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PHYSICS **0625/13**

Paper 1 Multiple Choice (Core) **October/November 2020**

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 10 N (acceleration of free fall = 10 m / s^2).

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- Each correct answer will score one mark. A mark will not be deducted for a wrong answer.
- Any rough working should be done on this question paper.

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1 A student uses a metre rule to measure the length of a sheet of paper.

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Which measurement is shown to the nearest millimetre?

A 0.3 m **B** 0.29 m **C** 0.293 m **D** 0.2932 m

2 The diagram shows the distance–time graph for the motion of an object.

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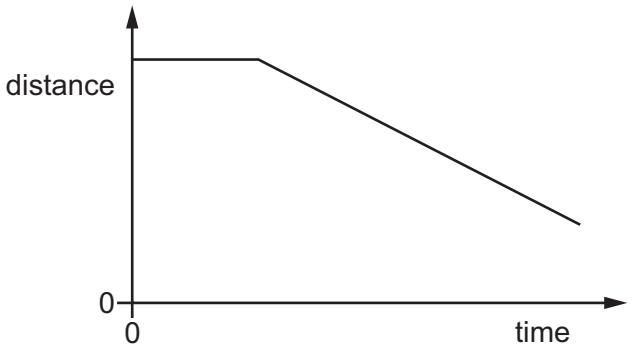

How can the motion of the object be described?

A at rest, then constant deceleration

B at rest, then constant speed

C constant speed, then constant acceleration

D constant speed, then constant deceleration

3 An athlete runs 300 m up a hill in 100 s.

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She then runs down the same hill in 50 s.

What is her average speed for the whole run?

A 2.0 m/s **B** 4.0 m/s **C** 8.0 m/s **D** 9.0 m/s

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4 The diagram shows an object on a balance. The reading on the balance is shown.

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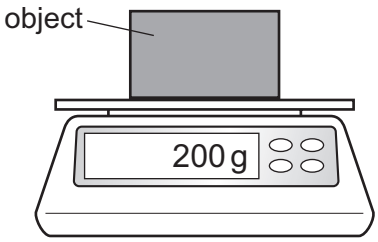

Which quantity is shown?

A the mass of the object

B the pressure exerted by the object

C the volume of the object

D the weight of the object

5 Which quantity is weight an example of?

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A acceleration

B force

C mass

D pressure

6 A student is asked to predict whether a solid floats in a liquid.

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Which information does the student require?

A the density of the liquid and the mass of the solid

B the density of the solid and the density of the liquid

C the density of the solid and the mass of the liquid

D the mass of the solid and the mass of the liquid

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7 The diagram shows a car moving along a road.

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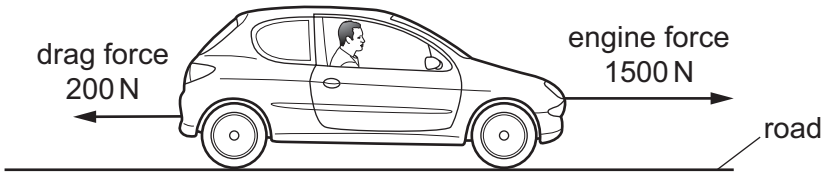
The force due to the engine is 1500 N and the total drag force is 200 N.



What is the motion of the car?

A constant speed

B decreasing speed

C increasing speed

D reversing

8 Students X and Y are sitting on a seesaw. Student X has a weight of 400 N and student Y has a weight of 600 N. The seesaw is in equilibrium.

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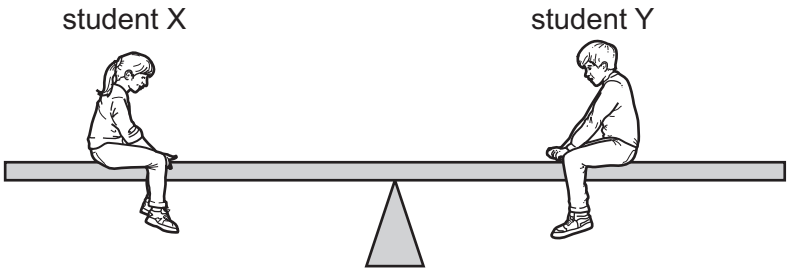

Which statement correctly describes why the seesaw is in equilibrium?

