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Unit 1 Mechanics, materials and atoms

Tuesday 14 January 2020 07:00 GMT Time allowed: 2 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:
- a Data and Formulae Booklet as a loose insert
- a ruler with millimetre measurements
- a scientific calculator, which you are expected to use where appropriate
- a protractor.

Instructions
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- All working must be shown.
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- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

0 1 A ruler is used to measure the width of a desk.

Describe **one** random error and **one** systematic error that could occur when making this measurement.

[2 marks]

random error _____

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systematic error _____

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0 2 An electron is produced during pair production.

Describe what happens in the pair-production event.

[3 marks]

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0 3 . 1 Alpha particles were directed towards a thin gold foil in the Rutherford scattering experiment.

Describe the paths of the alpha particles.

[3 marks]

0 3 . 2 The Rutherford scattering experiment was responsible for a change in the understanding of the structure of atoms.

Describe how Rutherford's model of the atom differed from the previous model.

[2 marks]

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0 4 A nucleus of molybdenum decays by β^- emission to produce technetium−99m as shown in the equation.

$$____\text{Mo} \rightarrow {}^{99}_{43}\text{Tc} + ____\beta^- + ____-$$

0 4 . 1 Complete the decay equation.

[3 marks]

0 4 . 2 Technetium−99m emits gamma radiation.

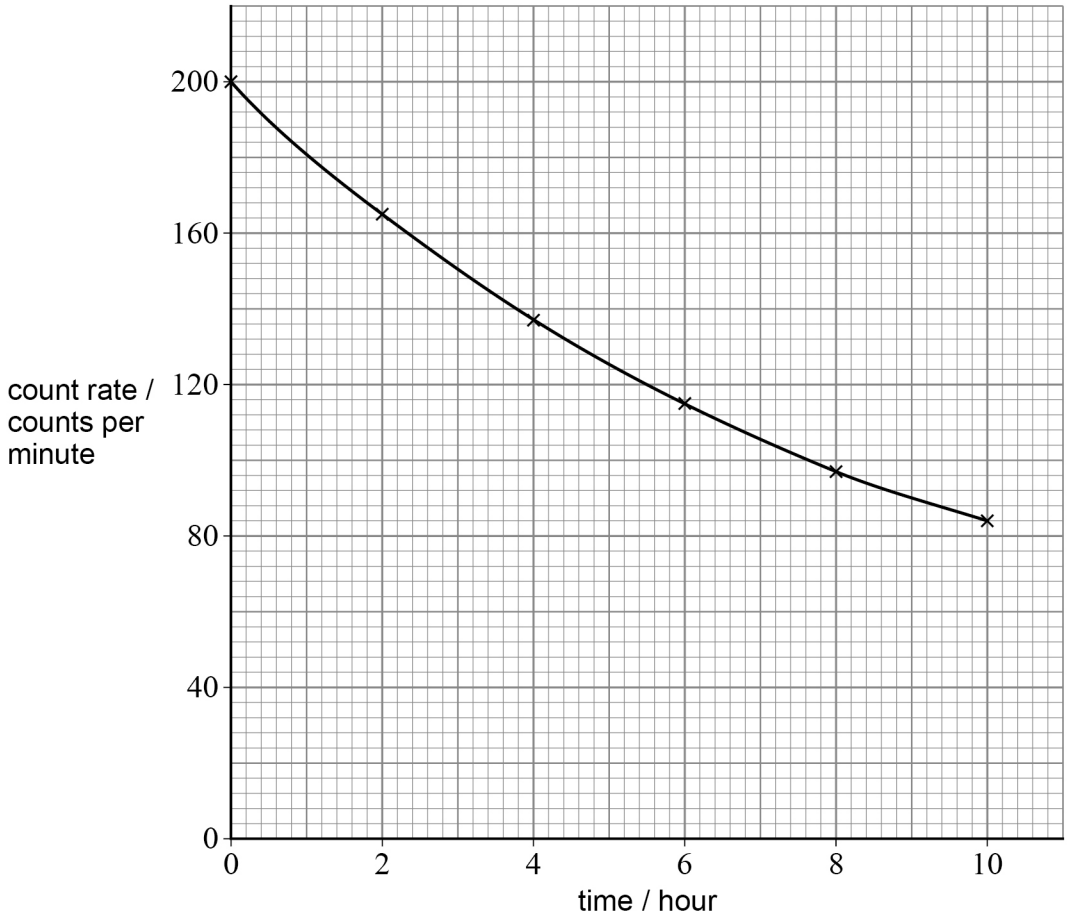
State the effect on the technetium−99m nucleus of the emission of a gamma ray.

