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PHYSICS

Paper 2

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- **a scientific calculator**
- **a Data and Formulae Booklet**
- **a protractor.**

INSTRUCTIONS

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- **Answer ALL questions.**
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- **Show all your working.**

INFORMATION

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 85.
- You are expected to use a scientific calculator where appropriate.
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SECTION A

Answer ALL questions in this section.

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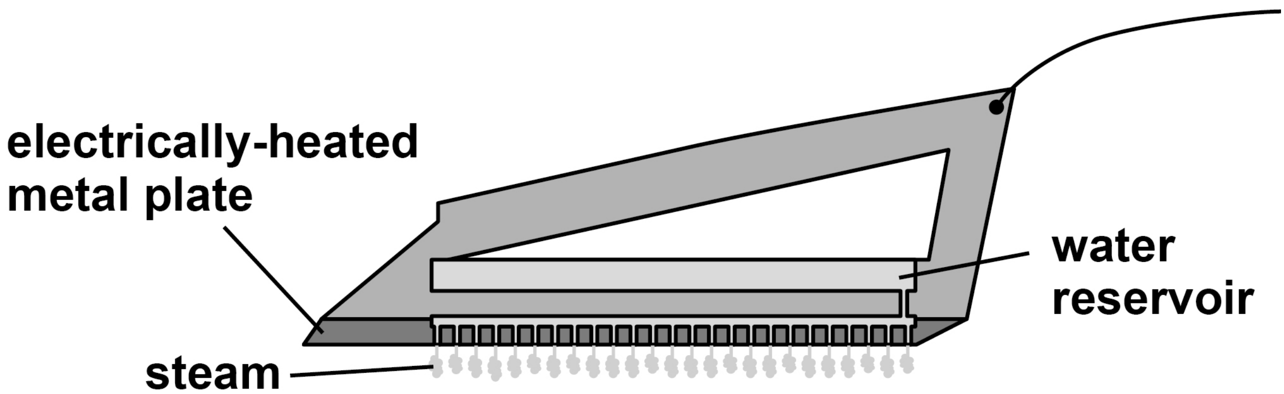
FIGURE 1 shows an electric steam iron.

FIGURE 1



Water from a reservoir drips onto an electrically-heated metal plate. The water boils and steam escapes through holes in the metal plate.

The electrical power of the heater inside the iron is 2.1 kW.

Assume that all the energy from the heater is transferred to the metal plate.

0 1 . 1

The metal plate has a mass of $1.2\ \mathrm{kg}$ and is initially at a temperature of $20\ °\mathrm{C}$.

The heater is switched on. After a time t the metal plate reaches its working temperature of $125\ °\mathrm{C}$.

Calculate t.

specific heat capacity of the metal = $450\ \mathrm{J\ kg^{-1}\ K^{-1}}$

[2 marks]

t = ______________________________ s

0 1 . 2

The metal plate is maintained at its working temperature.

Water at $20\ °C$ drips continuously onto the metal plate.

Steam at $100\ °C$ emerges continuously from the iron.

The maker claims that the iron can generate steam at a rate of $60\ g\ min^{-1}$.

Determine whether this claim is true.

specific latent heat of vaporisation of water = $2.3 \times 10^6\ J\ kg^{-1}$

specific heat capacity of water = $4200\ J\ kg^{-1}\ K^{-1}$

[3 marks]

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02.1

In the kinetic theory model, it is assumed that there are many identical particles moving at random.

State TWO other assumptions made in deriving the equation $pV = \frac{1}{3}Nm(c_{rms})^2$. [2 marks]

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0 2 . 2

Explain why molecules of a gas exert a force on the walls of a container.

Refer to Newton's laws of motion in your answer.
[3 marks]

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0 2 . 3

A sealed flask of volume 0.35 m^3 contains an ideal gas at a pressure of 220 kPa.

The mean kinetic energy of the gas molecules is $6.7 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J}$.

Calculate the amount of gas in the container. [3 marks]

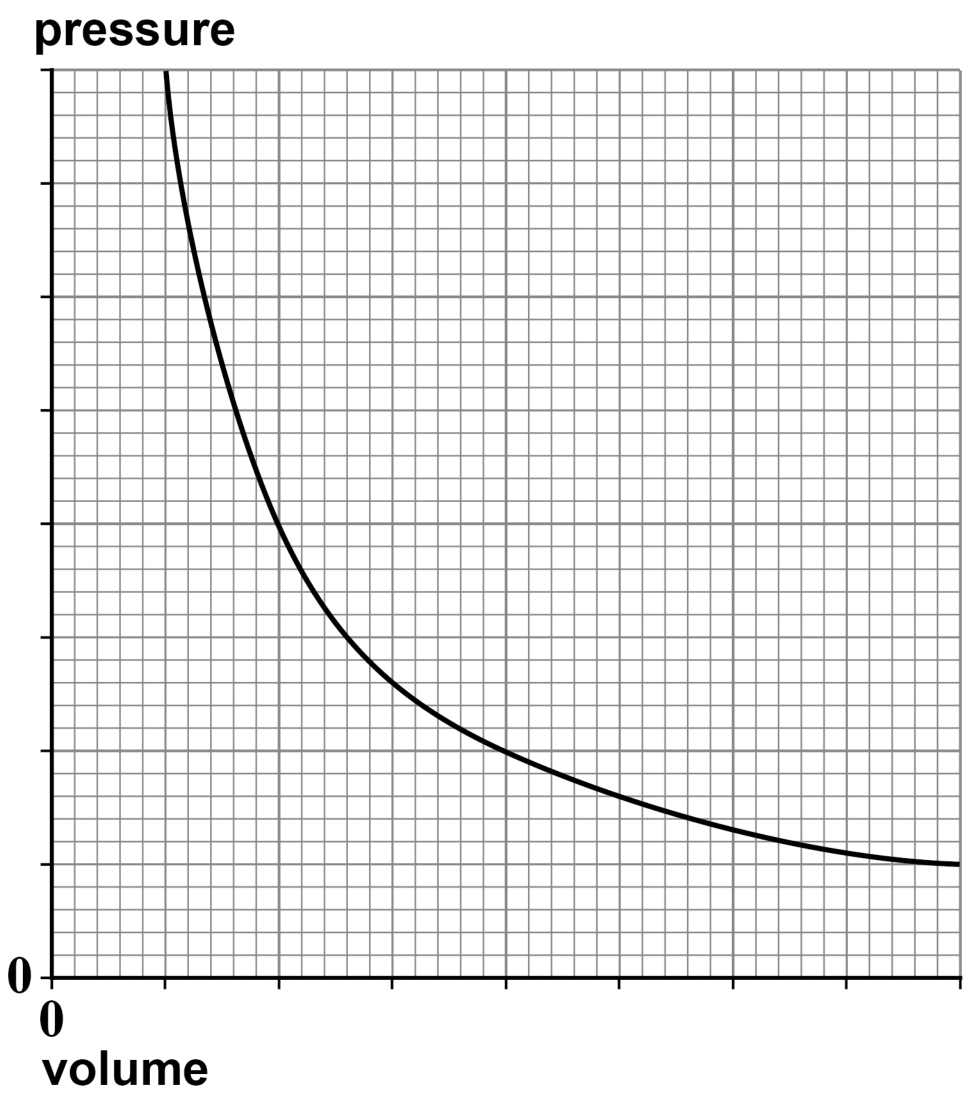
amount of gas = ________________________ mol

