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PHYSICS **0625/21**

Paper 2 Multiple Choice (Extended) **October/November 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 uses a metre ruler to measure the length of a sheet of paper.

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Which measurement is shown to the nearest millimetre?

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

2 A rocket travels with an average speed of 6 km / s for 2 minutes.

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What is the distance travelled by the rocket?

A 12 km **B** 50 km **C** 720 km **D** 12 000 km

3 The diagram shows the vertical forces acting on a ball as it falls vertically through the air. The ball does not reach terminal velocity.

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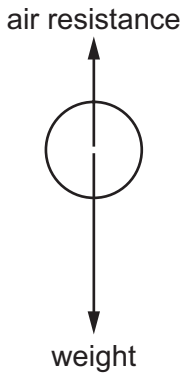

Which row describes what happens to the resultant force on the ball and what happens to the acceleration of the ball as it falls through the air?

	resultant force	acceleration
A	decreases	decreases
B	decreases	increases
C	increases	decreases
D	increases	increases

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4 A coconut falls from a palm tree. At X, it has just started falling. Y is the point just before it hits the ground.

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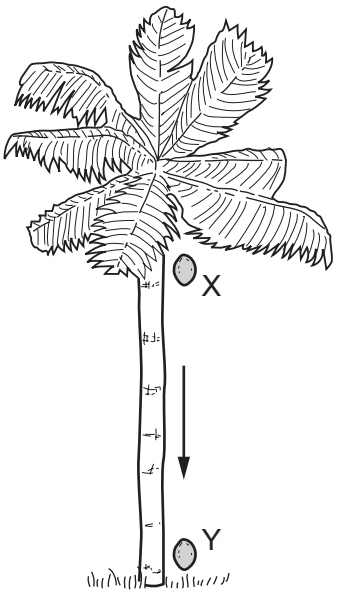

What is the acceleration of the coconut at X?

(Air resistance can be ignored.)

A zero

B less than that at Y

C the same as that at Y

D more than that at Y

5 A car is driven round a bend in the road at a constant speed.

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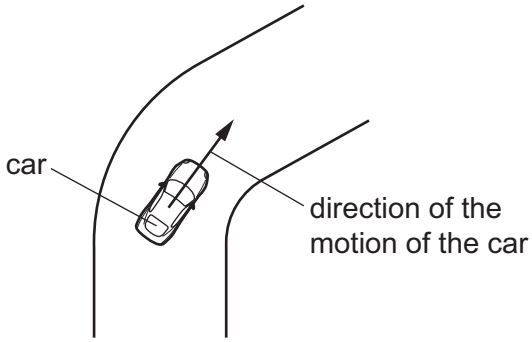

What is the direction of the resultant force on the car when it is going round the bend?

A parallel to the motion and in the same direction as the motion

B parallel to the motion and in the opposite direction to the motion

C perpendicular to the motion and towards the inside of the bend

D perpendicular to the motion and towards the outside of the bend

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6 The diagram shows a drawbridge that is attached to a wall by a hinge at one end and a cable at the other.

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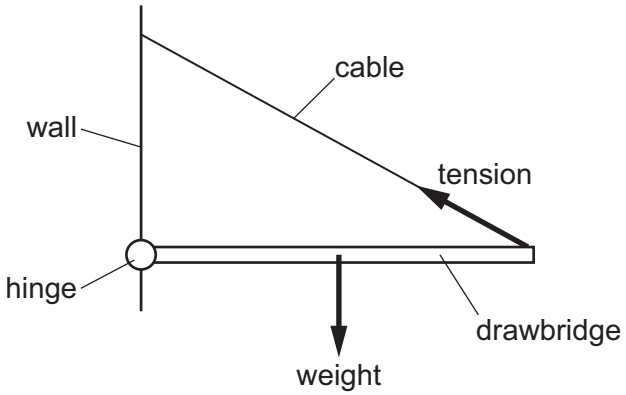

The weight of the drawbridge and the tension in the cable are represented by the labelled arrows in the diagram. There is a third force at the hinge, which is not shown. The drawbridge is in equilibrium.

