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INTERNATIONAL A-LEVEL PHYSICS

Unit 3 Fields and their consequences

Time allowed: 2 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a Data and Formulae Booklet as a loose insert
- a ruler with millimetre measurements
- a scientific calculator, which you are expected to use where appropriate
- a protractor.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

0 1

A student investigates the emf induced in a coil of wire when it is rotating at constant angular speed in a uniform magnetic field.

An oscilloscope is connected across the output of the coil. **Figure 1** shows the trace on the oscilloscope screen.

Figure 2 shows the time-base setting for the oscilloscope.

Figure 1

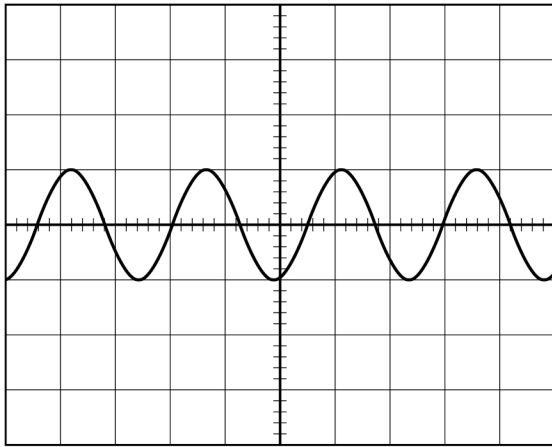
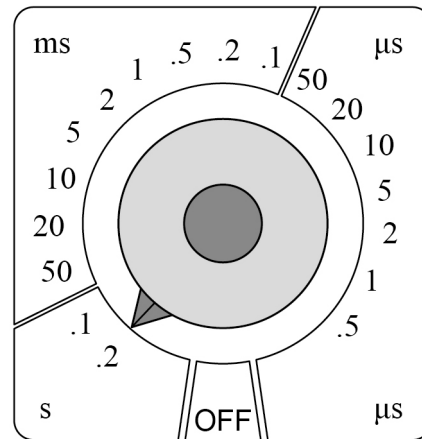


Figure 2



time base

0 1 . 1

Describe what the student should do to determine an accurate value for the peak emf induced in the coil.

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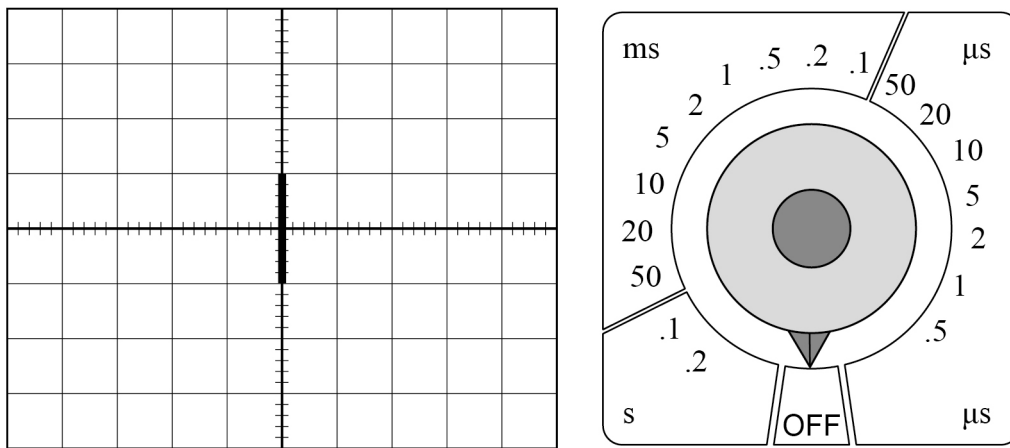


- 0 1 . 2 Show that the angular speed of the coil is approximately 13 rad s^{-1} .
Use **Figure 1** and **Figure 2**.

[3 marks]

- 0 1 . 3 **Figure 3** shows the oscilloscope screen with the time-base set to OFF.

Figure 3



The student wishes to make an **accurate** measurement of the time period of the induced emf.

