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**PAPER 2: Advanced Physics II**

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Scientific calculator, ruler

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## Instructions

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- Answer **all** questions.
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## Information

- The total mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- In the question marked with an **asterisk** (\*), marks will be awarded for your ability to structure your answer logically, showing how the points that you make are related or follow on from each other where appropriate.
- The list of data, formulae and relationships is printed at the end of this booklet.

## Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
- You are advised to show your working in calculations, including units where appropriate.

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Answer ALL questions.

All multiple choice questions must be answered with a cross in the box ☒ for the correct answer from A to D. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

- 1 A sphere of radius  $r$  is made from material of density  $\rho_M$ . The sphere is fully immersed in a liquid of density  $\rho_L$ .

Which of the following expressions gives the upthrust on the sphere?

☐ A  $4\pi r^2 \rho_M$

☐ B  $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho_M g$

☒ C  $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho_L g$

☐ D  $4\pi r^2 \rho_L g$

upthrust = weight of fluid displaced

$$\rho_L = \frac{m_L}{V} \quad m_L = \rho_L V$$

$$W = m_L g = \rho_L V g = \rho_L \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 g$$

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

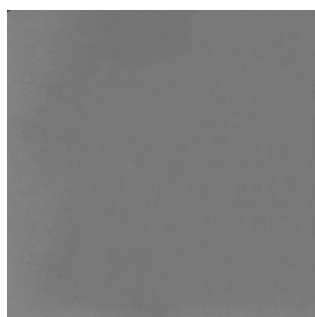
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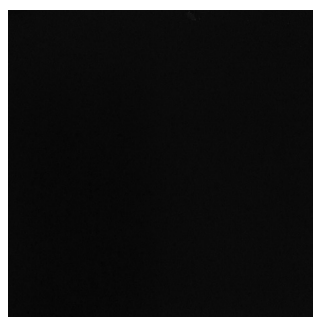
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- 2 A source of light is viewed through a polarising filter, as shown in photograph 1.  
The filter is rotated through an angle and then viewed, as shown in photograph 2.



Photograph 1



Photograph 2

black  
 $\therefore$  no light  
 $\therefore 90^\circ = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Which row of the table shows whether the light emitted by the source is polarised or unpolarised, and the angle of rotation of the filter?

	Light emitted by source	Angle of rotation / radians
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	polarised	$\frac{\pi}{2}$
<input type="checkbox"/> B	polarised	$\pi$
<input type="checkbox"/> C	<del>unpolarised</del>	$\frac{\pi}{2}$
<input type="checkbox"/> D	<del>unpolarised</del>	$\pi$

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

- 3 Two stars, P and Q, are observed from Earth. The intensity of radiation from P is less than that from Q. The parallax angle for P is greater than that for Q.

Which row of the table is correct?

$\hookrightarrow \therefore$  nearer, as position appears to change more

	Distance from Earth	Comparison of luminosities
<input type="checkbox"/> A	P is closer than Q	luminosity of <del>P</del> is greater than Q
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<input type="checkbox"/> C	<del>P is further away than Q</del>	luminosity of <del>P</del> is greater than Q
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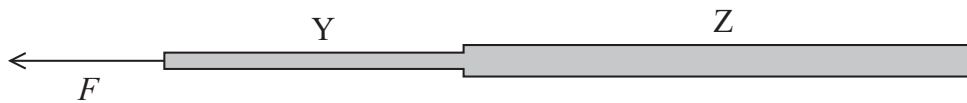
$$I = \frac{P}{A}$$

$$P = IA$$

I and A less  
 $\therefore$  P less

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)

- 4 A wire Y of cross-sectional area  $A$  and length  $l$  is joined to a second wire Z of cross-sectional area  $2A$  and length  $2l$  as shown. Wire Z is fixed at one end and a force  $F$  is applied to the other end of wire Y.



The wires are made of the same material.

Wire Y extends by a distance  $x$ .

Which of the following is the extension of wire Z?

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} = \frac{F/A}{\Delta x/x} = \frac{Fx}{\Delta x A}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{Fx}{EA} = \frac{FL}{EA}$$

☐ A  $4x$

☐ B  $2x$

☒ C  $x$

☐ D  $\frac{x}{2}$

$$Y: \Delta x_Y = \frac{FL}{EA}$$

$$Z: \Delta x_Z = \frac{F \cancel{2} L}{E \cancel{2} A} = \frac{FL}{EA} = \Delta x_Y$$

(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)

- 5 A raindrop is falling through the air with an increasing velocity. The forces on the raindrop are weight  $W$ , upthrust  $U$  and viscous drag  $F$ .

Which of the following shows the relationship between these forces?