Which arrow shows a possible direction for the force at the hinge?

A **B** **C** **D**



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7 Which equation gives the momentum change of an object?

A momentum change = $\frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}}$

B momentum change = force × distance

C momentum change = force × $\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$

D momentum change = force × time

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8 Which statement about the use of nuclear fuel as an energy resource is correct?

A It obtains its energy from the Sun.

B It has **no** environmental impact.

C Nuclear power stations do **not** need turbines.

D The energy is released by nuclear fission.

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9 The diagram shows an object of mass m being projected with speed v from a point P to a point Q on top of a cliff height h.

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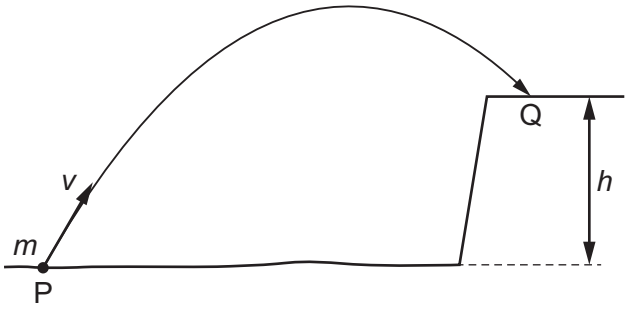
The object does work W against air resistance as it travels from P to Q.



What is the kinetic energy of the object when it reaches point Q?

A $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh + W$

B $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh - W$

C $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 - mgh + W$

D $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 - mgh - W$

10 The diagram shows a Sankey diagram for an electric drill.

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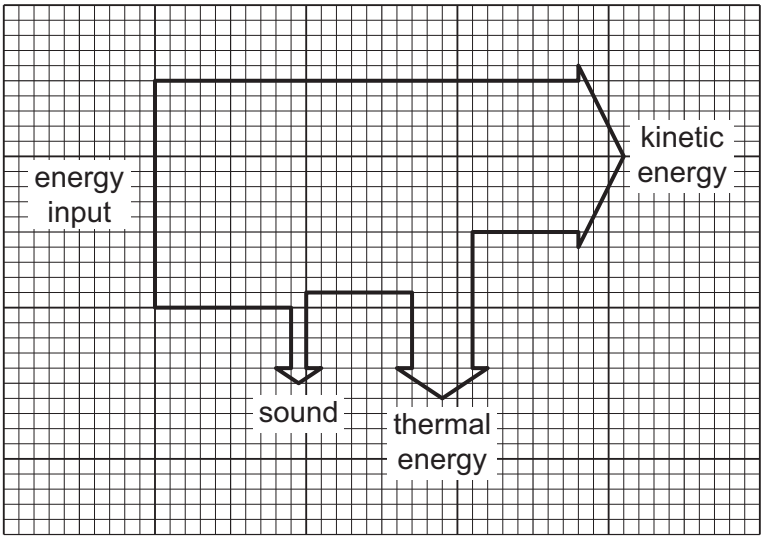

scale: distance between two lines = 40 J

What is the total wasted energy shown by the diagram?

A 120 J **B** 200 J **C** 360 J **D** 560 J

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11 An elephant of weight 45 000 N stands with all four feet on the floor.

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The average pressure on the floor due to the elephant foot in contact with it is 34 000 Pa.

What is the area of each foot of the elephant?

A $0.19\,m^2$ **B** $0.33\,m^2$ **C** $0.76\,m^2$ **D** $1.3\,m^2$

12 Some air is trapped inside a metal container with a tightly fitting lid.

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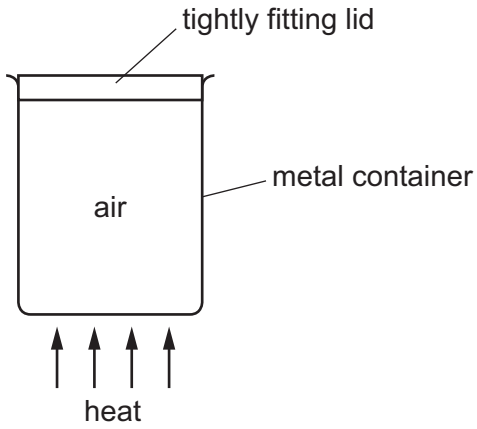

The container is heated strongly behind a safety screen. The lid is blown off by the increased pressure of the air inside the container.

