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### SECTION A

**Answer ALL questions in this section**

1. A drug manufacturer gives the mass of the active ingredient in a tablet as 5 mg. Express this quantity in kilogramme and in standard form. (1 mark)

2. The masses of equal volumes of a certain liquid and of water were found to be $m_l$ and $m_w$ respectively. Given that the density of water is 1 gcm⁻³, express the density, P, of the liquid in terms of $m_l$ and $m_w$. (Show your work) (2 marks)

3. **Fig. 1** shows a brick placed on a plane inclined at an angle θ to the horizontal. The weight, W, of the brick is shown
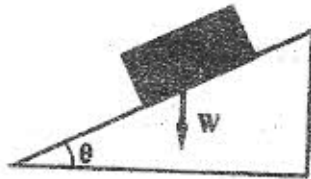


**Figure 1**

   (a) On the same diagram show with arrows the other two forces acting on the brick and name them. (1 mark)

   (b) State how each of the two forces named in (a) above is affected when the angle θ is reduced. (1mark)

4. Water is known to boil at 100°C. A student heated some water and noticed that it boiled at 101°C.
   State two possible reasons for this observation (2 marks)

5. **Fig. 2** shows a flask with water. The flask is fitted with a cork through which a tube is inserted. When the flask is cooled, the water level rises slightly, then falls steadily.
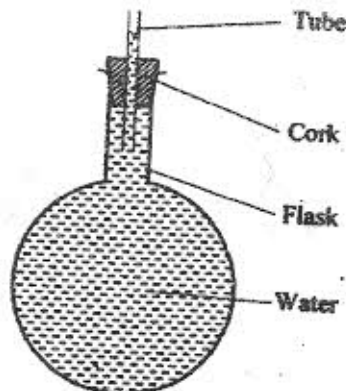


**Figure 2**

Explain this observation (3 marks)

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Fig. 3 shows a hot water bath with metal rods inserted through one of its sides. Some wax is fixed at the end of each rod. Use this information to answer questions 6 and 7.
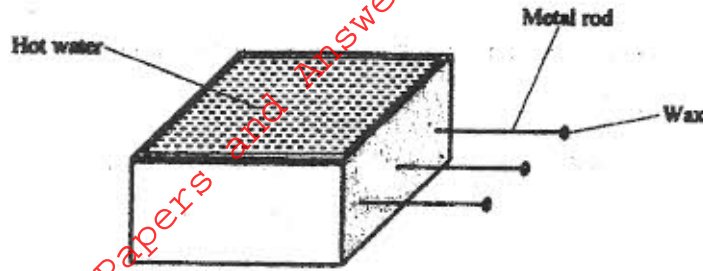


**Figure 3**

6. What property of metals could be tested using this set-up? (1 mark)

7. Besides the length of the rods that is kept constant, what else should be kept constant when comparing the property for the different metal rods? (1 mark)

8. Fig. 4 shows a conical flask 15cm high, filled with a liquid of density 1200kgm$^{-3}$. The atmospheric pressure of the surrounding is $8.4 \times 10^4$Pa
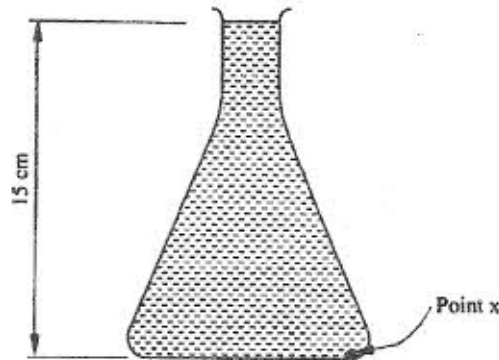


**Figure 4**

Determine the pressure at the point marked **X**, at the bottom of the flask. (3 marks)

