Cambridge International Examinations
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PHYSICS

Paper 2 Multiple Choice (Extended)

Additional Materials: Multiple Choice Answer Sheet
Soft clean eraser
Soft pencil (type B or HB recommended)

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write in soft pencil.
Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.
Write your name, Centre number and candidate number on the Answer Sheet in the spaces provided unless this has been done for you.
DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

There are forty questions on this paper. Answer all questions. For each question there are four possible answers A, B, C and D.
Choose the one you consider correct and record your choice in soft pencil on the separate Answer Sheet.

Read the instructions on the Answer Sheet very carefully.

Each correct answer will score one mark. A mark will not be deducted for a wrong answer.
Any rough working should be done in this booklet.
Electronic calculators may be used.
Take the weight of 1.0 kg to be 10 N (acceleration of free fall = 10 m/s²).
1 The diagram shows the height of a stack of identical coins.

![Stack of coins diagram](image)

What is the thickness of one coin?

- **A** 0.20 mm
- **B** 2.0 mm
- **C** 0.24 cm
- **D** 2.0 cm

2 Four balls with different masses are dropped from the heights shown.

- **P** 4.0 kg from 1.0 m
- **Q** 3.0 kg from 2.0 m
- **R** 2.0 kg from 3.0 m
- **S** 1.0 kg from 4.0 m

Air resistance may be ignored.

Which statement about the balls is correct?

- **A** Ball P has the greatest acceleration.
- **B** Balls Q and R take the same time to fall to the ground.
- **C** The acceleration of ball R is half the acceleration of ball P.
- **D** Ball S has the greatest average speed.
3 An object is travelling in a straight line. The diagram is the speed-time graph for the object.

At which labelled point is the object accelerating at a changing rate?

4 Which statement about the masses and weights of objects on the Earth is correct?

A A balance can only be used to compare weights, not masses.
B Heavy objects always have more mass than light ones.
C Large objects always have more mass than small ones.
D Mass is a force but weight is not.

5 An object in a space probe above the Earth weighs 3.5 N. The gravitational field strength at the height of the space probe is 7.0 N/kg.

The gravitational field strength on the Earth’s surface is 10 N/kg.

What are the mass and the weight of the object on the Earth’s surface?

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<td>5.0</td>
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<td>2.0</td>
<td>3.5</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>2.0</td>
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6 A skydiver jumps from a stationary helicopter and reaches a steady vertical speed. She then opens her parachute.

Which statement about the falling skydiver is correct?

A As her parachute opens, her acceleration is upwards.
B As she falls at a steady speed with her parachute open, her weight is zero.
C When she accelerates, the resultant force on her is zero.
D When she falls at a steady speed, air resistance is zero.

7 A car moves in a circular path as it turns a corner on a horizontal road.

The car moves at constant speed.

Which description of the forces acting on the car is correct?

A All the forces are balanced as the car is moving at constant speed.
B The forces are unbalanced and the resultant force acts away from the centre of the circle.
C The forces are unbalanced and the resultant force acts towards the centre of the circle.
D The forces are unbalanced and the resultant force is in the direction of travel of the car.

8 A moving body undergoes a change of momentum.

What is a unit for change of momentum?

A N m   B N/m   C N s   D N/s
9 A man can either take an escalator or a lift to travel up between two floors in a hotel.

The escalator takes 20 seconds to carry the man between the two floors. The useful work done against gravity is $W$. The useful power developed is $P$.

The lift takes 30 seconds to carry the same man between the same two floors.

How much useful work against gravity is done by the lift, and how much useful power is developed by the lift?

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<td>D</td>
<td>$W$</td>
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10 A 40 W lamp wastes 34 J of energy every second by heating its surroundings.

What is the efficiency of the lamp?

A 0.15%  B 15%  C 18%  D 85%

11 A column of liquid has height $h$, mass $m$ and density $\rho$. The gravitational field strength is $g$.

Which expression gives the pressure due to the column of liquid?

A $h\rho$  B $m\rho$  C $mgh$  D $\rho gh$
12 The diagrams show two mercury barometers. The right-hand diagram shows a tube of larger diameter. There is a vacuum above the mercury in both tubes. Which labelled position on the right-hand tube shows the mercury level in the right-hand tube?

13 Very small pollen grains are suspended in water. A bright light shines from the side. When looked at through a microscope, small specks of light are seen to be moving in a random, jerky manner.

What are the moving specks of light?

A pollen grains being hit by other pollen grains
B pollen grains being hit by water molecules
C water molecules being hit by other water molecules
D water molecules being hit by pollen grains
14 At –39°C, liquid mercury solidifies without a change of temperature.

Which row shows whether the mercury absorbs or releases energy and what happens to the bonds between the mercury atoms?

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<td>stronger</td>
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15 A model thermometer consists of a flask of coloured water and a stopper with a glass tube passing through it, as shown.

The model thermometer can be changed in one of two ways.

- The flask can be replaced with a larger one full of coloured water.
- The glass tube can be replaced with one with a larger internal diameter.

Which statement is correct?

A Only using a larger flask increases the sensitivity.
B Only using a wider tube increases the sensitivity.
C Using a larger flask increases the sensitivity and using a wider tube increases the sensitivity.
D Neither using a larger flask nor using a wider tube increases the sensitivity.
16 A metal has a specific heat capacity of 360 J/(kg°C). An object made of this metal has a mass of 2.0 kg.

