

Trial Examination 2022

VCE Physics Unit 3

Written Examination

Question and Answer Booklet

Reading time: 15 minutes
Writing time: 1 hour 30 minutes

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Structure of booklet

Section	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
А	10	10	10
В	11	11	80
			Total 90

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Materials supplied

Question and answer booklet of 28 pages

Formula sheet

Answer sheet for multiple-choice questions

Instructions

Write your **name** and your **teacher's name** in the space provided above on this page, and on the answer sheet for multiple-choice questions.

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All written responses must be in English.

At the end of the examination

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SECTION A - MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

Instructions for Section A

Answer all questions in pencil on the answer sheet provided for multiple-choice questions.

Choose the response that is **correct** or that **best answers** the question.

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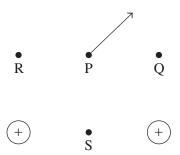
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Take the value of g to be 9.8 m s⁻².

Question 1

The diagram below shows two positive point charges of equal magnitude. Points R and Q and the two positive point charges are placed at the vertices of a square, as shown in the diagram below. Point S is equidistant between the two point charges and point P is equidistant between points R and Q. The vector at point P indicates the direction of the net electric field when a third point charge of equal magnitude is placed at point Q, R or S.

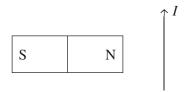


Which one of the following correctly identifies the location and charge of the third point charge?

	Location	Charge
A.	Q	negative
B.	R	negative
C.	S	negative
D.	Q	positive

Question 2

A permanent magnet is brought near a 10 cm long wire that has a current of 2 A flowing through it, as shown in the diagram below. The magnet generates a magnetic field of strength 0.01 T.

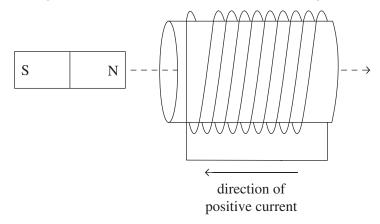


What is the magnitude and direction of the force on the wire?

- **A.** 0.002 N into the page
- **B.** 0.002 N out of the page
- **C.** 0.002 N left
- **D.** 0 N, no direction

Question 3

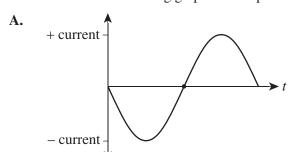
The following diagram shows a bar magnet moving at a constant speed towards a hollow, metal tube. The metal tube has a uniformly wound copper wire coil wrapped around it, which forms a closed circuit. The magnet passes through the metal tube and out the other side. Assume that a positive current travels from right to left on the straight section of the wire, as indicated on the diagram below.

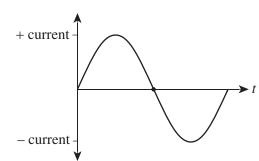


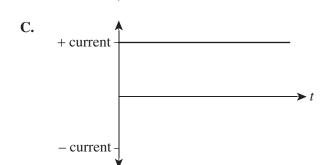
Which one of the following graphs best represents the induced current variation in the coil over time?

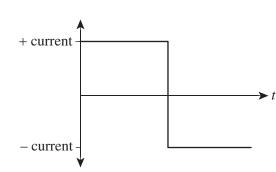
B.

D.



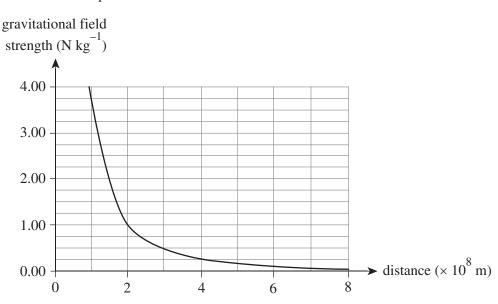






Use the following information to answer Questions 4 and 5.

A space probe that is orbiting a planet periodically needs its orbit adjusted. Assume that there are two possible adjustments that could be made to the space probe's orbital radius. Adjustment A alters the orbital radius of the space probe from 2×10^8 m to 3×10^8 m. Adjustment B alters the orbital radius of the space probe from 2×10^8 m to 4×10^8 m. The graph below shows the gravitational field strength as a function of distance from the centre of the planet.



