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General Certificate of Education
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**PHYSICS (SPECIFICATION B)
Unit 1 Foundation Physics**

PHB1

Monday 12 January 2004 Morning Session

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| <p>In addition to this paper you will require:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a calculator; • a pencil and a ruler. |
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Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions in **Section A** and **Section B** in the spaces provided.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.
- All working must be shown, otherwise you may lose marks.
- A *Formulae Sheet* is provided on page 3. Detach this perforated page at the start of the examination.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 75.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 30 minutes on **Section A** and about 1 hour on **Section B**.

SECTION A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

There are **24** marks in this section.

- 1 Complete the following table.

| Quantity | Vector or Scalar | S.I. Unit |
|--------------|------------------|-----------|
| Displacement | Vector | m |
| Velocity | | |
| Weight | | |
| Energy | | |

(3 marks)

- 2 In a test to find a suitable metal wire to use for a fuse, the following graph of current, I , against time, t , was obtained. The circuit, which was connected to a constant source of emf, was switched on at $t = 0$ s.

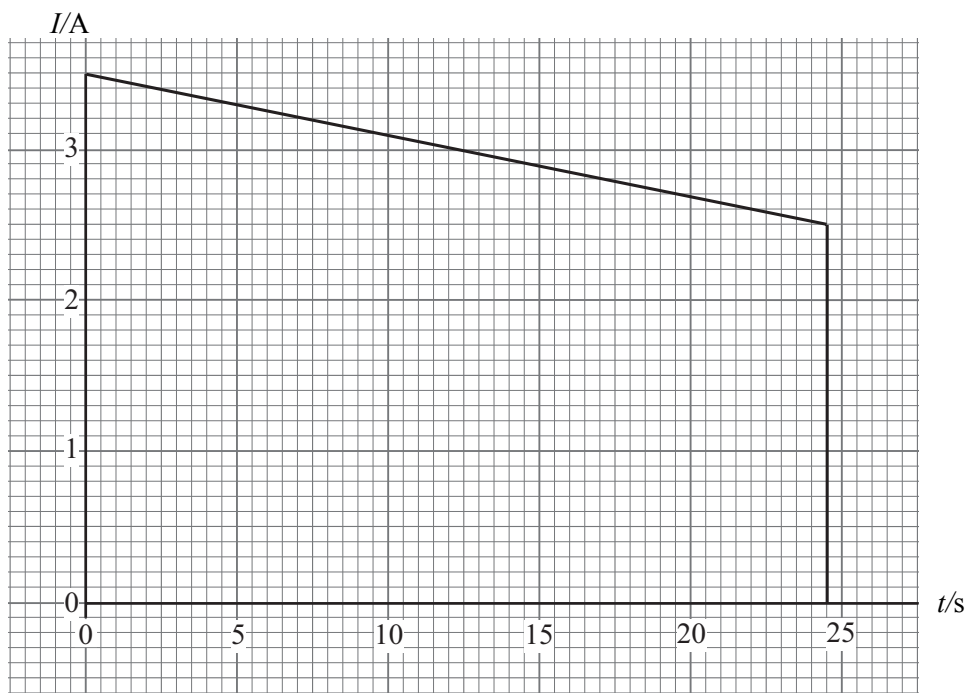


Figure 1

- (a) Calculate the total charge that flowed during this test.

Total charge.....
(2 marks)

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Foundation Physics Mechanics Formulae

$$\text{moment of force} = Fd$$

$$v = u + at$$

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t$$

$$\text{for a spring, } F = k\Delta l$$

$$\text{energy stored in a spring} = \frac{1}{2}F\Delta l = \frac{1}{2}k(\Delta l)^2$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$

Foundation Physics Electricity Formulae

$$I = nAvq$$

$$\text{terminal p.d.} = E - Ir$$

$$\text{in series circuit, } R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$$

$$\text{in parallel circuit, } \frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

$$\text{output voltage across } R_1 = \left(\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \right) \times \text{input voltage}$$

Waves and Nuclear Physics Formulae

$$\text{fringe spacing} = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$$

$$\text{single slit diffraction minimum } \sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{b}$$

$$\text{diffraction grating } n\lambda = d \sin \theta$$

$$\text{Doppler shift } \frac{\Delta f}{f} = \frac{v}{c} \text{ for } v \ll c$$

$$\text{Hubble law } v = Hd$$

$$\text{radioactive decay } A = \lambda N$$

Properties of Quarks

| Type of quark | Charge | Baryon number |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| up u | $+\frac{2}{3}e$ | $+\frac{1}{3}$ |
| down d | $-\frac{1}{3}e$ | $+\frac{1}{3}$ |
| \bar{u} | $-\frac{2}{3}e$ | $-\frac{1}{3}$ |
| \bar{d} | $+\frac{1}{3}e$ | $-\frac{1}{3}$ |

