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2011

## Science: Physics

Paper 2  
Higher Tier

[G7605]



WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE, MORNING

### TIME

1 hour 45 minutes.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.  
Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.  
Answer **all five** questions.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 125.  
Quality of written communication will be assessed in Question 3(c).  
Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.  
Details of calculations should be shown.  
Units must be stated with numerical answers where appropriate.



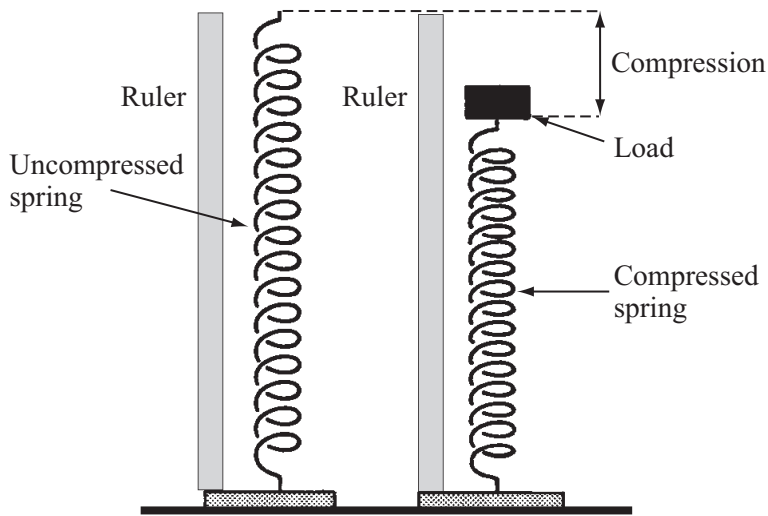
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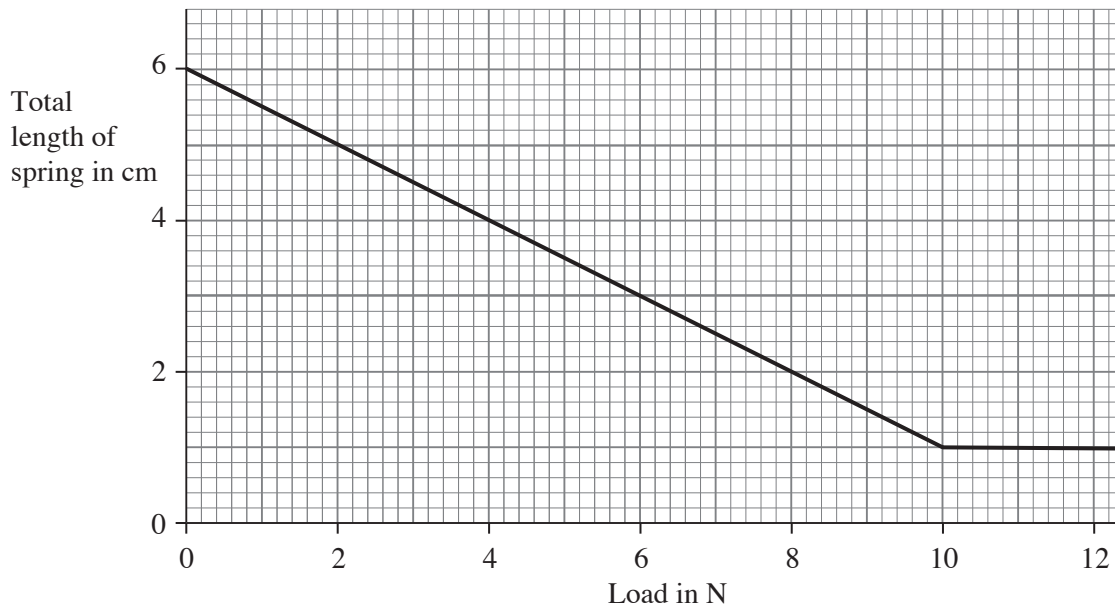
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- 1 (a) Albert carries out an experiment using the apparatus shown in the diagram below, to see how the compression of a spring depends on the load applied. He measures the total length of the spring when different loads are applied.



A graph of his results is shown below.



- (i) Explain why the total length of the spring remains constant when the applied load is 10 N or more.