Calculate an appropriate time-base setting.
Explain your answer.

[3 marks]

time-base setting = _____

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The peak emf is 7.5×10^{-2} V.

0 1 . 4 The coil has an area of 6.0×10^{-3} m² and 25 turns of wire.

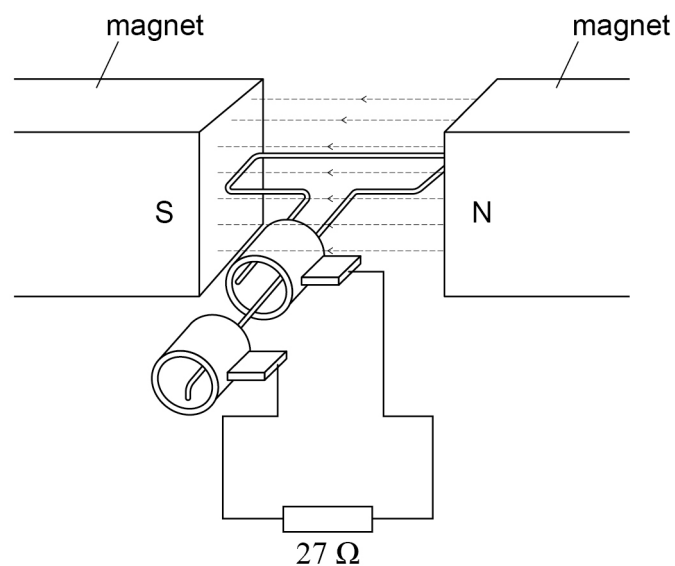
Calculate the magnetic flux density of the magnetic field.

[2 marks]

magnetic flux density = _____ T

0 1 . 5 **Figure 4** shows the coil connected to a 27Ω resistor.
The resistance of the rest of the circuit is negligible.

Figure 4



Calculate the mean power dissipated in the resistor.

[3 marks]

mean power = _____ W

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0 2 . 1 Show that the total energy E of a satellite orbiting the Moon is given by

$$E = -\frac{GMm}{2r}$$

where m is the mass of the satellite, M is the mass of the Moon and r is the orbital radius of the satellite.

[3 marks]

0 2 . 2 Explain the significance of the negative sign in the equation in Question **02.1**.

[2 marks]

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The satellite has a mass of 1.0×10^3 kg and orbits the Moon in a circular orbit.
The mass of the Moon is 7.3×10^{22} kg.

0 2 . 3

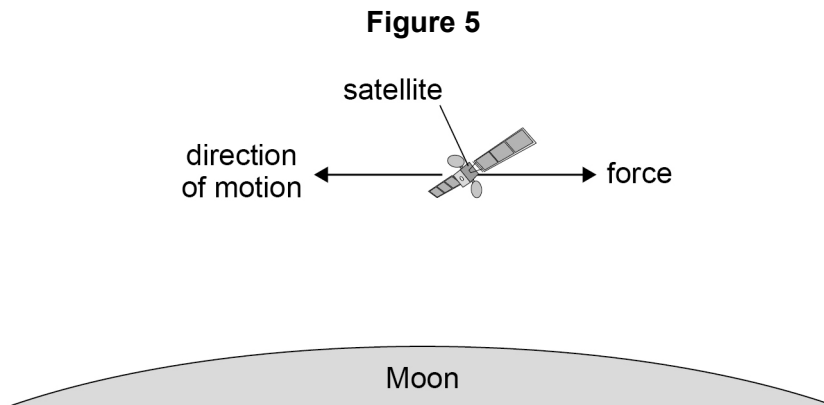
Determine the orbital speed of the satellite when the orbital radius is 1.95×10^3 km.

[3 marks]

orbital speed = _____ m s^{-1}



The satellite's thrusters exert a force in the direction opposite to its direction of motion, as shown in **Figure 5**. This causes the radius of the orbit to decrease.



0 2 . 4

Explain, with reference to energy, why the use of the thrusters reduces the radius of the orbit.

