

**Physics II**

**030**

**15 Nov. 2012 8.30 am – 11.30 am**

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**RWANDA EDUCATION BOARD (REB)**

**ADVANCED LEVEL NATIONAL EXAMINATION 2012**

**SUBJECT: PHYSICS II**

**COMBINATIONS:**  
: **Physics-Chemistry-Mathematics PCM**  
**Physics –Chemistry- Biology PCB**  
**Physics – Economics- Mathematics PEM**  
**Mathematics –Physics- Geography MPG**  
**Mathematics- Physics- Computer science MPC**

**DURATION: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

This paper consists of **two** sections **A** and **B**.

**Section A:** Attempt **all** questions.

**(55 marks)**

**Section B:** Answer **any three** questions.

**(45 marks)**

Non programmable scientific calculators and geometric instruments may be used:

**Useful constants:**

Acceleration due to gravity:

$$g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Magnitude of charge of electron:

$$e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

Speed of light in vacuum or in air:

$$C = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

Refractive index of air:

$$n_a \approx 1$$

Permeability of free space:

$$\mu_0 = 4 \pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Hm}^{-1}$$

Permittivity of free space:

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2$$

Relative permittivity of air:

$$\epsilon_r = 1$$

Relative permeability of air:

$$\mu_r = 1$$

Young's modulus of steel:

$$Y = 2 \times 10^{11} \text{ Pa}$$

**SECTION A: Attempt all questions (55 marks)**

01. Describe the differences between solid, liquid, and gas in term of  
(a) the arrangement of the molecules throughout the bulk of the material.

**(1.5 marks)**

(b) the motion of molecules.

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02. A concave mirror has a radius of curvature of 34 cm.

(a) State one law of reflection on the concave mirror.

**(1 mark)**

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**(2 marks)**

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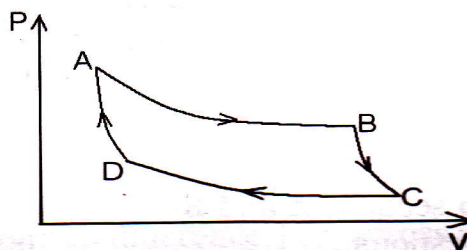


Figure 1

What thermodynamic processes are involved at boundaries CD and AB?

Explain your reasoning.

**(3 marks)**

04. (a) The biomass energy is renewable energy and comes from the sun. Explain this statement.

**(2 marks)**

(b) State two examples, other than biomass, which come from the sun.

**(1mark)**

05. (a) What is meant by an electric field? **(1 mark)**  
 (b) A particle has charge  $-3 \text{ nC}$ . Find the magnitude and direction of the electric field due to this particle at a  $25 \text{ cm}$  directly above it in air. **(2 marks)**
06. Two light bulbs of  $(60 \text{ W}, 120 \text{ V})$  and  $(200 \text{ W}, 120 \text{ V})$  are connected in series across a  $240 \text{ V}$  line. Assuming that the resistance of each bulb does not vary with current.  
 (a) Calculate the current through the bulbs. **(3 marks)**  
 (b) Find the power dissipated in  $(200 \text{ W}, 120 \text{ V})$  light bulb. **(1 mark)**
07. While sitting in front of a colour TV with a  $25 \text{ kV}$  picture tube potential, you have an excellent chance of being irradiated with X-rays.  
 (a) Explain clearly how X-rays are produced, on the basis of the target atoms. **(2 marks)**  
 (b) How do X-rays cause damage to living tissues? **(2 marks)**
08. Calculate the power dissipated in the circuit (figure 2) if  $R$  has zero reactance but resistance  $3\Omega$ ,  $L$  has zero resistance but reactance  $4\Omega$  and the applied voltage is  $10 \text{ V r.m.s.}$  **(4 marks)**

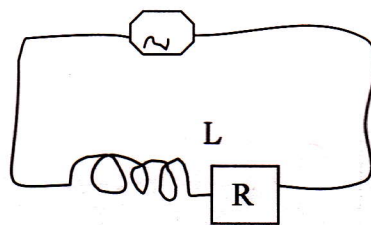


Figure 2

09. ABC is a triangular prism, made of glass of refractive index  $1.5$ ; in which the angle  $A$  is  $30^\circ$  and the angle  $C$  is  $60^\circ$ . A ray of light in air is incident normally on the face  $AB$ .