9. Explain the difference between a liquid and a gas in terms of intermolecular distances and forces (2 marks)

Fig. 5 shows a toy resting on top of a closed bottle. Use the information on the figure to answer questions 10 and 11.
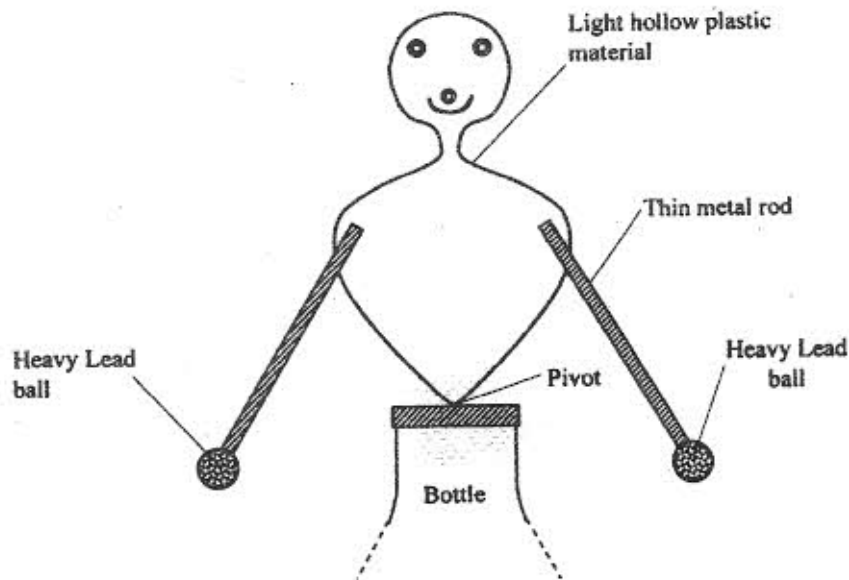


**Figure 5**

10. Mark on the diagram, point Q, the approximate centre of gravity of the toy (1 mark)

11. Giving a reason, name the state of equilibrium of the toy (2 marks)

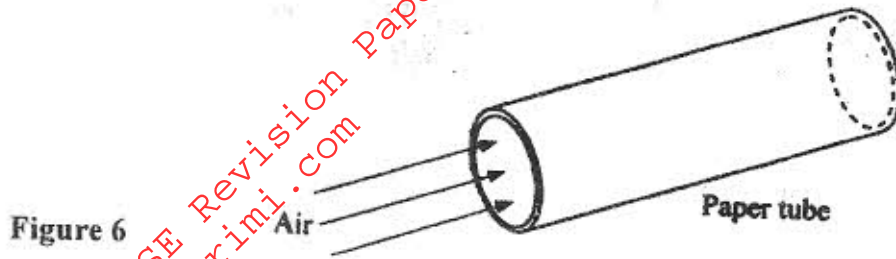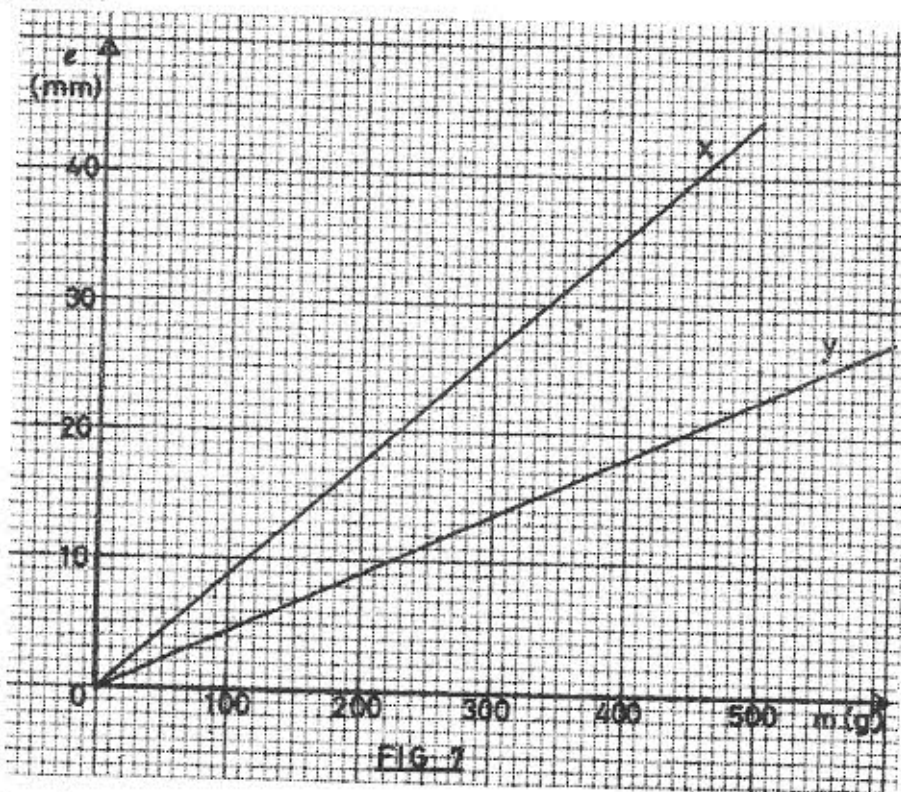12. **Fig. 6** shows a sheet of paper rolled into a tube.



