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**Physics**  
**Higher level**  
**Paper 1**

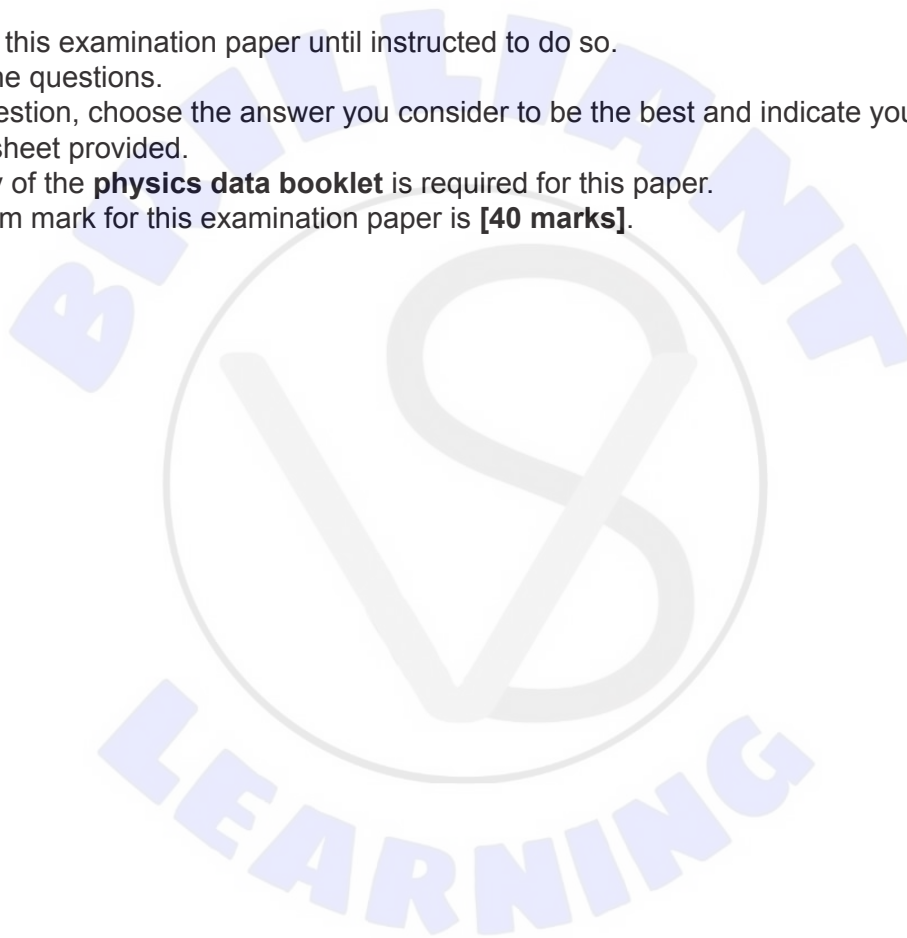
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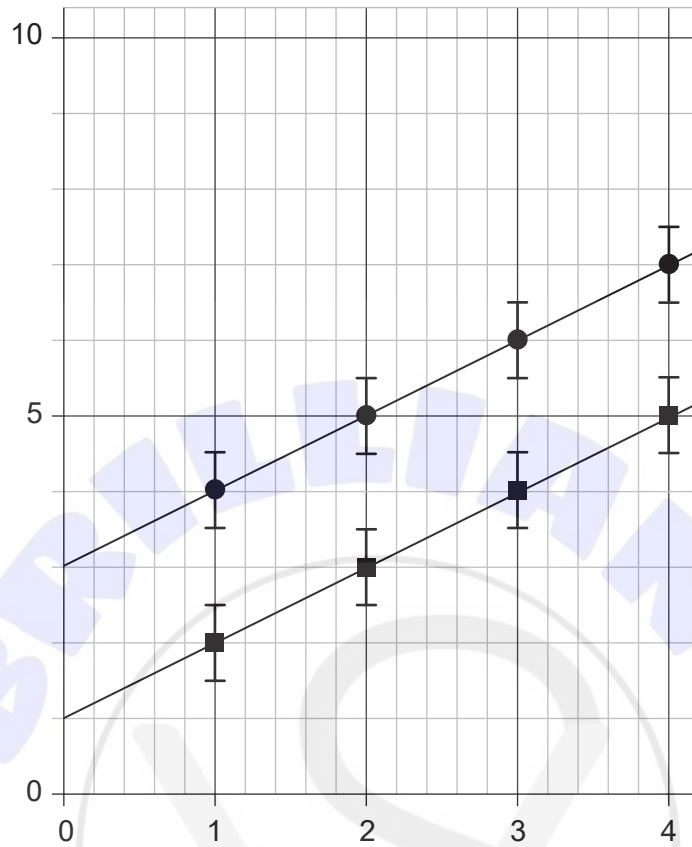
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**Instructions to candidates**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer all the questions.
- For each question, choose the answer you consider to be the best and indicate your choice on the answer sheet provided.
- A clean copy of the **physics data booklet** is required for this paper.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[40 marks]**.