Question 4

The difference in energy due to adjustment A is closest to

A. $3.75 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kJ}$

B. $3.75 \times 10^4 \text{ kJ}$

C. $7.50 \times 10^4 \text{ kJ}$

D. $1.00 \times 10^5 \text{ kJ}$

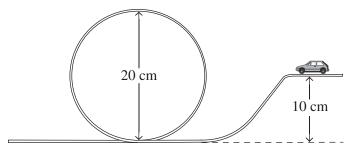
Question 5

Which one of the following statements correctly compares adjustments A and B?

- **A.** The speed of the space probe after adjustment A is greater than the speed of the space probe after adjustment B.
- **B.** The difference in energy due to adjustment A is the same as the difference in energy due to adjustment B.
- **C.** The gravitational field strength after adjustment A is the same as the gravitational field strength after adjustment B.
- **D.** The centripetal acceleration of the space probe after adjustment A is less than the centripetal acceleration of the space probe after adjustment B.

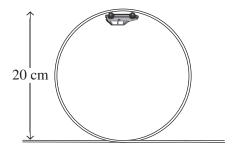
Use the following information to answer Questions 6 and 7.

A toy car of mass 50 g is launched down a track from a height of 10 cm. The track contains a loop of height 20 cm, as shown in the diagram below.



Question 6

The following diagram shows the position of the toy car while performing the loop.



At the position shown in the diagram above, the toy car experiences apparent weightlessness because

- **A.** the magnitude of the net force acting on the car is zero.
- **B.** the direction of the net force acting on the car is to the left.
- **C.** the magnitude of the normal force acting on the car is zero.
- **D.** the direction of the net force acting on the car is down.

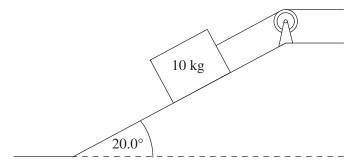
Question 7

The minimum initial speed required for the toy car to remain on the track at the top of the loop is closest to

- **A.** 0.99 m s^{-1}
- **B.** 1.71 m s^{-1}
- **C.** 1.94 m s^{-1}
- **D.** 2.94 m s^{-1}

Question 8

A block of mass 10 kg is pulled at a constant speed up an inclined plane by a rope attached to a pulley, as shown in the diagram below. There is a constant frictional force of 5.0 N applied when the block is being pulled.



The magnitude of the tension in the rope is closest to

- **A.** 30.7 N
- **B.** 38.5 N
- **C.** 40.7 N
- **D.** 98.0 N

Question 9

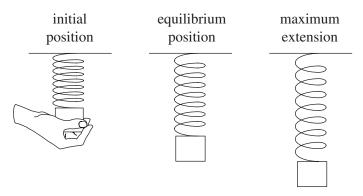
It has been estimated that the Sun loses a mass of approximately 4×10^{12} g every second due to nuclear fusion.

The amount of energy that the Sun emits per day is closest to

- **A.** $3.60 \times 10^{26} \text{ J}$
- **B.** $2.16 \times 10^{28} \text{ J}$
- **C.** $1.30 \times 10^{30} \text{ J}$
- **D.** $3.11 \times 10^{31} \text{ J}$

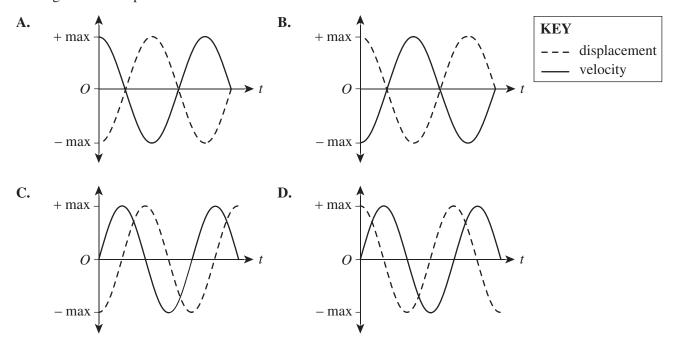
Question 10

A mass is connected to a spring attached to the ceiling and is held stationary by a hand such that the spring is unextended. When the mass is released, it oscillates about its equilibrium position, as shown in the diagram below.



Displacement is measured from the equilibrium position. Take down as the positive direction.

Which one of the following graphs best represents the velocity and displacement of the mass over time, starting at its initial position?



END OF SECTION A

SECTION B

Instructions for Section B

Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

Where an answer box is provided, write your final answer in the box.

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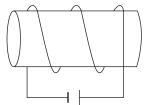
In questions where more than one mark is available, appropriate working must be shown.

