

# 2022 VCE Physics Trial Examination Suggested Answers



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### **MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWER SUMMARY**

<b>1</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>C</b>

**Distribution:                      A 5    B 5    C 5    D 5**

## Section A – Multiple choice (1 mark each)

### Question 1            C

$$B = \sqrt{(0.03^2 + 0.045^2)} = \sqrt{2.925 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.054 \text{ T}$$

### Study Design

- describe gravitation, magnetism and electricity using a field model
- investigate and apply theoretically and practically a vector field model to magnetic phenomena, including shapes and directions of fields produced by bar magnets, and by current-carrying wires, loops and solenoids

### Web links

[https://www.rpi.edu/dept/phys/ScIT/InformationStorage/faraday/magnetism\\_a.html#:~:text=A%20current%20traveling%20through%20a,direction%20of%20the%20magnetic%20field](https://www.rpi.edu/dept/phys/ScIT/InformationStorage/faraday/magnetism_a.html#:~:text=A%20current%20traveling%20through%20a,direction%20of%20the%20magnetic%20field)

<https://web.ua.es/docivis/magnet/solenoid.html#:~:text=In%20physics%2C%20the%20term%20solenoid,can%20be%20used%20as%20electromagnets>

<https://gmw.com/technicalnotes/magnetic-field-vectors>

### Question 2            B

The Earth's field balances the downward field from Electromagnet Y. The only remaining component is that from Electromagnet Z which is directed west, direction B.  
(Find the field direction with curled fingers, hold the front wire.)

### Study Design

- investigate and compare theoretically and practically gravitational, magnetic and electric fields, including directions and shapes of fields, attractive and repulsive fields, and the existence of dipoles and monopoles
- investigate and apply theoretically and practically a vector field model to magnetic phenomena, including shapes and directions of fields produced by bar magnets, and by current-carrying wires, loops and solenoids
- investigate and analyse theoretically and practically the force on a current carrying conductor due to an external magnetic field,  $F = nIlB$ , where the directions of I and B are either perpendicular or parallel to each other

### Web links

<https://gmw.com/technicalnotes/magnetic-field-vectors>

<https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geomag/faqgeom.shtml#:~:text=The%20Earth's%20magnetic%20field%20intensity,magnetic%20north%20and%20true%20north>

**Question 3            B**

$mg = Eqn$  where  $n$  is the number of electron charges

$$n = 7.2 \times 10^{-15} \times 9.8 / 4.0 \times 10^{-4} / 1.6 \times 10^{-19} = 11.025 = 11 \text{ charges} \quad \text{Answer B}$$

**Study Design**

- describe gravitation, magnetism and electricity using a field model
- investigate and compare theoretically and practically gravitational fields and electrical fields about a point mass or charge (positive or negative) with reference to:
  - the direction of the field
  - the shape of the field
  - the use of the inverse square law to determine the magnitude of the field
  - potential energy changes (qualitative) associated with a point mass or charge moving in the field
- analyse the use of an electric field to accelerate a charge, including:
  - electric field and electric force concepts:  $E = kQ/r^2$  and  $F = kq_1 q_2/r^2$
  - potential energy changes in a uniform electric field:  $W = qV$ ,  $E = V/d$
  - the magnitude of the force on a charged particle due to a uniform electric field:  $F = qE$

**Web links**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwnjYERS66U>

<https://tutorpro.com.au/electric-magnetic-fields>

**Question 4            D**

Answer D is the correct statement.

Note that while Answer A may be tempting, there are no magnets with a north pole only. Or south only magnets.

**Study Design**

- describe gravitation, magnetism and electricity using a field model
- investigate and apply theoretically and practically a vector field model to magnetic phenomena, including shapes and directions of fields produced by bar magnets, and by current-carrying wires, loops and solenoids

**Web links**

<https://socratic.org/questions/why-are-magnets-dipoles>

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/magnetic/solenoid.html>

**Question 5**            **D**

Answer D

Sound has a speed determined by the medium, air, not the motion of the source or listener. As the siren moves towards the listener, the wave lengths are shortened, so the frequency rises.

Similarly, the frequency drops as the siren departs.

**Study Design**

- explain qualitatively the Doppler effect

**Web links**

<https://courses.lumenlearning.com/suny-osuniversityphysics/chapter/17-7-the-doppler-effect/#:~:text=What%20happens%20if%20the%20observer,lower%20than%20the%20source%20frequency>

[http://physics.bu.edu/~redner/211-sp06/class19/class19\\_doppler.html](http://physics.bu.edu/~redner/211-sp06/class19/class19_doppler.html)

<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/sound/Lesson-3/The-Doppler-Effect-and-Shock-Waves>

**Question 6**            **B**

The Heisenberg explanation offered here is the best explanation. The uncertainty explanations in the other answers offered are both wrong because the directions are incorrect. The uncertainty, in position and in momentum, are both in the same direction, sideways, the y-direction.

Coulomb forces are not forming this pattern.

**Study Design**

- interpret electron diffraction patterns as evidence for the wave-like nature of matter
- explain how diffraction from a single slit experiment can be used to illustrate Heisenberg's uncertainty principle

**Web links**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iK2Fm4XmmZs>

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/uncer.html>

**Question 7            A**

The generator produces AC internally.

The commutators switch the AC every half cycle so that the half sine waves are all the same voltage polarity. The output voltage then is DC.

The motor is designed to run on DC

The DC motor needs commutators to switch the current each half cycle so that there is a constant rotational force.

**Study Design**

- investigate and analyse theoretically and practically the operation of simple DC motors consisting of one coil, containing a number of loops of wire, which is free to rotate about an axis in a uniform magnetic field and including the use of a split ring commutator
- explain the production of DC voltage in DC generators and AC voltage in alternators, including the use of split ring commutators and slip rings respectively.

**Web links**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7Sz8oT8ou0>

<https://scienceready.com.au/pages/generators>

<https://www.scienceflip.com.au/subjects/physics/electromagnetism/learn9/>

**Question 8            A**

Answer A. This refers to the equal and opposite forces of the Third Law.  
Answers B and C are wrong, apart from the directions of the accelerations, it is magnitudes of forces which are equal, not accelerations or changes in velocities.  
Answer D is wrong. It refers to velocity changes. On the first the change is negative, on the second it is positive.

Now complete Question 9, Section A, in the VCE paper 2020.

**Study Design**

- investigate and apply theoretically and practically Newton's three laws of motion in situations where two or more coplanar forces act along a straight line and in two dimensions

**Web links**

<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/momentum/Lesson-2/Momentum-Conservation-Principle#:~:text=The%20law%20of%20momentum%20conservation%20can%20be%20stated%20as%20follows,two%20objects%20after%20the%20collision>

<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/mmedia/momentum/trece.cfm>

**Question 9            A**

While the  $F_{\text{on the second trolley, by the first}}$  does work on the second trolley, there is no overall force on the system during the collision. Answer A

**Study Design**

- investigate and apply theoretically and practically the concept of work done by a constant force using:
  - work done = constant force  $\times$  distance moved in direction of net force
  - work done = area under force-distance graph

**Web link**

[https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/momentum/Lesson-2/The-Law-of-Action-Reaction-\(Revisited\)](https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/momentum/Lesson-2/The-Law-of-Action-Reaction-(Revisited))

**Question 10      B**

Answers A and C are wrong because the spread is not random.

Answer B is correct because it establishes the basis of a systematic error.

Answer D is wrong. It does identify a systematic error, but it would lengthen the race times, not shorten them.

