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PHYSICS **0625/11**

Paper 1 Multiple Choice (Core) **May/June 2024**

45 minutes

You must answer on the multiple choice answer sheet.

You will need: Multiple choice answer sheet
Soft clean eraser
Soft pencil (type B or HB is recommended)

INSTRUCTIONS

- There are **forty** questions on this paper. Answer **all** questions.
- For each question there are four possible answers **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**. Choose the **one** you consider correct and record your choice in soft pencil on the multiple choice answer sheet.
- Follow the instructions on the multiple choice answer sheet.
- Write in soft pencil.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on the multiple choice answer sheet in the spaces provided unless this has been done for you.
- Do **not** use correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- Take the weight of 1.0 kg to be 9.8 N (acceleration of free fall = 9.8 m / s^2).

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- Each correct answer will score one mark.
- Any rough working should be done on this question paper.

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1 The diagram shows an enlarged drawing of the end of a metre ruler. It is being used to measure the length of a small feather.

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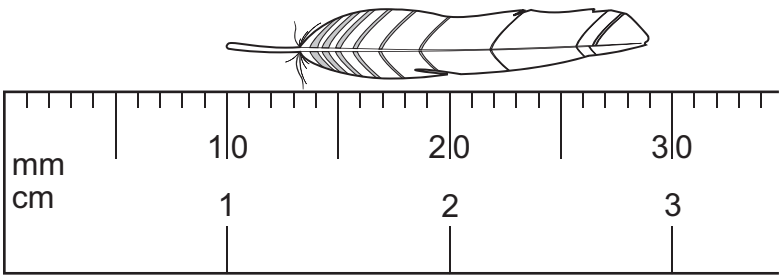

What is the length of the feather?

A 19 mm **B** 29 mm **C** 19 cm **D** 29 cm

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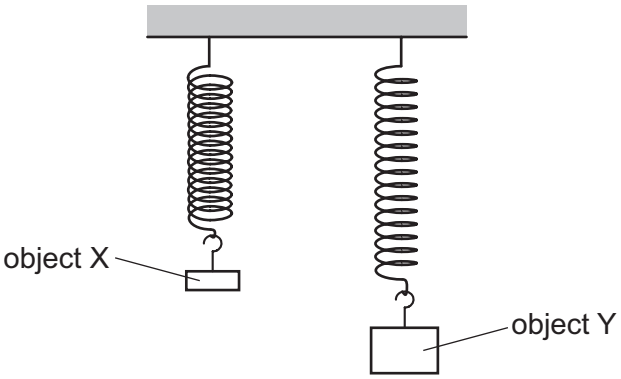
2 The diagram shows two objects, X and Y, suspended from identical springs.

The extension of each spring is different.



Which row compares the mass and the weight of the two objects?

	mass	weight
A	both objects have the same mass	both objects have the same weight
B	both objects have the same mass	the weight of X is less than the weight of Y
C	the mass of X is less than the mass of Y	both objects have the same weight
D	the mass of X is less than the mass of Y	the weight of X is less than the weight of Y

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3 A plastic bottle contains 750 cm^3 of oil. The diagram shows the mass of the bottle being measured when it is full and then when it is empty.

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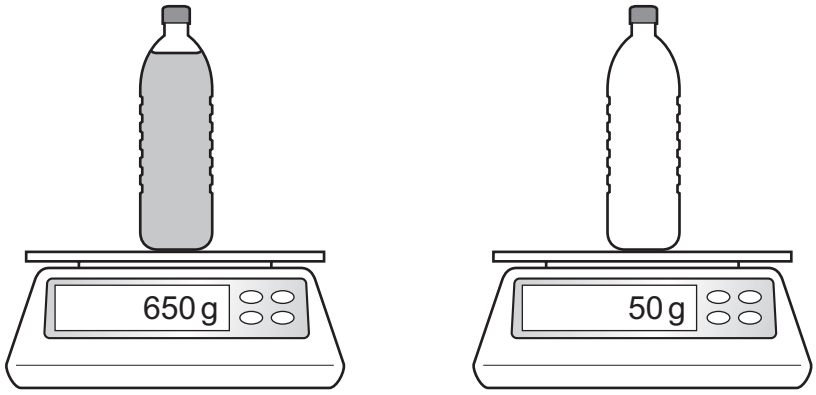

What is the density of the oil?