A The resultant force is zero and the resultant moment is zero.

B The resultant force is 200 N and the resultant moment is zero.

C The sum of the downward forces is zero and the resultant moment is zero.

D The total downward force is 1000 N and the resultant moment is 200 N m.

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9 The diagram shows a frictionless pendulum.

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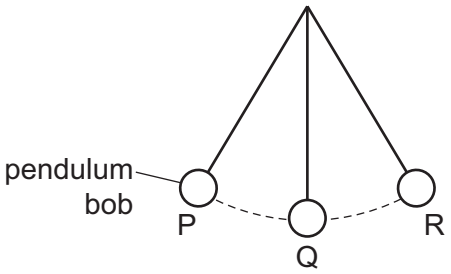

The pendulum bob swings from point P through point Q to point R then back to P.

At which point is the energy of the pendulum bob greatest?

A at point P

B at point Q

C at point R

D it is the same at points P, Q and R

10 Which statement correctly compares the production of electricity using wind and the production of electricity using nuclear fission?

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A Wind is less reliable than nuclear fission; both wind and nuclear fission are renewable.

B Wind is less reliable than nuclear fission; wind is renewable, but nuclear fission is not.

C Wind is more reliable than nuclear fission; both wind and nuclear fission are renewable.

D Wind is more reliable than nuclear fission; wind is renewable, but nuclear fission is not.

11 To calculate the power produced by a force, the size of the force must be known.

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What else needs to be known to calculate the power?

	the distance that the force moves the object	the time for which the force acts on the object
A	✓	✓
B	✓	✗
C	✗	✓
D	✗	✗

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✓ = needed

✗ = not needed

12 The diagram shows a mercury barometer.

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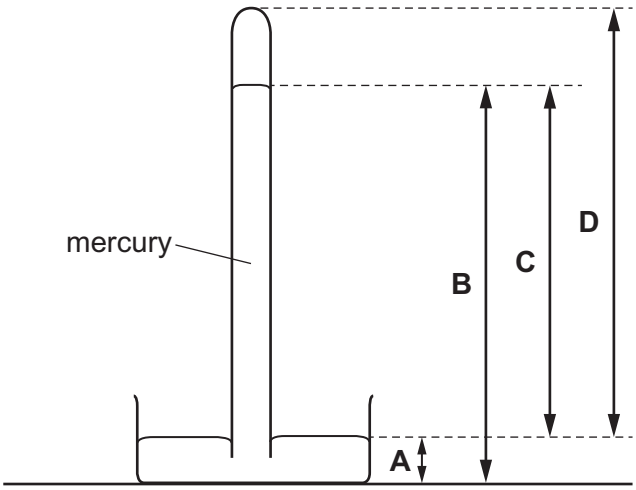
Which height is used as a measurement of atmospheric pressure?



13 A large box has a weight of 700 N. The box is placed on the floor.

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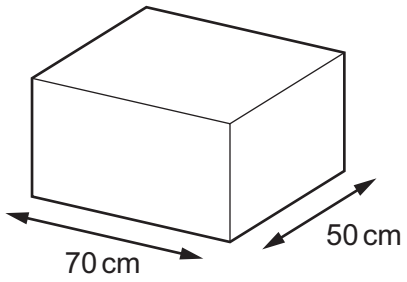

What is the pressure on the floor due to the box?

A $0.20\,N/m^2$ **B** $10\,N/m^2$ **C** $245\,N/m^2$ **D** $2000\,N/m^2$

14 On a warm day, a driver checks the air pressure in a car tyre. At night, the temperature drops and the air pressure in the tyre decreases. There are no air leaks in the tyre.

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Why does the pressure decrease?

A The air molecules in the tyre move more slowly.

B The air molecules in the tyre stop moving.

C The volume of the air in the tyre decreases.

D The volume of the air in the tyre increases.