**Study Design**

- systematically generate, collect, record and summarise both qualitative and quantitative data

**Web links**

[www.physicsworld.com/a/a-decathalon-of-questions-on-the-physics-of-sport/](http://www.physicsworld.com/a/a-decathalon-of-questions-on-the-physics-of-sport/)

<https://www.matrix.edu.au/the-beginners-guide-to-physics-practical-skills/physics-practical-skills-part-3-systematic-vs-random-errors/>

<https://www.thoughtco.com/random-vs-systematic-error-4175358>

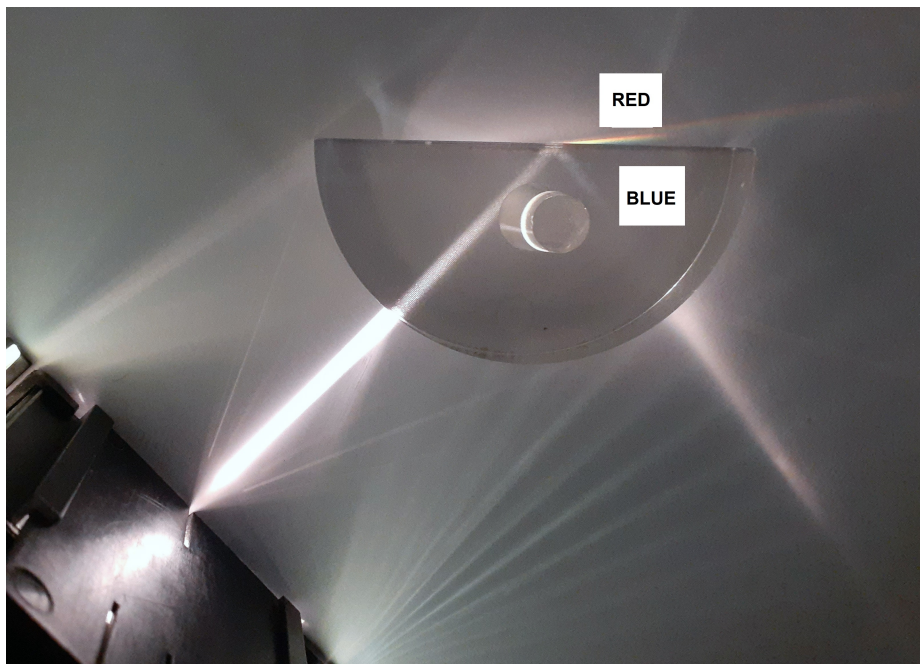


**Question 11      C**

For a critical angle at  $37^\circ$  the index of refraction  $n = 1 / \sin(37^\circ) = 1/0.602 = 1.66$

Given the slight differences in the indices of refraction and the blue index is larger, then blue will have a smaller critical angle than red.

Blue does TIR at a smaller angle than red, so at this situation Beam N is red. The index of refraction is 1.66 approximately.



**Study Design**

- investigate and analyse theoretically and practically the behaviour of waves including:  
—refraction using Snell's Law:  $n_1 \sin(\theta_1) = n_2 \sin(\theta_2)$  and  $n_1 v_1 = n_2 v_2$   
—total internal reflection and critical angle including applications:  $n_1 \sin(\theta_1) = n_2 \sin(90)$
- investigate and explain theoretically and practically colour dispersion in prisms and lenses with reference to refraction of the components of white light as they pass from one medium to another

**Web links**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfawFJCRDSE>

(ray reverse direction, only white seen)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7U3k2XtzVU>

(at 52 s, the exit beam shows that the lower part of the exit beam is blue, the upper is red)

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/physics/2019/2019physics-w.pdf>

[https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/physics/2019/physics\\_examrep19.pdf](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/physics/2019/physics_examrep19.pdf)

VCAA paper 2019 section B 15

<http://labman.phys.utk.edu/phys222core/modules/m7/dispersion.html>

## Question 12      B

The light produced by mercury vapour lamps is generated from a range of electron transitions in the energisation of mercury. While there are a range of frequencies generated, their light is dominated by green and violet emissions. There are some reddish spectral lines too.

A pure white light is always produced by acceleration of charged particles.

The “whiteness” of mercury lights or LEDs is produced by combining a range of colours which can approximate white. (White LED torches use just a combination of blue and yellow.)

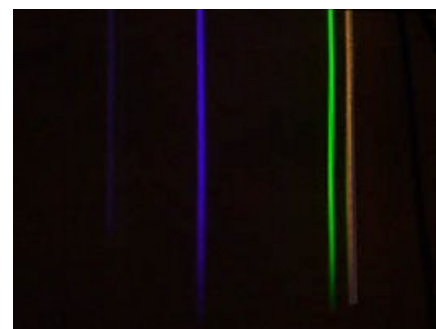
Neither of these light producing processes generates coherent or polarised light.

The mercury emission spectrum

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<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=23246535>



### Study Design

- describe light as an electromagnetic wave which is produced by the acceleration of charges, which in turn produces changing electric fields and associated changing magnetic fields
- compare the wavelength and frequencies of different regions of the electromagnetic spectrum, including radio, microwave, infrared, visible, ultraviolet, x-ray and gamma, and identify the distinct uses each has in society
- explain polarisation of visible light and its relation to a transverse wave model
- explain the production of atomic absorption and emission line spectra, including those from metal vapour lamps

### Web links

<https://www.real-world-physics-problems.com/how-light-bulbs-work.html>

<https://www.dummies.com/article/academics-the-arts/science/physics/transferring-heat-through-radiation-174255/>

<https://edisontechcenter.org/MercuryVaporLamps.html>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercury-vapor\\_lamp](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercury-vapor_lamp)

**Question 13**      **D**

$EMF = -N \Delta\phi/\Delta t$  and the flux change  $\Delta\phi$  is always the same.

However the time taken initially is longer so the initial cycles must be longer than the later ones.

This allows Answers C and D.

However, if  $\Delta t$  is longer then  $\Delta\phi/\Delta t$  must be smaller. Initial voltages must be lower. Initial cycles must be longer. Only Answer D is allowed by this requirement.

Answer B is wrong because the cycle lengths are all equal.

**Study Design**

- investigate and analyse theoretically and practically the generation of electromotive force (emf) including AC voltage and calculations using induced emf:  $\varepsilon = -N\Delta\phi_B/\Delta t$ , with reference to:
  - rate of change of magnetic flux
  - number of loops through which the flux passes
  - direction of induced emf in a coil

**Web links**

[https://www.walter-fendt.de/html5/phen/generator\\_en.htm](https://www.walter-fendt.de/html5/phen/generator_en.htm)

You can see what happens at slow speed by changing the speed of rotation

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/physics/2019/NHT/2019physics-nht-w.pdf>

[https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/physics/2019/NHT/physicsnht\\_examrep19.pdf](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/physics/2019/NHT/physicsnht_examrep19.pdf)

Northern hemisphere paper, Section A Question 7

**Question 14**      **D**

The input winding is the primary, the output is the secondary.

This is seen in answers A and D

Windings

$$N_1/N_2 = V_1/V_2$$

$$N_2 = N_1 V_2/V_1 = 400 \times 240 / 30 = 3200 \text{ turns} \quad \text{Answer D}$$

**Study Design**

- analyse action with reference to electromagnetic induction for an ideal transformer:  
 $N_1/N_2 = V_1/V_2 = I_2/I_1$

**Web links**

<https://www.electrical4u.net/transformer/transformer-turns-ratio-calculator-with-formula/>

<https://goodcalculators.com/transformer-calculator/>

<https://www.electronics-tutorials.ws/transformer/transformer-basics.html>

**Question 15      A**

$$R_{tot} = 15.4 + 1.2 = 16.6$$

$$I = 240 / 16.2 = 14.46 \text{ A}$$

$$P_{1.2\Omega} = I^2 R = 14.46^2 \times 1.2 = 250.8. \text{ best answer is } 250 \text{ W} \quad \text{Answer A}$$

**Study Design**

- analyse the supply of power by considering transmission losses across transmission lines

**Web links**

[https://www.schoolphysics.co.uk/age14-16/Electricity%20and%20magnetism/Electromagnetic%20induction/text/Transmission\\_of\\_electricity/index.html](https://www.schoolphysics.co.uk/age14-16/Electricity%20and%20magnetism/Electromagnetic%20induction/text/Transmission_of_electricity/index.html)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyst89Vy7dUo>

<http://vcephysics.com/content/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Power-Transmission.pdf>

**Question 16      D**

Using the right hand rule, (three perpendicular vectors): the magnetic field is down and current (positive) is into the page (right).