[2 marks]

0 2 . 5

Calculate the work done by the thrusters in reducing the radius of the satellite's orbit. Assume that the final orbit of the satellite is circular.

initial radius of the orbit = 1.95×10^3 km

final radius of the orbit = 1.85×10^3 km

[2 marks]

work done = _____ J

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0 3 . 1

Define activity in the context of radioactive decay.

[1 mark]

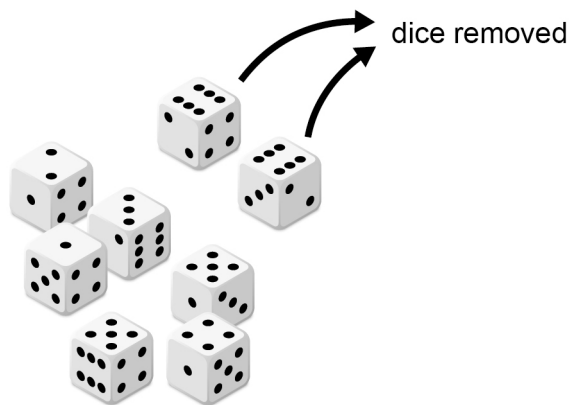
A dice-rolling experiment models radioactive decay. Standard six-sided dice are used. One dice represents one radioactive nucleus.

At time $t = 0$, there are N_0 dice.

- The dice are rolled.
- The dice showing six dots on the top surface are removed, as shown in **Figure 6**.
- The number N of the remaining dice is counted.

The process of rolling, removing and counting the dice is repeated at intervals of 1 minute.

Figure 6



In this experiment the variation of N with time t can be modelled mathematically as

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

0 3 . 2

Explain why λ is approximately 0.2 minute^{-1} .

[1 mark]



03.3

Estimate the time t at which $N = \frac{N_0}{2}$

[2 marks]

$t =$ _____ minute

03.4

This experiment is done with $N_0 = 500$

Estimate, using the mathematical model for the variation of N with t , the time t at which $N = 20$

[3 marks]

$t =$ _____ minute

03.5

Explain why the actual time taken might be significantly different to your estimate in Question **03.4**.

[1 mark]

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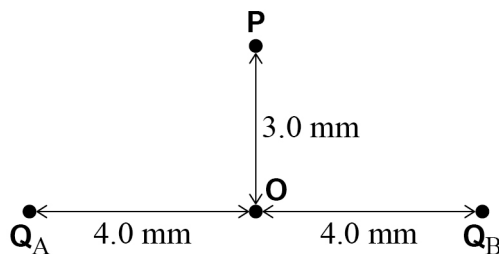
0 4

Figure 7 shows two identical negative point charges, Q_A and Q_B , in fixed positions 8.0 mm apart.

O is a point midway between the charges.

P is a point 3.0 mm away from **O** and equidistant from Q_A and Q_B .

Figure 7



0 4 . 1

The resultant electric field strength at **P** is 1400 N C^{-1} towards **O**.

Calculate the charge of Q_A .

[3 marks]