☐ A  $F + U = W$

☐ B  $F = W + U$

☐ C  $F + W < U$

☒ D  $F + U < W$



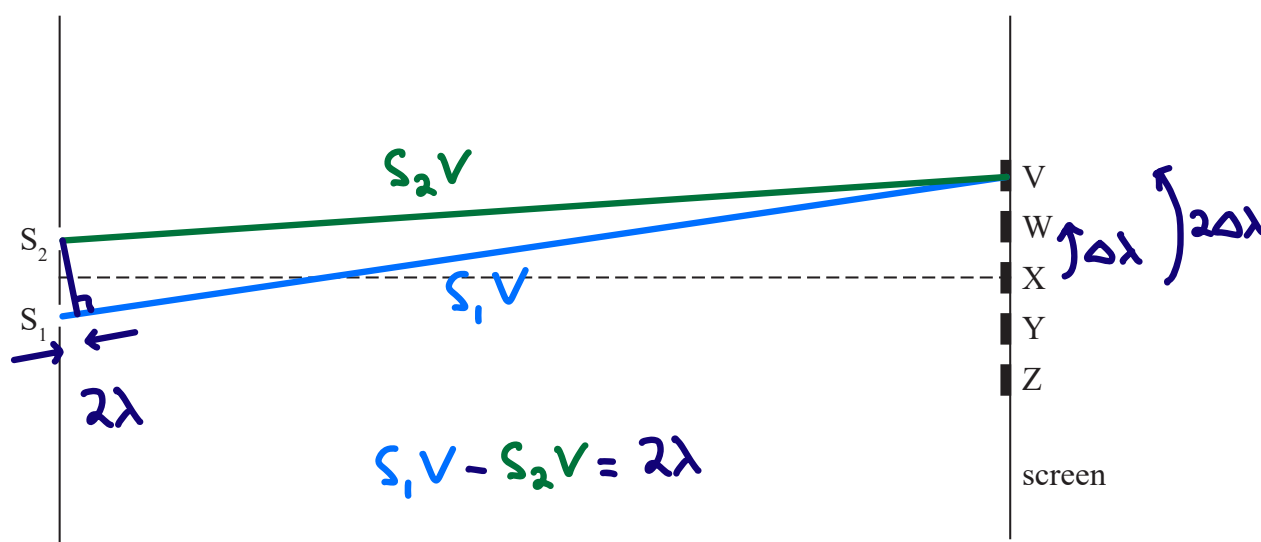
$$\text{Resultant force} = W - F - U$$

$$\therefore W > F + U$$

$\therefore$  Resultant force down

(Total for Question 5 = 1 mark)

- 6 Monochromatic light of wavelength  $\lambda$  is incident normally on two slits,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , producing an interference pattern on a screen as shown. V, W, X, Y and Z represent positions of adjacent maxima.



The distance from  $S_1$  to X is represented as  $S_1X$ .

Which of the following expressions is equal to  $2\lambda$ ?

- ☐ A  $S_1Z - S_2X$
- ☒ B  $S_1V - S_2V$
- ☐ C  $S_1Y - S_2Y$
- ☐ D  $S_1W - S_2Y$

(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)



- 7 Carbon-14 is a radioactive isotope with a decay constant of  $1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ year}^{-1}$ .

The fossil of a plant contains 24% of the amount of carbon-14 that would have been present when the plant was alive.

Which of the following expressions gives the age of the fossil in years?

☐ A  $1.2 \times 10^{-4} \times \ln \frac{1}{0.24}$

☐ B  $1.2 \times 10^{-4} \times \ln \frac{0.76}{0.24}$

☒ C  $\frac{1}{1.2 \times 10^{-4}} \times \ln \frac{1}{0.24}$

☐ D  $\frac{1}{1.2 \times 10^{-4}} \times \ln \frac{0.76}{0.24}$

$$m = m_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\frac{m}{m_0} = e^{-\lambda t}$$

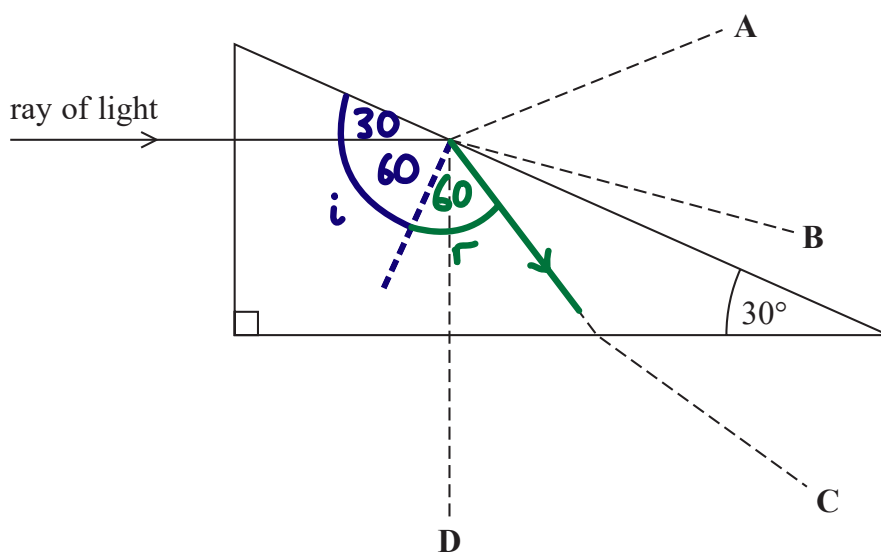
$$\ln 0.24 = -\lambda t$$

$$\ln \frac{1}{0.24} = \lambda t$$

$$t = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \frac{1}{0.24}$$

(Total for Question 7 = 1 mark)

- 8 A ray of light is directed towards a prism as shown.  
The prism is made from a material with refractive index 1.5



Which of the dashed lines best shows the subsequent path of this ray of light?

☐ A

☐ B

☒ C

☐ D

$$\sin C = \frac{1}{n} \quad C = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1.5}\right) = 41.8^\circ$$

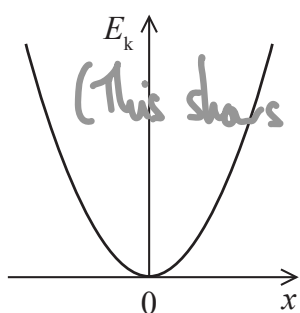
$$\text{Angle of incidence} > 41.8^\circ \therefore \text{TIR}$$

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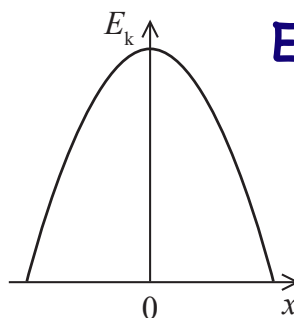


- 9 An object oscillates with simple harmonic motion. The object has kinetic energy  $E_k$  and displacement  $x$ .