0 2 . 4

FIGURE 2 shows the variation of pressure with volume for a fixed mass of an ideal gas at constant absolute temperature T.

Draw, on FIGURE 2, the graph for the same gas at temperature $2T$. [2 marks]

FIGURE 2



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An isolated solid conducting sphere is initially uncharged.

Electrons are then transferred to the sphere.

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State and explain the location of the excess electrons. [2 marks]

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FIGURE 3 shows how the electric potential V varies with distance r from the centre of the sphere.

The radius of the sphere is 0.10 m.

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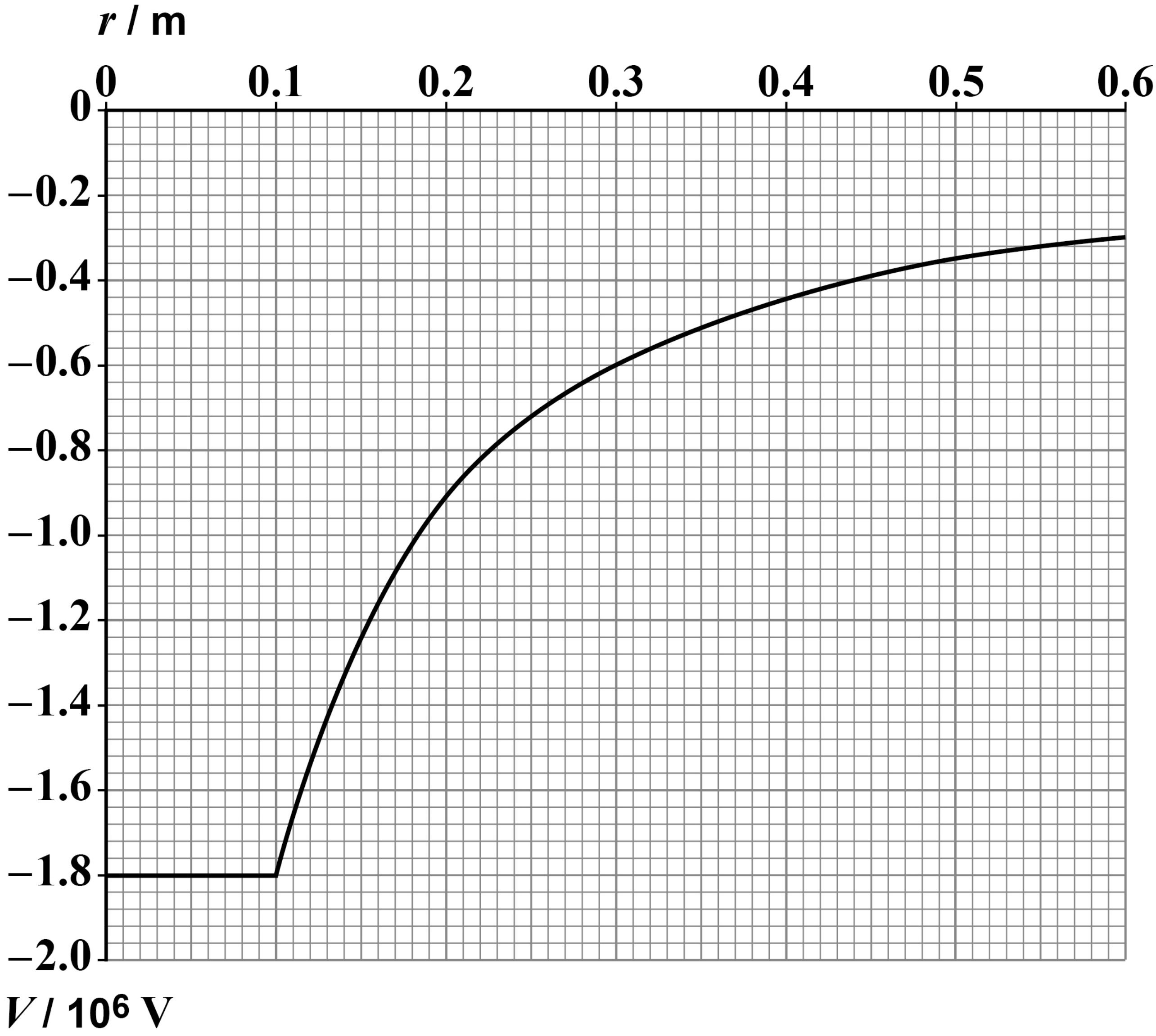

0 3 . 2

The magnitude of the electric field strength E is related to V by $E = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta r}$.

Determine, using this relationship, the magnitude of the electric field strength at a distance 0.30 m from the centre of the sphere.