What causes the increase in pressure of the air inside the container?

A Each air particle expands and takes up more room.

B The air particles move more quickly.

C The number of particles inside the container increases.

D The volume occupied by the air decreases.

13 A very hot mug of coffee is near a large unheated swimming pool holding 2.0×10^6 kg of water.

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Which statement is correct?

A If the mug of coffee is tipped in the pool, the coffee will lose much more internal energy than the water in the pool gains.

B The internal energy of a substance depends only on its temperature.

C The internal energy of the water in the pool is lower than the internal energy of the mug of coffee.

D When the temperature of the mug of coffee falls, its internal energy will decrease.

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14 A student measures the mass of water in an open container over two hours. The container is kept in a warm room. The results are in the table.

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time / hours	mass of water / g
0.0	33.9
0.5	30.6
1.0	27.6
1.5	24.9
2.0	22.5

Why does the mass of the water change?

A The water evaporates.

B The water freezes.

C The water condenses.

D The water boils.

15 A 1 kg block of aluminium requires more thermal energy to raise its temperature by 1 °C than a 1 kg block of copper requires.

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Why is this?

A Aluminium is a better conductor of thermal energy than copper.

B Aluminium is a poorer conductor of thermal energy than copper.

C Aluminium has a higher specific heat capacity than copper.

D Aluminium has a lower specific heat capacity than copper.

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16 A block of ice is at a temperature of –100 °C. Energy is supplied at a constant rate. The graph shows how its temperature changes.

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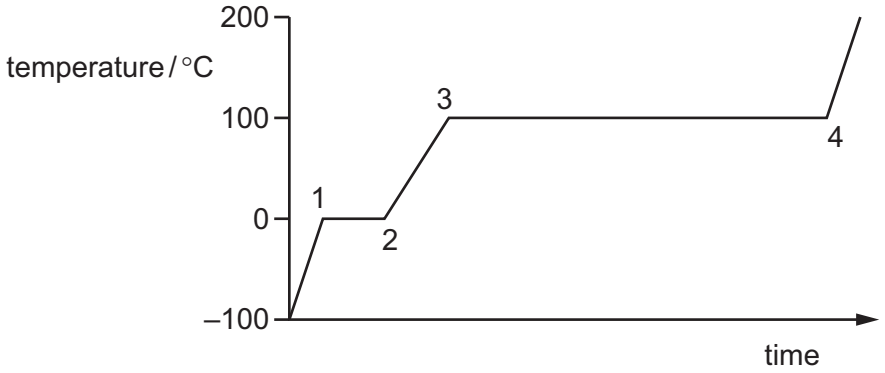

At which points have the ice completely changed state to water and all the water completely changed state to steam?

	completely changed to water	completely changed to steam
A	1	3
B	1	4
C	2	3
D	2	4

17 Water waves are reflected at a plane surface.

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Which property of the waves is changed by the reflection?

A direction of propagation

B frequency

C speed

D wavelength

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18 A light ray is passed through air, glass and water.

