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General Certificate of Education  
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**PHYSICS (SPECIFICATION B)**  
**Unit 1 Foundation Physics**

**PHB1**

Monday 13 January 2003 Morning Session

**In addition to this paper you will require:**

- a calculator;
- a pencil and a ruler;
- a protractor.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions in **Section A** and **Section B** in the spaces provided.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.
- All working must be shown, otherwise you may lose marks.
- A *Formulae Sheet* is provided on page 3. Detach this perforated page at the start of the examination.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 75.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate.
- The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

**Advice**

- You are advised to spend about 30 minutes on **Section A** and about 1 hour on **Section B**.

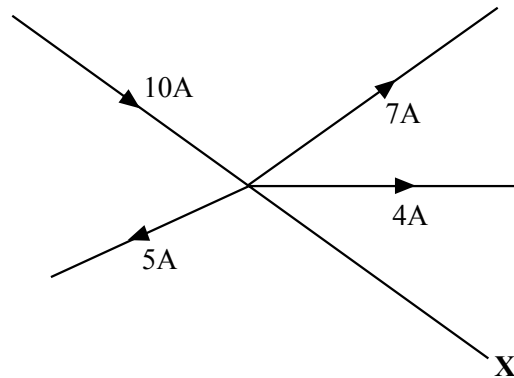
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**SECTION A**

Answer **all** questions in this section.

There are **25** marks in this section.

- 1 **Figure 1** shows part of an electrical circuit where five wires form a junction. The electric currents are shown on the figure.

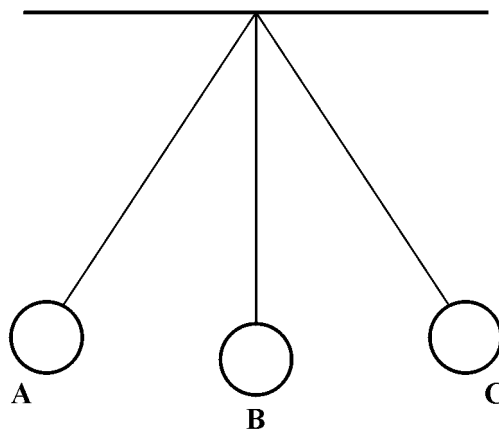


**Figure 1**

State the size of the current in wire **X**. Draw an arrow on the diagram to indicate the direction of the current.

Current .....  
(2 marks)

- 2 **Figure 2** shows a simple pendulum swinging from side to side. Positions **A** and **C** show the extremes of the motion; position **B** is the equilibrium position.



**Figure 2**

- (a) Mark and label on the diagram the amplitude of the motion.

(1 mark)

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### Foundation Physics Mechanics Formulae

$$\text{moment of force} = Fd$$

$$v = u + at$$

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t$$

$$\text{for a spring, } F = k\Delta l$$

$$\text{energy stored in a spring} = \frac{1}{2}F\Delta l = \frac{1}{2}k(\Delta l)^2$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$

### Foundation Physics Electricity Formulae

$$I = nAvq$$

$$\text{terminal p.d.} = E - Ir$$

$$\text{in series circuit, } R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$$

$$\text{in parallel circuit, } \frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

$$\text{output voltage across } R_1 = \left( \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \right) \times \text{input voltage}$$

### Waves and Nuclear Physics Formulae

$$\text{fringe spacing} = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$$

$$\text{single slit diffraction minimum } \sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{b}$$

$$\text{diffraction grating } n\lambda = d \sin \theta$$

$$\text{Doppler shift } \frac{\Delta f}{f} = \frac{v}{c} \text{ for } v \ll c$$

$$\text{Hubble law } v = Hd$$

$$\text{radioactive decay } A = \lambda N$$

### Properties of Quarks

Type of quark	Charge	Baryon number
up u	$+\frac{2}{3}e$	$+\frac{1}{3}$
down d	$-\frac{1}{3}e$	$+\frac{1}{3}$
$\bar{u}$	$-\frac{2}{3}e$	$-\frac{1}{3}$
$\bar{d}$	$+\frac{1}{3}e$	$-\frac{1}{3}$

