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Module 2: Waves and Photons

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TIME

1 hour.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 60.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in question **3(a)**.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Your attention is drawn to the Data and Formulae Sheet which is inside this question paper.

You may use an electronic calculator.

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Question Number	Marks
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If you need the values of physical constants to answer any questions in this paper, they may be found on the Data and Formulae Sheet.

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Answer **all seven** questions

- 1 (a) A wave of fixed velocity passes along a stretched string.
Fig. 1.1 shows a graph of the displacement d of a particle of the string against time t .

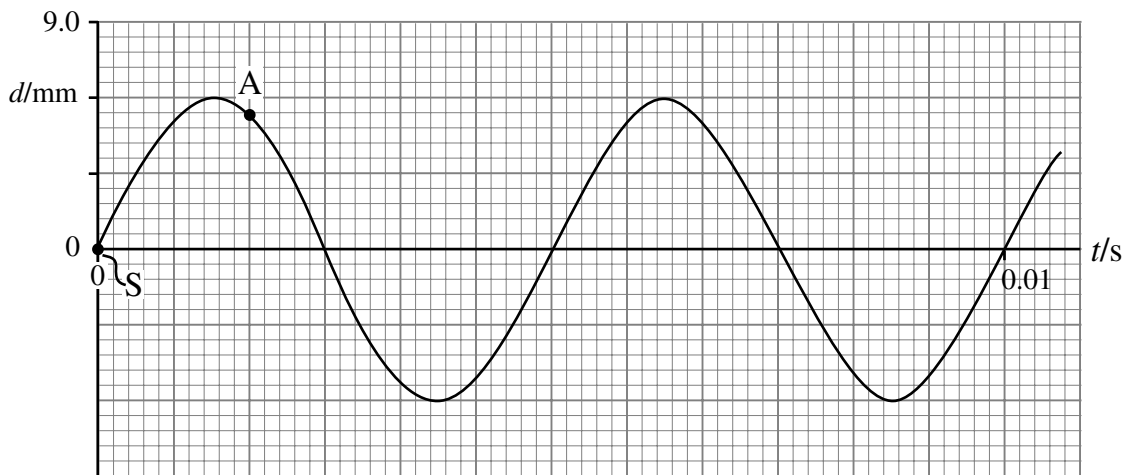


Fig. 1.1

- (i) Describe the direction of the particle's displacement relative to the velocity of the wave.

Hence state the type of wave on the string.

Type of wave: _____ [2]

- (ii) Determine the amplitude of the wave.

Amplitude = _____ mm [1]

- (iii) Determine the frequency of the wave.

Frequency = _____ Hz [2]

(iv) The velocity of the wave is 80.0 m s^{-1} . Calculate the wavelength of the wave.

Wavelength = _____ m [3]

(b) Calculate the phase difference between the point A on **Fig. 1.1** and the origin S.

Phase difference = _____

Unit: _____ [4]

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- 2 (a) **Fig. 2.1** shows three rays X, Y and Z incident on the interface between glass and air.

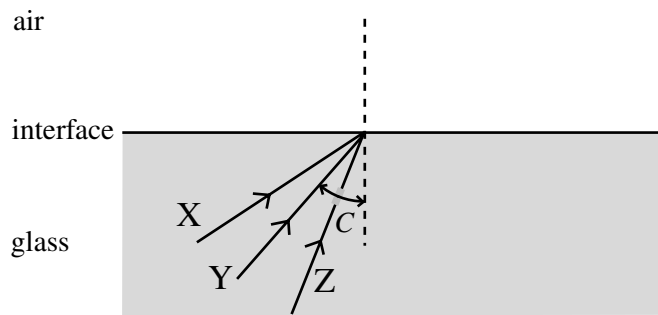


Fig. 2.1

The critical angle C for glass is shown on the diagram.

On **Fig. 2.1**, sketch the path of each ray after it leaves the interface. Label these paths X, Y and Z respectively. [3]

- (b) A short pulse of light enters a straight optical fibre of length 1.20 km. The pulse travels along the axis of the fibre, as shown in **Fig. 2.2**.