A 0.80 g / cm^3 **B** 0.93 g / cm^3 **C** 1.1 g / cm^3 **D** 1.3 g / cm^3

4 The extension–load graph for a spring is shown. The unstretched length of the spring is 15.0 cm.

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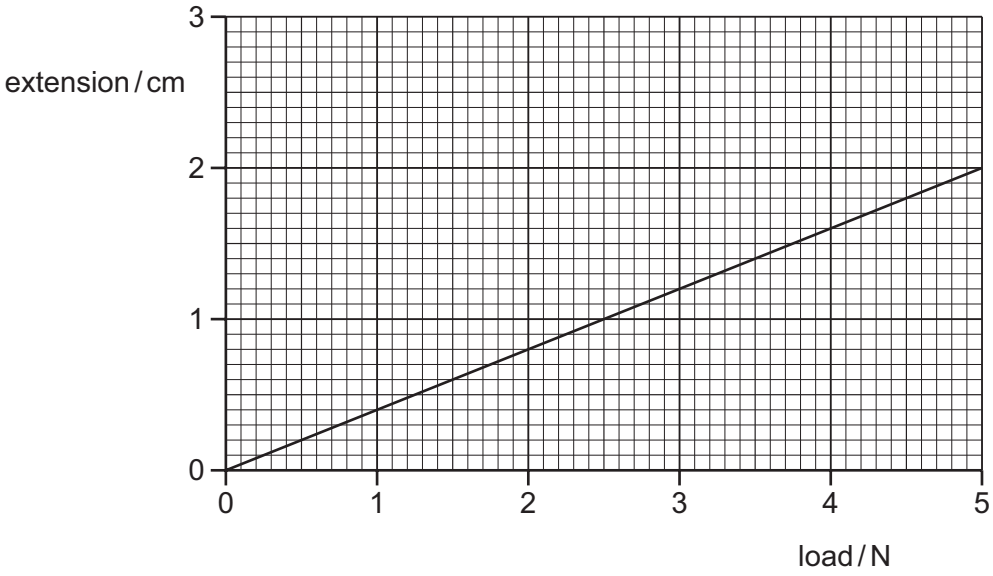

When an object of unknown weight is suspended on the spring, the length of the spring is 16.4 cm.

What is the weight of the object?

A 0.55 N **B** 0.67 N **C** 3.5 N **D** 4.1 N

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5 A student determines the position of the centre of gravity of a piece of card. The diagram shows the equipment that is available. The equipment is not drawn to scale.

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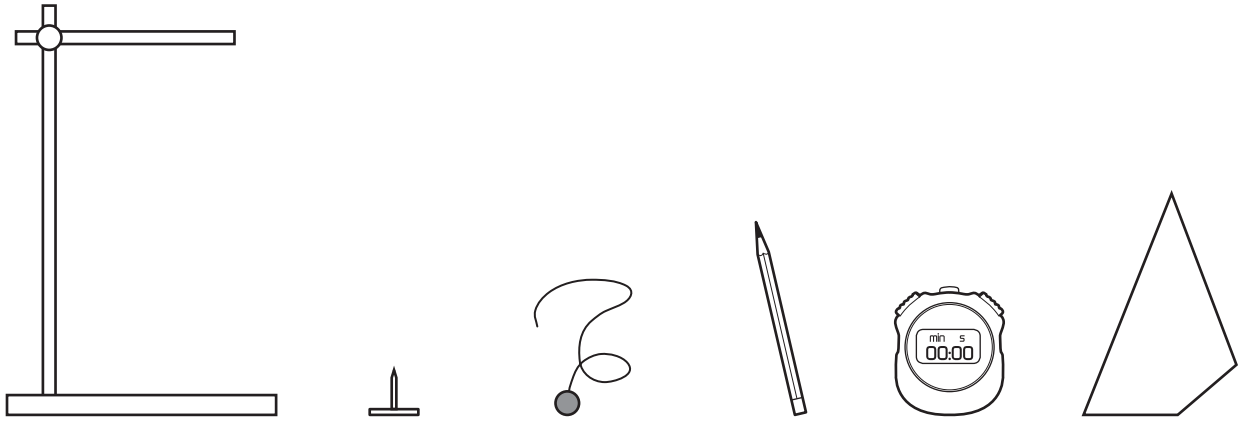

clamp and stand | pin | weight on a thin string | pencil | stop-watch | card

Which piece of equipment is **not** needed?

