

- 1 There is no atmosphere on the Moon.

A space probe is launched from the surface of the Moon. Fig. 1.1 shows the speed-time graph of the space probe.

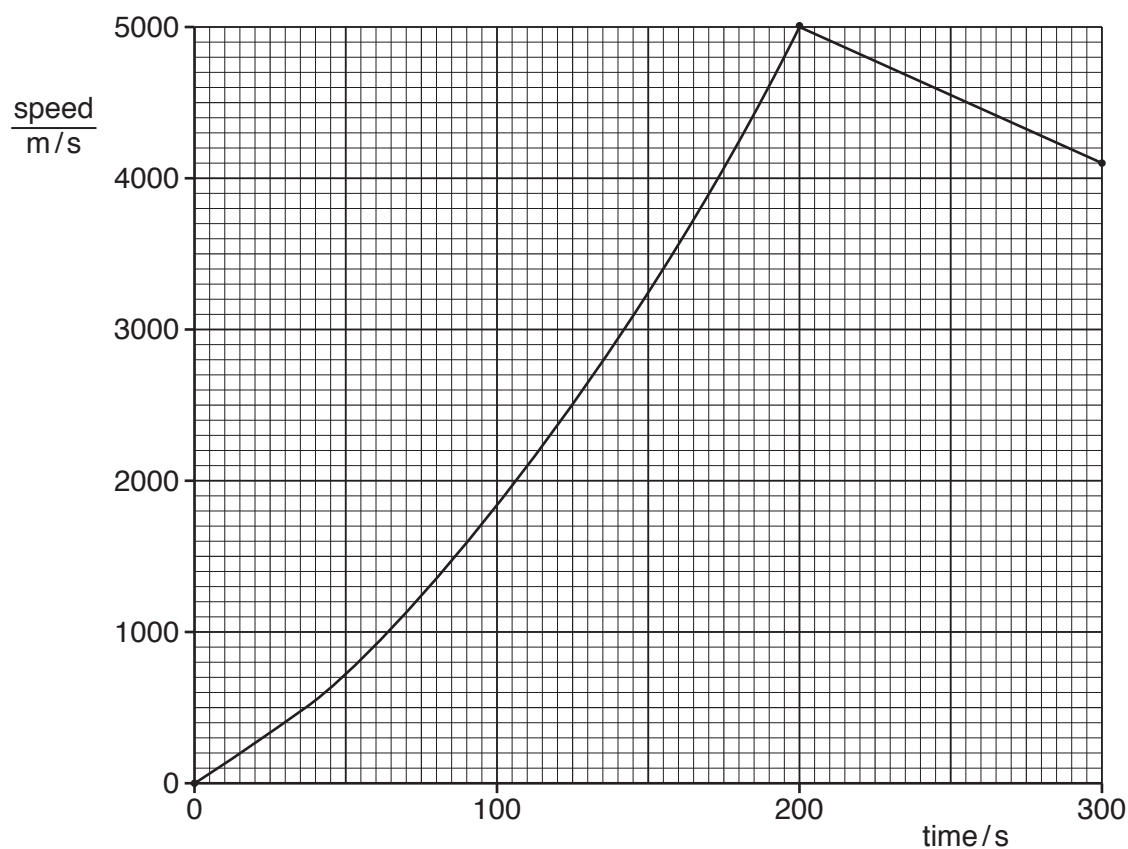


Fig. 1.1

- (a) Determine the acceleration of the space probe at time = 0.

acceleration =[3]

- (b) Between time = 0 and time = 150 s, the acceleration of the space probe changes.

- (i) Without calculation, state how the graph shows this.

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[1]

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- (ii) During this time, the thrust exerted on the space probe by the motor remains constant.

State one possible reason why the acceleration changes in the way shown by Fig. 1.1.

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- (c) Calculate the distance travelled by the space probe from time = 200 s to time = 300 s.

distance =[3]

[Total: 8]

- 2 A rifle fires a bullet of mass 0.020 kg vertically upwards through the air. As it leaves the rifle, the speed of the bullet is 350 m/s.

(a) Calculate

- (i) the kinetic energy of the bullet as it leaves the rifle,

kinetic energy =[3]

- (ii) the maximum possible height that the bullet can reach.

maximum height =[2]

(b) The actual height reached by the bullet is less than the value calculated in (a)(ii).

- (i) Explain, in terms of the forces acting on the bullet, why this is so.

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- (ii) As the bullet rises through the air, its kinetic energy decreases.

State what happens to this energy.

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[Total: 9]

3 On a particular day, the atmospheric pressure is $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$. A bubble of gas forms at a point 5.0 m below the surface of a lake. The density of water is 1000 kg/m^3 .