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15 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

16 Which physical property changes when temperature is measured with a liquid-in-glass thermometer?

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A electromotive force

B pressure

C resistance

D volume

17 Two different pure substances X and Y are heated. Both substance X and substance Y are initially in the solid state.

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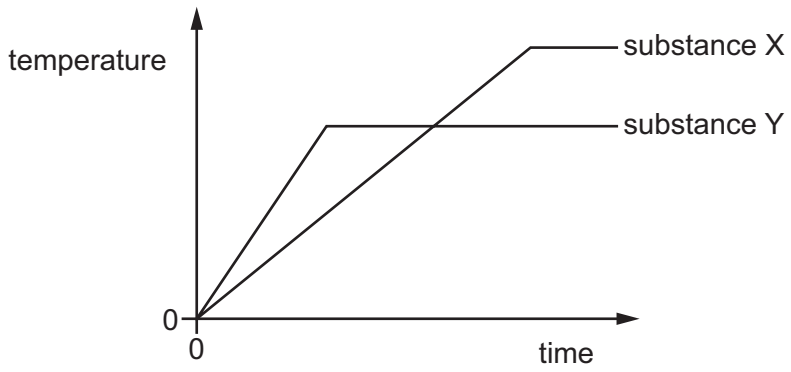
The graph shows how the temperature of each substance changes with time.



What does the graph tell us about the substances?

A Substance X has a lower boiling point than substance Y.

B Substance X has a lower melting point than substance Y.

C Substance Y has a lower boiling point than substance X.

D Substance Y has a lower melting point than substance X.

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18 The diagram shows the view of a room heated by a radiator. The arrowed line from X to Y is the path of the convection current in the air.

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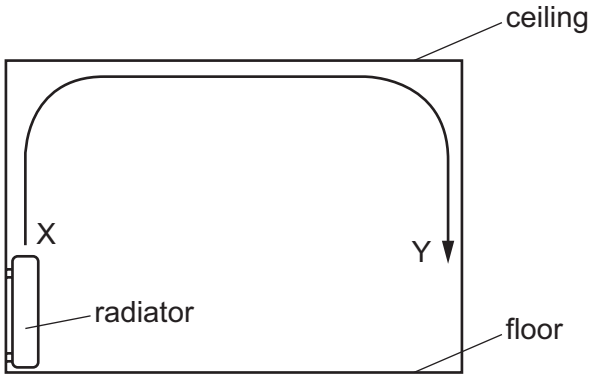

Which row about the air temperature and the air density at X and at Y is correct?

	air temperature	air density
A	higher at X	higher at X
B	higher at X	higher at Y
C	higher at Y	higher at Y
D	higher at Y	higher at X

19 Which thermal process can transfer energy through a vacuum?

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A conduction

B convection

C evaporation

D radiation

20 Which row correctly describes light waves?

View solution

	wave type	direction of vibrations
A	longitudinal	parallel to direction of wave travel
B	longitudinal	perpendicular to direction of wave travel
C	transverse	parallel to direction of wave travel
D	transverse	perpendicular to direction of wave travel

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21 The diagram shows a wave. It is not drawn to scale.

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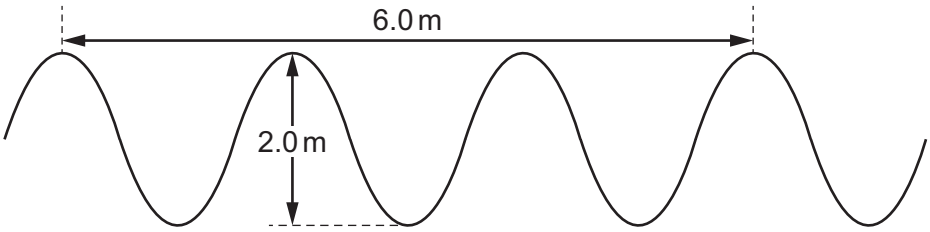

What are the amplitude and the wavelength of the wave?

	amplitude / m	wavelength / m
A	1.0	1.0
B	1.0	2.0
C	2.0	2.0
D	2.0	3.0

22 A boy is having his eyes tested. A letter is printed on a card placed over his head. He sees the card in a plane mirror placed on the far wall of the room.

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He sees the letter 'R' in the mirror.

How is it printed on the card?

