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Assessment Unit AS 1

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Module 1: Forces, Energy and Electricity



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THURSDAY 11 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Answer **all ten** questions.

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

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 75.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Question 3.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each part of the 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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The water falls through a vertical height of 6.0 metres as the tide changes. Calculate the minimum mass of water moving through the turbine every second if the electrical power output from the barrage is 30 MW. Assume no energy losses.

Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

Mass of water/second = _____ kg s^{-1} [3]

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2 A new sports car is to be tested on a long, straight, horizontal test track.

(a) The test driver starts the vehicle from rest and accelerates uniformly to a maximum velocity of 200 km h^{-1} in 12.0 seconds. The car continues at this velocity for 20 seconds before the brakes are applied causing constant, rapid deceleration. The car comes to rest in a further 8 seconds.

(i) Show that 200 km h^{-1} is equivalent to 55.6 m s^{-1}

[1]

(ii) On **Fig. 2.1** sketch a velocity–time graph to represent the motion of the car on the track. Include relevant numerical data on both axes.

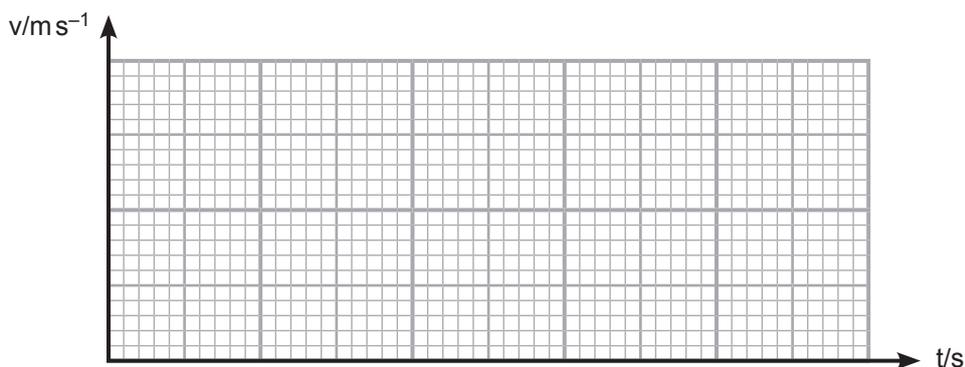


Fig. 2.1

[2]

(iii) Use your graph to find the total distance the car has travelled during this test run.

Distance travelled = _____ m

[2]

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- (iii) A second, heavier, car is now tested alongside the sports car. Both cars start from rest at the start of the track and are travelling in the same direction up the slope. The acceleration of the second heavier car is 60% that of the sports car. How long after the start of the test is the separation of the cars 180m?

Time after start of test = _____ s [3]

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Where possible in this question you should answer in continuous prose. You will be assessed on the quality of your written communication.

- 3 On the 14th October 2012, sky-diver Felix Baumgartner stepped out from a space capsule approximately 39,000 m above the New Mexico desert in a successful attempt to break the record for the highest and longest free fall. It took him 10 minutes to fall to earth and he was in free fall for just under 5 minutes.

Describe an experiment to determine the acceleration of free fall, g , in a school laboratory.

Your account should include:

- (a) A labelled diagram of the equipment used.
- (b) The data required and how that data is obtained.
- (c) An explanation of how the data could be used to obtain a value for g .
- (d) How you would improve the reliability of your result.

- (a) Diagram

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[1]

- (ii) Calculate the magnitude and direction of his resultant velocity 0.50 seconds after take-off.

Magnitude of velocity = _____ ms^{-1}

Direction relative to horizontal: _____ ° [4]

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7 (a) Define the resistivity of a material.

[1]

(b) The resistivity of **tungsten** is of the order of $10^{-8} \Omega \text{m}$ and that of **polystyrene** is $10^{15} \Omega \text{m}$.

Explain the large difference in the resistivity of tungsten and polystyrene in terms of charge carriers.

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- (c) (i) Sketch a graph on **Fig. 7.1** to show the variation in resistivity with temperature of tungsten. It becomes superconducting at 5 K.

