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Physics
Section 1 — Answer grid and Section 2

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SECTION 1 — 25 marks
Attempt ALL questions.
Instructions for completion of Section 1 are given on *page 02*.

SECTION 2 — 110 marks
Attempt ALL questions.

Reference may be made to the data sheet on *page 02* of the question paper X857/75/02 and to the relationships sheet X857/75/11.

Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided in this booklet. Additional space for answers and rough work is provided at the end of this booklet. If you use this space you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting. Any rough work must be written in this booklet. Score through your rough work when you have written your final copy.

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SECTION 1 — 25 marks

The questions for Section 1 are contained in the question paper X857/75/02.

Read these and record your answers on the answer grid on *page 03* opposite.

Use **blue** or **black** ink. Do NOT use gel pens or pencil.

1. The answer to each question is **either** A, B, C, D or E. Decide what your answer is, then fill in the appropriate bubble (see sample question below).

2. There is **only one correct** answer to each question.

3. Any rough work must be written in the additional space for answers and rough work at the end of this booklet.

Sample question

The energy unit measured by the electricity meter in your home is the

A ampere

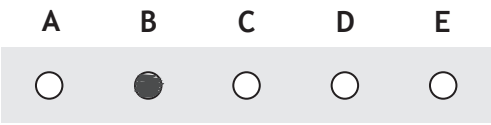
B kilowatt-hour

C watt

D coulomb

E volt.

The correct answer is **B** — kilowatt-hour. The answer **B** bubble has been clearly filled in (see below).



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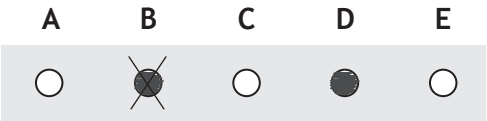

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SECTION 2 — 110 marks

Attempt ALL questions

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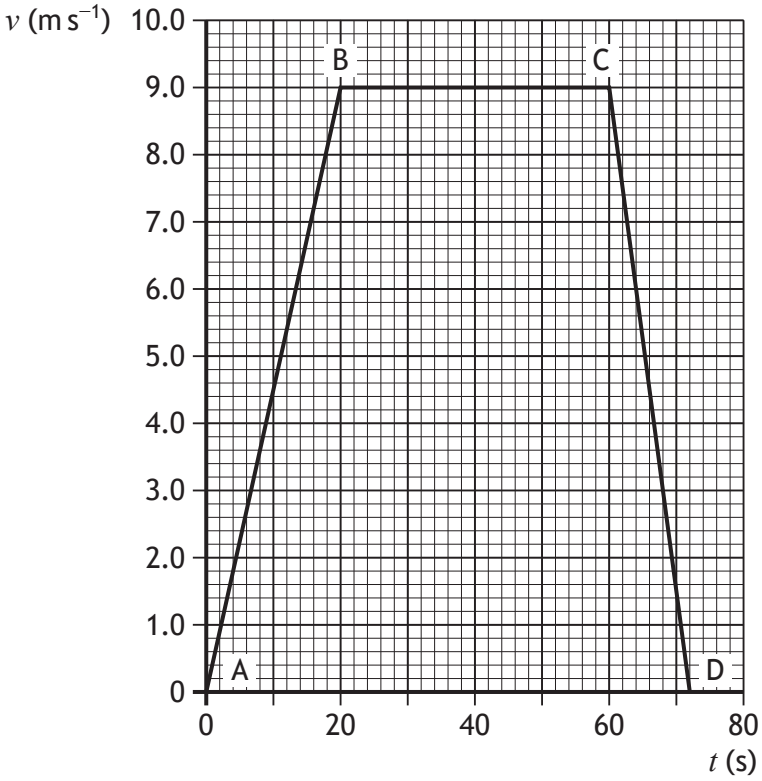

(a) Describe the motion of the bus:

(i) between A and B **1**

(ii) between B and C. **1**

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1. (continued)

(b) Calculate the acceleration of the bus between C and D. **3**

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(c) Determine the distance travelled by the bus between A and D. **3**

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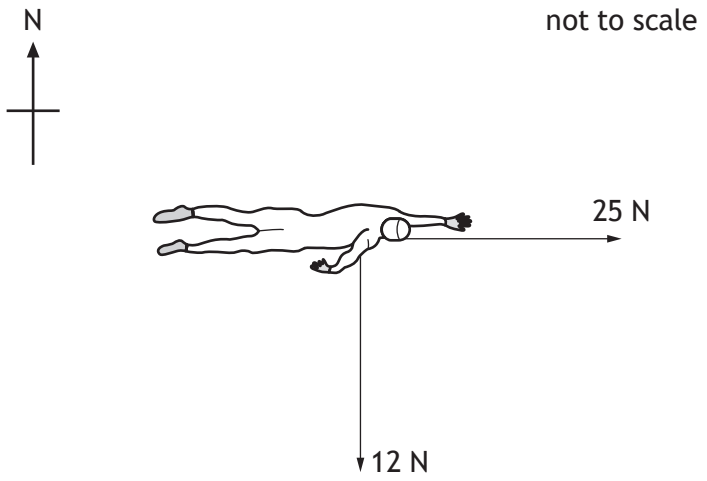
2. The triathlon is an endurance race consisting of three stages: swimming, cycling, and running.