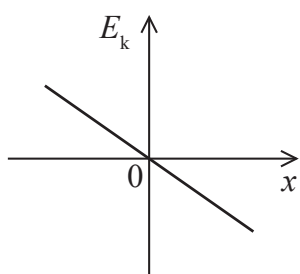
Which of the following graphs shows the variation of  $E_k$  with  $x$  for the object?



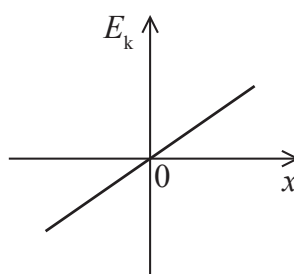
☐ A



☒ B



☐ C

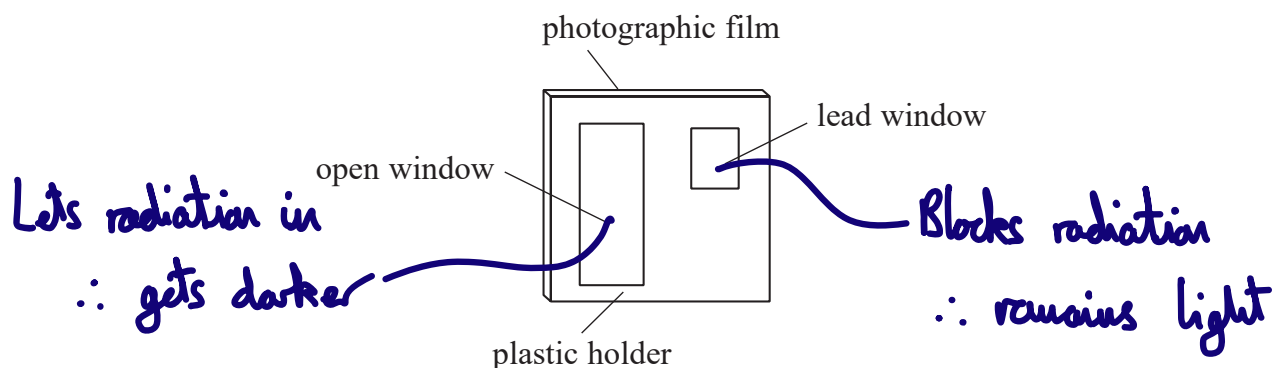


☐ D

(Total for Question 9 = 1 mark)

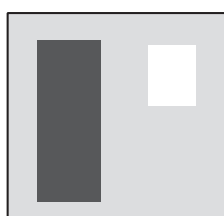
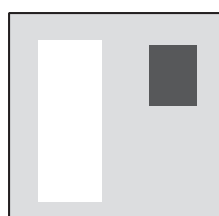


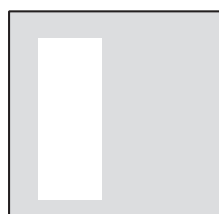
- 10 A radioactivity monitoring badge is worn by people who might be exposed to radiation. The badge is made from photographic film wrapped in thin paper and then held in a plastic holder that has an open window and a lead window, as shown.



The film gets darker when exposed to ionising radiation.

Which of the following represents the film after the badge is exposed to beta radiation?


☒ A

☐ B

☐ C

☐ D

(Total for Question 10 = 1 mark)



- 11 The photograph shows a stringed instrument called a cello being played with a bow.



(Source: © Vadim Ponomarenko/Alamy Stock Photo)

A standing wave forms on a cello string when the bow moves across the string.

Deduce whether a thicker string will produce a note of higher or lower frequency compared with a thinner string.

Assume each string is the same length and at the same tension.

Thick string has a greater mass per unit length,  $\mu$ . ✓

$$f = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}, \quad \lambda \text{ and } T \text{ constant} \therefore f \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

As  $\mu$  is greater,  $f$  is lower. ✓

(Total for Question 11 = 4 marks)



- 12 A student placed a metal block of mass 220 g in boiling water at 100 °C for several minutes.

The student then transferred the metal block into 300 g of water at 19 °C inside a glass container of mass 50 g. The final temperature of the water was 23 °C.

The table shows specific heat capacity values for copper and tin.

Metal	copper	tin
Specific heat capacity / J kg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	390	230

Deduce whether the metal block was made from copper or tin.

specific heat capacity of water = 4200 J kg<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>

specific heat capacity of glass = 840 J kg<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>

Energy lost by metal = Energy gained by water + glass ✓

$$\Delta E = m_m c_m \Delta \theta_m \checkmark = m_w c_w \Delta \theta_w + m_g c_g \Delta \theta_g$$

$$c_m = \frac{0.300 \times 4200 \times (23 - 19) + 0.050 \times 840 \times (23 - 19)}{0.220 \times (100 - 23)} \checkmark$$

$$c_m = 307.4 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \checkmark$$

Metal must be copper, as some energy is also transferred to the surroundings ∴ calculated value of c lower than the true value. ✓

(Total for Question 12 = 5 marks)



