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Course : PHY1121 : Physics

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Special Instructions :

This paper consists of **FIVE (5)** questions. Answer any **FOUR (4)** questions in the answer booklet provided. All questions carry equal marks.

Materials permitted :
Non-programmable Scientific Calculator

Material provided :
Physics Booklet

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Question 1

- (a) State the number of significant digits in the following measurements.
- (i) 7.08×10^7 g (1 mark)
 - (ii) 0.00150 g (1 mark)
- (b) Given that $1 \text{ m} = 3.281 \text{ ft}$. Express the speed of light, $3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ in
- (i) feet per nanosecond and, (3 marks)
 - (ii) millimeters per picosecond. (3 marks)
- (c) The position of an object as a function of time is given by $x(t) = at^3 - bt^2 + ct - d$, where $a = 3.6 \text{ m/s}^3$, $b = 4.0 \text{ m/s}^2$, $c = 60 \text{ m/s}$ and $d = 7.0 \text{ m}$.
- (i) Find the instantaneous acceleration at $t = 2.4 \text{ s}$. (4 marks)
 - (ii) Find the average acceleration over the first 2.4 seconds. (4 marks)
- (d) A rabbit trying to escape a fox runs north for 8.0 m, darts northwest for 1.0 m, then drops 1.0 m south a hole into its burrow.
- (i) Sketch a vector diagram showing the graphical method in determining the total displacement of the rabbit. (3 marks)
 - (ii) By component method, compute the magnitude and direction of the total displacement. (6 marks)

Question 2

- (a) A projectile is shot horizontally at 23.4 m/s from the roof of a building 55.0 m tall. Determine
- the time necessary for the projectile to reach the ground, (2 marks)
 - the distance from the base of the building that the projectile lands and, (2 marks)
 - the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity just before the projectile reaches the ground. (3 marks)
- (b) A block of mass, $m = 2$ kg moves along a horizontal frictional table under the action of forces as shown in **Figure 2 (b)**, assuming the coefficient of kinetic friction between the tabletop and block is $\mu_k = 0.20$.

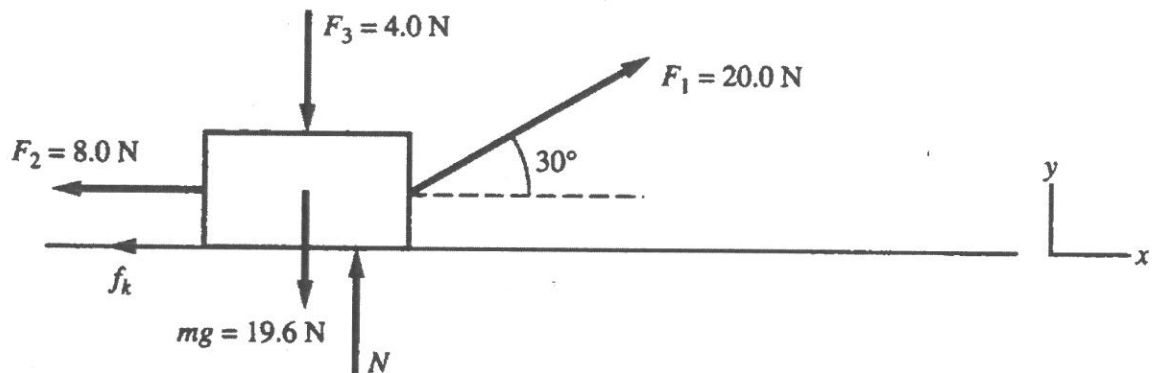


Figure 2 (b)

- Find the normal force due to the table. (3 marks)
 - Find the acceleration of the block. (4 marks)
- (c)
- State the Newton's law of gravity. (1 mark)
 - Find the mass of the Earth, given that the radius of the Earth, $R_E = 6.38 \times 10^6$ m. (2 marks)
 - Determine the speed of the Hubble space telescope that orbits the Earth at the altitude of 600 km. (3 marks)
- (d) An aluminium pot of volume 600 cm^3 is filled to the top with water at 20°C . The pot and contents are heated up to 60°C . Determine the volume of water spills over the top of the pot during the heating. (Given the coefficient of volume expansion of water, $\beta_{\text{water}} = 30 \times 10^{-5} / \text{C}^\circ$ and the coefficient of volume expansion of aluminium, $\beta_{\text{aluminium}} = 7.65 \times 10^{-5} / \text{C}^\circ$) (5 marks)

Question 3

- (a) Two blocks of masses, m_1 of 2.0 kg and m_2 of 4.0 kg are each released from rest at a height of 5.0 m on a frictionless track as shown in **Figure 3 (a)**. Subsequently, they undergo an elastic head-on collision. (treat the blocks as point-like particles)