1. Two sets of data, shown below with circles and squares, are obtained in two experiments. The size of the error bars is the same for all points.

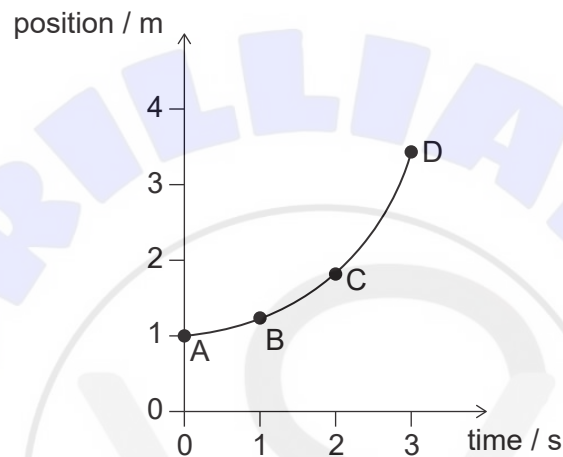


What is correct about the absolute uncertainty and the fractional uncertainty of the y intercept of the two lines of best fit?

	Absolute uncertainty	Fractional uncertainty
A.	larger for squares	same
B.	larger for squares	larger for squares
C.	same	same
D.	same	larger for squares

2. A large stone is dropped from a tall building. What is correct about the speed of the stone after 1 s?
- A. It is decreasing at increasing rate.
  - B. It is decreasing at decreasing rate.
  - C. It is increasing at increasing rate.
  - D. It is increasing at decreasing rate.

3. The graph shows how the position of an object varies with time in the interval from 0 to 3 s.

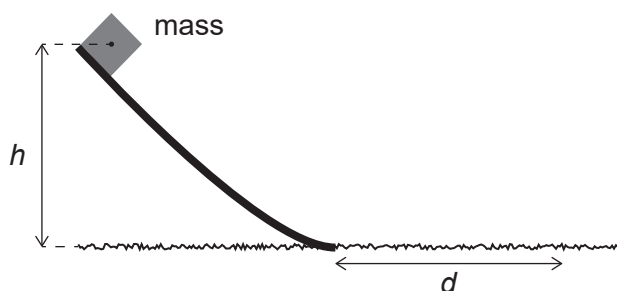


At which point does the instantaneous speed of the object equal its average speed over the interval from 0 to 3 s?

4. A car takes 20 minutes to climb a hill at constant speed. The mass of the car is 1200 kg and the car gains gravitational potential energy at a rate of 6.0 kW. Take the acceleration of gravity to be  $10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ . What is the height of the hill?
- A. 0.6 m
  - B. 10 m
  - C. 600 m
  - D. 6000 m

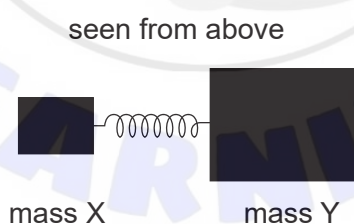
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5. A mass is released from the top of a smooth ramp of height  $h$ . After leaving the ramp, the mass slides on a rough horizontal surface.



The mass comes to rest in a distance  $d$ . What is the coefficient of dynamic friction between the mass and the horizontal surface?

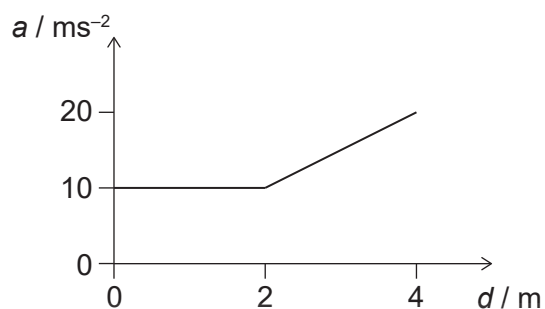
- A.  $\frac{gd}{h}$
- B.  $\sqrt{\frac{d}{2gh}}$
- C.  $\frac{d}{h}$
- D.  $\frac{h}{d}$
6. Masses X and Y rest on a smooth horizontal surface and are connected by a massless spring. The mass of X is 3.0 kg and the mass of Y is 6.0 kg. The masses are pushed toward each other until the elastic potential energy stored in the spring is 1.0 J.



The masses are released. What is the maximum speed reached by mass Y?

- A.  $0.11 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
- B.  $0.33 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
- C.  $0.45 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
- D.  $0.66 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

7. A force acts on an object of mass 40 kg. The graph shows how the acceleration  $a$  of the object varies with its displacement  $d$ .



What is the work done by the force on the object?