[1 mark]

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0 4 . 3 A detector is placed near a source of technetium−99m.
Figure 1 shows the variation with time of the measured count rate.

Figure 1



The background count rate is 30 counts per minute.

Determine the half-life of technetium−99m.

[3 marks]

half-life = _____ hour

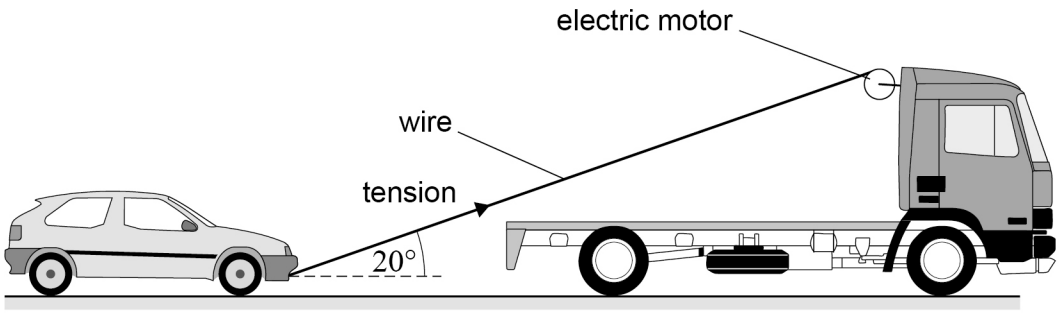
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0 5 A car is pulled along a horizontal road towards a stationary lorry. The car is pulled by a wire attached to an electric motor as shown in **Figure 2**.

Figure 2



At the instant shown in **Figure 2**, the power transferred by the electric motor to the car is $300\ \text{W}$.
The wire makes an angle of $20°$ to the horizontal.
The resistive forces acting on the car are constant throughout this question.

0 5 . 1 The car moves at a steady speed of $0.60\ \text{m s}^{-1}$.

Calculate the tension in the wire when the car is in the position shown in **Figure 2**.
[2 marks]

tension = _____ N

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0 5 . 2 The motor has an efficiency of 87%.

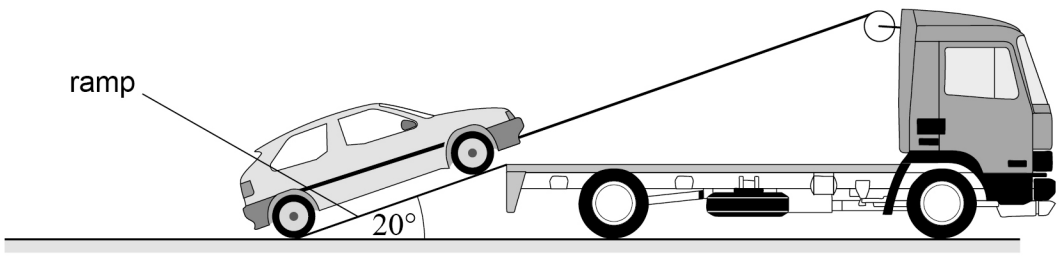
Calculate the electrical power input to the motor.

[2 marks]

electrical power input = _____ W

0 5 . 3 The car is then pulled up a ramp as shown in **Figure 3**.