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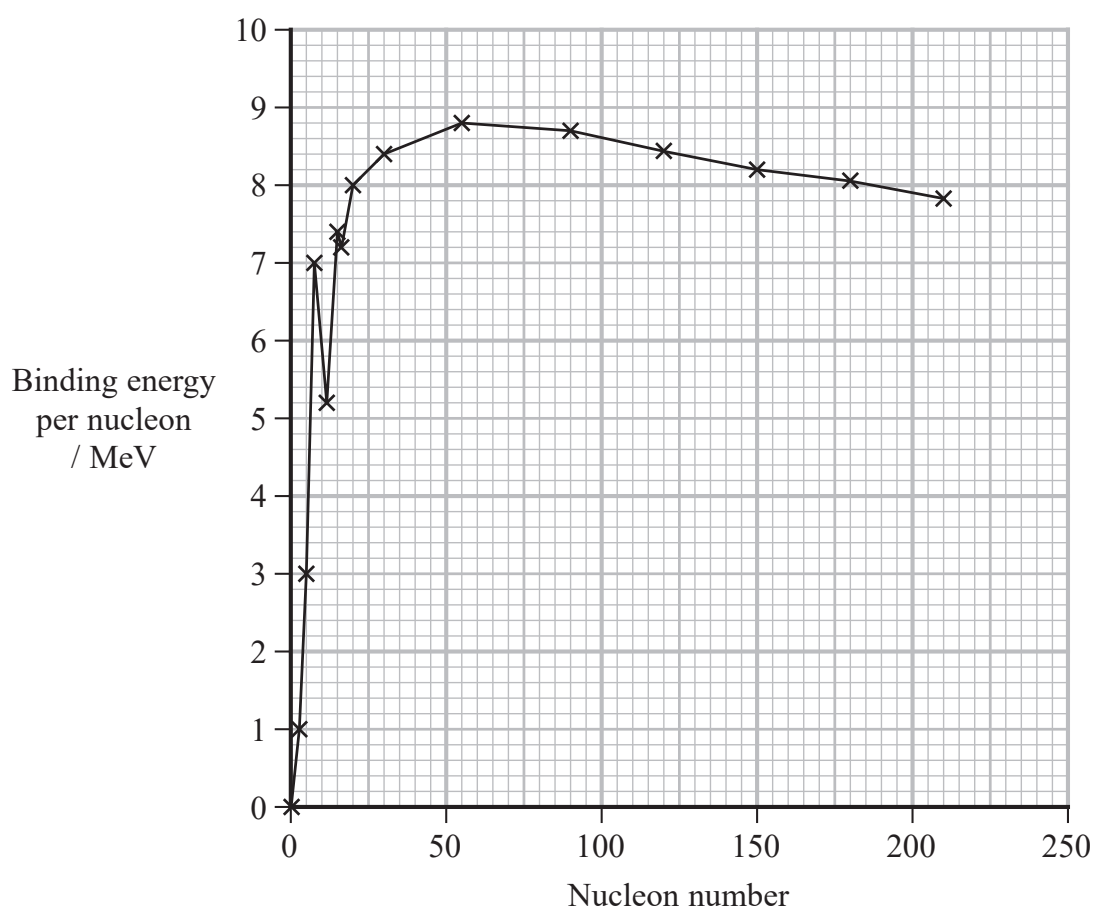


13 A fusion research centre was opened in Rotherham in 2021. The centre has a device which tests materials in the extreme conditions found inside a fusion reactor.

(a) Describe the extreme conditions inside a fusion reactor.

(3)  
A plasma ✓ at a very high temperature ✓ in a high magnetic flux density. ✓

(b) The graph shows how the binding energy per nucleon varies with nucleon number for a range of nuclides.



Explain why the fusion of nuclei can produce large amounts of energy. Your answer should refer to information from the graph.

(3)

Smaller nuclei fuse to form larger nuclei. ✓ The binding energy per nucleon increases, releasing energy. ✓

E.g. From nucleon number of 5 ( $\approx 3$  MeV per nucleon) to a nucleon number of 10 ( $\approx 6$  MeV per nucleon). ✓

(Total for Question 13 = 6 marks)

14 The fuel used in a camping stove is butane, which is stored in a canister as shown.



Some of the butane in the canister is in a liquid state, and some is a gas.

(a) When the stove uses the butane gas, some of the liquid butane evaporates.

Explain why the temperature of the canister decreases when the stove is used.

(3)

The faster molecules of butane have enough energy to escape the liquid ✓ ∴ the average kinetic energy of the remaining molecules decreases ✓ ∴ the temperature of the liquid decreases. ✓

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(b) The pressure inside the canister is 220 kPa and the temperature of the gas is 21 °C.

(i) The canister is in the shape of a cylinder of length 0.23 m and radius 0.11 m.

Calculate the number of molecules of butane gas in the canister.

Assume the volume of liquid butane inside the canister is negligible.

(4)

$$pV = NkT \quad \checkmark \quad V = \pi r^2 h \quad \checkmark$$

$$N = \frac{p \pi r^2 h}{kT} = \frac{220 \times 10^3 \times \pi \times 0.11^2 \times 0.23}{1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times (273 + 21)} \checkmark$$

$$= 4.74 \times 10^{23}$$

Number of molecules of butane gas =  $4.7 \times 10^{23}$   $\checkmark$

(ii) Calculate the r.m.s. speed of the molecules of butane gas.

mass of butane molecule =  $9.6 \times 10^{-26}$  kg

(2)

$$\frac{1}{2} m (c^2) = \frac{3}{2} kT \quad \checkmark$$

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{3 \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 294}{9.6 \times 10^{-26}}} = 356 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

r.m.s. speed =  $360 \text{ ms}^{-1}$   $\checkmark$

(Total for Question 14 = 9 marks)



- 15 The photograph below was taken by the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) and shows a group of galaxies that formed shortly after the big bang, about  $13 \times 10^9$  years ago.



