



GCSE (9–1) Combined Science A (Physics) (Gateway Science) J250/05 Paper 5 (Foundation Tier)

Sample Question Paper

Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 10 minutes

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You may use: • a scientific or • a ruler	
First name	
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink. You may use an HB pencil for graphs and diagrams.
- Complete the boxes above with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer all the questions.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Additional paper may be used if required but you must clearly show your candidate number, centre number and question number(s).
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **60**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of 24 pages.

SECTION A

You should spend a maximum of 20 minutes on this section.

Answer all the questions.

1 What is the typical diameter of an atom?

A 1 x 10⁻⁷ m

- **B** 1 x 10⁻⁸ m
- **C** 1 x 10⁻⁹ m
- **D** 1 x 10⁻¹⁰ m

Your answer

2 A bus takes 1.8 hours to travel 24 km.

What is the average speed of the bus?

- A 43.2 km/hr
- **B** 25.8 km/hr
- **C** 22.2 km/hr
- **D** 13.3 km/hr

Your answer

3 Which of these symbols is used to show an LDR?







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4 A student lifts a box with a force of 12 N a distance of 7 m.

How much work do they do?



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5 The graph shows the relationship between mass and weight on two different planets.



The weight of an object on planet X is 3.0 N.

What is the weight of the same object on planet Y?

A 1.5 N

- **B** 2.0 N
- **C** 4.0 N
- **D** 6.0 N

Your answer

What is the minimum number of forces that are acting on a compressed spring?
A 3
B 2
C 1
D 0
Your arswer

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7 Which of these solid blocks of material has the **smallest** density?



- 8 Which sentence about static electricity is **not** correct?
 - A charged object exerts a force of attraction or repulsion on another charged object.
 - **B** If charges are the same on two objects they attract each other.
 - **C** Static electricity due to friction involves the movement of electrons.
 - **D** When a neutral object gains electrons it always becomes negatively charged.
 - Your answer

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A sealed bottle contains gas. The bottle is heated and the pressure of the gas increases.

How do the gas particles cause this increase in pressure?

- A Their average distance apart increases.
- **B** They expand.
- **C** They hit each other more frequently.
- **D** They hit the can more frequently.

Your answer

10 Plotting compasses are positioned at **X** and **Y** near to a current-carrying wire.



Compared to Y, the strength and direction shown on the compass, of the magnetic field at X

is:

- A the same strength and direction
- **B** the same strength and the opposite direction
- **C** stronger and the opposite direction
- **D** stronger and the same direction

Your answer

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SECTION B

Answer **all** the questions.

11 A ping-pong ball is dropped onto a sloping surface.

It bounces and the horizontal distance it travels is measured.



The results of the experiment are shown in the table below.

Drop height (cm)	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
Horizontal distance travelled (cm)	7	14	20	25	29	32	34	

(a) Complete the table above by predicting the horizontal distance travelled by a ping-pong ball dropped from 80 cm.

(b) The ball dropping from 70 cm took 0.6 seconds to travel a horizontal distance of 34 cm.Calculate the horizontal velocity of the ping pong ball using the formula:

distance travelled = speed x time

Show your working and give the unit.

answer: unit:

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12 A graph of the resistance of a thermistor against temperature is shown below.



The fixed resistor in the circuit below is a 5 Ω resistor.



(b) The fixed resistor has 2 A of current flowing through it.

Using the equation:

power = (current²) x resistance

calculate the power dissipated in the resistor.

Show your working.

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answer:W

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13 A spring is stretched using different weights.

The results of the experiment to find the extension of the spring are shown below.

Load (N)	Length (cm)	Extension (cm)
0.0	10.0	0.0
3.0	10.6	0.6
6.0	11.2	
9.0		1.8
12.0	12.4	2.4
15.0	13.0	3.0

- (a) Complete the table of results.
- (b) Some points from the table have been plotted on the graph below.

Plot the points for loads of 6 N and 15 N against extension and draw a line of best fit.



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(c)	What evidence is there that the extension of the spring is linear ?	
(d)	Calculate the spring constant using the formula:	
	force = spring constant x extension	
	Show your working.	
	answer: N/cm [3]	

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14 A fish is swimming forwards and the forward force is labelled on the diagram below.

Forward force

- (a) Draw and label the three other forces that are acting on the fish. Ignore the water [3] pressure.
- (b) If the fish uses 0.18 kJ of energy in 4 seconds, calculate the power of the fish using the formula:

answer:W

work done = power x time

15 0.4 kg of water is heated on a hot-plate.



The increase in temperature with time of the surface of the hot-plate is shown on the graph below.



answer °C

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(b) The water is heated until it boils to form steam.

The specific latent heat of vapourisation of water is 2 260 000 J/kg. Use the formula:

thermal energy for a change of state = mass x specific latent heat

to calculate how much energy is needed to evaporate 0.4 kg of water.

Show your working and state the unit.

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answer unit

16 A student wants to find out what affects the speed of a toy car.

The diagram shows some of the apparatus she uses.



(a) The student rolls the toy car down the ramp, measuring the distance from the front of the car to the bottom of the ramp.

How can the car's average speed on the ramp be measured?

Predict how changing the distance travelled along the ramp will affect this average speed.

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(b) Suggest **two** other factors that could be changed and would have an effect on the speed of the car.

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17 A security light is designed to switch on automatically when it becomes dark.

Part of the circuit for the security light contains a battery, a light dependent resistor (LDR) and a 2000 Ω resistor.



18 Some small pieces of paper are on a surface and a negatively charged rod is held near them.

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19*	The diagram shows	s a simple circu	uit diagram for a	an electromagnet used	to pick up scrap steel.
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When the switch is closed, the scrap steel is attracted to the electromagnet.

Explain why this happens.

What can be done to the apparatus to pick up even more steel?

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