A R **B** Я **C** ꓤ **D** ꓤ

23 A man sees a stone at the bottom of a pool of water.

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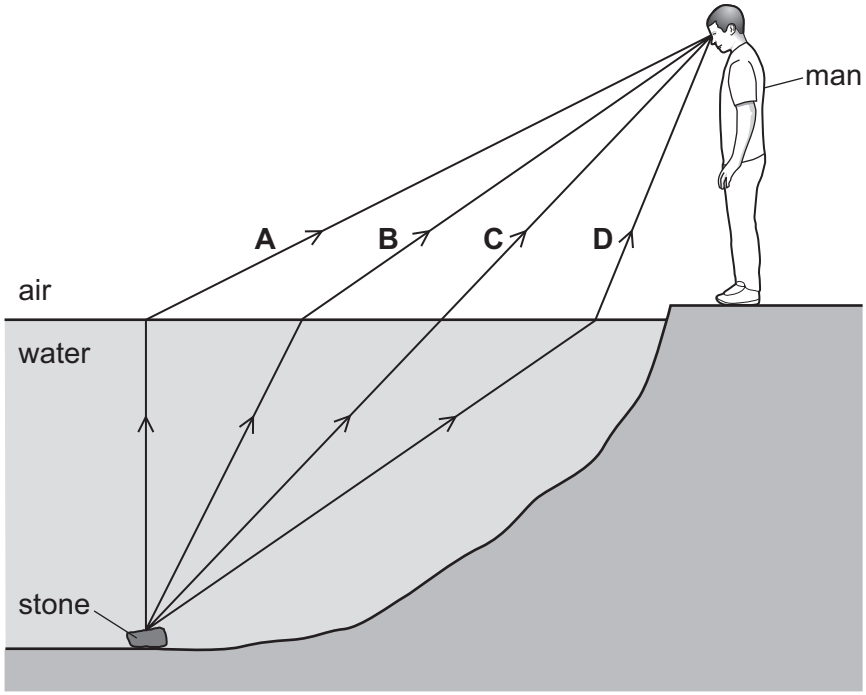
Which path could be taken by light from the stone to the man?



24 The diagram shows the image made by a converging lens.

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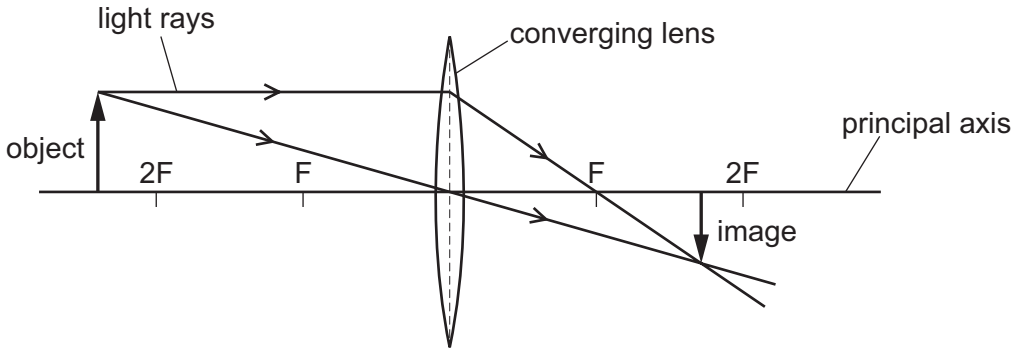

Which statement describes the image formed?

A diminished and inverted

B diminished and upright

C enlarged and inverted

D enlarged and upright

25 The diagram shows three types of electromagnetic radiation listed in a particular order. The electromagnetic radiation is travelling in a vacuum.

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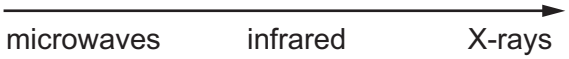

Which quantities increase in magnitude going from left to right across the list?

A frequency only

B neither speed nor frequency

C speed and frequency

D speed only

26 A police car with its siren sounding is stationary in heavy traffic. A pedestrian notices that, although the loudness of the sound produced does not change, the pitch varies.

