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1. (a) Explain with the aid of a diagram why transverse waves can be plane polarised but longitudinal waves cannot be plane polarised.

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- (b) (i) A filament lamp is observed directly and then through a sheet of Polaroid. Describe and explain the effect of the sheet of Polaroid on the intensity of the light seen.

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- (ii) The sheet of Polaroid is now rotated in a plane perpendicular to the direction of travel of the light. What effect, if any, will this have on the intensity of the light seen?

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**Q1**



2. A communication satellite is in orbit above the Earth's surface.

(a) The satellite's electrical system is powered by 20 000 photovoltaic cells, each of area  $10 \text{ cm}^2$ . The intensity of the sunlight falling on the cells is  $1.4 \text{ kW m}^{-2}$ . The cells produce  $5.0 \text{ kW}$  of electrical power. Calculate the efficiency of the cells in transferring solar energy to electrical energy.

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Efficiency = .....  
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(b) (i) The satellite generates a signal of power  $5.0 \text{ kW}$  and orbits at a height of  $3.6 \times 10^4 \text{ km}$  above the Earth's surface. Calculate the intensity which is detected at the Earth's surface if the satellite transmits uniformly in all directions. Assume there is no absorption of the signal along its path.

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Intensity = .....  
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(ii) In practice, reflectors on the satellite focus all the  $5.0 \text{ kW}$  of transmitted power onto a small area of the Earth's surface. If this area is a circle of diameter  $1000 \text{ km}$ , calculate the intensity that would be detected there. Assume there is no absorption of the signal along its path.

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3. (a) Define simple harmonic motion.

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(b) (i) A 120 g mass performs simple harmonic motion when suspended from a spring that has a spring constant of  $3.9 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ . Calculate the period  $T$ .

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 $T =$  .....  
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(ii) The simple harmonic motion is started by displacing the mass 15 cm from its equilibrium position and then releasing it. Calculate the maximum speed of the mass.

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Maximum speed = .....  
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(iii) Calculate the maximum acceleration of the mass.

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Maximum acceleration = .....  
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(iv) The 120 g mass is replaced by a wooden block. When the block performs simple harmonic motion the period is 1.4 s. Calculate the mass of the block.

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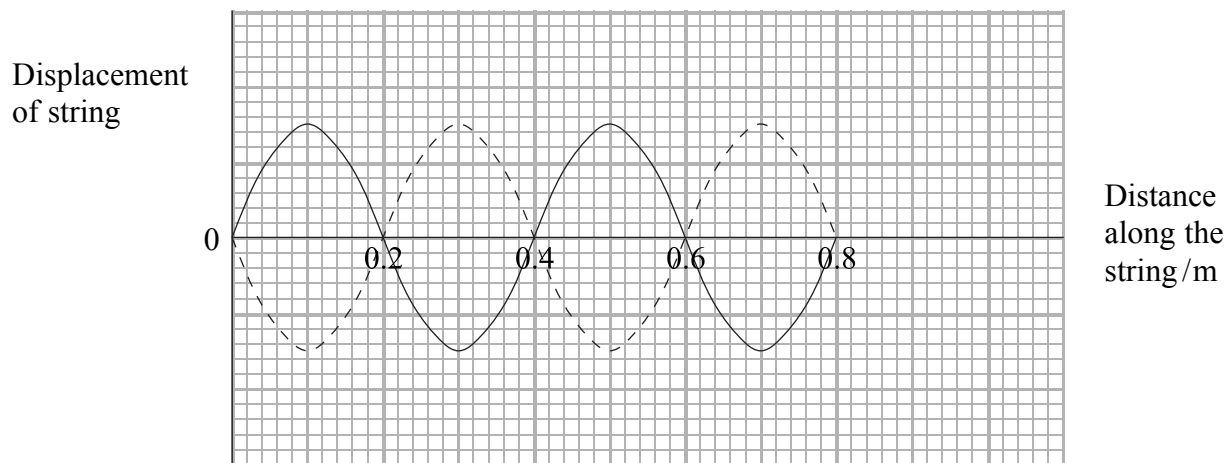
4. The cello is a stringed musical instrument that may be played either by stroking the strings with a bow or by plucking the strings with the fingers.



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(a) One of the attached strings on the cello has a vibrating length of 0.80 m. The string is made to oscillate as a stationary wave by means of a bow and the following pattern of oscillations is seen. The position of the string at two different times is shown.



(i) Explain how the movement of the bow causes this wave pattern.

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(ii) Using the diagram calculate the wavelength of the wave.

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(iii) State two differences between the wave on the string and the sound wave it produces.