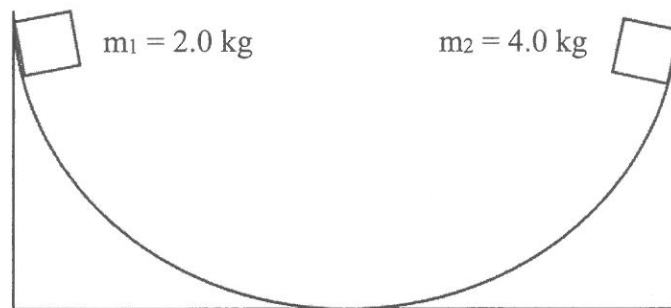


Figure 3 (a)

- (i) Show that the velocity of both the blocks just before collision is 9.9 m/s, assuming no air resistance. (2 marks)
- (ii) Determine the total kinetic energy of the blocks just after the collision. (2 marks)
- (iii) Given that m_1 has a kinetic energy of 272 J after collision, determine the maximum height that m_2 can rise after the collision using your answer in part (ii). (4 marks)
- (b) In the gas, a hydrogen molecule of mass 2.00 u and velocity $1.88 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$, collides elastically and head on with an oxygen molecule of mass 32.0 u and velocity 405 m/s, as illustrated in **Figure 3 (b)**.

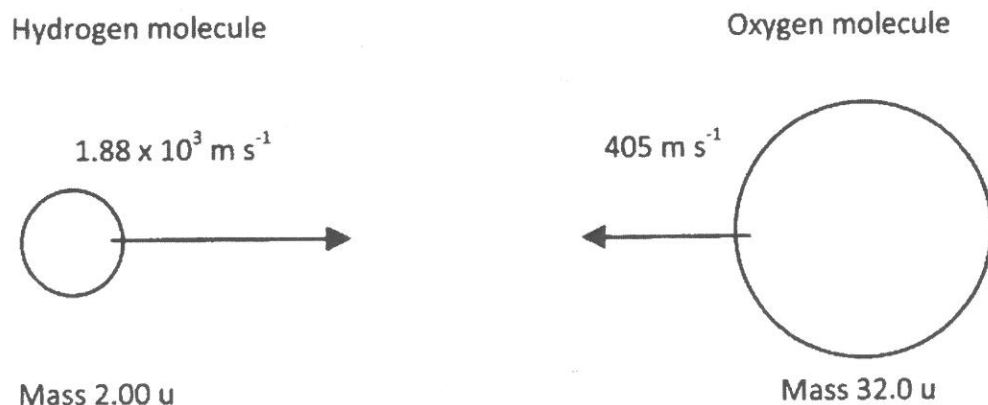


Figure 3 (b)

- (i) Explain what is meant by an elastic collision between the two molecules. (1 mark)
- (ii) Determine the velocity of the oxygen molecule just after collision. (6 marks)

- (c) A calorimeter has a shell of negligible heat capacity and contains 0.5 kg of ice and 0.5 kg of water in equilibrium ($T_i = 0^\circ\text{C}$). A 2.0 kg of steel at 500°C is placed in the calorimeter, and the system is allowed to come to equilibrium. Calculate the final equilibrium temperature. (Given the specific heat capacity of steel, $c_{\text{steel}} = 460 \text{ J/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$, specific heat capacity of water, $c_{\text{water}} = 4186.0 \text{ J/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$ and heat of fusion of ice, $L_{\text{ice}} = 335000 \text{ J/kg}$) (6 marks)
- (d) A container holds $2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$ of air at 27°C with an atmospheric pressure of 100 kPa. If the percentage of nitrogen in the air is 70%, find the number of nitrogen molecules in the container. (Given that Avogadro constant, $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$) (4 marks)

Question 4

- (a) In **Figure 4 (a)**, a positive charge of 3.0 C is pulled by two negative charges. One negative charge of -2.0 C is 0.05 m to the west and the other negative charge of -4.0 C is 0.03 m to the east. Calculate the total force that exerted on the positive charge. (6 marks)

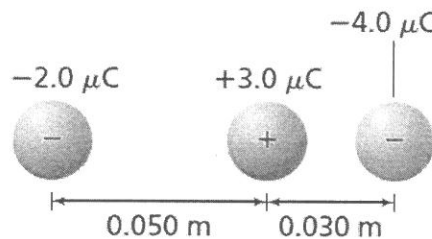


Figure 4 (a)

- (b) If 120 J of work is performed to move 2.4 C of charge from the positive plate to the negative plate as shown in **Figure 4 (b)**, calculate the potential difference exists between the plates. (3 marks)