**Figure 6**   Air ————   **Paper tube**

When a fast stream of air is blown into the tube as shown in the diagram the paper tube collapses. Explain the observation (2 marks)

13. The graphs in **Fig. 7** represent the relations between extesison **e** and mass **m** added on two springs x and y.



FIG. 7

Given that the two springs are made of same material, give a reason why the graphs are different. (1 mark)

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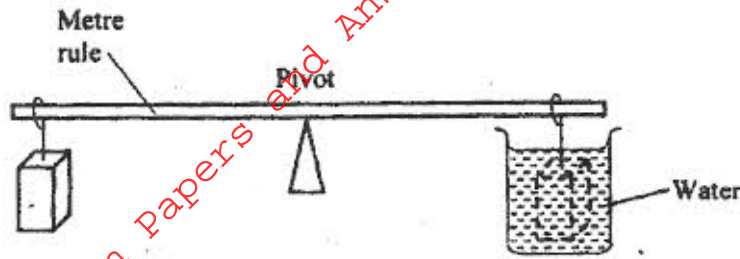**14.** The system in **Fig. 8** is in equilibrium.



**Figure 8**

When the temperature of the water is raised the system is observed to tilt to the right, state the reason for this observation. (2 marks)

**SECTION B**

*Answer all the questions in this section*

**15.** (a) State Newton's second law of motion (1 mark)

(b) A *matatu* starts from rest and accelerates to cover a distance of 49m in 7 seconds. Determine:

(i) its accceleration; (3 marks)

(ii) its velocity after 7 seconds; (2 marks)

(c) A trolley moving on a horizontal bench of height 1.2m, strikes a barrier at the edge of the bench. The brass mass on the top of the trolley flies off on impact and lands on the ground 2.5m from the edge of the bench.

Determine:

(i) The time taken by the brass mass to reach the ground; (2 marks)

(ii) The speed at which the trolley struck the barrier (2 marks)

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**16.** (a) Define the term heat capacity (1 mark)

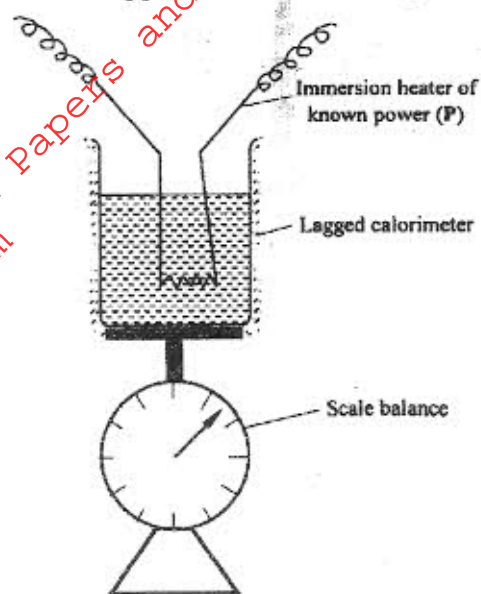(b) You are provided with the apparatus shown in **Fig. 9** and a stop watch.



**Figure 9**

Describe an experiment to determine the specific latent heat of steam, $l$, using the set up. In your answer clearly explain the measurements to be made and how these measurements could be used to determine $l$. (6 marks)

(c) A block of metal of mass 150g at 100°C is dropped into a lagged calorimeter of heat capacity 40JK⁻¹ containing 100g of water at 25°C. The temperature of the resulting mixture is 34°C. (specific heat capacity of water = 4200JKgK⁻¹)

Determine:

(i) Heat gained by calorimeter; (2 marks)

(ii) Heat gained by water; (1 mark)

(iii) Heat lost by the metal block (1 mark)

(iv) Specific heat capacity of the metal block (3 marks)

17. (a) What is meant by absolute zero temperature? (1 mark)

