AP Physics B – Practice Workbook – Book 2 Electricity and Magnetism, Waves and Optics, Modern Physics



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This book is a compilation of all the problems published by College Board in AP Physics B and AP Physics C that are appropriate for the AP B level as well as problems from AAPT's Physics Bowl and U.S. Physics Team Qualifying Exams organized by topic.

The problems vary in level of difficulty and type and this book represents an invaluable resource for practice and review and should be used... <u>often</u>. Whether you are struggling or confident in a topic, you should be doing these problems as a reinforcement of ideas and concepts on a scale that could never be covered in the class time allotted.

The answers as presented are not the only method to solving many of these problems and physics teachers may present slightly different methods and/or different symbols and variables in each topic, but the underlying physics concepts are the same and we ask you read the solutions with an open mind and use these differences to expand your problem solving skills.

Finally, we *are* fallible and if you find any typographical errors, formatting errors or anything that strikes you as unclear or unreadable, please let us know so we can make the necessary announcements and corrections.

Problems marked with an asterisk (*) are challenging problems that some would consider to be outside the scope of the course, but rely on the concepts taught within the course or they may require information taught in a later part of the course. These are for those students who wish to go beyond the level needed, but are not required for success in the AP B course.

Chapter 10

Electrostatics



AP Physics Multiple Choice Practice - Electrostatics

- 1. The electron volt is a measure of (A) charge (B) energy (C) impulse (D) momentum (E) velocity
- 2. A solid conducting sphere is given a positive charge Q. How is the charge Q distributed in or on the sphere? (A) It is concentrated at the center of the sphere.
 - (B) It is uniformly distributed throughout the sphere.
 - (C) Its density decreases radially outward from the center.
 - (D) Its density increases radially outward from the center.
 - (E) It is uniformly distributed on the surface of the sphere only.
- A parallel-plate capacitor is charged by connection to a battery. If the battery is disconnected and the separation between the plates is increased, what will happen to the charge on the capacitor and the voltage across it?
 (A) Both remain fixed. (B) Both increase. (C) Both decrease.
 - (D) The charge increases and the voltage decreases. (E) The charge remains fixed and the voltage increases.

Questions 4-5.

A point P is 0.50 meter from a point charge of 5.0×10^{-8} coulomb.

- 4. The intensity of the electric field at point P is most nearly (A) 2.5×10^{-8} N/C (B) 2.5×10^{1} N/C (C) 9.0×10^{2} N/C (D) 1.8×10^{3} N/C (E) 7.5×10^{8} N/C
- 5. The electric potential at point P is most nearly (A) 2.5×10^{-8} V (B) 2.5×10^{1} V (C) 9.0×10^{2} V (D) 1.8×10^{3} V (E) 7.5×10^{3} V
- 6. One joule of work is needed to move one coulomb of charge from one point to another with no change in velocity. Which of the following is true between the two points?
 - (A) The resistance is one ohm. (B) The current is one ampere.
 - (C) The potential difference is one volt. (D) The electric field strength is one newton per coulomb.
 - (E) The electric field strength is one joule per electron.

Questions 7 - 8



Two positive charges of magnitude q are each a distance d from the origin A of a coordinate system as shown above.

- 7. At which of the following points is the electric field least in magnitude? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 8. At which of the following points is the electric potential greatest in magnitude? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 9. A parallel–plate capacitor has a capacitance C_o . A second parallel–plate capacitor has plates with twice the area and twice the separation. The capacitance of the second capacitor is most nearly (A) $\frac{1}{4}C_o$ (B) $\frac{1}{2}C_o$ (C) C_o (D) $2C_o$ (E) $4C_o$



- 10. Two identical conducting spheres are charged to +2Q and -Q. respectively, and are separated by a distance d (much greater than the radii of the spheres) as shown above. The magnitude of the force of attraction on the left sphere is F₁. After the two spheres are made to touch and then are reseparated by distance d, the magnitude of the force on the left sphere is F₂. Which of the following relationships is correct?
 (A) 2F₁ = F₂ (B) F₁ = F₂ (C) F₁ = 2F₂ (D) F₁ = 4F₂ (E) F₁ = 8 F₂
- 11. The capacitance of a parallel-plate capacitor can be increased by increasing which of the following?
 (A) The distance between the plates
 (B) The charge on each plate
 (C) The area of the plates
 (D) The potential difference across the plates
 (E) None of the above
- 12. An electron volt is a measure of(A) energy (B) electric field(D) force per unit electron charge

(C) electric potential due to one electron(E) electric charge

Questions 13 - 14

An electron is accelerated from rest for a time of 10^{-9} second by a uniform electric field that exerts a force of 8.0 x 10^{-15} newton on the electron.