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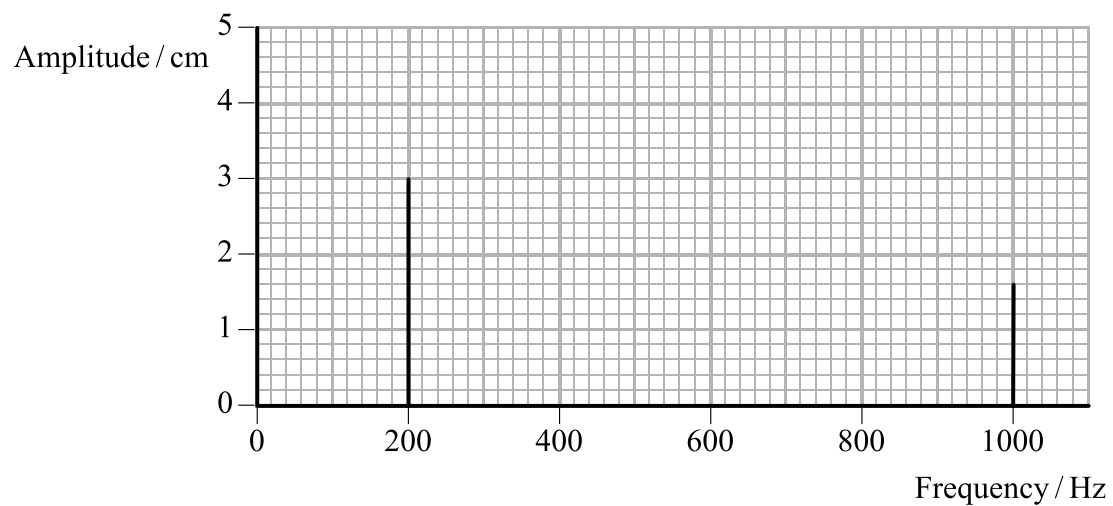
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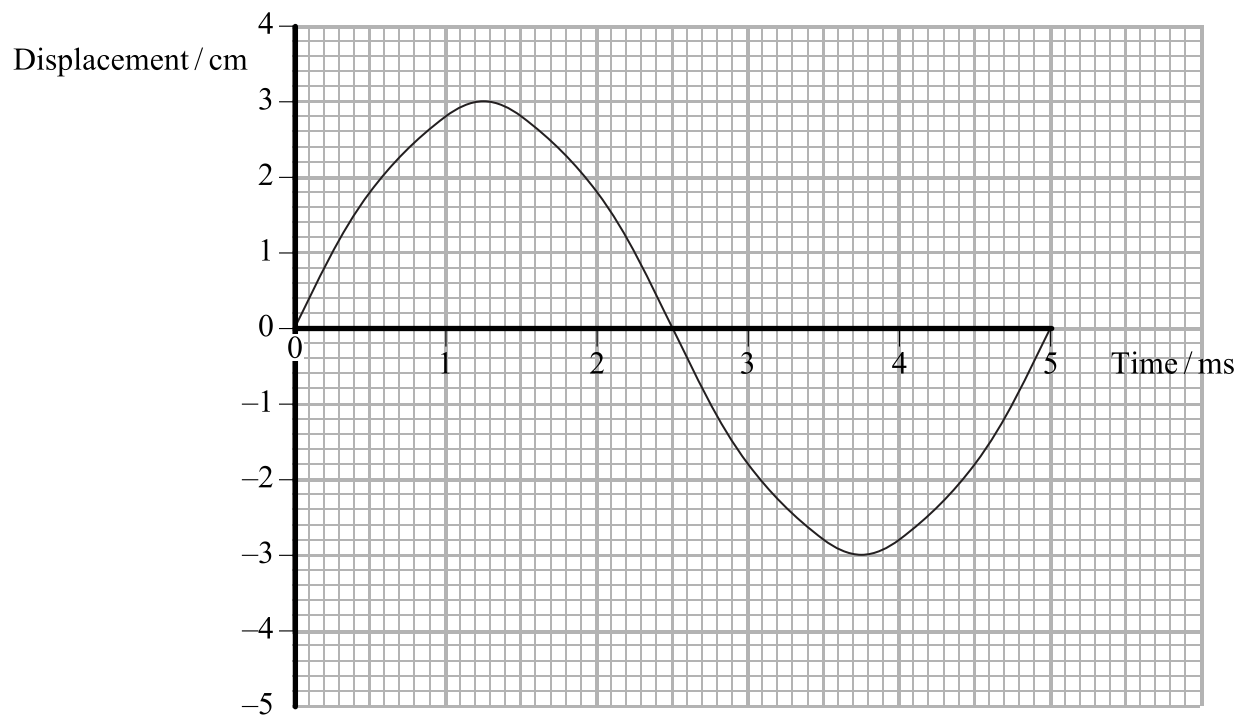


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- (b) The cello string is then plucked and the waveform of the resulting sound is analysed by an oscilloscope. It is found to consist of two frequencies of different amplitudes. The frequency spectrum is shown below.