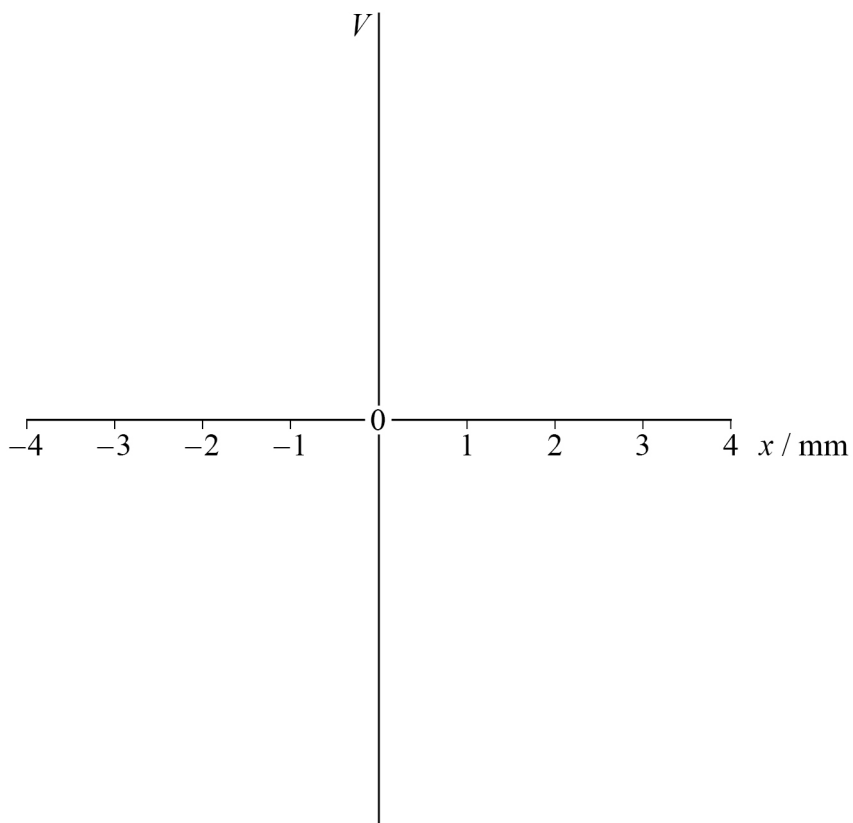
charge = _____ C



0 4 . 2

Sketch, on **Figure 8**, the variation of electric potential V with displacement x from **O** between **Q_A** and **Q_B** .

Calculations and numerical values for V are not required.

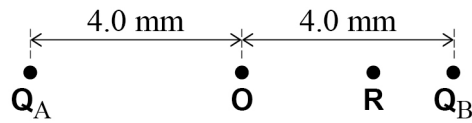
[2 marks]**Figure 8**

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Figure 9 shows a point **R** between **O** and **Q_B**.

Figure 9



Q_A and Q_B are in fixed positions.

A small mass **m** with negative charge q is released from rest at **R**.

Only electrostatic forces act on **m**.

After release, **m** oscillates about **O** along the line between Q_A and Q_B .

0 4 . 3

State and explain how the direction of the resultant force on **m** varies during oscillation.

[2 marks]

0 4 . 4

Describe the energy changes of **m** from its release until it reaches **O** for the first time.

[2 marks]

0 4 . 5

Deduce whether or not **m** performs simple harmonic motion.

[1 mark]



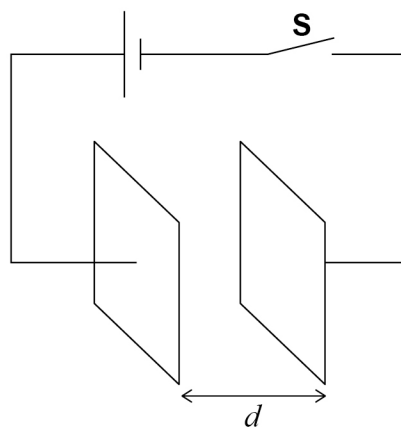
0 5 . 1 State what is meant by a capacitance of 37 mF.

[1 mark]

A capacitor is made up of two parallel metal plates, which are separated in air by a distance d .

A cell of negligible internal resistance is connected across the capacitor as shown in **Figure 10**. Switch **S** is closed and the capacitor becomes fully charged.

Figure 10



0 5 . 2 While **S** is still closed, the plate separation is reduced to $\frac{d}{2}$.

State and explain what happens to the magnitude of the charge stored by the capacitor.

[3 marks]

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0 5 . 3

Explain how charge is conserved when the plate separation is reduced.

[1 mark]

0 5 . 4**S** is now opened.The plate separation is increased to d .

State and explain how the energy stored in the capacitor changes during this process.

[3 marks]

0 5 . 5Explain how energy is conserved when the plate separation is increased as described in Question **05.4**.**[1 mark]**

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0 6 . 1

Describe what is necessary for a charged particle to experience a force due to its movement in a magnetic field.

