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PHYSICS **0625/13**

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 A student wishes to find the volume of a small, irregularly shaped stone.

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A ruler and a measuring cylinder containing some water are available.

Which apparatus is needed?

A neither the ruler nor the measuring cylinder

B the measuring cylinder only

C the ruler and the measuring cylinder

D the ruler only

2 A car travels along a road at a constant speed.

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What correctly describes the speed–time graph of the car?

A a horizontal line

B a vertical line

C a diagonal line upwards

D a curved line with increasing gradient

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3 Four objects are moving along a straight line.

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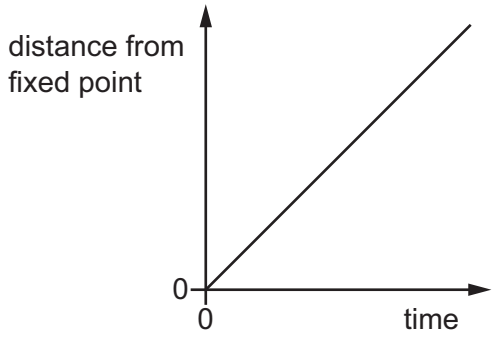
The distance of each object from a fixed point on the line is plotted against time.

Which object is decelerating?

A



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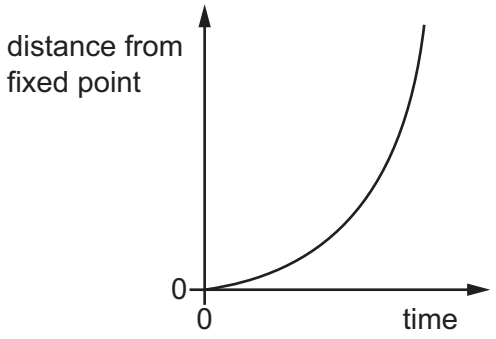

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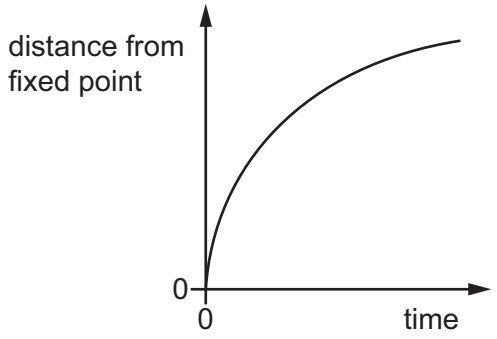

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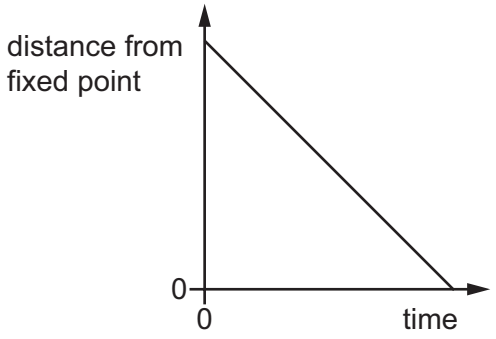

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4 An object is taken from the Earth to the Moon.

The acceleration of free fall is $9.8\,m/s^2$ on the Earth and is $1.6\,m/s^2$ on the Moon.

Which row describes the mass and the weight of the object on the Moon compared to on the Earth?

	mass	weight
A	greater than on the Earth	same as on the Earth
B	less than on the Earth	same as on the Earth
C	same as on the Earth	greater than on the Earth
D	same as on the Earth	less than on the Earth

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5 The diagram shows some liquid in a measuring cylinder.

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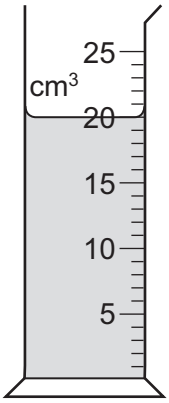
The mass of the liquid is 16 g.



What is the density of the liquid?

A $0.80\,g/cm^3$ **B** $1.3\,g/cm^3$ **C** $36\,g/cm^3$ **D** $320\,g/cm^3$

6 A single force acts upon an object and the volume of the object does **not** change.

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Which statement is correct?

A The density of the object changes.

B The velocity of the object changes.

C The mass of the object changes.

D The weight of the object changes.

7 Four electric motors do the same quantity of work when they lift a weight of 10 N through the same distance.

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The times taken by each motor to lift the weight are shown.

What is the time taken by the motor which produces the most power?

A 1.5 s **B** 6.0 s **C** 15 s **D** 60 s

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8 Which row describes how the pressure beneath the surface of a liquid depends on the depth below the surface and on the density of the liquid?