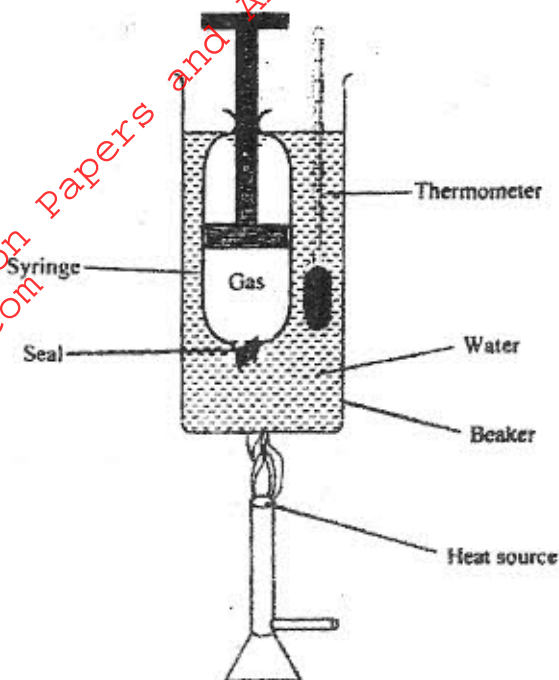Fig. 10 shows a set up to investigate the relationship between temperature and volume for a certain gas.



Thermometer

Syringe

Gas

Seal

Water

Beaker

Heat source

**Figure 10**

(b) State **two** factors that are kept constant, in order to determine the relationship (2 marks)

(c) The graph in **Fig. 11** shows the relationship between volume and temperature for the experiment.



Graph of Volume against Temperature

Figure 11
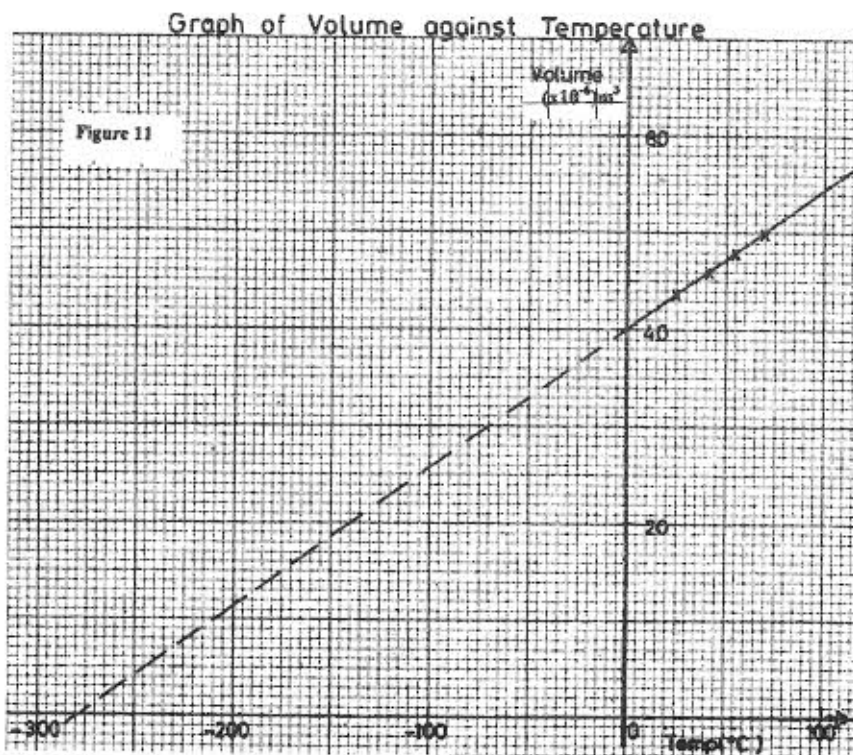
(i) What was the volume of the gas at 0°C? (1 mark)

(ii) At what temperature would the volume of the gas be zero? (1 mark)

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(iii) Explain why the temperature in part (ii) above cannot be achieved (2 marks)

(d) A sealed gas cylinder contains 300cm³ of a certain gas at a temperature of 25°C, and at a pressure of $9.5 \times 10^4$Pa. The gas in the cylinder was then cooled to 10°C. Determine the new pressure of the gas in the cylinder (4 marks)

**18.** (a) Define the term velocity ratio of a machine (1 mark)

(b) **Fig. 12** shows part of a hydraulic press. The plunger is the position where effort is applied while the Ram piston is the position where load is applied. The plunger has cross-section area, a m² while the Ram piston has cross-section area, A m².



