

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS****Advanced GCE****PHYSICS A****2825/03****Materials**

Thursday

**26 JUNE 2003**

Morning

1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the question paper.

Additional materials:

Electronic calculator

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**TIME** 1 hour 30 minutes**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in the space above.
- Write your Centre number and Candidate number in the boxes above.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Write your answers in the spaces on the question paper.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 90.
- You may use an electronic calculator.
- You are advised to show all the steps in any calculations.
- The first six questions concern Materials. The last question concerns general physics.

FOR EXAMINER'S USE		
Qu.	Max.	Mark
1	14	
2	8	
3	9	
4	14	
5	11	
6	14	
7	20	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>	

**This question paper consists of 16 printed pages.**

**Data**

speed of light in free space,	$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
permeability of free space,	$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H m}^{-1}$
permittivity of free space,	$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$
elementary charge,	$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
the Planck constant,	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
unified atomic mass constant,	$u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
rest mass of electron,	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
rest mass of proton,	$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
molar gas constant,	$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
the Avogadro constant,	$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
gravitational constant,	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
acceleration of free fall,	$g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

**Formulae**

uniformly accelerated motion,

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

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

refractive index,

$$n = \frac{1}{\sin C}$$

capacitors in series,

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots$$

capacitors in parallel,

$$C = C_1 + C_2 + \dots$$

capacitor discharge,

$$x = x_0 e^{-t/CR}$$

pressure of an ideal gas,

$$p = \frac{1}{3} \frac{Nm}{V} \langle c^2 \rangle$$

radioactive decay,

$$x = x_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$$

critical density of matter in the Universe,

$$\rho_0 = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$$

relativity factor,

$$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

current,

$$I = nAve$$

nuclear radius,

$$r = r_0 A^{1/3}$$

sound intensity level,

$$= 10 \lg \left( \frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

Answer **all** the questions.

1 (a) State the molecular structure of the following materials.

glass .....

metal .....

[2]

(b) (i) State what is meant by the terms

*grain boundary*

.....[1]

*dislocation.*

.....[1]

(ii) State the type of fault introduced into a crystal structure by an impurity atom.

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(c) Copper readily undergoes plastic behaviour when sufficient force is applied. Explain this behaviour in terms of the presence of dislocations in the copper.

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.....[3]

(d) Brass is an alloy of copper and zinc.

(i) Suggest why brass less easily undergoes plastic behaviour.

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.....[2]

(ii) State a use of brass for which copper, due to its plastic behaviour, would not be suitable.

.....[1]

- (d) The ice of a glacier is 30 m deep. Owing to the pressure at this depth, the ice undergoes plastic behaviour.
- (i) Calculate the pressure exerted by a vertical cylinder of ice of cross-sectional area  $1.0 \text{ m}^2$  and depth 30 m. The density of ice is  $920 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ .

pressure = ..... Pa [2]

- (ii) Suggest how the presence of ice showing plastic properties contributes to the behaviour of the glacier.

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.....[1]

[Total: 14]

- 2 The resultant force  $F$  between two atoms in a metal depends on their separation  $x$ . For a particular pair of atoms, the equilibrium separation is 0.22 nm. The maximum resultant attractive force between the atoms is  $-1.5 \times 10^{-10}$  N when their separation is 0.26 nm.

(a) Sketch a graph of  $F$  against  $x$  on the axes of Fig. 2.1.