- 13. What is the magnitude of the electric field? (A) 8.0×10^{-24} N/C (B) 9.1×10^{-22} N/C (C) 8.0×10^{-6} N/C (D) 2.0×10^{-5} N/C (E) 5.0×10^{4} N/C
- 14. The speed of the electron after it has accelerated for the 10^{-9} second is most nearly (A) 10^1 m/s (B) 10^3 m/s (C) 10^5 m/s (D) 10^7 m/s (E) 10^9 m/s
- 15. A hollow metal sphere of radius R is positively charged. Of the following distances from the center of the sphere, which location will have the greatest electric field strength?
 (A) 0 (center of the sphere) (B) 3R/2 (C) 5R/4 (D) 2R
 (E) None of the above because the field is of constant strength
- 16. Two isolated charges, +q and -2q, are 2 centimeters apart. If F is the magnitude of the force acting on charge -2Q, what are the magnitude and direction of the force acting on charge +q?
 - $\begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{Magnitude}} \\ \text{(A)} (1/2) \text{ F} \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{Direction}} \\ \text{Toward charge} 2q \\ \end{array}$
 - (B) 2 F Away from charge -2q
 - (C) F Toward charge -2q
 - (D) F Away from charge -2q
 - (E) 2F Toward charge 2q



17. Charges + Q and – 4Q are situated as shown above. The net electric field is zero nearest which point? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E

- 18. A positive charge of 10^{-6} coulomb is placed on an insulated solid conducting sphere. Which of the following is true?
 - (A) The charge resides uniformly throughout the sphere.
 - (B) The electric field inside the sphere is constant in magnitude, but not zero.
 - (C) The electric field in the region surrounding the sphere increases with increasing distance from the sphere.
 - (D) An insulated metal object acquires a net positive charge when brought near to, but not in contact with, the sphere.
 - (E) When a second conducting sphere is connected by a conducting wire to the first sphere, charge is transferred until the electric potentials of the two spheres are equal.



- 19. Two large parallel conducting plates P and Q are connected to a battery of emf *E*, as shown above. A test charge is placed successively at points I, II, and III. If edge effects are negligible, the force on the charge when it is at point III is
 - (A) of equal magnitude and in the same direction as the force on the charge when it is at point I
 - (B) of equal magnitude and in the same direction as the force on the charge when it is at point II
 - (C) equal in magnitude to the force on the charge when it is at point I, but in the opposite direction
 - (D) much greater in magnitude than the force on the charge when it is at point II, but in the same direction
 - (E) much less in magnitude than the force on the charge when it is at point II, but in the same direction
- 20. Forces between two objects which are inversely proportional to the square of the distance between the objects include which of the following?
 - I. Gravitational force between two celestial bodies
 - II. Electrostatic force between two electrons
 - III. Nuclear force between two neutrons
 - (A) I only (B) III only (C) I and II only (D) II and III only (E) I, II, and III

$$\bullet$$
 ----- $\stackrel{A}{\bullet}$ ----- $\stackrel{B}{\bullet}$ -----

- 21. The diagram above shows an isolated, positive charge Q. Point (B) is twice as far away from Q as point A. The ratio of the electric field strength at point A to the electric field strength at point B is(A) 8 to 1(B) 4 to 1(C) 2 to 1(D) 1 to 1(E) 1 to 2
- 22. Which of the following is true about the net force on an uncharged conducting sphere in a uniform electric field?
 - (A) It is zero. (B) It is in the direction of the field. (C) It is in the direction opposite to the field.
 - (D) It produces a torque on the sphere about the direction of the field.
 - (E) It causes the sphere to oscillate about an equilibrium position.