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Question 1 (2 marks)

Two devices are constructed. In each device, a coil of wire is placed around an iron rod and the coil is connected to a DC battery. The devices are arranged as shown in Figure 1.



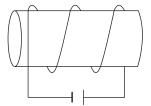


Figure 1

Sketch the shape and direction of **at least four** magnetic field lines in the region around the devices shown in Figure 1. Include labels for north and south where appropriate.

Question 2 (8 marks)

A mass spectrometer is an instrument used to measure the mass of particles in a sample. Samples are subjected to an electron beam to create positively charged particles. These particles are accelerated through a velocity selector consisting of two charged plates perpendicular to a magnetic field that enables particles of a particular velocity to pass through. They then pass through a magnetic field generated by an electromagnet. The particles are deflected by the field and eventually reach a detector. The set-up of a mass spectrometer is shown in Figure 2.

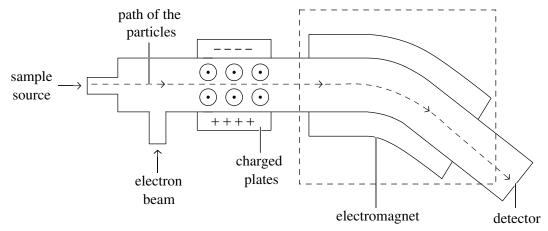


Figure 2

The mass spectrometer has the following specifications.

Data

plate voltage	2.7 kV
magnetic field strength	0.25 T
plate separation	15 cm

Assume that the particles gain a single positive charge and the magnetic field strength is the same throughout all sections of the mass spectrometer.

a.	Within the dashed border in Figure 2, draw the magnetic field that would deflect
	the particles along the path shown by the dashed arrows.

1 mark

b.	Calculate the magnitude of the velocity of the particles when they are accelerated
	by the charged plates. Show your working.

3 marks

n	s^{-1}

1110	e radius of the path of one particle was measured to be 44.82 m.	
i.	Determine the mass of the particle. Show your working.	2 marks
	kg	
ii.	Circle the correct word to complete the following statement.	1 mark
	A heavier particle would have a (smaller / equal / larger) radius than a smaller particle.	
iii.	How can a mass spectrometer be used to determine the mass of different particles	1 1
	in a single sample?	1 mark

Question 3 (11 marks)

On 23 April 2021, SpaceX launched a Falcon 9 rocket. The rocket carried a crew of four astronauts inside a Dragon capsule that was designed to dock with the International Space Station (ISS). The ISS orbits the Earth at an average altitude of 4.00×10^2 km. You may use data from the table below in your calculations.

Data

mass of the ISS	$4.2 \times 10^5 \mathrm{kg}$
mass of the Dragon capsule	$4.2 \times 10^3 \mathrm{kg}$
mass of the Earth	$5.98 \times 10^{24} \mathrm{kg}$
radius of the Earth	$6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$
gravitational constant	$6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$

ne Dragon capsule to	dock with the ISS. Show your working.	

- **b.** The Dragon capsule docks with the ISS. They remain at the same position that the ISS occupied prior to the docking.
 - i. Explain why the velocity of the combined mass of the ISS and the Dragon capsule did not change after the docking occurred.

 2 marks

ii.	Determine whether the collision is elastic or inelastic. Show your working.	3 n
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Question 4 (12 marks)

Figure 3 shows a power station that generates power using steam turbine generators and is connected to a transformer and transmission lines. It is located 145 km from Melbourne CBD. The electricity generated must be transported across this distance via 275 kV RMS transmission lines. However, due to resistance in the lines, power loss occurs during the transport.

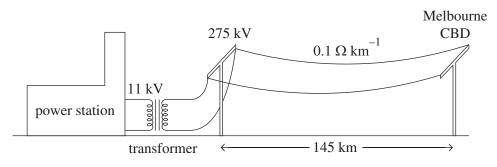


Figure 3

The steam turbine generators generate a voltage of 11 kV RMS, which is stepped up to 275 kV via a transformer. The resistance of the power lines is $0.1~\Omega~km^{-1}$.