(a) Determine

(i) the total pressure at a depth of 5.0 m in the water,

pressure =[3]

(ii) the pressure of the gas in the bubble.

pressure =[1]

(b) As the bubble rises to the surface, the mass of gas in the bubble stays constant. The temperature of the water in the lake is the same throughout.

Explain why the bubble rises to the surface and why its volume increases as it rises.

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[Total: 7]

- 4 A beaker contains some water at room temperature. A student places a mercury-in-glass thermometer in the water with the bulb of the thermometer just beneath the surface of the water.

Fig. 4.1 shows the arrangement.

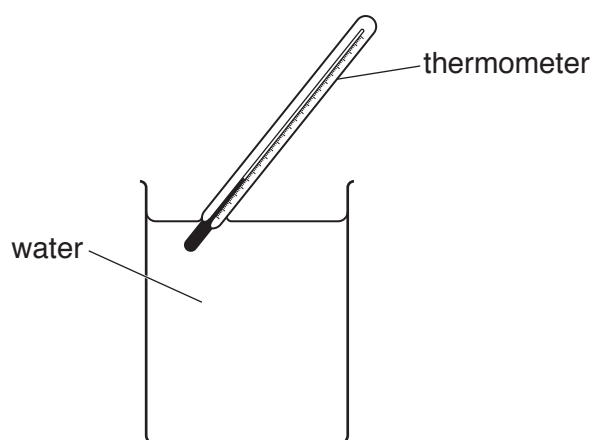


Fig. 4.1

The student uses an electric fan to blow air across the open top of the beaker. She notices that the reading on the thermometer begins to decrease.

- (a) Explain, in terms of water molecules, why the temperature of the water at the surface begins to decrease.

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- (b) The student places the thermometer near the bottom of the beaker. The electric fan continues to blow air across the top of the beaker. After some time, the student observes that the temperature of the water at the bottom of the beaker is decreasing.

State the name of the thermal transfer method causing this and explain what is happening in the water.

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(c) The thermometer used in this experiment has a small range and a large sensitivity.

(i) State what is meant by

1. *range*,

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.....[1]

2. *sensitivity*.

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.....[1]

(ii) State and explain the effect on the range of the thermometer of using a smaller bulb that contains less mercury.

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.....[1]

[Total: 9]

- 5 (a) A microscope that produces a very high magnification is used to observe the Brownian motion of smoke particles in air.

Fig. 5.1(a) shows the apparatus used with the microscope. Fig. 5.1(b) represents the view through the microscope and shows one of the smoke particles being observed.

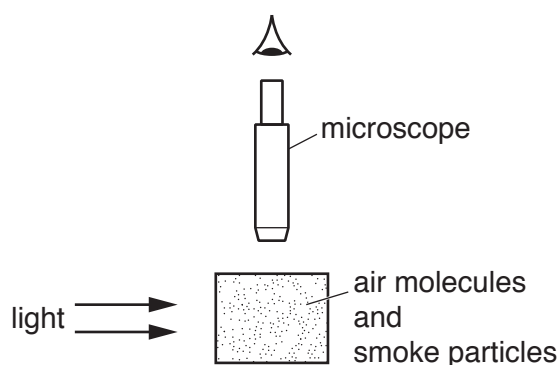


Fig. 5.1(a)

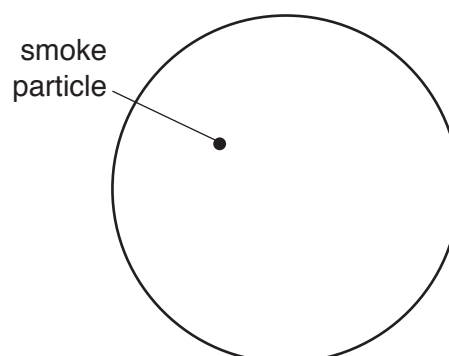


Fig. 5.1(b)

- (i) On Fig. 5.1(b), draw a possible path for the smoke particle. [2]
- (ii) Describe how air molecules cause the smoke particle to follow the observed path.

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- (b) Fig. 5.2 shows a volume of gas in a cylinder.