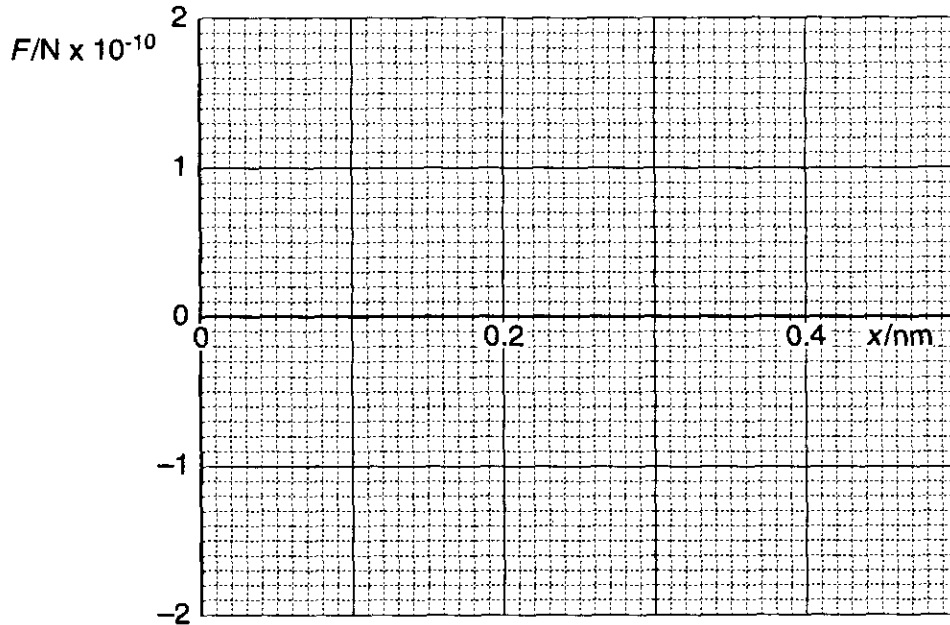


Fig. 2.1

[4]

- (b) A thin wire is made of this metal. A slice of the wire cut through the area of cross-section and one atom thick contains  $2.5 \times 10^{13}$  atoms.

(i) Calculate the theoretical maximum breaking force of the wire.

breaking force = ..... N [2]

- (ii) Suggest **two** reasons why the actual breaking force of the wire would be less than the value calculated in (i).

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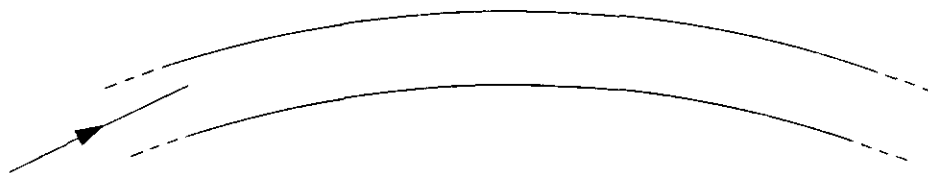
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[2]

[Total: 8]

- 3 (a) A ray of light passes through a curved optic fibre without escaping into the surrounding air. Explain why and illustrate your answer by completing the diagram.



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- (b) An optic fibre contains some metal impurity atoms. Explain, using band theory, why the metal atoms lead to a reduction in the intensity of light transmitted by the fibre.

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.....[3]

- (c) *Rayleigh scattering* also leads to a reduction in the intensity of light transmitted by an optic fibre.

- (i) State the cause of Rayleigh scattering.

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- (ii) Visible light of wavelength 500 nm and infra-red of wavelength 1500 nm pass through equal lengths of the same optic fibre. 10% of the power of the visible light is lost through Rayleigh scattering. Calculate the percentage power loss of the infra-red through the same cause.

% power loss = ..... [3]

[Total: 9]

4 (a) The current  $I$  through a wire is given by the expression  $I = nAve$ .

(i) Explain the meaning of  $n$ .

.....[1]

(ii) Calculate the value of  $n$  for a semiconductor in which  $I = 3.6 \text{ mA}$ ,  $v = 80 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and  $A = 8.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$ .

$n = \dots\dots\dots \text{ m}^{-3}$  [2]

(iii) The value of  $n$  for copper is about  $10^9$  times greater than that for the semiconductor. Briefly explain why in terms of band theory.

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(b) A thermistor is an intrinsic semiconductor. The graph in Fig. 4.1 shows how the resistance  $R$  of a thermistor varies with temperature  $\theta$ .