The waveform of the 200 Hz wave has been drawn on the axes below. On the same axes sketch the waveform of the 1000 Hz wave.



(2) Q4

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5. (a) State three conditions which must be satisfied if two waves are to produce an observable interference pattern.

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- (b) (i) Describe an experiment using microwaves to produce and detect a two slit interference pattern. You may find it useful to draw a diagram.

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- (ii) The dimensions of a microwave experiment are such that the equation  $\lambda = xs/D$  is not valid. Explain how you would find a value for the wavelength of the microwaves from your experiment.

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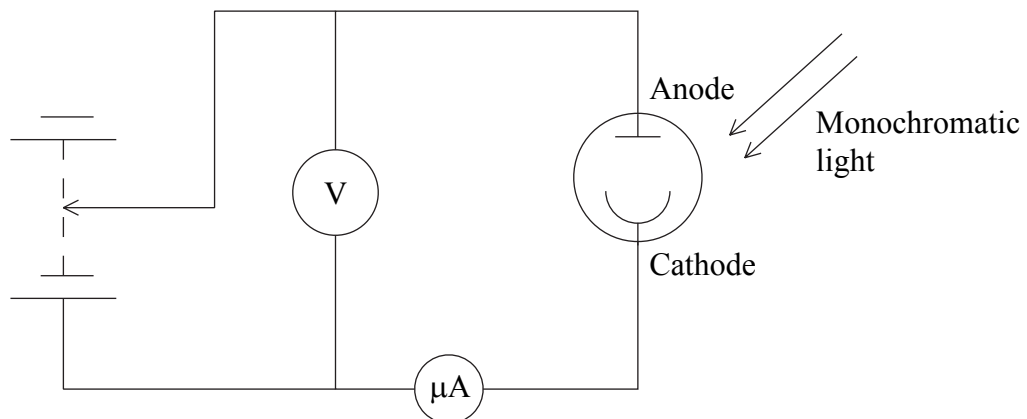
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**Q5**



6. The diagram shows monochromatic light falling on a photocell.



The photocell is connected so that there is a reverse potential difference across the cathode and the anode.

(a) Explain the following observations.

- (i) Initially there is a current which is measured by the microammeter. As the reverse potential difference is increased the current reading on the microammeter decreases.

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- (ii) When the potential difference reaches a certain value  $V_s$ , the stopping potential, the current is zero.

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(b) What would be the effect on the value of the stopping potential  $V_s$  of

(i) increasing the intensity of the incident radiation whilst keeping its frequency constant

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(ii) increasing the frequency of the incident radiation whilst keeping its intensity constant?

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**Q6**

**(Total 7 marks)**



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7. (a) (i) Electrons are often used to study crystal structure. A suitable electron has a kinetic energy of  $2.46 \times 10^{-18}$  J. Show that the de Broglie wavelength for this electron is about  $3 \times 10^{-10}$  m.

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(ii) Which part of the electromagnetic spectrum would have a wavelength similar to the electron in (i)?

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(iii) Explain why such an electron is suitable for studying crystal structures.

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(b) What is meant by wave-particle duality? Illustrate your answer with reference to the behaviour of electrons.  
You may be awarded a mark for the clarity of your answer.

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**(Total 12 marks)**

**Q7**

**TOTAL FOR PAPER: 60 MARKS**

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### List of data, formulae and relationships

#### Data

Speed of light in vacuum	$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	
Gravitational constant	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$	
Acceleration of free fall	$g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$	(close to the Earth)
Gravitational field strength	$g = 9.81 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$	(close to the Earth)
Elementary (proton) charge	$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$	
Electronic mass	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$	
Electronvolt	$1 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$	
Planck constant	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$	
Unified atomic mass unit	$u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$	
Molar gas constant	$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$	
Permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$	
Coulomb Law constant	$k = 1/4\pi\epsilon_0$ $= 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$	
Permeability of free space	$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ N A}^{-2}$	

#### Rectilinear motion

For uniformly accelerated motion:

$$v = u + at$$

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

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2ax$$

#### Forces and moments

Moment of  $F$  about O =  $F \times$  (Perpendicular distance from  $F$  to O)

Sum of clockwise moments about any point in a plane = Sum of anticlockwise moments about that point

#### Dynamics

Force  $F = m \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$

Impulse  $F \Delta t = \Delta p$

#### Mechanical energy

Power  $P = Fv$

#### Radioactive decay and the nuclear atom

Activity  $A = \lambda N$  (Decay constant  $\lambda$ )