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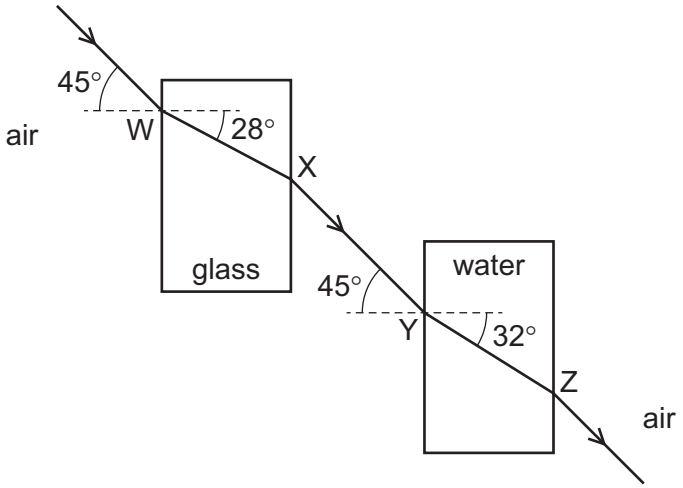

At which points does the light speed decrease?

A W and X **B** W and Y **C** X and Z **D** Y and Z

19 Plane water waves approach a narrow gap in a barrier.

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Which diagram shows the diffraction pattern that would occur?

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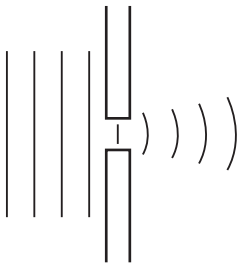

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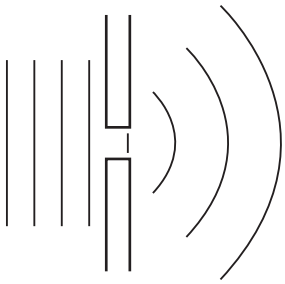

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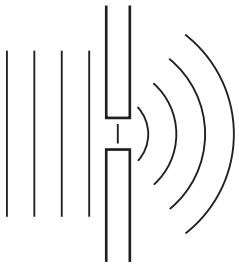

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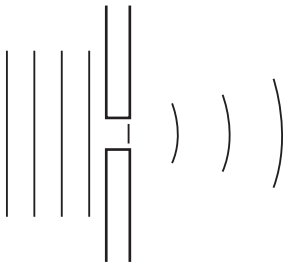

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20 A ray of light enters a transparent plastic wedge from air and is incident on the lower surface at the critical angle, as shown.

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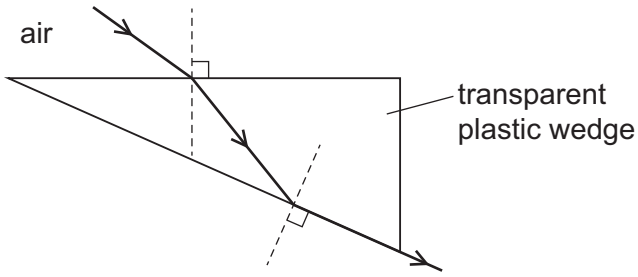
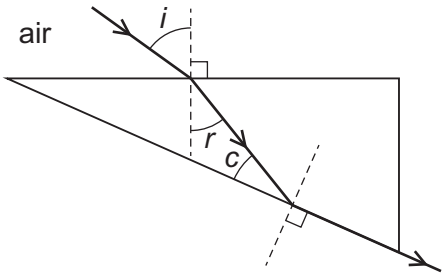


The angle of incidence is *i*, the angle of refraction is *r*, and the critical angle is *c*.

In which ray diagram are the angles labelled correctly?

A



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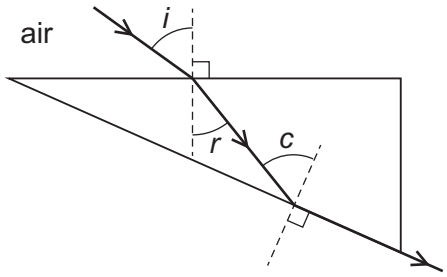

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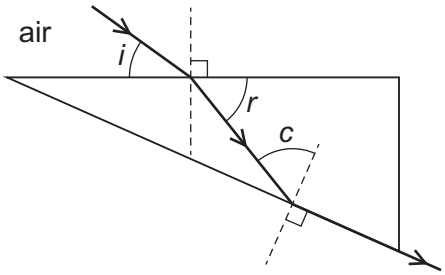

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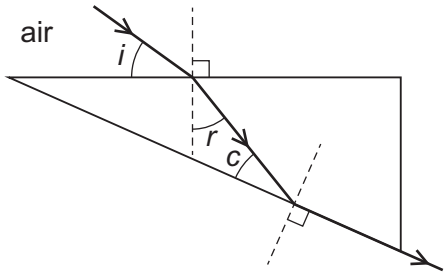

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21 An object is placed 20 cm in front of a thin converging lens. The scale diagram shows how the lens forms a real, inverted image.