[1 mark]

0 6 . 2

Show that the radius r of the circular path of a charged particle in a uniform magnetic field in a vacuum is given by

$$r = \frac{p}{Bq}$$

where p is the momentum of the particle, B is the magnetic flux density and q is the charge of the particle.

[2 marks]

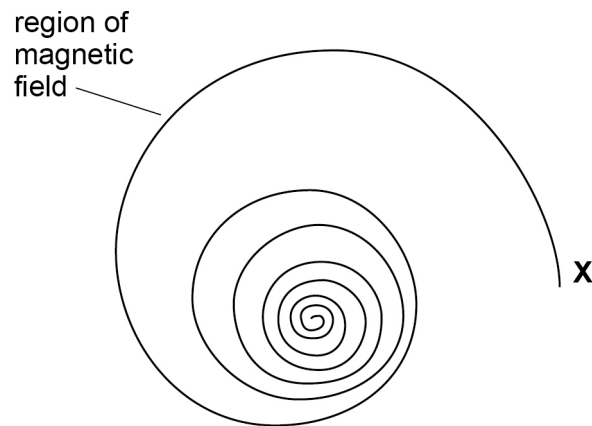
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A cloud chamber is a particle detector that produces visible tracks. The tracks form as charged particles ionise air molecules along their paths. Charged particles produce spiral tracks when the cloud chamber is placed in a uniform magnetic field.

Figure 11 is a full-size image showing the track of a particle created at point **X** in a cloud chamber. The particle travels in a horizontal plane.

Figure 11



The magnetic field direction is into the plane of the page.

0 6 . 3

Explain why the radius of the path decreases as the particle created at **X** travels through the cloud chamber.

[3 marks]



0 6 . 4 The particle created at **X** has a charge of $1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$.

The magnetic flux density in the cloud chamber is 0.20 T and acts vertically into the plane of the page.

Determine, by taking measurements from **Figure 11**, an estimate for the initial momentum of the particle.

Figure 11 is a full-size image.

[3 marks]

momentum = _____ kg m s^{-1}

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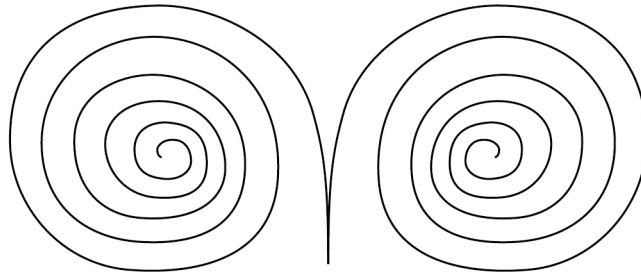
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0 6 . 5

A gamma photon produces two particles in a pair-production event in the cloud chamber. **Figure 12** shows the tracks due to the pair-production event.

Figure 12



Explain what **Figure 12** indicates about the three particles involved in the pair-production event.

[3 marks]

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Section B

Each of the questions in this section is followed by four responses, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**.


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
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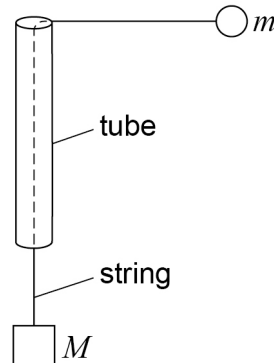
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0 7

In an experiment to investigate centripetal force, mass M and mass m are attached to the ends of a string.

Mass m is moved in a horizontal circle of constant radius.



Mass M is varied as the independent variable.

Which could be a directly measurable dependent variable?

