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# Physics

**Advanced**
**Unit 6: Experimental Physics**

Thursday 16 January 2014 – Afternoon

**Time: 1 hour 20 minutes**

Paper Reference

**WPH06/01**
**You must have:**

Ruler

Total Marks

## Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

## Information

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- The list of data, formulae and relationships is printed at the end of this booklet.
- Candidates may use a scientific calculator.

## Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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**Answer ALL questions in the spaces provided.**

**1** A student determines the circumference  $C$  of a glass test tube by wrapping a piece of string around the outside.  $C$  is given by

$$C = (x/10) - \pi d$$

where  $x$  is the length of string wrapped 10 times around the outside of the test tube and  $d$  is the diameter of the string.

(a) (i) She measures the diameter  $d$  of the string as  $1.70 \pm 0.04$  mm.

State **one** precaution she should take when using a micrometer screw gauge to make this measurement.

(1)

(ii) She finds  $x = 803 \pm 4$  mm.

Use the equation above to calculate a value for  $C$ .

(2)

$C =$  .....

(iii) State why the uncertainty in  $x/10$  is 0.4 mm.

(1)

(iv) Show that the uncertainty in  $\pi d$  is about 0.13 mm.

(1)

(v) State why the uncertainty in  $C$  is obtained by adding together 0.4 mm and 0.13 mm.

(1)

(vi) Calculate the percentage uncertainty in your value for  $C$ .

(1)

Percentage uncertainty = .....



- (b) (i) Use your value for  $C$  to calculate a value for the external cross-sectional area  $A$  of the test tube where

$$A = C^2/4\pi \tag{1}$$

$A =$  .....

- (ii) Calculate the percentage uncertainty in your value for  $A$ . (1)

Percentage uncertainty = .....

- (c) The student then uses another method to find  $A$  by measuring the external diameter  $D$  of the test tube using digital callipers. The precision of the callipers is 0.01 mm.

She records the following measurements.

$D/\text{mm}$	23.96	23.86	23.91
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- (i) State why digital callipers are a suitable choice of measuring instrument. (1)

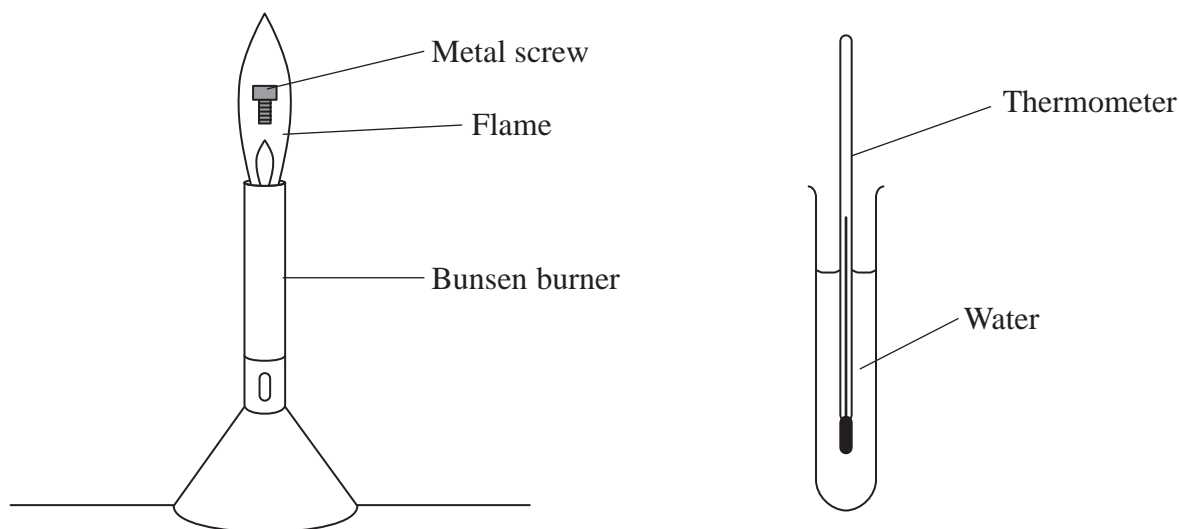
- (ii) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in her value for  $A$ . (2)

Percentage uncertainty = .....

**(Total for Question 1 = 12 marks)**



2 One method to find the temperature of a Bunsen burner flame involves heating a metal screw. The screw is held in the flame and then cooled in a test tube of water.