(Source: © NASA, ESA, CSA, STScI)

- (a) (i) Derive the equation  $T = 1/H_0$  where  $T$  is the age of the universe.

$$v = H_0 d \quad v = \frac{d}{t} \quad H_0 d = \frac{d}{t} \quad H_0 = \frac{1}{t} \quad t = \frac{1}{H_0} \quad (1)$$

- (ii) State one assumption made in your derivation.

Expansion has been uniform. ✓ (1)

- (iii) The parsec (pc) is a unit used for astronomical distances. 1 pc is  $3.1 \times 10^{16}$  m.

The accepted range for the Hubble constant  $H_0$  is  $(60-80) \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ .

Deduce whether the observation by the JWST leads to a value of  $H_0$  within the accepted range.

$$1 \text{ year} = 3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ s}$$

$$13 \times 10^9 \text{ years} = 13 \times 10^9 \times 365 \times 24 \times 60^2 \\ = 4.10 \times 10^{17} \text{ s} \quad (3)$$

$$H_0 = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{4.10 \times 10^{17}} = 2.439 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \checkmark$$

$$2.439 \times 10^{-18} \div 1000 \times 3.1 \times 10^{22} = \underline{75.6} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

into km

into Mpc

∴ in accepted range ✓





- (b) The light from one of the galaxies, called Maisie, has a redshift  $z$  of 14.  
The wavelength of light from Maisie detected at the telescope is  $4.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$  and lies within the infrared section of the electromagnetic spectrum.

- (i) Calculate the wavelength of light emitted by Maisie.  $\lambda_1$   $\lambda_2$

(3)

$$z = \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}{\lambda_1} \quad \checkmark$$

$$z\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 - \lambda_1$$

$$\lambda_1(z+1) = \lambda_2$$

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 / (z+1)$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{4.0 \times 10^{-6}}{14+1} = 2.67 \times 10^{-7} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Wavelength emitted} = \underline{2.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}} \quad \checkmark$$

- (ii) Explain why the light emitted by Maisie arrives at the telescope as infrared.

(2)

Wavelength of light has increased  $\checkmark$  from the UV part of the spectrum because it is stretched due to the expanding universe.  $\checkmark$

- (c) One of the infrared detectors on the JWST is made from material with a work function of 0.30 eV.

Deduce whether this detector can detect the light from Maisie.

$$c = f\lambda \quad f = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3.00 \times 10^8}{4.0 \times 10^{-6}} = 7.5 \times 10^{13} \text{ Hz} \quad \checkmark \quad (4)$$

$$E = hf = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 7.5 \times 10^{13} = 4.9725 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{convert to eV} \quad 4.9725 \times 10^{-20} \div 1.60 \times 10^{-19} = \underline{0.31 \text{ eV}} \quad \checkmark$$

Energy of photons  $>$  work function  $\therefore$  should be detected  $\checkmark$

(Total for Question 15 = 14 marks)

- 16 The suspension system in a car includes a spring attached to each wheel as shown.



(Source: © Macrovector/Shutterstock)

The car, of mass 1100 kg, is stationary. Each spring is compressed by 152 mm due to a quarter of the weight of the car. Each spring is well within both the limit of proportionality and the elastic limit.

- (a) State what is meant by within the elastic limit.

(1)

If the load is removed, the spring will return to its original length. ✓

- (b) (i) Show that the stiffness of each spring is about  $18\,000\text{ N m}^{-1}$ .

(3)

$$W = mg \quad \checkmark \quad F = kx \quad \checkmark$$

4 wheels

$$mg = kx \quad k = \frac{mg}{x} = \frac{(1100/4) \times 9.81}{0.152}$$

$$k = \underline{17\,748} \text{ N m}^{-1} \quad \checkmark \quad \approx 18\,000$$



- (ii) A force is applied to the car which results in a further small compression of each spring. The force is then removed, and the body of the car oscillates with simple harmonic motion.

Determine the frequency of the oscillations.

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \quad \checkmark \therefore f = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{4 \times 17748}{1100}} \quad \checkmark \quad (3)$$

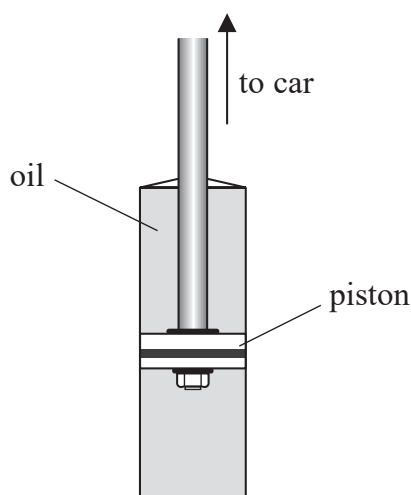
$$f = 1.279$$

$$\text{Frequency} = \underline{1.28} \checkmark \text{ Hz}$$

- (c) State the conditions for simple harmonic motion.

Acceleration is proportional to the displacement from the equilibrium position  $\checkmark$  and in the opposite direction to the displacement.  $\checkmark$  (2)

- (d) The oscillations are heavily damped by a piston in the suspension system. The piston moves within a cylinder filled with oil, as shown. The oil has a high viscosity.



Explain why using oil of high viscosity will produce heavy damping.