State an appropriate SI unit for your answer. [4 marks]

electric field strength = ______________________________

Unit ________________________

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0 3 . 3

The sphere acts as a capacitor because it stores charge at an electric potential.

Show that the capacitance of the sphere is approximately 1×10^{-11} F. [3 marks]

0 3 . 4

Electrons leak away from the sphere with time and the amount of energy stored by the sphere decreases. At one instant, the magnitude of the electric potential of the sphere has fallen to 1.0×10^6 V.

Calculate, for this instant, the change in the energy stored by the sphere. [3 marks]

change in energy = ______________________________ J

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0 4

The lines in FIGURE 4 show the shape of the gravitational field around two stars G and H.

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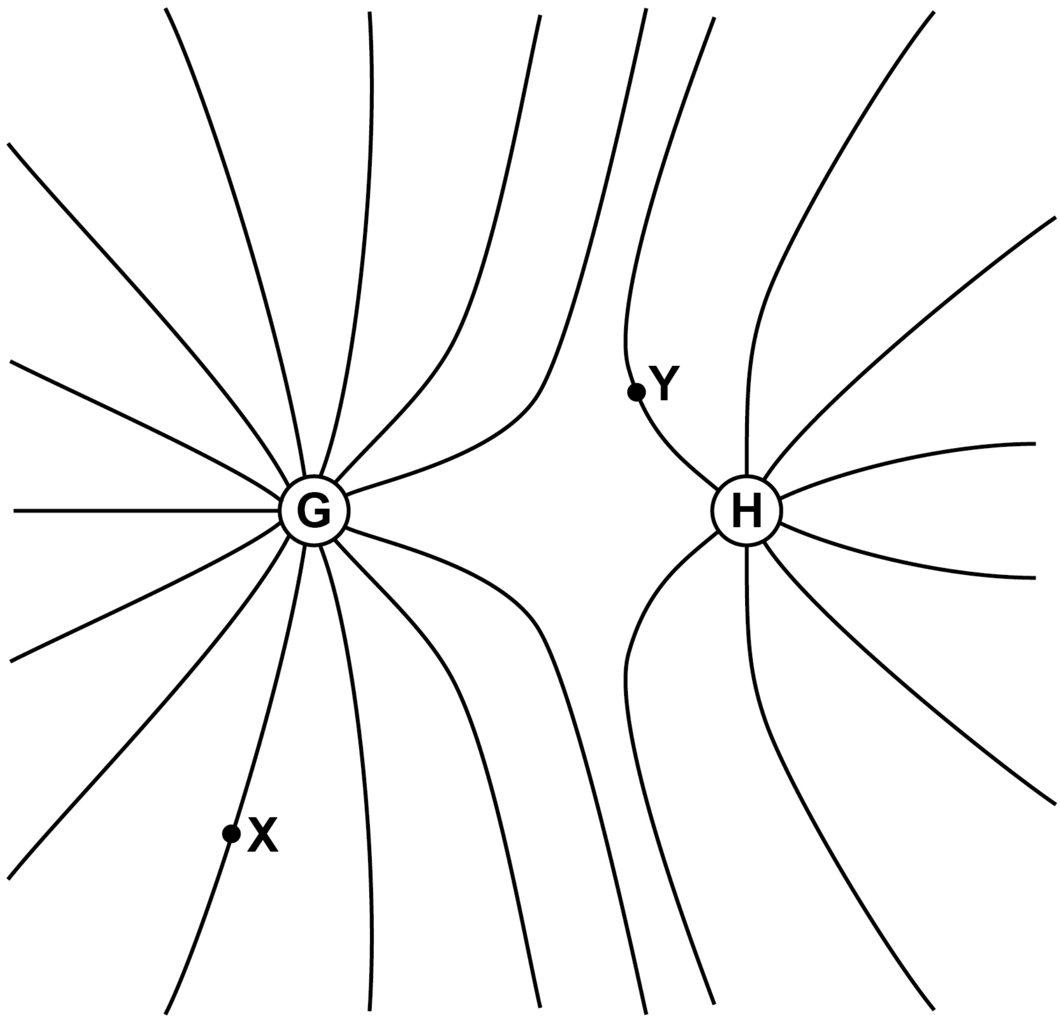

0 4 . 1

Compare, with reference to FIGURE 4, the masses of G and H. [2 marks]

0 4 . 2

X and Y are two points in the field.

Annotate FIGURE 4, on the opposite page, to show the field direction at X and the field direction at Y. [1 mark]

[Turn over]

0 4 . 3

A spherical asteroid P has a mass of 2.0×10^{20} kg.

The gravitational field strength at its surface is $0.40\ \text{N kg}^{-1}$.

Calculate the radius R of P. [1 mark]

R = ______________________________ m

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0 4 . 4

Sketch, on FIGURE 5, the variation of the gravitational field strength g with distance r.

The distance r is measured from the centre of P.
[1 mark]