The thermal energy lost by the screw raises the temperature of the water so that

$$\text{energy lost by screw in cooling down} = \text{energy gained by water in heating up}$$

For both the screw and the water, energy transferred  $\Delta E$  is given by

$$\Delta E = mc\Delta\theta$$

where  $m$  is the mass,  $c$  is the specific heat capacity and  $\Delta\theta$  is the change in temperature of either the screw or the water. The values of  $c$  can be found on the internet.

For the method described above:

- (a) state the measurements to be made, (2)
- (b) state **one** technique to improve accuracy, (1)
- (c) give **two** sources of error in your experiment, (2)
- (d) explain which measurement is likely to give the greatest percentage uncertainty, (2)
- (e) comment on safety. (1)

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**(Total for Question 2 = 8 marks)**



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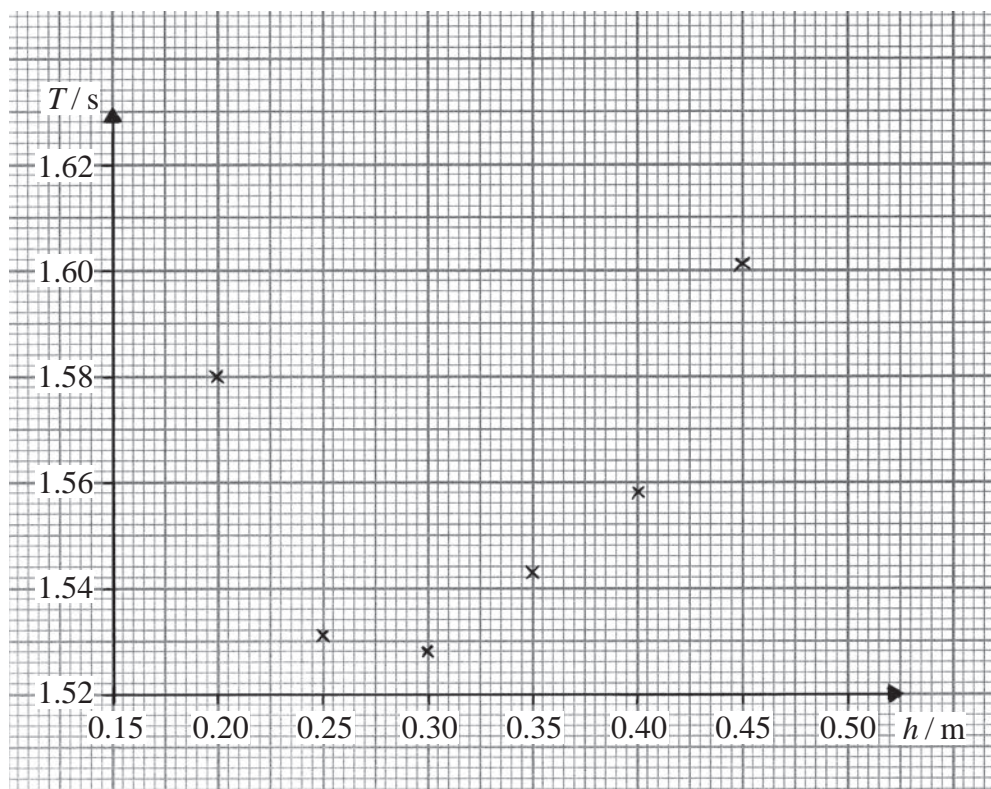
- 3 A metre rule has a small hole drilled at the 5 cm mark. The rule is hung on a horizontal pin passing through the hole.



The rule is rotated through a small angle and released. It then oscillates about the pin as a pendulum with a time period  $T$ .

There are five more holes drilled at 5 cm intervals down the rule. The rule is hung from each hole and the distance  $h$  from the pin to the 50 cm mark is recorded.  $T$  is determined for each value of  $h$ .

A graph of  $T$  against  $h$  is plotted.





4 (a) The electrons in an atom of an element can only occupy discrete energy levels.

Describe how discrete energy levels result in the emission of photons of specific frequencies.

(2)

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(b) Theory predicts that the frequency  $f$  of the photons emitted is related to the proton number  $Z$  of the element by

$$f = P Z^n$$

where  $P$  and  $n$  are constants.

Show that a graph of  $\ln f$  against  $\ln Z$  will give a straight line of gradient  $n$ .

(2)

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(c) The following data were recorded.