(a) The first stage of the triathlon is a 1.5 km open-water swim.

At one point during the swim, the unbalanced forward force on the triathlete is 25 N at a bearing of 090.

At this point, a current exerts a force on the triathlete of 12 N at a bearing of 180.



(i) (A) By scale drawing or otherwise, determine the magnitude of the resultant of these forces. **2**

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2. (a) (i) (continued)

(B) By scale drawing or otherwise, determine the direction of the resultant of these forces. **2**

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(ii) The triathlete has a mass of 75 kg.

Calculate the acceleration of the triathlete. **3**

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(b) The second stage of the triathlon is a 40 km cycle.

Suggest one way in which the triathlete could reduce the frictional forces acting against them when cycling. **1**

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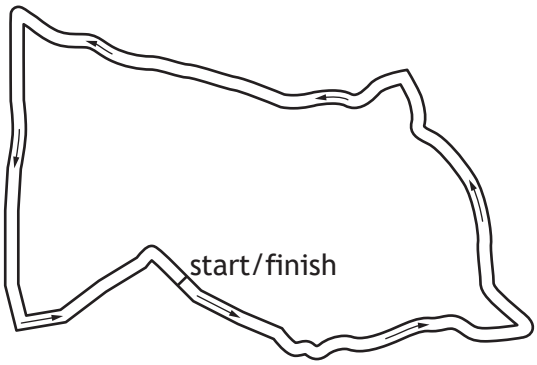
2. (continued)

(c) The third stage of the triathlon involves running four laps of a 2.5 km course. The triathlete takes 38 minutes to complete this stage.



(i) Determine the average speed of the triathlete for this stage. **3**

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(ii) State the magnitude of the average velocity of the triathlete for this stage. **1**

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3. A boardslide is a common trick where a skateboarder uses the middle of the skateboard to slide along a horizontal rail.

The skateboarder and board have a combined mass of 65 kg.

(a) At the start of the rail, the speed of the skateboarder and board is 7.0 m s^{-1}.

At the end of the rail, the speed of the skateboarder and board is 3.0 m s^{-1}.

(i) Determine the decrease in kinetic energy as the skateboarder and board slide along the length of the rail. **4**

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3. (a) (continued)

(ii) The length of the rail is 2.0 m.

Calculate the average frictional force between the rail and the skateboard. **3**

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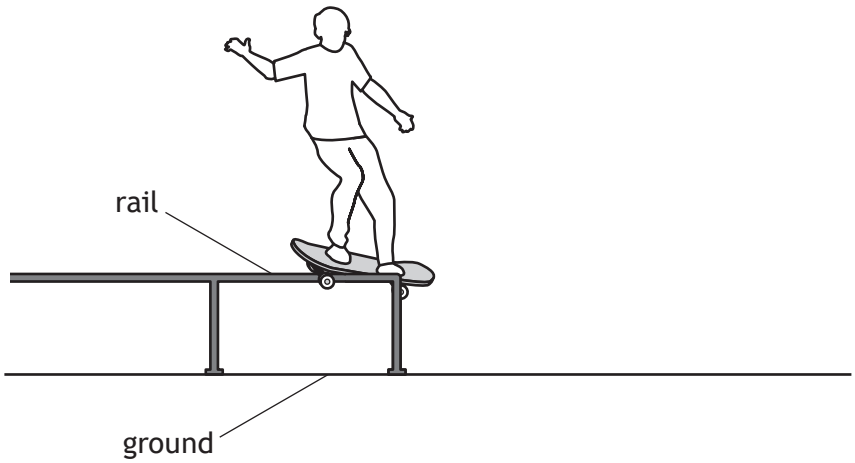
(b) The skateboarder and board slide off the end of the rail.



On the diagram above, sketch the path of the skateboarder and board between leaving the rail and reaching the ground. **1**

(An additional diagram, if required, can be found on *page 46*.)

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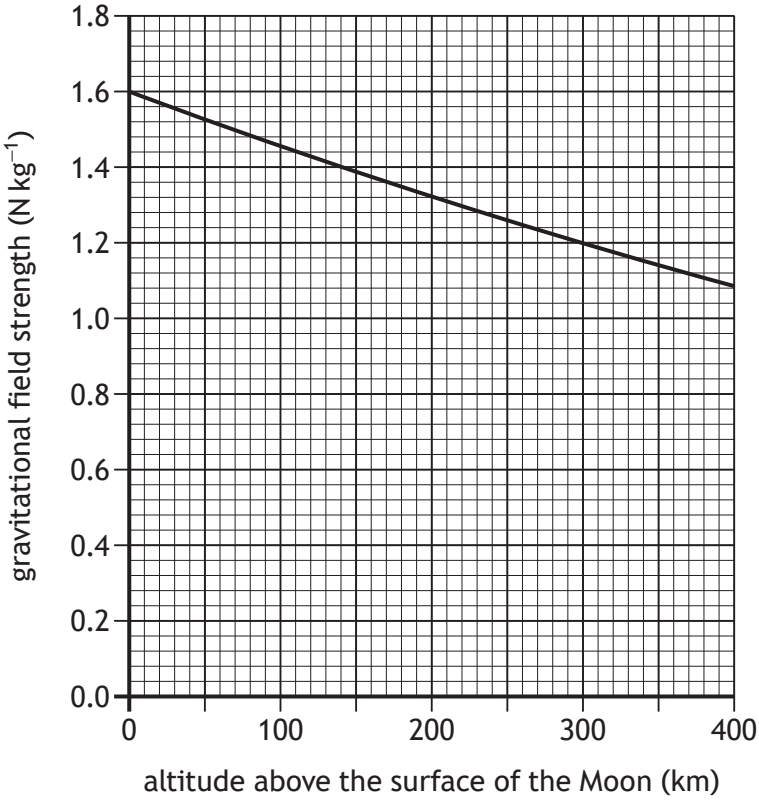
4. NASA is planning a crewed mission to the Moon.