Lepton Numbers

| Particle | Lepton number L | | |
|------------------|-------------------|---------|----------|
| | L_e | L_μ | L_τ |
| e^- | 1 | | |
| e^+ | -1 | | |
| ν_e | 1 | | |
| $\bar{\nu}_e$ | -1 | | |
| μ^- | | 1 | |
| μ^+ | | -1 | |
| ν_μ | | 1 | |
| $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ | | -1 | |
| τ^- | | | 1 |
| τ^+ | | | -1 |
| ν_τ | | | 1 |
| $\bar{\nu}_\tau$ | | | -1 |

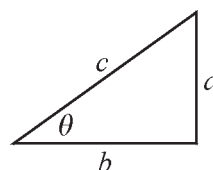
Geometrical and Trigonometrical Relationships

$$\text{circumference of circle} = 2\pi r$$

$$\text{area of a circle} = \pi r^2$$

$$\text{surface area of sphere} = 4\pi r^2$$

$$\text{volume of sphere} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$



$$\sin \theta = \frac{a}{c}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

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(b) Explain why the current decreased during the test before the fuse melted.

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(2 marks)

3 **Figure 2** shows a laboratory experiment to test the loading of a uniform horizontal beam of weight W . The length of the beam is 1.50 m. The load, M , has a weight of 100 N and its centre of mass is 0.40 m from the pivot. The beam is held in a horizontal position by the tension, T , in the stretched spring.

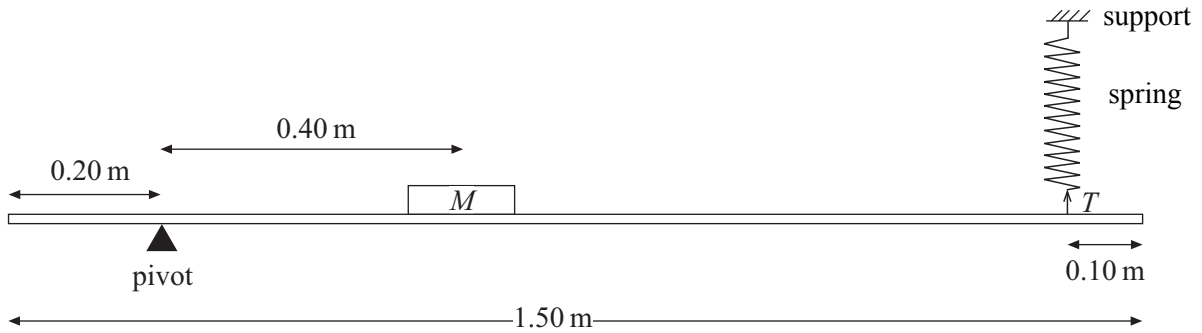


Figure 2

(a) Add clearly labelled arrows to **Figure 2** so that it shows all of the forces acting on the beam.

(2 marks)

(b) The tension, $T = 36$ N. Calculate the moment of T about the pivot.

Moment.....
(2 marks)

(c) Calculate the weight, W , of the beam.

Weight W
(3 marks)

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4 **Figure 3** shows the characteristic for an electronic component.