(3)

The high viscosity oil produces a large resistive force to the oscillations. ✓ As the piston moves, a large amount of work will be done ✓ and the energy of the oscillation will be transferred to the oil  $\therefore$  heavy damping. ✓

(Total for Question 16 = 12 marks)

17 Scientists can analyse light from stars that has passed through a diffraction grating.

- \*(a) Explain the pattern produced when a mixture of blue and red light, from the same source, passes through a diffraction grating.

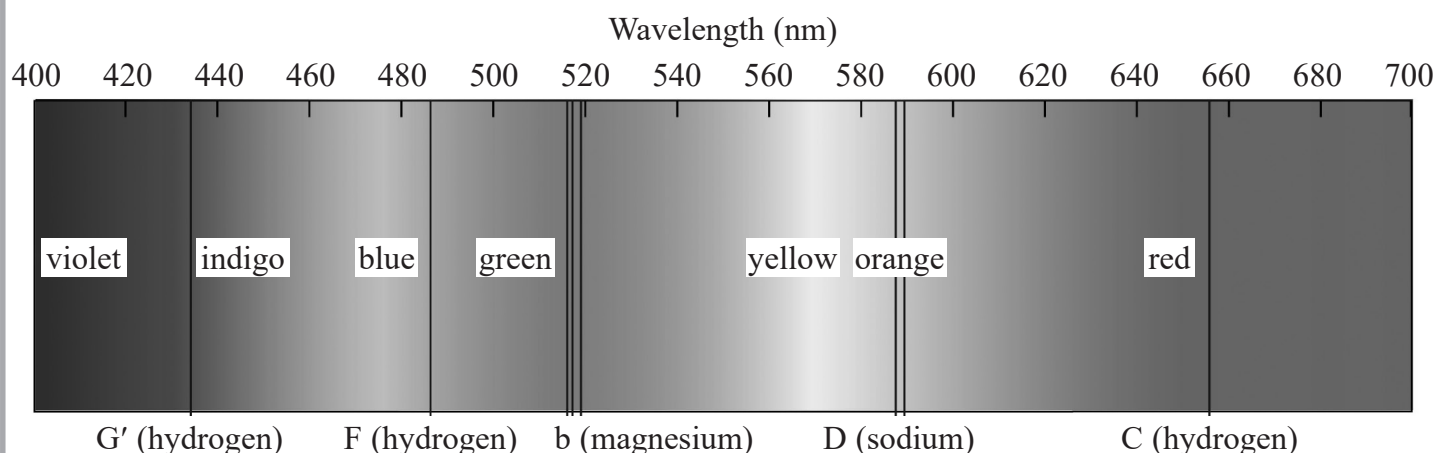
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Waves from different slits undergo superposition. ✓  
Constructive interference occurs when the path difference =  $n\lambda$  which produces bright lines on a screen. ✓ The central maxima is due to red and blue light mixing, so will appear magenta. ✓

As  $n\lambda = d \sin \theta$ , for a larger wavelength  $\sin \theta$  is greater and  $\theta$  will be greater. ✓ Blue  $\lambda$  shorter than red  $\lambda$ . ✓  $\therefore$  the blue will be less spread out and the first blue maxima will be closer to the centre than the first red maxima. ✓



(b) A spectrum of the visible light emitted by a particular star is shown.



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(i) Light interacts with atoms as it passes through the atmosphere of the star.

Explain how this leads to the formation of the dark lines within the spectrum.

(4)

Electrons exist in discrete energy levels. ✓ Absorbing a photon causes an electron to jump to a higher energy level. ✓ Photons are only absorbed when the photon energy = difference between energy levels ✓, and the photon energy  $\propto f$   $\therefore$  only certain frequencies of light from the centre of the star are absorbed, then re-emitted in all directions, by the gases in the outer atmosphere. ✓

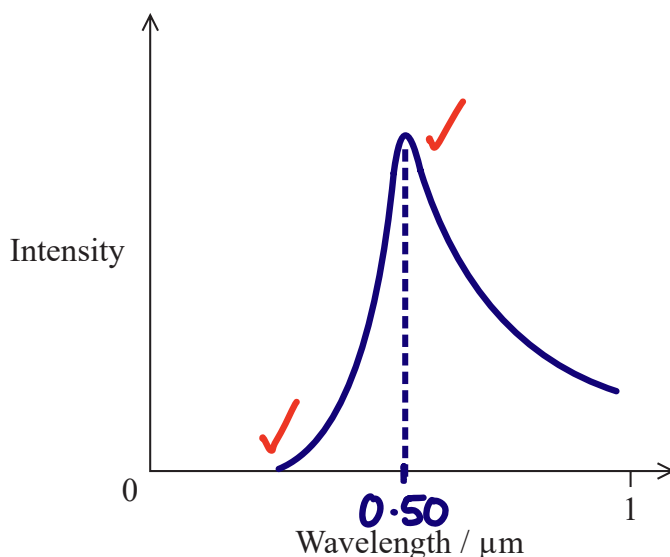
(ii) The surface temperature of the star is 5800 K.

On the axes below, sketch a graph of the intensity of radiation against the wavelength of that radiation for this star.

(4)

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} T = 2.898 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mK} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} = \frac{2.898 \times 10^{-3}}{5800} = 4.997 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} \quad \checkmark$$
$$= 0.50 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$$



(iii) This star is a main sequence star.

Explain why main sequence stars do not collapse due to gravitational forces.