A pencil

B pin

C weight on a thin string

D stop-watch

6 A cyclist stops his bicycle using the brakes.

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Which row about energy stores is correct?

	decreases	increases
A	kinetic energy store of bicycle	chemical energy store of brakes
B	kinetic energy store of bicycle	thermal energy store of brakes
C	thermal energy store of brakes	kinetic energy store of bicycle
D	thermal energy store of brakes	chemical energy store of bicycle

7 A man applies a force of 40 N to push a box along the floor.

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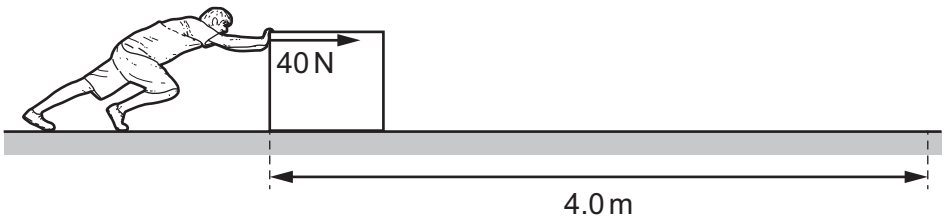

How much power is required to push the box 4.0 m in 3.0 seconds?

A 3.3 W **B** 30 W **C** 53 W **D** 480 W

8 Four identical submarines, P, Q, R and S, are lowered from one depth to another in water of a constant density.

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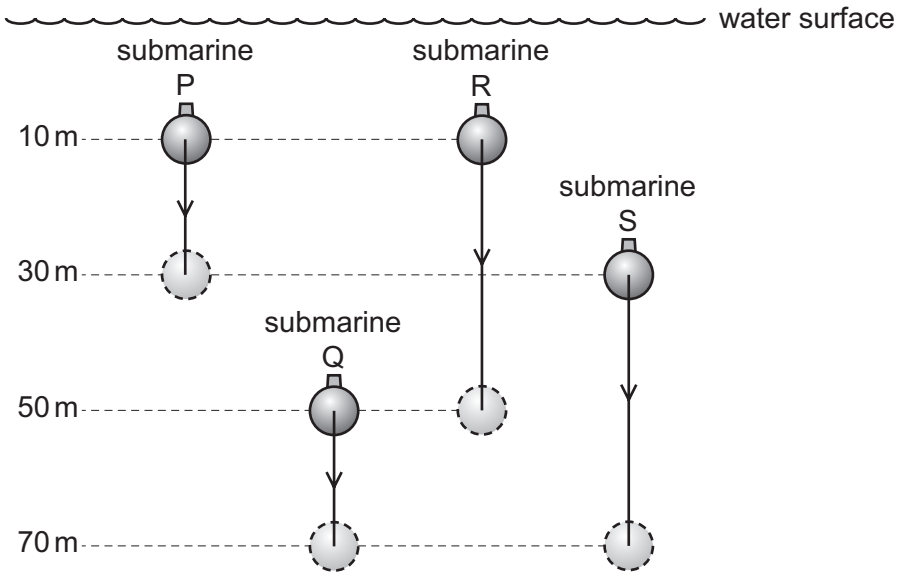
The initial and final depths of each submarine are shown.



Which row is correct for the difference in pressure from the initial to the final depth of each submarine?

	least change in pressure	greatest change in pressure
A	submarines P and Q	submarines R and S
B	submarines P and Q	submarine R only
C	submarine P only	submarines R and S
D	submarine P only	submarine R only

9 Some terms describing changes of state are listed.

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1 boiling

2 solidification

3 condensation

4 evaporation

Which two terms identify the same change of state?

