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1. **Fig. 1.1** shows particles of a gas inside a closed container.

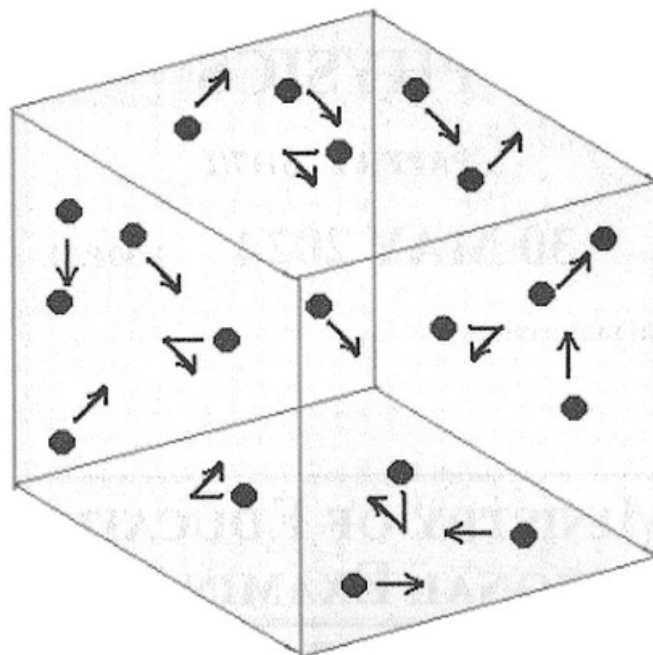


Fig. 1.1

The arrows indicate the movement of the particles inside the closed container.

- (a) The gas exerts a pressure on the container.

Describe the movement of the particles in the gas that causes this pressure.

[2]

- (b) The gas has a mass of 0.20 g and the container is a cube with sides having a length of 5.0 cm.

Calculate the density of the gas inside the block in g/cm^3 .



[3]

- (c) Name the process in which the gas is changed to a liquid.

_____ [1]

- (d) State two ways in which the pressure of the gas in **Fig. 1.1** can be increased.

1 _____

2 _____ [2]

- (e) Define diffusion.

_____ [2]

TOTAL MARKS [10]



2. Trina leaves home and travels to her friend's house. Her journey is described in the table.

Part A	She accelerates from rest to a speed of 25 m/s in 20 s.
Part B	She continues to travel at this constant speed for 30 seconds.
Part C	Finally, she slows to a stop in 5 seconds and arrives at her friend's house.

- (a) Draw a speed-time graph to represent each part of Trina's journey on the grid.