### Lepton Numbers

Particle	Lepton number $L$		
	$L_e$	$L_\mu$	$L_\tau$
$e^-$	1		
$e^+$	-1		
$\nu_e$	1		
$\bar{\nu}_e$	-1		
$\mu^-$		1	
$\mu^+$		-1	
$\nu_\mu$		1	
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$		-1	
$\tau^-$			1
$\tau^+$			-1
$\nu_\tau$			1
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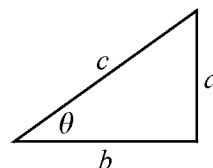
### Geometrical and Trigonometrical Relationships

$$\text{circumference of circle} = 2\pi r$$

$$\text{area of a circle} = \pi r^2$$

$$\text{surface area of sphere} = 4\pi r^2$$

$$\text{volume of sphere} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$



$$\sin \theta = \frac{a}{c}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

- (b) The motion of the pendulum is damped by air resistance.
- (i) Draw a sketch graph on the axes below to show how you expect the displacement of the pendulum to vary with time.



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- (ii) Describe how you would investigate the variation of the amplitude of oscillation with time.

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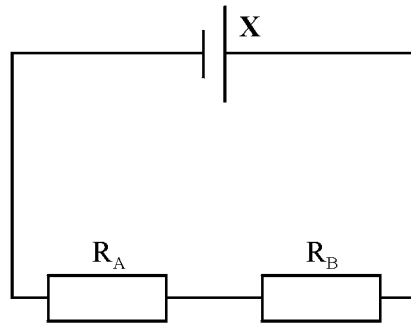
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- 3 In the circuit shown in **Figure 3** cell **X** has an emf of 12 V and a negligible internal resistance. The resistances of  $R_A$  and  $R_B$  are  $10\ \Omega$  and  $15\ \Omega$  respectively.



**Figure 3**

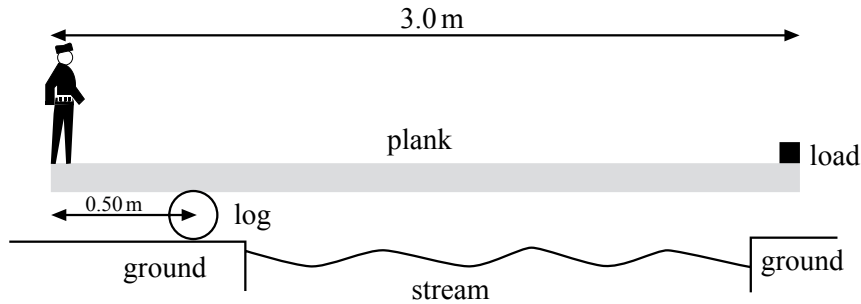
- (a) Calculate the potential difference across  $R_B$ .

Potential difference .....  
(2 marks)

- (b) Cell **X** is replaced by cell **Y** that has an emf of 12 V and an internal resistance of  $7.5\ \Omega$ . Calculate the terminal potential difference across cell **Y**.

Potential difference .....  
(3 marks)

- 4 **Figure 4** shows a student standing on a plank that pivots on a log. The student intends to cross the stream.



**Figure 4**

- (a) The plank has a mass of 25 kg and is 3.0 m long with a uniform cross-section. The log pivot is 0.50 m from the end of the plank. The student has a mass of 65 kg and stands at the end of the plank. A load is placed on the far end in order to balance the plank horizontally.

Draw on **Figure 4** the forces that act on the plank. (3 marks)

- (b) By taking moments about the log pivot, calculate the load, in N, needed on the right-hand end of the plank in order to balance the plank horizontally.

Gravitational field strength,  $g = 9.8 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$

Load .....  
(3 marks)

- (c) Explain why the load will eventually touch the ground as the student walks towards the log.

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(2 marks)

5 A bungee rope of unstretched length 50 m is designed to allow a 70 kg man to come to rest 85 m below the platform from which he jumps.

- (a) Calculate the energy stored in the rope when the man has come to rest.  
Ignore the weight of the rope.

Gravitational field strength,  $g = 9.8 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$

Energy stored .....  
(2 marks)

- (b) Calculate the gravitational potential energy lost by the man when he has come to rest.