- A. 50 J
  - B. 2000 J
  - C. 2400 J
  - D. 3200 J
8. Which aspect of thermal physics is best explained by the molecular kinetic model?
- A. The equation of state of ideal gases
  - B. The difference between Celsius and Kelvin temperature
  - C. The value of the Avogadro constant
  - D. The existence of gaseous isotopes

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9. When 40 kJ of energy is transferred to a quantity of a liquid substance, its temperature increases by 20 K. When 600 kJ of energy is transferred to the same quantity of the liquid at its boiling temperature, it vaporizes completely at constant temperature. What is

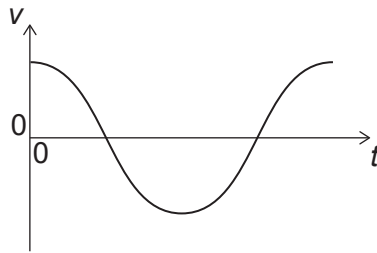
$$\frac{\text{specific latent heat of vaporization}}{\text{specific heat capacity of the liquid}}$$

for this substance?

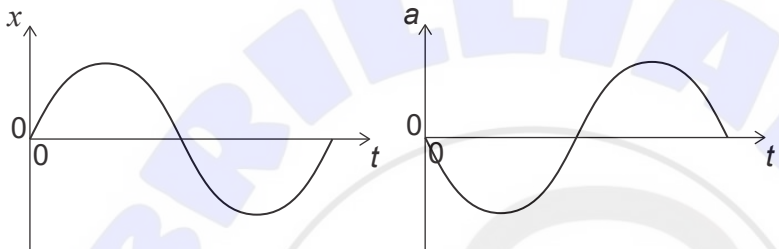
- A.  $15\text{K}^{-1}$
- B. 15 K
- C.  $300\text{K}^{-1}$
- D. 300 K
10. Two ideal gases X and Y are at the same temperature. The mass of a particle of gas X is larger than the mass of a particle of gas Y. Which is correct about the average kinetic energy and the average speed of the particles in gases X and Y?

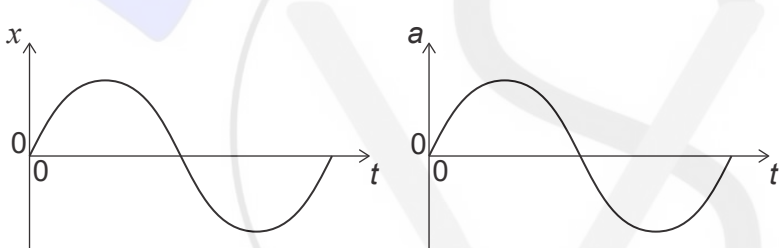
	Average kinetic energy	Average speed
A.	larger for Y	larger for Y
B.	same	larger for Y
C.	same	same
D.	larger for Y	same

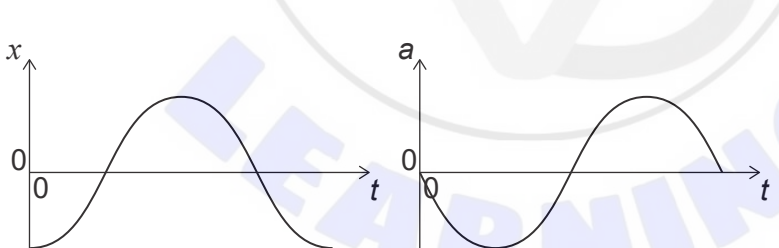
11. An object performs simple harmonic motion (shm). The graph shows how the velocity  $v$  of the object varies with time  $t$ .

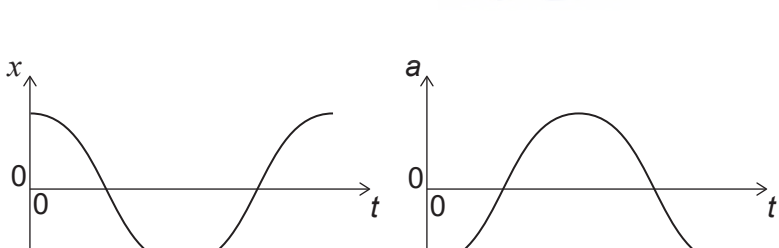


The displacement of the object is  $x$  and its acceleration is  $a$ . What is the variation of  $x$  with  $t$  and the variation of  $a$  with  $t$ ?

A.  Graph A shows two plots. The left plot is displacement  $x$  vs time  $t$ , with the curve starting at 0, reaching a positive peak, crossing the  $t$ -axis, reaching a negative peak, and crossing the  $t$ -axis again. The right plot is acceleration  $a$  vs time  $t$ , with the curve starting at 0, reaching a negative peak, crossing the  $t$ -axis, reaching a positive peak, and crossing the  $t$ -axis again.

B.  Graph B shows two plots. The left plot is displacement  $x$  vs time  $t$ , with the curve starting at 0, reaching a positive peak, crossing the  $t$ -axis, reaching a negative peak, and crossing the  $t$ -axis again. The right plot is acceleration  $a$  vs time  $t$ , with the curve starting at 0, reaching a positive peak, crossing the  $t$ -axis, reaching a negative peak, and crossing the  $t$ -axis again.

C.  Graph C shows two plots. The left plot is displacement  $x$  vs time  $t$ , with the curve starting at a negative value, crossing the  $t$ -axis, reaching a positive peak, crossing the  $t$ -axis, reaching a negative peak, and crossing the  $t$ -axis again. The right plot is acceleration  $a$  vs time  $t$ , with the curve starting at 0, reaching a negative peak, crossing the  $t$ -axis, reaching a positive peak, and crossing the  $t$ -axis again.