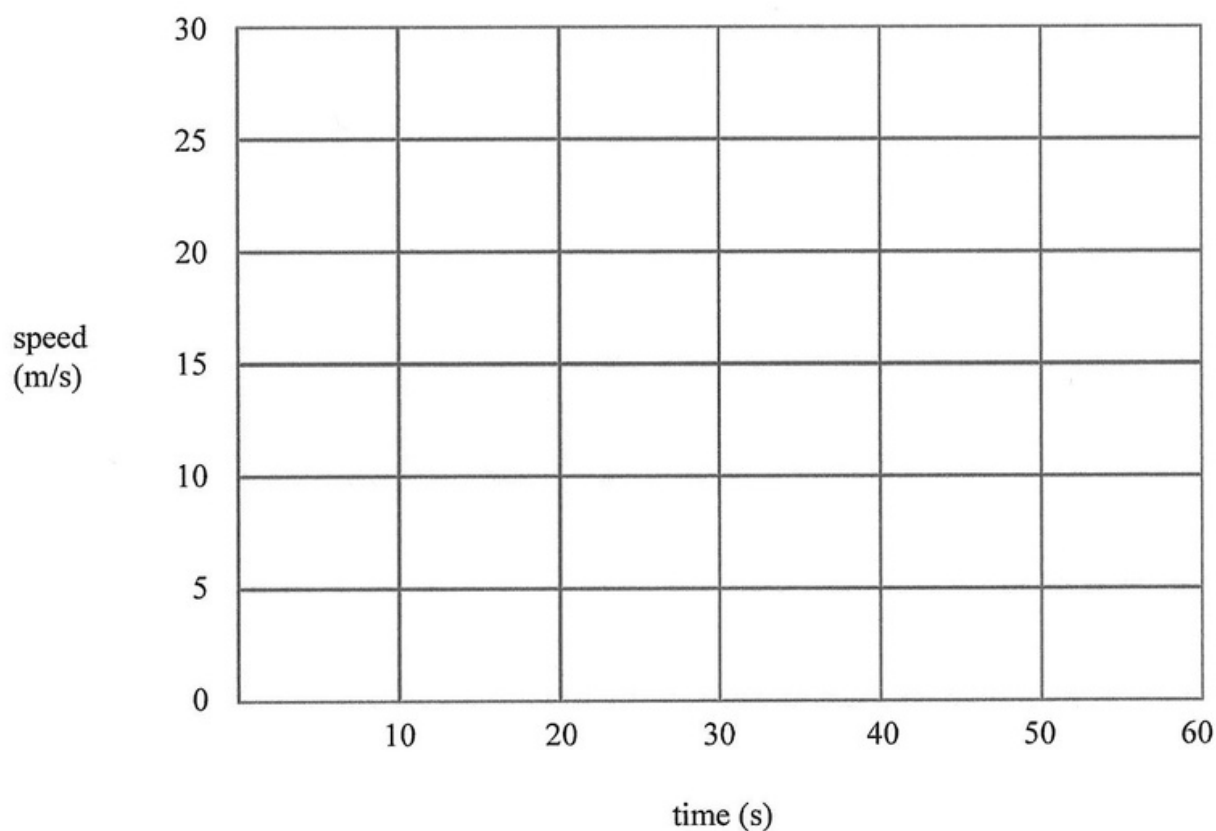


Fig. 2.1

[3]



- (b) Calculate the total distance Trina travelled from her home to her friend's house.

[4]

- (c) Calculate the average speed for the entire journey.

[3]

TOTAL MARKS [10]



3. **Fig. 3.1** shows a simplified diagram of a mount designed for moving a 0.50 kg camera smoothly over short vertical distances.

When in operation, the camera is placed between a pair of sliding rails and hung from a spring that obeys Hooke's Law. There is no friction between the camera and the rails. The length of the spring is 3.0 cm, when no load is attached.

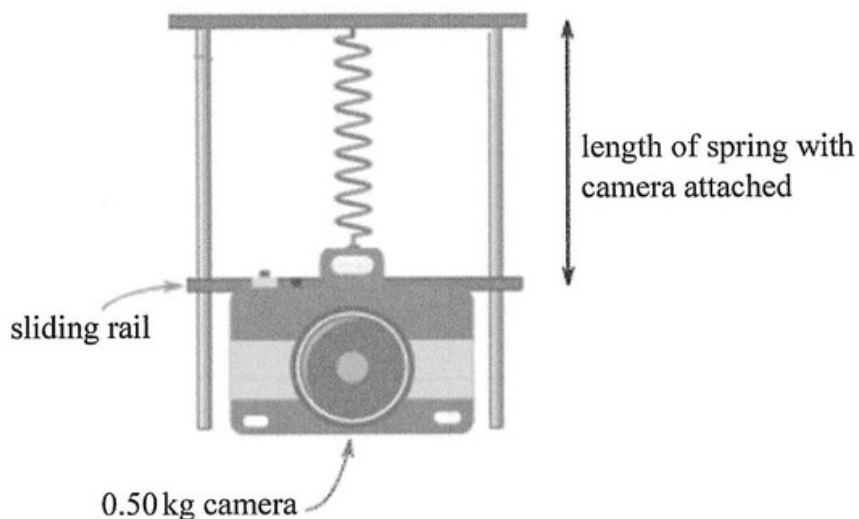


Fig. 3.1

- (a) (i) Calculate the weight of the camera if the gravitational field strength acting on it is 10 N/kg.

