

**FINAL  
ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT**

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Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (DMEN)

Course : PHY1121/PHY1131: Physics

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Duration : 2 Hours 15 Minutes

**Special Instructions :**

This paper consists of **FOUR (4)** questions. Answer **ALL** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

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Material permitted : Non-Programmable Scientific Calculator

Materials provided : Physics Formulae Booklet

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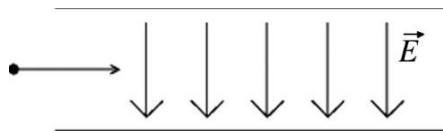
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**Question 1**

- (a) In the **Figure Q1(a)**, a proton is projected horizontally midway between two parallel plates that are separated by  $5.0 \times 10^{-3}$  m. The electrical field due to the plates has magnitude 610,000 N/C between the plates away from the edges. If the plates are  $5.6 \times 10^{-2}$  m long, find the minimum speed of the proton if it just misses the lower plate as it emerges from the field. Given that the charge of proton,  $e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19}$  C, permittivity of free space,  $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$  C<sup>2</sup>/N · m<sup>2</sup> and the mass of proton,  $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}$  kg.

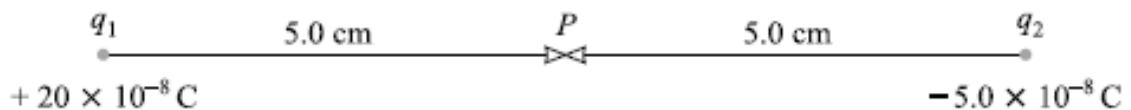
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**Figure Q1(a)**

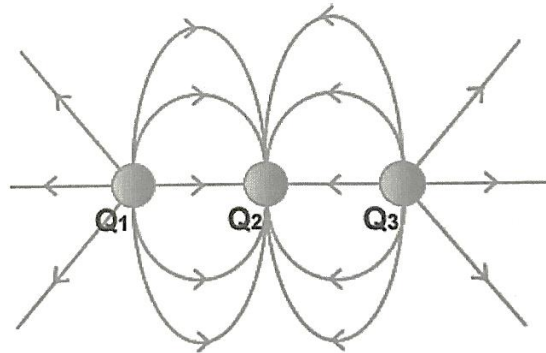
- (b) For the situation shown in **Figure Q1(b)**, compute the electric field,  $E$  at point  $P$  and the force,  $F$  on a charge,  $-4.0 \times 10^{-8}$  C placed at point  $P$ .

(8 marks)



**Figure Q1(b)**

- (c) **Figure Q1(c)** shows electric charges labeled **Q1**, **Q2**, **Q3** and some electric field lines in the region surrounding the charges. Interpret the signs of the three charges? (3 marks)

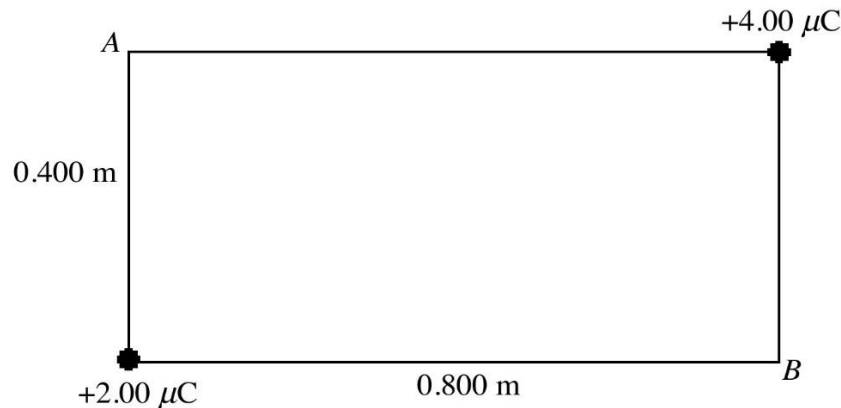


**Figure Q1(c)**

- (d) If the electrical energy costs 25 cents per kilowatt-hour, compute the cost to operate an electric oven for 5.0 hour if it carries a current of 20.0 A at 220 V? (5 marks)

**Question 2**

- (a) In **Figure Q2(a)**, two positive point charges  $+4.00 \mu\text{C}$  and  $+2.00 \mu\text{C}$  are placed at the opposite corners of a rectangle. Given the Coulomb constant,  $k = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$ , compute:

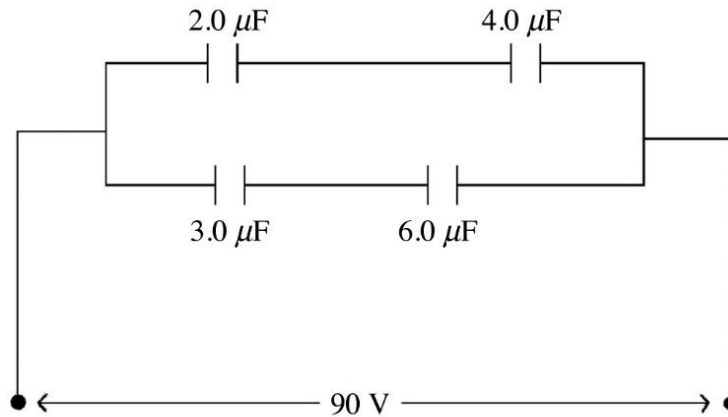
**Figure Q2(a)**

- (i) the potential at point A (relative to infinity) due to these charges, (4 marks)
- (ii) the potential at point B (relative to infinity) due to these charges. (4 marks)
- (b) A parallel plate capacitor consists of two plates, each with area  $200 \text{ cm}^2$ , separated by a  $4.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$  air gap. (Given the permittivity of free space,  $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Fm}^{-1}$ )
- (i) Compute its capacitance. (3 marks)
- (ii) If the capacitor was connected across a 500 V source, compute the energy stored in it? (4 marks)
- (iii) Compute the value of electric field,  $E$  between the plates. (2 marks)
- (c) If a particle with a charge of 2.0 C moves through a potential difference of 12 V, compute the magnitude of the change in kinetic energy? (3 marks)
- (d) An electric heater is to be made from nichrome wire. Nichrome has a resistivity of  $1.0 \times 10^{-6} \Omega\text{m}$  at the operating temperature of the heater. The heater is to have a power dissipation of 60 W when the potential difference across its terminals is 12 V. For the heater operating at its designed power,
- (i) show that the resistance of the nichrome wire is  $2.4 \Omega$ . (2 marks)
- (ii) compute the length of nichrome wire of diameter  $8.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$  required for the heater. (3 marks)

**Question 3**

- (a) Four capacitors are connected across a 90-V voltage source as shown in the **Figure Q3(a)**. Compute the equivalent capacitance for the circuit.

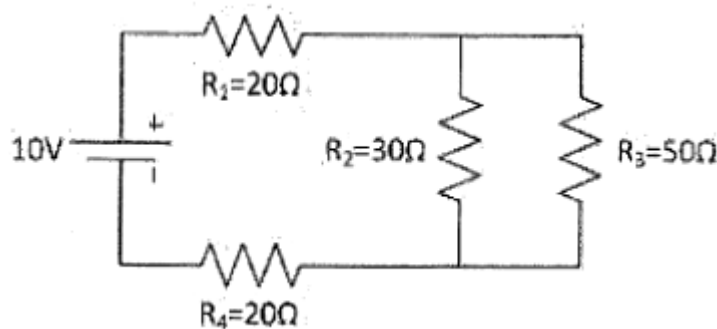
(6 marks)



**Figure Q3(a)**

- (c) Compute the equivalent resistance in the circuit shown in **Figure Q3(b)**.

(5 marks)



**Figure Q3(b)**

- (c) Two long parallel wires carry currents of 20 A and 5 A in opposite directions. The wires are separated by 0.20 m. Compute the magnetic field midway between the two wires?

(6 marks)

- (d) Interpret the followings:

(i) the semiconductors, conductors and insulators on the basis of band gap, (3 marks)

(ii) the hole in a semiconductor and the hole current, (3 marks)

(iii) the doping process. (2 marks)

## Question 4

- (b) In **Figure Q4(a)**, an electron travelling with a speed of  $6.5 \times 10^7$  m/s enters a region of uniform magnetic field of flux density 0.316 T. It then emerges from the field at **P**.

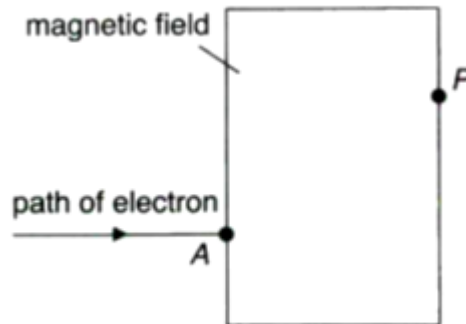


Figure Q4(a)

- (i) Sketch the path of the electron from A to P. (2 marks)
- (ii) Sketch the path of the electron after emerging from the field. (2 marks)
- (iii) Compute the direction of the magnetic field. (2 marks)
- (iv) Compute the speed of the electron after emerging from the field. (2 marks)
- (b) A proton is fired into a magnetic field of strength,  $B = 0.16$  T. The velocity of the proton is  $8.0 \times 10^6$  ms<sup>-1</sup> at right angles to the field. (Given mass of proton,  $m_p = 1.673 \times 10^{-27}$  kg and charge of proton,  $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  C)
- (i) Compute the magnitude of the force on the proton. (3 marks)
- (ii) Sketch the path followed by the proton in the magnetic field. Show the direction of the magnetic force on the proton in your diagram. (3 marks)
- (iii) Interpret the reason the proton moves in a circular path. (3 marks)
- (c) (i) Explain how are a *p*-type and a *n*-type semiconductor formed? (3 marks)
- (ii) Explain what is the majority carrier in a *n*-type semiconductor? How is the process of its majority carriers produced? (3 marks)
- (iii) Explain what is a *pn* junction. (2 marks)

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