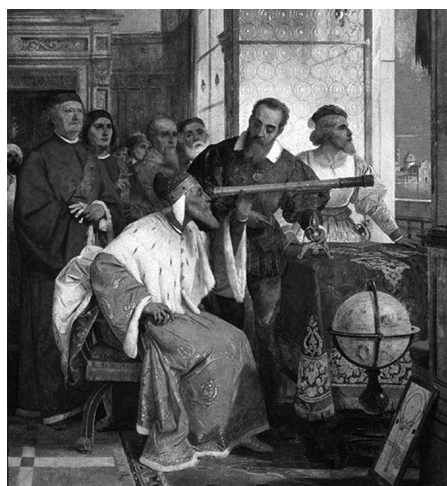
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Nuclear fusion releases energy  $\checkmark$ , producing an outward radiation pressure which balances the inward gravitational forces.  $\checkmark$

(Total for Question 17 = 16 marks)



- 18 Galileo is credited with inventing the first telescope in 1610. The picture shows an early demonstration of the telescope.



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A converging lens was positioned at one end of the telescope. A diverging lens was placed at the other end and a person looked through this lens.

- (a) The converging lens produced an image at a distance equal to the focal length of the lens.

Explain what can be concluded about the object being viewed.

(2)

Rays must be parallel to converge at focal length ✓ ∴ object must be far away. ✓

- (b) The final image produced by the telescope is described as virtual and upright.

State what is meant by virtual and upright.

(2)

Virtual

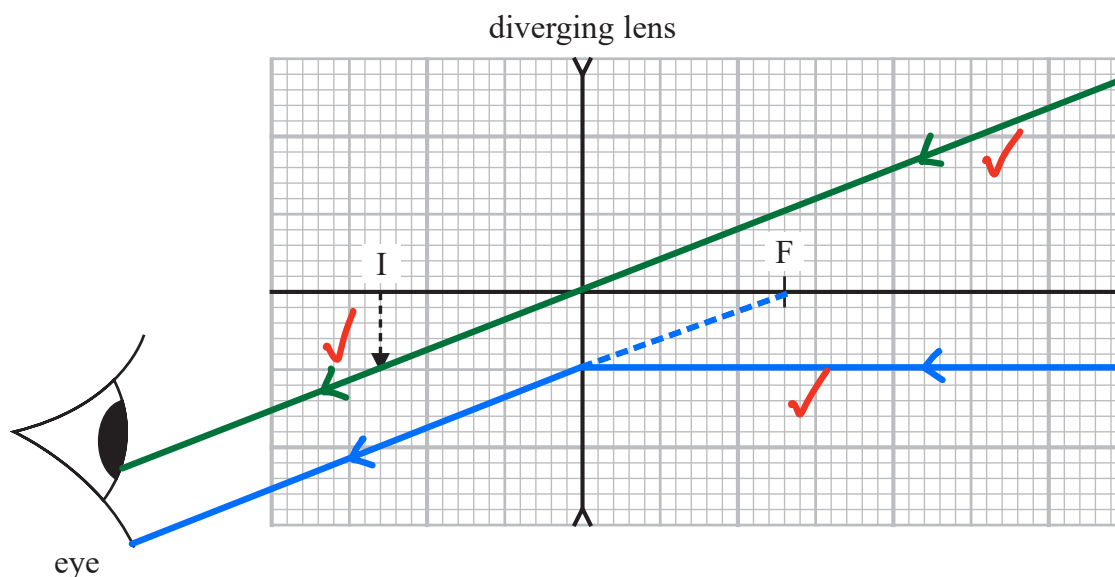
Real rays of light do not pass through the image position. ✓

Upright

Image is the same way up as the original object. ✓



- (c) The image, I, produced by the converging lens is at a distance from the diverging lens equal to the focal length of the diverging lens, as shown. This image acts as an object for the diverging lens.



The distance equal to the focal length on the other side of the lens is marked with F.

Draw the ray diagram for the diverging lens.

(3)

- (d) Galileo's first telescope had a magnification of 10, and a distance between the centres of the two lenses of 90 cm.

The magnification of the telescope =  $\frac{\text{focal length of converging lens}}{\text{focal length of diverging lens}}$

Calculate the focal length of each lens.

(2)

$$m = \frac{f_c}{f_d} = 10$$

$$f_c = 90 + f_d$$

$$\frac{90 + f_d}{f_d} = 10$$

$$90 + f_d = 10 f_d \quad f_d = 90/9 = 10 \text{ cm}$$

$$f_c = 90 + f_d = 90 + 10 = 100 \text{ cm}$$

Focal length of converging lens = 100 cm ✓

Focal length of diverging lens = 10 cm ✓

- (e) Galileo was the first person to observe Jupiter's larger moons.

Ganymede is Jupiter's largest moon. The distance between the centre of Ganymede and the centre of Jupiter is  $1.07 \times 10^6$  km. Ganymede takes 171 hours to complete an orbit around Jupiter.

Calculate the mass of Jupiter.

(5)

$$171 \text{ hours} = 171 \times 60^2 = 615,600 \text{ s} \checkmark$$

$$\frac{GM}{r^2} = \frac{mv^2}{r} \checkmark \quad v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$$

$$M = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GT^2}$$

$$\frac{GM}{r} = v^2 \quad v^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 r^2}{T^2}$$

$$M = \frac{4 \times \pi^2 \times (1.07 \times 10^9)^3}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 615,600^2} \checkmark$$

$$\frac{GM}{r} = \frac{4\pi^2 r^2}{T^2} \checkmark$$

$$M = 1.913 \times 10^{27}$$

Mass of Jupiter =  $1.91 \times 10^{27}$   $\checkmark$  / kg

(Total for Question 18 = 14 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 90 MARKS