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	depth below surface	density of liquid
A	pressure decreases with increasing depth	pressure decreases with increasing density
B	pressure decreases with increasing depth	pressure increases with increasing density
C	pressure increases with increasing depth	pressure decreases with increasing density
D	pressure increases with increasing depth	pressure increases with increasing density

9 In which process does a gas turn into a liquid?

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A boiling

B condensing

C freezing

D melting

10 A pollen grain in a beaker of still water is viewed through a microscope.

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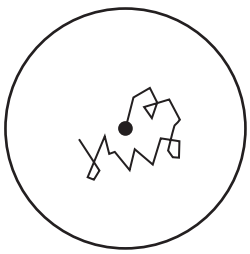
Which diagram shows the most likely movement of the pollen grain?

A



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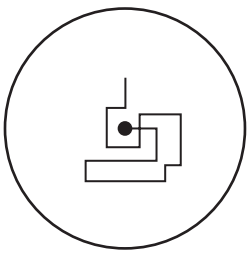

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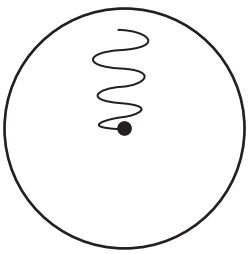

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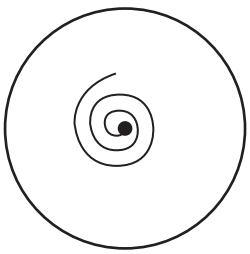

11 What is the relationship between temperatures in kelvin (T) and temperatures in degrees Celsius (θ)?

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A $\theta = T + 273$ **B** $\theta = T - 273$ **C** $\theta = T + 373$ **D** $\theta = T - 373$

12 In a famous experiment, a scientist showed that, when water in an insulated tub is stirred, its temperature increases.

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What can be concluded from this experiment?

A Temperature is a store of energy.

B The water absorbs heat from the surroundings.

C Work done by stirring increases the internal energy of the water.

D Energy is not conserved.

13 Solids expand when heated and contract when cooled.

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In which example is there a useful application of expansion and **not** an unwanted effect?

A bridges

B railway lines

C telephone cables

D thermostats

14 A rod is made half of aluminium and half of glass.

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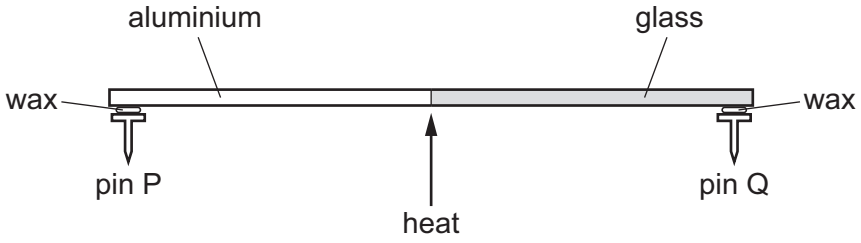
A pin is attached to each end of the rod by wax.

The rod is heated at the centre.

A pin falls off when the wax melts.



Which statement is correct?

A Pin P falls off first because aluminium is a better thermal conductor than glass.

B Pin P falls off first because aluminium is a worse thermal conductor than glass.

C Pin Q falls off first because glass is a better thermal conductor than aluminium.

D Pin Q falls off first because glass is a worse thermal conductor than aluminium.

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15 In countries where it is usually hot, houses are often painted white.

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What is the reason for this?

A White surfaces are good reflectors of infrared radiation.

B White surfaces are good conductors of infrared radiation.

C White surfaces are good absorbers of infrared radiation.

D White surfaces are good emitters of infrared radiation.

16 What is the name of the distance from one crest in a transverse wave to the next crest?

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A amplitude

B period

C wavefront

D wavelength

17 Waves on the surface of water travel from deep water to shallow water.

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Which diagram shows the correct path of the waves in the shallow water?

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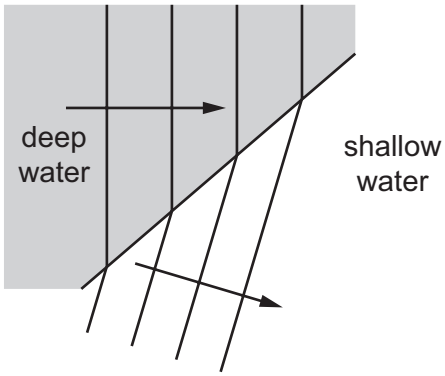