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(ii) For a given load placed on the spring the compression is defined as;

$$\text{Compression of spring} = \text{Length of spring with no load} - \text{Length of spring with a load}$$

The compression of the spring is directly proportional to the load placed on the spring.

To show that this is true data must be taken from the graph.

Complete the table below using data **derived** from the graph opposite.

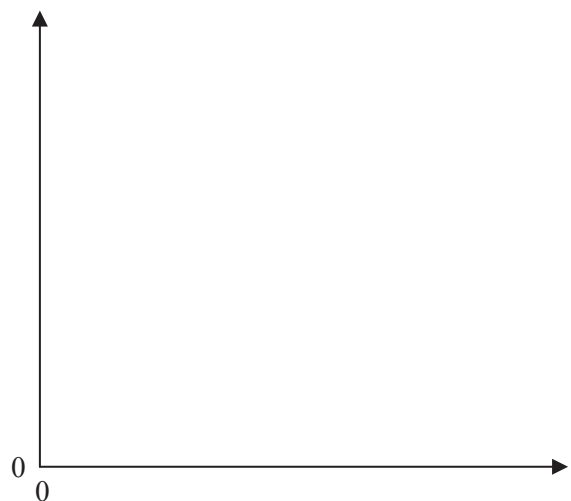
Add column headings with the correct units.

Insert 6 pairs of values in the table.


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(iii) On the axes below sketch the graph that John would plot to show that the compression and the load added to the spring are directly proportional.

Label each axis with the quantity plotted.



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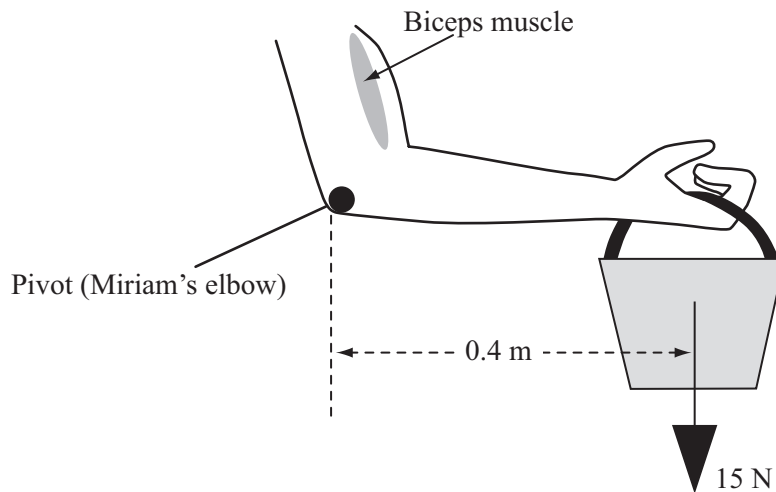
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(b) The diagram below shows Miriam holding a bucket. Miriam's forearm is stationary and horizontal.

(i) Calculate the moment of the 15 N force about the pivot and state its direction.

**Remember to include the correct unit for moment.**

**You are advised to show clearly how you get your answer.**



Moment = \_\_\_\_\_

Direction = \_\_\_\_\_ [4]

(ii) The biceps muscle exerts a force. This force creates an anticlockwise moment about the pivot, which is Miriam's elbow. On the diagram mark the position and direction of this force. [1]

(iii) Miriam's forearm acts like a lever. In the diagram above it is horizontal and stationary. What does this tell you about the clockwise and anticlockwise moments of the forces acting on her forearm?

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(c) When an object moves in a circle, a force called a centripetal force, must act on it.

(i) In what direction does the centripetal force always act?

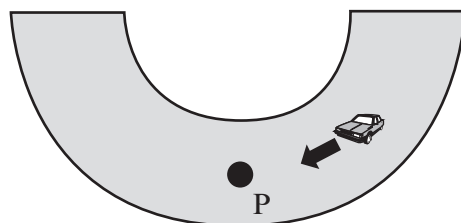
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(ii) For each of the examples given below, state what provides the centripetal force. One has already been completed.