[1 mark]

A speed of m

B centripetal acceleration of m

C mass of m

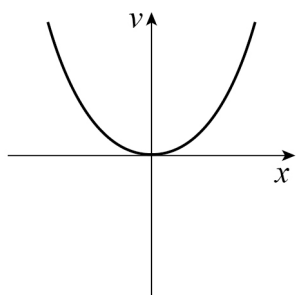
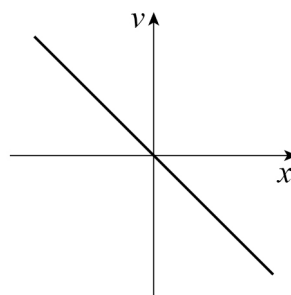
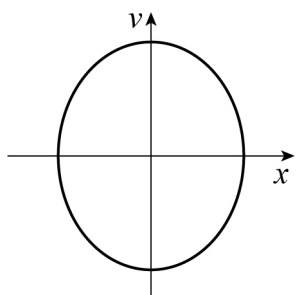
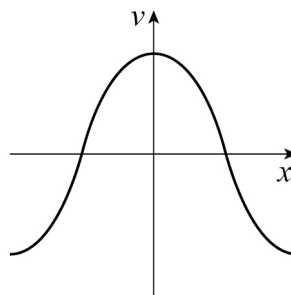
D time period of rotation of m

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0 8

A body is moving with simple harmonic motion.

What is the variation of its velocity v with its displacement x ?**[1 mark]****A****B****C****D****A****B****C****D**

0 9

A mass oscillates with amplitude A and frequency f on a spring of spring constant k . The total energy of the mass–spring system is E .

A second mass–spring system has an identical mass and a different spring. The second system oscillates with amplitude $2A$ and frequency $2f$.

Which shows the spring constant of the second spring and the total energy of the second system?

[1 mark]

	Spring constant	Total energy	
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B	$2k$	$16E$	<input type="radio"/>
C	$4k$	$4E$	<input type="radio"/>
D	$4k$	$16E$	<input type="radio"/>

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A pendulum bob is pulled to one side so that its string makes an angle θ to the vertical. The bob is released and the pendulum oscillates freely.

What is the maximum acceleration of the bob?

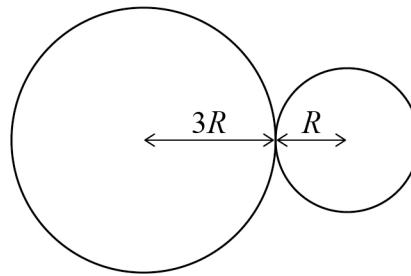
[1 mark]

- A** g
- B** $g \cos \theta$
- C** $g \sin \theta$
- D** $g \tan \theta$

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1 | 1

Two uniform solid spheres of radius R and $3R$ touch. They have the same density ρ .



What is the gravitational force between them?

[1 mark]

- A** $\frac{5}{6}\pi GR\rho^2$
- B** $\pi^2 GR^2\rho^2$
- C** $3\pi^2 GR^4\rho^2$
- D** $\frac{4}{9}\pi^2 GR^5\rho^2$

1 | 2

The average density of the Earth is 1.4 times greater than the average density of planet **X**. The radius of the Earth is 1.9 times greater than the radius of **X**.

What is the gravitational field strength on the surface of **X**?

[1 mark]

- A** 3.7 N kg^{-1}
- B** 7.2 N kg^{-1}
- C** 13 N kg^{-1}
- D** 26 N kg^{-1}



1 3

The average mass of a nucleon in a nucleus of the atom ${}^A_Z\text{X}$ is M_n .

The mass of an electron is m_e .

What is $\frac{\text{gravitational force}}{\text{electrostatic force}}$ for the forces between the nucleus and an electron in the atom?

[1 mark]

A $\frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 G Z m_e M_n}{A e^2}$

B $\frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 G A m_e M_n}{Z e^2}$

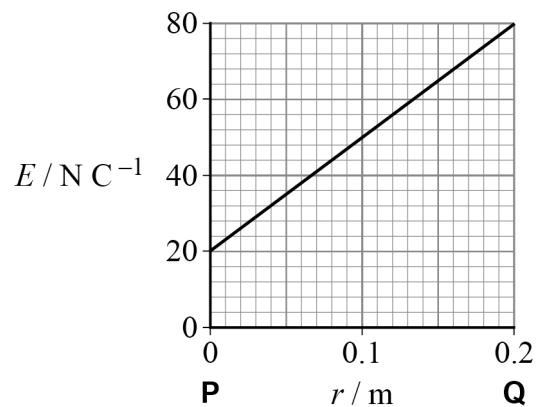
C $\frac{A m_e M_n}{4\pi\epsilon_0 G Z e^2}$

D $\frac{G A m_e M_n}{4\pi\epsilon_0 Z e^2}$

1 4

Points **P** and **Q** are 0.2 m apart in an electric field. The graph shows the variation of electric field strength E with position r between **P** and **Q**.