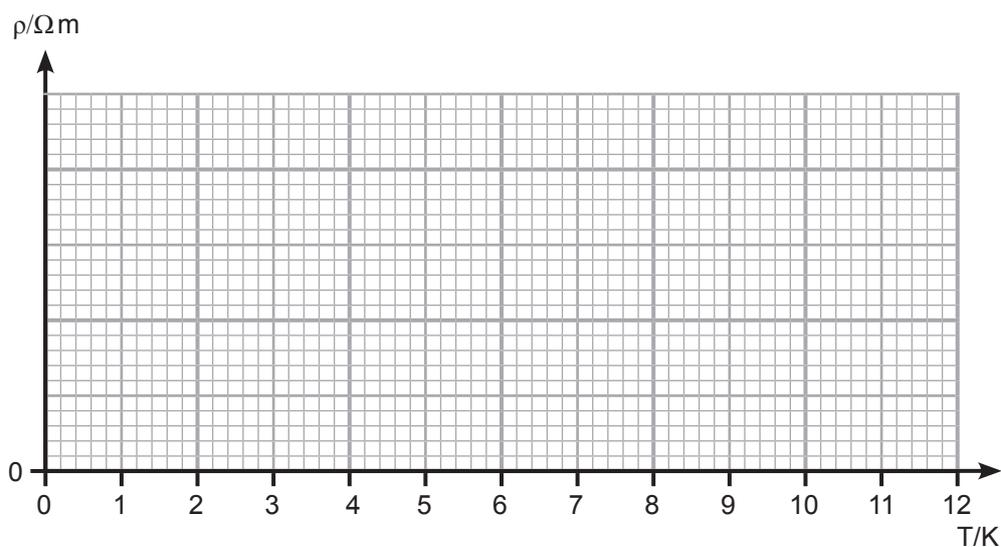


Fig. 7.1

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- (ii) What is the name of the temperature at which a material becomes a superconductor?

_____ [1]

- (iii) The highest temperature that has been found for certain ceramic alloys to exhibit superconductivity is approximately -135°C or 138 K. Explain why the search for materials that exhibit superconductivity at room temperature (20°C or 293 K) would be a major technological breakthrough.

 _____ [1]

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8 Electromotive force, terminal potential difference and internal resistance are terms used when discussing a battery.

(a) Define electromotive force.

[1]

(b) A student sets up the circuit shown in **Fig. 8.1** to experimentally find the electromotive force E and internal resistance, r , of a battery. The student records the current I from the ammeter and the terminal potential difference V from the high resistance voltmeter.

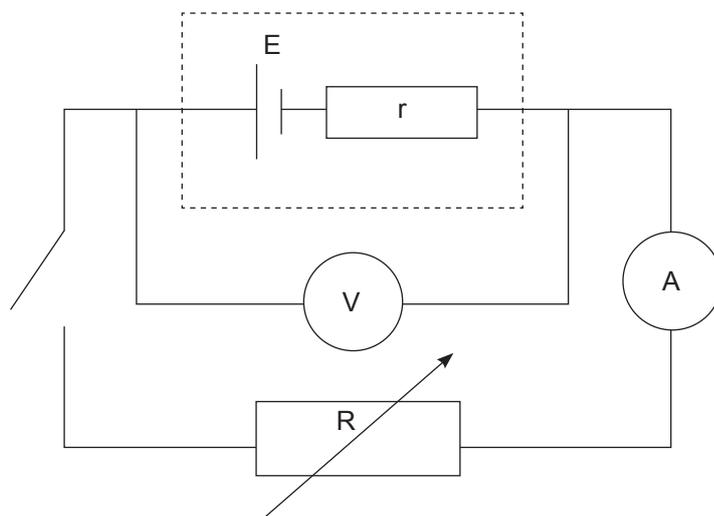


Fig. 8.1

(i) For the circuit shown in **Fig. 8.1**, complete **Table 8.1** by placing a tick in the correct box to show how the magnitude of the e.m.f. compares to the terminal potential difference (tpd) when the switch is open and closed.

Table 8.1

	e.m.f. > tpd	e.m.f. = tpd	e.m.f. < tpd
Switch open			
Switch closed			

[1]

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The student varies R and obtains a set of voltmeter and ammeter readings. **Fig. 8.2** is a graph of these results.

