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**PHYSICS 2**

*(For Both School and Private Candidates)*

*Time: 2 Hours 30 Minutes*

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This paper consists of **10** questions in sections A, B and C.
2. Answer **five (5)** questions, choosing at least **one (1)** question from each section.
3. All questions carry equal marks.
4. Mathematical tables and non-programmable calculators may be used.
5. Cellular phones are **not** allowed in the examination room.
6. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet(s).
7. The following information may be useful.

Young's Modulus of steel	$E_s$	=	$2.0 \times 10^{11} \text{ Nm}^{-2}$
Moment of Inertia of solid cylinder	$I$	=	$\frac{1}{2}MR^2$
1 atmosphere		=	$1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
Refractive index of glass	$\eta$	=	1.5
Avogadro's number	$N_A$	=	$6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Permeability of free space	$\mu_0$	=	$4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Hm}^{-1}$
Pie	$\pi$	=	3.14
Charge of electron	$e$	=	$1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Speed of light	$C$	=	$3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
Planck's constant	$h$	=	$6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$

This paper consists of 8 printed pages

## SECTION A

1. (a) Define the following terms:
    - (i) Tensile stress.
    - (ii) Tensile strain.
    - (iii) Young's modulus
  - (b) (i) Derive the expression for the work done in stretching a wire of length  $L$  by a load  $W$  through an extension  $X$ .
  - (ii) A vertical wire made of steel of length 2.0 m and 1.0 mm diameter has a load of 5.0 kg applied to its lower end. What is the energy stored in the wire?
  - (c) A copper wire 2.0 m long and  $1.22 \times 10^{-3}$  m diameter is fixed horizontally to two rigid supports 2.0 m apart. Find the mass in kg of the load, which when suspended at the mid point of the wire, produces a sag of  $2.0 \times 10^{-2}$  m at the point.
2. (a) Define angular momentum and give its dimensions.
  - (b) A grinding wheel in a form of solid cylinder of 0.2 m diameter and 3 kg mass is rotated at 3600 rev./minute.
    - (i) What is its kinetic energy?
    - (ii) Find how far it would have to fall to acquire the same kinetic energy as in 2(b)(i) above.
  - (c) A uniform solid cylinder of mass  $M$  and radius  $R$  rotates about a vertical axis on a frictionless bearing. A mass less cord rapped with many turns round the cylinder passes over a pulley of rotational inertia  $I$  and radius  $r$  and then attached to a small mass  $m$  that is otherwise free to fall under the influence of gravity as shown in figure 1 below.

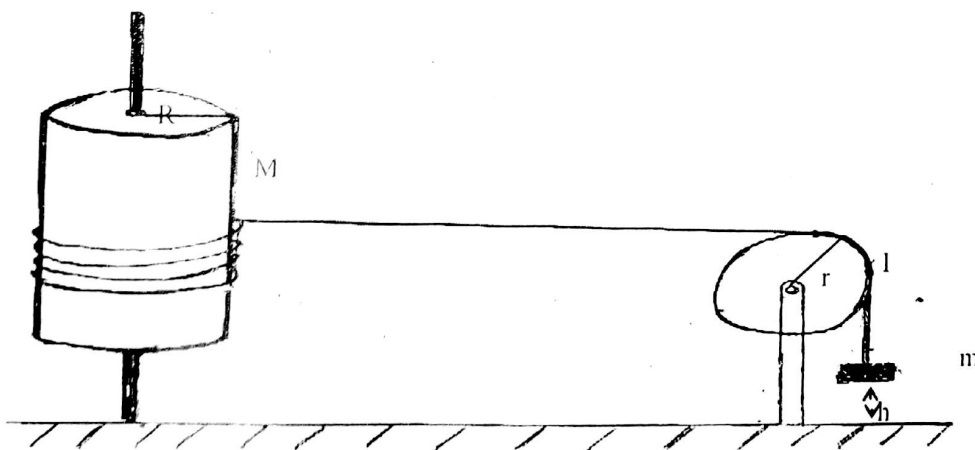


Fig. 1

If there is no friction in the pulley axle and the cord does not slip, what is the speed of the small mass after it has fallen a distance  $h$  from rest?

3. (a) (i) What is the difference between isothermal and adiabatic processes?
- (ii) Write down the equation of state obeyed by each process in 3(a)(i) above.
- (iii) Using the same graph and under the same conditions, sketch the isotherms and the adiabatics.
- (b) Derive the expression for the work done by the gas when it expands from volume  $V_1$  to volume  $V_2$  during an
- (i) Isothermal process.
- (ii) Adiabatic process
- (c) When water is boiled under a pressure of 2 atmospheres the boiling point is  $120^\circ\text{C}$ . At this pressure one kg of water has a volume of  $10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$  and two kg of steam have a volume of  $1.648 \text{ m}^3$ . Compute the
- (i) work done when one kg of steam is formed at this temperature.
- (ii) increase in the internal energy.
4. (a) (i) State Kepler's laws of planetary motion.
- (ii) Explain the variation of acceleration due to gravity,  $g$ , inside and outside the earth.
- (b) Derive the formulae for mass and density of the earth.
- (c) (i) What do you understand by the term satellite?
- (ii) A satellite of mass 100 kg moves in a circular orbit of radius 7000 km around the earth, assumed to be a sphere of radius 6400 km. Calculate the total energy needed to place the satellite in orbit from the earth, assuming  $g = 10 \text{ Nkg}^{-1}$  at the earth's surface.