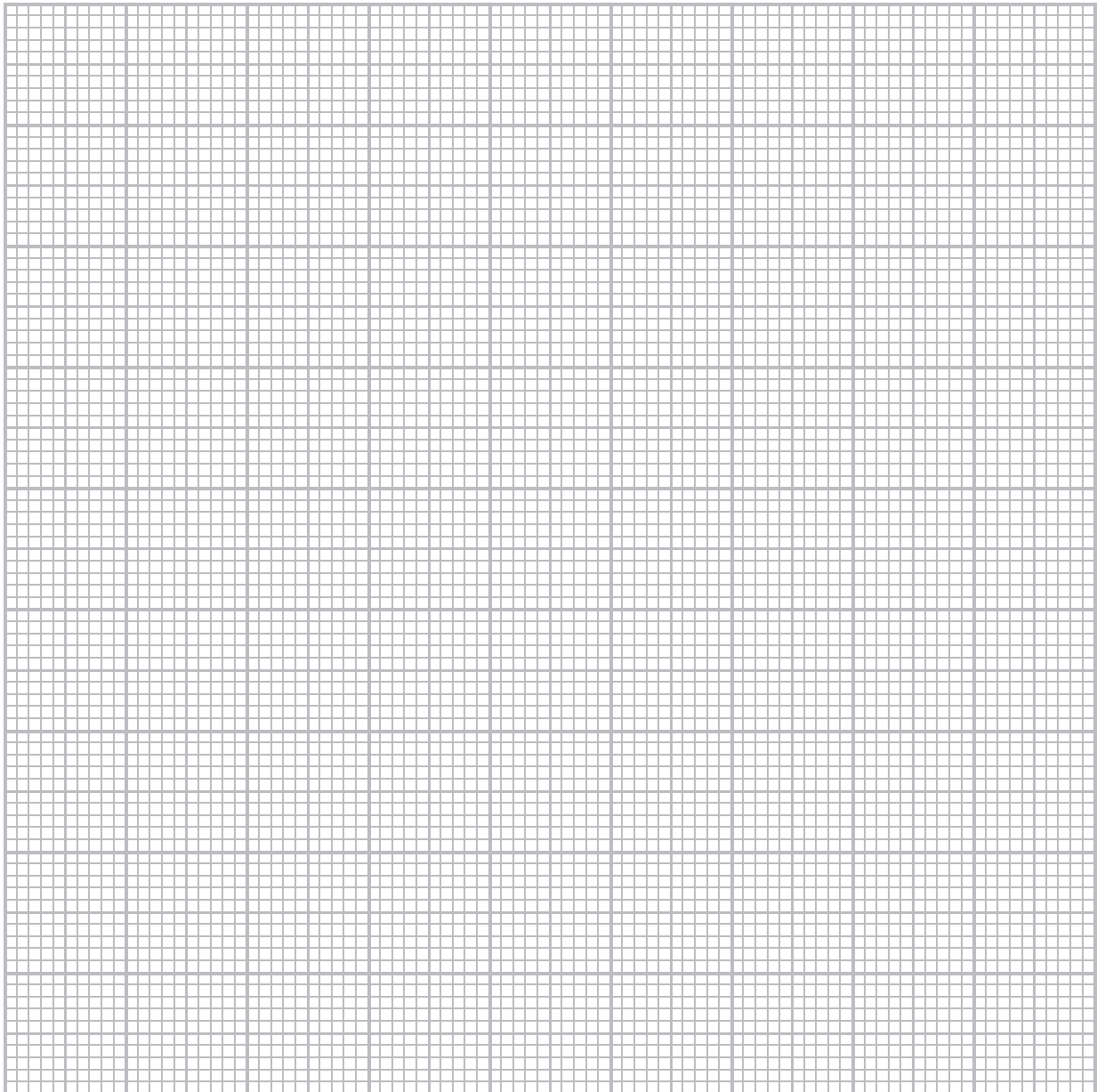
$Z$	$f / 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$		
8	1.22		
14	4.19		
23	12.0		
38	34.0		
56	75.0		
80	155		

(i) Use the grid opposite to draw a graph of  $\ln f$  against  $\ln Z$ . Use the columns in the table for your processed data.

(4)







(ii) Use your graph to determine a value for  $n$ .

(2)

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$n =$  .....

**Question 4 continues on next page**



(d) Theory suggests that  $n = 2.00$

Use your value for  $n$  to comment on this suggestion.

(2)

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(e) Describe how you would use your graph to determine a value for  $P$ .

