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PHYSICS

ATAR Year 12

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Time allowed for this paper

Reading time before commencing work: ten minutes

Working time for paper: three hours

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Structure of this paper

Section	Number of questions available	Number of questions to be answered	Suggested working time (minutes)	Marks available	Marks Attained
Section One: Short answers	13	13	54	54 (30%)	/54
Section Two: Problem-solving	7	7	90	90 (50%)	/90
Section Three: Comprehension	2	2	36	36 (20%)	/36
				180 (100%)	/180

Instructions to candidates

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- Write your answers in the spaces provided beneath each question in this Question/Answer booklet. The value of each question (out of 180) is shown following each question.
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In calculations, give final answers to three significant figures and include appropriate units where applicable.

In estimates, give final answers to a maximum of two significant figures and include appropriate units where applicable.
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SECTION ONE: Short Response

54 marks (30%)

This section has **13** questions. Answer **ALL** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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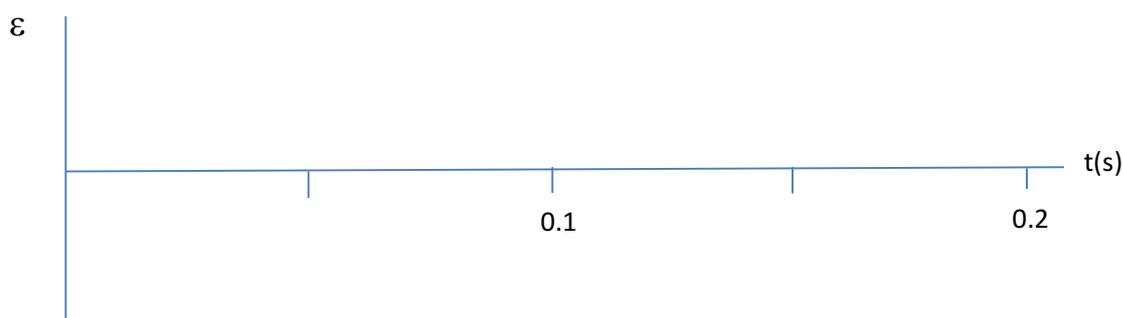
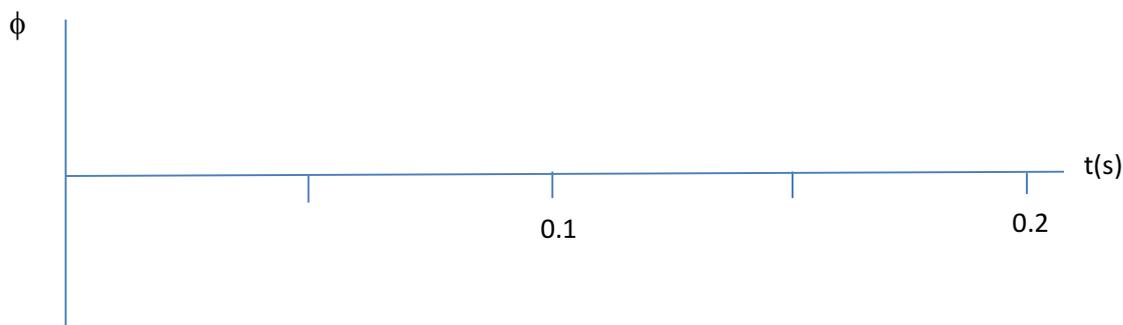
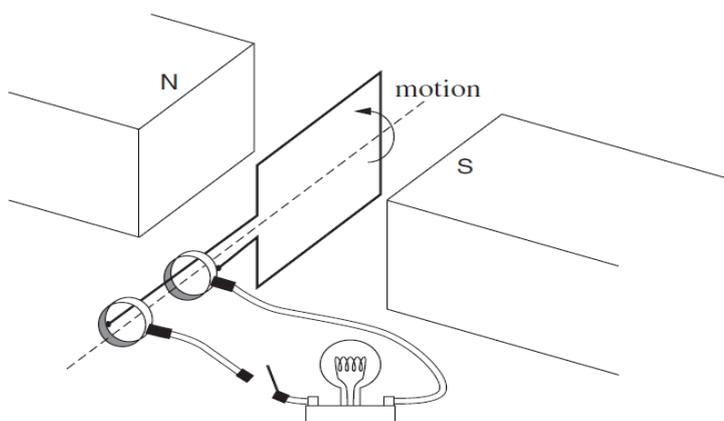
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Suggested working time for this section is **50 minutes**.

Question 1

(4 marks)

The diagram below shows a simple AC generator, rotating at a frequency of 10 Hz. On the axes provided below, sketch the magnetic flux ϕ through the coil and also the emf ϵ induced as the coil rotates, starting from the position shown in the diagram.



Question 2**(3 marks)**

A long jumper at the Rio Olympics launches himself into the air at a speed of 11.0 m/s and an angle of 22.5° to the horizontal in an attempt to beat the world record of 8.95 metres. Show by calculation whether or not he is successful.

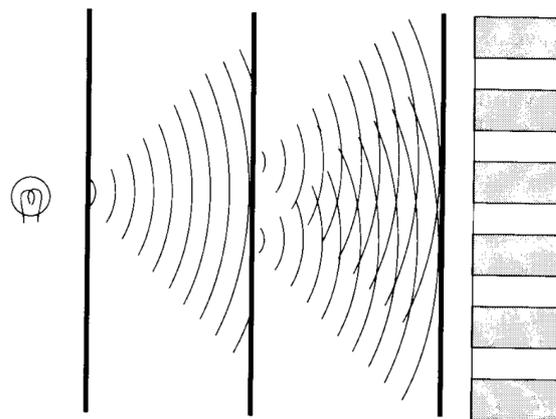
**Question 3****(4 marks)**

The relatively nearby star Tau Ceti, which is the closest solitary G-class star like our Sun, lies 11.9 light-years from Earth, and has five exoplanets, two of which lie in the "habitable zone" — that just-right range of distances that could support the existence of liquid water on the planets' surfaces. An interstellar spaceship from Earth is travelling to Tau Ceti at 90% of the speed of light.