Ram piston of cross sectional area = A
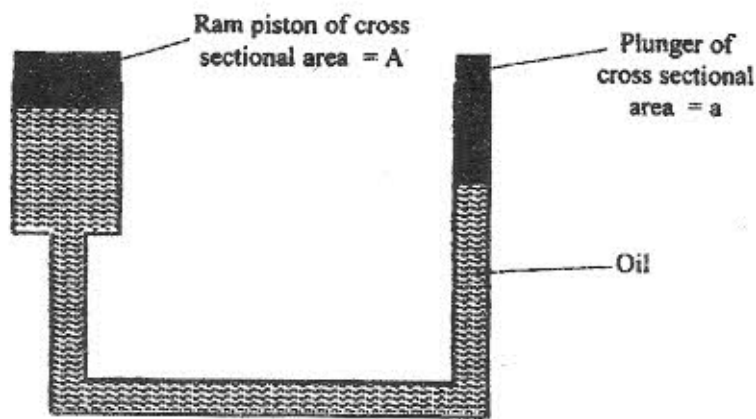
Plunger of cross sectional area = a

Oil

**Figure 12**

When the plunger moves down a distance d the Ram piston moves up a distance D.

(i) State the property of liquid pressure on which the working of the hydraulic press works. (1 mark)

(ii) Derive an impression for the velocity ratio (V.R.) in terms of A and a. (4 marks)

(c) A machine of velocity ratio 45, overcomes a load of $4.5 \times 10^3$N when an effort of 135N is applied.

Determine:

(i) The mechanical advantage of the machine; (2 marks)

(ii) Efficiency of the machine; (2 marks)

(iii) The percentage of the work that goes to waste. (1 mark)

19. (a) State the principle of moments (1 mark)

(b) A uniform metal strip is 3.0cm wide, 0.6cm thick d 100cm long. The density of the metal is 2.7g/cm³

(i) Determine the weight of the strip (3 marks)

The strip is placed on a pivot and kept in equilibrium by forces as shown in **Fig. 13**
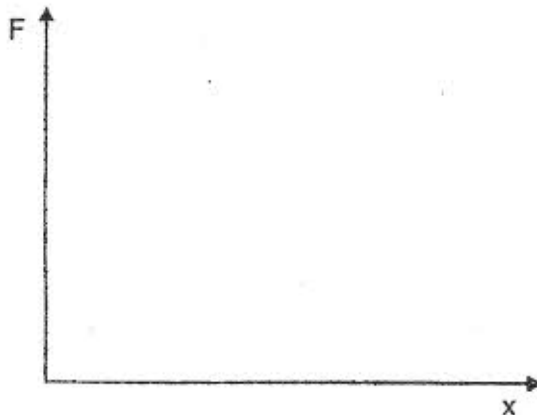
R

20cm | 15cm

Uniform plank

x

**Figure 13**

F   W
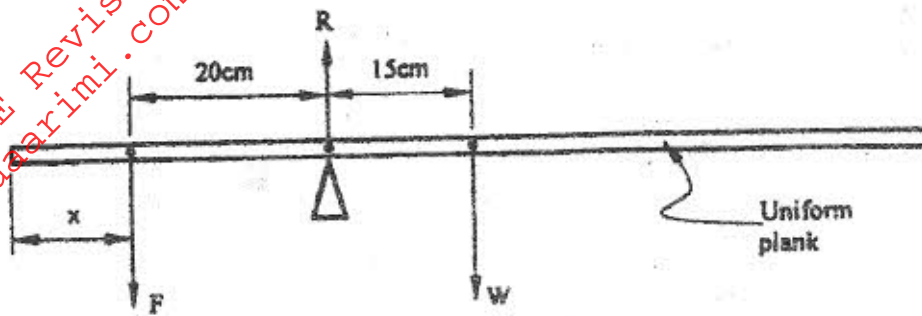
(ii) Determine the value of F and R (3 marks)

F =

R =

(iii) x is the distance from the end of the plank to the point of application of force F. Force F is now applied at various points nearer to the pivot so that x increases. Equilibrium is maintained all the time. On the axes provided sketch the relation between force F and x. (1 mark)

F

x

(iv) Give a reason for the answer in (iii) above. (1 mark)

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