- (a) What is meant by refractive index of  $1.5$ ? **(1 mark)**  
 (b) Determine the angle of emergence. **(3 marks)**

$\sin 90 = \sin 30r$  **(1 mark)**  
 $30r = 90$  **(3 marks)**  
 $r = \frac{90}{30}$

$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{u} = 3$

$\sin 4r = \sin 60r$   
 $60r = 4r$

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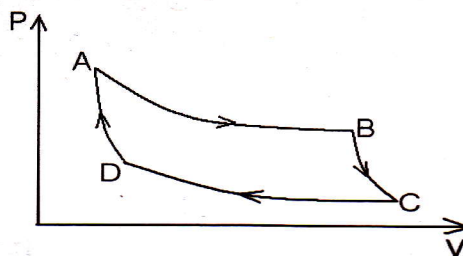


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$$\frac{\mu_0 I N}{2\pi r}$$

10. (a) Draw the magnetic field patterns due to a plane circular coil carrying current. **(2 marks)**
- (b) Find the magnetic induction at the centre of a circular coil of diameter 10cm and has 15 turns of wire carrying a current of 1.2 A. The coil is placed in air. **(2 marks)**
11. The wavelength of a red light from a helium neon laser is 633 nm in air but its wavelength is 474 nm in the aqueous humour inside the eye ball.
- (a) What is meant by photon? **(1 mark)**
- (b) Compute the frequency of light in the aqueous humor. **(3 marks)**
12. A certain simple pendulum has a period on the earth of 1.6 s.
- (a) What is meant by period of 1.6 s of a simple pendulum? **(1 mark)**
- (b) What is its period on the surface of Mars, where  $g = 3.71 \text{ m/s}^2$ ? **(2 marks)**
13. A 2 kg stone is sliding to the right on a frictionless horizontal surface at 5 m/s when it is suddenly struck by an object that exerts a large horizontal force on it for a short period of time. The graph in figure 3 shows the magnitude of this force as a function of time. The force acts to the left.

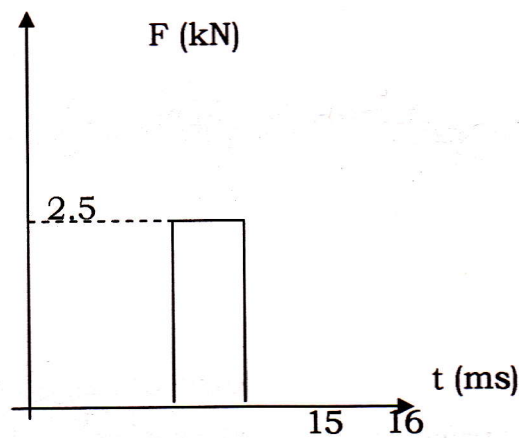


Figure 3

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta v &= \frac{U}{F} \\ v &= F \Delta t \\ F &= \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \end{aligned}$$

- (a) What impulse (magnitude and direction) does this force exert on the stone? **(2 marks)**

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(i) The maximum speed of the stone,

**(2 marks)**

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**(2 marks)**

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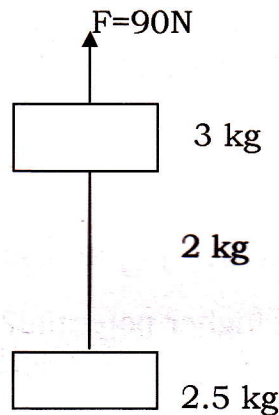


Figure 5

(i) Draw three free-body diagrams, one for the 3 kg block, one for the 2 kg rope and another one for the 2.5 kg block.

For each force, indicate what body exerts that force.

**(4 marks)**

(ii) What is the acceleration of the system?