[2]

- (ii) State **two** differences between mass and weight.

1 _____

2 _____

[2]



(b) The camera is suspended from the spring. The new length of the spring is 5.0 cm.

(i) Calculate the extension of the spring.

[1]

(ii) If the spring obeys Hooke's Law, determine the force needed to produce an extension of 5.5 cm.

[2]

(iii) The old camera is replaced by a new camera weighing 6.5 N.

Calculate the total length of the spring when the new camera is attached.

[3]

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4. **Fig. 4.1** shows a swimming complex with two diving boards, **A** and **B** placed at different heights above a pool. Divers can climb stairs to get to each diving board.

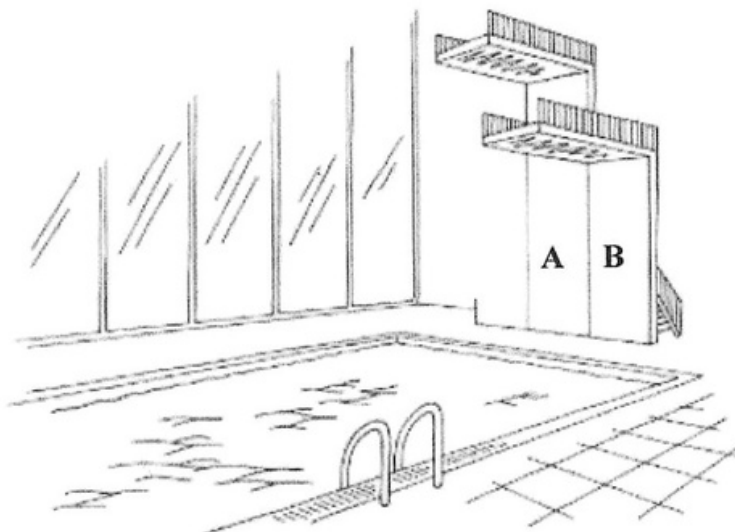


Fig. 4.1

While training, a diver with a mass of 60 kg routinely dives from the lower diving board **B**, and then from the higher diving board **A**. Gravitational field strength on the diver is 10 N/kg. Assume the effects of friction and air resistance acting on the diver are negligible.

- (a) The diver climbs the stairs in 8.0 s to diving board **B**, which is at a height of 7.5 m.
- (i) Calculate the gravitational potential energy of the diver when he is on diving board **B**.
- [2]
- (ii) Calculate the power developed by the diver in climbing the stairs onto diving board **B**.
- [2]
- (iii) State the energy change that take place as the diver dives from diving board **B**.

[1]



- (iv) Using the gravitational energy in (i) and the formula for kinetic energy, calculate the speed of the diver just before hitting the water.

[3]

- (b) The diver then climbs from the pool onto diving board A. The useful work done by the diver in climbing onto diving board A is 6000J.

Calculate the difference in heights of diving boards A and B.

[2]

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5. When white light passes through a glass prism, it splits into its constituent colours.

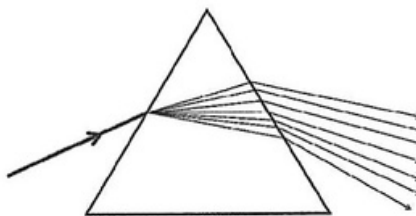


Fig. 5.1

- (a) State the name given to this phenomenon.

_____ [1]

- (b) Of the visible colours that emerge after the process described in (a), name the:

- colour that has the smallest wavelength.

_____ [1]

- colour that has the lowest frequency.

_____ [1]

- (c) State **two** applications of sound waves.

