

FORMULAE

You may find the following formulae useful.

$$\text{average velocity} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time}}$$

$$v = \frac{s}{t}$$

$$\text{acceleration} = \frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time}}$$

$$a = \frac{(v-u)}{t}$$

$$\text{force} = \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration}$$

$$F = m \times a$$

$$\text{momentum} = \text{mass} \times \text{velocity}$$

$$p = m \times v$$

$$\text{change in potential energy} = \text{mass} \times \text{gravitational field strength} \times \text{change in height}$$

$$PE = m \times g \times h$$

$$\text{kinetic energy} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{mass} \times (\text{velocity})^2$$

$$KE = \frac{1}{2} \times m \times v^2$$

$$\text{electrical energy} = \text{voltage} \times \text{current} \times \text{time}$$

$$E = V \times I \times t$$

$$\text{power} = \frac{\text{work done}}{\text{time taken}}$$

$$P = \frac{W}{t}$$

$$\text{work done} = \text{force} \times \text{distance moved in the direction of the force}$$

$$W = F \times s$$



- 1. Alex flies a Boeing 777 over a city at night.
The plane's anti-collision lights flash once every second.
The photograph shows several seconds of his flight from left to right.



The photograph shows the plane as it accelerates from left to right.
State **two** pieces of evidence in the photograph which suggest that the plane is accelerating.

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(Total 2 marks)

Q1



2. (a) Darren has been charged up using a Van de Graaff generator. His teacher tells him he is negatively charged.



State why his hair stands on end.

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(1)

- (b) Bev combs her hair with a plastic comb. Bev's hair also gains a negative charge and her hair stands on end.

Explain how Bev's hair gains a negative charge.

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(Total 4 marks)

Q2



3. Safety engineers investigate car crashes.

- (a) First the safety engineers accelerate a car.
The car contains a test dummy which has a mass of 80 kg.
The average acceleration of the test dummy is 7.5 m/s^2 .

Calculate the average accelerating force acting on the test dummy.
State the unit.

force = unit =
(3)

- (b) Next the safety engineers crash the car into a wall.



The car hits the wall at 25 m/s .
The car takes 0.12 s to stop.
Calculate the average acceleration of the car.

acceleration = m/s^2
(2)

(Total 5 marks)

Q3



4. (a) (i) The table shows some properties of alpha and beta particles. Complete the table.

| particle | nature | charge | range in air | ionising ability |
|----------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|------------------|
| alpha | 2 protons and 2 neutrons | +2 | 5 cm | |
| beta | | | over 50 cm | medium |

(2)

- (ii) Why do alpha particles travel a shorter distance in air than beta particles?

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- (b) Radon-222 and radon-226 are both unstable isotopes of radon.

- (i) Explain the word **isotopes**.

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(1)

- (ii) The activity of a sample of radon-222 is 160 Bq. Calculate its activity two half-lives later. Show your working.

activity two half-lives later = Bq
 (2)



(iii) Radon-222 occurs naturally as a gas and decays by emitting alpha particles.
Explain why radon-222 is more dangerous as a gas than it would be as a solid.

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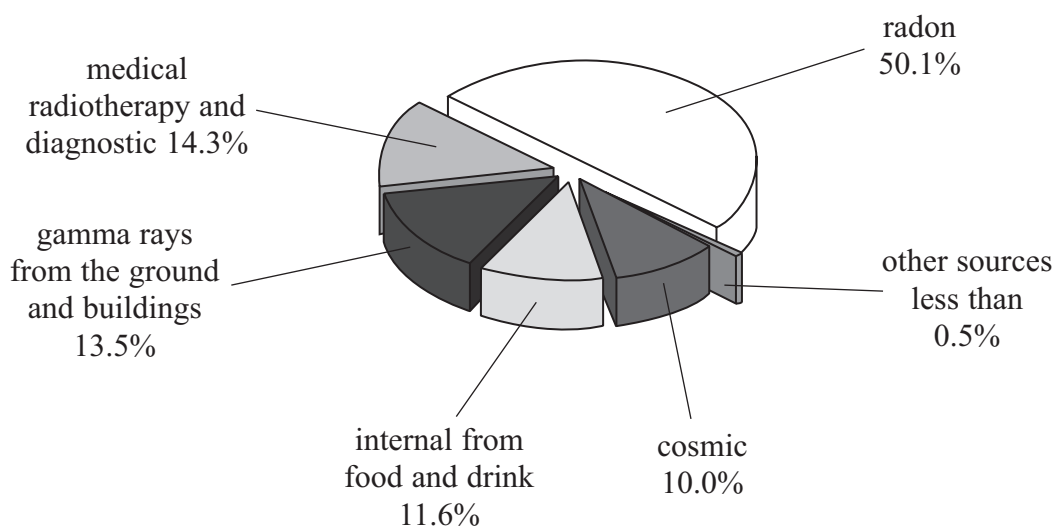
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(iv) The diagram shows the composition of the average background radiation in the U.K.