This means force will be to the left, the Electrode X which become positively charged.

Current will flow out of this terminal to Electrode Y

Note: The flow of positive current is left, into the page.

**Study Design**

- investigate and analyse theoretically and practically the generation of electromotive force (emf) including AC voltage and calculations using induced emf:  $\varepsilon = -N\Delta\phi_B/\Delta t$ , with reference to:

—rate of change of magnetic flux

—number of loops through which the flux passes

—direction of induced emf in a coil

**Web links**

<https://testbook.com/question-answer/what-is-the-principle-of-operation-of-magneto-hydrodynamic-generator-6035406b8c02bf3e52914a1c#:~:text=The%20principal%20of%20MHD%20power,of%20current%20across%20the%20terminals.>

<https://www.yourelectricalguide.com/2022/04/mhd-generator-working-principle.html>

<https://www.livescience.com/53509-faradays-law-induction.html>

**Question 17**      **C**

All waves, transverse or longitudinal transfer energy and do not transfer matter. Matter can be damaged or locally moved in wave actions, but there is no overall transfer from the source outwards.

It makes no difference whether the wave is in air, liquid or solid.

**Study Design**

- explain a wave as the transmission of energy through a medium without the net transfer of matter
- distinguish between transverse and longitudinal waves

**Web links**

<https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/120-waves-as-energy-transfer#:~:text=Waves%20transfer%20energy%20but%20not%20mass&text=The%20particles%20involved%20in%20waves,one%20another%20and%20transferring%20energy.>

<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/waves/Lesson-1/What-is-a-Wave>

<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/waves/Lesson-1/Categories-of-Waves#:~:text=Transverse%20waves%20are%20always%20characterized,direction%20that%20the%20wave%20moves.>

<https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/342-canterbury-earthquakes>

**Question 18**      **C**

Answers A and B wrong. The work function is always expressed positively, even if it is a negative intercept on the graph. The equation is  $E_{K_{max}} = hf - W$  (it is not in the form  $y = mx + c$ )

Answer D wrong. The maximum kinetic energy cannot be negative. The energy will be zero.

Answer C correct. All three measurements are consistent with the graph and numerically correct.

**Study Design**

- analyse the photoelectric effect with reference to:
  - evidence for the particle-like nature of light
  - experimental data in the form of graphs of photocurrent versus electrode potential, and of kinetic energy of electrons versus frequency
  - kinetic energy of emitted photoelectrons:  $E_{k_{max}} = hf - \phi$ , using energy units of joule and electron-volt
  - effects of intensity of incident irradiation on the emission of photoelectrons

**Web links**

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/mod2.html>

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/mod1.html>

<https://researchtweet.com/threshold-frequency-definition-equation/>

[https://phys.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/University\\_Physics/Book%3A\\_University\\_Physics\\_\(OpenStax\)/University\\_Physics\\_III\\_-\\_Optics\\_and\\_Modern\\_Physics\\_\(OpenStax\)/06%3A\\_Photons\\_and\\_Matter\\_Waves/6.03%3A\\_Photoelectric\\_Effect](https://phys.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/University_Physics/Book%3A_University_Physics_(OpenStax)/University_Physics_III_-_Optics_and_Modern_Physics_(OpenStax)/06%3A_Photons_and_Matter_Waves/6.03%3A_Photoelectric_Effect)

**Question 19**      **A**

The upper projectile will gather speed as it falls as in Answers A and D.

The lower projectile will lose speed as it rises and its graph will flatten; only Answer A has both features.

**Study Design**

- investigate and analyse theoretically and practically the motion of projectiles near Earth's surface, including a qualitative description of the effects of air resistance

**Web links**

[https://www.webassign.net/question\\_assets/buelempphys1/chapter04/section04dash7.pdf](https://www.webassign.net/question_assets/buelempphys1/chapter04/section04dash7.pdf)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kLvoDOYcBI>

**Question 20**      **C**

$$k = mg/x = 20 \times 9.8 / 0.04 = 4900$$

at the maximum, if the drop is  $d$ , then

$mgd = kd^2/2$  gravitational potential energy loss = stored potential spring energy. Kinetic energy = 0

$$d = 2mg/k = 2 \times 20 \times 9.8 / 4900 = 0.080 \text{ m}$$

**Study Design**

- investigate and apply theoretically and practically the concept of work done by a constant force using:

—work done = constant force  $\times$  distance moved in direction of net force

—work done = area under force-distance graph

- analyse transformations of energy between kinetic energy, strain potential energy, gravitational potential energy and energy dissipated to the environment (considered as a combination of heat, sound and deformation of material):

—kinetic energy at low speeds:  $E_k = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ ; elastic and inelastic collisions with reference to conservation of kinetic energy

—strain potential energy: area under force-distance graph including ideal springs obeying Hooke's Law:  $E_s = \frac{1}{2} k\Delta x^2$

—gravitational potential energy:  $E_g = mg\Delta h$  or from area under a force-distance graph and area under a field-distance graph multiplied by mass

**Web links**

<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/waves/Lesson-0/Motion-of-a-Mass-on-a-Spring>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3OUOpl\\_xbo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3OUOpl_xbo)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQSpqYMksoM>

[http://astro1.panet.utoledo.edu/~mheben/PHYS\\_2130/Chapter08\\_mh.pdf](http://astro1.panet.utoledo.edu/~mheben/PHYS_2130/Chapter08_mh.pdf)

**END OF SECTION A ANSWERS**

## SECTION B

### Question 1 (5 marks)

**a**

$$\Delta y = 0.30 - 0.10 = 0.20 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta y = gt^2/2 \text{ so } t_{\text{to the top of the reeds}} = \sqrt{(2\Delta y/g)} = \sqrt{(2 \times 0.2 / 9.8)} = 0.202 \text{ s (1)}$$

$$\Delta x = 0.35 \text{ m}$$

$$v_x = 0.35 / 0.202 = 1.732 = 1.7 \text{ ms}^{-1} \text{ (1)}$$

**b**

$$t_{\text{to reeds}} = 0.202$$

$$\text{height at reeds} = 0.30 \text{ m}$$

$$t_{\text{down}} = \sqrt{(2h/g)} = \sqrt{(2 \times 0.3 / 9.8)} = 0.247 \text{ (1)}$$

$$t_{\text{total}} = 0.202 + 0.247 = 0.449 = 0.45 \text{ s (1)}$$

**c**

$$t_{\text{total}} = 0.449 \text{ s}$$

$$v_x = 1.732$$

$$x_{\text{total}} = 0.449 \times 1.732 = 0.777 = 0.78 \text{ m (1)}$$

so she does reach the pad, having passed over the reeds.