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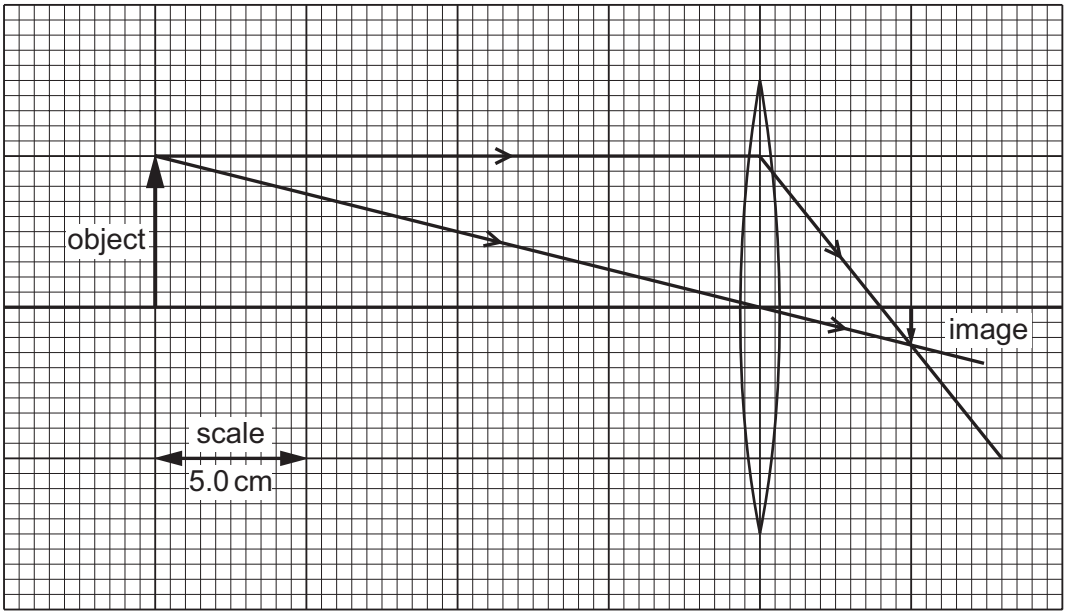

Which row gives the focal length of the lens and the distance of the image from the lens?

	focal length of lens / cm	distance of image from lens / cm
A	4.0	5.0
B	5.0	4.0
C	8.0	10.0
D	10.0	8.0

View solution

22 Radio waves are electromagnetic waves.

What is the wavelength of a radio wave of frequency 2.0×10^5 Hz?

A 0.00067 m **B** 0.0015 m **C** 670 m **D** 1500 m

23 A candle flame is placed in front of a loudspeaker.

The loudspeaker produces a sound wave that causes air particles to vibrate. The vibrating air particles make the candle flame vibrate in the same direction as the air particles.

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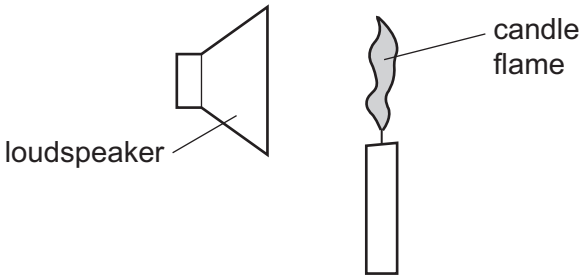

Which row shows the direction of vibration of the candle flame and the nature of sound waves?