Gravitational potential energy .....  
(3 marks)

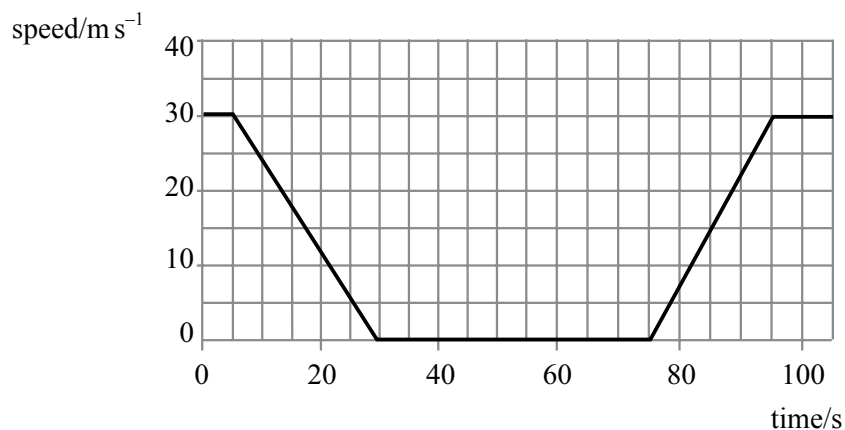
**SECTION B**

Answer **all** questions in this section.

There are **50** marks in this section.

**Total for this question: 8 marks**

- 6** **Figure 5** shows a speed-time graph for a car that halts at traffic lights and then moves away.



**Figure 5**

- (a) Use the graph to show that the car travels about 380 m whilst decelerating.

*(2 marks)*

- (b) Use the graph to calculate the acceleration of the car for the time interval from 75 s to 95 s.

Acceleration .....

*(2 marks)*



- (c) Calculate the total distance travelled by the car in the time interval 5 s to 95 s.

Distance travelled .....  
(1 mark)

- (d) A second car travels the same route without being halted at the traffic lights. The speed of this car is a constant  $30 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

Calculate the difference in journey time between the first and second cars.

Journey time difference .....  
(3 marks)

**TURN OVER FOR THE NEXT QUESTION**

**Total for this question: 15 marks**

- 7 (a) A raindrop falls at a constant vertical speed of  $1.6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  in still air. The wind now blows horizontally at  $1.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .
- (i) Draw a scale diagram and use it to find the angle the path of the raindrop now makes with the vertical.

(2 marks)

- (ii) Use your scale diagram or a calculation to determine the resultant speed of the raindrop when the wind is blowing.

Speed of raindrop .....  
(1 mark)

(b) The mass of the raindrop is  $4.5 \times 10^{-8}$  kg. Calculate its kinetic energy.

Kinetic energy .....  
(3 marks)

(c) Calculate the work done by the raindrop as it falls through a vertical distance of 5.0 m in still air.

Gravitational field strength,  $g = 9.8 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$

Work done .....  
(3 marks)

(d) Explain why a raindrop falling vertically through still air eventually reaches a constant speed.

Two of the 6 marks in this question are available for the quality of your written communication.

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**Total for this question: 7 marks**

**8** A 250 MW generating station is to supply the energy needs of a large but isolated community. The choice is between a coal-fired station and a nuclear station; the projected lifetimes of both stations are about 25 years. Discuss and compare the relative costs and the environmental impacts of both types of station.

Two of the 7 marks in this question are available for the quality of your written communication.

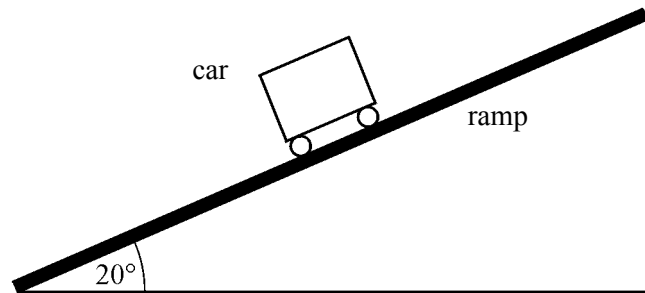
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*(7 marks)*



**Total for this question: 9 marks**

- 9 A fairground ride ends with the car moving up a ramp at a slope of  $20^\circ$  to the horizontal as shown in **Figure 6**.



**Figure 6**

- (a) The car carrying its maximum load of passengers has a total weight of 6.8 kN. Show that the component of the weight acting parallel to the ramp is about 2.3 kN.
- (2 marks)*
- (b) The mass of the fully loaded car is 690 kg. Show that the force in part (a) will decelerate the car at about  $3.3 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .
- (2 marks)*
- (c) The car enters the ramp at  $22 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . Calculate the minimum length that the ramp must be in order for the car to stop before it reaches the end. Neglect the length of the car.

Minimum length .....