1 _____

2 _____

[2]

- (d) All electromagnetic waves travel at the speed of light (3×10^8 m/s).

- (i) State **two** other properties of all electromagnetic waves.

1 _____

2 _____

[2]

- (ii) The frequency of one such wave found to be is 300 kHz.

Calculate the wavelength of this wave.

[3]



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6. The diagram below shows the atomic arrangement of the particles in and around the nucleus of an atom.

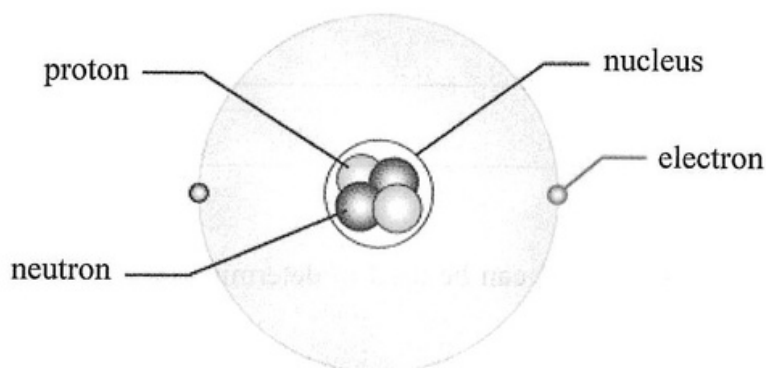


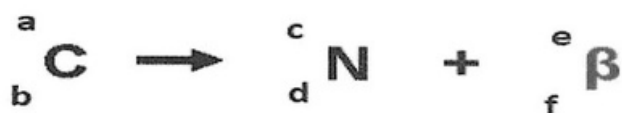
Fig. 6.1

- (a) Complete the table below for each of the elements or isotopes listed. The atomic number of carbon is 6.

Element/Isotope	number of protons	number of electrons	number of neutrons
carbon-12			
carbon-14			

[3]

- (b) Carbon-14 undergoes beta decay to form nitrogen-14 as shown in the equation.



Complete the table below identifying the value of each of the letters shown.

a	b	c	d	e	f

[3]

- (c) The half-life of carbon-14 is 5700 years. Explain the meaning of the word half-life.

[2]

- (d) Explain how carbon-14 can be used to determine the age of fossils containing organic matter.

[2]

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7. This question is about simple electronic devices.

Fig. 7.1 shows a simplified circuit which uses a light dependent resistor (LDR) to operate a security lamp.

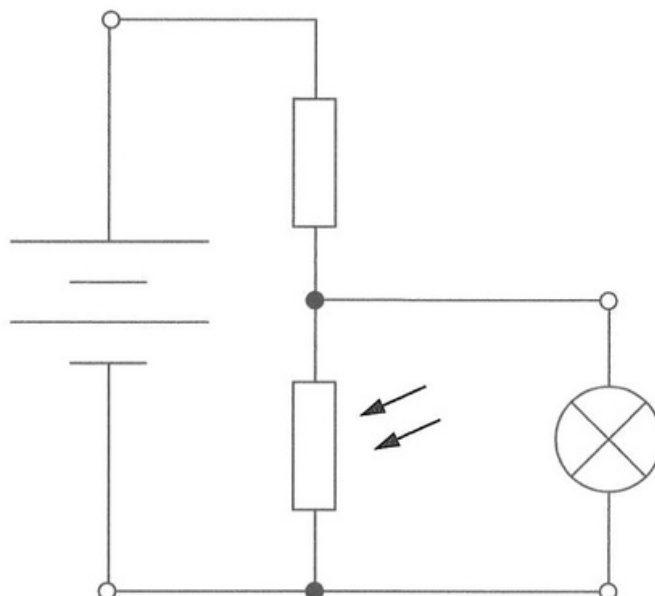


Fig. 7.1

- (a) In dark conditions, state what happens to the:

- resistance of the LDR.