- (a) How far away is Tau Ceti (in light-years) to the astronauts on the spaceship? (2 marks)
- (b) How long will the spaceship take to reach Tau Ceti
- (i) from the reference frame of observers on Earth? (1 mark)
- (ii) from the reference frame of the astronauts on the spaceship? (1 mark)

Question 4**(3 marks)**

The diagram at right illustrates Young's famous double-slit experiment, which was crucial in helping us to understand the nature of light. Briefly describe how the experiment worked, and explain the insight it gave into the nature of light.

**Question 5****(4 marks)**

A satellite orbits the Earth in a circular orbit at an altitude of 4000 km. Calculate

(a) the centripetal acceleration experienced by the satellite.

(2 marks)

(b) the orbital speed of the satellite.

(2 marks)

Question 6

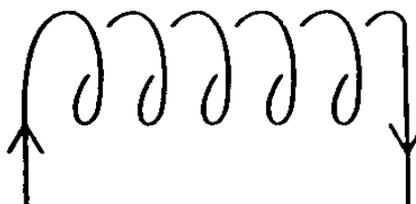
(5 marks)

The diagrams below show a long straight vertical wire (diagram A) and a solenoid (diagram B). Arrows indicate the direction of the current through each of the conductors.

A



B



- (a) Sketch on each diagram the magnetic field produced by each conductor. (3 marks)
- (b) In diagram A the magnetic field strength is found to be $45 \mu\text{T}$ at a perpendicular distance of 1.75 cm from the long straight wire. Calculate the size of the current in the wire. (2 marks)

Question 7

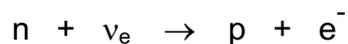
(5 marks)

- (a) Balance each of the following particle reactions by including the missing particle:

(i) $p \rightarrow n + \text{_____} + \nu_e$ (1 mark)

(ii) $\tau^- \rightarrow e^- + \nu_\tau + \text{_____}$ (1 mark)

- (b) Neutrinos are detected by the following reaction

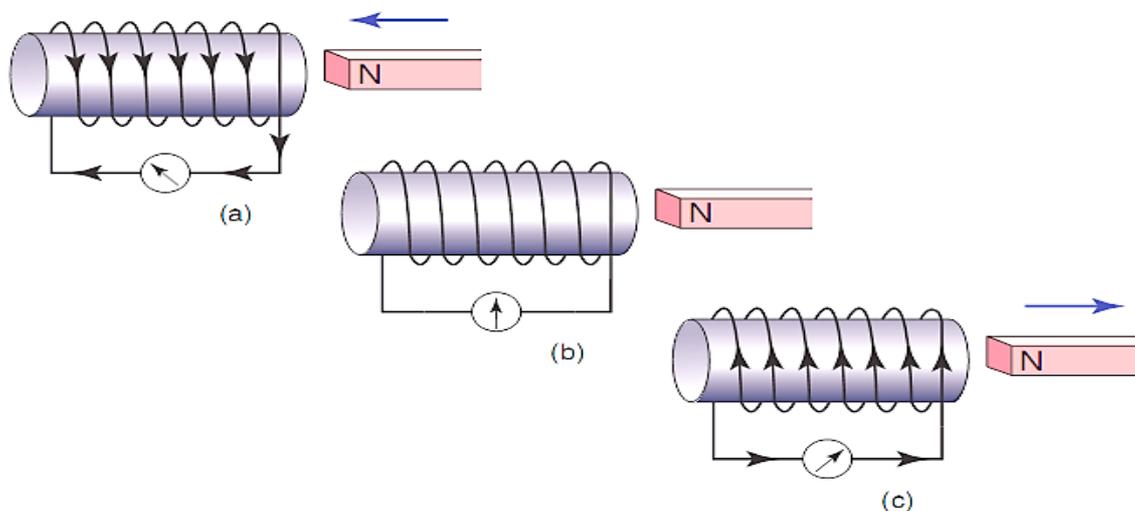


Show that three conservation laws are obeyed in this reaction. (3 marks)

Question 8

(4 marks)

The diagrams below show the interaction between a bar magnet and a solenoid in three different situations. The needle of the galvanometer, shown below the solenoid, indicates any flow of current.



Briefly explain the following observations:

(a) No current flows (diagram b) when the magnet is held stationary near the solenoid. (1 mark)

(b) The current flows in opposite directions in diagrams (a) and (c) when the magnet is pushed towards, then pulled away from the solenoid. (3 marks)

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Question 9

(5 marks)

A photoelectric cell contains an aluminium electrode that is illuminated with ultraviolet light of wavelength 284 nm. The work function of aluminium is 4.08 eV. Calculate

(a) the energy of one of the ultraviolet photons in electron-volts. (2 marks)

(b) the velocity of the emitted photo-electrons. (3 marks)

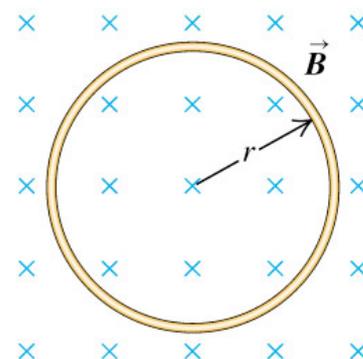
Question 10

(3 marks)

The diagram at right shows a ring of wire of radius $r = 2.00$ cm, which is fully immersed in a uniform magnetic field $B = 50.0$ mT. The ring is pulled quickly out of the magnetic field, taking 0.15 s to be clear of the magnetic field.

(a) Indicate on the ring the direction of any induced current. (1 mark)

(b) If the ring has a resistance of 0.03Ω , find the size of the average current induced as the ring is pulled clear of the magnetic field. (2 marks)



Question 11

(5 marks)

Observations of the luminosity of a supernova in a distant galaxy indicate that it is 50 mega parsecs away from Earth. Analysis of the helium spectrum from the supernova shows that the yellow line that usually occurs at a wavelength of 587.6 nm was measured for this galaxy to be at 595.3 nm.