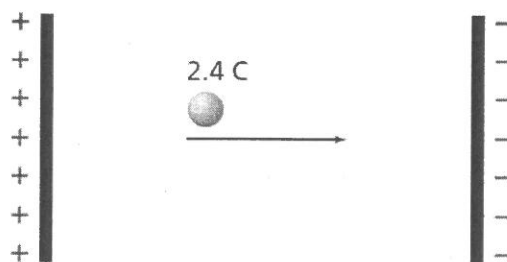


Figure 4 (b)

- (c) After a comb is rubbed on a wool sweater, it is able to pick up small pieces of paper. Explain why the comb loses that ability after a few minutes. (3 marks)
- (d) Two capacitors of $3.3 \mu\text{F}$ and $6.8 \mu\text{F}$ are connected across a 24 V electric potential difference. Identify which capacitor has a greater charge by calculation. (5 marks)

(e) Refer to **Figure 4 (e)**, calculate

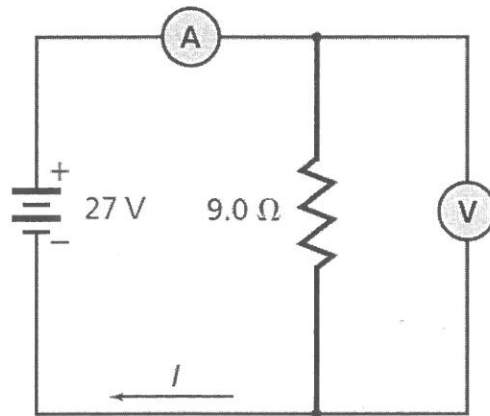


Figure 4 (e)

- (i) the ammeter (A) reading, (2 marks)
- (ii) the voltmeter (V) reading, (2 marks)
- (iii) the amount of power delivered to the resistor and, (2 marks)
- (iv) the amount of energy is delivered to the resistor per hour. (2 marks)

Question 5

(a) Refer to the circuit shown in **Figure 5 (a)**, calculate

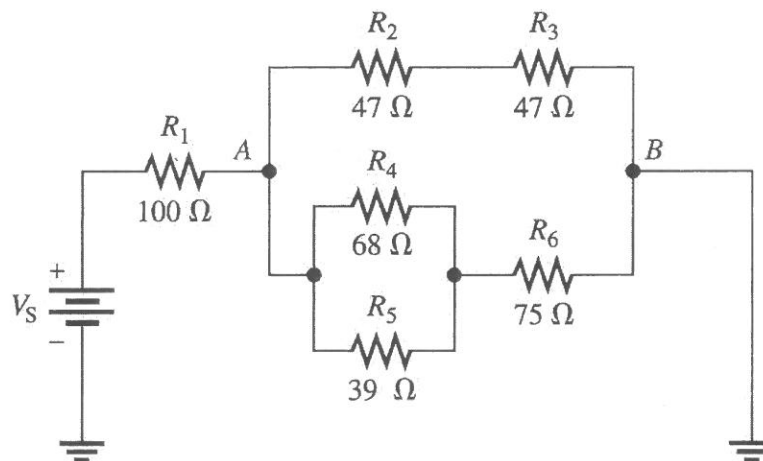


Figure 5 (a)

- (i) the total resistance from point *A* to point *B* and, (8 marks)
- (ii) the total current flows in the combinational circuit if $V_S = 30 \text{ V}$. (3 marks)

- (b) In **Figure 5 (b)**, an electron travelling with a speed of 6.5×10^7 m/s enters a region of uniform magnetic field of flux density 0.316 T. It then emerges from the field at **P**.

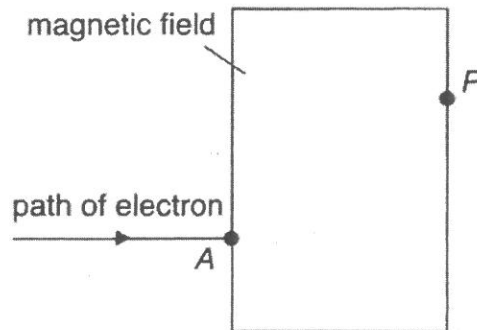


Figure 5 (b)

- (i) Draw the path of the electron from **A** to **P**. (2 marks)
- (ii) Draw the path of the electron after emerging from the field. (2 marks)
- (iii) State the direction of the magnetic field. (1 mark)
- (iv) Determine the speed of the electron after emerging from the field. (1 mark)
- (c) Explain the following terms:
- (i) Semiconductor (2 marks)
- (ii) Diode (2 marks)
- (iii) Transistor (2 marks)
- (iv) Doping (2 marks)

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