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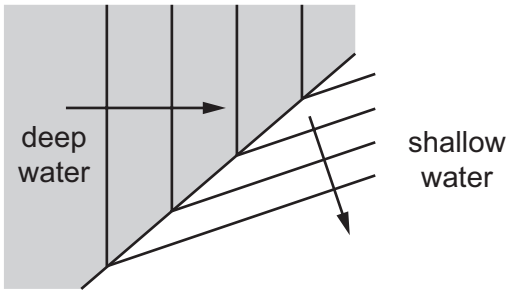

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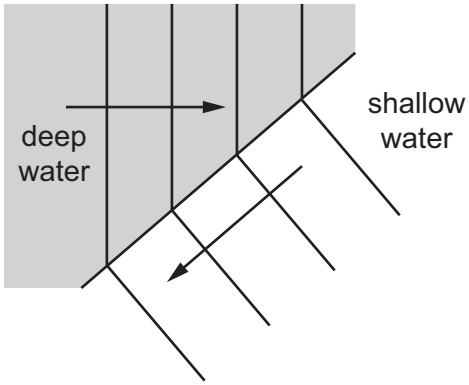

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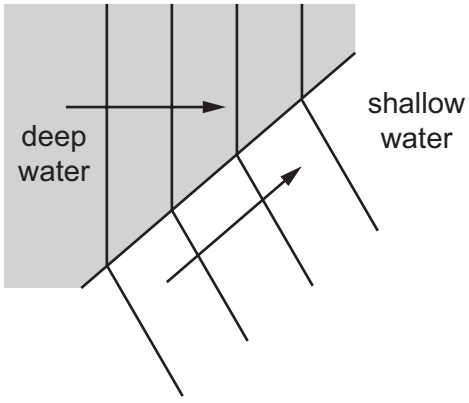

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18 The diagram shows a thin converging lens with principal focuses at F_1 and F_2.

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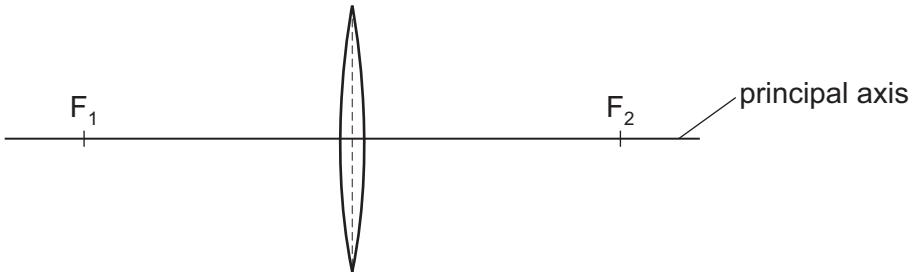

A small light source is placed at F_1. A beam of light from the source passes through the lens.

Which statement correctly describes the beam of light emerging from the lens?

A The beam converges to F_2.

B The beam converges to a point to the right of F_2.

C The beam diverges from a point to the left of F_1.

D The beam travels parallel to the principal axis.

19 A student reads the following relationship in his physics book.

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$$i = r$$

What is the student reading about?

A diffraction due to a gap

B dispersion of light by a prism

C reflection in a plane mirror

D refraction as light enters glass

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20 The table shows information about different colours of light.

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colour of light	frequency / Hz
violet	7.2×10^{14}
blue	6.3×10^{14}
yellow	5.2×10^{14}
red	4.5×10^{14}

Using the data, what is the frequency of orange light?

A 4.0×10^{14} Hz

B 5.0×10^{14} Hz

C 6.0×10^{14} Hz

D 7.0×10^{14} Hz

21 The table gives the wavelengths of three electromagnetic waves.

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electromagnetic wave	wavelength / m
P	3.2×10^{-3}
Q	5.0×10^{-9}
R	2.6×10^{3}

Which row correctly identifies P, Q and R?

	P	Q	R
A	microwave	radio wave	X-ray
B	microwave	X-ray	radio wave
C	radio wave	microwave	X-ray
D	radio wave	X-ray	microwave

22 A healthy human ear is able to hear a range of frequencies.

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What is this approximate range?

A 10 Hz to 1000 Hz

B 20 Hz to 2000 Hz

C 20 Hz to 20 000 Hz

D 200 Hz to 200 000 Hz

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23 A student hits two wooden blocks together in front of a wall and calculates the speed of sound to be 340 m / s.

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The time between the student hitting the blocks and hearing the echo is 0.59 s.



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What is the distance between the student and the wall?

A 100 m **B** 200 m **C** 290 m **D** 570 m

24 The diagram shows part of the magnetic field between two bar magnets.

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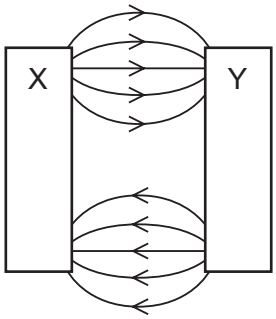

Which statement about the ends of the magnets is correct?