(a) Part of the mission includes placing a spacecraft in orbit at an altitude of 140 km above the surface of the Moon.

The graph shows the gravitational field strength at different altitudes above the surface of the Moon.



One of the astronauts selected for the mission has a mass of 67 kg.

Calculate the weight of this astronaut when they are at an altitude of 140 km above the surface of the Moon. **3**

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4. (continued)

(b) Once the spacecraft is in orbit, some of the astronauts will travel to the surface of the Moon in a transportation module.

These astronauts will remain on the surface of the Moon for approximately one week.

Describe one physics-related challenge these astronauts will face while on the surface of the Moon. **1**

(c) After spending time on the Moon, the astronauts will return to the orbiting spacecraft using the transportation module.

During the first part of this return journey, the rockets on the transportation module will exert a constant upward force.

State what will happen to the acceleration of the transportation module during this part of the journey.

You must justify your answer. **3**

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5. Around 500 years ago Nicolaus Copernicus, a Polish astronomer, proposed a model of the Universe with the Sun motionless at its centre and the stars fixed in position in the night sky.

Using your knowledge of physics, comment on this model. **3**

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6. Launched in 2022, the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is the world's premier space-based science observatory.

The NASA website states that the JWST will solve mysteries in our Solar System and probe the mysterious structures and origins of our Universe.

(a) State an advantage of using a space-based telescope compared to ground-based telescopes. **1**

(b) In 2023, the JWST was used to study the exoplanet LHS 475 b.

(i) State what is meant by the term *exoplanet*. **1**

(ii) LHS 475 b orbits a star in the constellation Octans.

The star is 41 light-years from Earth.

Determine the distance, in metres, from this star to Earth. **3**

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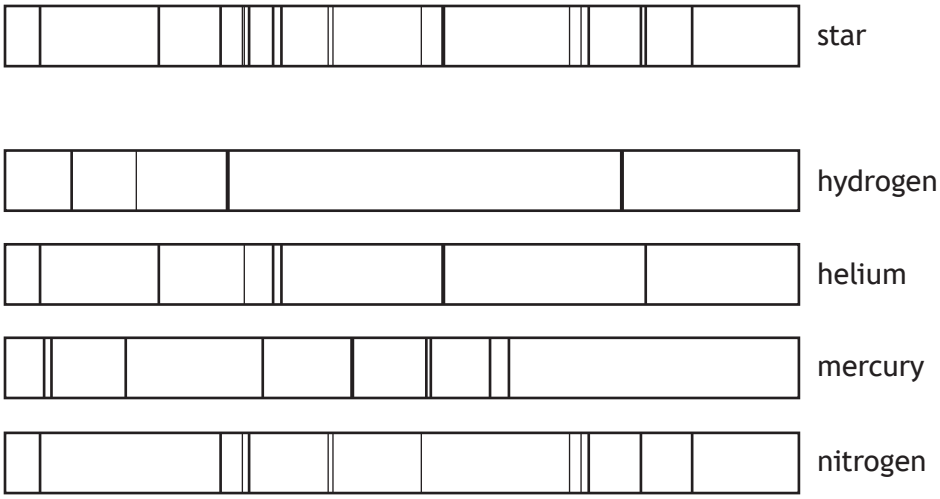
(c) The line spectrum from a star is shown, along with the line spectra of the elements hydrogen, helium, mercury, and nitrogen.



Determine which of these elements are present in the star. **1**

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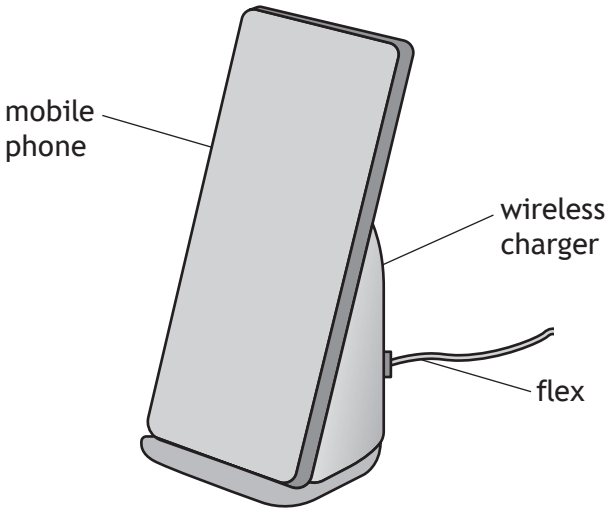
7. A wireless charger uses radio waves to charge the battery of a mobile phone.



(a) The charger is connected to a direct current (d.c.) supply via a flex.