What is the thermal capacity (heat capacity) of the object?
A 180 J/°C  B 180 J/kg  C 720 J/°C  D 720 J/kg

17 In which type of substance are free electrons involved in the transfer of thermal energy?
A all liquids  B all solids  C metals only  D plastics only

18 Four objects, made of the same material and having the same mass, are at the same temperature. The objects have different surfaces and different surface areas.
Which object emits infra-red radiation at the greatest rate?

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<td>C</td>
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<td>large</td>
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19 A person uses a surfboard to ride every 30th wave crest towards the beach. The wave crest travels at a speed of 1.6 m/s and the distance between each wave crest is 24 m.

How many wave crests does the person surf in one hour?
A 1  B 2  C 8  D 450
20. In a shallow tank, a water wave moves towards a barrier with a narrow gap. Which diagram shows the wave beyond the barrier?

21. Light passes along an optical fibre. What happens to the light within the fibre?
   A. diffraction
   B. dispersion
   C. refraction
   D. total internal reflection
22 The points labelled F are the principal foci of a lens. A beam of parallel light is incident on the lens.

Which diagram shows the path of the light after it passes through the lens?

A  

B  

C  

D  

23 Which statement about sound waves is correct?

A They are able to travel through a vacuum.
B They are able to travel through solids.
C They are transverse waves.
D They travel at the same speed in all substances.

24 Which statement about ultrasound is correct?

A It is produced by a rapidly vibrating source.
B It is uncomfortable to human ears.
C Its frequency must be greater than 300 kHz.
D It travels the fastest in a vacuum.
25 A small compass is placed close to a strong bar magnet, the same distance from each end.

Which diagram shows the direction in which the compass needle points?

- **A**
  - compass
  - N
  - S

- **B**
  - compass
  - N
  - S

- **C**
  - compass
  - N
  - S

- **D**
  - compass
  - N
  - S

26 A bar magnet can be demagnetised by hammering it for a long time or by slowly removing it from a coil connected to a power supply.

Which row completes the descriptions of how these processes are carried out?

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<td>a d.c. power supply</td>
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<td>an a.c. power supply</td>
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<td>magnet aligned N-S</td>
<td>a d.c. power supply</td>
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<td>magnet aligned N-S</td>
<td>an a.c. power supply</td>
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27 Which particles move in a metal to cause an electric current?

- **A** electrons
- **B** neutrons
- **C** nucleons
- **D** protons
28 The diagrams represent four copper wires.

Which wire has the greatest resistance?

A  B  C  D

10 mm  10 mm  20 mm  20 mm
1 mm  2 mm  1 mm  2 mm

29 An air-conditioning unit, a lamp and an electric fire all receive electrical energy from the mains supply.

From which of these devices is all this energy eventually transferred to the surroundings?

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key

✓ = all energy transferred to surroundings
x = not all energy transferred to surroundings

30 Four circuits are set up.

In which circuit does the ammeter show the greatest reading?

A  B  C  D

12 V  12 V  12 V  12 V
2.0 Ω  2.0 Ω  2.0 Ω  2.0 Ω
3.0 Ω  3.0 Ω  3.0 Ω  3.0 Ω
31 The diagram shows an electric circuit.

The light falling on the light-dependent resistor (LDR) increases in brightness.

What happens to the resistance of the LDR, the current in the fixed resistor and the reading on the voltmeter?

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<th>reading on voltmeter</th>
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<td>C increases</td>
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<td>D increases</td>
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32 The diagram shows two linked circuits to control when a bell is switched on.

The conditions are altered and only one pair of conditions causes the bell to ring.

Which pair causes the bell to ring?

A bright light and high temperature
B bright light and low temperature
C dim light and high temperature
D dim light and low temperature
The truth table for a logic gate is shown.

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Which type of logic gate is it?

A  AND  B  NOR  C  NOT  D  OR

In this circuit, a component at X automatically protects the wiring from overheating if there is a fault.

Which row indicates components that are suitable?

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<th>fuse</th>
<th>switch</th>
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<td>A</td>
<td>✓</td>
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</table>
| B  | ✓              | ✓    | ✓      |✓ = suitable
| C  | ✓              | ✓    | ✓      |✓ = not suitable
| D  | ✓              | ✓    | ✓      |
35 The diagram shows a simple transformer with an input of 240 V and an output of 40 V.

There are 600 turns on the primary coil.

How many turns are there on the secondary coil?

A 100  B 320  C 400  D 3600

36 The diagram shows a current-carrying wire. The wire is at 90° to a magnetic field. The direction of the magnetic field is into the page.

A force acts on the wire due to the current and the magnetic field.

In which direction does the force act?

A into the page  B out of the page  C towards the bottom of the diagram  D towards the top of the diagram
37  A radioactive substance emits radiation at a rate of 600 emissions per second. Four hours later, it emits radiation at a rate of 300 emissions per second.

What is the half-life of the substance and what is the rate of emission after a further four hours?

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<td>150</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>4</td>
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38  The nuclide notation for an isotope of silver is $^{109}_{47}$Ag.

How many nucleons are in a nucleus of this isotope?

A  47  B  62  C  109  D  156

39  The equation represents an isotope of radium Ra decaying to an isotope of radon Rn with the emission of particle X.

$$^{226}_{88}\text{Ra} \rightarrow ^{222}_{86}\text{Rn} + X$$

What is particle X?

A  $^0_{-1}\text{e}$  B  $^1_H$  C  $^4_2\text{He}$  D  $^3_n$

40  An atomic nucleus decays by one or more radioactive decay processes.

What causes the proton number to decrease by 1?

A  $\alpha$-decay followed by $\beta$-decay  
B  $\alpha$-decay only  
C  $\beta$-decay followed by $\gamma$-decay  
D  $\beta$-decay only