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**GCSE PHYSICS**  
**COMPONENT 2**  
**Applications in Physics**  
**HIGHER TIER**  
**SAMPLE PAPER**  
**(1 hour 15 minutes)**



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|                  | Question                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded |
| <b>Section A</b> | <b>1.</b>               | <b>15</b>    |              |
| <b>Section B</b> | <b>2.</b>               | <b>9</b>     |              |
|                  | <b>3.</b>               | <b>13</b>    |              |
|                  | <b>4.</b>               | <b>5</b>     |              |
|                  | <b>5.</b>               | <b>18</b>    |              |
|                  | <b>Total</b>            | <b>60</b>    |              |

### ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper you will need a calculator, a ruler and a resource booklet.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen. Do not use correction fluid. Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

This paper is in 2 sections, **A** and **B**.  
 Section **A**: 15 marks. Read the article in the resource booklet carefully then answer **all** questions. You are advised to spend about 25 minutes on this section.  
 Section **B**: 45 marks. Answer **all** questions. You are advised to spend about 50 minutes on this section.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question. The assessment of the quality of extended response (QER) will take place in question **5(a)**.

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## EQUATION LIST

|   |                                     |
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| final velocity = initial velocity + acceleration × time   | $v = u + at$                        |
| distance = $\frac{1}{2}$ (initial velocity + final velocity) × time   | $x = \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t$           |
| (final velocity) <sup>2</sup> = (initial velocity) <sup>2</sup> + 2 × acceleration × distance   | $v^2 = u^2 + 2ax$                   |
| distance = initial velocity × time + $\frac{1}{2}$ × acceleration × time <sup>2</sup>   | $x = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$          |
| change in thermal energy = mass × specific heat capacity × change in temperature  | $\Delta Q = mc\Delta\theta$         |
| thermal energy for a change of state = mass × specific latent heat  | $Q = mL$                            |
| energy transferred in stretching = 0.5 × spring constant × (extension) <sup>2</sup>   | $E = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$               |
| force on a conductor (at right angles to a magnetic field) carrying a current = magnetic field strength × current × length  | $F = BIl$                           |
| potential difference across primary coil × current in primary coil = potential difference across secondary coil × current in secondary coil   | $V_1I_1 = V_2I_2$                   |
| $\frac{\text{potential difference across primary coil}}{\text{potential difference across secondary coil}} = \frac{\text{number of turns in primary coil}}{\text{number of turns in secondary coil}}$ | $\frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2}$ |
| for gases: pressure × volume = constant<br>(for a given mass of gas at a constant temperature)  | $pV = \text{constant}$              |
| pressure due to a column of liquid = height of column × density of liquid × gravitational field strength  | $p = h\rho g$                       |

## SECTION A

Read the article in the resource booklet carefully and answer **all** the questions that follow.

1. (a) Explain how the shape of the blades creates a force on the wind turbine blades. [2]

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- (b) A wind turbine of blade diameter 80 m is placed at an altitude of 160 m.

- (i) Calculate the swept area of the blades. [2]

swept area = ..... m<sup>2</sup>

- (ii) Calculate the mean kinetic energy/second delivered to the turbine. [3]  
(Use wind speed<sup>3</sup> = 1 300 m<sup>3</sup>/s<sup>3</sup>)

mean kinetic energy/second = ..... J/s

- (c) (i) Use the information in **Table 1** to answer the questions below.

- I Describe how the annual mean wind speed varies with altitude. [1]

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- II Explain why altitude will affect the maximum power output of a wind turbine. [2]

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- (ii) Use the information in **Table 2** to explain why the power output of the wind turbine will be different in summer and winter. [2]

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- (d) Describe the benefits and drawbacks of meeting more of the demand for electricity with wind power in the future. [3]