(2)

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**(Total for Question 4 = 14 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 40 MARKS**



### List of data, formulae and relationships

Acceleration of free fall	$g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$	(close to Earth's surface)
Boltzmann constant	$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$	
Coulomb's law constant	$k = 1/4\pi\epsilon_0$ $= 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$	
Electron charge	$e = -1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$	
Electron mass	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$	
Electronvolt	$1 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$	
Gravitational constant	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$	
Gravitational field strength	$g = 9.81 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$	(close to Earth's surface)
Permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$	
Planck constant	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$	
Proton mass	$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$	
Speed of light in a vacuum	$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	
Stefan-Boltzmann constant	$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$	
Unified atomic mass unit	$u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$	

### Unit 1

#### Mechanics

Kinematic equations of motion	$v = u + at$ $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$
Forces	$\Sigma F = ma$ $g = F/m$ $W = mg$
Work and energy	$\Delta W = F\Delta s$ $E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ $\Delta E_{\text{grav}} = mg\Delta h$

#### Materials

Stokes' law	$F = 6\pi\eta rv$
Hooke's law	$F = k\Delta x$
Density	$\rho = m/V$
Pressure	$p = F/A$
Young modulus	$E = \sigma/\epsilon$ where Stress $\sigma = F/A$ Strain $\epsilon = \Delta x/x$
Elastic strain energy	$E_{\text{el}} = \frac{1}{2}F\Delta x$



**Unit 2**

*Waves*

Wave speed  $v = f\lambda$

Refractive index  ${}_1\mu_2 = \sin i / \sin r = v_1 / v_2$

*Electricity*

Potential difference  $V = W/Q$

Resistance  $R = V/I$

Electrical power, energy and efficiency  
 $P = VI$   
 $P = I^2R$   
 $P = V^2/R$   
 $W = VI t$

$$\% \text{ efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful energy output}}{\text{total energy input}} \times 100$$

$$\% \text{ efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful power output}}{\text{total power input}} \times 100$$

Resistivity  $R = \rho l/A$

Current  
 $I = \Delta Q / \Delta t$   
 $I = nqvA$

Resistors in series  $R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

Resistors in parallel  $\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$

*Quantum physics*

Photon model  $E = hf$

Einstein's photoelectric equation  
 $hf = \phi + \frac{1}{2}mv_{\max}^2$



## Unit 4

### Mechanics

Momentum	$p = mv$
Kinetic energy of a non-relativistic particle	$E_k = p^2/2m$
Motion in a circle	$v = \omega r$ $T = 2\pi/\omega$ $F = ma = mv^2/r$ $a = v^2/r$ $a = r\omega^2$

### Fields

Coulomb's law	$F = kQ_1Q_2/r^2$ where $k = 1/4\pi\epsilon_0$
Electric field	$E = F/Q$ $E = kQ/r^2$ $E = V/d$
Capacitance	$C = Q/V$
Energy stored in capacitor	$W = \frac{1}{2}QV$
Capacitor discharge	$Q = Q_0 e^{-t/RC}$
In a magnetic field	$F = BIl \sin \theta$ $F = Bqv \sin \theta$ $r = p/BQ$
Faraday's and Lenz's Laws	$\epsilon = -d(N\phi)/dt$

### Particle physics

Mass-energy	$\Delta E = c^2 \Delta m$
de Broglie wavelength	$\lambda = h/p$



**Unit 5**

*Energy and matter*

Heating	$\Delta E = mc\Delta\theta$
Molecular kinetic theory	$\frac{1}{2}m\langle c^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{2}kT$
Ideal gas equation	$pV = NkT$

*Nuclear Physics*

Radioactive decay	$dN/dt = -\lambda N$
	$\lambda = \ln 2/t_{1/2}$
	$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$

*Mechanics*

Simple harmonic motion	$a = -\omega^2 x$
	$a = -A\omega^2 \cos \omega t$
	$v = -A\omega \sin \omega t$
	$x = A \cos \omega t$
	$T = 1/f = 2\pi/\omega$
Gravitational force	$F = Gm_1 m_2 / r^2$

*Observing the universe*

Radiant energy flux	$F = L/4\pi d^2$
Stefan-Boltzmann law	$L = \sigma T^4 A$
	$L = 4\pi r^2 \sigma T^4$
Wien's Law	$\lambda_{\max} T = 2.898 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m K}$
Redshift of electromagnetic radiation	$z = \Delta\lambda/\lambda \approx \Delta f/f \approx v/c$
Cosmological expansion	$v = H_0 d$