Figure 3



The car is pulled up the ramp at a speed of $0.60\ \text{m s}^{-1}$.
The ramp and the wire both make an angle of $20°$ to the horizontal.

Explain why the power transferred by the electric motor to the car must be greater than $300\ \text{W}$.

[2 marks]

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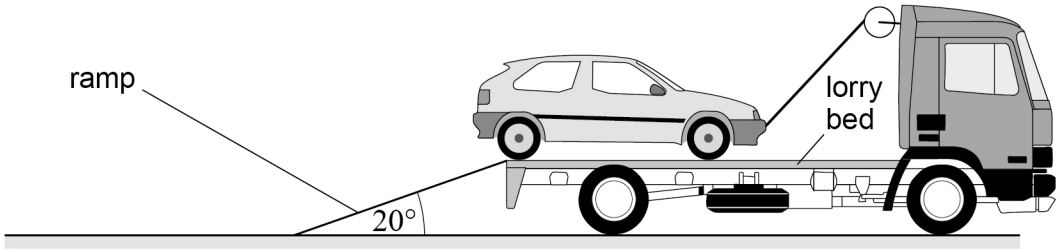
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0 5 . 4 The car is pulled along the horizontal lorry bed as shown in **Figure 4**. The tension in the wire remains constant as the car moves along the lorry bed.

Figure 4



State and explain what will happen to the speed of the car as it is pulled along the lorry bed.

[2 marks]

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0 6 . 1 Explain the difference between speed and velocity.

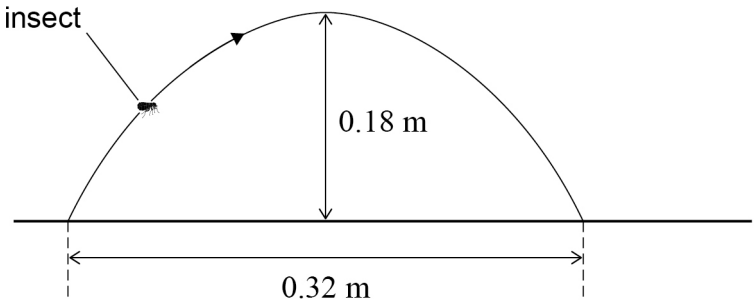
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When an insect jumps, it achieves a maximum height of $0.18\ \text{m}$ and travels a horizontal distance of $0.32\ \text{m}$ as shown in **Figure 5**. Air resistance is negligible.

Figure 5



0 6 . 2 Show that the initial vertical component of velocity of the insect is approximately $1.9\ \text{m s}^{-1}$.

[2 marks]

0 6 . 3 Show that the insect is in the air for approximately $0.4\ \text{s}$.

[3 marks]

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0 6 . 4 State the position of the insect when it has its minimum speed during the jump. Explain your answer.

[2 marks]

0 6 . 5 Show that the minimum speed of the insect during the jump is approximately $0.8\ \text{m s}^{-1}$.

[1 mark]

0 6 . 6 Determine the initial velocity of the insect.

[4 marks]

initial velocity = _____ m s^{-1}

direction _____

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0 7 A climber **P** is connected to another person on the ground by a climbing rope as shown in **Figure 6**.
The rope runs over a frictionless pulley attached to the wall at **R**.

Figure 6



P falls and gravitational potential energy is transferred to work done in stretching the rope. The work done in stretching the rope is $5.3\ \text{kJ}$.
P is stationary for an instant at the end of the fall.
P has a mass of $80\ \text{kg}$.

0 7 . 1 Calculate the height through which **P** falls.

[2 marks]

height = _____ m

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0 7 . 2 The climbing rope stretches by $1.6\ \text{m}$ as **P** falls. The rope obeys Hooke's law.

Show that the stiffness k of the rope is approximately $4.0\ \text{kN m}^{-1}$.