### Study Design

- investigate and analyse theoretically and practically the motion of projectiles near Earth's surface, including a qualitative description of the effects of air resistance

### Web links

<https://www.omnicalculator.com/physics/projectile-motion>

<https://openstax.org/books/physics/pages/5-3-projectile-motion#:~:text=The%20following%20steps%20are%20used,axes%20are%20called%20x%20and>

<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/vectors/Lesson-2/Characteristics-of-a-Projectile-s-Trajectory>

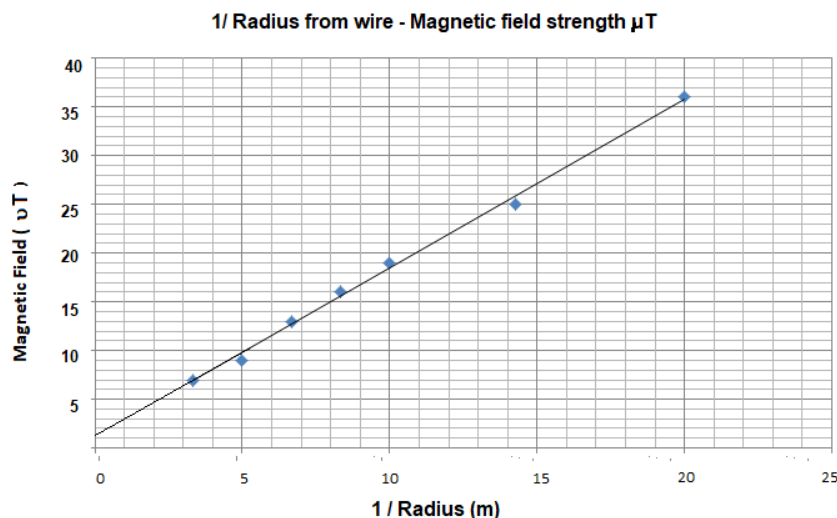


**Question 2 (8 marks)**

**a**

points well plotted (1)

reasonable line of best fit (1)



**b**

the radius (or 1/Radius) is the independent variable, that is the variable the students chose (1)

the magnetic field strength is the dependent variable, this is what they measured at the chosen radius positions. (1)

**c**

The errors are likely to be systematic; the 1/Radius values could be less than is expected. This would mean that the actual radius was larger than the recorded value. (1)

Students need only identify a consistent pattern of error in 1/Radius or in the B field.

The students should look for an error in the process measuring the radius. (1)

It is worth noting that the end of the ruler rests against the wire to measure the radius. This could minimally reduce the measurements of radius which were made.

Many rulers have several millimetres of blank end on the ruler and this could also be the error. There is insufficient information to confirm this here.

An explanation can be presented for a systematic error in the B field measurement, perhaps some fault in the detector.

**d**

accuracy is quite good about the trend-line, but is reduced by the presence of a systematic error (1)

precision is high, because the data points are closely gathered around a line of best fit. (1)

## Question 2 continued

### Study Design

- organise, present and interpret data using tables, line graphs, correlation, line of best fit, calculations of mean and fitting an appropriate curve to graphical data, including the use of error bars on graphs
- independent, dependent and controlled variables
- the characteristics of scientific research methodologies and techniques of primary qualitative and quantitative data collection relevant to the selected investigation, including experiments (gravity, magnetism, electricity, Newton's laws of motion, waves) and/or the construction and evaluation of a device; precision, accuracy, reliability and validity of data; and the identification of, and distinction between, uncertainty and error
- methods of organising, analysing and evaluating primary data to identify patterns and relationships including sources of uncertainty and error, and limitations of data and methodologies

### Web links

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Po4yRQ5pLuk>

[https://www2.nau.edu/lrm22/lessons/graph\\_tips/graph\\_tips.html#:~:text=The%20independent%20variable%20belongs%20on,are%20\(0%2C0\).](https://www2.nau.edu/lrm22/lessons/graph_tips/graph_tips.html#:~:text=The%20independent%20variable%20belongs%20on,are%20(0%2C0).)

<https://www.precisa.co.uk/difference-between-accuracy-and-precision-measurements/>

**Question 3 (5 marks)**

**a**

$$a/g = \tan\theta$$

$$a = 9.8 \times \tan 19^\circ = 3.374 \quad (1)$$

$$a = 4\pi^2 R/T^2 \text{ so } T = \sqrt{(4 \pi^2 0.22 / 3.374)} \quad (1) = 1.604 = 1.6 \text{ s} \quad (1)$$

**b**

$$\text{vertical support} = mg = 2.5 \times 9.8 = 24.5$$

$$\text{centripetal force} = ma = 2.5 \times 3.374 = 8.436 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Load} = \sqrt{(24.5^2 + 8.436^2)} = 25.91 = 26 \text{ N} \quad (1)$$

**Study Design**

- investigate and analyse theoretically and practically the uniform circular motion of an object moving in a horizontal plane:  $F_{\text{net}} = m v^2/r$ , including:
  - a vehicle moving around a circular road
  - a vehicle moving around a banked track
  - an object on the end of a string

**Web links**

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/cf.html>

<https://www.wired.com/story/the-physics-of-swinging-a-mass-on-a-string-for-fun/>

<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/circles/Lesson-1/Mathematics-of-Circular-Motion>

[https://phys.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/University\\_Physics/Book%3A\\_University\\_Physics\\_\(OpenStax\)/Book%3A\\_University\\_Physics\\_I\\_-\\_Mechanics\\_Sound\\_Oscillations\\_and\\_Waves\\_\(OpenStax\)/06%3A\\_Applications\\_of\\_Newton's\\_Laws/6.06%3A\\_Centripetal\\_Force](https://phys.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/University_Physics/Book%3A_University_Physics_(OpenStax)/Book%3A_University_Physics_I_-_Mechanics_Sound_Oscillations_and_Waves_(OpenStax)/06%3A_Applications_of_Newton's_Laws/6.06%3A_Centripetal_Force)

### Question 4 (6 marks)

**a**

$$R_{orbit} = R_{planet} + h_{above\ the\ planet} = 1.2 \times 10^7 + 8.0 \times 10^6 = 9.0 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$

$$m = R^3 4 \pi^2 / (T^2 G) = (9.0 \times 10^7)^3 4 \pi^2 / (1.58 \times 10^5)^2 / 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \quad (1) = 1.728 \times 10^{25} = 1.73 \times 10^{25} \text{ kg} \quad (1)$$

**b**

$$g = GM/R^2 = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 1.73 \times 10^{25} / (9.0 \times 10^7)^2 \quad (1) = 0.142 \text{ m s}^{-2} \quad (1) \text{ accuracy 3 sig figs}$$

**c**

$$\Delta E_{pg} = m(g_1 + g_2) \Delta h / 2 = 0.5 \times 2300 \times (0.142 + 0.180) \times 1.0 \times 10^7 = 3.71 \times 10^9 \text{ J}$$

### Study Design

- analyse the use of gravitational fields to accelerate mass, including:
  - gravitational field and gravitational force concepts:  $g = GM/r^2$  and  $F = Gm_1 m_2/r^2$
  - potential energy changes in a uniform gravitational field:  $E_g = mg\Delta h$
  - the change in gravitational potential energy from area under a force-distance graph and area under a field-distance graph multiplied by mass.
- apply the concepts of force due to gravity,  $F_g$ , and normal reaction force,  $F_N$ , including satellites in orbit where the orbits are assumed to be uniform and circular
- model natural and artificial satellite motion as uniform circular motion
- model satellite motion (artificial, Moon, planet) as uniform circular orbital motion:  
 $a = v^2/r = 4\pi^2 r/T^2$

### Web links

<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/circles/Lesson-4/Mathematics-of-Satellite-Motion>

[https://lms.craigieburnsc.vic.edu.au/pluginfile.php/33090/mod\\_folder/content/0/PHYSICS/Hein\\_Physics-Ch1.pdf?forcedownload=1](https://lms.craigieburnsc.vic.edu.au/pluginfile.php/33090/mod_folder/content/0/PHYSICS/Hein_Physics-Ch1.pdf?forcedownload=1)

page 23 onwards

<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/circles/Lesson-4/Energy-Relationships-for-Satellites>

kinetic energy changes are not on the course

<https://artofsmart.com.au/hsctogether/change-in-energy-between-orbits/>

**Question 5 (5 marks)**

**a**

**Particle model:**

Threshold frequency and instantaneous emission of photo-electrons support particle theory, so energy is quantised. Threshold frequency suggests that energy for emission is delivered by quanta of energy. (1)

**or**

Instantaneous emission of photo-electrons suggests that energy build-up is not required to release electrons. (1)

**or**

Brightness of light changes the current but not the maximum kinetic energy. (1)

**Wave model:**

All waves, of any frequency would eventually release photo electrons even if not quickly because the energy will build up. (1)

**or**

Brighter light should increase the electron maximum kinetic energy. (1)

**b**

$$E_{Kmax} \text{ at } 6.6 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz} = 0.55 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} = 8.80 \times 10^{-20} \quad (1)$$

$$h = E_{Kmax} / (f_1 - f_0) = 8.8 \times 10^{-20} / (6.6 \times 10^{14} - 5.2 \times 10^{14}) \text{ J} \quad (1) = 6.29 \times 10^{-34} = 6.3 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

. (1)

if answer =  $3.9 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV}$  (0)

Instructions include not changing the unit.