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Which row describes the amplitude and the frequency of the sound?

	amplitude	frequency
A	constant	constant
B	constant	varying
C	varying	constant
D	varying	varying

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

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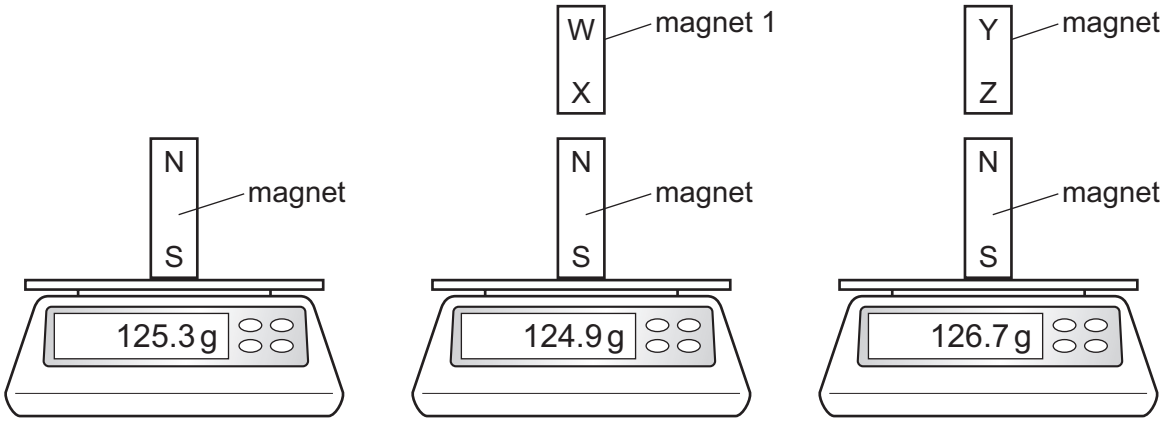

diagram 1 diagram 2 diagram 3

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

28 A student uses three small plotting compasses to investigate the magnetic field around a bar magnet.

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Which diagram shows the directions in which the compass needles point?

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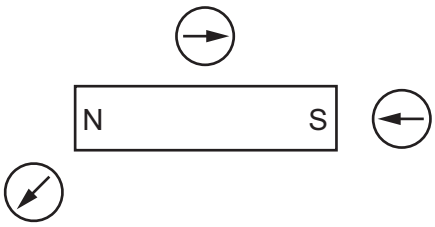

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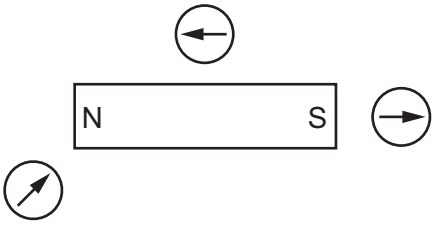

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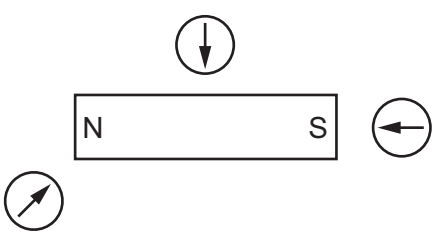

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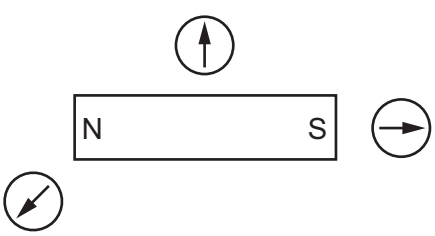

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29 Which statement about charging an insulator is correct?

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A It can be given an electrostatic charge by placing it in a magnetic field.

B It can be given an electrostatic charge by connecting it to a battery.

C It can be given an electrostatic charge by friction.

D It cannot be given an electrostatic charge.

30 Each diagram shows part of a circuit. The circle represents an instrument used to measure the potential difference (p.d.) across the resistor.

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diagram 1

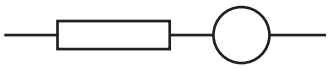
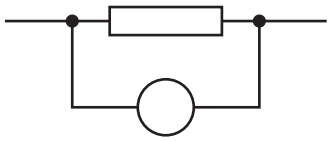


diagram 2



Which row is correct?

	the unit of p.d.	diagram which shows the meter correctly connected
A	amperes	diagram 1
B	amperes	diagram 2
C	volts	diagram 1
D	volts	diagram 2

31 A student uses four ammeters P, Q, R and S to measure the current in different parts of the circuit shown.

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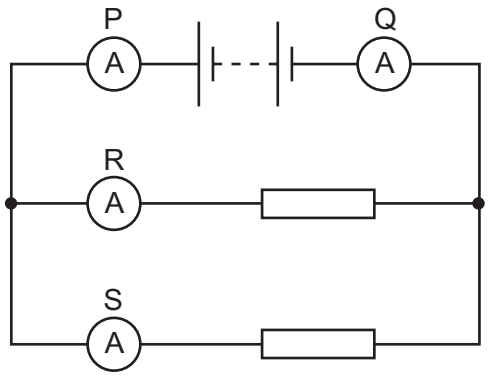

Which two ammeters read the largest current?

