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for the guidance of teachers**

**9702 PHYSICS**

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Paper 2 (AS Structured Questions), maximum raw mark 60

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- 1 (a) allow 0.05 mm → 0.15 mm B1 [1]
- (b) allow 0.25 s → 0.5 s B1 [1]
- (c) allow 8 N → 12 N B1 [1]
- ignore number of significant figures
- 2 crystalline: atoms / ions / particles in a regular arrangement / lattice B1  
long range order / orderly pattern  
(lattice) repeats itself (1)
- polymer: long chain molecules / chains of monomers B1  
some cross-linking between chains / tangled chains (1)
- amorphous: disordered arrangement of molecules / atoms / particles B1  
any ordering is short-range (1)
- (three 'B' marks plus any other 2 marks) B2 [5]
- 3 connect microphone / (terminals of) loudspeaker to Y-plates of c.r.o. B1  
adjust c.r.o. to produce steady wave of 1 (or 2) cycles / wavelengths on screen B1  
measure length of cycle / wavelength  $\lambda$  and note time-base  $b$  M1  
frequency =  $1 / \lambda b$  A1 [4]  
*(assume  $b$  is measured as  $s\ cm^{-1}$ , unless otherwise stated)*
- (if statement is 'measure  $T$ ,  $f = 1/T$ ' then last two marks are lost)
- 4 (a) acceptable straight line drawn (touching every point) B1 [1]
- (b) the distance fallen is not  $d$  C1  
 $d$  is the distance fallen plus the diameter of the ball A1 [2]
- ( 'd is not measured to the bottom of the ball' scores 2/2)
- (c) (i) diameter: allow  $1.5 \pm 0.5\ cm$  (accept one SF) A1 [1]  
no ecf from (a)
- (ii) gradient =  $4.76, \pm 0.1$  with evidence that origin has not been used C1  
gradient =  $g / 2$  C1  
 $g = 9.5\ m\ s^{-2}$  A1 [3]

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- 5 (a) (i) Fig. 5.2 B1 [1]
- (ii) Fig. 5.3 B1 [1]
- (b) kinetic energy increases from zero then decreases to zero B1 [1]
- (c) (i)  $\Delta E_p = mg\Delta h / mgh$   
 $= 94 \times 10^{-3} \times 9.8 \times 2.6 \times 10^{-2}$  using  $g = 10$  then  $-1$   
 $= 0.024 \text{ J}$  C1  
A1 [2]
- (ii) either  $0.024 = \frac{1}{2} k \times (2.6 \times 10^{-2})^2$  or  $\frac{1}{2} kd^2 = \frac{1}{2}k \times (2.6 \times 10^{-2})^2 - \frac{1}{2}kd^2$  C1  
 $0.012 = \frac{1}{2}k \times d^2$   $kd^2 = \frac{1}{2}k \times (2.6 \times 10^{-2})^2$  C1  
 $d = 0.018 \text{ m}$   $d = 0.018 \text{ m}$   
 $= 1.8 \text{ cm}$   $= 1.8 \text{ cm}$  A1 [3]
- 6 (a) when two (or more) waves meet (at a point) B1  
(resultant) displacement is (vector) sum of individual displacements B1 [2]
- (b) (i)  $\lambda = ax / D$  (if no formula given and substitution is incorrect then 0/3) C1  
 $590 \times 10^{-9} = (1.4 \times 10^{-3} \times x) / 2.6$  C1  
 $x = 1.1 \text{ mm}$  A1 [3]
- (ii) 1.  $180^\circ$  (allow  $\pi$  if rad stated) A1 [1]
2. at maximum, amplitude is 3.4 units and at minimum, 0.6 units C1  
intensity  $\sim$  amplitude<sup>2</sup> allow  $I \sim a^2$  C1  
ratio =  $3.4^2 / 0.6^2$   
= 32 A1 [3]
- 7 (a) (i) path: reasonable curve upwards between plates B1  
straight and at a tangent to the curve beyond the plates B1 [2]
- (ii) 1.  $(F =) E.g$  B1 [1]
2.  $(t =) L / v$  B1 [1]
- (b) (i) total momentum of a system remains constant **or** total momentum of a system before a collision equals total momentum after collision M1  
provided no external force acts on the system A1 [2]  
(do not accept 'conserved' but otherwise correct statement gets 1/2)
- (ii)  $(\Delta p =) EqL / v$  allow ecf from (a)(ii) B1 [1]
- (iii) either charged particle is not an isolated system M1  
so law does not apply A1 [2]  
or system is particle and 'plates' (M1)  
equal and opposite  $\Delta p$  on plates / so law applies (A1)

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- 8 (a) (i) either  $P = V^2 / R$  or  $I = 1200 / 230$  or 5.22  
 $R = (230 \times 230) / 1200$   
 $R = 230^2 / 1200$  or  $R = 230 / 5.22$   
 $= 44.1 \Omega$   $= 44.1 \Omega$  C1  
M1  
A0 [2]
- (ii)  $R = \rho L / A$  C1  
 $= (1.7 \times 10^{-8} \times 9.2 \times 2) / (\pi \times \{0.45 \times 10^{-3}\}^2)$  M1  
 $= 0.492 \Omega$  A0 [2]
- (b) current = 230 / 44.6 C1  
power =  $(230 / 44.6)^2 \times 44.1$  C1  
= 1170 W A1 [3]  
(allow full credit for solution based on potential divider)
- (c) e.g. less power dissipated in the heater / smaller p.d. across heater /  
more power loss in cable / current lower B1  
cable becomes heated / melts B1 [2]  
(any two sensible suggestions, 1 each, max 2)
- 9 (a) nucleus emits  $\alpha$ -particles or  $\beta$ -particles and/or  $\gamma$ -radiation B1  
to form a different / more stable nucleus B1 [2]
- (b) (i) fluctuations in count rate (not 'count rate is not constant') B1 [1]  
(ii) no effect B1 [1]  
(iii) if the source is an  $\alpha$ -emitter B1  
either  $\alpha$ -particles stopped within source (and gain electrons)  
or  $\alpha$ -particles are helium nuclei B1 [2]  
allow 1/2 for 'parent nucleus gives off radiation to form daughter nucleus'