- (a) What has caused this change in wavelength of the yellow line in the helium spectrum for this distant galaxy? (1 mark)

- (b) Calculate the recessional velocity of the galaxy from this spectral data, given $v = (\Delta\lambda/\lambda) c$ (2 marks)

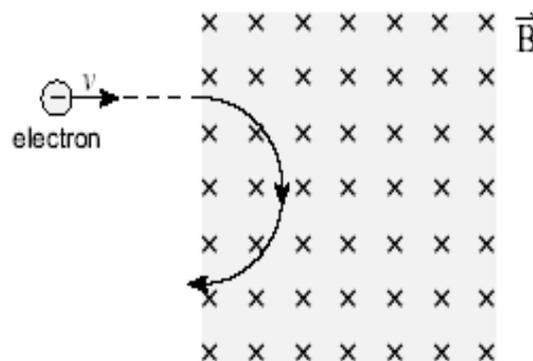
- (c) Use the data from this galaxy to estimate a value for Hubble's constant H_0 . (2 marks)

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Question 12

(5 marks)

An electron is fired into a uniform perpendicular magnetic field of strength $230 \mu\text{T}$ and follows a semi-circular path through the magnetic field of radius 350 mm , as illustrated at right.



(a) Calculate the speed needed for the electron to follow the semi-circular path. (2 marks)

(b) Determine the potential difference through which the electron was accelerated (before reaching the magnetic field) in order to have this speed. (3 marks)

Question 13

(4 marks)

There are 6 different quarks, which are shown in the table below. Quarks interact strongly with one another and exist in combination as composite particles called hadrons. There are two classes of hadrons – baryons, made of three quarks, and mesons, made of a quark-antiquark pair.

NAME	SYMBOL	Charge (Q)	Baryon Number (B)	Strangeness (S)	Charm (c)	Bottomness (b)	Topness (t)
<i>Up</i>	u	$+\frac{2}{3}e$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	0	0
<i>Down</i>	d	$-\frac{1}{3}e$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	0	0
<i>Strange</i>	s	$-\frac{1}{3}e$	$\frac{1}{3}$	-1	0	0	0
<i>Charmed</i>	c	$+\frac{2}{3}e$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	+1	0	0
<i>Bottom</i>	b	$-\frac{1}{3}e$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	-1	0
<i>Top</i>	t	$+\frac{2}{3}e$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	0	+1

- (a) All matter is made up of hadrons and leptons. State two characteristics of leptons that distinguish them from hadrons. (2 marks)

- (b) Give the quark composition of each of the following hadrons: (2 marks)

(i) the baryon Σ^0 which has $Q = 0$, $B = 1$, $S = -1$ and $c = b = t = 0$

(ii) the meson K^+ which has $Q = +1$, $B = 0$, $S = +1$ and $c = b = t = 0$

End of Section One

SECTION TWO: Problem-solving**90 marks (50%)**

This section has **7** questions. Answer **ALL** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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Suggested working time for this section is **90 minutes**.

Question 14**(12 marks)**

Kepler-186f is one of five planets found in an extrasolar system located about 490 light-years from Earth. The newly discovered exoplanet orbits about 52.4 million kilometres from its sun. It takes Kepler-186f about 130 days to orbit its red dwarf star. Kepler-186f is the first Earth-size alien planet found in the habitable zone of its star. That means the planet, which is about 10% larger in diameter than Earth, is in the part of its solar system where liquid water could exist on the planet's surface. An artist's impression of the planet's surface is shown at right.



- (a) What is the orbital speed of Kepler-186f?
(2 marks)

- (b) Is Kepler-186f accelerating? Explain. (2 marks)

(c) From the orbital data about Kepler-186f, calculate the mass of its red dwarf sun. (3 marks)

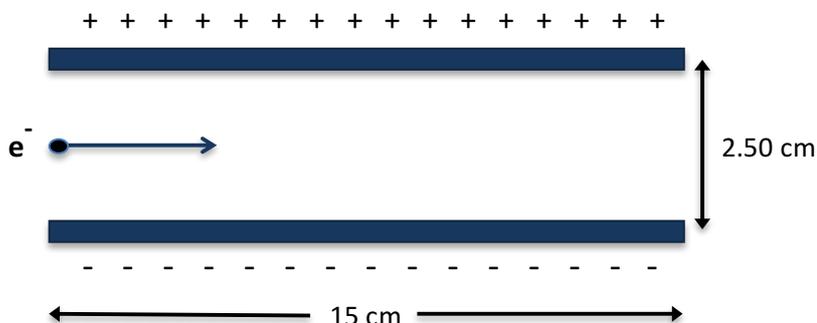
(d) Assuming that Kepler-186f has a similar density to Earth, estimate a value for its mass based upon the estimate of its size given above. (2 marks)

(e) Hence find a value for the gravitational force between Kepler-186f and its sun. (3 marks)

Question 15

(13 marks)

An electron enters the gap between two oppositely charged parallel plates while moving horizontally and parallel to the plates at a speed of 1.2×10^8 m/s, as shown in the diagram below. The plates are 15.0 cm long with a separation of 2.50 cm, and a potential difference of 2400 V.