Explain in terms of electron flow what is meant by *direct current*. **1**

(b) The current in the flex is 2.5 A.

The charger is in use for 1.5 hours.

Calculate the charge supplied to the charger during this time. **3**

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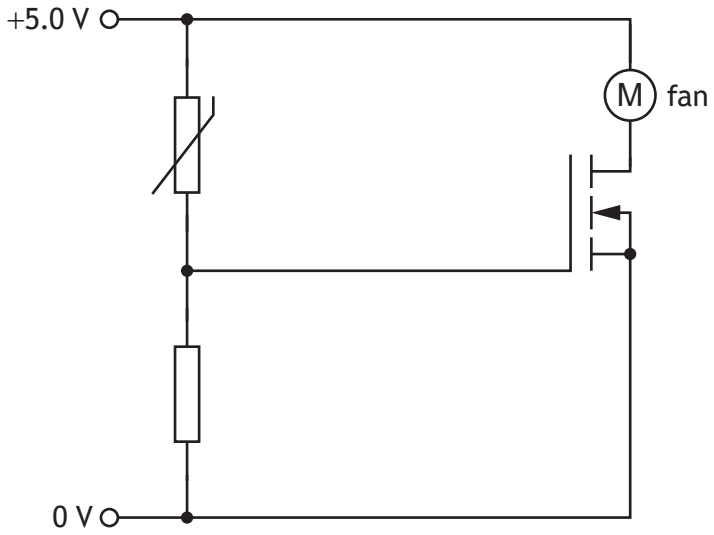
7. (continued)

(c) During use the charger heats up.

The charger contains a fan that switches on automatically when the temperature of the charger increases above a certain level.

Part of the circuit containing the fan is shown.



As the temperature of the charger increases, the resistance of the thermistor decreases.

Explain how the circuit operates to switch on the fan when the temperature of the charger increases above a certain level. **3**

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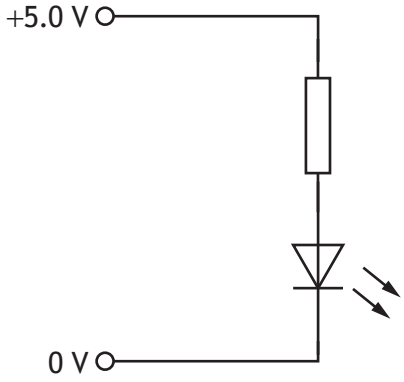
7. (continued)

(d) Once the mobile phone is fully charged, an LED on the charger lights.

Part of the circuit containing the LED is shown.



The voltage across the LED is 2.2 V and the current in the LED is 18 mA.

Determine the resistance of the resistor in series with the LED. **4**

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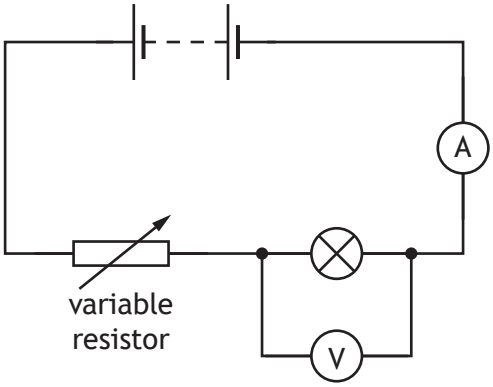
8. A student sets up the following circuit to investigate the relationship between the current in and the voltage across a lamp.



The student uses the circuit to obtain a range of measurements of current in the lamp and voltage across the lamp.

The measurements taken by the student are shown in the table.

Current (A)	Voltage (V)
0.20	0.8
0.40	2.3
0.60	4.9
0.80	8.6
0.90	11.0

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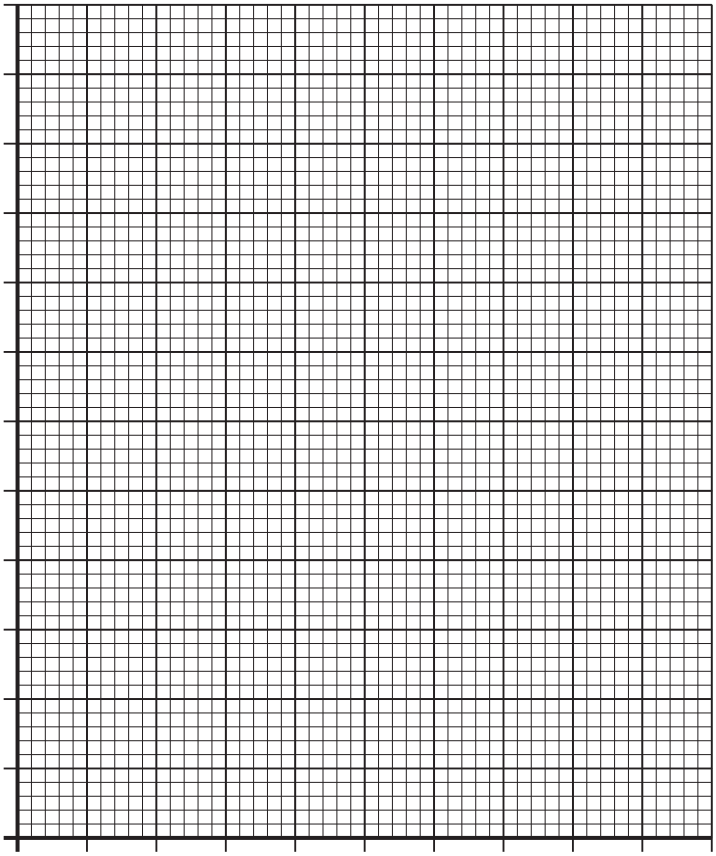
8. (continued)

(a) (i) Using the graph paper, draw a graph of the student's results. **3**

(Additional graph paper, if required, can be found on *page 46*.)



