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## Section A

- 1 (a) (i) straight line continues to  $6 \pm 0.2$  s B1
- (ii) 3(0)s OR the time on Fig. 1.1 when  $v = 0$  B1
- (b)  $(a =) (v - u)/t$  in any form numerical or algebraic C1  
 $(- )1.6 \text{ m/s}^2$  A1
- (c) any TWO lines:  
 (at first) graph steeper/higher acceleration/deceleration  
 caught sooner/shorter time to maximum  
 graph curves (due to air resistance) B2 [6]
- 2 (a)  $(\text{K.E.}) = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ ;  $\frac{1}{2} \times 90 \times 5^2$  C1  
 1125 J or 1100 J A1
- (b) (i) no resultant force; forwards force = backwards force/drag/friction (ignore air resistance) B1  
**water** resistance/**water** drag mentioned/**water** friction OR sail exerts force on board B1
- (ii) heat produced OR equal to work done against backwards force/drag/friction B1 [5]
- 3 (a) 14 N B1
- (b)  $(P =) F/A$  algebraically in symbols or words in any form;  $14/3.0 \times 10^{-5}$  C1  
 $4.67 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ ;  $4.7 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$  ecf (a) A1
- (c) stiffer/stronger spring; piston has less area/diameter; smaller piston (and tube) B1
- (d) molecules/particles/atoms collide with tyre/walls/piston B1  
 air/molecules enter gauge; fewer molecules in the tyre; fewer hits/sec;  
 less frequent hits; volume increases B1 [6]

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- 4 (a) **temperature** when solid melts;  
**temperature** when solid changes to liquid B1
- (b) (i) temperature increases; molecules move faster/have more kinetic energy/  
vibrate faster/move further apart B1
- (ii) change of state; solid changes to liquid B1  
latent heat provided; break bonds; molecules move apart/break free;  
reduce bond strength; idea of more disorder B1
- (c) liquids expand more than solids B1 [5]
- 5 (a) (i) X-ray(s) B1
- (ii) infra-red B1
- (b) any TWO lines:  
same speed (in vacuo)  
travel in a vacuum; need no medium  
carry energy  
transverse  
can reflect/refract/diffract/interfere/polarise B2
- (c) microwaves B1 [5]
- 6 (a) (i) amplitude decreases B1
- (ii) constant frequency/time for one wave/wavelength/period B1
- (b) (i) number of (complete) cycles in one second B1
- (ii) ( $f =$ )  $1/T$  in any form numerical or algebraic;  $1/0.02$  C1  
50 Hz A1
- (iii) 0.06 s B1 [6]

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- 7 (a) LED; light-emitting diode B1
- (b) energy/work done per unit charge/coulomb B1
- (c) voltage/p.d. across P B1  
one cell connected the wrong way/acting against the others B1
- (d) (i) correct arrangement B1
- (ii) cells last longer; cells run down slower; one cells fails the others still work;  
reduces (internal) resistance; if cell removed circuit not broken B1 [6]
- 8 (a) (i) iron; soft iron; mu-metal B1
- (ii) rod becomes (an induced) magnet B1  
opposite poles attract; N attracts S OR magnetic pole(s) on rod/at P reverses  
(due to induced magnetism) B1
- (b) (i) at least two circles centred on wire (no crossings) B1  
clockwise arrow on at least one circle and no arrows wrong B1
- (ii) lines closer together B1 [6]

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## Section B

- 9 (a) (i) fuse symbol correct B1  
in live wire before junction of two elements B1
- (ii) the (metal) case/outside B1
- (iii) 1. live wire touches case; live touches person B1  
2. current goes to earth; current does not go through the person B1  
fuse blows B1
- (b) (i) most of the energy output is useful/heat; little energy is wasted; B1
- (ii) hot air rises (**not** heat rises) B1  
density of hot air is lower B1  
convection current mentioned OR hot air rises and cold air falls B1
- (c) (i) 1500 W B1
- (ii) 1. conversion to kW seen on any power; 2.1 (kW) seen C1  
5.25; 5.2; 5.3 (kWh) A1
2.  $E = P \times t$  in any form, algebraic or using any power or time e.g.  $600 \times 2.5$ ,  
 $600 \times 150$  C1  
 $1.89 \times 10^7$  (J) OR  $3.6 \times 10^6 \times$  (c)(ii)1. A1 [15]

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- 10 (a) (i)** refraction B1
- (ii)**  $(n =) \sin i / \sin r$  C1  
 $\sin 45^\circ / \sin 29^\circ$  C1  
 1.4585 to more than 1 sig. fig. A1
- (iii)** the angle of incidence/incident angle is greater than the critical angle B1  
 total internal reflection occurs B1
- (iv)** correct refraction at C with ray parallel to AB B1  
 correct reflection (and correct refraction on other face i.e. downwards) B1
- (b) (i)** Any TWO of:  
 undeviated ray through centre of lens  
 ray parallel to axis through point 3 cm from lens on right after lens  
 ray through point 3 cm to left of lens parallel to axis after lens M2  
 rays converge and vertical image drawn and labelled I A1
- (ii)**  $1.2 \pm 0.2$  cm B1
- (iii) 1.** real image (can be) formed on screen; virtual image not found on screen;  
 rays converge on real image; rays do not converge on virtual image;  
 rays only appear/seem to come from a point on virtual image B1
- 2.** place object within focal length; between lens and focal point/principal focus B1  
 view from other side of lens; look through lens; image same side as/behind object B1 [15]

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- 11 (a) (gamma) produces little or no ionisation; passes out of detector; requires shielding; reaches people B1
- (b) (i) at least 3 lines between plates and in middle at least one **straight, vertical** line B1  
correct curvature at edges B1  
at least one arrow down and no arrows wrong B1
- (ii) alpha charged (positively); alpha repelled by positive/attracted by negative B1  
deflected down/towards positive (plate) B1
- (c) (gamma) undeviated; straight line B1  
(gamma) uncharged B1
- (d) (i) any attempt at halving or 3 **half-lives** seen C1  
1/8; 0.125; 12.5% A1
- (ii) decays too fast; have to replace source often; current falls too quickly; detector only works for a short time B1
- (iii) 1. any TWO of:  
number of protons  
number of electrons  
charge on nucleus B2
2. number of neutrons B1  
nucleon or mass number or mass B1 [15]  
(americium-242 has **one** extra neutron gets 2 marks)