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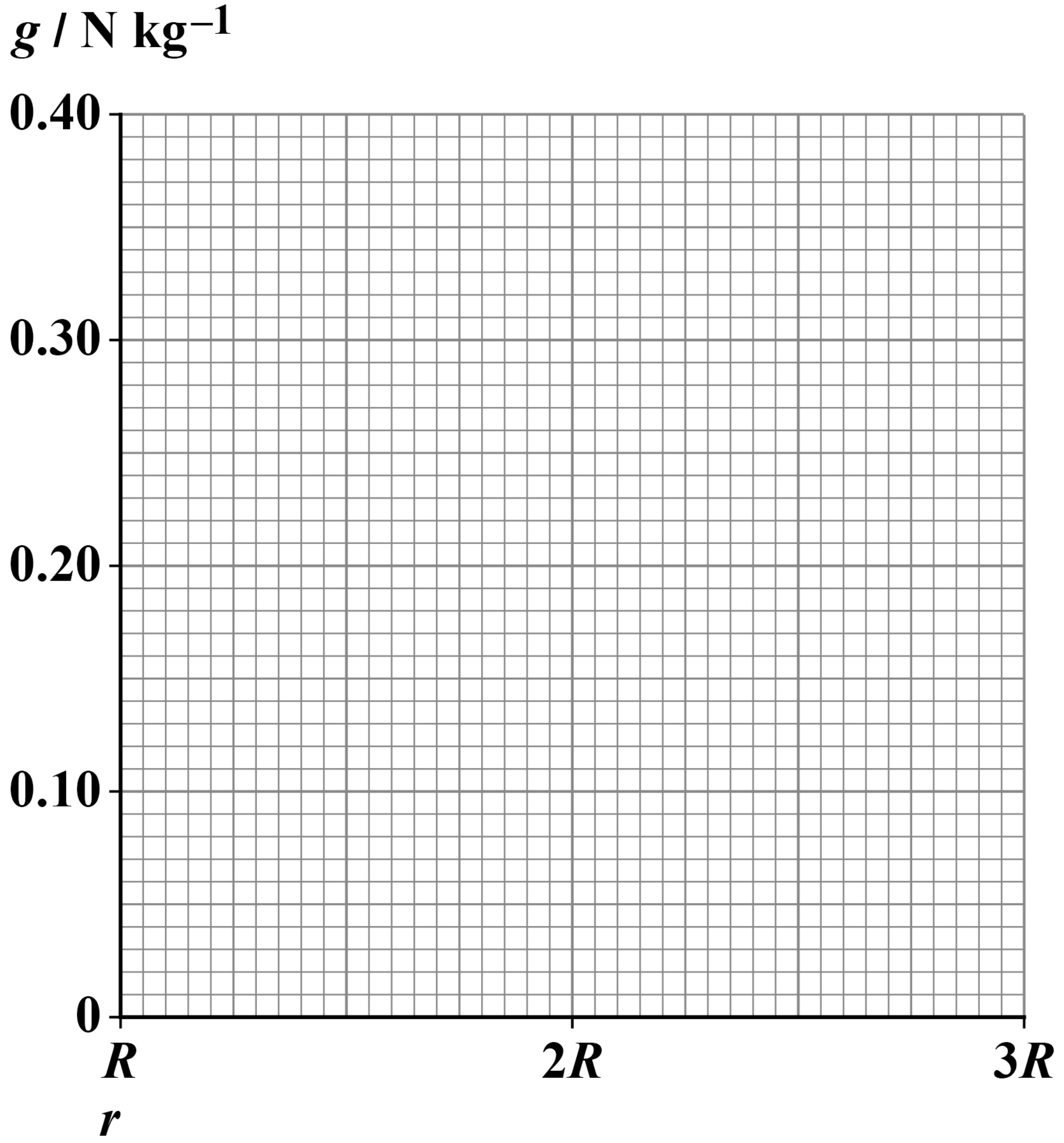

04.5

Explain what is represented by the area under the graph between $r = R$ and $r = 2R$ on FIGURE 5. [2 marks]

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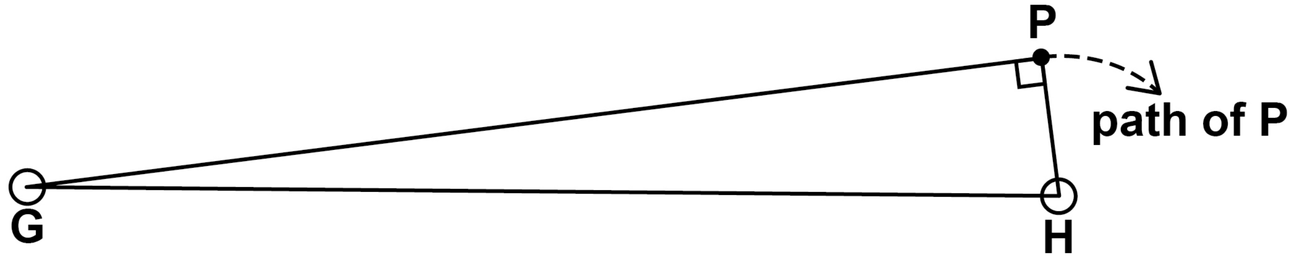
Asteroid P approaches the two stars G and H.
FIGURE 6 shows one position of P close to H.

FIGURE 6



0 4 . 6

The gravitational force on P from G is 6.38×10^{12} N.

The mass of H is 3.00×10^{25} kg and the mass of P is 2.00×10^{20} kg.

The distance HP is 1.50×10^{11} m.

Calculate the magnitude of the acceleration of P.
[4 marks]

magnitude of acceleration = ____________________ $m\ s^{-2}$

0 4 . 7

Explain why P cannot have a circular orbit around H.
[1 mark]

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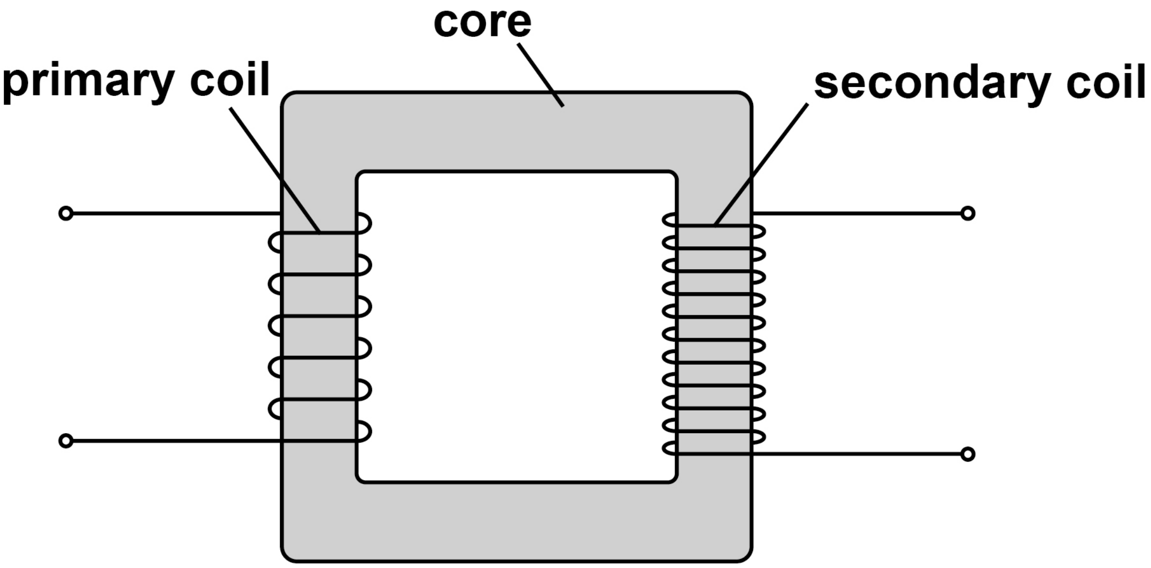
0 5

FIGURE 7 shows a transformer.