(ii) Use your graph to determine the voltage across the lamp when the current in the lamp is 0.70 A. **1**

(iii) Describe how the student obtained a range of values of current and voltage using **this** circuit. **1**

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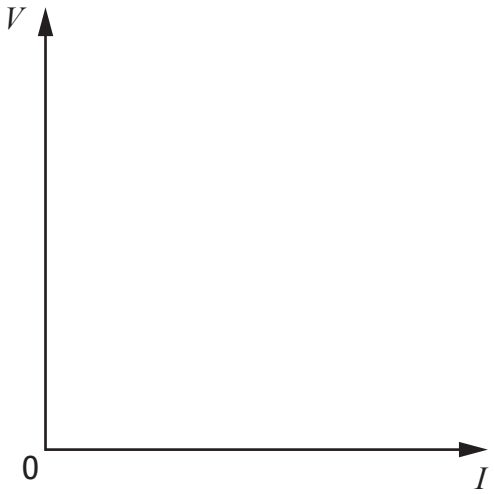
8. (continued)

(b) The student then replaces the lamp in the circuit with a fixed resistor and repeats the investigation.

Using the axes below, sketch a graph to show how the voltage V across the fixed resistor varies with the current I in the circuit. **1**

(An additional diagram, if required, can be found on *page 47*.)



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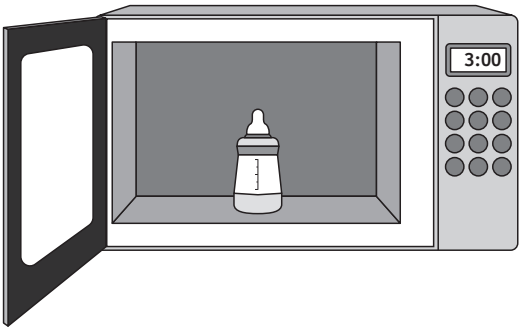
9. Bottles used for feeding babies require sterilising before use.

For one design of bottle, a microwave oven is used to heat water in the bottle. This produces steam, which sterilises the bottle.



To sterilise the bottle, 0.020 kg of water is placed in the base of the bottle, before being heated in the microwave oven.

(a) The initial temperature of the water is 6.3 °C.

(i) Calculate the energy required to heat the water to its boiling point. **3**

Space for working and answer

(ii) During heating, 0.014 kg of water is changed to steam.

Calculate the energy required to change 0.014 kg of water at its boiling point to steam. **3**

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9. (a) (continued)

(iii) Determine the minimum energy required to produce 0.014 kg of steam from 0.020 kg of water at an initial temperature of 6.3 °C. **1**

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(b) The microwave oven has a power rating of 750 W.

The microwave oven is switched on for 180 s in order to sterilise the bottle.

(i) Calculate the total energy used by the microwave oven during this time. **3**

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(ii) Explain why the total energy used by the microwave oven during this time is different to the minimum energy required to produce the steam determined in (a) (iii). **1**

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10. A cyclist inflates the tyres on their bike before going cycling.

(a) The cyclist inflates a tyre to a pressure of 655 kPa.

The temperature of the gas inside the tyre is 21 °C.

At one point in the journey the temperature of the gas inside the tyre is 14 °C.

The mass of gas and the volume of gas inside the tyre remain constant.

(i) Determine the pressure of the gas inside the tyre at a temperature of 14 °C. **3**

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10. (a) (continued)

(ii) Explain, using the kinetic model, how the decrease in temperature affects the pressure of the gas inside the tyre. **3**

(b) At one point, the cyclist stops pedalling and freewheels.

The tyres have a total contact area with the ground of 7.5×10^{-4} m^2 and exert a pressure of 1.02×10^6 Pa on the ground.

Determine the total mass of the cyclist and bike. **4**

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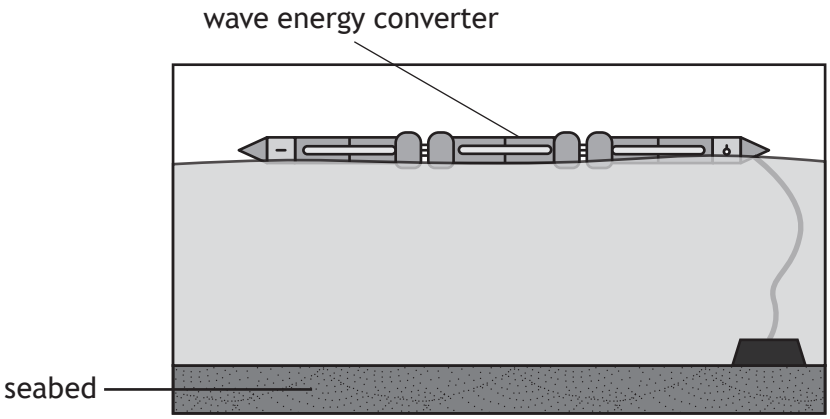
11. A wave energy converter is a machine anchored to the seabed that changes the kinetic energy of water waves into electrical energy.