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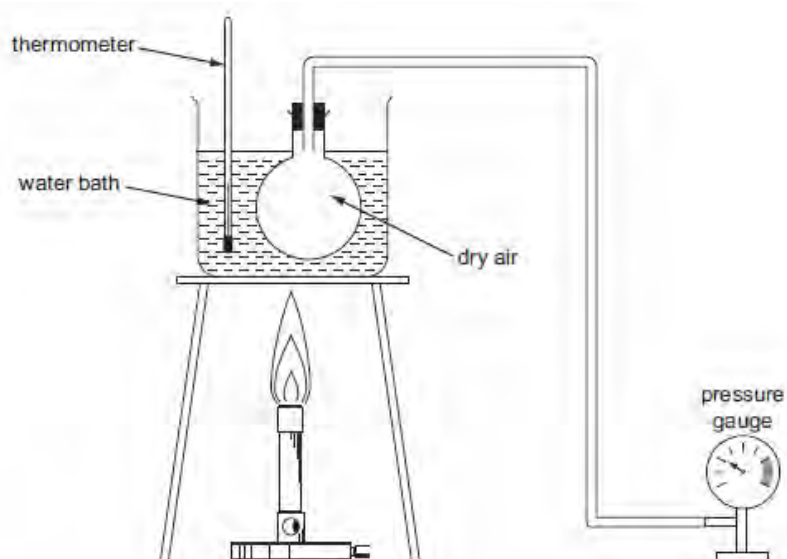
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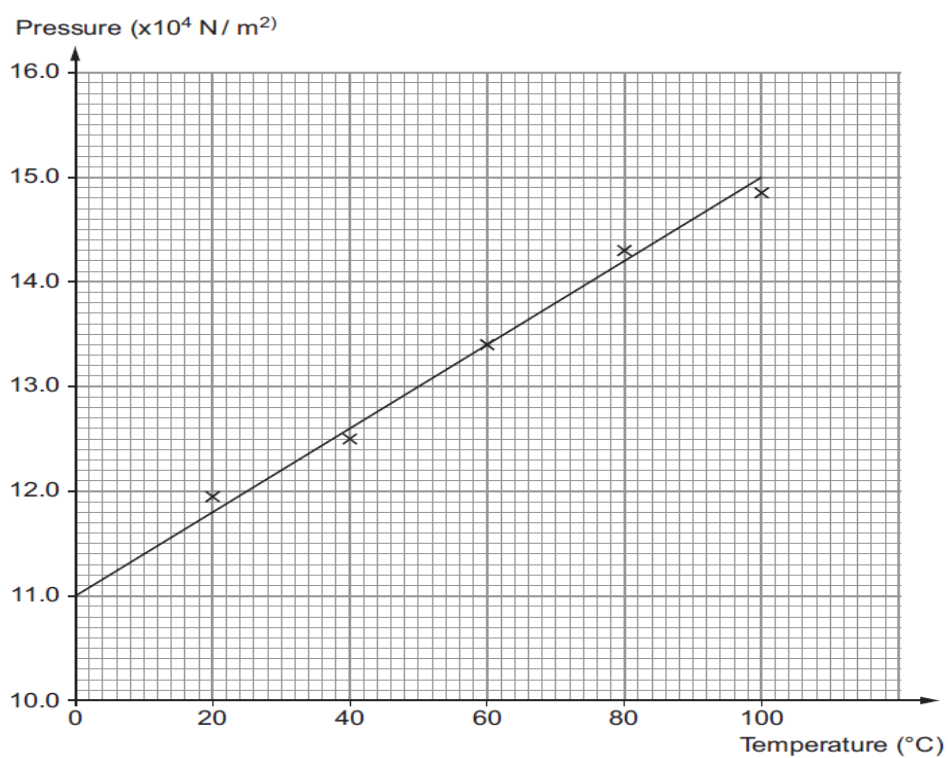
**SECTION B**

Answer all questions

2. A teacher uses the apparatus below to demonstrate how the pressure of a mass of air changes as it is heated. The mass of air is held in a closed flask. The experiment was carried out during a 10 minute period during a lesson.



The change of pressure was noted as the temperature was increased. The results are shown on the graph below.