D.  Graph D shows two plots. The left plot is displacement  $x$  vs time  $t$ , with the curve starting at a positive value, crossing the  $t$ -axis, reaching a negative peak, crossing the  $t$ -axis, reaching a positive peak, and crossing the  $t$ -axis again. The right plot is acceleration  $a$  vs time  $t$ , with the curve starting at a negative value, crossing the  $t$ -axis, reaching a positive peak, crossing the  $t$ -axis, reaching a negative peak, and crossing the  $t$ -axis again.

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12. A sound wave has a frequency of 1.0 kHz and a wavelength of 0.33 m. What is the distance travelled by the wave in 2.0 ms and the nature of the wave?

	Distance travelled in 2.0 ms	Nature of the wave
A.	0.17 m	longitudinal
B.	0.17 m	transverse
C.	0.66 m	longitudinal
D.	0.66 m	transverse

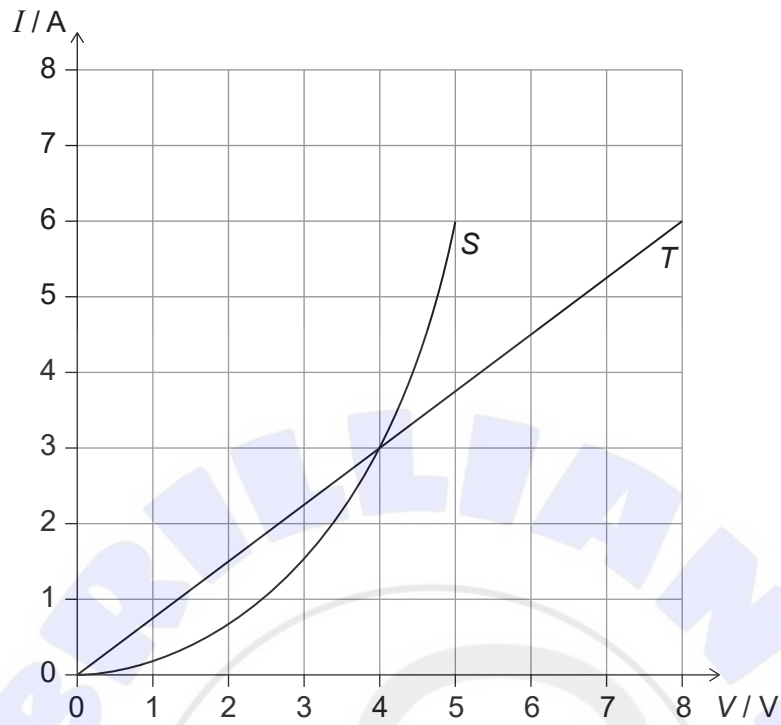
13. Monochromatic light of wavelength  $\lambda$  is incident on a double slit. The resulting interference pattern is observed on a screen a distance  $y$  from the slits. The distance between consecutive fringes in the pattern is 55 mm when the slit separation is  $a$ .

$\lambda$ ,  $y$  and  $a$  are all doubled. What is the new distance between consecutive fringes?

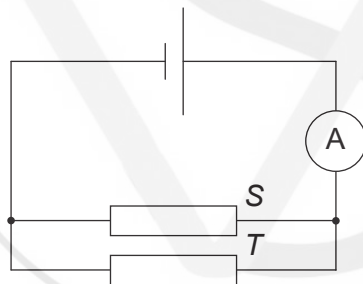
- A. 55 mm  
 B. 110 mm  
 C. 220 mm  
 D. 440 mm
14. A metal rod of length 45 cm is clamped at its mid point. The speed of sound in the metal rod is  $1500 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and the speed of sound in air is  $300 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The metal rod vibrates at its first harmonic. What is the wavelength in air of the sound wave produced by the metal rod?
- A. 4.5 cm  
 B. 9.0 cm  
 C. 18 cm  
 D. 90 cm
15. Two charges  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ , each equal to 2 nC, are separated by a distance 3 m in a vacuum. What is the electric force on  $Q_2$  and the electric field due to  $Q_1$  at the position of  $Q_2$ ?

	Electric force on $Q_2$	Electric field due to $Q_1$ at the position of $Q_2$
A.	$4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}$	$2 \text{ N C}^{-1}$
B.	4 N	$2 \text{ N C}^{-1}$
C.	$4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}$	$2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N C}^{-1}$
D.	4 N	$2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N C}^{-1}$

16. Two conductors *S* and *T* have the *V/I* characteristic graphs shown below.



When the conductors are placed in the circuit below, the reading of the ammeter is 6.0A.



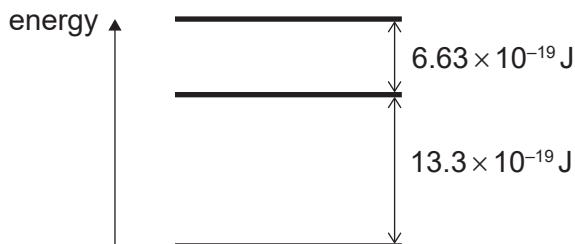
What is the emf of the cell?