(a) Water waves are transverse waves.

State what is meant by the term *transverse wave*. **1**

(b) An engineer uses a stopwatch to measure the time taken for one complete wave to pass the end of the converter.

The stopwatch is started when a crest passes the end of the converter and stopped when the next crest passes.

The time measured by the engineer is 7.4 s.

(i) Calculate the frequency of the waves. **3**

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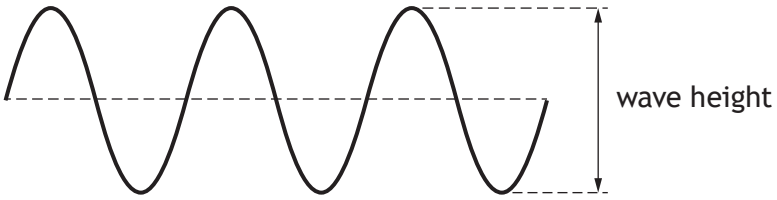
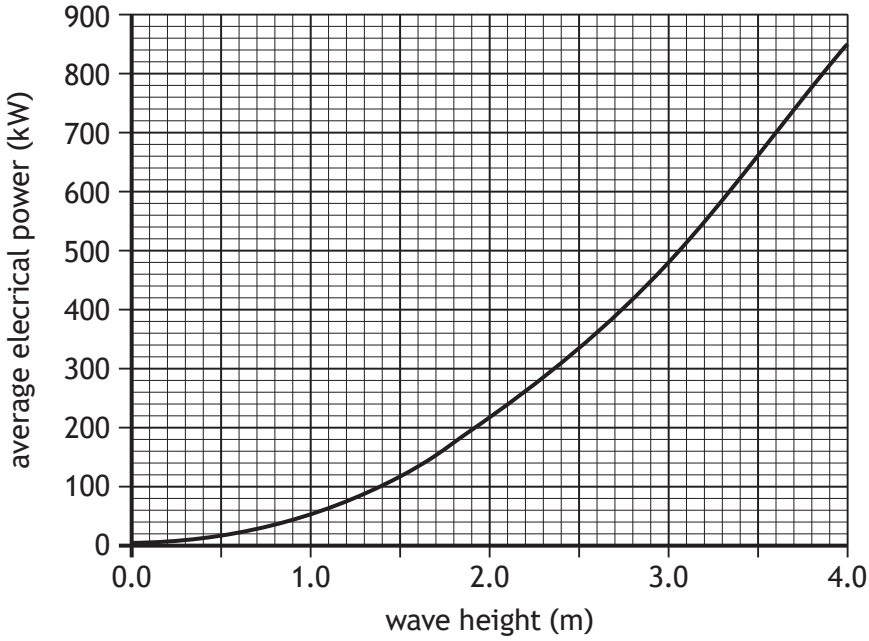
11. (b) (continued)

(ii) Suggest how the accuracy of the frequency of the waves determined by the engineer could be improved. **1**

(c) The average electrical power produced by the converter depends on the wave height.



The graph shows how the average electrical power produced by the convertor varies with wave height.

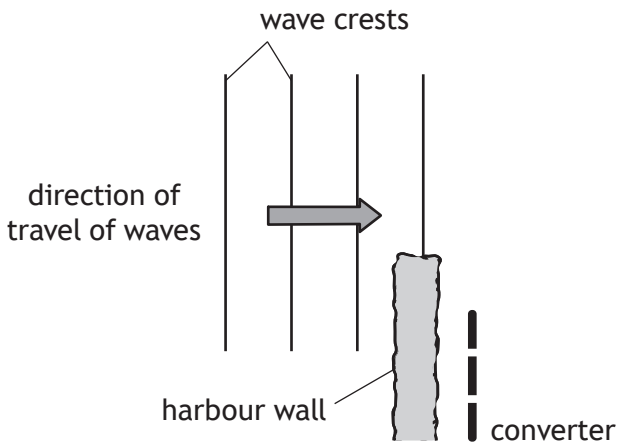


Use the graph to determine the average electrical power produced by the converter when the **amplitude** of the waves is 1.5 m. **1**

11. (continued)

(d) The wave energy converter is now moved to a position behind a harbour wall, so it can be serviced.

Waves travel towards the harbour wall, as shown.



Complete the diagram to show the pattern of the wave crests beyond the harbour wall. **2**

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12. While at a firework display, a student sees a flash and hears a bang from each firework explosion.

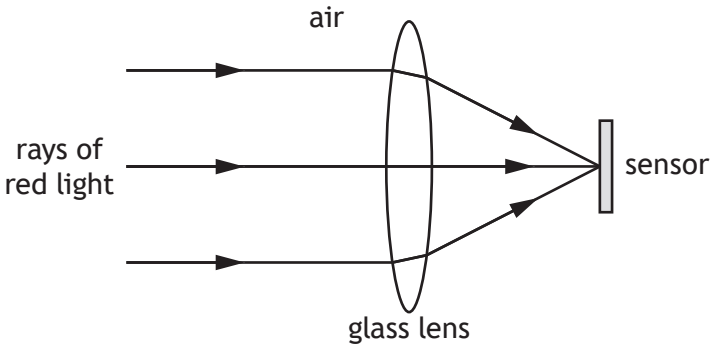
The student states:

'Measuring the time between seeing a flash and hearing a bang will allow me to calculate the distance to the firework when it explodes.'