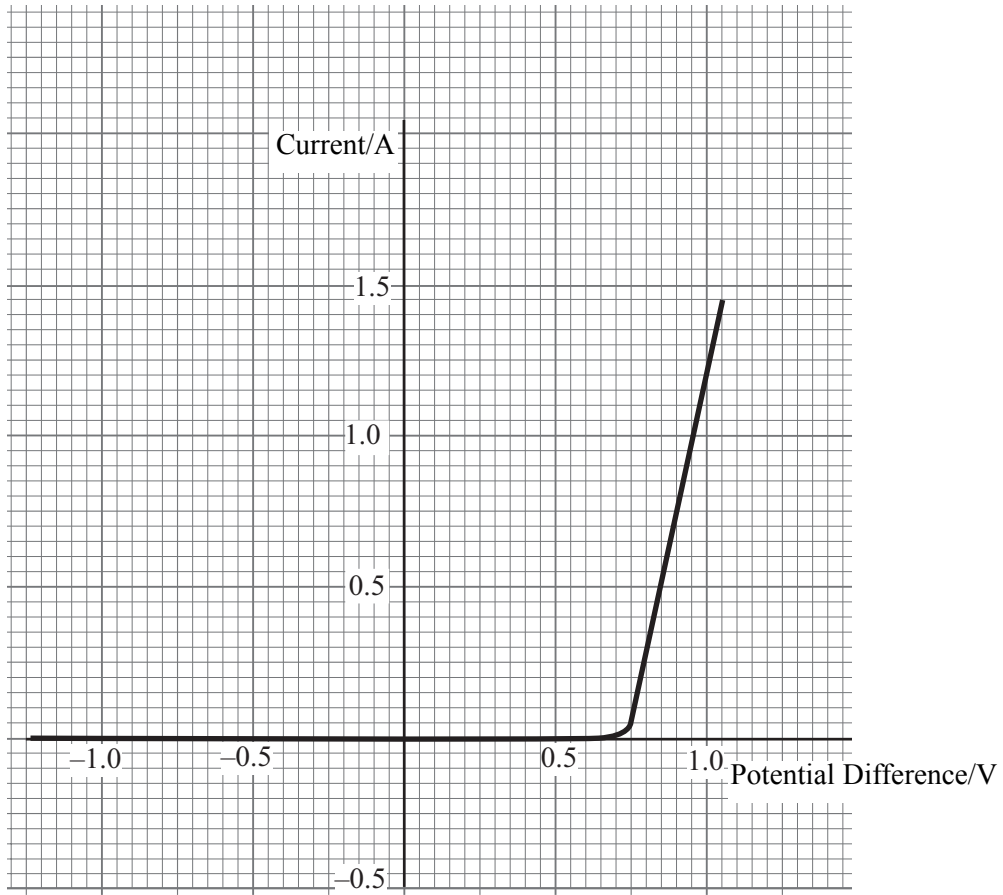


Figure 3

(a) Name the component.....(1 mark)

(b) Calculate the resistance of this component when the current is +0.90 A.

Resistance.....
(2 marks)

(c) State **one** practical use for this component.

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(1 mark)

- 5 **Figure 4** shows a child coming down a slide in a playground. The vertical height of the slide is 3.0 m. The angle between the main slope of the slide and its vertical support is 50° .

acceleration of free fall $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

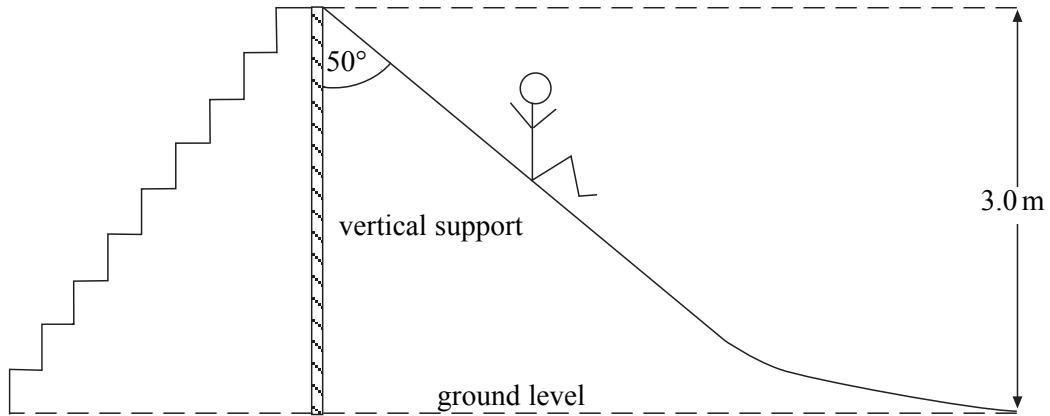


Figure 4

- (a) The child has a mass of 41 kg. Calculate the gain in gravitational potential energy as the child climbed to the top of the slide.

Gravitational potential energy gained.....
(2 marks)

- (b) Assume that the slide is frictionless.

- (i) Use your answer to part (a) to calculate the speed of the child when reaching the bottom of the slide.

Speed.....
(2 marks)

- (ii) Calculate the resultant force acting on the child when in the position shown in **Figure 4**.

Resultant force.....
(2 marks)

SECTION B

Answer **all** questions in this section

There are **51** marks in this section.

Total for this question: 8 marks

- 6 The graph in **Figure 5** shows how the vertical component, v , of the velocity of a rocket varies with time, t , from its take-off on level ground to the **highest point of its trajectory**.