[2 marks]

0 7 . 3 Calculate the tension in the rope when **P** is at the lowest position.

[1 mark]

tension = _____ N

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0 7 . 4 After being brought to rest, **P** begins to accelerate upwards due to the tension in the rope.

Calculate the initial upward acceleration of **P**.

[3 marks]

acceleration = _____ $m\ s^{-2}$

0 7 . 5 The pulley at **R** is replaced with one that has a significant amount of friction.

Deduce how your answer to Question **07.4** would be different.

[3 marks]

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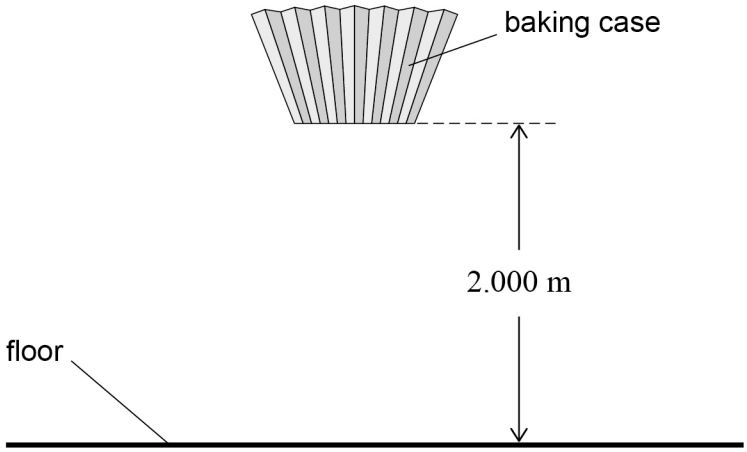
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Section B

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0 8 **Figure 7** shows some of the apparatus used in an experiment to investigate how air resistance varies with speed. The air resistance is equal to the weight of a falling object when the object is at its terminal speed.

Figure 7



A small weight was placed in a baking case, giving a total weight w of 0.050 N.
The baking case was dropped from a height of 2.000 m onto the floor.
The time t for the baking case to fall this distance was measured.

Assume that the baking case fell at terminal speed v throughout the fall.
The experiment was performed six times to find the mean time T for the fall.

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0 8 . 1 **Table 1** shows the results when w was 0.050 N.

Table 1

t / s	0.65	0.69	0.71	0.68	0.69	0.66

The mean time $T = 0.68$ s.

State the absolute uncertainty in T.

[1 mark]

absolute uncertainty in T = _____ s

0 8 . 2 Calculate v when $w = 0.050$ N.

[1 mark]

v = _____ m s^{-1}

0 8 . 3 The uncertainty in the measurement of height is negligible.

Calculate the absolute uncertainty in your answer to Question **08.2**.

[2 marks]