- a. Typically, the 275 kV transmission lines carry a current of 700 A.
 - i. What is the current in the primary windings of the transformer? Show your working. 2 marks

A

ii. Calculate how much power is lost in the transmission lines. Show your working. 2 marks

W

	What percentage of the power generated by the station is lost in the transmission lines? Show your working.	3 n
	%	
iv.	Suggest one reason why voltages higher than 275 kV are not used.	1 1
The	ransformer has 500 turns in the primary coil.	
	t is the number of turns in the secondary coil? Show your working.	2 m
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Question 5 (10 m

A single metal wire is shaped into a square coil with a side length of 10 cm and placed in a magnetic field with a strength of 0.50 T, as shown in Figure 5.

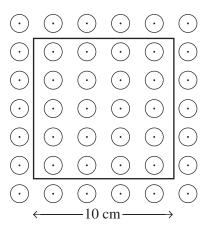


Figure 5

Calculate the magnetic flux through the square coil.	1 r
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b. The coil is rotated to a different position, as shown in Figure 6.

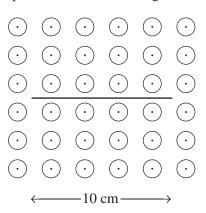


Figure 6

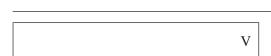
i. Determine if the magnetic flux is greater than, equal to or less than the initial magnetic flux present in Figure 5. Circle your response below and explain your answer.

2 marks

less than initial magnetic flux	equal to initial magnetic flux	greater than initial magnetic flux	

ii. The coil takes 5.0 seconds to rotate from the position shown in Figure 5 to the position shown in Figure 6.

What is the induced EMF in the coil as it rotates? Show your working. 2 marks



c. Figure 7 shows the induced EMF in the coil as the coil rotates 360 degrees over 10 seconds.

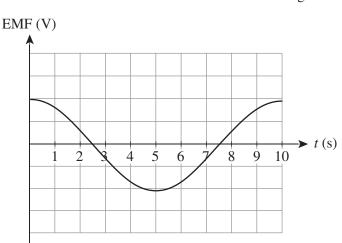


Figure 7

Did the plane of the coil start perpendicular or parallel to the magnetic field? Justify your answer.

1 mark

d. On Figure 7, sketch a graph of the induced EMF between 0 and 10 seconds if the speed of the coil's rotation is doubled.

2 marks

e. Explain your answer to part d.

2 marks

Question 6 (6 marks)

A universal motor is a type of motor that can be operated using both direct current (DC) and alternating current (AC) power supplies. Figure 8 shows the side and top view of a universal motor.

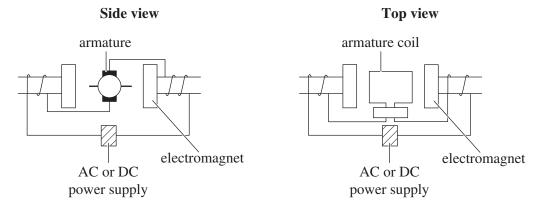


Figure 8

Explain the role of the split-ring commutator in the operation of a DC motor.	2
The electromagnet on either side of the armature coils generates a magnetic field that changes direction when operating the universal motor in AC mode.	
Explain why this needs to occur for the motor to operate.	2

c. The top view diagram of the electromagnet is reproduced in Figure 9. In AC mode, the armature coil and the electromagnet coils are connected in series.

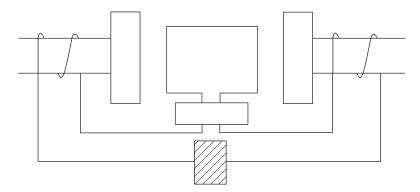


Figure 9

On Figure 9, indicate the direction of the current through the armature coil and electromagnet coils that will allow the coil to rotate clockwise from the position shown in the side view of Figure 8.

18

2 marks

Question 7 (8 marks)

A student has set up a 15 cm long spring-loaded cannon to shoot a 10 g marble. The cannon is positioned at an angle of 40°, and the 15 cm long spring is initially compressed to 10 cm, as shown in Figure 10. When the spring is released, the spring fully extends and a pin connected to the spring strikes the marble.

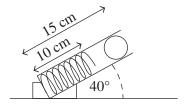
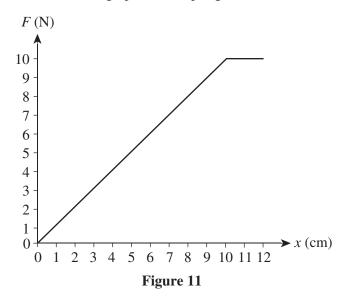


Figure 10

Figure 11 shows the force versus distance graph for the spring.



a.	Calculate the spring constant.	1 mark
	$N m^{-1}$	

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	$\mathrm{m\ s}^{-1}$	
What is the maximu your working.	${\rm m\ s}^{-1}$ um height above the ground reached by the marble? Show	21

d. A target is placed at the same height as the cannon. The target is placed at the maximum horizontal distance from the cannon so that the marble strikes the centre of the target, as shown in Figure 12.