	direction of vibration	nature of sound waves
A	↕	longitudinal
B	↕	transverse
C	↔	longitudinal
D	↔	transverse

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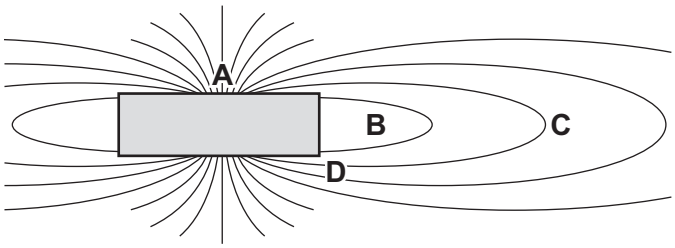
24 The diagram shows part of the magnetic field around a strong magnet.

In which position does a magnetic pole experience the strongest force?



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25 There is a current of 0.60 A in a closed circuit.

How much charge passes a point in the circuit in 2.5 min?

A 0.24 C **B** 1.5 C **C** 90 C **D** 5400 C

26 Which two physical quantities have the unit J / C?

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A charge and energy

B charge and potential difference (p.d.)

C electromotive force (e.m.f.) and p.d.

D e.m.f. and charge

27 A copper wire is placed in an electrical circuit and its resistance is measured. The wire is then replaced with a second copper wire with twice the length and a quarter of the diameter.

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What is the ratio of the resistance for the two wires?

A 1 : 2 **B** 1 : 4 **C** 1 : 8 **D** 1 : 32

28 Which circuit contains a diode connected in series with a fixed resistor?

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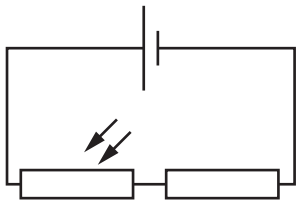
A



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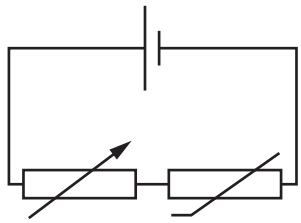

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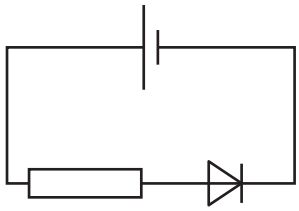

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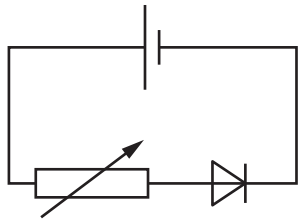

29 In the circuit shown, resistor X has twice the resistance of resistor Y.

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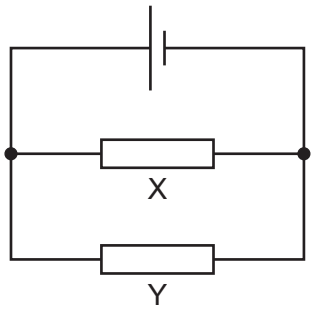

Which statement about the circuit is correct?

A The current in the cell is greater than the current in X.

B The current in X is greater than the current in Y.

C The potential difference (p.d.) across the cell is greater than the p.d. across X.

D The p.d. across X is greater than the p.d. across Y.

30 A 4 Ω resistor and an 8 Ω resistor are connected in series with a power supply.

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A voltmeter connected across the 8 Ω resistor reads 36 V.

What is the voltmeter reading when it is connected across the 4 Ω resistor?

A 12 V **B** 18 V **C** 72 V **D** 108 V

31 A metal rod, XY, is placed in a magnetic field so that it is perpendicular to the field, as shown.

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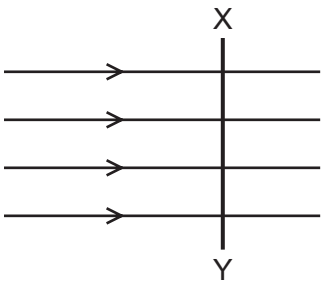

In which direction is the rod moved so that there is an induced current from Y to X?