A 1 and 3 **B** 1 and 4 **C** 2 and 3 **D** 2 and 4

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10 Diagram 1 shows apparatus being used to observe smoke particles.

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Diagram 2 shows how a smoke particle moves randomly.

diagram 1

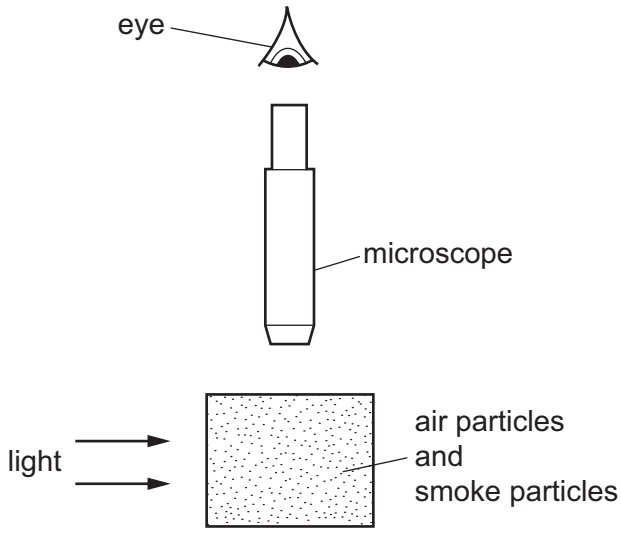
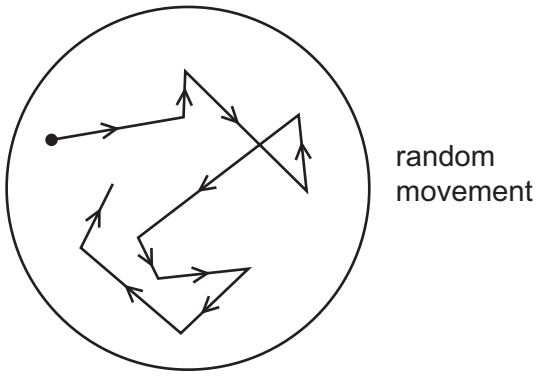


diagram 2



Why do the smoke particles move randomly?

A They are hit by air particles.

B They are less dense than air.

C They are moved by convection currents.

D They gain energy from the light.

11 How is a temperature in degrees Celsius (°C) converted to a temperature in kelvin (K)?

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A Add 273 to the temperature in °C.

B Divide the temperature in °C by 273.

C Multiply the temperature in °C by 273.

D Subtract 273 from the temperature in °C.

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12 The diagram shows a frictionless piston inside a cylinder.

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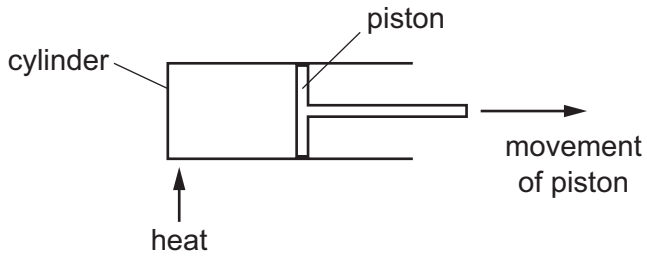
The air inside the cylinder is heated. The piston moves in the direction shown.



Which statement about the air inside the cylinder is correct?

A The temperature and volume increase at constant pressure.

B The temperature and pressure increase at constant volume.

C The temperature, volume and pressure all increase.

D The volume and pressure increase at constant temperature.

13 What increases when the temperature of a copper block increases?

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A the number of copper atoms in the block

B the melting point of the block

C the internal energy of the block

D the density of the block

14 A textbook gives the description of a thermal process as ‘more-energetic molecules escape from the surface of a liquid which causes the liquid to cool’.

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Which process is being described?