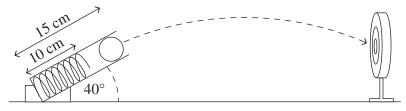


Figure 12

Show that the maximum horizontal distance the marble is capable of reaching is 10.05 m.	

Question 8 (5 marks)

A velodrome track consists of two straight sections and two banked circular turns, as shown in Figure 13. The circular turns are banked at an angle, θ . The banking helps to ensure that cyclists do not come off the track when cycling at speeds of up to 70 km h⁻¹.

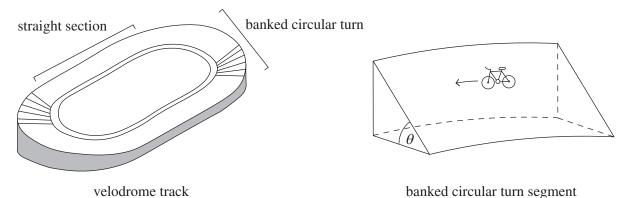


Figure 13

a. Figure 14 shows a cross-section of the track with the cyclist facing the front. Assume that the cyclist is travelling at a constant speed and that any sideways friction does not act on the bicycle's wheels.

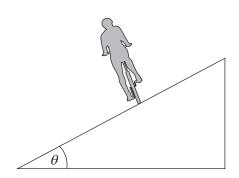


Figure 14

On Figure 14, draw and label two forces acting on the cyclist.

1 mark

Show that this banking angle is not sufficient on its own to prevent the cyclist from coming off the track. Show your working.	3 n
Suggest one way that the cyclist could prevent themselves coming off the curved section of the track at this speed.	1

b.

Question 9 (8 marks)

A train weighing 3.2×10^5 kg is travelling along a frictionless railway track, as shown in Figure 15. The train is pulling two identical carriages, A and B, each of which weighs 3.0×10^5 kg.

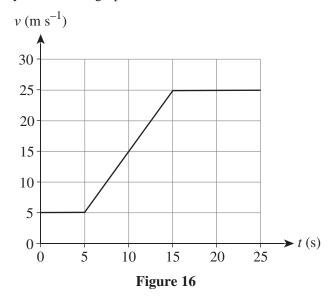


Figure 15

Between times t = 0 and t = 5.0, the train and carriages are moving at a constant speed of 5.0 m s⁻¹.

What is the tension in the coupling between carriage A and carriage B as the train	
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he $t = 5$, the train accelerates uniformly to a speed of 25.0 m s ⁻¹ over 10 s	seconds, then moves
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Figure 16 shows the velocity versus time graph for the train.

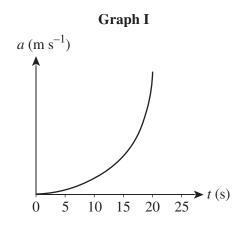


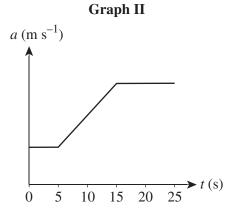
c. Using the graph, or otherwise, calculate the displacement of the train and the carriages from t = 0 to t = 15. Show your working.

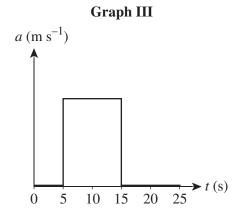
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d. Four students are asked to draw a graph that represents the acceleration of the train over time. The students draw the four graphs shown in Figure 17.







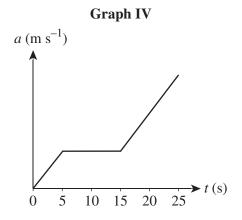


Figure 17

Which graph (I–IV) is correct? Explain your answer.

2 marks

Question 10 (6 marks)

A child who has a mass of 35 kg is bouncing up and down on a pogo stick, as shown in Figure 18. The pogo stick has a mass of 5 kg. Assume that any resistance and any friction forces are negligible.