Example	What provides the centripetal force
An artificial satellite orbits the earth	<i>Gravitational force between the satellite and the earth</i>
A chestnut whirled in a horizontal circle at the end of a length of string	
An electron orbits a nucleus	
A racing car travelling around a circular track	

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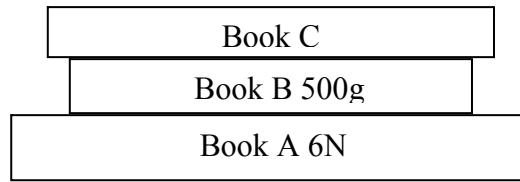
(iii) The diagram below represents a racing car, moving in a clockwise direction around a circular track. At the point P there is oil on the track which causes the centripetal force to disappear very suddenly. Mark, carefully, on the diagram the direction the racing car at P will now move.



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(d) A pile of books has a total weight of 14 N.



- (i) Use the information in the diagram to calculate the weight of book C.  
**You are advised to show clearly how you get your answer.**

Weight of book C = \_\_\_\_\_ N [2]

- (ii) The area of book A in contact with the table is  $700 \text{ cm}^2$ .  
Calculate the total pressure that the books exert on the table.  
**You are advised to show clearly how you get your answer.**

Pressure = \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{N/cm}^2$  [3]

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2 (a) Most fuels used today are fossil fuels. One such fuel is coal.

(i) Explain how the energy stored in coal was dependent on the Sun's energy.

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Many people today are concerned about global warming.

(ii) Describe how energy from the Sun is trapped in the Earth's atmosphere.

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(b) Recently the UK government gave approval for the construction of more nuclear power stations. This has been met with approval from some people and disapproval from others.


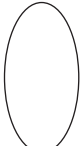
(i) State one **environmental** reason why building nuclear power stations may be a **good** idea.

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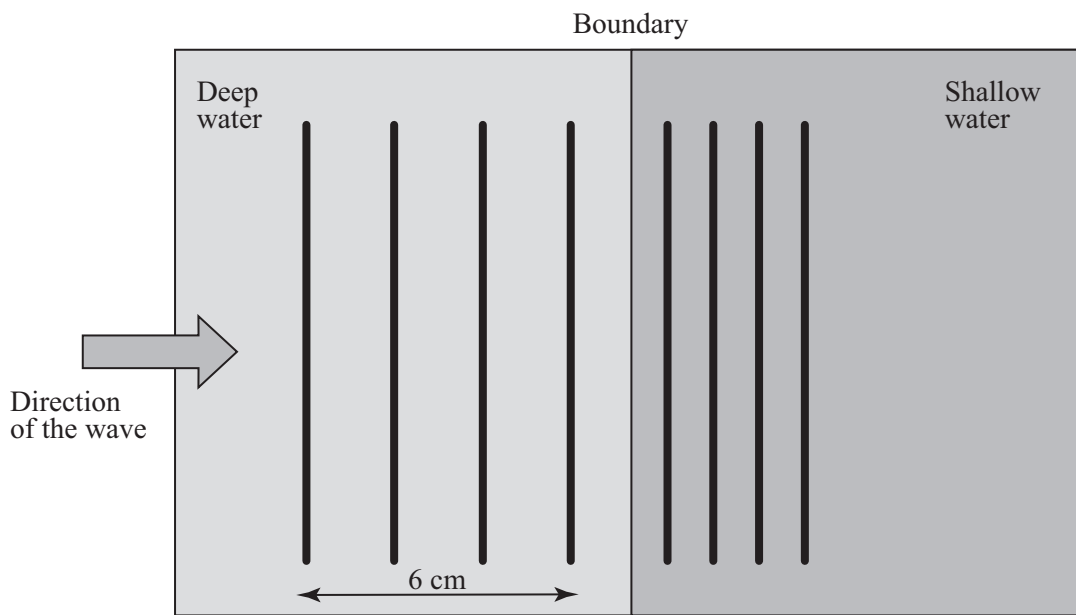
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- 3 (a) The diagram below shows what happens when a water wave moves from deep water to shallow water. The diagram is not full scale.



- (i) What is the wavelength of the water wave in the deep water?

Wavelength in deep water = \_\_\_\_\_ cm [1]

The water wave is made by a long bar vibrating in the water.