- (a) Find the strength and direction of the electric field in the region between the charged parallel plates. (2 marks)

- (b) Calculate the magnitude of the electric force acting on the electron as it moves between the plates, and the size and direction of its resulting acceleration. (3 marks)

- (c) Why could we ignore the weight of the electron in determining its acceleration? (1 mark)

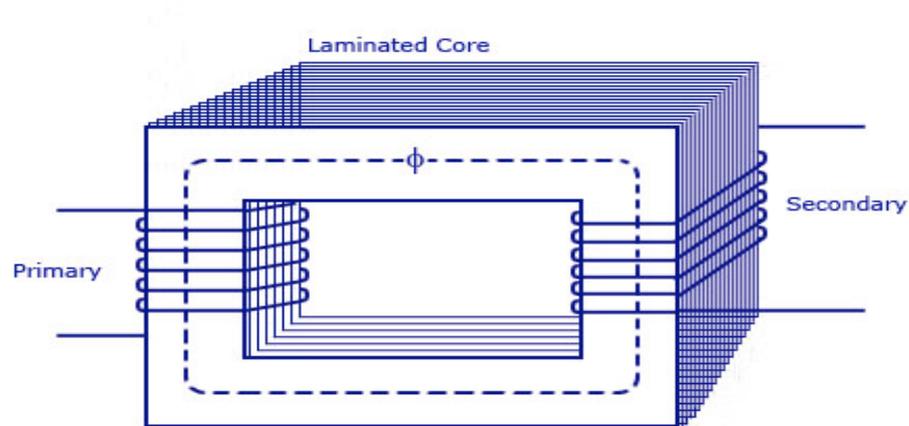
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- (d) Calculate the time it takes for the electron to move through the gap between the parallel plates. (2 marks)
- (e) Determine the vertical displacement of the electron as it moves through the gap between the parallel plates. (use acceleration = $1.50 \times 10^{16} \text{ m/s}^2$ if no answer from part (b)) (2 marks)
- (f) Find the final velocity (magnitude and direction) of the electron as it exits the gap between the parallel plates. (3 marks)

Question 16

(13 marks)

The diagram below shows an iron-cored transformer

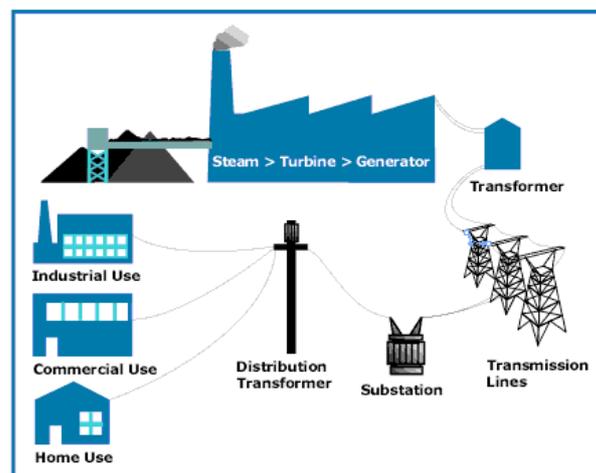


- (a) Explain how energy is transferred from the primary coil to the secondary coil, with reference to *Faraday's Law of electromagnetic induction*. (3 marks)

- (b) What is a ***laminated*** core, and what is its purpose? (2 marks)

In order to transmit electric power more efficiently, an electricity company uses transformers and high voltage transmission lines to transmit power at 330 kV from the power station to the city 200 km away. The average output power of its generators is 600 MW during the high demand period from 3pm to 9pm on a hot summer day. The high voltage transmission lines have a total resistance of 5.00Ω over their 200 km length.

- (c) What is the voltage at the end of the transmission lines (before the substation) after transmission along the high voltage lines? (3 marks)



- (d) Calculate the percentage power loss in the high voltage transmission lines. (2 marks)
- (e) Given that the energy content of coal is 24 MJ per kilogram, and that the process of generating electrical energy in a coal fired power station is 40% efficient, calculate the mass of coal needed to supply the electrical energy required during the high demand period from 3pm to 9pm on a hot summer day. (3 marks)

Question 17**(11 marks)**

A man rides a motorcycle around a flat curve in the road at a constant speed of 54.0 km/h. The man and motorcycle have a combined mass of 185 kg and the curve has a radius of curvature of 35.0 m. The rider must lean over as he corners.

- (a) Show the forces acting on the man as he rides the motorcycle around the corner. Use labelled arrows in the picture at right (2 marks)



- (b) Explain why the rider has to lean over as he corners on the motorcycle. (3 marks)

- (c) Calculate the force of friction acting on the tyres of the bike. (2 marks)

(d) What is the size of the total force exerted by the road on the tyres? (2 marks)

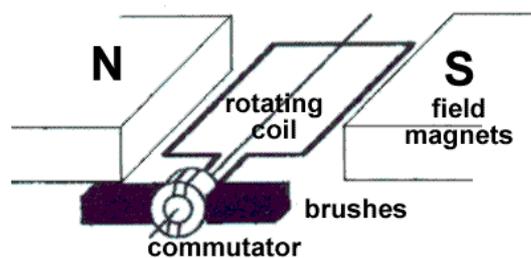
(e) What is the angle that the bike and rider make to the horizontal? (2 marks)

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Question 18

(14 marks)

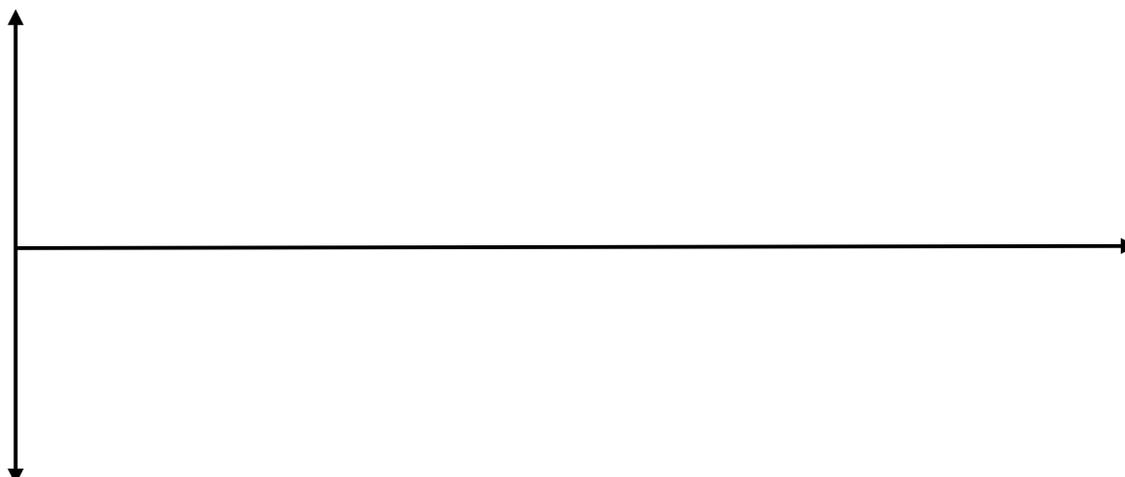
A typical DC electric motor is shown at right. The coil contains 250 turns and has dimensions of 8.00 cm in length by 5.00 cm in width. The field magnets produce a uniform magnetic field of strength 0.0240 T in which the coil rotates.