FIGURE 7



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Explain the functions of the core and the secondary coil. [3 marks]

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secondary coil ______________________________

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0 5 . 2

FIGURE 8 shows a cross-section through the transformer core. Thin iron sheets are separated by material M.

Explain how the efficiency of the transformer is increased by constructing the core in this way.
[3 marks]

FIGURE 8

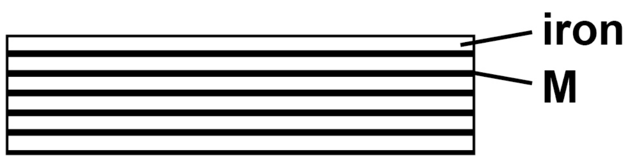

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FIGURE 9 shows a schematic diagram of a power transmission system.

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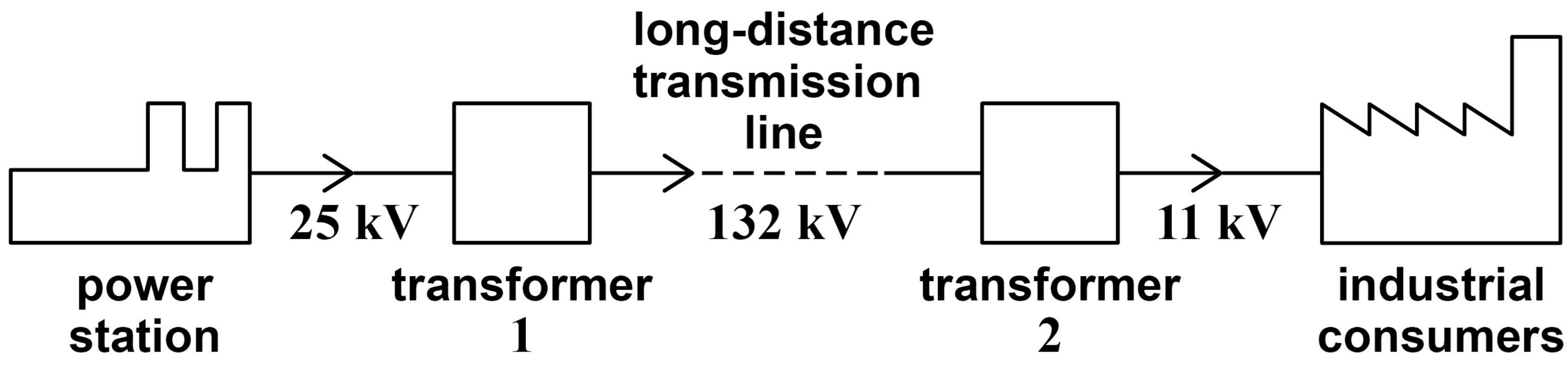

0 5 . 3

Voltages between 33 kV and 400 kV are used for long-distance transmission.

Suggest why engineers have chosen 132 kV for this system. [2 marks]

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0 5 . 4

The industrial consumers use 72 MW of power.

Transformers 1 and 2 each have an efficiency of 98% and the transmission line has an efficiency of 94%.

Calculate the current in the 25 kV line from the power station. [3 marks]

current = ______________________ A

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0 6

Fission and fusion are two processes that can result in the transfer of binding energy from nuclei.

0 6 . 1

State what is meant by the binding energy of a nucleus.
[2 marks]

06.2

Calculate, in MeV, the binding energy for a nucleus of iron $^{56}_{26}\mathrm{Fe}$.

mass of $^{56}_{26}\mathrm{Fe}$ nucleus = 9.288×10^{-26} kg [3 marks]

binding energy = ______________________________ MeV

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FIGURE 10 shows a graph of average binding energy per nucleon against nucleon number for common nuclides.