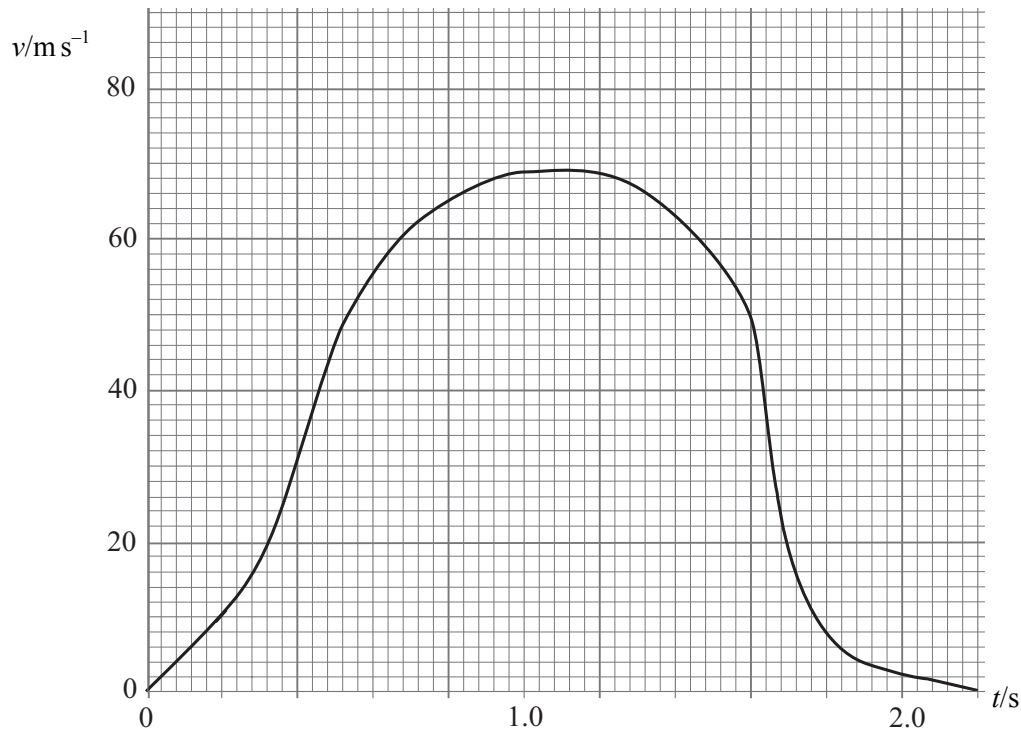


Figure 5

- (a) Take readings from the graph to calculate the average vertical acceleration of the rocket from time $t = 0$ to time $t = 0.60$ s.

Average acceleration.....
(3 marks)

- (b) Use the graph to estimate the maximum height reached by the rocket.

Maximum height.....
(3 marks)

- (c) Assume that air resistance is negligible. Calculate the time taken for the rocket to fall from its maximum height back to the ground.

acceleration of free fall $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

Time to fall to the ground.....
(2 marks)

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- 7 The heating circuit of a hairdryer is shown in **Figure 6**. It consists of two heating elements, R_1 and R_2 , connected in parallel. Each element is controlled by its own switch.

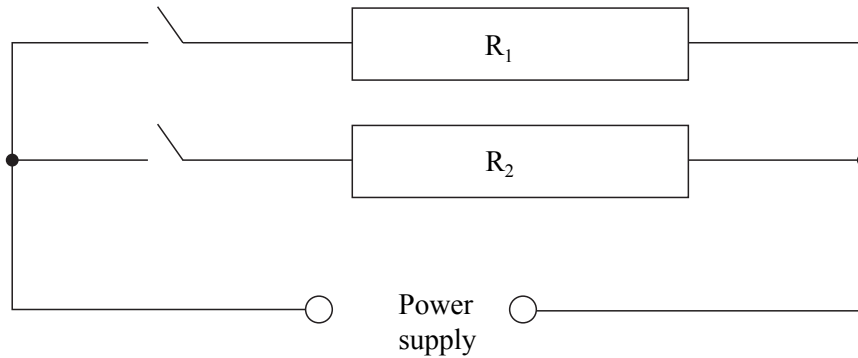


Figure 6

The elements are made from the same resistance wire. This wire has a resistivity of $1.1 \times 10^{-6} \Omega \text{ m}$ at its working temperature. The cross-sectional area of the wire is $1.7 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2$ and the length of the wire used to make R_1 is 3.0 m.

- (a) Show that the resistance of R_1 is about 190Ω .