	Figure 18			
	child and pogo stick travel through a maximum vertical height of 0.46 m.	2 mai		
What is the initial velocity of the child and pogo stick? Show your working.				
	m			
Whe	on the child and pogo stick return to the ground, the spring takes 25 ms to compress.			
i.	Calculate the magnitude and indicate the direction (up or down) of the change in momentum when the child and pogo stick return to rest on the ground.	2 ma		
	$kg m s^{-1}$ direction =			
ii.	What is the magnitude of the average force applied to the Earth by the child and pogo stick?	2 mai		
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Question	11	(4 marks)	

Two scientists decide to conduct an experiment to investigate special relativity. Scientist A boards a spaceship of length 100 m and travels away from the Earth at near the speed of light, c. Scientist B remains on Earth.

Show that the speed of the spaceship at this instant is $0.866c \text{ m s}^{-1}$.	2 marks
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Formula Sheet

Instructions

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PHYSICS FORMULAS

Motion and related energy transformations

velocity; acceleration	$v = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}; a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$
	v = u + at
	$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$
equations for constant acceleration	$s = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2$
	$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$
	$v^{2} = u^{2} + 2as$ $s = \frac{1}{2}(v + u)t$
Newton's second law	$\Sigma F = ma$
circular motion	$a = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$
Hooke's law	$F = -k\Delta x$
elastic potential energy	$\frac{1}{2}k(\Delta x)^2$
gravitational potential energy near the surface of Earth	$mg\Delta h$
kinetic energy	$\frac{1}{2}mv^2$
Newton's law of universal gravitation	$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$
gravitational field	$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$ $g = G \frac{M}{r^2}$
impulse	$F\Delta t$
momentum	mv
Lorentz factor	$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$
time dilation	$t = t_{o} \gamma$
length contraction	$L = \frac{L_0}{\gamma}$
rest energy	$E_{\text{rest}} = mc^2$

Fields and application of field concepts

electric field between charged plates	$E = \frac{V}{d}$
energy transformations of charges in an electric field	$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = qV$
field of a point charge	$E = \frac{kq}{r^2}$
force on an electric charge	F = qE
Coulomb's law	$F = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2}$
magnetic force on a moving charge	F = qvB
magnetic force on a current carrying conductor	F = nIlB
radius of a charged particle in a magnetic field	$r = \frac{mv}{qB}$

Generation and transmission of electricity

voltage; power	$V = RI; P = VI = I^{2}R$
resistors in series	$R_{\rm T} = R_1 + R_2$
resistors in parallel	$\frac{1}{R_{\rm T}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$
ideal transformer action	$\frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{I_2}{I_1}$
AC voltage and current	$V_{\text{RMS}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} V_{\text{peak}}$ $I_{\text{RMS}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I_{\text{peak}}$
electromagnetic induction	EMF: $\varepsilon = -N \frac{\Delta \Phi_{\rm B}}{\Delta t}$ flux: $\Phi_{\rm B} = B_{\perp} A$
transmission losses	$V_{\text{drop}} = I_{\text{line}} R_{\text{line}}$ $P_{\text{loss}} = I_{\text{line}}^2 R_{\text{line}}$

Data

acceleration due to gravity at Earth's surface	$g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
mass of the electron	$m_{\rm e} = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \rm kg$
magnitude of the charge of the electron	$e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \mathrm{C}$
Planck's constant	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$ $h = 4.14 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV s}$
speed of light in a vacuum	$c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
universal gravitational constant	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
mass of Earth	$M_{\rm E} = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \rm kg$
radius of Earth	$R_{\rm E} = 6.37 \times 10^6 \mathrm{m}$

Prefixes/Units

$p = pico = 10^{-12}$	$n = nano = 10^{-9}$	$\mu = \text{micro} = 10^{-6}$	$m = milli = 10^{-3}$
$k = kilo = 10^3$	$M = mega = 10^6$	$G = giga = 10^9$	$t = tonne = 10^3 \text{ kg}$

END OF FORMULA SHEET



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Multiple-choice Answer Sheet

Student's Name:	
Teacher's Name:	
Instructions	
Use a pencil for all entries. If you make a mistake, e Marks will not be deducted for incorrect answers. No mark will be given if more than one answer is co	
All answers must be completed like this example:	A B C D

Use pencil only

1	Α	В	С	D
2	Α	В	С	D
3	Α	В	С	D
4	Α	В	С	D
5	Α	В	С	D
6	Α	В	С	D
7	Α	В	С	D
8	Α	В	С	D
9	Α	В	С	D
10	Α	В	С	D

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