What is the potential difference between **P** and **Q**?

[1 mark]

A 6 V

B 10 V

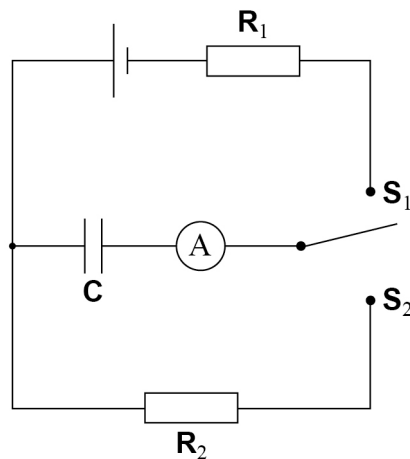
C 60 V

D 300 V

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1 5

In the circuit, the resistance of resistor R_2 is greater than the resistance of resistor R_1 . The capacitor C is initially uncharged.

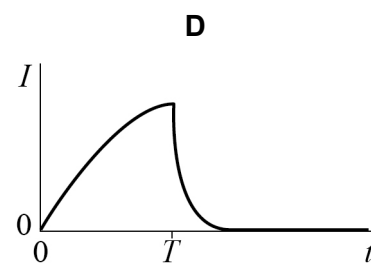
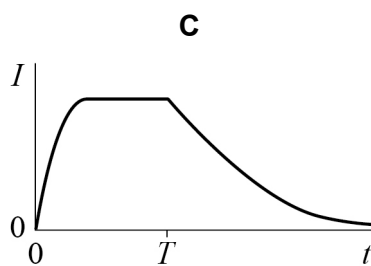
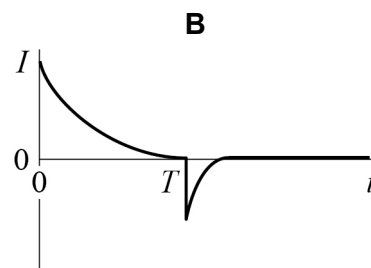
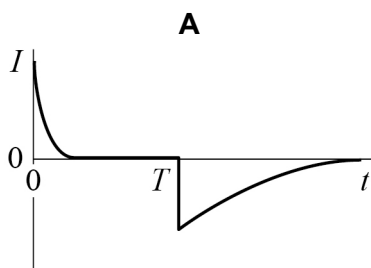


At time $t = 0$ the switch is set to position S_1 .

At time $t = T$ the switch is moved to position S_2 .

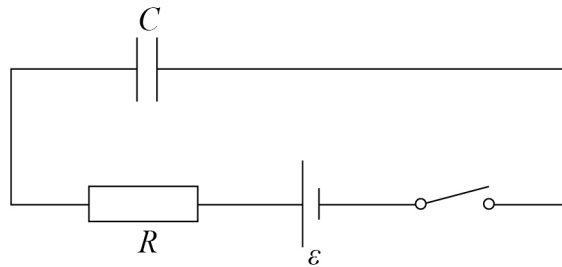
Which graph shows the variation of current I in the ammeter with t ?

[1 mark]

A B C D 

1 6

A capacitor of capacitance C is connected to a switch, a cell of emf ε and a resistor of resistance R .
The cell has negligible internal resistance.
The capacitor is initially uncharged.



The switch is then closed.

What is the time taken for the voltage across the capacitor to reach $\frac{\varepsilon}{3}$?

[1 mark]**A** $RC \ln 3$ **B** $RC \ln \frac{3}{2}$ **C** $RC (\ln 2 - \ln 3)$ **D** $\frac{1}{3} RC \ln 2$ **1 7**

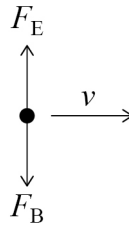
Which is a unit for magnetic flux?