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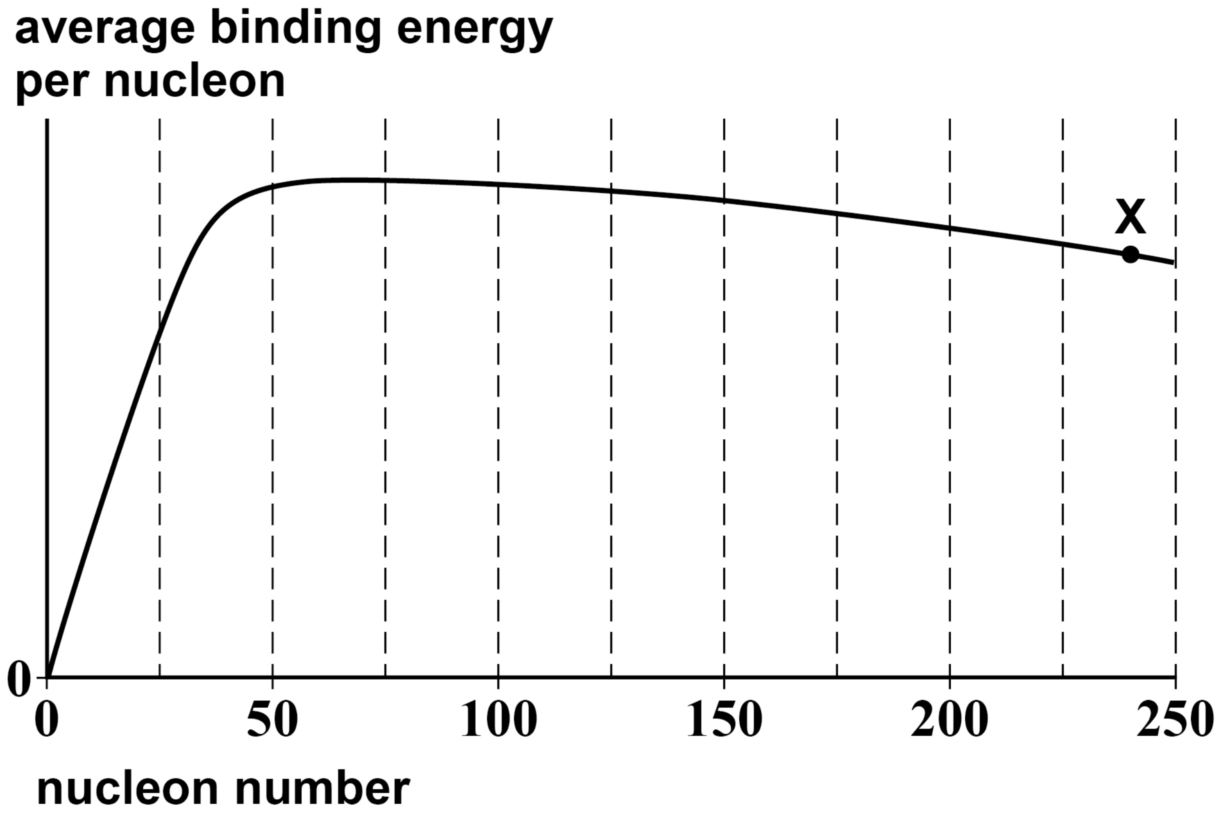

0 6 . 3

The nuclide labelled X in FIGURE 10 undergoes fission.

Annotate FIGURE 10 with F_1 and F_2 to show ONE possible pair of nuclides resulting from the fission of X.
[2 marks]

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FIGURE 11 shows a graph of N against Z for stable nuclides.

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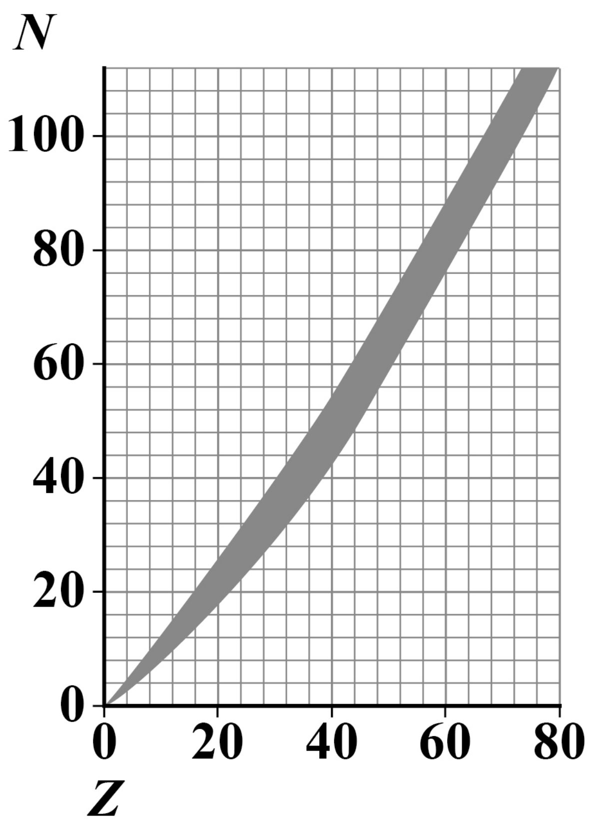

Deduce the likely initial mode of decay of F_1 and F_2.

Refer to FIGURE 11 in your answer. [3 marks]

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SECTION B

Each of Questions 07 to 31 is followed by four responses, A, B, C and D.

For each question select the best response.

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For each question, completely fill in the circle alongside the appropriate answer.

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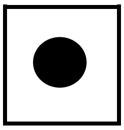

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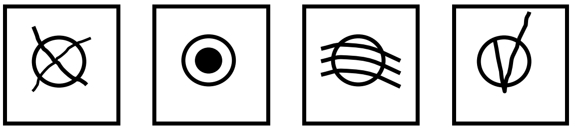

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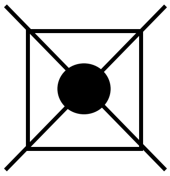

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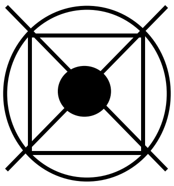

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0 7

An ideal gas, initially at $300\ \mathrm{K}$, is compressed to half its original volume. It is then cooled at constant volume until the pressure is restored to its initial value.

What is the final temperature of the gas? [1 mark]

○ **A** $150\ \mathrm{K}$

○ **B** $200\ \mathrm{K}$

○ **C** $300\ \mathrm{K}$

○ **D** $600\ \mathrm{K}$

[Turn over]

0 8

A fixed volume of an ideal gas is heated.

Which row gives quantities that double when the kelvin temperature of the gas doubles? [1 mark]

○	A	rms speed of the molecules	pressure of the gas
○	B	density of the gas	rms speed of the molecules
○	C	internal energy of the gas	density of the gas
○	D	pressure of the gas	internal energy of the gas

0 9

A planet of radius R and mass M has a gravitational field strength of g at its surface.

Which row describes a planet with a gravitational field strength of $4g$ at its surface? [1 mark]

		Radius of planet	Mass of planet
○	A	$2R$	$2M$
○	B	$R\sqrt{2}$	$\frac{M}{2}$
○	C	$\frac{R}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{M}{2}$
○	D	$\frac{R}{\sqrt{2}}$	$2M$

[Turn over]

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The Moon orbits the Earth in 27 days.

What is the angular speed of the Moon's orbit?
[1 mark]

- [ ] **A** $4.3 \times 10^{-7}\ \text{rad s}^{-1}$
- [ ] **B** $2.7 \times 10^{-6}\ \text{rad s}^{-1}$
- [ ] **C** $3.7 \times 10^{-2}\ \text{rad s}^{-1}$
- [ ] **D** $2.3 \times 10^{-1}\ \text{rad s}^{-1}$

11

The radius of the Earth is R and the acceleration due to gravity at the surface of the Earth is g.