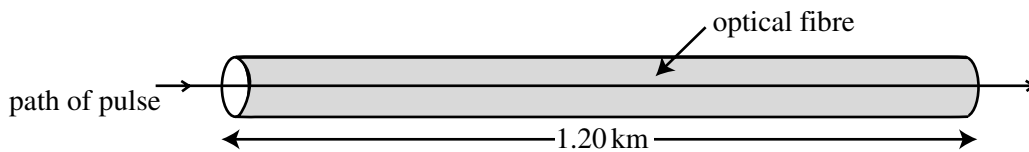


Fig. 2.2

- (i) The pulse takes 5880 ns to pass along the fibre. Calculate the velocity of light in the material of the fibre.

Velocity of light = _____ m s^{-1} [2]

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(ii) Calculate the refractive index of the material.

Refractive index = _____

[2]

(iii) Calculate the critical angle of the material of the fibre.

Critical angle = _____°

[2]

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(Questions continue overleaf)

(b) The lens of a projector produces an image of a square slide of side 2.00 cm on a screen 2.40 m from the lens. The image on the screen is a square of side 0.80 m.

(i) Describe the nature of the image formed on the screen.

_____ [1]

(ii) Calculate the distance between the projector lens and the slide.

Distance = _____ cm [1]

(iii) Hence calculate the focal length of the projection lens.

Focal length = _____ cm [2]

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- 4 (a) When waves come together, **stationary waves** may be formed. State the necessary conditions for this to occur.

[3]

- (b) Fig. 4.1 shows a pipe of length 0.88 m, closed at one end, in air.

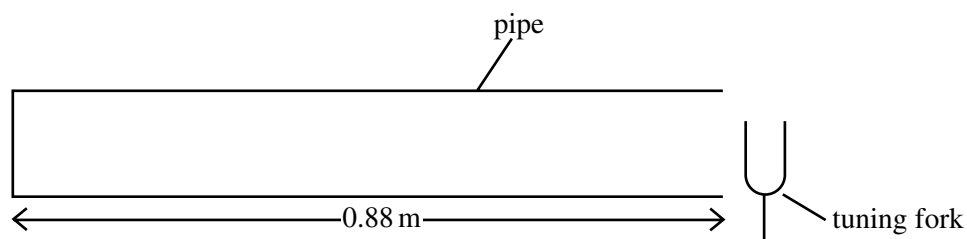


Fig. 4.1

Resonance is obtained when a vibrating tuning fork of frequency 288 Hz is held over the open end. The air in the pipe is then in its **second** mode of oscillation.

- (i) On Fig. 4.1, illustrate the second mode of oscillation. Mark the positions of all nodes and antinodes. Use the letter N for each node, and the letter A for each antinode. [2]
- (ii) Calculate the speed of sound in air.

Speed of sound = _____ m s⁻¹ [3]

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- 6 (a) A metal surface is illuminated by electromagnetic radiation of varying frequencies f . Photoelectrons of maximum kinetic energy E_{\max} are emitted. **Fig. 6.1** shows a graph of E_{\max} against f .

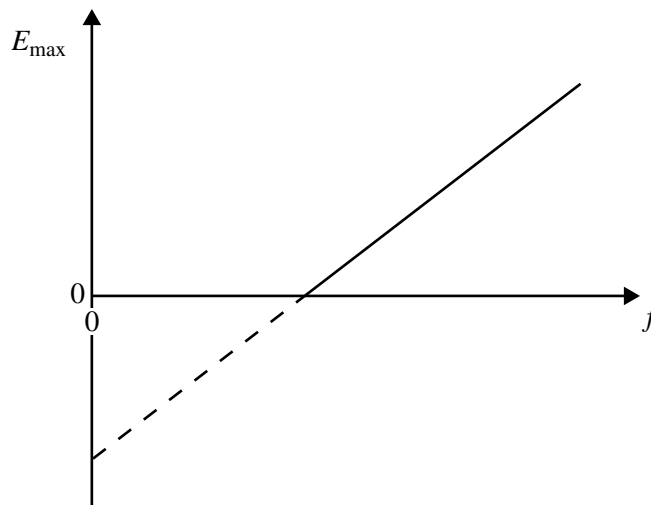


Fig. 6.1

The gradient of the graph is m and the intercept on the E_{\max} axis is $-c$. In terms of m and c , as appropriate, write down expressions for

- (i) the Planck constant h ,

$$h = \underline{\hspace{10em}} \quad [1]$$

- (ii) the work function ϕ of the metal.

$$\phi = \underline{\hspace{10em}} \quad [1]$$

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- 7 (a) **Fig. 7.1** illustrates an experiment to demonstrate electron diffraction. A fine beam of electrons is incident on a thin metal foil inside an evacuated glass container.

