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ADVANCED PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION

PHYSICS

UNIT 01 – Paper 01

1 hour and 45 minutes

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. This paper consists of **NINE** questions. Candidates must attempt **ALL** questions.
2. Candidates **MUST** write in this answer booklet and all working **MUST** be **CLEARLY** shown.
3. The use of non-programmable calculators is permitted.

1. (a) Explain the principle which underlies the checking of the balance of equations using base quantities.

[1 mark]

- (b) State ONE limitation of using base quantities to check the balance of equations.

[1 mark]

- (c) A body moving through air at a high speed, v , experiences a force, F , given by $F = kA\rho v^2$, where A is the surface area of the body, ρ is the density of air and k is a unitless constant. If $A = 0.10 \pm 0.005 \text{ m}^2$, $\rho = 1000 \pm 0.1 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ and $v = 30.0 \pm 1 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, find the fractional error in the force, F .

[3 marks]

- (d) The speed, v , of ocean waves is related to the wavelength, λ , and the acceleration due to gravity, g . Two relationships are proposed, $v = ag\lambda$ or $v = b\sqrt{g\lambda}$, where a and b are constants with no units. Determine which of these equations is possible.

[3 marks]

- (e) Assuming that your result in (d) is correct, determine the full equation if an ocean wave has a speed of 16 m s^{-1} and a wavelength of 160 m.

[2 marks]

Total 10 marks

2. (a) Define the term 'acceleration' and explain what is meant by the 'acceleration due to gravity'.

[2 marks]

- (b) A ball is thrown horizontally from a height, h , and with a speed, u . It hits the ground at a horizontal distance, d , from where it is thrown in a time, t . Throughout this question assume that air resistance is negligible.

- (i) Use the equations of motion to derive the relationship between h and d , given that the acceleration due to gravity is g .

[3 marks]

(ii) Explain how Newton's laws of motion apply to

a) the horizontal motion of the ball

[2 marks]

b) the vertical motion of the ball.

[1 mark]

(iii) Without performing the calculation, explain how you would find the final velocity of the ball.

[2 marks]

Total 10 marks

3. (a) (i) A small cork floats in water, **exactly half submerged, on Earth**. If the container, water and cork were all transferred to a place where the acceleration due to gravity is **less than that on Earth**, would the submerged proportion of the cork be greater, stay the same or become less?

[1 mark]

(ii) Give TWO reasons for your answer.

[2 marks]

- (b) Consider the Figures 1 and 2 which show two identical, rectangular wooden blocks floating respectively in water and in a liquid L. (Density of water = 1000 kg m^{-3})

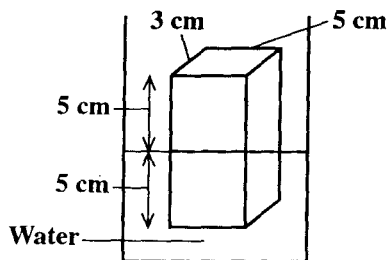


Figure 1

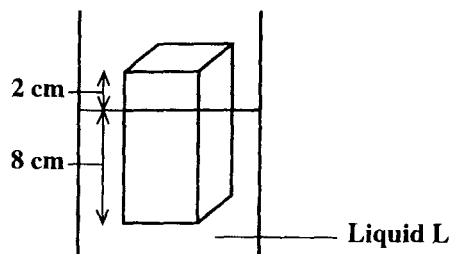


Figure 2

- (i) Find the
- a) weight of the block

[4 marks]

- b) density of liquid L.

[2 marks]

- (ii) Explain why frictional forces between the blocks and the water should NOT be considered in your calculations.

[1 mark]

Total 10 marks

4. (a) State the TWO conditions necessary for simple harmonic motion (S.H.M.) to occur.

[2 marks]

- (b) (i) A body is undergoing S.H.M. of amplitude 4×10^{-2} m and with a maximum speed of 0.20 m s^{-1} . Calculate the period of the oscillation given that the velocity, v , of a body undergoing S.H.M. is $v = \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$ where ω is the angular velocity, A is the maximum displacement and x its displacement from the equilibrium position.

[2 marks]

- (ii) Calculate the maximum acceleration during the motion.

[2 marks]

- (iii) In the space below, sketch and label on the same axes, graphs of kinetic energy against displacement and potential energy against displacement for one complete oscillation of the body.

[3 marks]

- (iv) Write an equation to represent the relationship between kinetic energy and potential energy during S.H.M.

[1 mark]

Total 10 marks

5. (a) Explain what is meant by the 'refractive index' and 'critical angle' of a material.

Refractive index:

[1 mark]

Critical angle:

[1 mark]

- (b) (i) A sound wave has a speed of 330 m s^{-1} in air and $1.5 \times 10^3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ in water. Determine the refractive index for sound waves passing from air into water.

[3 marks]

- (ii) Calculate the critical angle for sound waves at a boundary between air and water.

[2 marks]

- (c) In the space below, draw a labelled ray diagram to represent two sound waves striking a boundary between air and water, with one wave at an angle less than the critical angle and one wave which is totally internally reflected.

[3 marks]

Total 10 marks

6. (a) State the meaning of the term 'diffraction'.

[1 mark]

- (b) Briefly describe how the diffraction of (i) sound and (ii) light may be observed.

Sound:

[1 mark]

Light:

[2 marks]

- (c) A diffraction grating has 300 lines per millimetre. How many orders of diffraction are possible for red light of wavelength 6.4×10^{-7} m?

[4 marks]

- (d) Without performing any calculation, if blue light were to be used instead of red light, would you expect a larger or smaller number of orders of diffraction to be possible? Explain your answer.

[2 marks]

Total 10 marks

7. (a) Define the terms 'specific heat capacity' and 'heat capacity'.

Specific heat capacity:

[1 mark]

Heat capacity:

[1 mark]

- (b) (i) A mass of 0.45 kg of water is heated by an immersion heater in a container of heat capacity 90 J K^{-1} . The water is heated for 9 minutes and the temperature rises from 25°C to 79°C . Find the power of the heater. You may consider heat losses negligible.

[6 marks]

- (ii) Use the kinetic theory of matter to outline what happens to the thermal energy supplied by the immersion heater in (b) (i) above.

[2 marks]

Total 10 marks

8. (a) Explain what is meant by 'tensile stress', 'tensile strain' and 'Young modulus'.

Tensile stress: _____

_____ [1 mark]

Tensile strain: _____

_____ [1 mark]

Young modulus: _____

_____ [1 mark]

- (b) What stress would be required to increase the length of a metal wire, X , by 0.15%?
(Young modulus for metal of wire, $X = 1.2 \times 10^{11} \text{ N m}^{-2}$)

[3 marks]

- (c) (i) If the cross-sectional area of the wire is 2.0 mm^2 , calculate the tension needed for this extension.

[2 marks]

- (ii) Calculate the work done during the extension of the wire if the wire is 1 metre long.

[2 marks]

Total 10 marks

9. (a) Describe the mechanisms of the conduction of thermal energy in

(i) a metal bar

[2 marks]

(ii) a piece of wood.

[1 mark]

(b) Compare the approaches at determining thermal conductivity for good and bad thermal conductors.

[5 marks]

(c) To demonstrate different conductivities of materials, bars of similar dimensions are heated. What other characteristics of the bars, or the materials from which they are made, may affect these results?

[2 marks]

Total 10 marks

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