What is the escape velocity for a mass m at the surface of the Earth? [1 mark]

○ **A** $\sqrt{gR}$

○ **B** $\sqrt{2gR}$

○ **C** $\sqrt{2mgR}$

○ **D** $\sqrt{\frac{2gR}{m}}$

[Turn over]

12

A planet has a mass M and a radius R.

Loose material at the equator only just remains in contact with the surface of the planet. This is because the speed at which the planet rotates is very large.

What is the period of rotation of the planet? [1 mark]

○ **A** $2\pi\sqrt{\frac{R^2}{GM}}$

○ **B** $2\pi\sqrt{\frac{GM}{R^2}}$

○ **C** $2\pi\sqrt{\frac{R^3}{GM}}$

○ **D** $2\pi\sqrt{\frac{GM}{R^3}}$

13

Satellites N and F have the same mass and move in circular orbits about the same planet. The orbital radius of N is less than that of F.

Which is smaller for N than for F? [1 mark]

- ○ **A** the gravitational force on the satellite
- ○ **B** the speed of the satellite
- ○ **C** the kinetic energy of the satellite
- ○ **D** the orbital period of the satellite

[Turn over]

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When an electron moves at a speed v perpendicular to a uniform magnetic field of flux density B, the radius of its path is R.

A second electron moves at a speed $\frac{v}{2}$ perpendicular to a uniform magnetic field of flux density $4B$.

What is the radius of the path of the second electron?
[1 mark]

○ **A** $\frac{R}{8}$

○ **B** $\frac{R}{4}$

○ **C** $2R$

○ **D** $8R$

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A particle of mass m and charge Q is accelerated from rest through a potential difference V. The final velocity of the particle is u.

A second particle of mass $\frac{m}{2}$ and charge $2Q$ is accelerated from rest through a potential difference $2V$.

What is the final velocity of the second particle?
[1 mark]

- ○ **A** $\sqrt{2}u$
- ○ **B** $2\sqrt{2}u$
- ○ **C** $4u$
- ○ **D** $8u$

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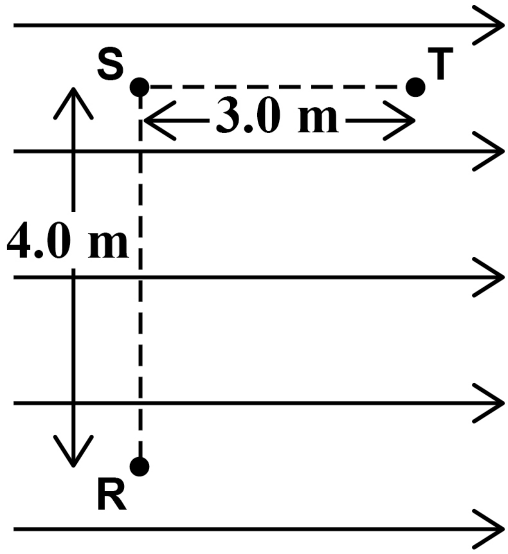
The diagram shows a uniform electric field of strength $15\ \text{V m}^{-1}$.

The length RS is perpendicular to the field and the line ST is parallel to the field.



What is the total change in electrical potential energy for a charge of $3.0\ \mu\text{C}$ moving from R to T? [1 mark]

○ **A** $135\ \mu\text{J}$

○ **B** $180\ \mu\text{J}$

○ **C** $225\ \mu\text{J}$

○ **D** $315\ \mu\text{J}$

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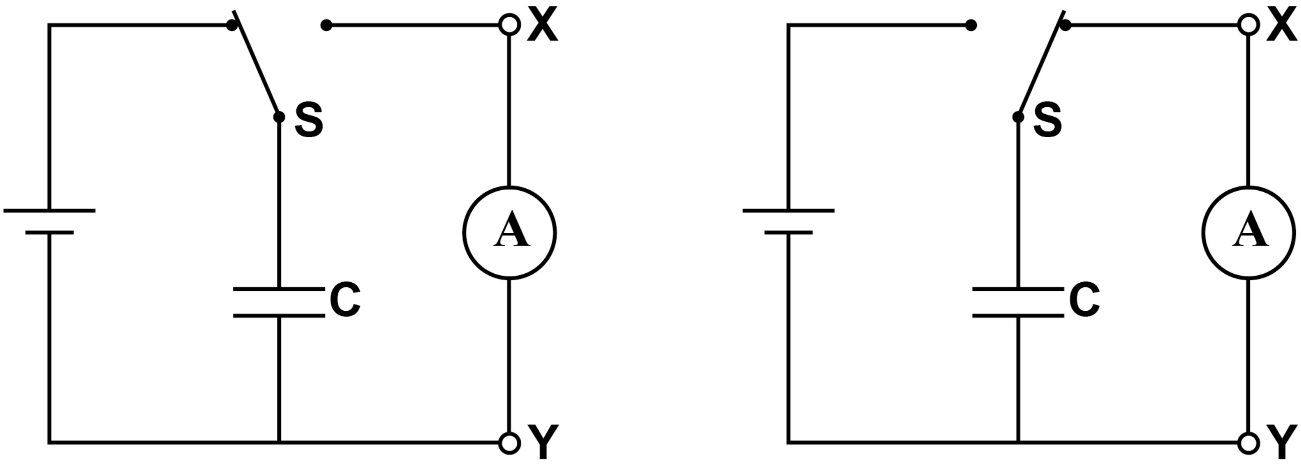
A switch S allows capacitor C to be completely charged by a cell and then completely discharged through an ammeter.

The emf of the cell is $4.0\ \text{V}$ and it has negligible internal resistance.