- (a) Explain the purpose of the commutator and brushes. (2 marks)

- (b) Describe one way that an *actual* electric motor would differ from the motor shown in the diagram above. (1 mark)

- (c) When in operation under load, the motor rotates at a steady rate of 750 rpm (revolutions per minute) and draws a current of 3.00 A. On the axes below, sketch the torque produced by the motor over a full rotation of the coil, starting from the position shown in the diagram above. Include appropriate scales on both axes. (4 marks)

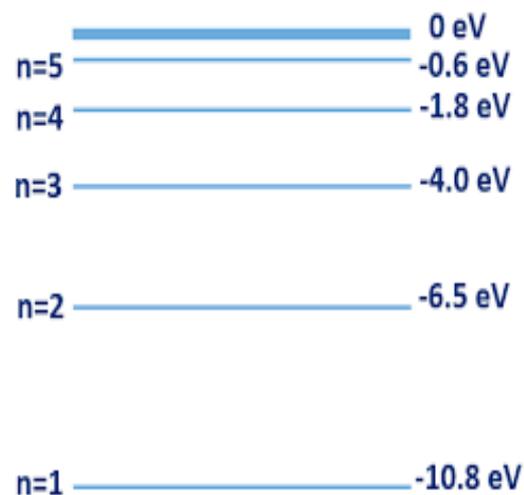


- (d) Even when under no load at all, the motor has a maximum rotational speed that it can reach. Explain why this is so, with reference to Faraday's Law and Lenz's Law. (4 marks)
- (e) Estimate the maximum rotational speed of the motor (in rpm) when connected to a 6.00 V battery and operating under no load. (3 marks)

Question 19

(12 marks)

The figure at right illustrates some of the valence electron energy levels in a gaseous atom of a particular element. The energies of the levels are given in electron volts (eV).



- (a) The valence electron of the atom is in the lowest energy level shown. What is the ionisation energy of the atom in joules? (2 marks)

- (b) State two physical processes by which an electron in the ground state can move to a higher energy level. (2 marks)

A cold gaseous sample of the element is bombarded by electrons of energy 9.5 eV and observed to emit electromagnetic radiation.

- (c) Show on the diagram above the energy level transitions that cause this emission of electromagnetic radiation. (2 marks)
- (d) Calculate the longest wavelength of the emitted electromagnetic radiation. (3 marks)

Invisible ultraviolet light of photon energy 6.8 eV is shone through a cold gaseous sample of the element, which is then observed to glow with a turquoise-blue light.

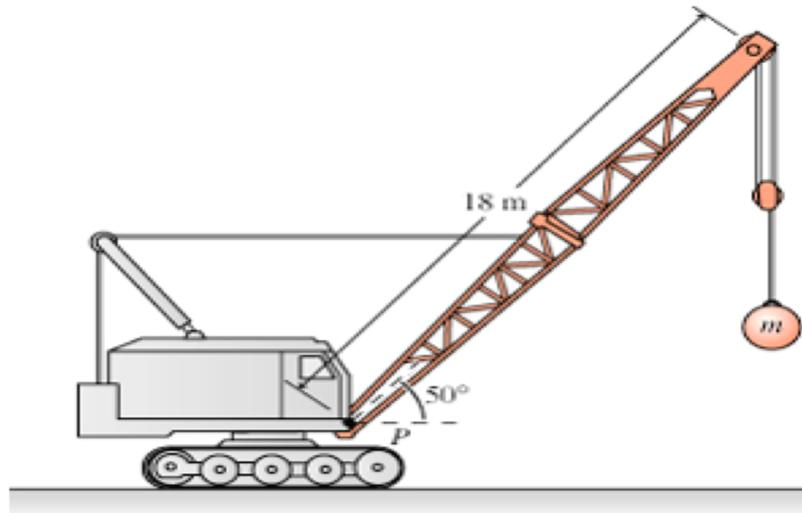
(e) What is the name given to this phenomenon? (1 mark)

(f) Calculate the frequency of the turquoise-blue light. (2 marks)

Question 20

(15 marks)

A mobile crane is used to lift a load m of mass 1600 kg, as shown in the diagram below. The 18 m long boom (crane arm) has a mass of 850 kg, centred halfway along its length, and can pivot about point P at its base. A horizontal steel cable connects to the boom 8.00 m from the pivot point P.