Half-life  $\lambda t_{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.69$



**Electrical current and potential difference**

Electric current  $I = nAQv$

Electric power  $P = I^2R$

**Electrical circuits**

Terminal potential difference  $V = \mathcal{E} - Ir$  (E.m.f.  $\mathcal{E}$ ; Internal resistance  $r$ )

Circuit e.m.f.  $\Sigma \mathcal{E} = \Sigma IR$

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

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

**Heating matter**

Change of state: energy transfer  $= l\Delta m$  (Specific latent heat or specific enthalpy change  $l$ )

Heating and cooling: energy transfer  $= mc\Delta T$  (Specific heat capacity  $c$ ; Temperature change  $\Delta T$ )

Celsius temperature  $\theta/^{\circ}\text{C} = T/\text{K} - 273$

**Kinetic theory of matter**

Temperature and energy  $T \propto$  Average kinetic energy of molecules

Kinetic theory  $p = \frac{1}{3} \rho \langle c^2 \rangle$

**Conservation of energy**

Change of internal energy  $\Delta U = \Delta Q + \Delta W$  (Energy transferred thermally  $\Delta Q$ ; Work done on body  $\Delta W$ )

Efficiency of energy transfer  $= \frac{\text{Useful output}}{\text{Input}}$

Heat engine: maximum efficiency  $= \frac{T_1 - T_2}{T_1}$

**Circular motion and oscillations**

Angular speed  $\omega = \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t} = \frac{v}{r}$  (Radius of circular path  $r$ )

Centripetal acceleration  $a = \frac{v^2}{r}$

Period  $T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$  (Frequency  $f$ )

Simple harmonic motion:

displacement  $x = x_0 \cos 2\pi ft$

maximum speed  $= 2\pi f x_0$

acceleration  $a = -(2\pi f)^2 x$

For a simple pendulum  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$

For a mass on a spring  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$  (Spring constant  $k$ )



**Waves**

Intensity  $I = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2}$  (Distance from point source  $r$ ;  
Power of source  $P$ )

**Superposition of waves**

Two slit interference  $\lambda = \frac{xS}{D}$  (Wavelength  $\lambda$ ; Slit separation  $s$ ;  
Fringe width  $x$ ; Slits to screen distance  $D$ )

**Quantum phenomena**

Photon model  $E = hf$  (Planck constant  $h$ )

Maximum energy of photoelectrons  $= hf - \phi$  (Work function  $\phi$ )

Energy levels  $hf = E_1 - E_2$

de Broglie wavelength  $\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$

**Observing the Universe**

Doppler shift  $\frac{\Delta f}{f} = \frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} \approx \frac{v}{c}$

Hubble law  $v = Hd$  (Hubble constant  $H$ )

**Gravitational fields**

Gravitational field strength  $g = F/m$

for radial field  $g = Gm/r^2$ , numerically (Gravitational constant  $G$ )

**Electric fields**

Electrical field strength  $E = F/Q$

for radial field  $E = kQ/r^2$  (Coulomb law constant  $k$ )

for uniform field  $E = V/d$

For an electron in a vacuum tube  $e\Delta V = \Delta(\frac{1}{2}m_e v^2)$

**Capacitance**

Energy stored  $W = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$

Capacitors in parallel  $C = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

Capacitors in series  $\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$

Time constant for capacitor discharge  $= RC$



### ***Magnetic fields***

Force on a wire	$F = BIl$	
Magnetic flux density (Magnetic field strength)		
in a long solenoid	$B = \mu_0 nI$	(Permeability of free space $\mu_0$ )
near a long wire	$B = \mu_0 I / 2\pi r$	
Magnetic flux	$\Phi = BA$	
E.m.f. induced in a coil	$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{N\Delta\Phi}{\Delta t}$	(Number of turns $N$ )

### ***Accelerators***

Mass-energy	$\Delta E = c^2 \Delta m$
Force on a moving charge	$F = BQv$

### ***Analogies in physics***

Capacitor discharge	$Q = Q_0 e^{-t/RC}$
	$\frac{t_{\frac{1}{2}}}{RC} = \ln 2$
Radioactive decay	$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$
	$\lambda t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \ln 2$

### ***Experimental physics***

$$\text{Percentage uncertainty} = \frac{\text{Estimated uncertainty} \times 100\%}{\text{Average value}}$$

### ***Mathematics***

	$\sin(90^\circ - \theta) = \cos \theta$	
	$\ln(x^n) = n \ln x$	
	$\ln(e^{kx}) = kx$	
Equation of a straight line	$y = mx + c$	
Surface area	cylinder = $2\pi r h + 2\pi r^2$	
	sphere = $4\pi r^2$	
Volume	cylinder = $\pi r^2 h$	
	sphere = $\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$	
For small angles:	$\sin \theta \approx \tan \theta \approx \theta$	(in radians)
	$\cos \theta \approx 1$	