## SECTION B

5. (a) (i) What is interference? Explain the term path difference with reference to the interference of two wave-trains.
- (ii) Why is it not possible to see interference when the light beams from head lamps of a car overlap?
- (iii) Discuss whether it is possible to observe an interference pattern when white light is shone on a Young's double slit experiment.
- (b) A grating has 500 lines per millimetre and is illuminated normally with monochromatic light of wavelength  $5.89 \times 10^{-7}$  m.
- (i) How many diffraction maxima may be observed?
- (ii) Calculate the angular separation.
- (c) In figure 2 below,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are two coherent light sources in a Young's two slit experiment separated by a distance 0.5 mm and O is a point equidistant from  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  at a distance 0.8 m from the slits. When a thin parallel sided piece of glass (G) of thickness  $3.6 \times 10^{-6}$  m is placed near  $S_1$  as shown, the central fringe system moves from O to a point P: Calculate OP. (The wavelength of light used =  $6.0 \times 10^{-7}$  m).

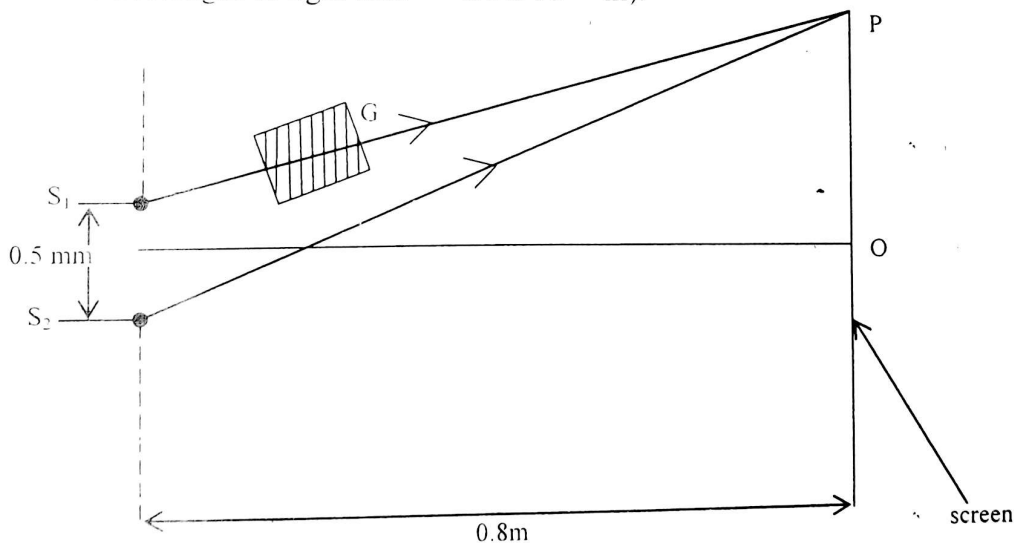


Fig. 2

6. (a) Explain the mechanism of electric conduction in:
- (i) gases.
- (ii) electrolytes.

- (d) (i) Develop an equation for the torque acting on a current carrying coil of dimensions  $l \times b$  placed in a magnetic field. How is this effect applied in a moving coil galvanometer?
- (ii) A galvanometer coil has 50 turns, each with an area of  $1.0 \text{ cm}^2$ . If the coil is in a radial field of  $10^{-2} \text{ T}$  and suspended by a suspension of torsion constant  $2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Nm per degree}$ , what current is needed to give a deflection of  $30^\circ$ ?

### SECTION C

8. (a) Explain the following terms:
- (i) Forward bias.
  - (ii) Reverse bias.
  - (iii) Inverting and non-inverting amplifier.
- (b) Define the following:
- (i) Logic gate.
  - (ii) Integrated circuit.
  - (iii) Modulation.
- (c) An operational amplifier is to have a voltage gain of 100. Calculate the required values for the external resistances  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  when the following gains are required:
- (i) non-inverting.
  - (ii) inverting.



- (b) (i) State the laws of electromagnetic induction.
- (ii) Outline four applications of eddy currents.
- (c) A coil of 100 turns is rotated at 1500 revolutions per minute in a magnetic field of uniform density 0.05 T. If the axis of rotation is at right angles to the direction of the flux and the area per turn is  $4000 \text{ mm}^2$ , calculate the:
- (i) frequency.
- (ii) period.
- (iii) maximum induced e.m.f.
- (iv) maximum value of the induced e.m.f when the coil has rotated through  $30^\circ$  from the position of zero e.m.f.
7. (a) The diagram below (fig. 3) shows a wire of length  $l$  carrying a current  $I$  and placed in a magnetic field  $B$  such that its length is perpendicular to  $B$ . Derive an expression for the force exerted on the wire.