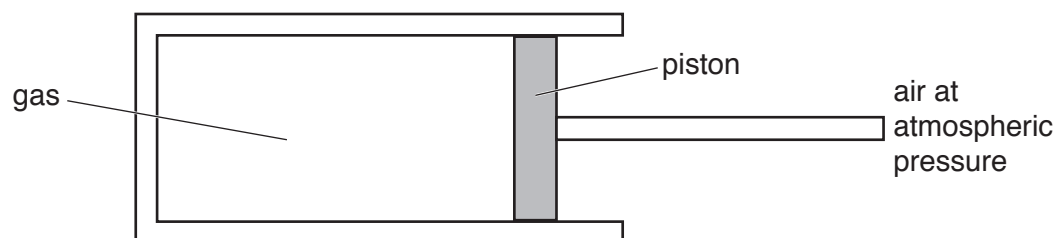


Fig. 5.2

The piston in the cylinder is free to move. The piston moves to the left when the temperature of the gas is decreased.

Explain, in terms of the molecules of the gas, why this happens.

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[Total: 8]

6 Sound is a longitudinal wave.

(a) Sketch a representation of a longitudinal wave. On your sketch

- indicate and label a distance to show the wavelength,
- mark and label the centre of one compression,
- mark and label the centre of one rarefaction.

[3]

(b) A longitudinal wave passes from one medium into another medium. The speed of the wave is slower in the second medium.

State what happens to

(i) the frequency of the wave,

.....[1]

(ii) the wavelength of the wave.

.....[1]

(c) State a typical value for the speed of sound in air.

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[Total: 6]

- 7 (a) A ray of light travelling in air strikes a glass block at an angle of 30° to the normal. The light slows down as it enters the glass block.

State and explain, in terms of wavefronts, what happens to the light.

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.....[3]

- (b) The speed of light in this block of glass is $1.9 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$.

Calculate the refractive index of the glass.

refractive index =[2]

[Total: 5]

- 8 (a) A thin converging lens is used to produce an image I of object O.

Fig. 8.1 shows O, I and the screen on which the image is produced.