A boiling

B Brownian motion

C condensation

D evaporation

15 In which situation is radiation the **main** method by which energy is transferred?

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A heating a pan of water using a gas camping stove

B energy reaching the Earth from the Sun

C heating the air in a room with a convection heater

D giving gravitational potential energy to a glider when it is lifted by thermal currents

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16 The diagram represents a wave.

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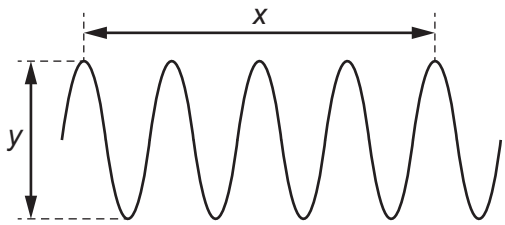

Which row gives the wavelength and the amplitude of the wave?

	wavelength	amplitude
A	x	y
B	y	x
C	x	$\frac{y}{2}$
D	$\frac{x}{4}$	$\frac{y}{2}$

17 Which row describes a seismic P-wave?

View solution

	type of wave	direction of vibration
A	longitudinal	parallel to the direction of propagation of the wave
B	longitudinal	perpendicular to the direction of propagation of the wave
C	transverse	parallel to the direction of propagation of the wave
D	transverse	perpendicular to the direction of propagation of the wave

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18 Which diagram shows waves diffracting?

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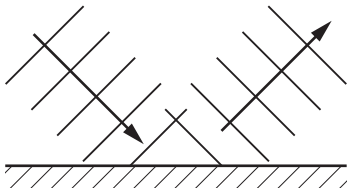
A



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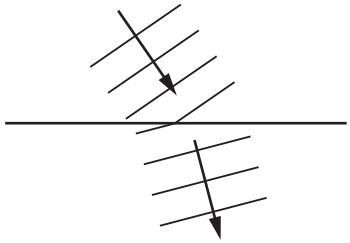

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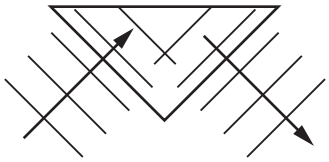

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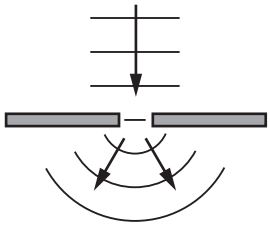

19 The diagram shows a ray of light in glass incident on the surface between the glass and air.

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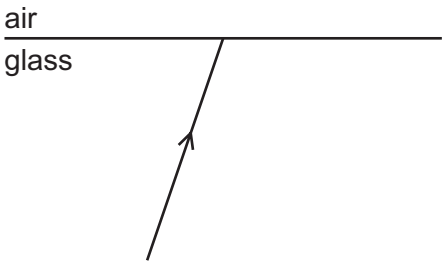

What happens if the angle of incidence is made larger than the critical angle for the glass?

A The angle of refraction becomes equal to 90°.

B There is a refracted ray and a ray reflected inside the glass.

C There is a refracted ray only.

D There is only a ray reflected inside the glass.

20 Red light of frequency 430×10^{12} Hz has a wavelength of 700×10^{-9} m.

View solution

What is possible for blue light?

A a frequency of 190×10^{12} Hz and a wavelength of 450×10^{-9} m

B a frequency of 190×10^{12} Hz and a wavelength of 950×10^{-9} m

C a frequency of 670×10^{12} Hz and a wavelength of 450×10^{-9} m

D a frequency of 670×10^{12} Hz and a wavelength of 950×10^{-9} m

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21 Infrared is a useful type of electromagnetic radiation. However, excessive exposure to infrared can cause harmful effects.

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Which row gives a use and a harmful effect for infrared?

	use	harmful effect
A	detection of cancer	mutations
B	intruder alarms	skin burns
C	detection of fake bank notes	cell damage
D	thermal imaging	internal heating of body cells

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22 The table shows data for the hearing ranges of different animals.

Which animal has the most similar hearing range to a human?

	animal	hearing range / Hz
A	turtle	20–1000
B	mouse	1000–1 000 000
C	moth	20 000–300 000
D	elephant	16–12 000

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23 Which description of ultrasound is correct?