absolute uncertainty in v = _____ m s^{-1}

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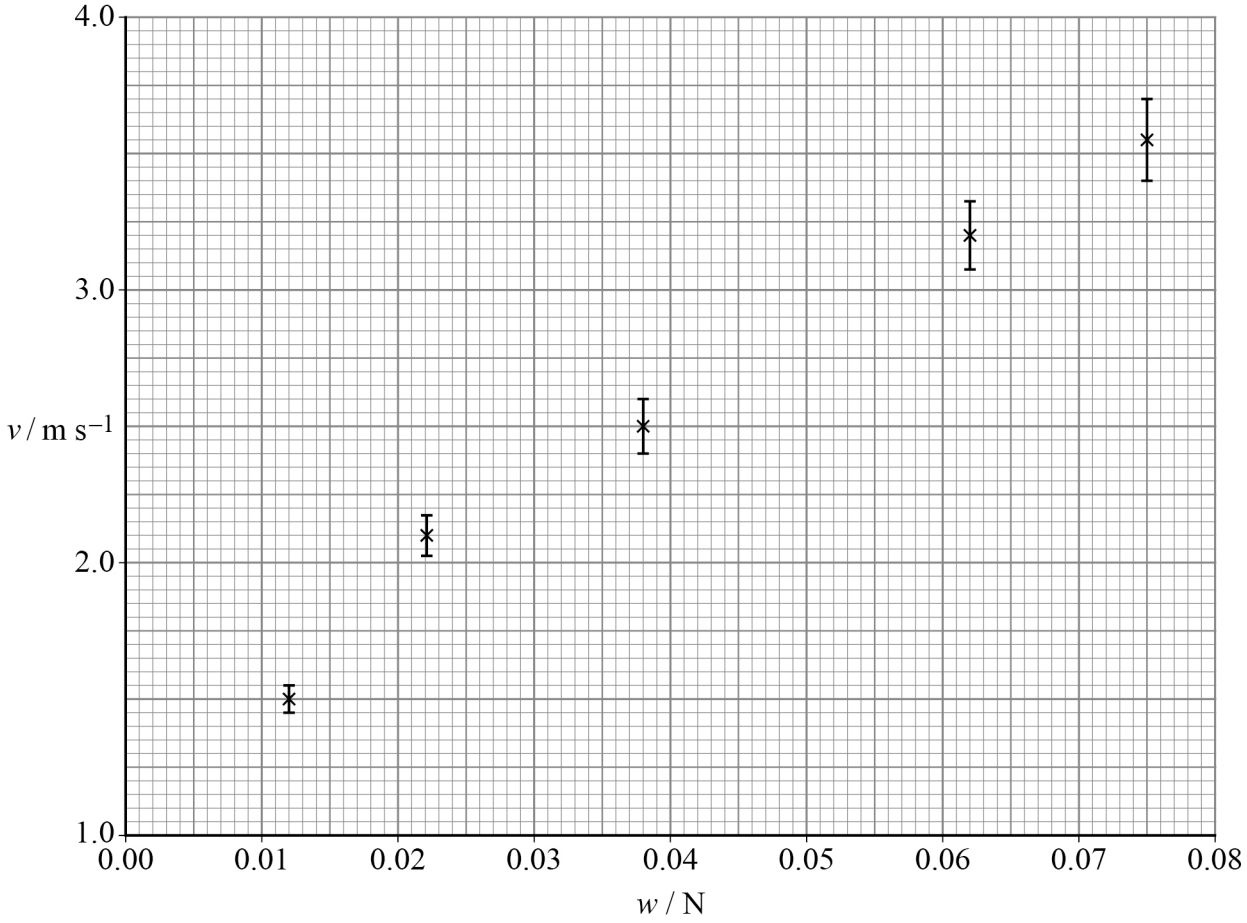
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0 8 . 4 The experiment was then repeated with different weights placed in the baking case. For each weight the terminal speed v was calculated. The data are plotted on **Figure 8**.

Plot on **Figure 8** the data point for $w = 0.050$ N with its error bar.
Draw a line of best fit.

[2 marks]

Figure 8



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0 8 . 5 It is suggested that, for a falling object, the force F acting on it due to air resistance is related to the instantaneous speed u of the object by

$$F \propto u^2$$

Explain how the results from this experiment could be used to test this suggestion.

[2 marks]

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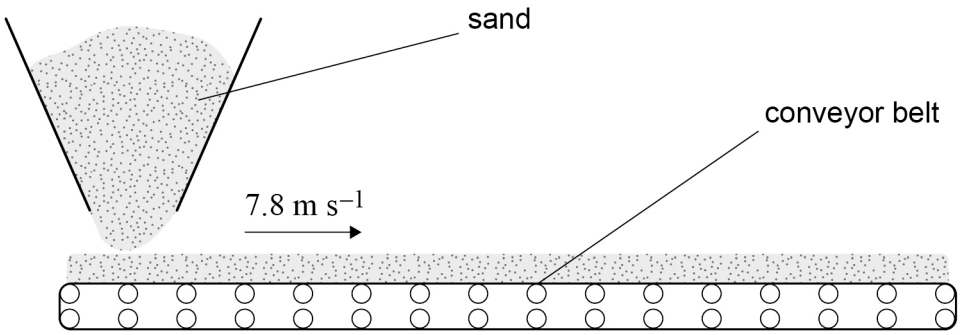
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0 9 . 1 State what is meant by impulse.