- A. 4.0V
- B. 5.0V
- C. 8.0V
- D. 13V

Turn over

17. For a real cell in a circuit, the terminal potential difference is at its closest to the emf when
- A. the internal resistance is much smaller than the load resistance.
  - B. a large current flows in the circuit.
  - C. the cell is not completely discharged.
  - D. the cell is being recharged.
18. An electron enters the space inside a current-carrying solenoid. The velocity of the electron is parallel to the solenoid's axis. The electron is
- A. slowed down.
  - B. speeded up.
  - C. undeflected.
  - D. deflected outwards.
19. A child stands on a horizontal rotating platform that is moving at constant angular speed. The centripetal force on the child is provided by
- A. the gravitational force on the child.
  - B. the friction on the child's feet.
  - C. the tension in the child's muscles.
  - D. the normal reaction of the platform on the child.

20. A simple model of an atom has three energy levels. The differences between adjacent energy levels are shown below.

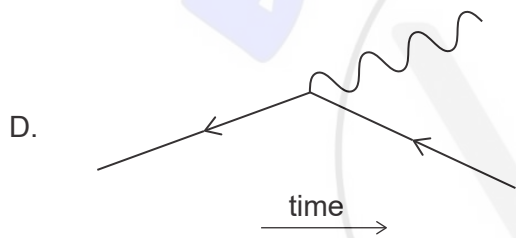
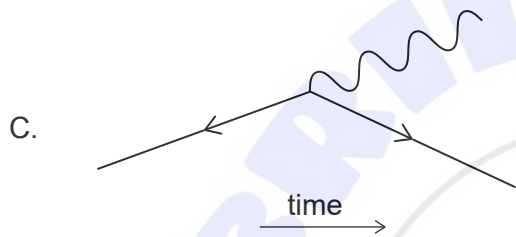
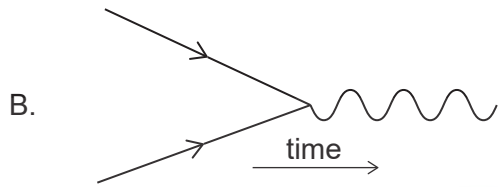
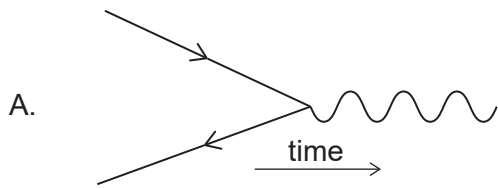


What are the two smallest frequencies in the emission spectrum of this atom?

- A.  $0.5 \times 10^{15}$  Hz and  $1.0 \times 10^{15}$  Hz
- B.  $0.5 \times 10^{15}$  Hz and  $1.5 \times 10^{15}$  Hz
- C.  $1.0 \times 10^{15}$  Hz and  $2.0 \times 10^{15}$  Hz
- D.  $1.0 \times 10^{15}$  Hz and  $3.0 \times 10^{15}$  Hz
21. What is the relation between the value of the unified atomic mass unit in grams and the value of Avogadro's constant in  $\text{mol}^{-1}$ ?
- A. Their ratio is 1.
- B. Their product is 1.
- C. Their sum is 1.
- D. Their difference is 0.
22. In a hydrogen atom, the sum of the masses of a proton and of an electron is larger than the mass of the atom. Which interaction is mainly responsible for this difference?
- A. Electromagnetic
- B. Strong nuclear
- C. Weak nuclear
- D. Gravitational

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23. Which Feynman diagram describes the annihilation of an electron and its antiparticle?



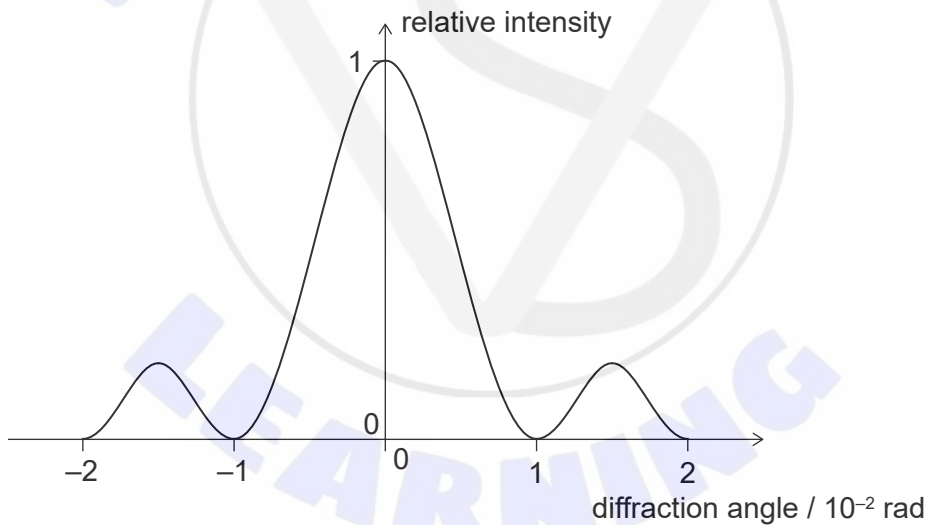
24. Burning one litre of gasoline produces more energy than burning one kilogram of coal, and the density of gasoline is smaller than  $1 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ . What can be deduced from this information?