A P and Q **B** P and R **C** R and Q **D** R and S

32 Three statements about a relay are given.

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1 A relay has a coil that becomes a temporary magnet when in operation.

2 A large current in a relay coil is used to switch off a smaller current.

3 A small current in a relay coil is used to switch on a larger current.

Which statements are correct?

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

33 An electrical appliance is powered from a mains supply.

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The appliance normally uses a current of 3 A, but the current briefly rises to 4 A at the instant the appliance is switched on. The cable to the appliance is designed for currents up to 6 A.

A fuse is used to protect the circuit.

What should be the rating of the fuse?

A 1 A **B** 3 A **C** 5 A **D** 13 A

34 When a metal wire moves up, cutting a magnetic field, an electromotive force (e.m.f.) is induced across the wire.

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Which change affects the magnitude of the induced e.m.f.?

A moving the wire down at the same speed

B moving the wire up at a faster speed

C using a thicker wire

D using a wire made from a different metal

35 A transformer is needed to convert a supply of 240 V a.c. into 4800 V a.c..

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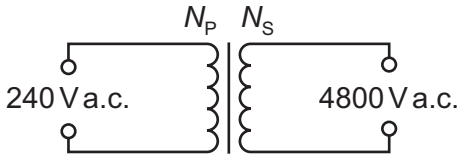

Which pair of coils would be suitable for this transformer?

	number of turns on primary coil N_P	number of turns on secondary coil N_S
A	50	1 000
B	240	48 000
C	480	24
D	2000	100

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36 The diagram shows a wire carrying a current in the direction shown. There is a magnetic field acting from left to right. The wire experiences a force acting out of the page.

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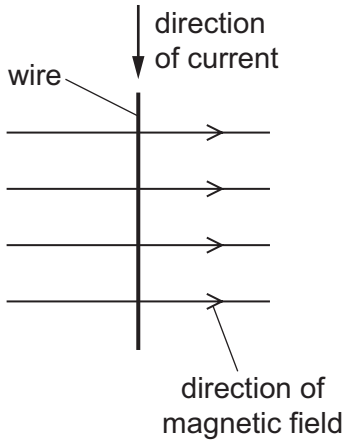

The current is now reversed.

In which direction does the force on the wire now act?

A into the page

B out of the page

C to the left

D to the right

37 Which statement is correct for the nucleus of **any** atom?

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A The nucleus contains electrons, neutrons and protons.

B The nucleus contains the same number of protons as neutrons.

C The nucleus has a total charge of zero.

D The nucleus is very small compared with the size of the atom.

38 How many protons and how many neutrons are in a nucleus of $^{234}_{90}\mathrm{Th}$?

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	protons	neutrons
A	90	144
B	90	234
C	144	90
D	234	90

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39 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

40 The graph shows the radioactive decay curve of a substance.

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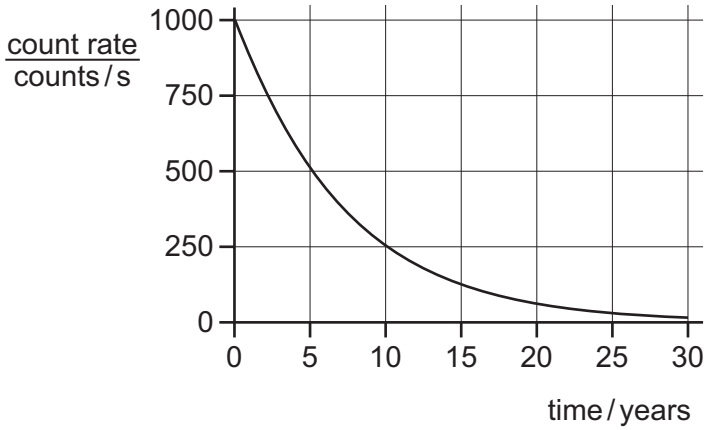

What is the half-life of this substance?

A 0.5 years **B** 5 years **C** 15 years **D** 30 years

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