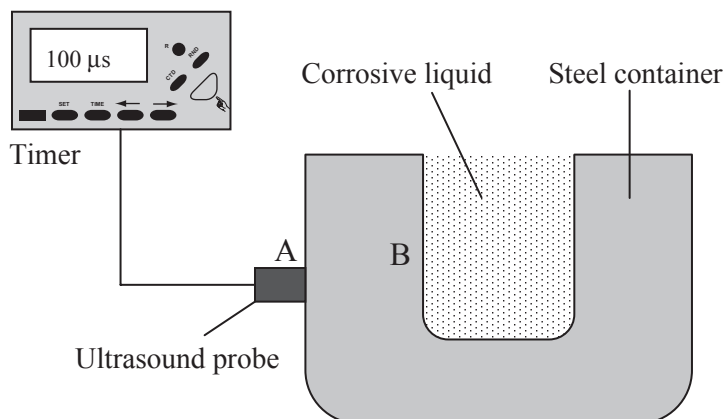
- (ii) The long bar makes 20 vibrations in 5 seconds  
 Calculate the frequency of the water wave produced.  
**You are advised to show clearly how you get your answer.**  
**Include the appropriate unit in your answer.**

Frequency = \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

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- (b) A corrosive liquid is stored in a steel container. The thickness of the wall of the container is measured using ultrasound. The diagram below illustrates the method used.



The ultrasound probe is placed in contact with the outside of the steel container at the point A. It then emits a pulse of ultrasound and 100 microseconds later detects the reflection of this ultrasound from the inner wall of the container at B.

- (i) What is ultrasound?

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In a particular measurement, the following data was obtained.

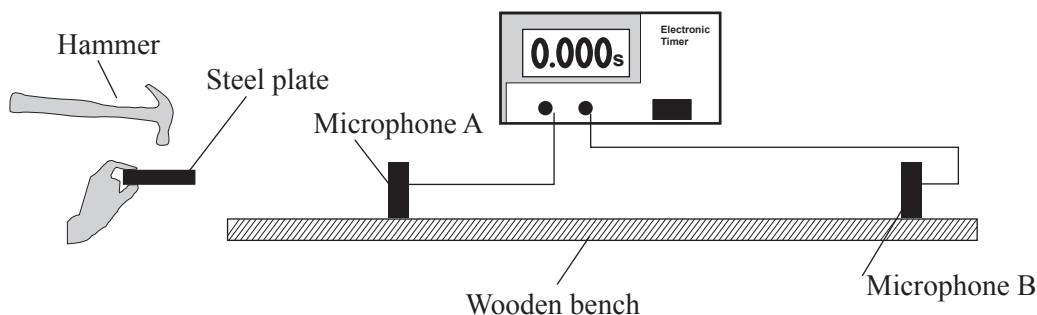
Time elapsed = 100  $\mu\text{s}$  (0.0001 s).  
 Speed of ultrasound in steel = 5000 m/s.

- (ii) Using this data, calculate the thickness of the wall of the container. **Remember to include the correct unit for the thickness. You are advised to show clearly how you get your answer.**

Thickness = \_\_\_\_\_ [4]

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- (c) Roy set up the apparatus shown below. Each microphone is connected to an electronic timer. The timer starts when a sound reaches one of the microphones and stops when it reaches the other microphone. Roy also has a hammer and steel plate as part of the apparatus.



Describe how Roy could use the above apparatus to show that sound travels faster in wood than in air. State clearly what measurement would show that this is true.

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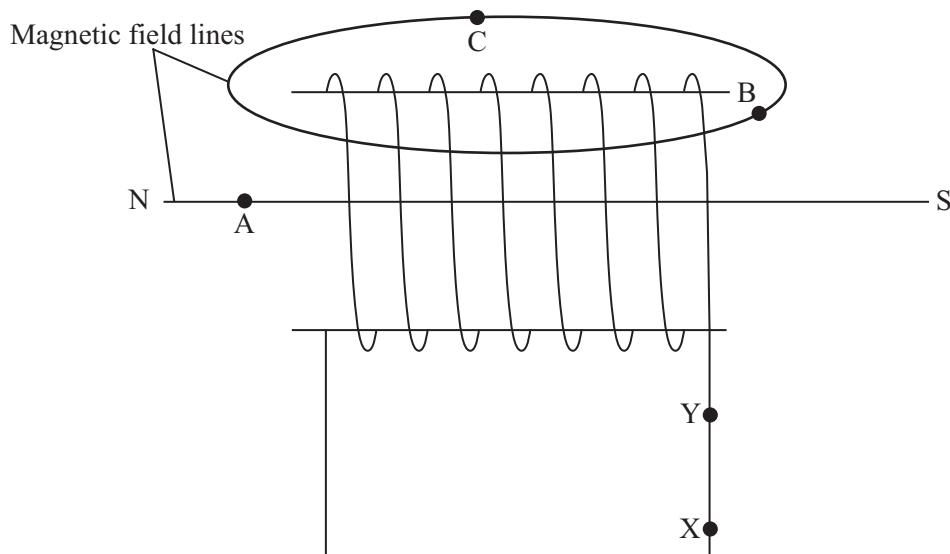
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- 4 (a) The diagram below shows a coil of wire wrapped around a cardboard cylinder. When an electric current is passed through the coil a magnetic field is created around the coil. The ends are marked N (north pole) and S (south pole). Two magnetic field lines are also shown.