- A. Energy density is greater for gasoline.
- B. Specific energy is greater for gasoline.
- C. Energy density is greater for coal.
- D. Specific energy is greater for coal.

25. Which change produces the largest percentage increase in the maximum theoretical power output of a wind turbine?
- A. Doubling the area of the blades
  - B. Doubling the density of the fluid
  - C. Doubling the radius of the blades
  - D. Doubling the speed of the fluid

26. Which is correct for the tangential acceleration of a simple pendulum at small amplitudes?
- A. It is inversely proportional to displacement.
  - B. It is proportional to displacement.
  - C. It is opposite to displacement.
  - D. It is proportional and opposite to displacement.

27. The diagram shows the diffraction pattern for light passing through a single slit.



What is

$$\frac{\text{wavelength of light}}{\text{width of slit}}$$

- A. 0.01
- B. 0.02
- C. 1
- D. 2

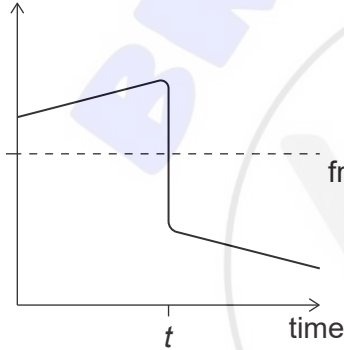
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28. Light is incident on a diffraction grating. The wavelength lines 600.0 nm and 601.5 nm are just resolved in the second order spectrum. How many slits of the diffraction grating are illuminated?

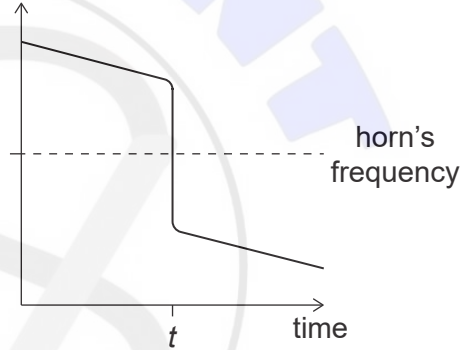
- A. 20
- B. 40
- C. 200
- D. 400

29. On approaching a stationary observer, a train sounds its horn and decelerates at a constant rate. At time  $t$  the train passes by the observer and continues to decelerate at the same rate. Which diagram shows the variation with time of the frequency of the sound measured by the observer?

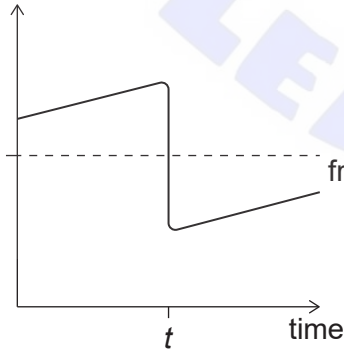
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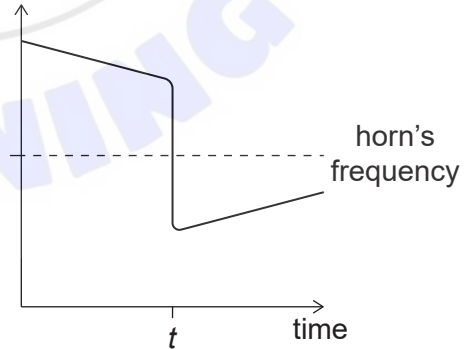
B. frequency measured by observer



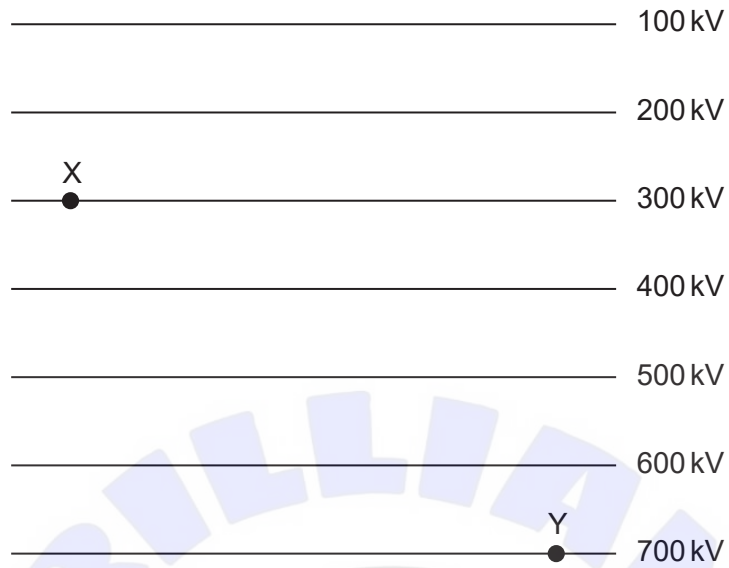
C. frequency measured by observer



D. frequency measured by observer



30. A particle with charge  $-2.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$  moves from point X to point Y due to a uniform electrostatic field. The diagram shows some equipotential lines of the field.



