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PHYSICS 1
(For Private Candidates Only)

Time:3 Hours

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Instructions

1. This paper consists of sections A, B and C.
2. Answer **all** questions in sections A and B and **one (1)** question from section C.
3. Calculators and cellular phones are **not** allowed in the examination room.
4. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet(s).
5. Where necessary the following constants may be used:
 - (i) Acceleration due to gravity, $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$
 - (ii) Pi, $\pi = 3.14$
 - (iii) Density of water = $1,000 \text{ kg/m}^3$
 - (iv) Specific heat capacity of water = $4,200 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$
 - (v) Specific latent heat of fusion of ice = $334,400 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$

- (viii) The boundary between the crust and the mantle is called _____.
- (ix) The resolved component of a force, F in a direction inclined at an angle, θ to it is given by _____.
- (x) The number of pulses per second in a Geiger-Muller tube gives a measure of _____.

SECTION B (60 Marks)

Answer **all** questions in this section.

- 4. (a) (i) Define the term upthrust.
(ii) List down two conditions that make an object float.
- (b) (i) What is meant by capillary action?
(ii) Briefly explain three applications of capillarity in real life.
- (c) A cube of wood of side 4.0 cm and a density of 500 kg m^{-3} is placed on the surface of water.
 - (i) What fraction of wood would be immersed in water?
 - (ii) Calculate the force applied to the cube that makes the top surface of the cube be on the same level as the water surface.
- 5. (a) (i) Define centripetal force.
(ii) Mention two benefits of centripetal force.
- (b) Briefly explain how each of the following energy transformation takes place:
 - (i) Mechanical energy to light energy.
 - (ii) Chemical energy to mechanical energy.
- (c) A catapult is used to fire a stone of mass 30 g vertically to a height of 5 m. Calculate the:
 - (i) potential energy gained by the stone.
 - (ii) speed of the stone as it leaves the catapult.
- 6. (a) (i) State the laws of reflection of light.
(ii) Give two examples which illustrate that light travels in a straight line.
- (b) Explain the reason for the following:
 - (i) Light and heat from the sun disappear during the total eclipse of the sun.
 - (ii) Radio telescope uses a parabolic metal reflector.
- (c) (i) Draw a diagram to show how a right-angled isosceles glass prism can be used to turn a ray of light through 90° .
(ii) What is an advantage of using a prism rather than a silvered mirror for the purpose in (c) (i) above?

7. (a) (i) What is meant by specific latent heat of vaporization.
(ii) Name two factors which affect the boiling point and freezing point of water.
- (b) Explain in terms of kinetic theory of matter;
(i) What changes is taking place while the liquid is boiling?
(ii) Why it takes longer to boil a tea on top of high mountains than at the sea level?
- (c) (i) Define heat capacity.
(ii) Calculate the final temperature of water formed if 8.4 KJ of heat is supplied to 0.02 kg of ice at 0°C.
8. (a) (i) Define magnetic field
(ii) Name four instruments or devices in which electromagnets are essential parts.
- (b) (i) Under what circumstance are eddy currents formed?
(ii) Give two advantages and two disadvantages of eddy currents.
- (c) A 250 V mains transformer has 1000 turns in the primary coil and it is used to supply energy to a 15V, 35W domestic refrigerator.
(i) How many turns are there in the secondary coil?
(ii) What is the efficiency of the transformer if the current drawn from the main supply is 175 mA?
9. (a) (i) What is tidal energy?
(ii) Mention three renewable sources of energy.
- (b) (i) State the energy conversion in a solar cell and give two practical uses of it.
(ii) Why solar cells are not likely to be used to generate electricity in the near future?
- (c) (i) What is meant by green house effect?
(ii) List down four main greenhouse gases.

SECTION C (10 Marks)

Answer **one (1)** question from this section.

- 10 (a) Name two semiconductors which are of special importance in electronics.
- (b) Distinguish between:
(i) donor and acceptor atoms.
(ii) n-type and p-type semiconductors.

(c) Study Figure 1 then answer the questions that follow:

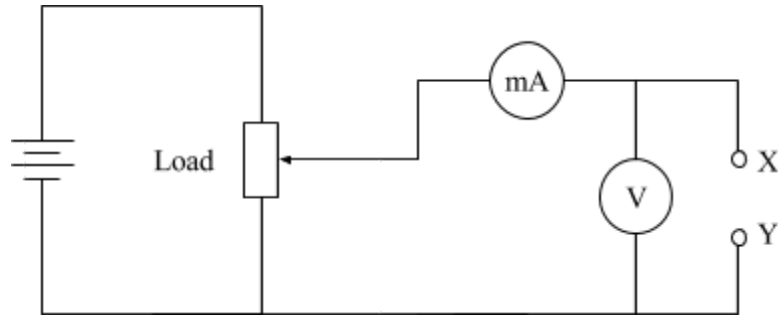


Figure 1

- (i) Complete the circuit by showing how a p-n junction diode should be connected between X and Y in order for the current to flow.
 - (ii) Sketch the expected characteristics when the diode is connected in this manner.
 - (iii) Give the name of the type of connection described in (c)(i) above.
 - (iv) What will happen within a circuit if the terminals of a battery are reversed?
11. (a) (i) What is atmospheric pressure?
(ii) Mention three devices that make use of atmospheric pressure in daily life.
- (b) Briefly explain the function of each of the following features of a lift pump:
(i) The intake valve.
(ii) The transfer valve.
- (c) (i) What is a bicycle pump?
(ii) List down the main parts of a bicycle pump.
(iii) Briefly explain how does a bicycle pump works.