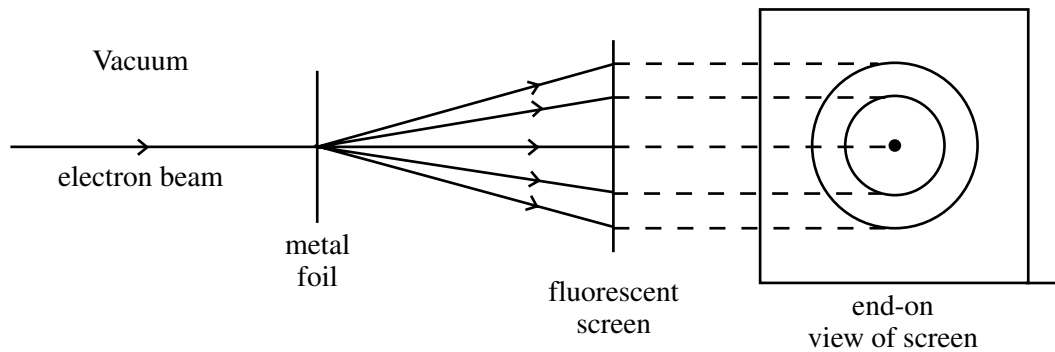


Fig. 7.1

The pattern on the screen is one of concentric circles.

The accelerating potential difference applied to the electrons is **increased**. This causes the diameter of the circles to **decrease**. Explain why this happens.

[3]

- (b) The velocity of electrons in a beam is $1.20 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$. Calculate the wavelength of an electron in the beam.

Wavelength = _____ nm

[2]

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THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER

GCE Physics (Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced)

Data and Formulae Sheet

Values of constants

speed of light in a vacuum	$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
permeability of a vacuum	$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H m}^{-1}$
permittivity of a vacuum	$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$ $\left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ F}^{-1} \text{ m}\right)$
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 unit	$1 \text{ u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
mass of electron	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
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	$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
the Boltzmann constant	$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
gravitational constant	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
acceleration of free fall on the Earth's surface	$g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
electron volt	$1 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$



USEFUL FORMULAE

The following equations may be useful in answering some of the questions in the examination:

Mechanics

Momentum-impulse relation $mv - mu = Ft$
for a constant force

Power $P = Fv$

Conservation of energy $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{1}{2}mu^2 = Fs$
for a constant force

Simple harmonic motion

Displacement $x = x_0 \cos \omega t$ or
 $x = x_0 \sin \omega t$

Velocity $v = \pm \omega \sqrt{x_0^2 - x^2}$

Simple pendulum $T = 2\pi \sqrt{l/g}$

Loaded helical spring $T = 2\pi \sqrt{m/k}$

Medical physics

Sound intensity level/dB $= 10 \lg_{10}(I/I_0)$

Sound intensity difference/dB $= 10 \lg_{10}(I_2/I_1)$

Resolving power $\sin \theta = \lambda/D$

Waves

Two-slit interference $\lambda = ay/d$

Diffraction grating $d \sin \theta = n\lambda$

Light

Lens formula $1/u + 1/v = 1/f$

Stress and Strain

Hooke's law $F = kx$

Strain energy $E = \langle F \rangle x$
 $(= \frac{1}{2}Fx = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$
if Hooke's law is obeyed)

Electricity

Potential divider $V_{\text{out}} = R_1 V_{\text{in}} / (R_1 + R_2)$

Thermal physics

Average kinetic energy of a molecule $\frac{1}{2}m\langle c^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{2}kT$

Kinetic theory $pV = \frac{1}{3}Nm\langle c^2 \rangle$

Capacitors

Capacitors in series $\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$

Capacitors in parallel $C = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

Time constant $\tau = RC$

Electromagnetism

Magnetic flux density due to current in

(i) long straight solenoid $B = \frac{\mu_0 NI}{l}$

(ii) long straight conductor $B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi a}$

Alternating currents

A.c. generator $E = E_0 \sin \omega t$
 $= BAN\omega \sin \omega t$

Particles and photons

Radioactive decay $A = \lambda N$
 $A = A_0 e^{-\lambda t}$

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

Photoelectric effect $\frac{1}{2}mv_{\text{max}}^2 = hf - hf_0$

de Broglie equation $\lambda = h/p$

Particle Physics

Nuclear radius $r = r_0 A^{\frac{1}{3}}$