*(2 marks)*

- (d) The ride owner decides to use a shorter ramp and to install brakes on the car. The additional decelerating force provided by these brakes is 4600 N. Calculate the new stopping time.

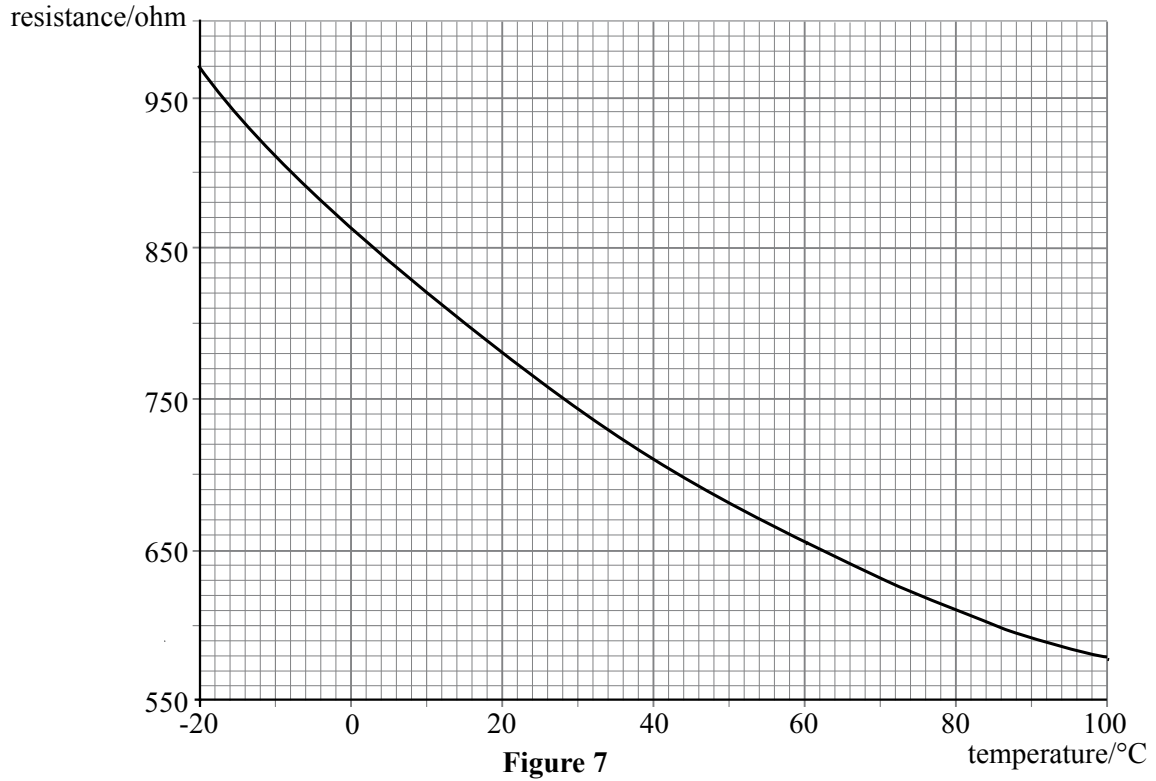
Stopping time .....  
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**TURN OVER FOR THE NEXT QUESTION**

**Total for this question: 11 marks**

**10** Figure 7 shows a graph of electrical resistance against temperature for a thermistor.



**Figure 7**

(a) (i) Explain in terms of the motion of charge carriers how electrical resistance arises.

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 (1 mark)

(ii) State **two** reasons why a change in the temperature of a thermistor will change its resistance.

Reason 1 .....

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Reason 2 .....

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 (2 marks)

(iii) Explain clearly how the reasons you gave in part (a) (ii) lead to the variation of resistance with temperature shown in **Figure 7**.

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(2 marks)

(b) The thermistor is connected in series with a 10 V power supply of negligible internal resistance and a resistor of constant value  $480\ \Omega$ . The current in the circuit must not exceed 9.0 mA. Calculate the highest temperature at which the circuit can be used.

Highest temperature .....

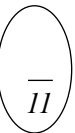
(4 marks)

(c) A student intends to monitor weather conditions by placing the thermistor circuit outside the laboratory and transmitting the signals to a computer inside. State **two** advantages that this method of remote sensing by computer has over the manual collection of data by the student.

Advantage 1 .....

Advantage 2 .....

(2 marks)



**END OF QUESTIONS**