An earth wire is needed to prevent the fuse blowing.

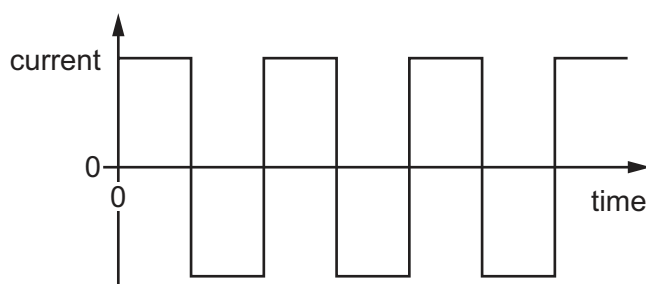
31 Which graph of current I against time t represents an alternating current (a.c.)?



32 The diagram shows a wire in the magnetic field between two poles of a magnet.



The current in the wire repeatedly changes between a constant value in one direction and a constant value in the opposite direction, as shown in the graph.



What is the effect on the wire?

- A** The force on the wire alternates between one direction and the opposite direction.
- B** The force on the wire is constant in size and direction.
- C** There is no force acting on the wire at any time.
- D** There is only a force on the wire when the current reverses.

- 33** A transformer has N_p turns on its primary coil and N_s turns on its secondary coil. The voltage across the primary coil is V_p and the voltage across the secondary coil is V_s .

What is the relationship between these four quantities?

A $V_p \times V_s = N_p \times N_s$

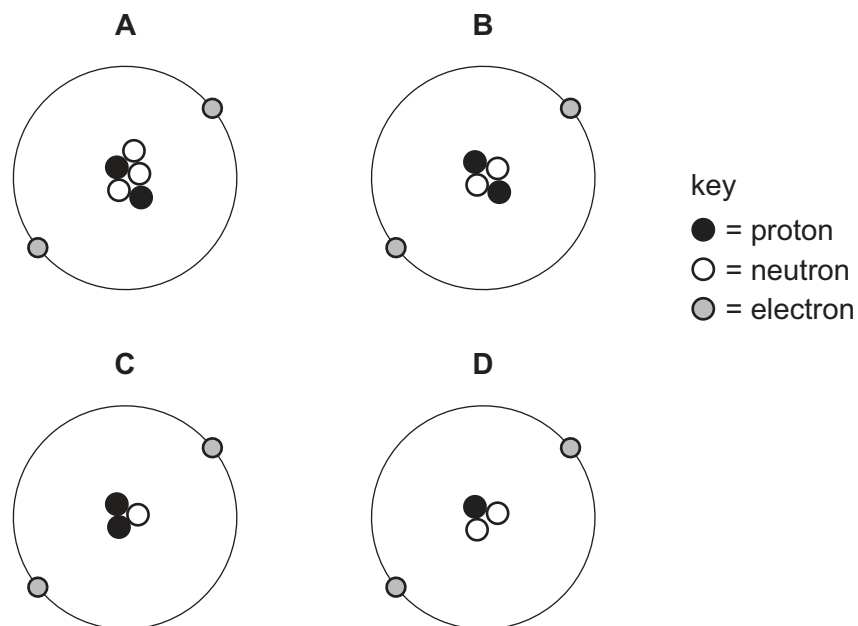
B $\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$

C $\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{N_s}{N_p}$

D $\frac{V_p}{V_s} = N_p \times N_s$

- 34** The diagrams represent the protons, neutrons and electrons in different atoms and ions.

Which diagram shows a negatively charged ion?



- 35** Which row correctly describes an example of radioactive decay?

	original nucleus	emission	change or no change of element
A	stable	γ	change of element
B	unstable	α	change of element
C	unstable	α	no change of element
D	unstable	β	no change of element

- 36** A detector is used to monitor the emissions from a radioactive source over several days.

The table shows the count rate from the source at different times.

time / days	<u>count rate</u> counts / s
0	250
1	215
2	180
3	148
4	120
5	100

What is the half-life of the source?

- A** between 1 and 2 days
- B** between 2 and 3 days
- C** between 3 and 4 days
- D** between 4 and 5 days
- 37** What is the most effective precaution to reduce the risk when handling, storing or using a radioactive source that emits γ -rays?
- A** Handle the source for the least possible time.
- B** Have a fire extinguisher nearby when using the source.
- C** Store the source at a low temperature.
- D** Wear plastic safety goggles when handling the source.
- 38** Approximately how long does the Moon take to orbit the Earth?
- A** 1 day
- B** 7 days
- C** 28 days
- D** 365 days

39 The Sun transfers energy to the Earth through electromagnetic radiation.

What are two of the parts of the electromagnetic spectrum to which most of the energy belongs?

- A** gamma rays and X-rays
- B** infrared radiation and visible light
- C** microwaves and visible light
- D** radio waves and microwaves

40 What provides evidence that the Universe is expanding?

- A** Stars in galaxies outside the Milky Way are all red.
- B** The Andromeda galaxy is moving toward the Milky Way.
- C** Light from distant galaxies is shifted to longer wavelengths.
- D** The Universe is 14 billion years old.

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