[1 mark]**A** N m A^{-1} **B** $\text{N m}^2 \text{A}^{-1}$ **C** $\text{N m}^{-1} \text{A}$ **D** $\text{N m}^{-2} \text{A}$ **Turn over ►**

Questions **18** and **19** refer to the following situation.

An electron moves to the right at a constant velocity v in a region where a magnetic field of flux density B and an electric field of strength E are applied.

Force F_E due to the electric field and force F_B due to the magnetic field act on the electron.



1 8 F_E is up the page and F_B is down the page as shown.

What are the directions of E and B ?

[1 mark]

	Direction of E	Direction of B	
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C	down the page	into the page	<input type="radio"/>
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1 9 The resultant force on the electron is zero.

Which equation relates E , B and v ?

[1 mark]

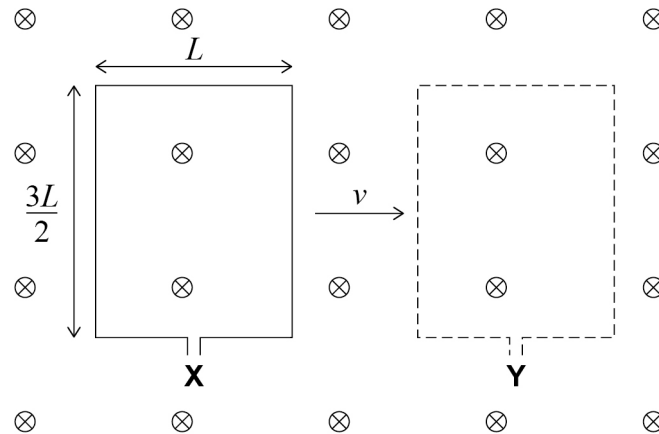
- A** $Bv = E$
- B** $B = vE$
- C** $v = BE$
- D** $BEv = 1$



2 0 A rectangular coil has dimensions L and $\frac{3L}{2}$.

The coil moves in a magnetic field at a velocity v perpendicular to the field.

The magnetic field has a uniform magnetic flux density B perpendicular to the plane of the coil.



What is the emf induced in the coil as it moves from position X to position Y?

[1 mark]

- A** BLv
- B** $\frac{3}{2}BLv$
- C** $3BLv$
- D** 0

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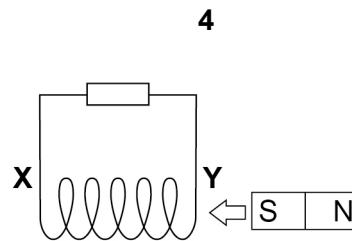
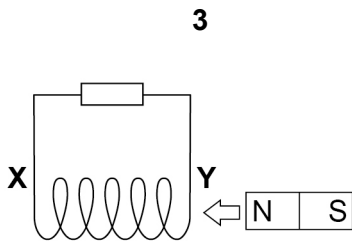
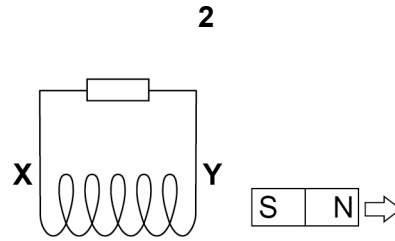
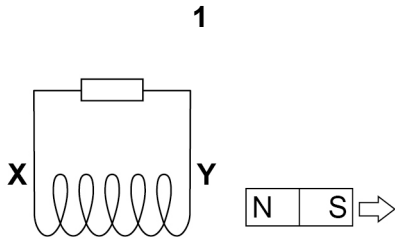


2 1

A bar magnet is moved near a coil **XY** in the direction shown by the arrows.
Two of the actions shown in the diagrams will induce an N-pole at Y.

Which actions will induce an N-pole at **Y**?

[1 mark]



- A 1 and 3
- B 1 and 4
- C 2 and 3
- D 2 and 4

END OF QUESTIONS

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