**(3 marks)**

$$\begin{array}{r|l} m & \text{duy} \\ \hline 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 \end{array}$$

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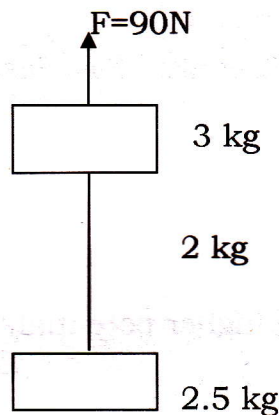


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(iii) Calculate the tension at the top of the heavy rope.

**(3 marks)**

(iv) Determine the tension at midpoint of the rope.

**(3 marks)**

20. Consider the circuit shown in figure 6. Let  $\epsilon = 60 \text{ V}$ ,  
 $40 \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 25 \Omega$ , and  $L = 0.3 \text{ H}$ .

$R_1 =$

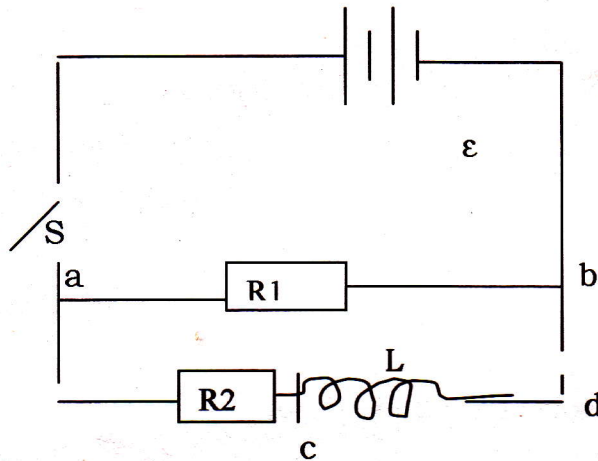


Figure 6

Switch S is closed at  $t = 0$ . Just after S is closed,

(a) What is the potential difference  $V_{ab}$  across the resistor  $R_1$ ?

**(2 marks)**

(b) Which point a or b is at a higher potential?

**(1 mark)**

(c) What is the potential difference  $V_{cd}$  across the inductor L?

**(3 marks)**

(d) Which point c or d is at a higher potential?

**(1 mark)**

The switch is left closed for a long time and then opened.

Immediately after the switch is opened,

(i) What is the potential difference  $V_{ab}$  across the resistor

**(7 marks)**

(ii) Which point a or b is at a higher potential

**(1 mark)**

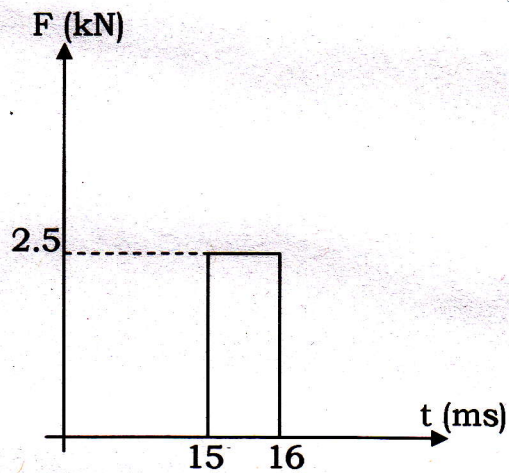


## ERRATA

### Physics II (Code:030)

#### **Corrected diagrams for questions 13 and 20**

#### Question 13

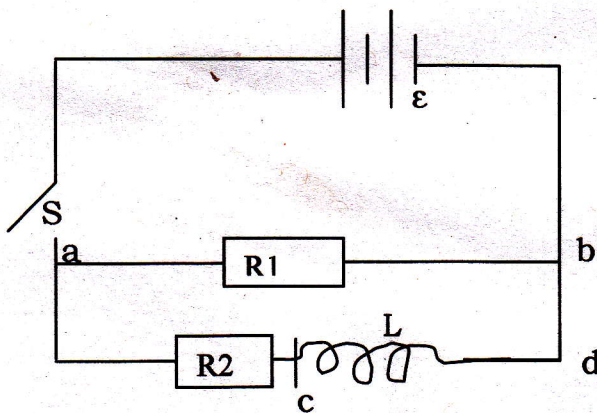


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$$v = \lambda f$$
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