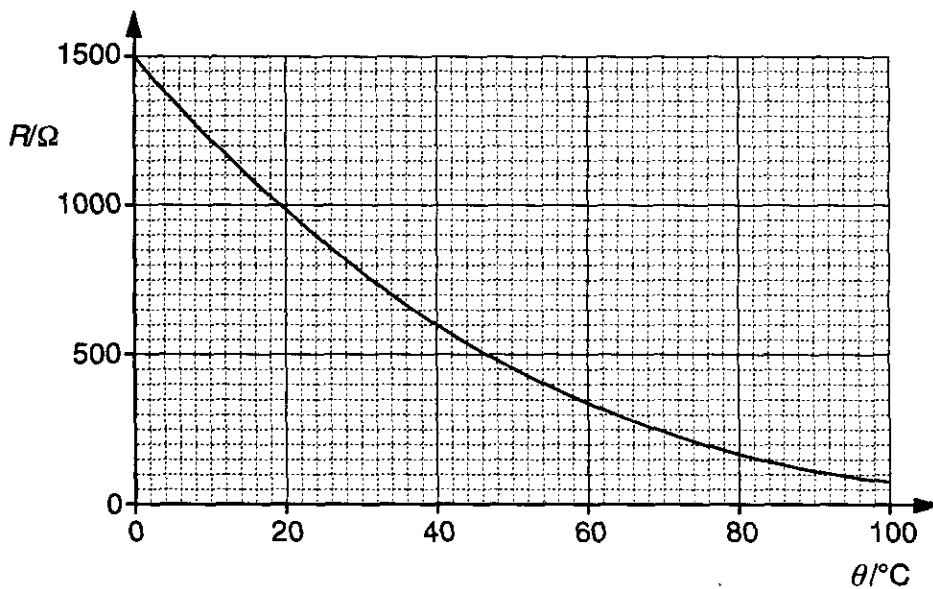


Fig. 4.1



- (i) The thermistor is connected to a 6.0 V battery. Calculate the current through the thermistor if its temperature is maintained at

0 °C

current = ..... A

50 °C.

current = ..... A  
[3]

- (ii) Neglecting thermal expansion, describe what happens to the atoms and number of charge carriers in the thermistor as the temperature rises. Hence explain how these changes lead to a decrease in resistance.

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- (c) To make a thermometer, the thermistor in (b) is connected to a battery with an ammeter in series. The ammeter is calibrated to read temperatures in the range 0 °C to 100 °C rather than current. Describe qualitatively the scale of the meter. Explain your answer.

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[Total: 14]

- 5 (a) Fig. 5.1 shows a voltmeter connected to a slab of semiconductor. A Hall voltage, to be measured by the voltmeter, is to be set up between the upper and lower faces of the slab.

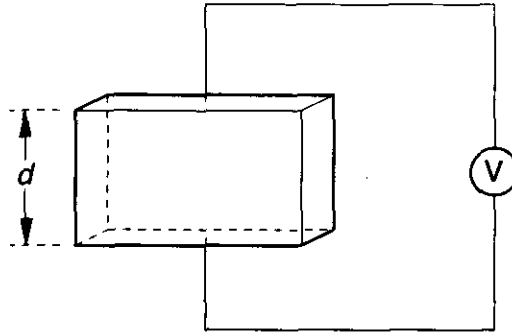


Fig. 5.1

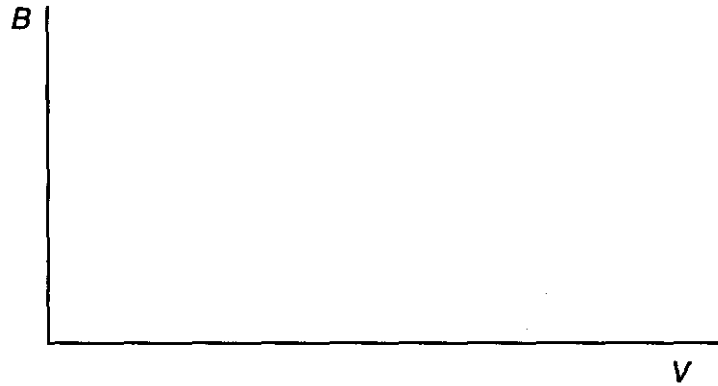
- (i) Show on Fig. 5.1 a battery connected to the slab and the direction of the required magnetic field. [2]
- (ii) State a necessary precaution in the connection of the voltmeter such that the Hall voltage reading is accurate.

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 .....[1]

- (b) The height,  $d$ , of the slab in Fig. 5.1 is 8.0 mm. The drift velocity of charge carriers in the slab is  $60 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . A Hall voltage of 0.028 V is measured. Calculate the flux density of the magnetic field.

flux density = ..... T [3]

- (c) The slab in Fig. 5.1, with the battery and voltmeter, forms the basis of a Hall probe. Sketch a graph on the axes below to show the relationship between the Hall voltage  $V$  generated, and the flux density  $B$  of the magnetic field.



[1]

- (d) (i) A long solenoid carries a current. The flux density of the magnetic field at the centre of the axis of the solenoid is to be measured.