The capacitance of C is $0.40\ \mu\text{F}$ and there are 8000 charge−discharge cycles every second.



charging **discharging**

What are the magnitude and direction of the average conventional current in the ammeter? [1 mark]

		Magnitude of current / A	Direction of current
○	A	1.3×10^{-2}	X to Y
○	B	1.3×10^{-2}	Y to X
○	C	2.0×10^{-10}	X to Y
○	D	2.0×10^{-10}	Y to X

[Turn over]

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A $30\ \mu F$ capacitor is charged by connecting it to a battery of emf $4.0\ V$.

The initial charge on the capacitor is Q_0.

The capacitor is then discharged through a $500\ k\Omega$ resistor.

The time constant for the circuit is T.

Which is correct? [1 mark]

- ○ **A** T is $15\ ms$.
- ○ **B** Q_0 is $12\ \mu C$.
- ○ **C** After a time T the pd across the capacitor is $1.5\ V$.
- ○ **D** After a time $2T$ the charge on the capacitor is $Q_0 e^2$.

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Capacitor X of capacitance C has square plates of side length l and separation d and is made with a dielectric of relative permittivity ε.

Capacitor Y has square plates of side length $3l$ and separation $\dfrac{d}{3}$ and is made with a dielectric of relative permittivity $\dfrac{\varepsilon}{3}$.

What is the capacitance of Y? [1 mark]

- ○ **A** $\dfrac{C}{27}$
- ○ **B** $\dfrac{C}{9}$
- ○ **C** $9C$
- ○ **D** $27C$

[Turn over]

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A parallel plate capacitor is connected across a battery and the energy stored in the capacitor is E.

Without disconnecting the battery, the separation of the plates is halved.

What is the energy now stored in the capacitor?
[1 mark]

- **A** $0.5E$
- **B** E
- **C** $2E$
- **D** $4E$

21

A fully charged capacitor of capacitance $2.0\ \mathrm{mF}$ discharges through a $15\ \mathrm{k\Omega}$ resistor.

What fraction of the stored energy remains after 1.0 minute? [1 mark]

- ○ **A** $\frac{1}{4}$
- ○ **B** $\frac{1}{e^2}$
- ○ **C** $\frac{1}{16}$
- ○ **D** $\frac{1}{e^4}$

[Turn over]

22

A horizontal wire of length $0.25\ \mathrm{m}$ carrying a current of $3.0\ \mathrm{A}$ is perpendicular to a magnetic field. The mass of the wire is $3.0 \times 10^{-3}\ \mathrm{kg}$ and the weight of the wire is supported in equilibrium by the magnetic field.

What is the flux density of the magnetic field? [1 mark]

- ○ **A** $2.6\ \mathrm{T}$
- ○ **B** $3.9 \times 10^{-2}\ \mathrm{T}$
- ○ **C** $2.2 \times 10^{-2}\ \mathrm{T}$
- ○ **D** $4.0 \times 10^{-3}\ \mathrm{T}$

23

A coil is rotated at frequency f in a uniform magnetic field.

The magnetic flux linking the coil is a maximum at time t_1 and the emf induced in the coil is a maximum at time t_2.

What is the smallest value of $t_1 - t_2$? [1 mark]

○ **A** 0

○ **B** $\frac{1}{4f}$

○ **C** $\frac{1}{2f}$

○ **D** $\frac{3}{4f}$

[Turn over]

2 4

Power P is dissipated in a resistor of resistance R carrying a direct current I.

A second resistor of resistance $2R$ carries an alternating current with peak value I.

What is the power dissipated in the second resistor?
[1 mark]

- ○ **A** $\sqrt{2}P$
- ○ **B** P
- ○ **C** $2P$
- ○ **D** $4P$

25

What was deduced or observed in the Rutherford scattering experiment? [1 mark]

- ○ **A** All gold atoms are not alike.
- ○ **B** Alpha particles are helium nuclei.
- ○ **C** Some particles were deflected through angles greater than $90°$.
- ○ **D** The motion of most alpha particles was reversed.

[Turn over]

26

Which row is correct for α, β and γ radiation? [1 mark]

			α	β	γ
○	A	Is it deflected by a magnetic field?	yes	yes	no
○	B	Is it deflected by an electric field?	yes	yes	yes
○	C	Does it have a positive charge?	yes	no	yes
○	D	Does it come from outside the nucleus?	no	yes	no

27

A sample of radioactive material consists of 200 g of nuclide P and 100 g of nuclide Q.

Nuclide P has a half-life of 2 days and nuclide Q has a half-life of 4 days.

What is the total mass of nuclides P and Q after 12 days? [1 mark]

- ○ **A** 3.1 g
- ○ **B** 12.5 g
- ○ **C** 15.6 g
- ○ **D** 18.8 g

[Turn over]

28

A nuclide has a half-life of 10 ms.

The decay constant for this nuclide lies between

[1 mark]

- ○ **A** $1\ s^{-1}$ and $10\ s^{-1}$.
- ○ **B** $10\ s^{-1}$ and $10^2\ s^{-1}$.
- ○ **C** $10^2\ s^{-1}$ and $10^3\ s^{-1}$.
- ○ **D** $10^3\ s^{-1}$ and $10^6\ s^{-1}$.

29

Which provides evidence for the existence of energy levels in nuclei? [1 mark]

- ○ **A** the Rutherford alpha particle scattering experiment
- ○ **B** the existence of X-ray line spectra
- ○ **C** the existence of gamma radiation
- ○ **D** electron diffraction by crystals

[Turn over]

3 0

Which is NOT true for gamma radiation? [1 mark]

○ **A** **It is more penetrating than alpha or beta radiation of the same energy through the same material.**

○ **B** **Its intensity is inversely proportional to the square of the distance from its source.**

○ **C** **It is emitted with discrete frequencies.**

○ **D** **When it is absorbed it makes the absorber radioactive.**

3 1

In a thermal reactor, induced fission occurs when a $^{235}_{92}U$ nucleus captures a neutron.

Which statement is true? [1 mark]

○ **A** The moderator absorbs excess neutrons.

○ **B** A large number of neutrons should be produced per fission to sustain the reaction.

○ **C** Slow neutrons are required for this induced fission.

○ **D** The control rods slow down neutrons.

END OF QUESTIONS

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