A X and Y are both N poles.

B X and Y are both S poles.

C X is an N pole and Y is an S pole.

D X is an S pole and Y is an N pole.

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25 Diagrams 1, 2 and 3 show an experiment to compare two magnets 1 and 2.

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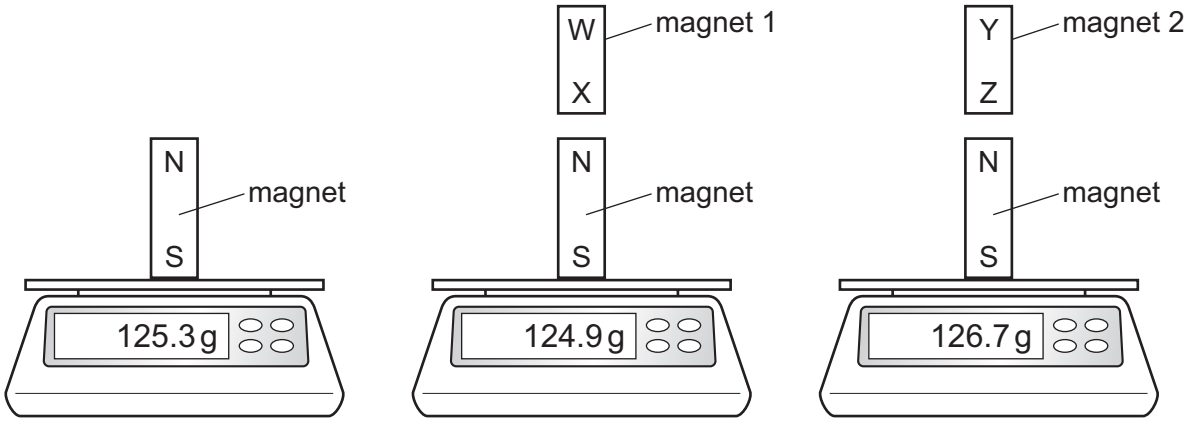

diagram 1 diagram 2 diagram 3

Which row explains the readings on the balances?

	polarity of magnet 1	polarity of magnet 2
A	X is an N pole	Z is an N pole
B	X is an N pole	Z is an S pole
C	X is an S pole	Z is an N pole
D	X is an S pole	Z is an S pole

26 Which graph of voltage against time shows an a.c. voltage?

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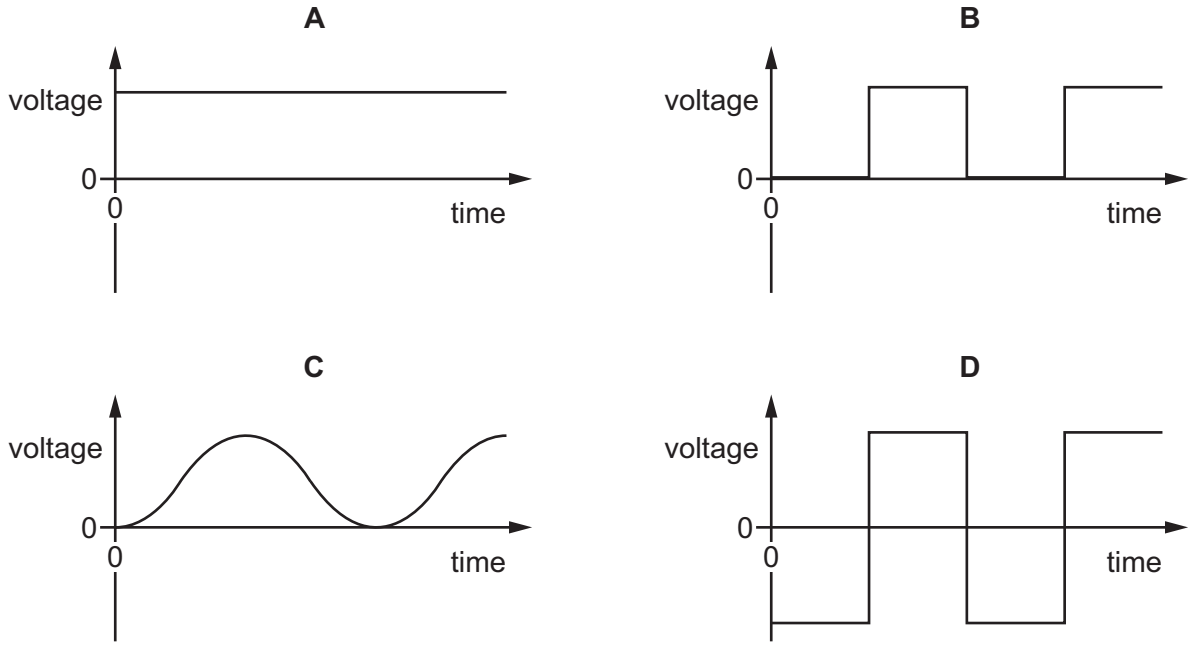

27 There is a current I in a resistor for a time t. The potential difference (p.d) across the resistor is V.

What does the product IVt represent?