**Study Design**

- analyse the photoelectric effect with reference to:
  - evidence for the particle-like nature of light
  - experimental data in the form of graphs of photocurrent versus electrode potential, and of kinetic energy of electrons versus frequency
  - kinetic energy of emitted photoelectrons:  $E_{k \max} = hf - \phi$ , using energy units of joule and electron-volt
  - effects of intensity of incident irradiation on the emission of photoelectrons
- describe the limitation of the wave model of light in explaining experimental results related to the photoelectric effect.

**Web links**

<https://www.khanacademy.org/science/physics/quantum-physics/photons/a/photoelectric-effect>

<https://photonterrace.net/en/photon/duality/>

<https://www.sarthaks.com/180157/using-figure-stopping-potential-incident-frequency-photons-calculate-plancks-constant>

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/mod2.html#c2>

**Question 6 (5 marks)**

**a**

$$E_{K \text{ electron}} = 2 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} = 3.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$v = \sqrt{2E_K/m} = \sqrt{(2 \times 3.2 \times 10^{-19} / 9.1 \times 10^{-31})} = 8.39 \times 10^5 \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

$$\lambda = h/mv = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} / 9.1 \times 10^{-31} / 8.39 \times 10^5 = 8.68 \times 10^{-10} = 8.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} \quad (1)$$

(Alternatively use  $\lambda = h / (\sqrt{E_K / 2 / m})$ )

**b**

$$\lambda/w_{\text{electron}} = 8.7 \times 10^{-10} / 1.4 \times 10^{-7} = 6.202 \times 10^{-3} \quad (1)$$

ratio must be the same for the photon

$$w_{\text{photon}} = \lambda / \text{ratio} = 430 \times 10^{-9} / 6.2 \times 10^{-3} = 6.934 \times 10^{-5} = 6.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m} \quad (1)$$

**c**

ratio of  $\lambda / w$  (or the inverse) (1)

**Study Design**

- investigate and explain theoretically and practically diffraction as the directional spread of various frequencies with reference to different gap width or obstacle size, including the qualitative effect of changing the  $w/\lambda$  ratio.
- calculate the de Broglie wavelength of matter:  $\lambda = h/mv$
- compare the momentum of photons and of matter of the same wavelength including calculations using:  $p = h/\lambda$

**Web links**

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/physics/2020/2020physics-w.pdf>

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/physics/2020/2020physics-exam-report.pdf>

Section B Question 16

<https://personal.math.ubc.ca/~cass/courses/m309-03a/m309-projects/krzak/>

<https://www.coursehero.com/study-guides/physics/27-5-single-slit-diffraction/>

### Question 7 (5 marks)

**a**

Length of the ship will be observed as less, because the rest length was not measured under these relativistic speed conditions. Length is contracted for the observer. (1)

This is changed at relativistic speeds because the speed of light is invariant for all observers, the key observation behind Einstein's Special Relativity (1)

**b**

$$\gamma = L_o/L = 800 / 600 = 1.3333$$

$$\beta^2 = 1 - 1/\gamma^2 = 1 - 1 / 1.3333^2 = 0.4375 \quad (1)$$

$$v = \sqrt{0.4375} \times 3 \times 10^8 = 0.6614 \times 3 \times 10^8 = 1.984 \times 10^8 = 1.98 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

**c**

$$\gamma = 1.3333$$

$$E_k = (\gamma - 1)mc^2 = (1.3333 - 1) 1.5 \times 10^7 \times (3 \times 10^8)^2 = 4.5 \times 10^{23} \text{ J} \quad (1)$$

### Study Design

- describe Einstein's two postulates for his theory of special relativity that:
  - the laws of physics are the same in all inertial (non-accelerated) frames of reference
  - the speed of light has a constant value for all observers regardless of their motion or the motion of the source
- describe proper time ( $t_o$ ) as the time interval between two events in a reference frame where the two events occur at the same point in space
- describe proper length ( $L_o$ ) as the length that is measured in the frame of reference in which objects are at rest
- model mathematically time dilation and length contraction at speeds approaching  $c$  using the equations:  $t = t_o\gamma$  and  $L = L_o/\gamma$  where  $\gamma = (1 - v^2/c^2)^{-1/2}$
- interpret Einstein's prediction by showing that the total 'mass-energy' of an object is given by:

$$E_{\text{tot}} = E_k + E_o = \gamma mc^2 \text{ where } E_o = mc^2, \text{ and where kinetic energy can be calculated by:}$$
$$E_k = (\gamma - 1)mc^2$$

### Web links

<https://www.calctool.org/CALC/phys/relativity/gamma>

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/Relativ/tdil.html>

**Question 8 (4 marks)**

**a**

The observers see the life time of the muon dilated by the Lorentz factor, which allows for the observation that it has travelled longer during that lifetime from an Earth surface observer's reference frame. (1)

**b**

$$t = t_0\gamma = 2.2 \times 7.1 = 15.6 = 16 \mu\text{s}$$

**c**

The muon based observer records the distance it travels through the atmosphere as length contracted by the Lorentz factor, so it travels further than expected from its frame of reference. (1)

**d**

$$x = 650 \times 7.1 = 4.61 \times 10^3 = 4.6 \times 10^3 \text{ .m} \quad (1)$$

**Study Design**

- explain why muons can reach Earth even though their half-lives would suggest that they should decay in the outer atmosphere.

**Web links**

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/Relativ/muon.html>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Experimental\\_testing\\_of\\_time\\_dilation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Experimental_testing_of_time_dilation)

[https://www.schoolphysics.co.uk/age16-19/Relativity/text/Muons\\_time\\_dilation/index.html](https://www.schoolphysics.co.uk/age16-19/Relativity/text/Muons_time_dilation/index.html)

(Note average life of the population = 2.2  $\mu\text{s}$ , half life of a single muon = 1.5  $\mu\text{s}$ )



**Question 9 (7 marks)**

**a**

$$\lambda = 2 \times 0.85 = 1.7 \quad (\text{only a half wave in the string})$$

$$f = v / \lambda = 255 / 1.7 = 150 \text{ Hz} \quad (1)$$

**b**

waves must be 1.5 cycles  
long

(1) for each.

One wave can be a straight  
line.



**c**

Waves travel both ways along the string as transverse waves, and then reflect, inverted. (1)

The superimposed waveforms have static nodes. Antinodes between them (1)

**d**

This reflecting form is a standing wave, with transverse structure in the wire. (1)

The transverse movements create the compressions and rarefactions which carry sound through the air longitudinally. (1)

## Question 9 continued

### Study Design

- distinguish between transverse and longitudinal waves
- identify the amplitude, wavelength, period and frequency of waves
- calculate the wavelength, frequency, period and speed of travel of waves using:  
 $v = f\lambda = \lambda/T$
- investigate and analyse theoretically and practically constructive and destructive interference from two sources with reference to coherent waves and path difference:  
 $n\lambda$  and  $(n - 1/2)\lambda$  respectively
- explain resonance as the superposition of a travelling wave and its reflection, and with reference to a forced oscillation matching the natural frequency of vibration
- analyse the formation of standing waves in strings fixed at one or both ends

### Web links

[https://sciencetrends.com/transverse-waves-examples/#:~:text=A%20guitar%20string's%20motion%20can,the%20string%20itself%20for%20now\).](https://sciencetrends.com/transverse-waves-examples/#:~:text=A%20guitar%20string's%20motion%20can,the%20string%20itself%20for%20now).)