### List of data, formulae and relationships

Acceleration of free fall	$g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$	(close to Earth's surface)
Boltzmann constant	$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$	
Coulomb law constant	$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$	
Electron charge	$e = -1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$	
Electron mass	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$	
Electronvolt	$1 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$	
Gravitational constant	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$	
Gravitational field strength	$g = 9.81 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$	(close to Earth's surface)
Permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$	
Planck constant	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$	
Proton mass	$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$	
Speed of light in a vacuum	$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	
Stefan-Boltzmann constant	$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$	
Unified atomic mass unit	$u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$	

### Mechanics

### Work, energy and power

#### Kinematic equations of motion

$$s = \frac{(u + v)t}{2}$$

$$v = u + at$$

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

#### Forces

$$\Sigma F = ma$$

$$g = \frac{F}{m}$$

$$W = mg$$

$$\text{moment of force} = Fx$$

#### Momentum

$$p = mv$$

$$\Delta W = F\Delta s$$

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{grav}} = mg\Delta h$$

$$P = \frac{E}{t}$$

$$P = \frac{W}{t}$$

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful energy output}}{\text{total energy input}}$$

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful power output}}{\text{total power input}}$$



**Electric circuits**

Potential difference

$$V = \frac{W}{Q}$$

Resistance

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

Electrical power and energy

$$P = VI$$

$$P = I^2 R$$

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

$$W = VIt$$

Resistivity

$$R = \frac{\rho l}{A}$$

Current

$$I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}$$

$$I = nqvA$$

**Materials**

Density

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$$

Stokes' law

$$F = 6\pi\eta r v$$

Hooke's law

$$\Delta F = k\Delta x$$

Young modulus

$$\text{Stress } \sigma = \frac{F}{A}$$

$$\text{Strain } \varepsilon = \frac{\Delta x}{x}$$

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon}$$

Elastic strain energy

$$\Delta E_{\text{el}} = \frac{1}{2} F \Delta x$$

**Waves and particle nature of light**

Wave speed

$$v = f\lambda$$

Speed of a transverse wave on a string

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$$

Intensity of radiation

$$I = \frac{P}{A}$$

Power of a lens

$$P = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$P = P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + \dots$$

Thin lens equation

$$\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f}$$

Magnification for a lens

$$m = \frac{\text{image height}}{\text{object height}} = \frac{v}{u}$$

Diffraction grating

$$n\lambda = d \sin \theta$$

Refractive index

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

$$n = \frac{c}{v}$$

Critical angle

$$\sin C = \frac{1}{n}$$

Photon model

$$E = hf$$

Einstein's photoelectric equation

$$hf = \phi + \frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{max}}^2$$

de Broglie wavelength

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$



**Further mechanics**

Impulse

$$F\Delta t = \Delta p$$

Kinetic energy of a non-relativistic particle

$$E_k = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

Motion in a circle

$$v = \omega r$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$$F = ma = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$a = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$a = r\omega^2$$

$$F = mr\omega^2$$

**Fields**

Coulomb's law

$$F = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

Electric field strength

$$E = \frac{F}{Q}$$

$$E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$E = \frac{V}{d}$$

Electric potential

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

Capacitance

$$C = \frac{Q}{V}$$

Energy stored in a capacitor

$$W = \frac{1}{2} QV$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C}$$

Capacitor discharge

$$Q = Q_0 e^{-t/RC}$$

$$I = I_0 e^{-t/RC}$$

$$V = V_0 e^{-t/RC}$$

$$\ln Q = \ln Q_0 - \frac{t}{RC}$$

$$\ln I = \ln I_0 - \frac{t}{RC}$$

$$\ln V = \ln V_0 - \frac{t}{RC}$$

In a magnetic field

$$F = BIl \sin \theta$$

$$F = Bqv \sin \theta$$

Faraday's and Lenz's laws

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{-d(N\phi)}{dt}$$

Root-mean-square values

$$V_{\text{rms}} = \frac{V_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$I_{\text{rms}} = \frac{I_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$



**Nuclear and particle physics**

In a magnetic field

$$r = \frac{p}{BQ}$$

**Thermodynamics**

Heating

$$\Delta E = mc\Delta\theta$$

$$\Delta E = L\Delta m$$

Molecular kinetic theory

$$\frac{1}{2}m\langle c^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{2}kT$$

$$pV = \frac{1}{3}Nm\langle c^2 \rangle$$

Ideal gas equation

$$pV = NkT$$

Stefan-Boltzmann law

$$L = \sigma AT^4$$

$$L = 4\pi r^2 \sigma T^4$$

Wien's law

$$\lambda_{\max} T = 2.898 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m K}$$

**Space**

Intensity

$$I = \frac{L}{4\pi d^2}$$

Redshift of electromagnetic radiation

$$z = \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} \approx \frac{\Delta f}{f} \approx \frac{v}{c}$$

Cosmological expansion

$$v = H_0 d$$

**Nuclear radiation**

Mass-energy

$$\Delta E = c^2 \Delta m$$

Radioactive decay

$$A = \lambda N$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -\lambda N$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{t_{1/2}}$$

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$A = A_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

**Gravitational fields**

Gravitational force

$$F = \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

Gravitational field strength

$$g = \frac{Gm}{r^2}$$

Gravitational potential

$$V_{\text{grav}} = \frac{-Gm}{r}$$

**Oscillations**

Simple harmonic motion

$$F = -kx$$

$$a = -\omega^2 x$$

$$x = A \cos \omega t$$

$$v = -A\omega \sin \omega t$$

$$a = -A\omega^2 \cos \omega t$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

Simple harmonic oscillator

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$



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