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- (a) Explain, **in terms of the motion of molecules**, why the pressure on the walls of the container changes as the temperature is increased. [3]

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- (b) Explain why there is no change in density of the air in this experiment. [2]

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- (c) The graph shows that the pressure falls by  $4 \times 10^4 \text{ N/m}^2$  when the temperature decreases by  $100^\circ\text{C}$ . Use this information to calculate the negative temperature at which the pressure would become zero. [2]

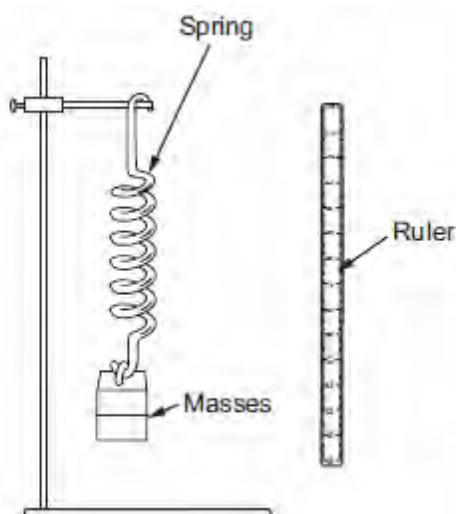
temperature = .....  $^\circ\text{C}$

- (d) Explain one improvement to the way the experiment was conducted that would make the results more accurate. [2]

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3. An experiment was carried out to investigate the elastic behaviour of a spring. The students added slotted masses to the spring and measured how much it stretched.



| Mass applied to spring (g) | Force (N) | Extension of the spring (cm) |           | Mean extension (cm) |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
|                            |           | Loading                      | Unloading |                     |
| 100                        | 1         | 2.0                          | 1.9       | 2.0                 |
| 200                        | 2         | 4.0                          | 4.0       | 4.0                 |
| 300                        | 3         | 6.2                          | 5.8       | 6.0                 |
| 400                        | 4         | 8.2                          | 7.8       | 8.0                 |
| 500                        | 5         | 9.9                          | 10.0      | 10.0                |

- (a) Suggest how the students could modify the apparatus to get more accurate results. [1]

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- (b) (i) Use the data in the table and a suitable equation to calculate a value for the spring constant and give its unit. [3]

spring constant = .....  
unit = .....

- (ii) The elastic limit for this spring occurs for a load of 500 g. Describe what happens when loads bigger than this value are added to the spring. [1]

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- (c) (i) Springs are used in chest expanders that are used as an exercise machine to strengthen the arms.



An expander consists of 5 springs in parallel held between two handles.

They each have a spring constant of 400 N/m.

Calculate the force that must be applied to the handles to stretch the expander by 50 cm. [4]

force = ..... N

- (ii) Give one change that could be made to the expander to decrease the force needed to stretch it by 50 cm. [1]

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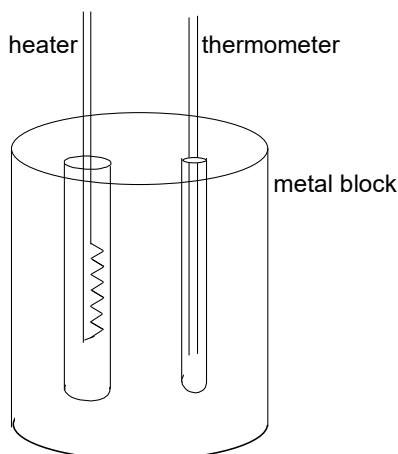
- (iii) Select an equation from page 2 and use it to calculate the extra energy stored in the expander when it is stretched from 30 cm to 50 cm. [3]

energy = ..... J

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4. A metal's specific heat capacity can be measured by heating a block of it electrically and measuring the temperature rise,  $\Delta\theta$  after a period of time,  $t$ .



The voltage,  $V$ , applied to the heater and the current,  $I$ , through it are measured. The temperature rise is related to the other quantities by the following equation, providing no heat is lost to the surroundings.

$$I \times V \times t = m \times c \times \Delta\theta$$

where:  $m$  = mass of the metal block  
 $c$  = specific heat capacity of the metal

- (a) Define the term “specific heat capacity” of a substance. [1]