<https://byjus.com/jee/standing-wave-on-a-string/#:~:text=The%20standing%20waves%20are%20formed,also%20known%20as%20stationary%20waves.>

[https://www.walter-fendt.de/html5/phen/standingwavereflection\\_en.htm](https://www.walter-fendt.de/html5/phen/standingwavereflection_en.htm)

shows the original travelling wave, meeting the reflected wave and superimposing to the standing wave

<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/waves/Lesson-4/Mathematics-of-Standing-Waves>

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/Waves/string.html>

**Question 10 (8 marks)**

**a**

$$\phi_{\max} = BA = 0.25 \times 0.05 \times 0.06 = 7.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Wb} \quad (1)$$

(Do not multiply by the 300 turns.)

**b**

$$T = 1/f = 1/40 = 0.025$$

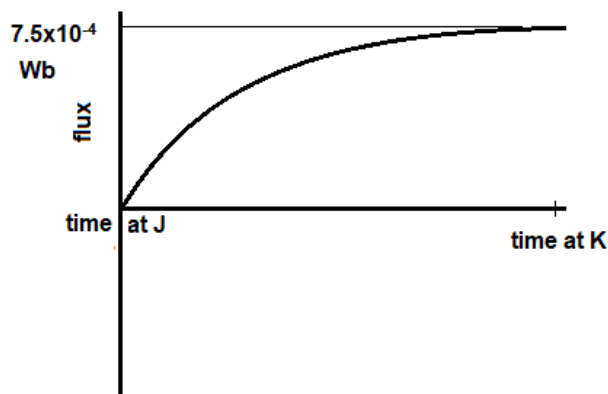
$$\text{emf} = nBA/\Delta t = 300 \times 0.25 \times 0.05 \times 0.06 / 0.025 \times 4 \quad (1) = 36 \text{ V} \quad (1)$$

**c**

Graph rises in a *curve* (1)

Flux is zero at J,  $7.5 \times 10^{-4}$  Wb at K (1)

The negative graph is correct too.



**d**

$$0 \text{ V} \quad (1)$$

The emf produced in the first quarter turn is opposite in polarity to that in the second quarter. The average is zero.

**e**

The voltage in the generator inverts in the second quarter turn, but this is countered by the commutators so the polarity is unchanged and the average voltage in the second quarter is the same as the first.

$$36 \text{ V.} \quad (1)$$

**Study Design**

- calculate magnetic flux when the magnetic field is perpendicular to the area, and describe the qualitative effect of differing angles between the area and the field:  $\phi_B = B_{\perp}/A$
- explain the production of DC voltage in DC generators and AC voltage in alternators, including the use of split ring commutators and slip rings respectively.

**Web links**

<https://www.coursehero.com/study-guides/physics/23-5-electric-generators/> Example 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPRozhVX65o>

**Question 11 (2 marks)**

**a**

$$\text{initial mass} = 1.673 \times 10^{-27} + 1.8281 \times 10^{-26} = 1.9954 \times 10^{-26}$$

$$\text{final mass} = 3 \times 6.645 \times 10^{-27} = 1.9935 \times 10^{-26}$$

$$\text{mass defect} = 1.9954 \times 10^{-26} - 1.9935 \times 10^{-26} = 1.9 \times 10^{-29} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{energy release } E = mc^2 = 1.9 \times 10^{-29} \times (3 \times 10^8)^2 = 1.71 \times 10^{-12} = 1.7 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J} \quad (1)$$

**Study Design**

- describe how matter is converted to energy by nuclear fusion in the Sun, which leads to its mass decreasing and the emission of electromagnetic radiation.

**Web links**

[https://chem.libretexts.org/Courses/University\\_of\\_Missouri/MU%3A\\_1330H\\_\(Keller\)/21%3A\\_A\\_Nuclear\\_Chemistry/21.8%3A\\_Nuclear\\_Fusion](https://chem.libretexts.org/Courses/University_of_Missouri/MU%3A_1330H_(Keller)/21%3A_A_Nuclear_Chemistry/21.8%3A_Nuclear_Fusion)

<https://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/einstein/educator-resources/how-the-sun-works>

<https://hb11.energy/how-it-works/>

[https://physics.stackexchange.com/questions/32699/how-to-explain-e-mc2-mass-defect-](https://physics.stackexchange.com/questions/32699/how-to-explain-e-mc2-mass-defect-in-fission-)  
[in-fission-](https://physics.stackexchange.com/questions/32699/how-to-explain-e-mc2-mass-defect-in-fission-)

[fusion#:~:text=mass%20defect%20is%20the%20surplus,system%20before%20and%20after%20reaction](https://physics.stackexchange.com/questions/32699/how-to-explain-e-mc2-mass-defect-in-fission-fusion#:~:text=mass%20defect%20is%20the%20surplus,system%20before%20and%20after%20reaction)

**Question 12 (5 marks)**

**a**

$$V_{\text{peak to peak}} = 12.4 \times 4 \times 2 \times \sqrt{2} \quad (1) = 140.3 = 140 \text{ V} \quad (1)$$

**b**

$$P = V_{\text{out RMS}}^2 / R = (4 \times 12.4)^2 / 130 \quad (1) = 18.9 = 19 \text{ W} \quad (1)$$

**c**

ability to change voltage in a transformer, with low losses

high voltage transmission reduces currents and transmission losses

switching is much simpler (DC switches can spark and burn at high current)

residual current safety switches work on AC only (1) for any correct answer

**Study Design**

- compare sinusoidal AC voltages produced as a result of the uniform rotation of a loop in a constant magnetic field with reference to frequency, period, amplitude, peak-to-peak voltage ( $V_{p-p}$ ) and peak-to-peak current ( $I_{p-p}$ )
- compare alternating voltage expressed as the root-mean-square (rms) to a constant DC voltage developing the same power in a resistive component
- convert between rms, peak and peak-to-peak values of voltage and current
- analyse action with reference to electromagnetic induction for an ideal transformer:  
 $N_1/N_2 = V_1/V_2 = I_2/I_1$
- identify the advantage of the use of AC power as a domestic power supply.

**Web links**

<http://sparks-activities.concord.org/sparks-content/tutorials/tutorial-22.html#:~:text=There%20are%20three%20different%20measures,P%2C%20measured%20with%20an%20oscilloscope.>

[https://www.electronics-tutorials.ws/resistor/res\\_8.html](https://www.electronics-tutorials.ws/resistor/res_8.html)

<https://www.electricalclassroom.com/transformer-ratio-calculator-online/>

<https://www.electronics-tutorials.ws/transformer/transformer-basics.html>

**Question 13 (4 marks)**

**a**

Positron is positively charged and is forced into a circular path.  
By the right hand three vector rule, current is clockwise and the force is towards the centre.  
The magnetic field must have been up through the film (page) (1)  
(This could be answered with a diagram.)

**b**

Using curled fingers this field is down, into the film (page). (1)  
Note: The movement of the positrons is that of a positive current.