- (i) On the diagram mark the direction of the current between the points X and Y that will produce the magnetic poles shown in the diagram. [1]

- (ii) On the diagram mark the directions of the magnetic field lines at the points A, B and C. [3]

- (iii) The arrangement above is described as an electromagnet. What does this mean?

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- (iv) What material, placed inside the cardboard cylinder, will increase the strength of the magnet?

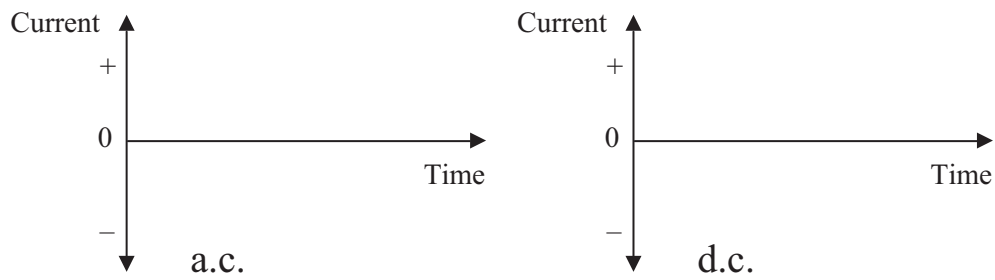
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- (v) Apart from increasing the current in the coil, or adding a different core, what could be done to the coil shown above to increase the strength of the magnetic field at the centre of the coil?

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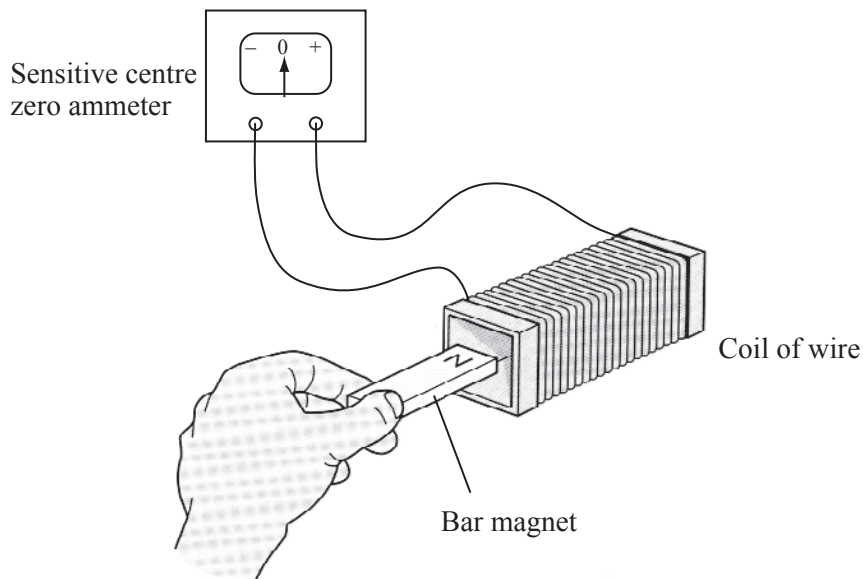
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- (b) (i) On the axes below show how an alternating current (a.c.) and a direct current (d.c.) might vary, if at all, with time.



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The diagram below shows a magnet and a coil of wire.



- (ii) Describe how an alternating current can be induced in the coil using the magnet.

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- (iii) Describe how a brief direct current can be induced in the coil using the magnet.

