



Trial Examination 2021

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**Suggested solutions**

# **QCE Physics Units 1&2**

**Paper 2**

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**SECTION 1****QUESTION 1 (3 marks)**

- a) The melting phase of the ice occurs in the period 120–1140 seconds. The total heat added to the ice during this phase is 61.2 kJ, so  $Q = 61.2$ .

$$Q = mL_{\text{fusion}}$$

$$61.2 = 0.15 \times L_{\text{fusion}} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$L_{\text{fusion}} = \frac{61.2}{0.15}$$

$$= 408 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

- b) The experiment's latent heat of fusion for water is  $408 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1}$ . This is greater than the accepted value of latent heat of fusion for water, which is  $334 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1}$ . There is a difference between the values because heat was lost to the sample's surroundings during the experiment. [1 mark]

*Note: Responses do not need to reference values to receive marks.*

**QUESTION 2 (5 marks)**

- a)  ${}_{90}^{227}\text{Th} \rightarrow {}_{88}^{223}\text{Ra} + {}_2^4\text{He} + \text{energy}$  [1 mark]

$$227.0278 = 223.0186 + 4.0026 + \text{energy} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$227.0278 = 227.0212 + \text{energy} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$\text{mass defect} = 227.0278 - 227.0212$$

$$= 0.0066$$

$$= 0.01 \text{ u} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

- b)  $1 \text{ u} = 931.6 \text{ MeV}$

$$\therefore \text{energy released} = 0.01 \times 931.6$$

$$= 9.316 \text{ MeV} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

*Note: Consequential on answer to Question 2a).*

**QUESTION 3 (5 marks)**

a)

Measured voltage (V)	Measured current (A)	Current (mA)	Resistance ( $\Omega$ )
0.0	0	0.0	0.00
2.7	0.0010	1.0	2700.00
4.3	0.0016	16.0	<b>2687.50</b>
6.0	0.0022	22.0	<b>2727.27</b>
7.8	0.0029	29.0	<b>2689.66</b>
10.0	0.0037	37.0	<b>2702.70</b>

$$V = IR$$

$$4.3 = 0.0016 \times R$$

$$R = \frac{4.3}{0.0016}$$

$$= 2687.50 \Omega$$

$$V = IR$$

$$6.0 = 0.0022 \times R$$

$$R = \frac{6.0}{0.0022}$$

$$= 2727.27 \Omega$$

$$V = IR$$

$$7.8 = 0.0029 \times R$$

$$R = \frac{7.8}{0.0029}$$

$$= 2689.66 \Omega$$

$$V = IR$$

$$10.0 = 0.0037 \times R$$

$$R = \frac{10.0}{0.0037}$$

$$= 2703.70 \Omega$$

[2 marks]

Note: Award 1 mark only for 2–3 correct values.

b) average resistance =  $\frac{2700.00 + 2687.50 + 2727.27 + 2689.66 + 2702.70}{5}$

$$= 2701.43 \Omega$$

[1 mark]

Note: Consequential on answer to Question 3a).

- c) The resistor obeys Ohm's Law. The current flowing through it is directly proportional to the applied voltage. The graph is a straight line passing through the origin.

[1 mark]

Ohm recognised that the gradient is equal to the inverse of the resistance. For example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R &= \frac{I}{V} \\
 &= \frac{0.0037 - 0.0029}{10 - 7.8} \\
 &= \frac{0.0008}{2.2} \\
 &= 0.0003636 \\
 \text{gradient} &= \frac{1}{R} \\
 &= \frac{1}{0.0003636} \\
 &= 2750.27 \Omega
 \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

**QUESTION 4 (8 marks)**

a)  $F_{\text{net}} = ma$   
 $0.16 = 0.08 \times a$   
 $a = \frac{0.16}{0.08}$   
 $= 2.0 \text{ m s}^{-2} \text{ north}$

[1 mark]

b)  $v = u + at$   
 $= 0 + (2.0 \times 5.0)$   
 $= 10 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ north}$

[1 mark]

[1 mark]

*Note: Consequential on answer to Question 4a).*

c)  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$   
 $= 0 + \left( \frac{1}{2} \times 2.0 \times 5.0^2 \right)$   
 $= 25 \text{ m}$

[1 mark]

[1 mark]

*Note: Consequential on answer to Question 4a).*

d)  $v = u + at$   
 $0 = 10 + (a \times 3.0)$   
 $a = \frac{-10}{3}$   
 $= -3.33 \text{ m s}^{-2}$   
 $= 3.33 \text{ m s}^{-2} \text{ south}$

[1 mark]

[1 mark]

*Note: Consequential on answer to Question 4b).*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{e) } F_{\text{net}} &= ma \\
 &= 0.080 \times -3.33 \\
 &= -0.2664 \text{ N} \\
 &= 0.27 \text{ N south}
 \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

*Note: Consequential on answer to Question 4d).***QUESTION 5 (6 marks)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } F_{\text{net}} &= F_g \\
 &= mg \\
 &= 0.5 \times 9.8 \\
 &= 4.9 \text{ N} \\
 F &= ma \\
 4.9 &= (2.5 + 0.5)a \\
 a &= \frac{4.9}{3} \\
 &= 1.6333 \\
 &= 1.63 \text{ m s}^{-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } v &= u + at \\
 &= 0 + (1.63 \times 0.5) \\
 &= 0.815 \\
 &= 0.82 \text{ m s}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