**c**

$$v = RqB/m = 0.011 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 0.012 / 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \quad (1) = 2.32 \times 10^{-7} = 2.3 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

**Study Design**

- analyse the use of a magnetic field to change the path of a charged particle, including:
  - the magnitude and direction of the force applied to an electron beam by a magnetic field:  $F = qvB$  in cases where the directions of  $v$  and  $B$  are perpendicular or parallel
  - the radius of the path followed by a low-velocity electron in a magnetic field:  $qvB = m v^2 / r$
- investigate and analyse theoretically and practically the force on a current carrying conductor due to an external magnetic field,  $F = nI\ell B$ , where the directions of  $I$  and  $B$  are either perpendicular or parallel to each other

**Web links**

<https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/mcat/physical-processes/magnetism-mcat/a/using-the-right-hand-rule#:~:text=Moving%20charges,-When%20charges%20are&text=We%20can%20remember%20this%20diagram,pushing%20on%20the%20moving%20charge>.

<https://openstax.org/books/university-physics-volume-2/pages/11-3-motion-of-a-charged-particle-in-a-magnetic-field>

**Question 14 (7 marks)**

**a**

$$\Delta x = \lambda L/D = 5.5 \times 10^{-7} \times 1.25 / 4.3 \times 10^{-4} \quad (1) = 0.001599 = 0.0016 \text{ m}$$

ten slits =  $10 \times 0.0016 = 0.016 \text{ m} \quad (1)$

**b**

The screen would show an alternating spectrum of colours with a white centre. (1)  
At each point where constructive interference occurs for a particular wavelength, that colour will be seen. (1)

**c**

$$\text{Difference} = 2.5 \lambda = 2.5 \times 550 = 1.376 \times 10^{-6} = 1.38 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} \quad (1)$$

**d**

Path difference to the dark band from the two slits differ by  $(n - \frac{1}{2})\lambda \quad (1)$   
When the waves differ by a  $\frac{1}{2}$  wavelength, there is destructive interference. (1)

**Study Design**

- identify that all electromagnetic waves travel at the same speed,  $c$ , in a vacuum
- explain the results of Young's double slit experiment with reference to:
  - evidence for the wave-like nature of light
  - constructive and destructive interference of coherent waves in terms of path differences:  $n\lambda$  and  $(n - 1/2)\lambda$  respectively
  - effect of wavelength, distance of screen and slit separation on interference patterns:  
 $\Delta x = \lambda L/d$

**Web links**

[https://www.schoolphysics.co.uk/age16-19/Wave%20properties/Interference/text/Young's\\_double\\_slits/index.html](https://www.schoolphysics.co.uk/age16-19/Wave%20properties/Interference/text/Young's_double_slits/index.html)

[https://thefactfactor.com/facts/pure\\_science/physics/youngs-experiment/6798/#:~:text=If%20the%20fringe%20width%20is,7.5%20x%2010%2D4%20m.](https://thefactfactor.com/facts/pure_science/physics/youngs-experiment/6798/#:~:text=If%20the%20fringe%20width%20is,7.5%20x%2010%2D4%20m.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=njgU1r82e98> see view at 2 min 00 sec

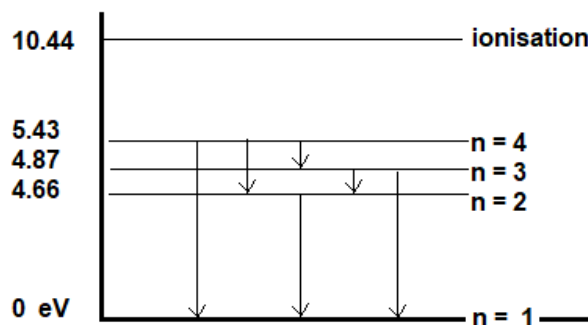
<https://opentextbc.ca/universityphysicsv3openstax/chapter/youngs-double-slit-interference/>

**Question 15 (6 marks)**

**a**

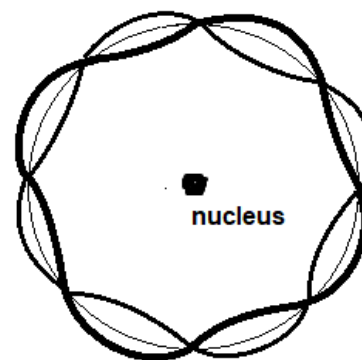
(1) 3 to 5 of the transitions shown correctly, none wrong. Arrows must indicate down.

(2) all 6 transitions shown correctly (  $n=4$  to  $n=1$ ,  $n=4$  to  $n=2$ ,  $n=4$  to  $n=3$ ,  $n=3$  to  $n=1$ ,  $n=3$  to  $n=2$ ,  $n=2$  to  $n=1$ )



**b**

The waveforms shown must be any two possible waves, including the circle form. It must be clear that the circle answer has been drawn over the original guide to provide an answer.



**c**

The standing wave consists of a whole number of complete waves. (1)

The lengths of these whole waves are related to their electron's momentum and energy. The electron energy in an atom must be quantised to match the whole waves. (1)

**Study Design**

- describe light as an electromagnetic wave which is produced by the acceleration of charges, which in turn produces changing electric fields and associated changing magnetic fields
- calculate the de Broglie wavelength of matter:  $\lambda = h/mv$
- interpret spectra and calculate the energy of absorbed or emitted photons:  $\Delta E = hf$
- analyse the absorption of photons by atoms, with reference to:
  - the change in energy levels of the atom due to electrons changing state
  - the frequency and wavelength of emitted photons:  $E = hf = hc/\lambda$
- describe the quantised states of the atom with reference to electrons forming standing waves, and explain this as evidence for the dual nature of matter
- compare the production of light in lasers, synchrotrons, LEDs and incandescent lights.



**Question 15 continued**

**Web Links**

[https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Energy-level-diagram-of-mercury-atom\\_fig1\\_226415521](https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Energy-level-diagram-of-mercury-atom_fig1_226415521)

[https://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/educators/lessons/xray\\_spectra/background-atoms.html](https://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/educators/lessons/xray_spectra/background-atoms.html)

<https://www.toppr.com/ask/question/an-accelerated-electron-would-produce/>

<https://thecuriousastronomer.wordpress.com/2014/05/13/why-do-accelerated-electrons-radiate-electromagnetic-radiation/#:~:text=In%20order%20for%20an%20electron,and%20hence%20produce%20EM%20radiation.>

<https://www.coursehero.com/study-guides/physics/30-6-the-wave-nature-of-matter-causes-quantization/>

### Question 16 (9 marks)

**a**

$$E_{\text{ps delivered}} = 3.4 \times 0.75 = 2.55 \text{ J which is the initial kinetic energy} \quad (1)$$

$$E_{K_{\text{top}}} = 2.55 - mgh = 2.55 - 0.61 \times 9.8 \times 2 \times 0.15 = 2.55 - 1.793 = 0.757 \text{ J} \quad (1)$$

$$v_{\text{top}} = \sqrt{2E_K/m} = \sqrt{(2 \times 0.757 / 0.61)} = 1.575 = 1.6 \text{ m s}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

**b**

$$W = mg = 0.61 \times 9.8 = 5.978 \text{ N down}$$

$$F_{\text{centrip}} = m v^2 / R = 0.61 \times 1.575^2 / 0.15 = 10.088 \text{ N down}$$

$$F_{\text{track}} + W = F_{\text{centrip}}$$

$$F_{\text{track}} = 10.088 - 5.978 = (1) = 4.11 = 4.1 \text{ N} \quad (1) \quad \text{down} \quad (1)$$

**c**

Occurs when  $g = v_{\text{top}}^2 / R$

$$v = \sqrt{Rg} = 0.3 \times 9.8 = 1.212 = 1.2 \text{ m s}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

**d**

At the top total energy  $= E_{K_{\text{top}}} + E_{\text{pg}} = 0.5 m v^2 + mgh = 0.61 \times 0.5 \times 1.212^2 + 0.61 \times 9.8 \times 0.3$

$$= 0.448 + 1.793 \quad (1) = 2.242$$

$$\text{fraction} = 2.242 / 3.4 = 65.93\% = 66\% \quad (1)$$

### Study Design

- investigate and apply theoretically and practically Newton's three laws of motion in situations where two or more coplanar forces act along a straight line and in two dimensions
- investigate and apply theoretically Newton's second law to circular motion in a vertical plane (forces at the highest and lowest positions only)