What is correct about the motion of the particle from X to Y and the magnitude of the work done by the field on the particle?

	Motion of the particle from X to Y	Magnitude of the work done by the field on the particle
A.	uniform linear	0 J
B.	uniform linear	1 J
C.	uniformly accelerated	0 J
D.	uniformly accelerated	1 J

31. Which is a correct unit for gravitational potential?

- A.  $\text{m}^2\text{s}^{-2}$
- B.  $\text{J kg}$
- C.  $\text{ms}^{-2}$
- D.  $\text{Nm}^{-1}\text{kg}^{-1}$

32. A planet has radius  $R$ . The escape speed from the surface of the planet is  $v$ . At what distance from the surface of the planet is the orbital speed  $0.5v$ ?
- A.  $0.5R$
  - B.  $R$
  - C.  $2R$
  - D.  $4R$
33. A conducting ring encloses an area of  $2.0\text{ cm}^2$  and is perpendicular to a magnetic field of strength  $5.0\text{ mT}$ . The direction of the magnetic field is reversed in a time  $4.0\text{ s}$ . What is the average emf induced in the ring?
- A. 0
  - B.  $0.25\ \mu\text{V}$
  - C.  $0.40\ \mu\text{V}$
  - D.  $0.50\ \mu\text{V}$
34. The conservation of which quantity explains Lenz's law?
- A. Charge
  - B. Energy
  - C. Magnetic field
  - D. Mass
35. A resistor designed for use in a direct current (dc) circuit is labelled " $50\text{ W}, 2\ \Omega$ ". The resistor is connected in series with an alternating current (ac) power supply of peak potential difference  $10\text{ V}$ . What is the average power dissipated by the resistor in the ac circuit?
- A.  $25\text{ W}$
  - B.  $35\text{ W}$
  - C.  $50\text{ W}$
  - D.  $100\text{ W}$

36. A capacitor of capacitance  $X$  is connected to a power supply of voltage  $V$ . At time  $t = 0$ , the capacitor is disconnected from the supply and discharged through a resistor of resistance  $R$ . What is the variation with time of the charge on the capacitor?

A.  $\frac{X}{V} e^{-RXt}$

B.  $\frac{X}{V} e^{-\frac{t}{RX}}$

C.  $XVe^{-RXt}$

D.  $XVe^{-\frac{t}{RX}}$

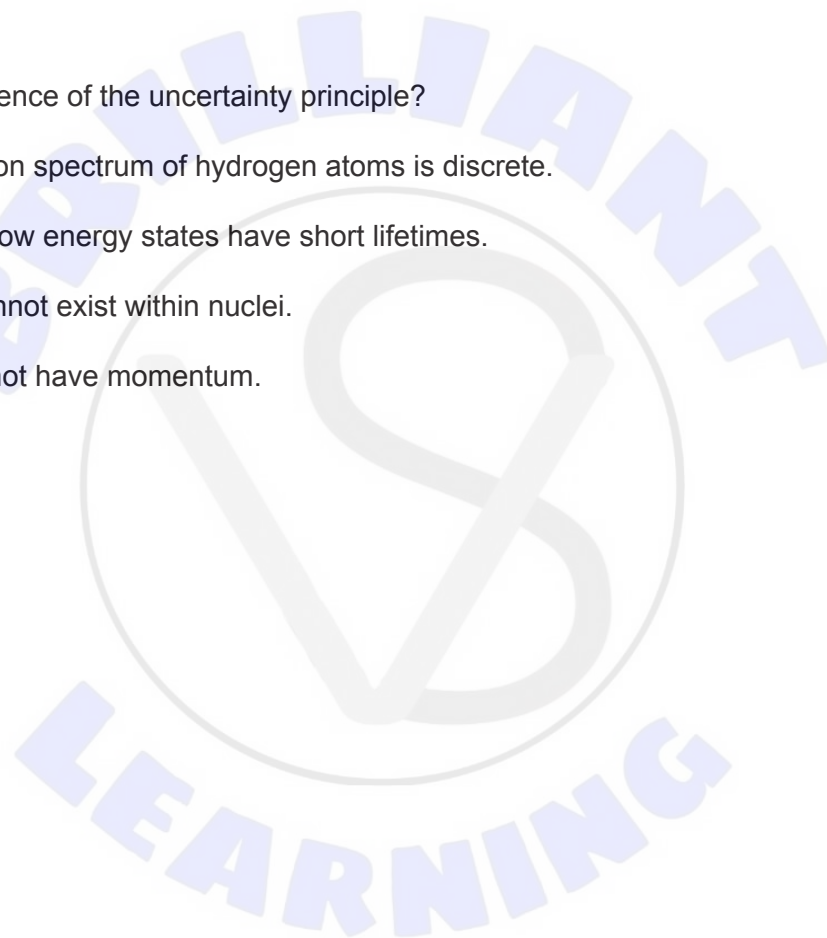
37. What is a consequence of the uncertainty principle?