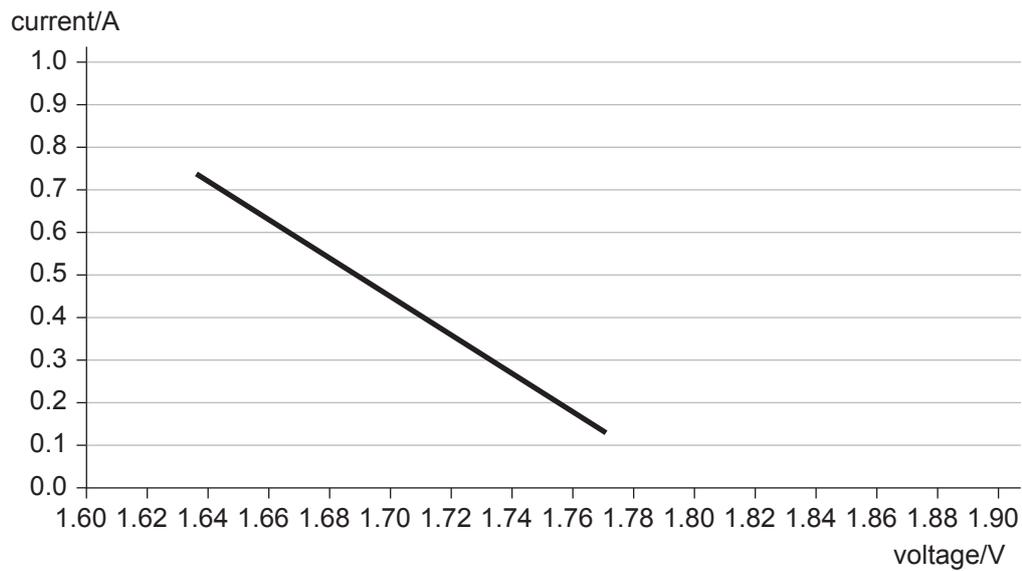


Fig. 8.2

(ii) Use your graph to determine the electromotive force of the battery.

Electromotive force = _____ V [1]

(iii) Determine the value of the internal resistance of the battery.

Internal resistance = _____ Ω [2]

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- 9 Fig. 9.1 shows a number of resistors connected in series and parallel to a 15V battery of negligible internal resistance.

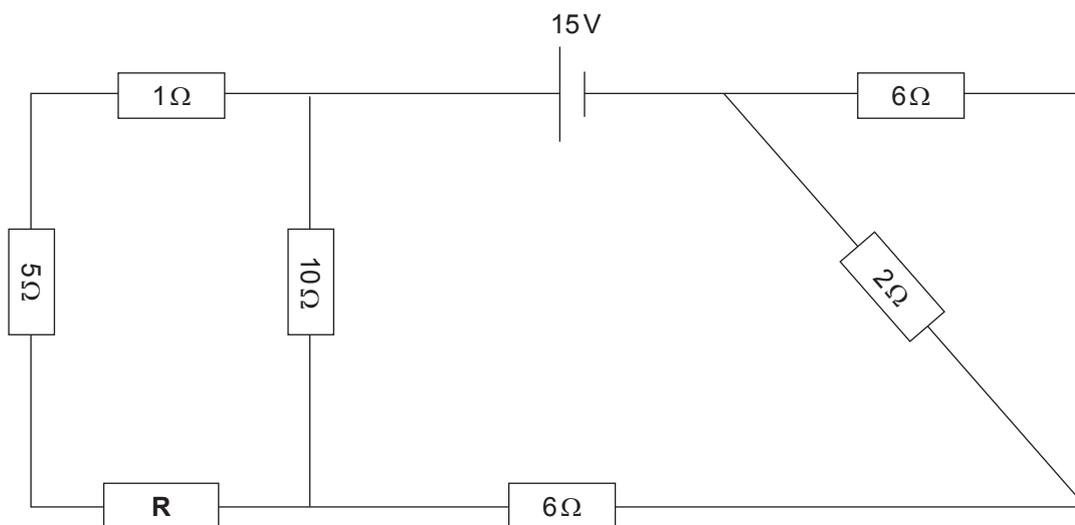


Fig. 9.1

- (a) The overall resistance of the circuit is 12.5Ω . Calculate the value of the resistor labelled **R** in the circuit.

R = _____ Ω

[4]

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(b) Calculate the current flowing through the 2Ω resistor and hence the power dissipated in it.

Current = _____ A

Power = _____ W

[3]

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- 10 A 15V battery is connected to a circuit that provides a voltage V_{out} that depends on the brightness of a room. The brightness of the room is sensed by a light-dependent resistor (LDR). This LDR is connected to a 300Ω fixed resistor to form a potential divider as shown in **Fig. 10.1**. The resistance of the LDR varies from a minimum of 10Ω in bright conditions to a maximum of 250Ω in dark conditions.