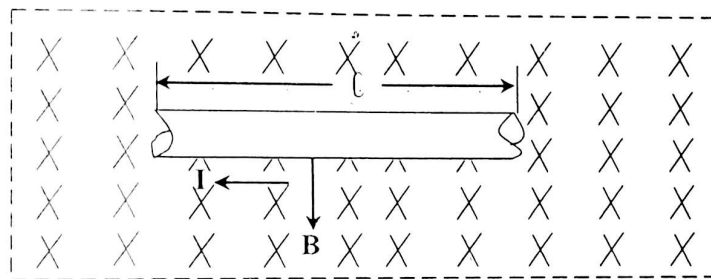


Fig. 3

- (b) (i) Give a general form expressing the force exerted on the wire carrying current  $I$  if its length  $l$  is inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the magnetic field  $B$ .
- (ii) A wire carrying a current of 2A has a length 100 mm in a uniform magnetic field of  $0.8 \text{ Wbm}^{-2}$ . Find the force acting on the wire when the field is at  $60^\circ$  to the wire.
- (c) A wire carrying a current of 25 A and 8 m long is placed in a magnetic field of flux density 0.42 T. What is the force on the wire if it is placed:
- (i) at right angles to the field?
- (ii) at  $45^\circ$  to the field?
- (iii) along the field?

- (d) Given the circuit in figure 4 below, describe what happens to  $V_o$  when the input is raised suddenly from 0 to 1V and remains at that voltage.

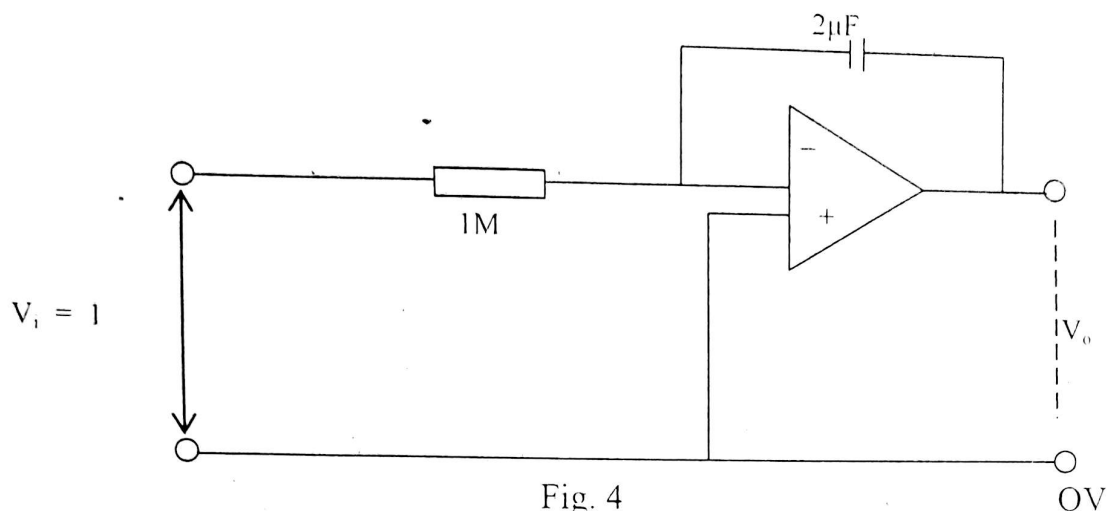


Fig. 4

- (a) Write down Bragg's equation for the study of the atomic structure of crystals by X-rays.
- (b) The radiation from an X-ray tube which operates at 50 kV is diffracted by a cubic KCl crystal of molecular mass 74.6 and density  $1.99 \times 10^3 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ . Calculate:
- The shortest wavelength limit of the spectrum from the tube.
  - The glancing angle for first order reflection from the planes of the crystal for that wavelength and angle of deviation of a diffracted beam.
- (c) The radiation emitted by an X-ray tube consists of continuous spectrum with a line spectrum superimposed on it. Explain how the continuous spectrum and the line spectrum are produced.

Draw the graph of the spectra stated.

10. (a) Explain the following observations:
- A radioactive source is placed in front of a detector which can detect all forms of radioactive emissions. It is found that the activity registered is noticeably reduced when a thin sheet of paper is placed between the source and detector.
  - When a brass plate with a narrow vertical slit is placed in front of the radioactive source in 10.(a)(i) above and a horizontal magnetic field normal to the line joining the source and the detector is applied, it is found that the activity is further reduced.

- (iii) The magnetic field in 10.(a)(ii) is removed and a sheet of aluminium is placed in front of the source. The activity recorded is similarly reduced.
- (b) (i) Define the terms laser and maser.
- (ii) Give three applications of laser.
- (c) (i) A laser beam has a power of  $20 \times 10^9$  watts and a diameter of 2 mm. Calculate the peak values of electric field and magnetic fields.
- (ii) A 2.71 g sample of KCl from the chemistry stock is found to be radioactive and decays at a constant rate of 4490 disintegrations per second. The decays are traced to the element potassium and in particular to the isotope  $^{40}\text{K}$  which constitutes 1.17% of normal potassium. Calculate the half life of the nuclide.