_____ [1]

- potential difference across the LDR.

_____ [1]

- current through the LDR.

_____ [1]

- current through the security lamp parallel to the LDR.

_____ [1]



- (b) On **Fig. 7.2** below, sketch a graph which shows how the resistance of a light dependent resistor varies with light intensity.

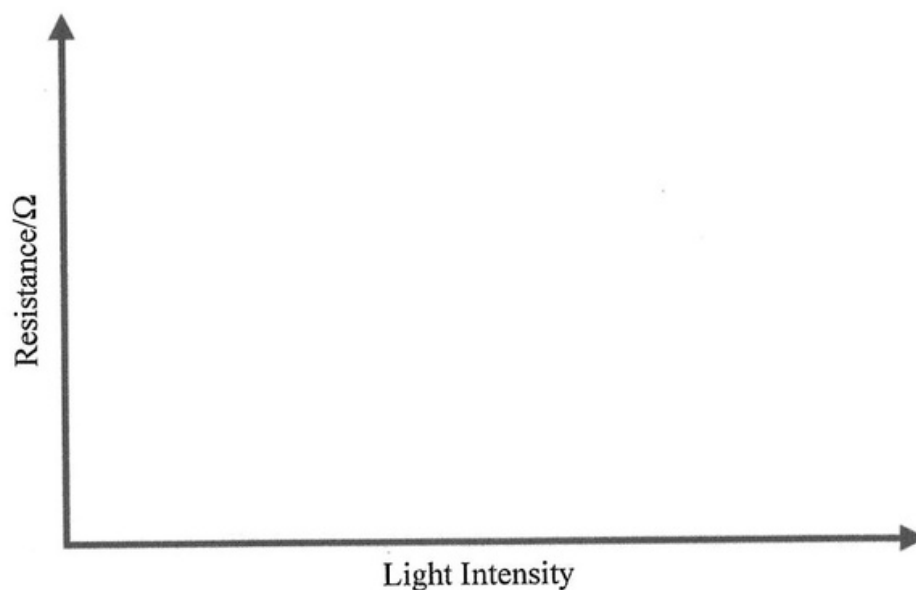


Fig. 7.2

[2]

- (c) **Fig. 7.3** shows a circuit with a fixed resistor of resistance $2.0\text{ k}\Omega$ in series with a LDR, whose resistance is $25\text{ k}\Omega$, at a particular light intensity. The 6.0 V battery used in the circuit has negligible resistance.

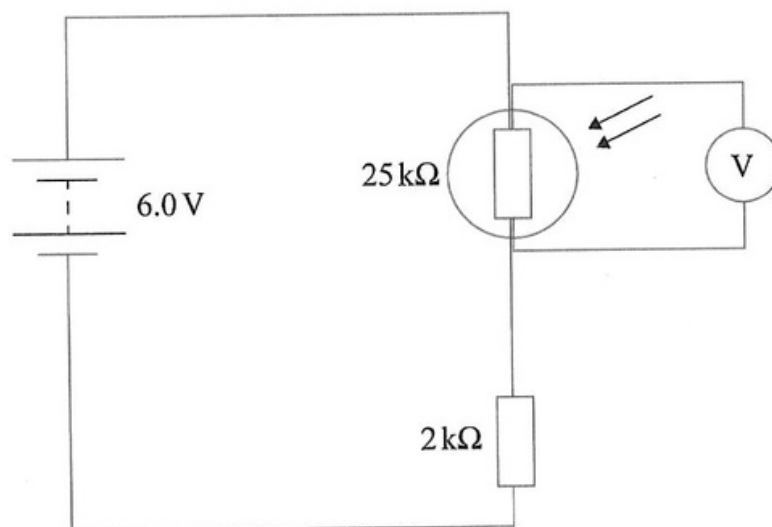


Fig. 7.3



At this light intensity, calculate the

- current in the circuit.