- (a) Clearly show all forces acting on the boom as labelled arrows on the diagram. (3 marks)
- (b) Find the tension in the cable needed to hold the boom stationary. (4 marks)

- (c) Determine the magnitude and direction of the reaction force provided by the pivot P on the boom. (4 marks)

- (d) Describe how and explain why the tension in the steel cable must change as the boom is lifted to a more vertical position:
- (i) at the instant the boom is first moved upwards from the position shown in the diagram above. (2 marks)

- (ii) when the boom is held stationary again in a new more vertical position. (2 marks)

SECTION THREE: Comprehension and data analysis

36 marks (20%)

This section has 2 questions. You must answer both questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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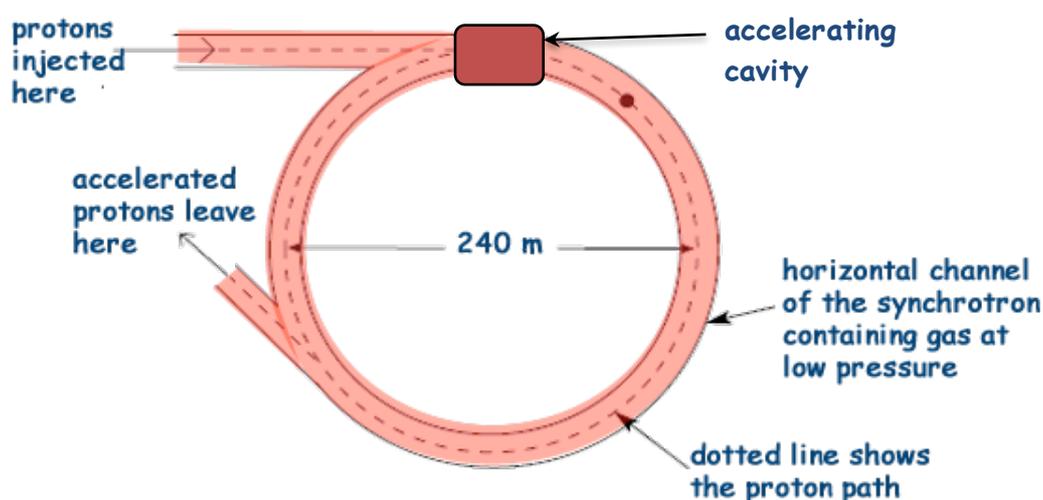
Suggested working time: **40 minutes**.

Question 21

RELATIVITY AND MOTION

20 marks

- (a) A synchrotron uses a perpendicular magnetic field to contain protons as they circulate around a hollow ring; the protons pass around the ring and through the accelerating cavity thousands of times before finally leaving the ring at speeds approaching that of light.

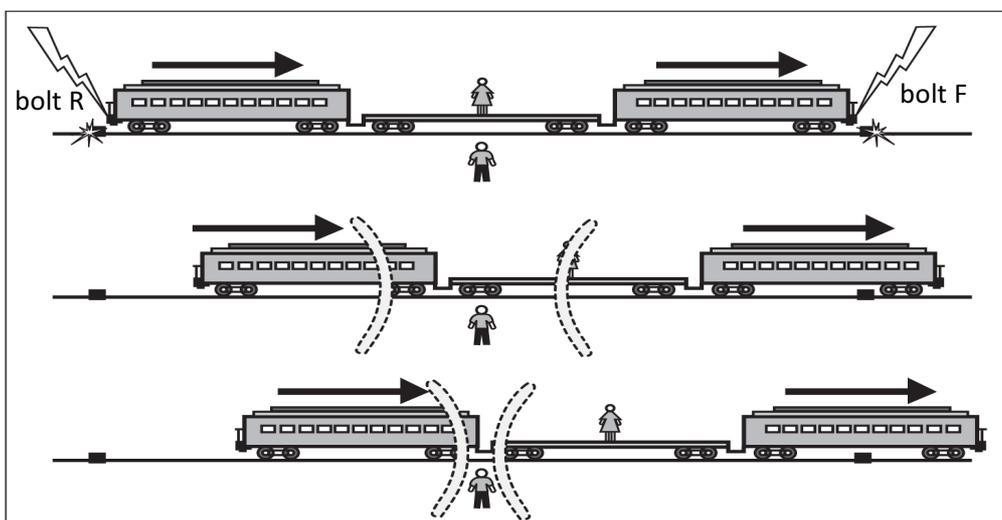


A proton is accelerated in the synchrotron to 95.0% of the speed of light. Calculate

- (i) the momentum of the proton. (3 marks)
- (ii) the wavelength of the proton. (2 marks)

- (iii) the strength of the magnetic field needed to maintain its circular motion. (2 marks)

- (b) The series of diagrams below show a very fast train, with a woman standing on an open carriage, speeding at a relativistic velocity past a man standing on the ground next to the train tracks. Just as the train passes the man, two bolts of lightning strike the front (F) and rear (R) of the train.



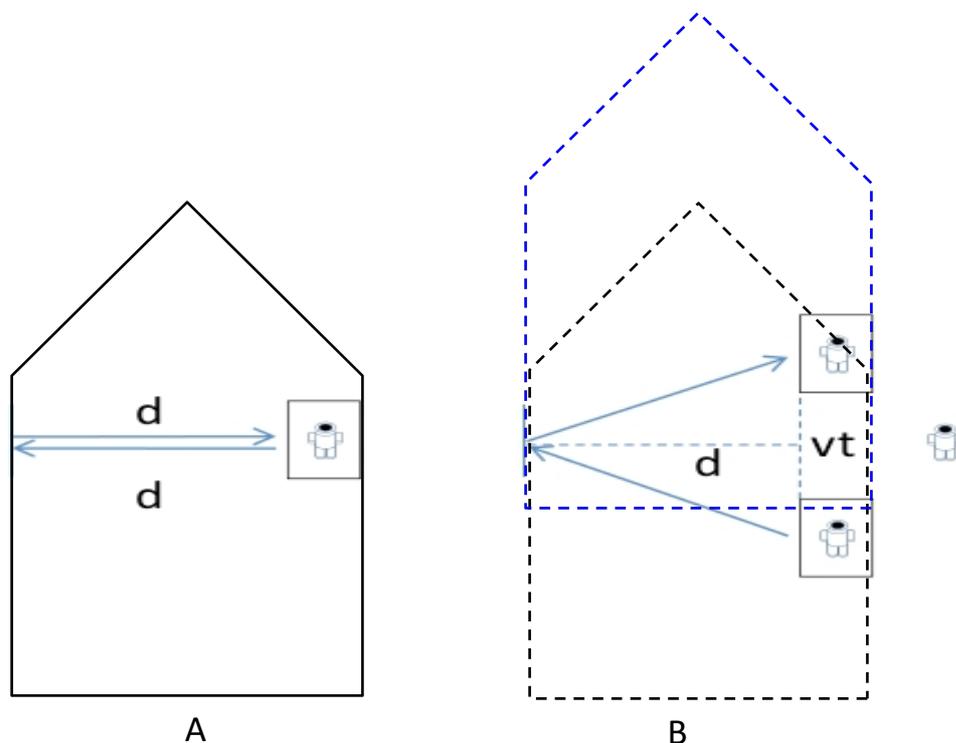
- (i) What is the order in time of the two lightning strikes according to
 - The man standing on the ground? (1 mark)
 - The woman standing on the train carriage? (1 mark)
- (ii) Whose interpretation of events is correct, the man's or the woman's? Briefly explain. (2 marks)