[1 mark]

Sand falls vertically at a constant rate of $372\ \text{m}^3\ \text{min}^{-1}$ onto a horizontal conveyor belt as shown in **Figure 9**. The horizontal speed of the belt is $7.8\ \text{m s}^{-1}$.

Figure 9



0 9 . 2 The belt accelerates the sand to a speed of $7.8\ \text{m s}^{-1}$. The sand does not slip.

Show that the average horizontal force exerted by the belt on the sand is approximately $1.2 \times 10^5\ \text{N}$.

density of sand = $2500\ \text{kg m}^{-3}$

[3 marks]

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0 9 . 3 The conveyor belt is driven by a motor continuously for a period of 24 hours. Friction in the belt system is 4.5×10^5 N.

Calculate the total energy transferred by the motor.

[3 marks]

total energy transferred = _____ J

0 9 . 4 As the sand lands on the belt, its horizontal component of momentum changes.

Explain how this change is consistent with the law of conservation of momentum.

[1 mark]

_____

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Section C

Each of the questions in this section is followed by four responses, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**.

For each question select the best response.

Only **one** answer per question is allowed.
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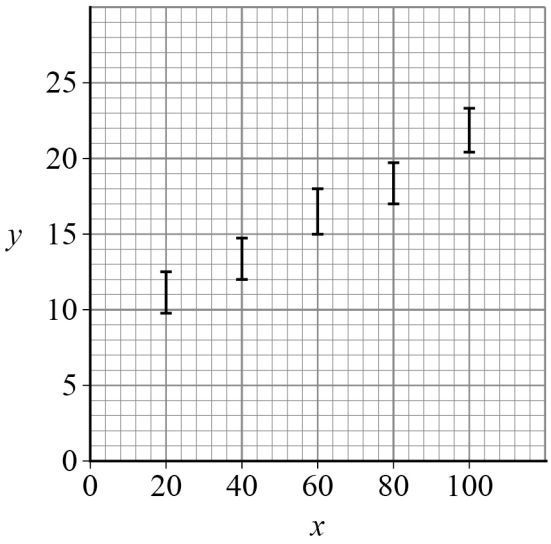
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1 0 The graph shows the variation of y with x.



What is the best value of the intercept on the y axis?

[1 mark]

A 7 

B 8 

C 10 

D 11 

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1 1 A body in total equilibrium **must**

[1 mark]

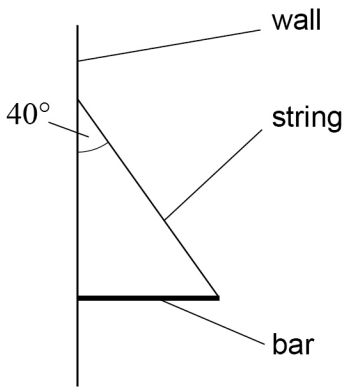
A be travelling at a constant speed in a straight line. ⬭

B be at rest. ⬭

C have zero resultant force acting upon it. ⬭

D have no couple acting upon it. ⬭

1 2 A uniform bar of mass $1.3\ \text{kg}$ is attached to a vertical wall and supported by a string. The string makes an angle of $40°$ to the vertical.



What is the tension in the string?

[1 mark]

A $8.3\ \text{N}$ ⬭

B $9.9\ \text{N}$ ⬭

C $16.6\ \text{N}$ ⬭

D $19.8\ \text{N}$ ⬭

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1 3 An athlete runs at a constant speed of $5.0\ \text{m s}^{-1}$ for $140\ \text{s}$ around a circular track of circumference $200\ \text{m}$.