(a) State what additional information is required to calculate the distance between the student and the firework when it explodes. **1**

(b) The student takes a picture of a firework exploding using their mobile phone. The firework produces red light.

The camera in the mobile phone uses a glass lens to focus rays of the red light onto a sensor as shown.



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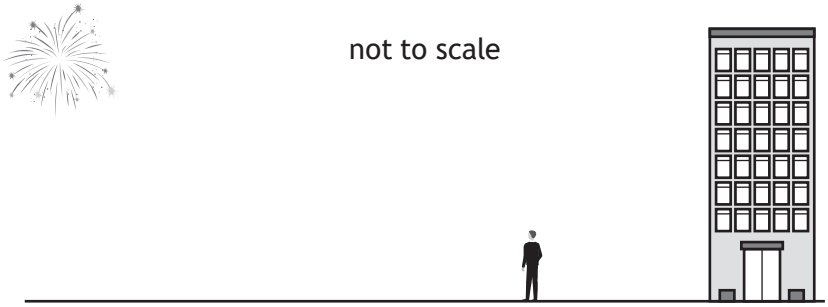
12. (b) (continued)

(i) Explain why the ray of red light passing through the centre of the lens does not change direction. **1**

(ii) State whether the frequency of the red light in the lens is less than, equal to or greater than the frequency of the red light in air. **1**

(c) At one point during the display the student moves to a position near a tall building and, as a result, now hears two bangs from each firework explosion.



State how the amplitude of the second bang from each explosion heard by the student compares to the amplitude of the first bang from each explosion heard by the student.

You must justify your answer. **2**

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13. Two students are discussing radiation.

The first student states: '*All radiation is dangerous, so we should never allow ourselves to be exposed to it.*'

The second student states: '*No, it's only nuclear radiation that we need to worry about.*'

Using your knowledge of physics, comment on the students' statements. **3**

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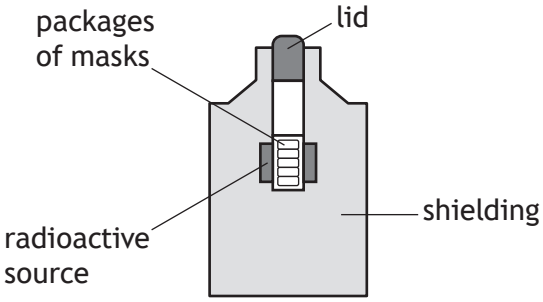
14. Medical face masks can be sterilised using gamma radiation to kill bacteria.

The masks are placed into sealed plastic packages. These packages are then placed in a steriliser where they are exposed to gamma radiation.

package of masks



steriliser

(a) The gamma radiation is produced by a cobalt-60 source.

The source has an initial activity of 848 000 GBq.

The half-life of cobalt-60 is 5.3 years.

Determine the activity of the source 21.2 years later. **3**

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14. (continued)

(b) The face masks receive an absorbed dose of 25 kGy to ensure that they are safe for use.

The mass of each face mask is 2.2×10^{-3} kg.

(i) The masks receive an absorbed dose of 0.50 Gy each second.

Determine the length of time, in seconds, that the masks remain in the steriliser. **1**

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(ii) Calculate the energy absorbed by each face mask. **3**

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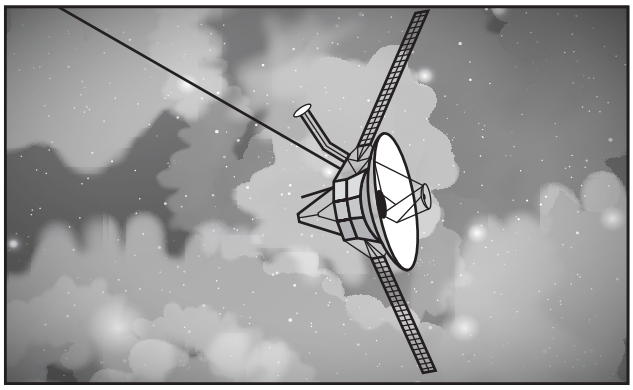
15. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.



Spacecraft travelling to distant parts of the Solar System need to have a source of power to operate their electrical systems.

Many spacecraft use solar cells to generate electricity, but this is not always suitable.

Some spacecraft, such as Voyager 2, are powered using energy generated by Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generators (RTGs). The RTGs in Voyager 2 use plutonium-238 as a fuel. The half-life of plutonium-238 is 88 years. The plutonium decays to uranium in a nuclear fission reaction. The heat generated by this radioactive decay is then converted into electrical energy.

In the future, NASA plans to equip spacecraft with miniature nuclear reactors, which use nuclear fission chain reactions to generate power.

(a) Explain why solar cells may not be a suitable source of power when exploring distant parts of the Solar System. **1**

(b) Explain why the decay of plutonium to uranium is described as a nuclear fission reaction. **1**

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15. (continued)

(c) Describe the role of neutrons in a nuclear fission **chain reaction**. **2**

(d) Voyager 2 has been travelling through space for nearly 50 years.