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(iii) How does the woman explain the man’s interpretation of events? (2 marks)

(c) In a futuristic scenario, an astronaut aboard a relativistic spacecraft conducts a simple experiment (diagram A), by shining a beam of light onto a mirror that is a distance d away, and timing how long the reflection takes to return to her. Her value for the time taken by the light to travel to the mirror and back is

$$t_0 = 2d/c \quad (\text{equation 1})$$



While she conducts this simple experiment, a second astronaut observes the experiment from a space station (diagram B) as the relativistic spacecraft speeds past at velocity v . He sees the beam of light follow the path shown in diagram B due to the motion of the spacecraft.

- (i) Show that the time he measures for the light travelling to the mirror and back is given by

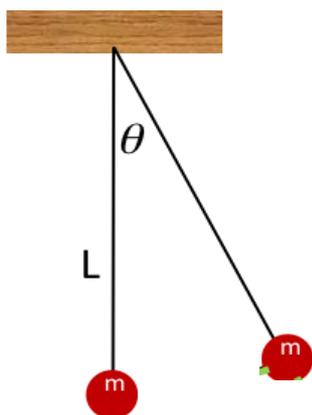
$$t = \frac{2 \sqrt{d^2 + \frac{1}{4}v^2 t^2}}{c} \quad (\text{equation 2}) \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

- (ii) By combining equations 1 and 2, derive a formula linking the two different time intervals, as measured by the astronauts, for this simple experiment. (4 marks)

Question 22

LARGE PENDULUM

(16 marks)



A large heavy spherical mass m was suspended from a wooden beam by a thin rope to form a simple pendulum. The distance L was measured from the point where the rope was attached to the beam to the top of the spherical mass. The mass was set swinging through a small angle θ and the time for 20 oscillations measured. Then the length L was reduced and the measurement of the time for 20 oscillations repeated; this was done several times to obtain the set of readings shown in the table below.

Note that the error in the measurements of distance L was around ± 1 cm, while the error in timing 20 oscillations was estimated to be about ± 1 s.

Distance L (m) (± 1 cm)	1.80	1.55	1.28	1.05	0.77
Time for 20 oscillations (s) (± 1 s)	55.2	51.5	47.1	43.0	37.4

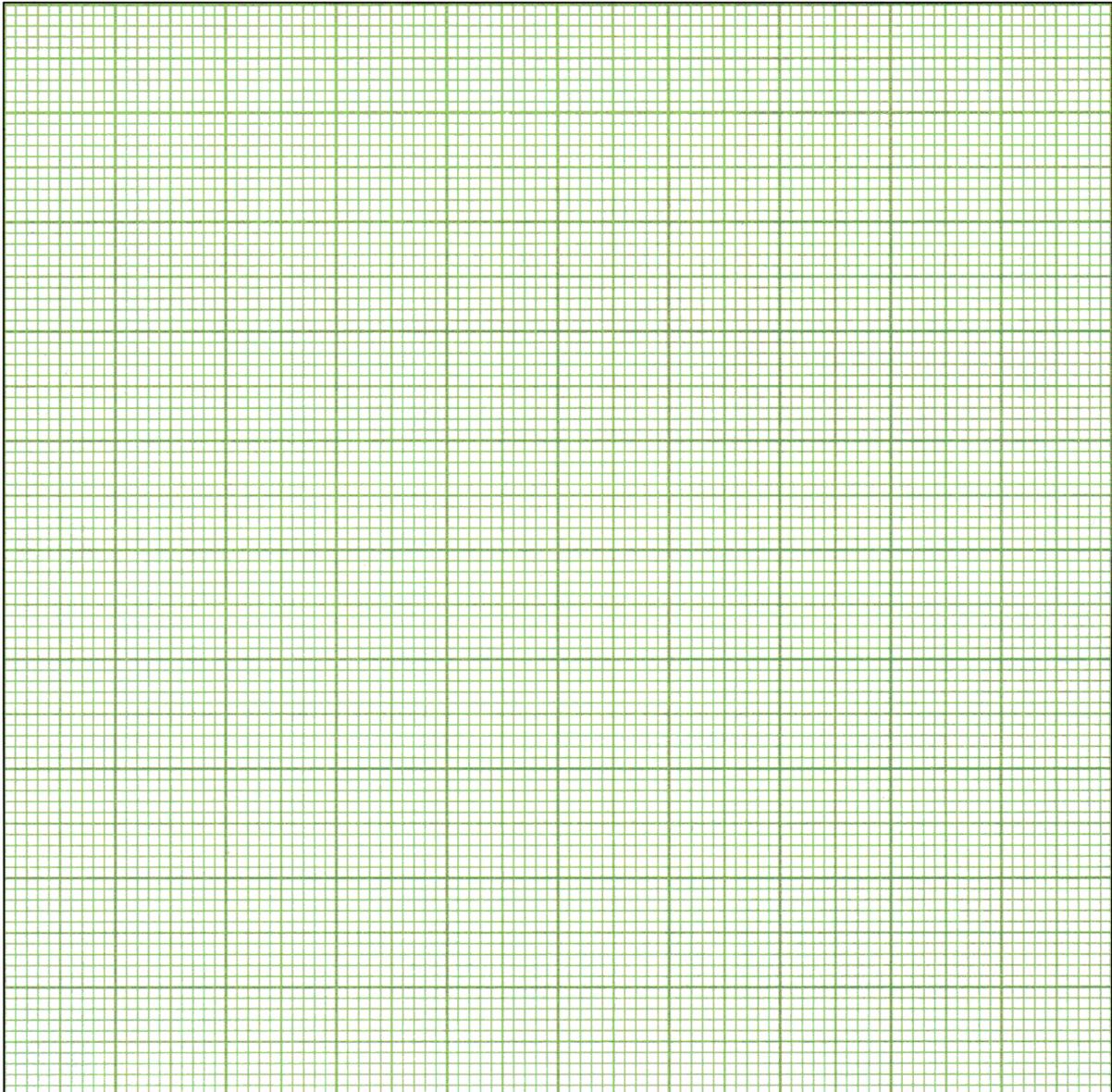
This arrangement behaves as a simple pendulum of length $(L + r)$, where r is the radius of the spherical mass, with the period of oscillation given by the formula