What is the magnitude of the athlete's final displacement from her starting point?

[1 mark]

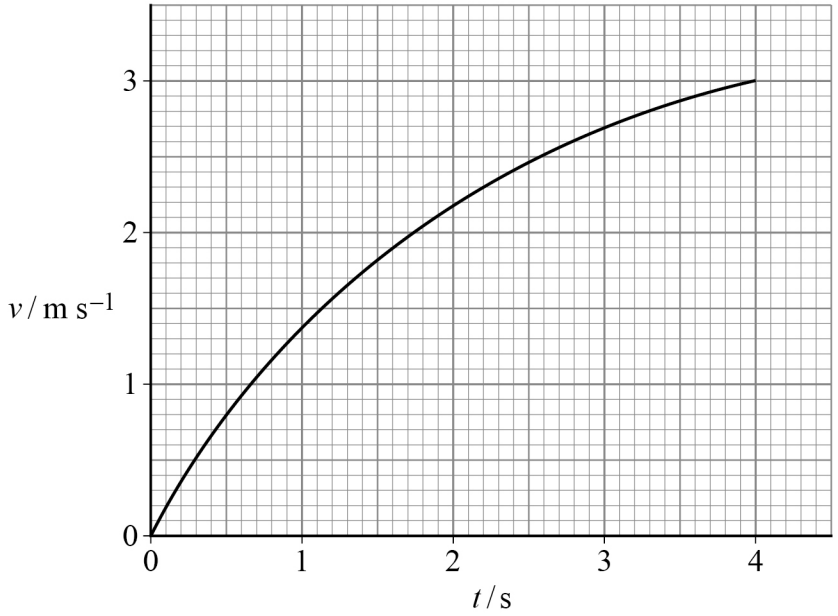
A 32 m ⬭

B 45 m ⬭

C 64 m ⬭

D 100 m ⬭

1 4 The graph shows the variation of speed v with time t for an object.



What are the initial acceleration and the total distance travelled for the object?

[1 mark]

	Initial acceleration / m s^{-2}	Total distance travelled / m	
A	0.75	6.0	⬭
B	0.75	7.5	⬭
C	2	6.0	⬭
D	2	7.5	⬭

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1 5 Which statement is **always** correct?

[1 mark]

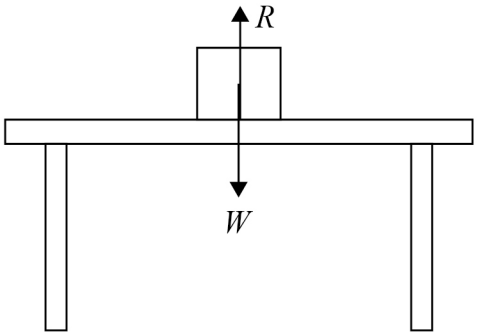
A Brittle fracture occurs with little or no elastic extension. ⬭

B Brittle fracture occurs with little or no plastic extension. ⬭

C In plastic behaviour, stress is proportional to strain. ⬭

D In elastic behaviour, stress is proportional to strain. ⬭

1 6 An object of weight W rests on a horizontal table. The normal reaction force of the table on the object is R.



Which statement is **not** true?

[1 mark]

A W and R are equal in magnitude. ⬭

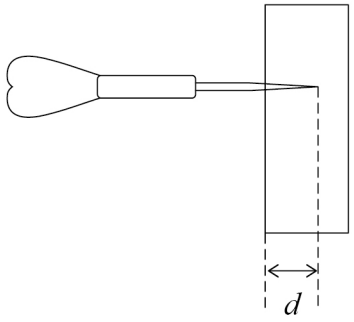
B The object is in equilibrium. ⬭

C W and R are an action-reaction pair. ⬭

D R is a contact force. ⬭

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1 7 A dart of mass m hits a target with velocity v. The point of the dart penetrates a distance d into the target.
Assume that the deceleration of the dart is uniform.