Explain why the power output of the RTGs on Voyager 2 have decreased over this time. **1**

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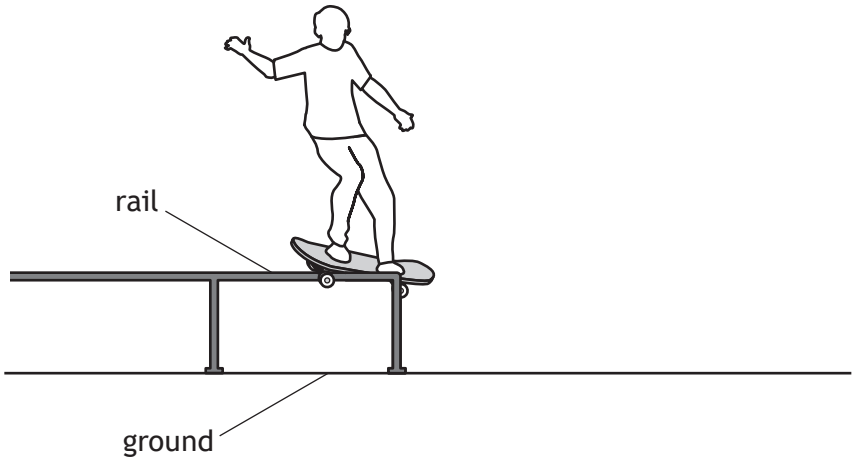

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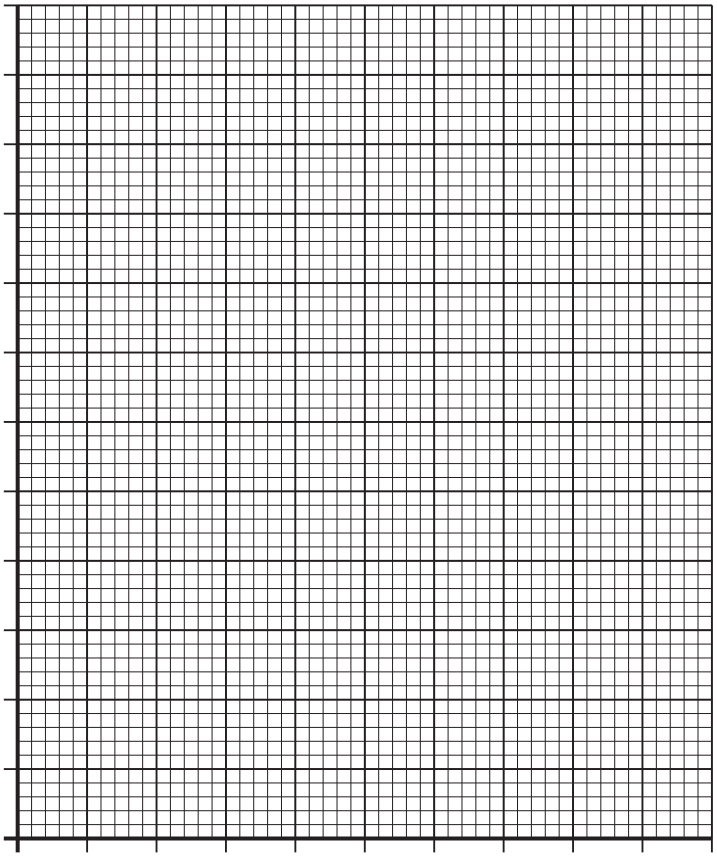

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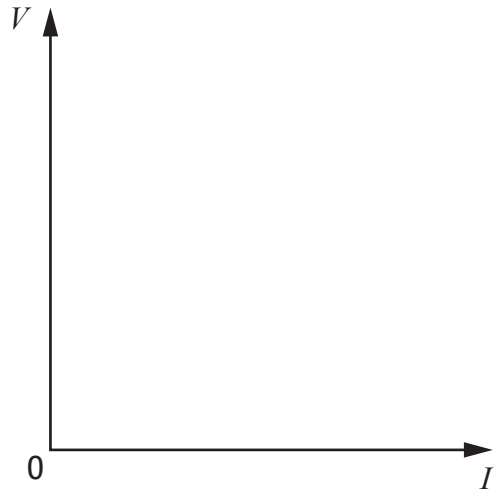

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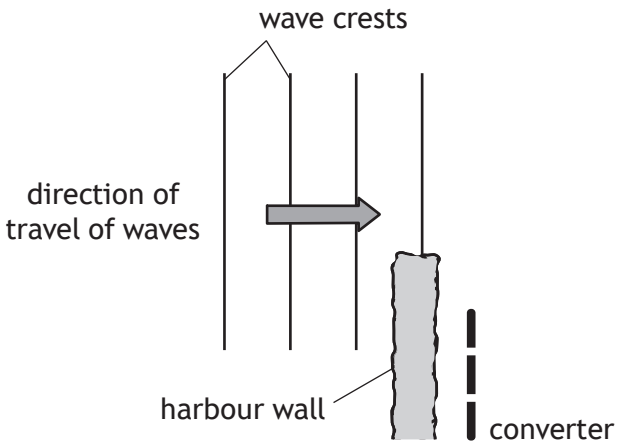

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