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(L + r)}{g}}$$

- (a) Rearrange and write the formula in a form suitable for drawing a linear graph with distance L on the vertical axis (i.e. make L the subject of the formula). (1 mark)

- (b) Use the table below to show the values needed to plot such a graph. (2 marks)

- (c) Plot the linear graph using your tabulated data on the graph paper below. (an additional copy of the graph paper is available at the back of this paper if needed) (4 marks)



- (d) Show error bars on the graph for the plotted point with the smallest value of L. (2 marks)
- (e) Calculate the gradient of your graph. (2 marks)

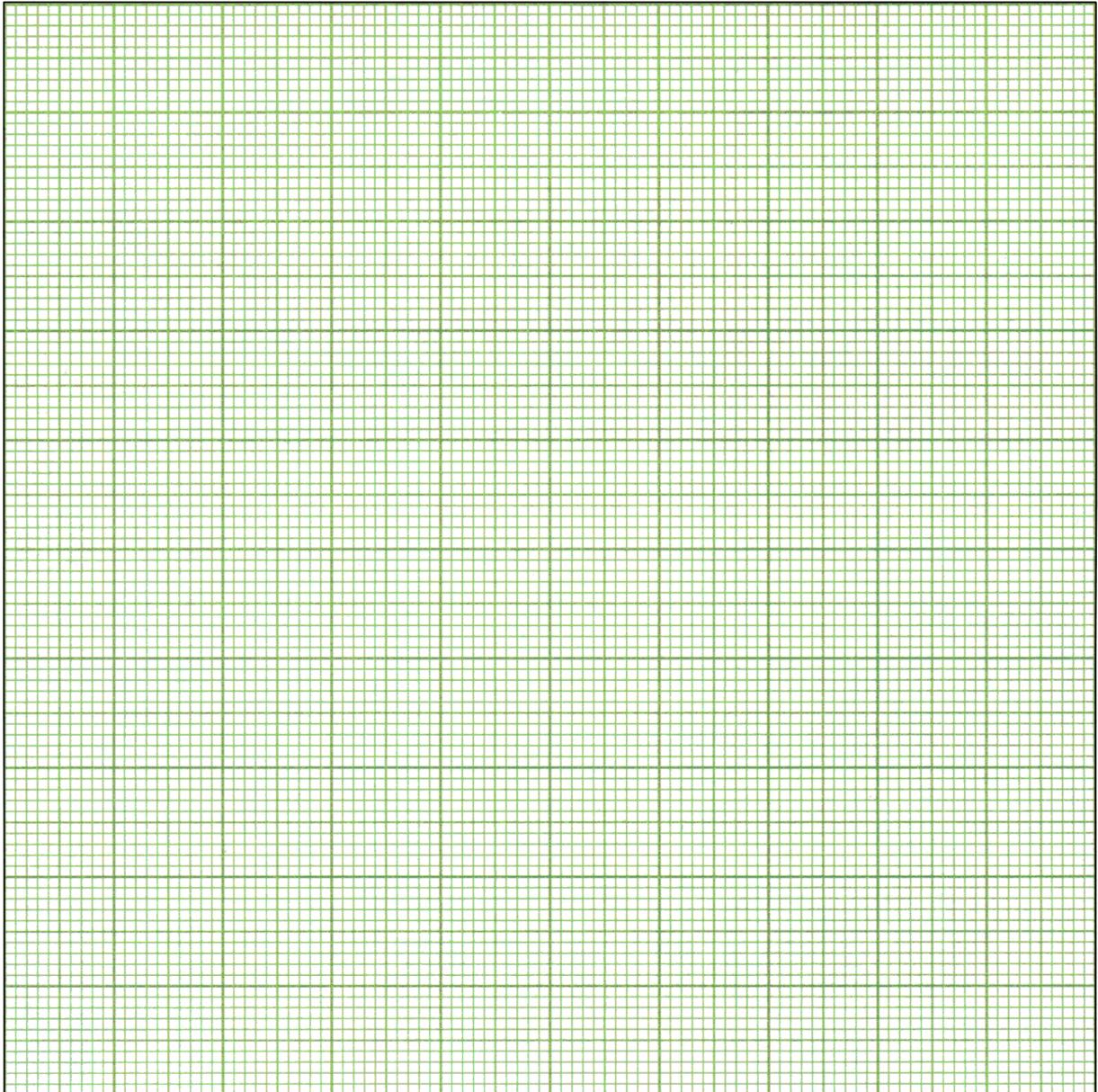
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- (f) Use your gradient to obtain a value for g , the acceleration due to gravity. (2 marks)
- (g) Use your graph to estimate the radius of the spherical mass. (1 mark)
- (h) Explain why the accuracy of the value found for g was not affected by the fact that length measurements were made only to the top of the spherical mass, and not to the centre of mass of the sphere. (2 marks)

End of Section Three - End of Questions

Additional Graph Paper



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