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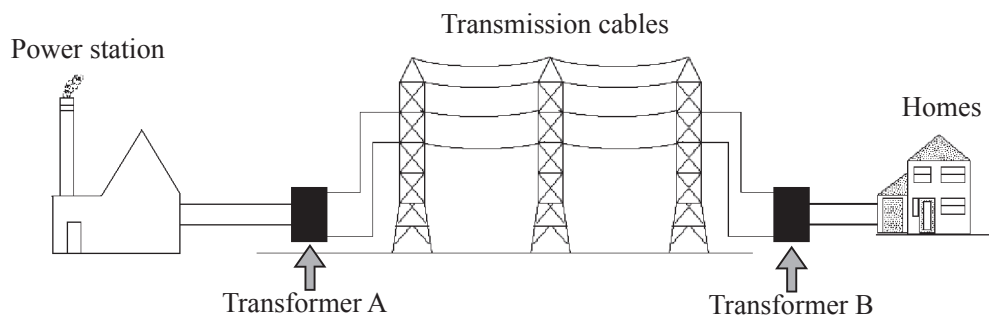


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- (c) The diagram below shows some of the stages in the generation of electricity and its transmission to homes using cables.



- (i) Name the types of transformer marked A and B. In each case describe the feature of the construction of the transformer that allows it to change the voltage in the required way.

A \_\_\_\_\_

Feature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

Feature \_\_\_\_\_

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- (ii) Explain how the system shown above improves the efficiency of the transmission of electricity.

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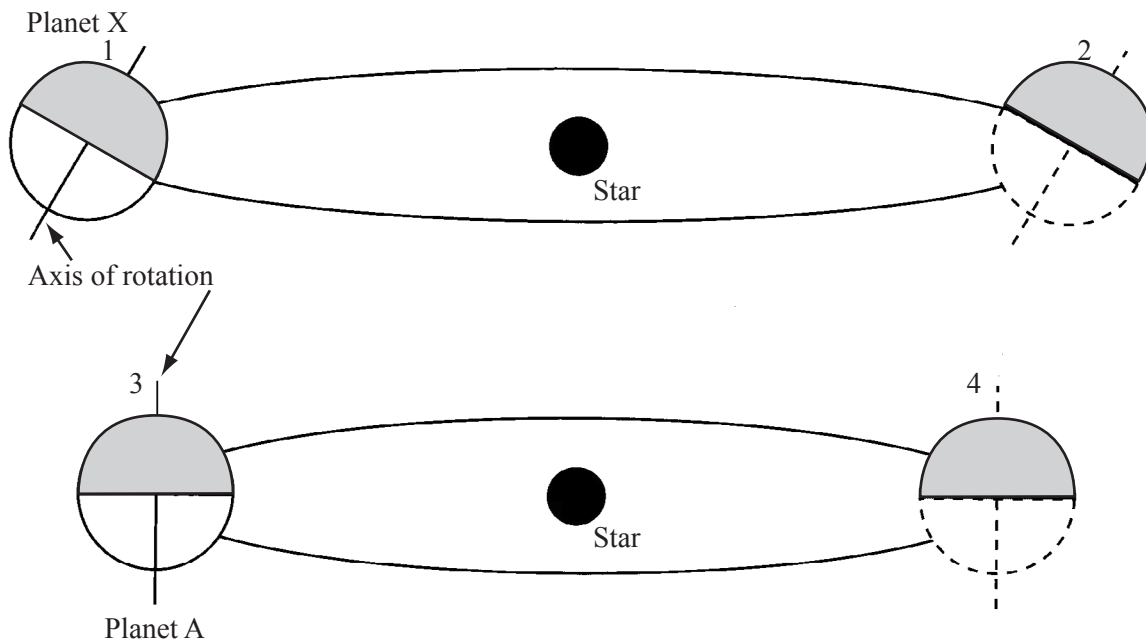
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- 5 (a) The diagram below shows two planets X and A. The northern hemisphere of each planet is shaded. The axes of rotation are shown.



What can you conclude from the diagrams about the lengths of day and night in the **northern hemisphere** of each planet?

Record your answers by placing ticks (✓) in the correct boxes in the table below.

	Day longer than night	Day same length as night	Day shorter than night
Planet X at 1			
Planet X at 2			
Planet A at 3			
Planet A at 4			

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- (b) What is a light year?

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(e) (i) What is the Big Bang theory?

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(ii) One piece of evidence that supports this theory is known as the “Red Shift”. Explain what is meant by this and what conclusion can be drawn to support the Big Bang theory.

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