A left to right

B right to left

C into the paper, away from the observer

D out of the paper, towards the observer

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32 The diagram shows a basic electric motor.

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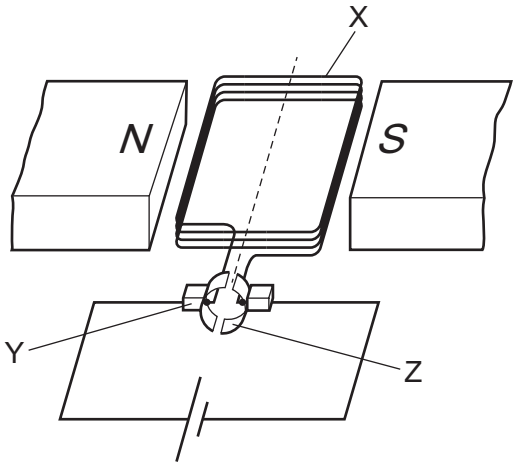

What are the names of the features?

	X	Y	Z
A	axle	battery	brushes
B	coil	brushes	commutator
C	generator	wires	transformer
D	solenoid	connectors	switch

33 Two transformers, P and Q, each have 2000 turns on their primary coils and 1000 turns on their secondary coils. Both transformers are 100% efficient.

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The secondary of transformer P is connected to the primary of transformer Q.

Q provides a motor with a current of 0.2 A.

What is the current being supplied to the primary of transformer P?

A 0.8 A **B** 0.4 A **C** 0.1 A **D** 0.05 A

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34 α-particles are directed at a metal foil.

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Most of the particles pass through the foil with little change in direction.

A small proportion of the particles are scattered back through large angles.

What does this evidence suggest about the structure of an atom?

A It consists of a charged centre much smaller than the size of the atom and with little of the mass of the atom.

B It consists of a negative charge the size of the atom containing small positive charges scattered through it.

C It consists of a charged centre much smaller than the size of the atom but with most of the mass of the atom.

D It consists of a positive charge the size of the atom containing small negative charges scattered through it.

35 Which statement correctly compares the properties of alpha-particles and beta-particles?

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A Alpha-particles are less penetrating than beta-particles because alpha-particles are less ionising.

B Alpha-particles are less penetrating than beta-particles because alpha-particles are more ionising.

C Alpha-particles are more penetrating than beta-particles because alpha-particles are less ionising.

D Alpha-particles are more penetrating than beta-particles because alpha-particles are more ionising.

36 Which statement about alpha decay is correct?

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A The nucleus loses electrons.

B The nucleus changes to that of a different element.

C The nucleus does not decay until after one half-life.

D After two half-lives, alpha decay always stops.

37 An explosion in a nuclear reactor spreads the isotope caesium-137, $^{137}_{55}Cs$, across a large area.

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After 90.0 years have passed, the quantity of caesium-137 present is 12.5% of its original level.

What is the half-life of caesium-137?

A 11.3 years **B** 22.5 years **C** 30.0 years **D** 45.0 years

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38 Which type of object rotates around the Sun with an elliptical orbit?

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A planet

B galaxy

C red giant

D moon

39 Which statement about the Sun is correct?

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A The nuclear reactions in the Sun create mainly radio waves and microwaves.

B The Sun is powered by fission reactions in which hydrogen is converted into helium.

C The Sun is powered by fission reactions in which lithium is converted into helium.

D The Sun is powered by fusion reactions and electromagnetic radiation is produced.

40 To determine the value of the Hubble constant, an astronomer measures the distance of a galaxy from the Earth as 2.5×10^{21} km.

She also measures the speed of recession of the galaxy from the Earth as 5.2×10^{3} km/s.

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From these data, what is the value of the Hubble constant?

A $7.7 \times 10^{-26}\,s^{-1}$

B $2.1 \times 10^{-18}\,s^{-1}$

C $4.8 \times 10^{17}\,s^{-1}$

D $1.3 \times 10^{25}\,s^{-1}$

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