### Web links

<https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/hew06.sci.phys.maf.rollercoaster/energy-in-a-roller-coaster-ride/>

<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/mmedia/energy/ce.cfm>

[https://www.schoolphysics.co.uk/age16-19/Mechanics/Circular%20motion/text/Motion\\_in\\_a\\_vertical\\_circle/index.html](https://www.schoolphysics.co.uk/age16-19/Mechanics/Circular%20motion/text/Motion_in_a_vertical_circle/index.html)

**Question 17 (5 marks)**

**a**

$$p = mv = \sqrt{2E_K m} = \sqrt{(2 \times 160 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31})} \quad (1) = 6.8258 \times 10^{-24} \quad (1)$$

$$\lambda = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} / 6.8258 \times 10^{-24} = 9.71 \times 10^{-11} \quad (1) = 9.7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$$

imaging resolution limit is at  $9.7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$  (1)

**b**

If the object viewed with the microscope is smaller than the wavelength, then diffraction obscures the image. (1)

**c**

$$E = hc/\lambda = 4.14 \times 10^{-15} \times 3 \times 10^8 / 9.71 \times 10^{-11} = 1.279 \times 10^4 = 1.3 \times 10^4 \text{ eV} \quad (1)$$

**Study Design**

- investigate and explain theoretically and practically diffraction as the directional spread of various frequencies with reference to different gap width or obstacle size, including the qualitative effect of changing the  $w/\lambda$  ratio.
- investigate and describe theoretically and practically the effects of varying the width of a gap or diameter of an obstacle on the diffraction pattern produced by light and apply this to limitations of imaging using light
- interpret electron diffraction patterns as evidence for the wave-like nature of matter
- calculate the de Broglie wavelength of matter:  $\lambda = h/mv$

**Web links**

<https://www.omnicalculator.com/physics/electron-speed>

<https://www.omnicalculator.com/physics/de-broglie-wavelength>

(many interesting calculators on this site)

<https://www.coursehero.com/study-guides/cheminter/de-broglie-wave-equation/>

[https://spark.iop.org/speed-](https://spark.iop.org/speed-electrons#:~:text=The%20electron%20starts%20from%20rest,and%20v%20is%20its%20s)

[electrons#:~:text=The%20electron%20starts%20from%20rest,and%20v%20is%20its%20s](https://spark.iop.org/speed-electrons#:~:text=The%20electron%20starts%20from%20rest,and%20v%20is%20its%20s)  
[peed.&text=For%20an%20electron%20gun%20with,%C3%97%2010%206%20m%2Fs.](https://spark.iop.org/speed-electrons#:~:text=The%20electron%20starts%20from%20rest,and%20v%20is%20its%20s)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmpnLDLVdfo>

**Question 18 (6 marks)**

**a**

$$p = p' \text{ so } m_{\alpha} u_{\alpha} + m_{\text{proton}} u_{\text{proton}} = m_{\alpha} v_{\alpha} + m_{\text{proton}} v_{\text{proton}}$$
$$v_{\text{proton}} = (3.97 \times 9.6 \times 10^6 + 0 - 3.97 \times 5.74) / 1 \quad (1) = 1.532 \times 10^7 = 1.53 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

**b**

Check if  $E_K = E_K'$

$$\frac{1}{2} (3.97 \times (9.6 \times 10^6)^2 + 1 \times 0^2) = \frac{1}{2} (3.97 \times (5.74 \times 10^6)^2 + 1 \times (1.53 \times 10^6)^2) \quad (1)$$

$$1.83 \times 10^{14} = 1.83 \times 10^{14} \text{ equal so elastic} \quad (1)$$

(1) for one energy only correctly calculated

**c**

There are no external forces like friction acting.

or

The only forces acting are the Coulomb force, which is the same when approaching and departing.

**d**

The velocity was low enough that the errors in Newton's motion are insignificant.

or

The accuracy of the data will not show the differences between Newton's motion and Einstein's more accurate description.

**Study Design**

- investigate and apply theoretically and practically the laws of energy and momentum conservation in isolated systems in one dimension.
- compare Einstein's theory of special relativity with the principles of classical physics

**Web Links**

<https://www.physicsclassroom.com/Class/momentum/u4l2d.cfm>

[https://www.varsitytutors.com/high\\_school\\_physics-help/understanding-elastic-and-inelastic-collisions](https://www.varsitytutors.com/high_school_physics-help/understanding-elastic-and-inelastic-collisions)

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/elacol.html>

[https://phys.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/University\\_Physics/Book%3A\\_Physics\\_\(Boundless\)/27%3A\\_Special\\_Relativity/27.2%3A\\_Consequences\\_of\\_Special\\_Relativity#:~:text=Thus%20C%20time%20dilation%20effects%20and,10%20the%20speed%20of%20light\).](https://phys.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/University_Physics/Book%3A_Physics_(Boundless)/27%3A_Special_Relativity/27.2%3A_Consequences_of_Special_Relativity#:~:text=Thus%20C%20time%20dilation%20effects%20and,10%20the%20speed%20of%20light).)

(see Time Dilation)

**Question 19 (5 marks)**

**a**

It will produce a diffraction pattern, with a similar form to that produced by a beam of electrons. (1)

**b**

The photons and electrons are behaving as particles when passing through the slits, one at a time. (1)

Particles and photons are both exhibiting wave properties in their diffraction pattern. (1)

**c**

electrons have wavelength but no frequency, unlike photons which have both frequency determines the energy of photons, for electrons it is speed  
electrons have variable speeds, which determine wavelength, unlike photons which have a fixed vacuum speed

electrons have mass, photons have none

any two, (1) each, including any other correct answer

**Study Design**

- distinguish between the diffraction patterns produced by photons and electrons
- interpret the single photon/electron double slit experiment as evidence for the dual nature of light/matter
- models and theories, and their use in organising and understanding observed phenomena and physics concepts including their limitations

**Web Links**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUI3lhRje\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUI3lhRje_0) electron

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9Ab8BLW3kA> photon, most after 5 min

<https://photonterrace.net/en/photon/duality/>

<https://theconversation.com/explainer-what-is-wave-particle-duality-7414>

**Question 20 (3 marks)**

**a**

TV, mobile phones, communication systems, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, some radio use (1) for any answer

**b**

UV light (will kill Covid-19 viruses in aircraft cabins. The upper end of this light spectrum band is lethal.) (1)

**c**

These mostly visible colours plus some IR and UV are those available given the available natural light sources, like the sun.

They match up. (1)

or

The light which is not damaging and available covers the IR, visible and lower UV bands. It has enough energy to activate chemicals in the eye which produce vision. (1) Lower IR lacks the necessary energy and the upper UV is damaging.

or

The photon energy available in this range is enough to twist a molecule which activates vision, without damaging it with too much energy. (1)

**Study Design**

- compare the wavelength and frequencies of different regions of the electromagnetic spectrum, including radio, microwave, infrared, visible, ultraviolet, x-ray and gamma, and identify the distinct uses each has in society

**Web Links**

<https://www.highlandwireless.com/the-differences-between-uhf-and-vhf-radio-frequencies/>

<https://spectrum.ieee.org/germfalcon-coronavirus-airplane-ultraviolet-sterilizer-news>

<https://www.kmlabs.com/en/wavelength-to-photon-energy-calculator>

[https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0042698997004112#:~:text=The%20spectral%20sensitivities%20of%20retinal,356%20nm%20\(three%20cells\)](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0042698997004112#:~:text=The%20spectral%20sensitivities%20of%20retinal,356%20nm%20(three%20cells))

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0960982215012464>

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