A longitudinal waves with a frequency greater than 20 000 Hz

B longitudinal waves with a frequency less than 20 Hz

C transverse waves with a frequency greater than 20 000 Hz

D transverse waves with a frequency less than 20 Hz

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24 Which diagram shows the pattern and the direction of the magnetic field lines around a bar magnet?

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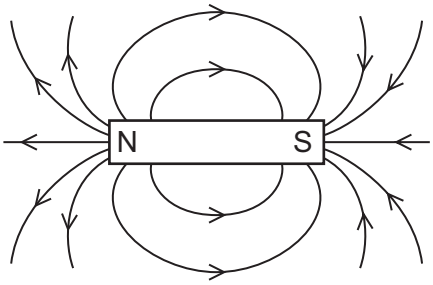

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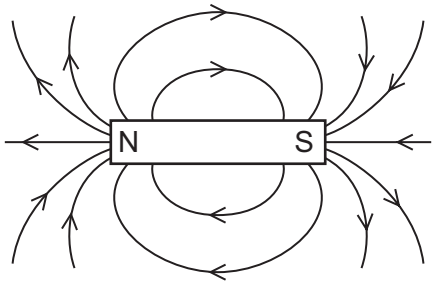

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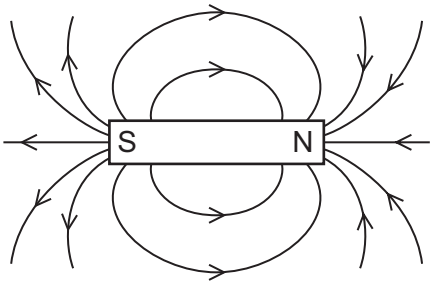

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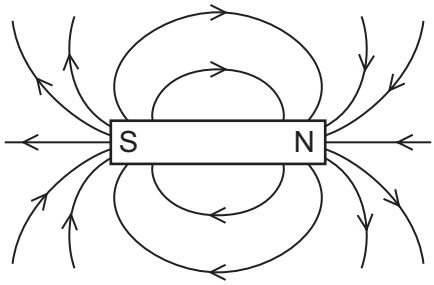

25 Which material is a good electrical conductor?

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A glass

B copper

C rubber

D wood

26 What is an electric current and how is an ammeter positioned in a circuit to measure the current in a resistor?

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	what is an electric current?	positioning of an ammeter
A	a flow of charge	in parallel with the resistor
B	a flow of charge	in series with the resistor
C	a flow of voltage	in parallel with the resistor
D	a flow of voltage	in series with the resistor

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27 Which unit is used for the potential difference (p.d.) between two points in an electrical circuit?

View solution

A ampere (A)

B joule (J)

C ohm (Ω)

D volt (V)

28 The circuit in the diagram contains four switches, S_1, S_2, S_3 and S_4.

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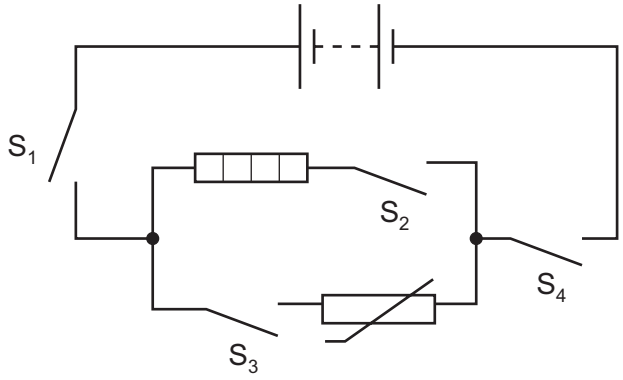

Which three switches must be closed for the heater to work?

A S_1, S_2 and S_3

B S_1, S_2 and S_4

C S_1, S_3 and S_4

D S_2, S_3 and S_4

29 The metal case of an electrical appliance is fitted with an earth connection.

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What is the purpose of this?