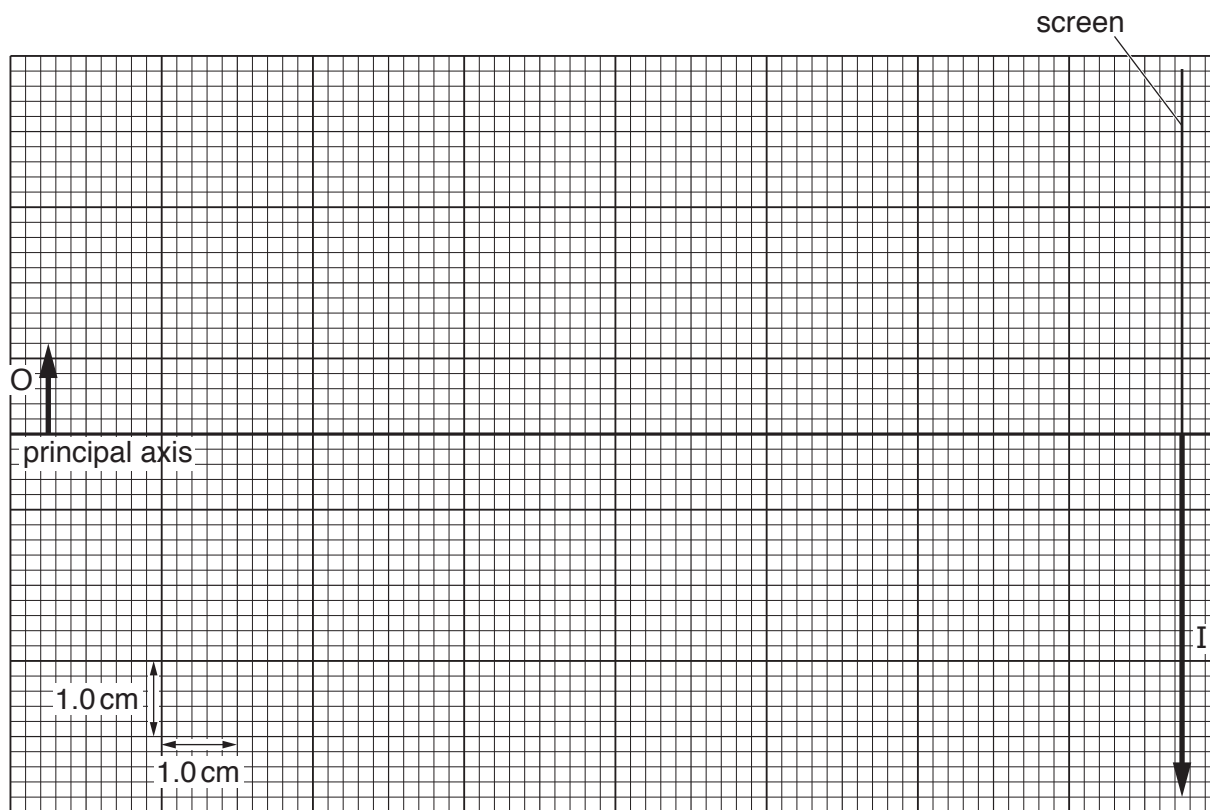


Fig. 8.1

- (i) On Fig. 8.1, draw a straight line to represent a ray from the tip of the arrowhead of O to the tip of the arrowhead of I. Draw a vertical dotted line to indicate the position of the lens. This dotted line must extend above and below the principal axis. [2]
- (ii) Draw a second ray from the tip of the object O to the tip of image I. This ray should pass through a principle focus. Label the principle focus, F. [1]
- (iii) Determine the focal length of the lens.

focal length =[1]

- (iv) Image I is further from the lens than object O is from the lens. Image I is described as enlarged and inverted.

State and explain one other characteristic of I.

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[1]

- (b) Fig. 8.2 shows a spherical fishbowl, full of water, by a window. A black curtain hangs behind the fishbowl.

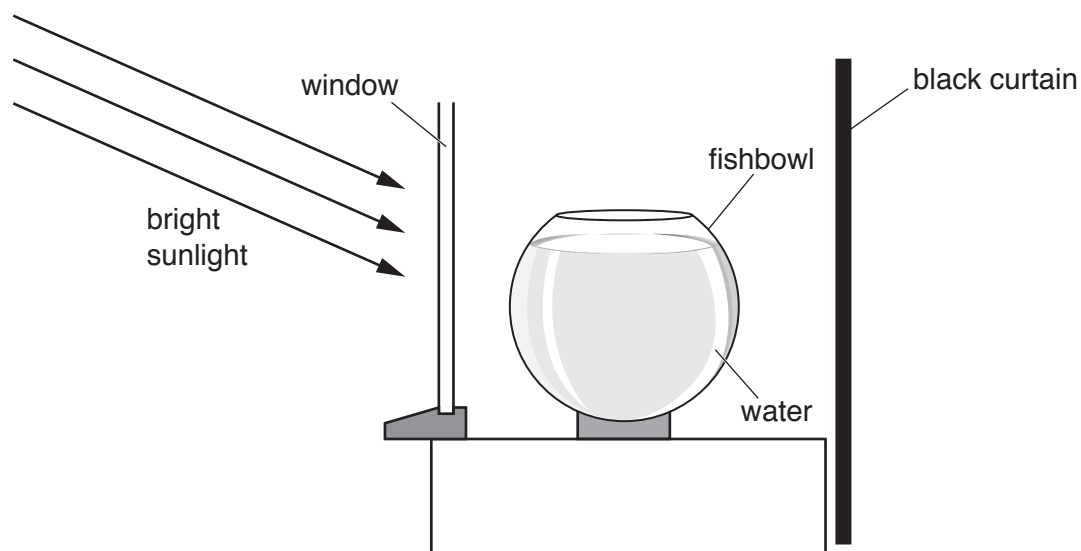


Fig. 8.2

When full of water, the fishbowl can act as a converging lens.

Suggest one possible hazard of leaving the fishbowl next to the window in bright sunlight.

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[Total: 6]

- 9 Fig. 9.1 shows a circuit that includes a battery of electromotive force (e.m.f.) 12 V.

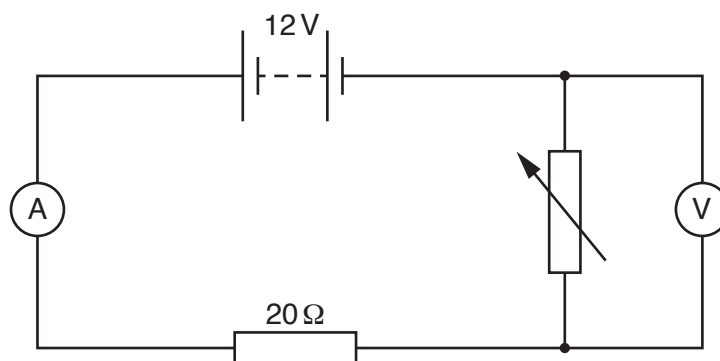


Fig. 9.1

The reading on the ammeter is 0.15 A.

- (a) Calculate the resistance of the circuit.

resistance =[2]

- (b) The variable resistor is adjusted so that its resistance decreases.

- (i) State what happens to the reading on the ammeter.

.....[1]

- (ii) State and explain what happens to the reading on the voltmeter.

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[2]

- (c) The battery is formed from cells of electromotive force (e.m.f.) 1.5 V.