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- (b) In an experiment, a lead block ( $c = 0.13 \text{ J/g } ^\circ\text{C}$ ) was heated and after 4 minutes **the temperature rise was  $15^\circ\text{C}$** . Complete the table below to show the effect on the temperature rise ( $\Delta\theta$ ) when each of the changes is made separately. [4]

| Change made  | New value of $\Delta\theta$ |
|--|-----------------------------|
| The heating time is doubled  | .....                       |
| The current and the voltage are both doubled   | .....                       |
| The lead block is changed for copper ( $c = 0.39 \text{ J/g } ^\circ\text{C}$ ) of the same mass | .....                       |
| The mass of the lead block was changed from 30 g to 40 g and was also heated for double the time | .....                       |

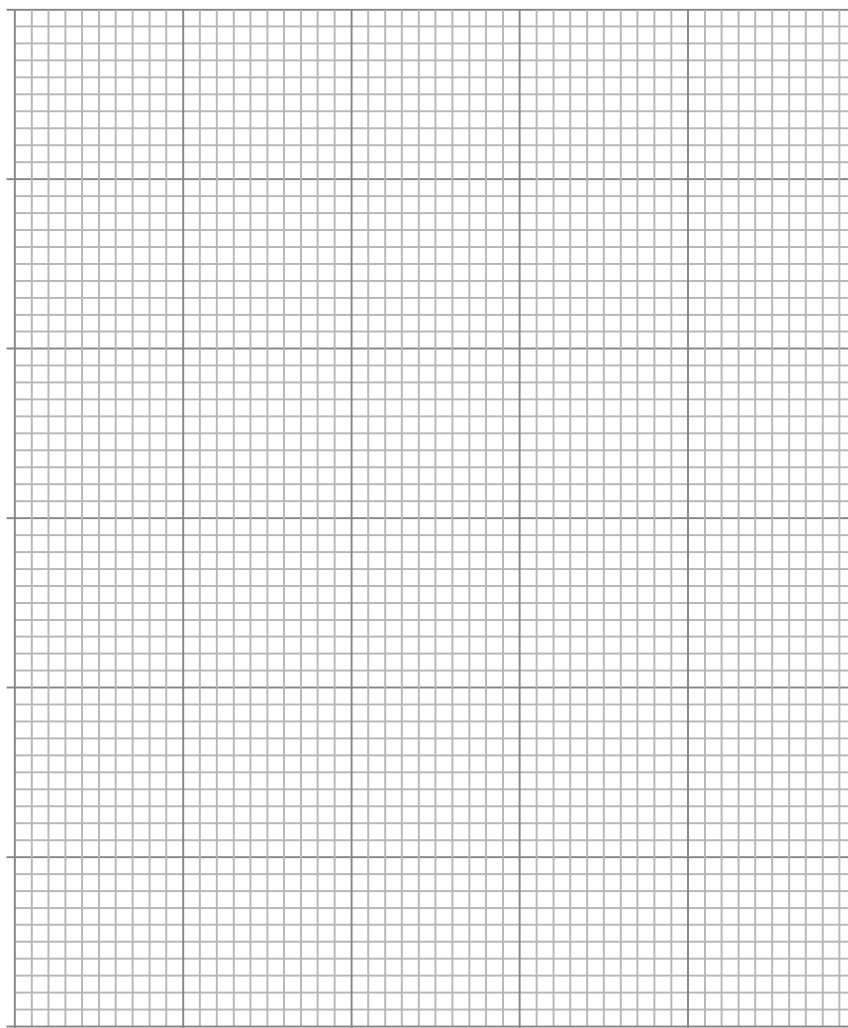


- (b) In another experiment, the temperature of the thermistor is varied to investigate its change in resistance.

The table below shows the results of the experiment.

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| <b>Temperature (°C)</b>                 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 60 | 80 |
| <b>Resistance (<math>\Omega</math>)</b> | 25 | 17 | 12 | 6  | 4  | 3  |

- (i) Plot the data on the grid below.  
Circle any anomalous points and draw a suitable line. [4]



- (ii) Describe how the resistance of the thermistor changes as the temperature rises. [2]

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- (iii) Calculate the potential difference applied to the thermistor that would produce a current of **0.5 A** at **50 °C**. [4]

potential difference = ..... V

- (iv) Helen suggests that these results show that resistance is inversely proportional to the Celsius temperature. Comment on her suggestion. [2]

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