General Certificate of Education June 2005
Advanced Level Examination

## PHYSICS (SPECIFICATION A)

PA04

## Unit 4 Waves, Fields and Nuclear Energy

## Section A

## Thursday 16 June 2005 Morning Session

In addition to this paper you will require:

- an objective test answer sheet;
- a black ball-point pen;
- a calculator;
- a question paper/answer book for Section B (enclosed).


## Time allowed: The total time for Section A and Section B of this paper is 1 hour 30 minutes

## Instructions

- Use a black ball-point pen. Do not use pencil.
- Answer all questions in this section.
- For each question there are four responses. When you have selected the response which you think is the most appropriate answer to a question, mark this response on your answer sheet.
- Mark all responses as instructed on your answer sheet. If you wish to change your answer to a question, follow the instructions on your answer sheet.
- Do all rough work in this book, not on the answer sheet.


## Information

- The maximum mark for this Section is 30 .
- Section A and Section B of this paper together carry $15 \%$ of the total marks for Physics Advanced.
- All questions in Section A carry equal marks. No deductions will be made for incorrect answers.
- A Data Sheet is provided on pages 3 and 4 . You may wish to detach this perforated sheet at the start of the examination.
- The question paper/answer book for Section B is enclosed within this question paper.


## Data Sheet

- A perforated Data Sheet is provided as pages 3 and 4 of this question paper.
- This sheet may be useful for answering some of the questions in the examination.
- You may wish to detach this sheet before you begin work.




## SECTION A

In this section each item consists of a question or an incomplete statement followed by four suggested answers or completions. You are to select the most appropriate answer in each case.

You are advised to spend approximately $\mathbf{3 0}$ minutes on this section.

1 A spring is suspended from a fixed point. A mass attached to the spring is set into vertical undamped simple harmonic motion. When the mass is at its lowest position, which one of the following has its minimum value?

A the potential energy of the system
B the kinetic energy of the mass
C the acceleration of the mass
D the tension in the spring

2 The time period of a simple pendulum is doubled when the length of the pendulum is increased by 3.0 m . What is the original length of the pendulum?

A $\quad 1.0 \mathrm{~m}$
B $\quad 1.5 \mathrm{~m}$
C $\quad 3.0 \mathrm{~m}$
D $\quad 6.0 \mathrm{~m}$

3 The diagram shows a snapshot of a wave on a rope travelling from left to right.


At the instant shown, point $\mathbf{P}$ is at maximum displacement and point $\mathbf{Q}$ is at zero displacement. Which one of the following lines, $\mathbf{A}$ to $\mathbf{D}$, in the table correctly describes the motion of $\mathbf{P}$ and $\mathbf{Q}$ in the next half-cycle?

|  | $\mathbf{P}$ | Q |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A | falls then rises | rises |
| B | falls then rises | rises then falls |
| C | falls | falls |
| D | falls | rises then falls |

4 The speed of sound in water is $1500 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$. For a sound wave in water having frequency 2500 Hz , what is the minimum distance between two points at which the vibrations are $\frac{\pi}{3}$ rad out of phase?
A $\quad 0.05 \mathrm{~m}$
B $\quad 0.10 \mathrm{~m}$
C $\quad 0.15 \mathrm{~m}$
D 0.20 m

5 Which one of the following properties of light waves do polarising sunglasses depend on for their action?
Light waves may
A interfere constructively.
B interfere destructively.
C be polarised when reflected from a surface.
D be polarised by the lens in the eye.

6 Light of wavelength $\lambda$ is incident normally on a diffraction grating for which adjacent lines are a distance $3 \lambda$ apart. What is the angle between the second order maximum and the straight-through position?

A $9.6^{\circ}$
B $\quad 20^{\circ}$
C $42^{\circ}$
D There is no second order maximum.

7 The Earth has density $\rho$ and radius $R$. The gravitational field strength at the surface is $g$. What is the gravitational field strength at the surface of a planet of density $2 \rho$ and radius $2 R$ ?

A $\quad g$
B $\quad 2 g$
C $\quad 4 g$
D $16 g$
8 A particle of mass $m$ moves in a circle of radius $r$ at uniform speed, taking time $T$ for each revolution. What is the kinetic energy of the particle?

A $\quad \frac{\pi^{2} m r}{T^{2}}$
B $\frac{\pi^{2} m r^{2}}{T^{2}}$
C $\quad \frac{2 \pi^{2} m r^{2}}{T}$
D $\frac{2 \pi^{2} m r^{2}}{T^{2}}$

9 Two protons, each of mass $m$ and charge $e$, are a distance $d$ apart. Which one of the following expressions correctly gives the ratio $\left(\frac{\text { electrostatic force }}{\text { gravitational force }}\right)$ for the forces acting between them?

A $\frac{4 \pi \varepsilon_{0} e^{2}}{G m^{2}}$
B $\frac{G e^{2}}{4 \pi \varepsilon_{0} m^{2}}$
C $\frac{e^{2} m^{2}}{4 \pi \varepsilon_{0} G}$
D $\frac{e^{2}}{4 \pi \varepsilon_{0} G m^{2}}$

10 The graph shows how the gravitational potential, $V$, varies with the distance, $r$, from the centre of the Earth.


What does the gradient of the graph at any point represent?
A the magnitude of the gravitational field strength at that point
B the magnitude of the gravitational constant
C the mass of the Earth
D the potential energy at the point where the gradient is measured

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The diagram shows two charges, $+4 \mu \mathrm{C}$ and $-16 \mu \mathrm{C}, 120 \mathrm{~mm}$ apart. What is the distance from the $+4 \mu \mathrm{C}$ charge to the point between the two charges, where the resultant electric potential is zero?

A $\quad 24 \mathrm{~mm}$
B $\quad 40 \mathrm{~mm}$
C $\quad 80 \mathrm{~mm}$
D 96 mm

12 An electron travelling at constant speed enters a uniform electric field at right angles to the field. While the electron is in the field it accelerates in a direction which is

A in the same direction as the electric field.
B in the opposite direction to the electric field.
C in the same direction as the motion of the electron.
D in the opposite direction to the motion of the electron.

13 A $1000 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor and a $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor are charged so that the potential difference across each of them is the same. The charge stored in the $1000 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor is $Q_{1}$ and the charge stored in the $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor is $Q_{2}$.
What is the ratio $\frac{Q_{1}}{Q_{2}}$ ?
A 100
B $\quad 10$
C 1
D $\frac{1}{100}$

14 Which one of the following statements is not true about the control rods used in a nuclear reactor?
A They must absorb neutrons.
B They must slow down neutrons to thermal speeds.
C They must retain their shape at high temperatures.
D The length of rod in the reactor must be variable.

15 The magnetic flux, $\Phi$, through a coil varies with time, $t$, as shown by the first graph. Which one of the following graphs, $\mathbf{A}$ to $\mathbf{D}$, best represents how the magnitude, $\varepsilon$, of the induced emf varies in this same period of time?


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