Describe

the orientation of the probe

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how the position of the probe is achieved in practice.

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[2]

- (ii) Describe how the measurement in (d)(i) could be modified so that the result excludes the effect of the Earth's magnetic field.

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[2]

[Total: 11]

- 6 (a) (i) Suggest why the magnetic field set up by a single iron atom is similar in form to that set up by a current in a circular loop of wire.

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 .....[1]

- (ii) A magnetic domain in iron may contain  $10^{14}$  atoms. Explain why a magnetic domain has a strong magnetic field.

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 .....[2]

- (b)  $B_1$  is the flux density of a magnetic field causing the magnetisation of a magnetic material.  $B_2$  is the flux density within the material.  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are shown on the axes of the graph in Fig. 6.1.

On Fig. 6.1 sketch the hysteresis loops of

- (i) a soft magnetic material, labelling this loop S,
- (ii) a hard magnetic material, labelling this loop H.

The graphs should make clear the essential differences between the two types of material.

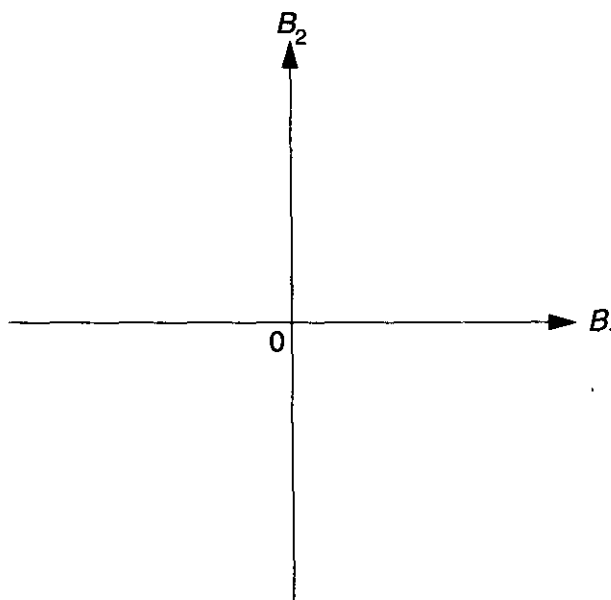


Fig. 6.1

[4]



- 7 Electric vehicles offer many advantages over those powered by internal combustion engines. However, they suffer from one overwhelming problem – storing the energy. In spite of massive research into battery technology, the traditional lead-acid car battery is still best for storing energy. It can hold 20 times more energy per kg than its nearest competitor, the nickel-cadmium rechargeable cell.

A typical lead-acid battery has the following properties.

storage capacity = 0.75 kWh

volume =  $7.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$

mass = 16 kg

terminal voltage = 12 V

Petrol has the following properties.

energy available =  $50 \text{ MJ kg}^{-1}$

density =  $700 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

- (a) Suggest **two possible** advantages of electric vehicles over conventional petrol powered vehicles.

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 .....[2]

- (b) The storage capacity of a battery is often quoted in ampere-hours. This is the number of hours for which a fully charged battery can supply a current of 1 A. Use the data to estimate the capacity in ampere-hours of a typical lead-acid battery.

capacity = ..... ampere-hour [3]

- (c) A bank of lead-acid batteries of total mass 960 kg is used to power a car.

- (i) Calculate the total energy (in MJ) available.

energy = ..... MJ [3]

- (ii) The drag force on the car at  $25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  is 300 N. Estimate how far it could travel at this speed on a level road using the energy stored in these batteries.

distance = ..... m [3]

- (d) (i) Calculate the mass and volume of petrol that provides the same energy as the 960 kg of lead-acid batteries.

mass of petrol = ..... kg

volume of petrol = .....  $\text{m}^3$  [4]

- (ii) The volume of petrol calculated in (d) (i) is very small.

Explain why, in practice, a greater volume of petrol is needed to travel the distance calculated in (c) (ii).

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.....[2]

- (e) Discuss the significance of your answers for the future adoption of electric vehicles rather than petrol vehicles.

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[Total: 20]







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**ERRATUM NOTICE**

**For the attention of the Examinations Officer**

Please read the following correction to candidates at the start of the examination.

Turn to page **5** and look at **Question 1(d)** which begins 'The ice of a glacier is 30 m deep.....'

This question has been labelled incorrectly.

This question should be numbered **Question 1(e)**.