(3 marks)

- (b) Calculate the power output from the heating circuit with only R_1 switched on when it is connected to a 240 V supply.

Power output.....
(2 marks)

- (c) With both elements switched on, the total power output is three times that of R_1 on its own.
- (i) Calculate the length of wire used to make the coil R_2 .

Length.....
(3 marks)

- (ii) Calculate the total current with both elements switched on.

Total current.....
(2 marks)

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- 8** Figure 7 shows a water-skier of mass 70 kg being pulled in a straight line at a constant speed of 6.0 m s^{-1} . The tension in the towrope is 1200 N.

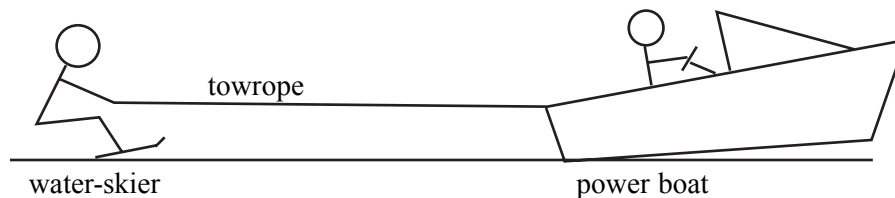


Figure 7

- (a) State the magnitude of the total resistive force acting on the skier.

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(1 mark)

- (b) When the tension is 1200 N the towrope has been stretched by 0.40 m. Calculate

- (i) the energy stored in the towrope;

Energy.....
(2 marks)

- (ii) the stiffness of the towrope in N m^{-1} .

Stiffness..... N m^{-1}
(2 marks)

- (c) The skier is now accelerated uniformly to 12.0 m s^{-1} in 5.0 s by the power boat.

- (i) Assuming that the resistive forces acting on the skier remain constant, calculate the increase in tension in the rope.

Increase in tension.....
(3 marks)

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- 9 The circuit shown in **Figure 8** can be used as an electronic thermometer. The battery has negligible internal resistance.

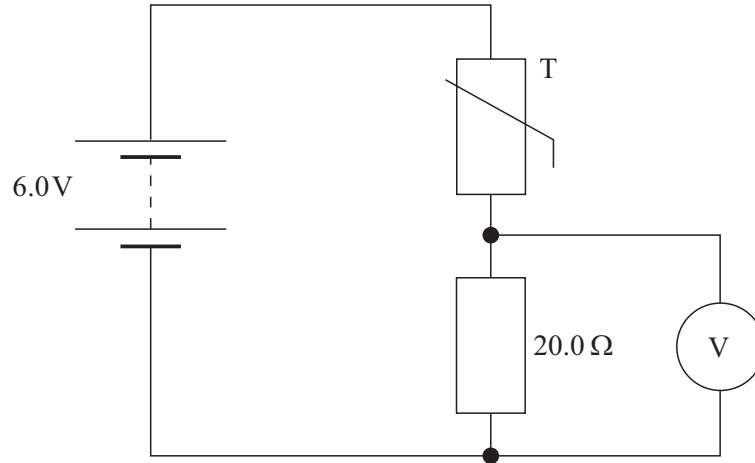


Figure 8

The reading on the digital voltmeter can be converted to give the temperature of the thermistor T which is used as a temperature sensor.

- (a) Explain why the reading on the voltmeter increases as the temperature of the thermistor increases.

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(2 marks)

- (b) When the thermistor is at $80.0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ the voltmeter reading is 5.0 V . Show that the resistance of the thermistor at this temperature is $4.0\ \Omega$.

(1 mark)

- (c) When the thermistor is at $20.0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ its resistance is $24.5\ \Omega$. Calculate the reading on the voltmeter.

Voltmeter reading.....
(2 marks)

- (d) The battery is replaced with another having the same emf but an internal resistance of $3.0\ \Omega$.

- (i) Calculate the new voltmeter reading when the thermistor temperature is $80.0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Voltmeter reading.....
(2 marks)

- (ii) State and explain the effect, if any, on the measured temperature when the thermistor is at $20.0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

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(1 mark)



Total for this question: 10 marks

10 Scientific measurements are now often made automatically by electronic data capture systems. These data may be collected in the form of an *analogue* signal which is subsequently converted into *digital* form for transmission and/or processing.

(a) With the aid of diagrams explain the terms *analogue* and *digital* in this context.

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(4 marks)

- (b) State and explain the causes of **two** problems associated with the transmission of electrical signals along metal cables. You should go on to discuss how the problems may be overcome for both digital and analogue data.

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