



Trial Examination 2022

Suggested Solutions

QCE Physics Units 1&2

Paper 2

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SECTION 1**QUESTION 1 (4 marks)**

a) 2.3 m s^{-1}

[1 mark]

1 mark for providing the correct answer.
 Note: Accept answers between 2.2 and 2.4.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } f &= \frac{1}{T} \\ &= \frac{1}{2.3 \times 10^{-3}} \\ &= 435 \text{ Hz} \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

1 mark for providing the correct answer.
 Note: Accept follow-through errors from part a).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } v &= f \lambda \\ \lambda &= \frac{v}{f} \\ &= \frac{346}{435} \\ &= 0.7958 \text{ m} \\ &= 80 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

1 mark for using the formula $\lambda = \frac{v}{f}$.

Note: This mark may be implied by subsequent working. It is not required to state the formula.

1 mark for providing the correct answer.

Note: Accept follow-through errors from parts a) and b).

QUESTION 2 (6 marks)

a) 4 m s^{-1}

[1 mark]

1 mark for reading the correct answer from the graph.

b) at 4 seconds and 10 seconds (where the graph crosses the x-axis)

[1 mark]

1 mark for stating both 4 seconds and 10 seconds.

c) displacement = area under graph

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{b_1 h_1}{2} - \frac{b_2 h_2}{2} \\ &= \frac{2 \times 8}{2} - \frac{1 \times 4}{2} \\ &= 6 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

1 mark for using the area under the graph to determine the displacement.
 1 mark for providing the correct answer.

- d) The maximum acceleration occurs when the positive slope is greatest; that is, between 0 and 2 seconds. Finding the gradient of this part of the slope gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{gradient} &= \frac{8-2}{2} \\ &= 3 \text{ m s}^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

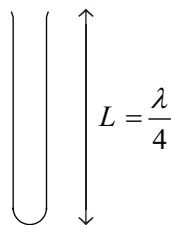
1 mark for using the most positive gradient to determine the maximum acceleration.

1 mark for providing the correct answer.

QUESTION 3 (4 marks)

a) $v = f\lambda$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \frac{v}{f} \\ &= \frac{346}{481} \\ &= 0.719 \text{ m} \\ &= 72 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}L &= \frac{\lambda}{4} \\ &= \frac{0.719}{4} \\ &= 18 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]

1 mark for using $v = f\lambda$.

Note: This mark may be implied by subsequent working.

It is not required to state the formula.

1 mark for finding the wavelength.

1 mark for showing that L is a quarter wavelength using a formula or diagram.

1 mark for providing the correct answer.

Note: Accept follow-through errors.

QUESTION 4 (7 marks)

- a) The law of conservation of energy states that energy can be neither created nor destroyed.
Some of the car's gravitational potential energy at point A will be transformed to kinetic energy at point B as the rollercoaster car accelerates down the track.

[2 marks]

*1 mark for stating the law of conservation of energy.**1 mark for identifying the transformation between gravitational potential energy and kinetic energy.*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } E_A &= \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 250 \times 1.2^2 + 250 \times 9.8 \times 12.5 \\ &= 30\,805 \text{ J} \\ &= 30.8 \text{ kJ} \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

*1 mark for adding the gravitational potential energy and kinetic energy.**1 mark for providing the correct answer.*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } E_B &= E_A \\ \frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 + mgh_B &= E_A \\ \frac{1}{2} \times 250 \times v_B^2 + 250 \times 9.8 \times 1 &= 30\,805 \\ v_B &= 15.1 \text{ m s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

[3 marks]

*1 mark for using the law of conservation of energy.**1 mark for substituting into $E_B = E_A$.**1 mark for providing the correct answer.**Note: Accept follow-through errors from part b).***QUESTION 5 (7 marks)**

- a) Nuclear fission is a nuclear reaction in which a large nucleus splits into smaller nuclei.

[1 mark]

1 mark for providing the correct definition.

- b) The fission of each uranium-233 atom is triggered by a neutron.

Because three neutrons are produced in the reaction, each of the three neutrons trigger three more fission reactions, which each release three more neutrons, and so on. This causes a chain reaction that sustains the release of energy for the reactor.

[2 marks]

*1 mark for stating that nuclear fission is triggered by a neutron.**1 mark for explaining the chain reaction that occurs due to the release of neutrons.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } \Delta m &= 233.039634 + 1.008664 - 136.911557 - 93.915355 - 3(1.008664) \\
 &= 0.195394 \text{ amu} \\
 &= 0.195394 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \\
 &= 3.24 \times 10^{-28} \text{ kg} \\
 \Delta E &= \Delta mc^2 \\
 &= 3.24 \times 10^{-28} \times (3 \times 10^8)^2 \\
 &= 2.92 \times 10^{-11} \text{ J}
 \end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]

*1 mark for finding Δm in amu.**1 mark for converting the mass to kg.**1 mark for converting Δm to energy.**1 mark for providing the correct answer.***QUESTION 6 (3 marks)**

When light passes from a less dense to a more dense medium, it slows slightly and, therefore, refracts slightly towards the normal.

White light consists of light from all visible wavelengths.

Each colour has a different wavelength that slows by a slightly different amount, so each colour refracts at a slightly different angle. This splits the white light into its different colours.

[3 marks]

*1 mark for describing the refraction of light due to changing medium.**1 mark for stating that white light contains all colours.**1 mark for stating that colours of different wavelengths refract at different angles.***QUESTION 7 (5 marks)**

a) Momentum is conserved when there is no net external force acting on the 'system'.

[1 mark]

1 mark for stating the condition for the law of conservation of momentum.

b)

$$p_{\text{before}} = p_{\text{after}}$$

$$m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 = (m_1 + m_2) v_{\text{final}}$$

$$20\,500 \times 1.46 + 33\,600 v_2 = (20\,500 + 33\,600) \times 0.28$$

$$v_2 = 0.4399 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Carriage 2 had a velocity of 0.44 m s^{-1} to the left before the collision.

[4 marks]

*1 mark for using conservation of momentum before and after the collision.**1 mark for substituting into the formula.**1 mark for providing the correct magnitude.**1 mark for providing the correct direction.*

QUESTION 8 (4 marks)

- a) impulse = area under graph

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{b_1 h_1}{2} + b_2 h_2 \\
 &= \frac{2 \times 11}{2} + 8 \times 5 \\
 &= 51 \text{ N s}
 \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

*1 mark for using the area under the graph to determine the total impulse.**1 mark for providing the correct answer.*

- b) impulse = change in momentum

$$\begin{aligned}
 51 &= m(v_f - v_i) \\
 51 &= 1.23 \times v_f \\
 v_f &= 42 \text{ m s}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

*1 mark for equating the impulse to the change in momentum.**1 mark for providing the correct answer.**Note: Accept follow-through errors from part a).***QUESTION 9 (5 marks)**

- a) Kirchoff's current law states that the sum of currents entering a node is equal to the sum of the currents leaving the node.

[1 mark]

1 mark for stating Kirchoff's current law.

- b)
- $I_{\text{lamp}} = A_1 - A_2$
-
- $= 2.2 - 1.0$
-
- $= 1.2 \text{ A}$

[2 marks]

*1 mark for using Kirchoff's current law.**1 mark for providing the correct answer.*

- c)
- $R = \frac{V}{I}$
-
- $= \frac{3}{1.2}$
-
- $= 2.5 \Omega$

[2 marks]

*1 mark for using Ohm's Law on the lamp.**1 mark for providing the correct answer.**Note: Accept follow-through errors from part b).*