The background radiation is different from place to place within the U.K.

Explain how radon-222 gas contributes to these regional variations in the background radiation.

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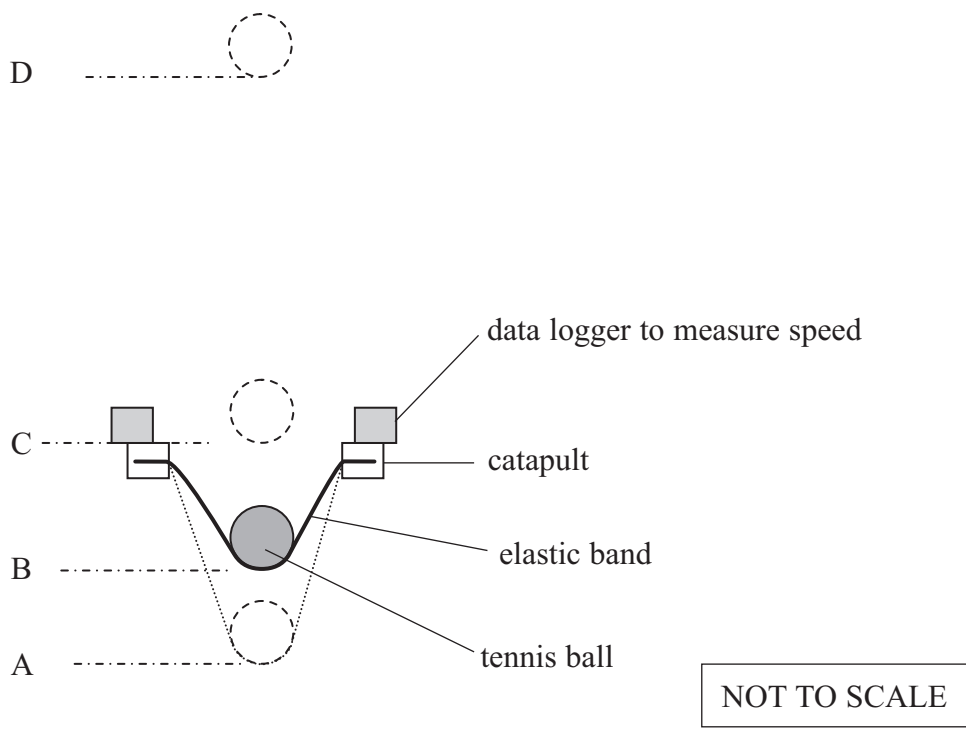
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Q4

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5. Andrew investigates gravitational potential energy and kinetic energy. He uses a modified catapult to fire a tennis ball vertically upwards as shown. He pulls the elastic band to position B and then lets it go. The data logger measures the speed of the tennis ball at position C, just above the level of the catapult.



- (a) The mass of the tennis ball is 0.057 kg.
The speed of the tennis ball at C is 5.6 m/s.
- (i) Show that the kinetic energy of the tennis ball at C is about 0.9 J.

(2)

- (ii) Calculate the theoretical maximum height that the tennis ball can rise above C.
Gravitational field strength is 10 N/kg.

maximum height above C = m
(3)



(iii) In practice, the tennis ball does not reach this theoretical maximum height.
Explain why.

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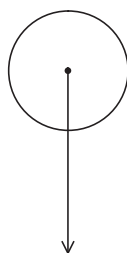
(b) Andrew repeats his investigation.
This time he stretches the elastic band further, to A.
Compare the speed at C now with that when it was released from B.
Explain your answer in terms of energy.

speed at C is

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(c) The diagram shows the resultant vertical force acting on the tennis ball when it passes C on the way up.



Explain why the ball continues to move upwards even though the resultant force is downwards.

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Q5

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