A. The absorption spectrum of hydrogen atoms is discrete.

B. Electrons in low energy states have short lifetimes.

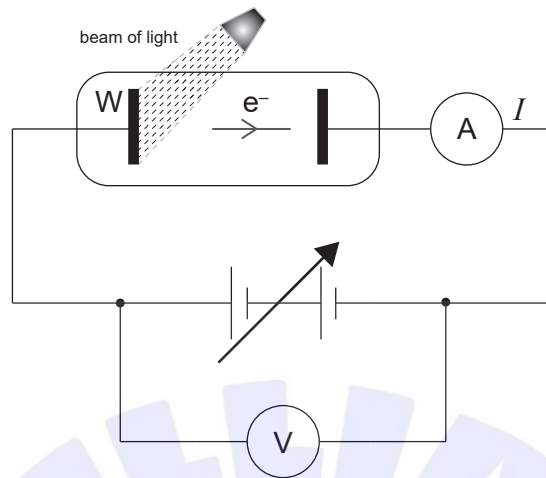
C. Electrons cannot exist within nuclei.

D. Photons do not have momentum.

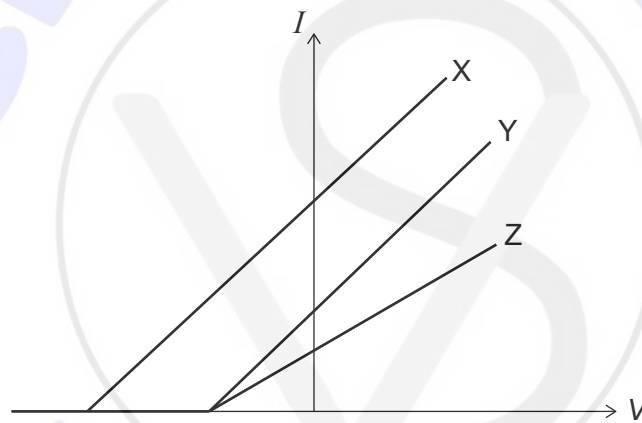


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38. In a photoelectric effect experiment, a beam of light is incident on a metallic surface W in a vacuum.



The graph shows how the current  $I$  varies with the potential difference  $V$  when three different beams X, Y, and Z are incident on W at different times.

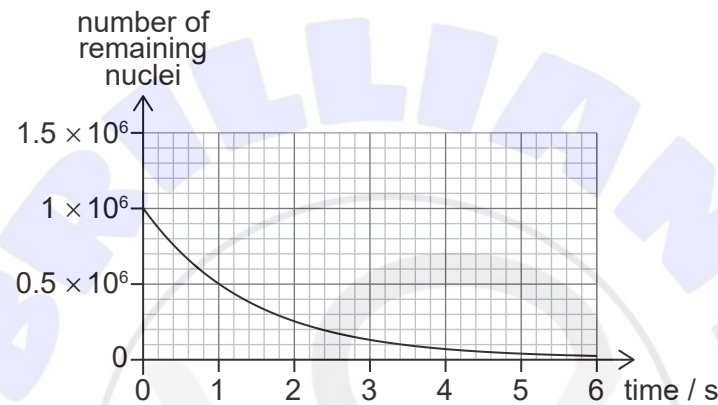
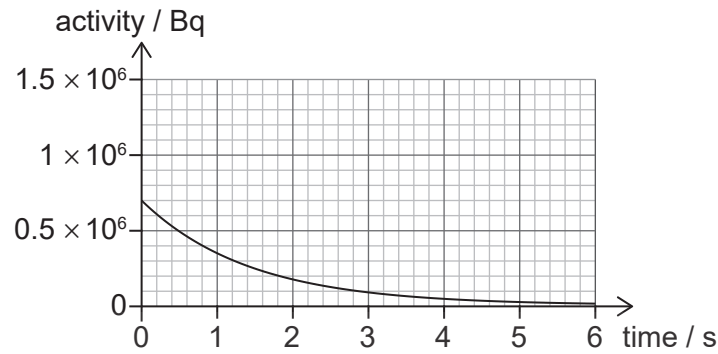


- I. X and Y have the same frequency.
- II. Y and Z have different intensity.
- III. Y and Z have the same frequency.

Which statements are correct?

- A. I and II only
- B. I and III only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II and III

39. The graphs show the variation with time of the activity and the number of remaining nuclei for a sample of a radioactive nuclide.



What is the decay constant of the nuclide?

- A.  $0.7 \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - B.  $1 \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - C.  $\frac{1}{0.7} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - D.  $1.5 \text{ s}^{-1}$
40. What was a reason to postulate the existence of neutrinos?
- A. Nuclear energy levels had a continuous spectrum.
  - B. The photon emission spectrum only contained specific wavelengths.
  - C. Some particles were indistinguishable from their antiparticle.
  - D. The energy of emitted beta particles had a continuous spectrum.

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