- (i) Explain, in terms of electrical energy, what is meant by an *electromotive force (e.m.f.) of 1.5 V*.

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[2]

- (ii) State how many 1.5 V cells are connected in series to form the battery.

.....[1]

[Total: 8]

- 10 (a) A bar magnet is held with its N-pole just inside one end of a coil.

Fig. 10.1 shows the coil connected to a galvanometer that has the zero mark in the centre of the scale.

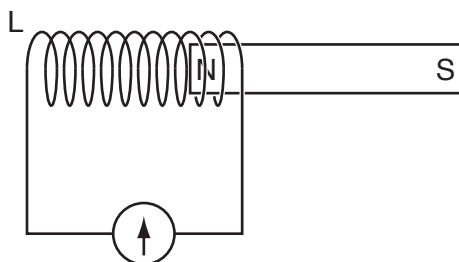


Fig. 10.1

The magnet is pulled horizontally to the right at a constant speed through a large distance.

- (i) State what happens to the galvanometer reading as time passes.

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[2]

- (ii) As the magnet moves, an N-pole is produced at the left-hand end L of the coil.

Explain why the pole at L is an N-pole.

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[2]

- (b) A transformer has N_P turns on the primary coil and N_S turns on the secondary coil. The transformer is used in a school laboratory as a 12 V alternating current (a.c.) supply. The transformer is powered from the 240 V a.c. mains supply.

- (i) Determine the turns ratio N_P / N_S of the transformer.

$$N_P / N_S = \dots\dots\dots[2]$$

- (ii) The laboratory 12 V a.c. supply is rectified to produce a direct current (d.c.) supply.

Underline the component that the rectification circuit must include.

AND gate diode NOT gate potentiometer thermistor

[1]

[Total: 7]

11 (a) State the type of radioactive emission that causes

(i) the proton number of a nuclide to increase by 1,
[1]

(ii) the nucleon number of a nuclide to decrease by 4,
[1]

(iii) no change in the proton number and no change in the nucleon number of a nuclide.
[1]

(b) The isotope radon-220 is radioactive and it decays by α -particle emission.

(i) Fig. 11.1 shows a beam of α -particles entering the electric field between two charged plates.

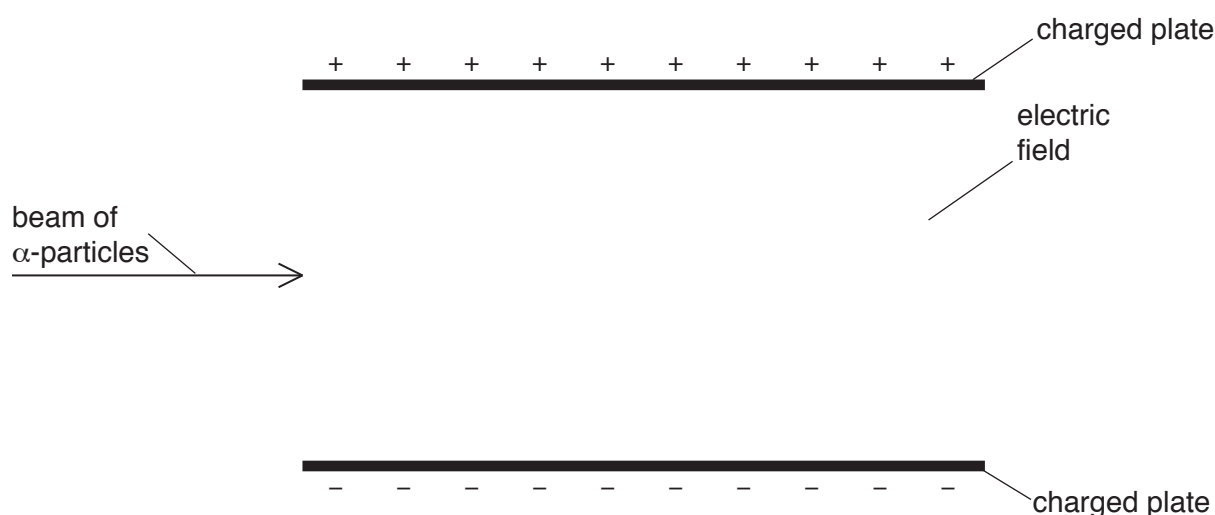


Fig. 11.1

On Fig. 11.1, sketch the path that the beam of α -particles follows in the electric field. [1]

(ii) The half-life of radon-220 is 56 s.

A sample of this isotope contains 7.2×10^6 atoms.

Predict the number of α -particles that the radon-220 in the sample emits in the next 168 s.

number of α -particles emitted =[3]

[Total: 7]

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