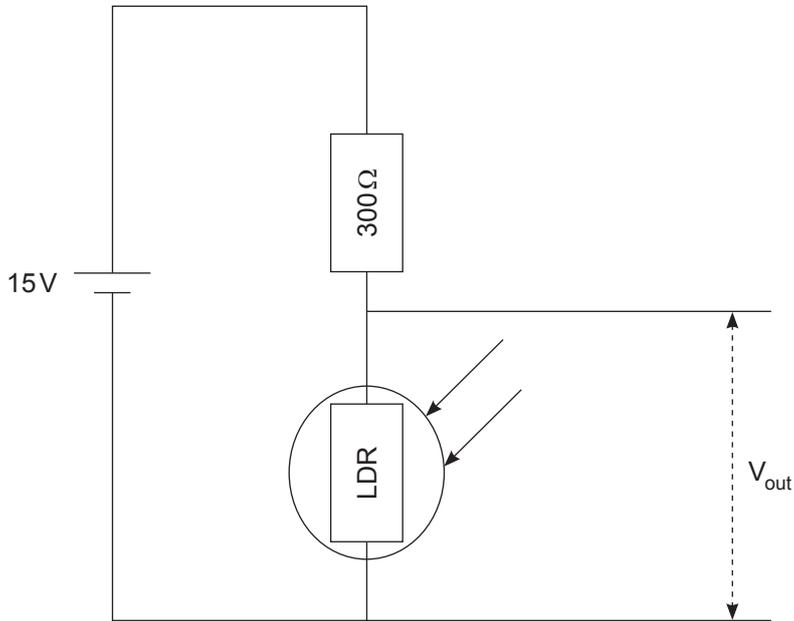


Fig. 10.1

- (a) Calculate the output voltage V_{out} when the room is brightly lit.

V_{out} in bright conditions = _____ V [2]

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- (b) The circuit is altered so that an external load containing a small motor is connected across the LDR. This causes a window blind to be closed automatically when the room becomes dark. The voltage across the motor must be 6 V for the motor to close the blind. The altered circuit is shown in Fig. 10.2.

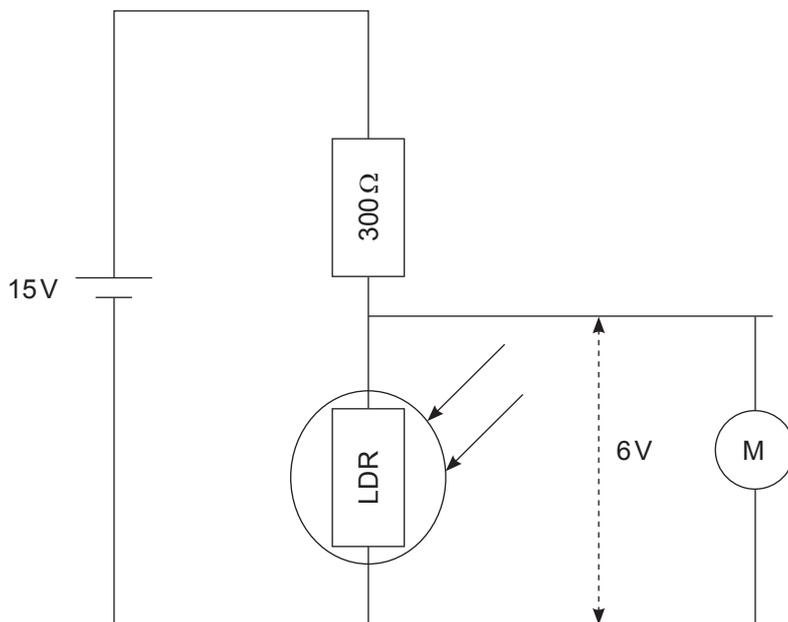


Fig. 10.2

Calculate the resistance of the external load circuit containing the motor.

Resistance of motor $R_m =$ _____ Ω [4]

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GCE (AS) Physics

Data and Formulae Sheet

Values of constants

speed of light in a vacuum	$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
elementary charge	$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
the Planck constant	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
mass of electron	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
mass of proton	$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
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

Conservation of energy	$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{1}{2}mu^2 = Fs$ for a constant force
Hooke's Law	$F = kx$ (spring constant k)

Sound

$$\text{Sound intensity level/dB} = 10 \lg_{10} \frac{I}{I_0}$$

Waves

$$\text{Two-source interference} \quad \lambda = \frac{ay}{d}$$

Light

$$\text{Lens formula} \quad \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\text{Magnification} \quad m = \frac{v}{u}$$

Electricity

$$\text{Terminal potential difference} \quad V = E - Ir \quad (\text{e.m.f. } E; \text{ Internal Resistance } r)$$

$$\text{Potential divider} \quad V_{\text{out}} = \frac{R_1 V_{\text{in}}}{R_1 + R_2}$$

Particles and photons

$$\text{de Broglie equation} \quad \lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$