[1 mark]

*Note: Consequential on answer to Question 5a).*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } F_{\text{net}} &= ma \\
 &= F_g - F_f \\
 &= 4.9 - 4.3 \\
 &= 0.6 \text{ N} \\
 a &= \frac{F_{\text{net}}}{m} \\
 &= \frac{0.6}{3.0} \\
 &= 0.2 \text{ m s}^{-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

[1 mark]

**QUESTION 6 (6 marks)**

- a) The wavelength,  $\lambda$ , is the distance between two similar points in successive waves of the graph.

Using points (4, 1.5) and (20, 0.5) from the second graph:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda &= 20 - 4 \\
 &= 16 \text{ cm}
 \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

*Note: Accept working based on other relevant points from the graph.*

- b) The period,  $T$ , is the time it takes for one cycle of the wave (or one wavelength) to pass through a particular point.

Using the point (10, 1.5) from the first graph, which appears at (20, 1.5) in the second graph:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{distance} &= 20 - 10 \\ &= 10 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

*Note Accept working based on other relevant points from the graph.*

In 0.05 seconds, the point has travelled 10 cm.

The wavelength is 16 cm long, so the point needs to travel an additional 6 cm to complete the wavelength. 10 cm takes 0.05 s to traverse.

$$\begin{aligned} T &= 16 \times \frac{0.05}{10} \\ &= 0.08 \text{ seconds} \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

*Note: Consequential on answer to Question 6a).*

c) 
$$\begin{aligned} f &= \frac{1}{T} \\ &= \frac{1}{0.08} \\ &= 12.5 \text{ Hz} \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

*Note: Consequential on answer to Question 6b).*

- d) The amplitude of a wave is the maximum displacement of a particle from the average position (0).

Reading from the graphs, the amplitude of the wave is 1.5 cm.

[1 mark]

e) 
$$\begin{aligned} v &= f\lambda \\ &= 12.5 \times 16 \\ &= 200 \text{ cm s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

*Note: Consequential on answers to Questions 6a) and 6c).*

**QUESTION 7 (8 marks)**

- a) The ray of light travels from the fibre toward the cladding. The critical angle is the angle of incidence where the angle of refraction will be  $90^\circ$  and total reflection occurs.

$$n_1 = 1.50$$

$$n_2 = 1.40$$

angle of reflection,  $r = 90^\circ$

$$\frac{\sin c}{\sin r} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

$$\frac{\sin c}{\sin 90^\circ} = \frac{1.40}{1.50}$$

$$\sin 90^\circ = 1$$

[1 mark]

$$\therefore \sin c = \frac{1.40}{1.50}$$

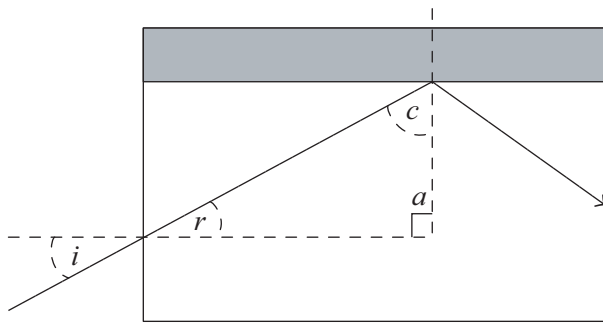
[1 mark]

$$\sin c = 0.9333$$

$$c = 68.96^\circ$$

[1 mark]

- b) The value of  $r$  can be deduced by creating a right-angled triangle, per the following diagram.



As the sum of a triangle's interior angles is  $180^\circ$ ,  $r$  can be deduced through subtraction.

$$a + c + r = 180$$

$$90 + 68.96 + r = 180$$

$$r = 180 - 90 - 68.96$$

$$= 21.04^\circ$$

The angle  $i$  is the angle at which the ray of light travelled from air ( $n = 1.00$ ) to the fibre ( $n = 1.50$ ).

$$n_1 = 1.00$$

$$n_2 = 1.50$$

$$r = 21.04^\circ$$

[1 mark]

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

[1 mark]

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin 21.04^\circ} = \frac{1.5}{1.0}$$

$$\sin i = 1.5 \times \sin 21.04^\circ$$

[1 mark]

$$\sin i = 0.5385$$

[1 mark]

$$i = 32.584^\circ$$

$$= 32.6^\circ$$

[1 mark]

Note: Consequential on answer to Question 7a).

### QUESTION 8 (4 marks)

a)  $a = \frac{2d}{t^2}$

$$= \frac{2 \times 0.98}{0.86^2}$$

[1 mark]

$$= 2.65 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

[1 mark]

b) percentage error (%) =  $\left| \frac{\text{measured value} - \text{true value}}{\text{true value}} \right| \times 100$

$$= \frac{0.3796 - 0.36179}{0.36179} \times 100$$

[1 mark]

$$= 4.9227\%$$

$$= 4.92\%$$

[1 mark]