The time taken for the dart to penetrate the distance d is

[1 mark]

A $\frac{d}{v}$ ⬭

B $\frac{2d}{v}$ ⬭

C $\frac{dm}{v}$ ⬭

D $\frac{2dm}{v}$ ⬭

1 8 Which list shows the particles in increasing order of their specific charges?

[1 mark]

A positron, $^{4}_{2}\mathrm{He}$ nucleus, $^{1}_{1}\mathrm{H}$ nucleus ⬭

B neutron, $^{4}_{2}\mathrm{He}$ nucleus, positron ⬭

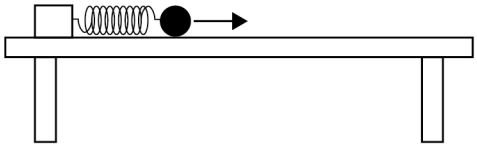
C $^{1}_{1}\mathrm{H}$ nucleus, $^{4}_{2}\mathrm{He}$ nucleus, neutron ⬭

D proton, $^{4}_{2}\mathrm{He}$ nucleus, neutron ⬭

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1 9 A steel ball of mass m is placed against a spring that is compressed by a distance ΔL. The ball is released so that it is projected along a smooth table top.

The spring constant is k.
The maximum speed of the steel ball is v.



The process is repeated with a spring of spring constant $3k$ and a second steel ball of mass $2m$. The spring is compressed by a distance ΔL.

The maximum speed of the second ball is

[1 mark]

A $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}v$ ⬭

B $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}v$ ⬭

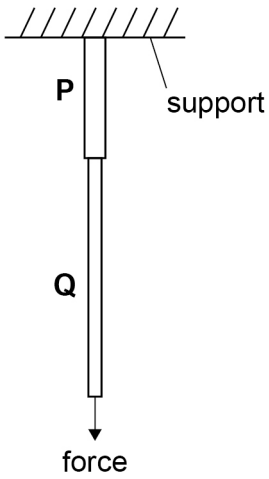
C $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}v$ ⬭

D $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}v$ ⬭

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2 0 A wire made of two sections **P** and **Q** is suspended from a support.
A force is applied to the end of the wire.



The table shows data for **P** and **Q**.

Property	P	Q
Young modulus	E	$3E$
Initial length	L	$2L$
Cross-sectional area	A	$\frac{A}{2}$
Extension	ΔL	

The **total** extension of the wire is

[1 mark]

A $\frac{2}{3}\Delta L$ ⬭

B $\frac{4}{3}\Delta L$ ⬭

C $\frac{5}{3}\Delta L$ ⬭

D $\frac{7}{3}\Delta L$ ⬭

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2 1 $\overline{\mathbf{X}}$ is the antiparticle of **X**.

Which properties are the same for **X** and $\overline{\mathbf{X}}$?

[1 mark]

A mass and magnitude of charge only ⬭

B mass and rest energy only ⬭

C rest energy and magnitude of charge only ⬭

D mass, magnitude of charge and rest energy ⬭

2 2 A detector is placed $20\ \text{cm}$ from a radioactive source in air. The corrected count rate is 50 counts per second.
A $4\ \text{mm}$ aluminium absorber is placed between the source and the detector.
The corrected count rate then falls to 10 counts per second.

The emissions from the source could be

[1 mark]

A α, β^- and γ. ⬭

B α and β^- only. ⬭

C α and γ only. ⬭

D β^- only. ⬭

2 3 A radioactive isotope has a half-life of 8 years. The initial activity of the sample is $89\ \text{MBq}$.

After what time will the activity have fallen to $0.50\ \text{MBq}$?

[1 mark]

A between 40 years and 48 years ⬭

B between 48 years and 56 years ⬭

C between 56 years and 64 years ⬭

D between 64 years and 72 years ⬭

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