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A the charge flowing through the resistor

B the energy transferred by the resistor

C the power dissipated by the resistor

D the resistance of the resistor

28 A student designs a circuit to turn on a fan when the temperature increases.

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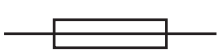
Which component does the student need to use in her circuit?

A



B



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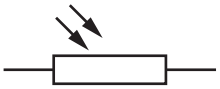

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29 Four statements about safety when designing electrical products are listed.

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1 If the outer casing is a conductor, it should be earthed.

2 If the outer casing is a conductor, it should **not** be earthed.

3 If the outer casing is an insulator, it should be earthed.

4 If the outer casing is an insulator, it should **not** be earthed.

Which statements are correct?

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

30 A transformer has 400 turns on the primary coil connected to the 240 V mains supply.

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There are two secondary coils to serve different parts of a television. Secondary coil 1 has 2500 turns and secondary coil 2 has 20 turns.

Which row is correct?

	p.d. across secondary coil 1 / V	p.d. across secondary coil 2 / V
A	12	3.2
B	1500	12
C	4200	12
D	4200	33

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31 A class is designing a d.c. motor. To achieve a greater turning effect, three suggestions are made.

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1 Have a larger current in the coil of the motor.

2 Have a stronger magnet in the motor.

3 Put a larger number of turns on the coil.

Which suggestions will help to increase the turning effect?

A 1, 2 and 3 **B** 1 and 2 only **C** 1 and 3 only **D** 2 and 3 only

32 Which statement about the structure of an atom is correct?

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A It contains positively charged particles only.

B It contains negatively charged particles only.

C It contains no charged particles.

D It contains positively charged particles and negatively charged particles.

33 A nuclide of strontium is represented by $^{90}_{38}\text{Sr}$.

View solution

Which row gives the number and location of the electrons in an atom of $^{90}_{38}\text{Sr}$?

	number of electrons	location of electrons
A	38	in the nucleus
B	38	surrounding the nucleus
C	52	in the nucleus
D	52	surrounding the nucleus

34 A radiation detector in a laboratory is measuring background radiation.

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Which row describes the readings and the cause?

	readings	cause
A	vary with no pattern	background radiation is random
B	vary with no pattern	radiation detectors are unstable
C	slowly increase during the day	background radiation increases as temperature increases
D	slowly reduce during the day	background radiation decreases as temperature increases

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35 The nuclei of the atoms in a substance are changing randomly and emitting radiation.

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What is happening to the substance?

A It is undergoing electromagnetic induction.

B It is undergoing magnetisation.

C It is undergoing solidification.

D It is undergoing radioactive decay.

36 What is the safest way to store a radioactive source?

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A in a lead-lined box in a metal cabinet

B on a shelf away from other radioactive materials

C in a glass bottle containing oil

D in a fume cupboard

37 Which row explains the apparent daily motion of the Sun across the sky and the cycle of phases of the Moon?

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	the daily motion of the Sun across the sky	the cycle of phases of the Moon
A	the Earth rotates on its axis once every 24 hours	the Earth orbits the Sun once approximately every 365 days
B	the Earth rotates on its axis once every 24 hours	the Moon orbits the Earth approximately once every month
C	the Moon orbits the Earth approximately once every month	the Earth orbits the Sun once approximately every 365 days
D	the Moon orbits the Earth approximately once every month	the Earth rotates on its axis once every 24 hours

38 The nearest star to the Sun is 4 light-years away.

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A spaceship travels at 0.1% of the speed of light.

What is the total time taken for a journey from the Sun to the star and back again?

A 400 years

B 800 years

C 4000 years

D 8000 years

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39 In which regions of the electromagnetic spectrum does the Sun radiate most of its energy?

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A microwave to infrared

B ultraviolet to X-ray

C infrared to ultraviolet

D radio to infrared

40 What is the approximate diameter of the Milky Way?

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A 100 000 kilometres

B 1 000 000 kilometres

C 100 000 light-years

D 1 000 000 light-years

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