A to complete the circuit supplying the appliance so that it works

B to ensure that the cables supplying the appliance do not become damp

C to prevent the cables supplying the appliance from overheating

D to protect a user of the appliance from electric shock

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30 A student moves a magnet into a coil, as shown. The voltmeter measures the magnitude of the electromotive force (e.m.f.) induced in the coil.

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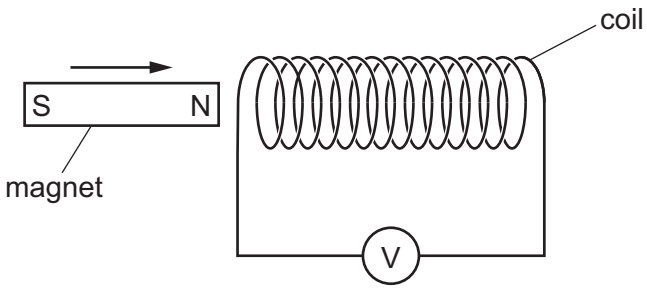

Which quantity does **not** affect the magnitude of the induced e.m.f.?

A the number of turns per unit length in the coil

B the polarity of the magnet

C the speed of the magnet

D the strength of the magnet

31 A student makes a small d.c. motor. The teacher supplies the following equipment.

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- battery
- ammeter
- voltmeter
- coil of wire
- magnets
- resistor

The student is also able to use other equipment if he wishes.

Which equipment **must** be used?

A ammeter, battery and resistor

B ammeter, coil of wire and voltmeter

C battery, coil of wire and magnets

D magnets, resistor and voltmeter

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32 A simple model of the atom consists of small particles orbiting a central nucleus.

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Which row is correct?

	charge on nucleus	charge on orbiting particles
A	negative	negative
B	negative	positive
C	positive	negative
D	positive	positive

33 What is the charge on a proton and what is the charge on a neutron?

View solution

	proton	neutron
A	+1	–1
B	+1	0
C	–1	+1
D	–1	0

34 An isotope of radon is radioactive. It decays by emitting an α-particle.

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What happens to the nucleus of a radon atom during the emission of the α-particle?

A It becomes the nucleus of a different isotope of radon with fewer neutrons.

B It becomes the nucleus of a different isotope of radon with more neutrons.

C It becomes the nucleus of an element with a higher proton number.

D It becomes the nucleus of an element with a lower proton number.

35 The nuclide notation of the isotope strontium-90 is $^{90}_{38}\text{Sr}$.

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Which statement is correct?

A A nucleus of strontium-90 has 38 neutrons.

B A nucleus of strontium-90 has 52 neutrons.

C A nucleus of strontium-90 has 90 electrons.

D A nucleus of strontium-90 has 90 neutrons.

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36 A box is used for storing radioactive sources.

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What is the best material to use for lining the box to prevent radiation from escaping?

A aluminium

B lead

C paper

D plastic

37 The Earth is a planet that orbits the Sun once in approximately 365 days.

View solution

What does this enable us to explain?

A the cycle of day and night

B the cycle of phases of the moon

C the periodic nature of the seasons

D the apparent daily motion of the Sun

38 The radius of the orbit of Venus around the Sun is 110×10^6 km.

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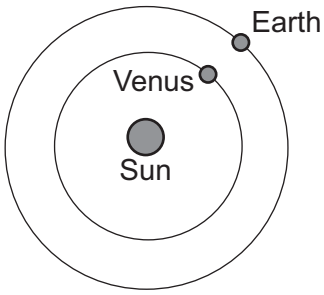
The radius of the orbit of the Earth around the Sun is 150×10^6 km.



The speed of light is 0.30×10^6 km / s.

How long does light take to travel from Venus to the Earth when these planets are closest to each other?

A 130 s **B** 370 s **C** 500 s **D** 870 s

39 What are the three main types of radiation emitted by the Sun?

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A infrared, radio waves and ultraviolet

B infrared, visible light and ultraviolet

C microwaves, visible light and X-rays

D radio waves, X-rays and ultraviolet

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40 What is a light-year?

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A the time for light to travel 1 km in space

B the time for light to travel from the Sun to the Earth

C the distance travelled in space by light in one year

D the distance travelled by light from the Sun to the Earth

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