[2]

- voltmeter reading.

[2]

TOTAL MARKS [10]



8. (a) **Fig. 8.1** shows two conducting plates **A** and **B** which are parallel to each other and connected to a steady voltage. A steady beam of electrons is passed between the plates and aimed at a fluorescent screen, which illuminates when the beam strikes it.

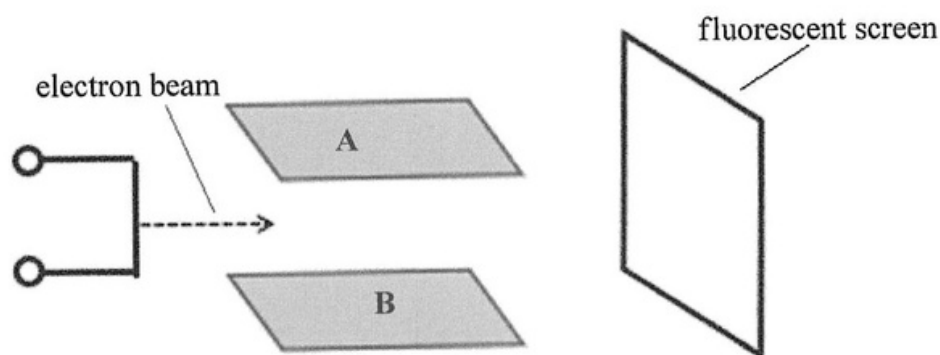


Fig. 8.1

- (i) On **Fig. 8.1** draw the path of a beam of electrons which passes between plate **A** which is positively charged, and plate **B** which is negatively charged.

Indicate where the beam strikes the fluorescent screen.

[1]

- (ii) Explain why this path is observed.

[2]

- (iii) Describe what would happen to the path of the beam when the potential difference across the plates is zero.

[1]



- (b) A student connects four resistors as shown in Fig. 8.2.

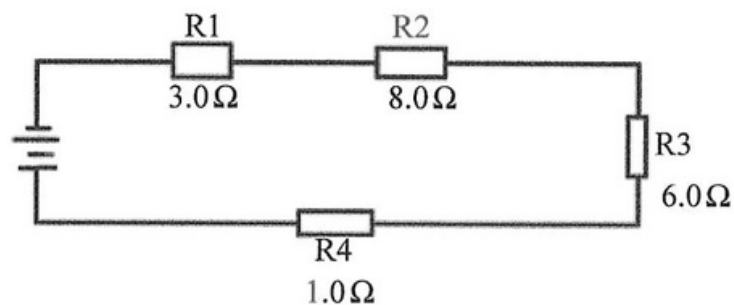


Fig. 8.2

- (i) Determine the total resistance.

[2]

- (ii) The student then connects an ammeter in the circuit. The reading is shown in Fig. 8.3.

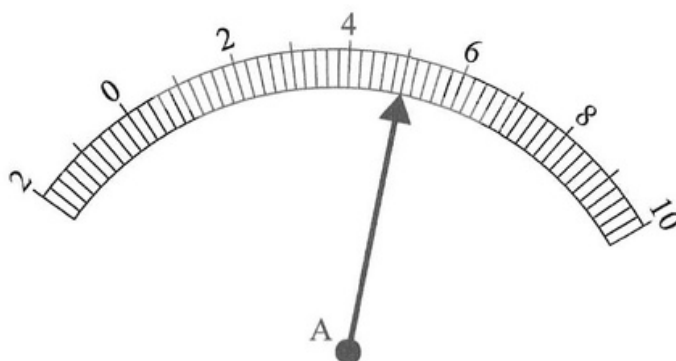


Fig. 8.3

State the reading on the ammeter.

_____ [1]

- (iii) Calculate the smallest possible resistance that can be made by connecting two of the resistors in parallel.

[3]

TOTAL MARKS [10]



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