- 23. Two conducting spheres of different radii, as shown above, each have charge –Q. Which of the following occurs when the two spheres are connected with a conducting wire?(A) No charge flows.
 - (B) Negative charge flows from the larger sphere to the smaller sphere until the electric field at the surface of each sphere is the same.
 - (C) Negative charge flows from the larger sphere to the smaller sphere until the electric potential of each sphere is the same.
 - (D) Negative charge flows from the smaller sphere to the larger sphere until the electric field at the surface of each sphere is the same.
 - (E) Negative charge flows from the smaller sphere to the larger sphere until the electric potential of each sphere is the same.
- 24. Two parallel conducting plates are connected to a constant voltage source. The magnitude of the electric field between the plates is 2,000 N/C. If the voltage is doubled and the distance between the plates is reduced to 1/5 the original distance, the magnitude of the new electric field is

(A) 800 N/C (B) 1,600 N/C (C) 2,400 N/C (D) 5,000 N/C (E) 20,000 N/C

Questions 25 - 26



The figure above shows two particles, each with a charge of +Q, that are located at the opposite corners of a square of side *d*.

25. What is the direction of the net electric field at point P?



26. What is the potential energy of a particle of charge +q that is held at point P?

(A) Zero (B)
$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{qQ}{d}$$
 (C) $\frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{qQ}{d}$ (D) $\frac{2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{qQ}{d}$ (E) $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{qQ}{d}$

- 27. Two parallel conducting plates, separated by a distance d, are connected to a battery of emf \mathcal{E} . Which of the following is correct if the plate separation is doubled while the battery remains connected?
 - (A) The electric charge on the plates is doubled.
 - (B) The electric charge on the plates is halved.
 - (C) The potential difference between the plates is doubled.
 - (D) The potential difference between the plates is halved
 - (E) The capacitance is unchanged.

28. A 4 μF capacitor is charged to a potential difference of 100 V. The electrical energy stored in the capacitor is (A) 2×10^{-10} J (B) 2×10^{-8} J (C) 2×10^{-6} J (D) 2×10^{-4} J (E) 2×10^{-2} J



- 29. The hollow metal sphere shown above is positively charged. Point C is the center of the sphere and point P is any other point within the sphere. Which of the following is true of the electric field at these points?
 - (A) It is zero at both points.
 - (B) It is zero at C, but at P it is not zero and is directed inward.
 - (C) It is zero at C, but at P it is not zero and is directed outward.
 - (D) It is zero at P, but at C it is not zero.
 - (E) It is not zero at either point.

Questions 30 - 31



Charges -Q and +Q are located on the x- and y-axes, respectively, each at a distance d from the origin O, as shown above.

30. What is the direction of the electric field at the origin O?



31. What is the magnitude of the electric field at the origin O?



32. An electron e and a proton p are simultaneously released from rest in a uniform electric field E, as shown above. Assume that the particles are sufficiently far apart so that the only force acting on each particle after it is released is that due to the electric field. At a later time when the particles are still in the field, the electron and the proton will have the same

(A) direction of motion (B) speed (C) displacement (D) magnitude of acceleration

(E) magnitude of force acting on them

Questions 33 – 34



Two large, flat, parallel, conducting plates are 0.04 m apart, as shown above. The lower plate is at a potential of 2 V with respect to ground. The upper plate is at a potential of 10 V with respect to ground. Point P is located 0.01 m above the lower plate.

- 33. The electric potential at point P is (A) 10 V (B) 8 V (C) 6 V (D) 4 V (E) 2 V
- 34. The magnitude of the electric field at point *P* is (A) 800 V/m (B) 600 V/m (C) 400 V/m (D) 200 V/m (E) 100 V/m
- 35. A particle of charge Q and mass m is accelerated from rest through a potential difference V, attaining a kinetic energy K. What is the kinetic energy of a particle of charge 2Q and mass m/2 that is accelerated from rest through the same potential difference?
 (A) ¹/₄ K
 (B) ¹/₂ K
 (C) K
 (D) 2K
 (E) 4K



- 36. The diagram above shows electric field lines in an isolated region of space containing two small charged spheres, *Y* and *Z*. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (A) The charge on *Y* is negative and the charge on *Z* is positive.
 - (B) The strength of the electric field is the same everywhere.
 - (C) The electric field is strongest midway between *Y* and *Z*.
 - (D) A small negatively charged object placed at point X would tend to move toward the right.
 - (E) Both charged spheres *Y* and *Z* carry charge of the same sign.
- 37. A hollow metal sphere 1.0 m in diameter carries a charge of 4.0 μC. The electric field at a distance of 2.0 m from the center of the sphere is most nearly
 (A) 9.0 × 10³ N/C
 (B) 1.8 × 10⁴ N/C
 (C) 2.4 × 10⁴ N/C
 (D) 3.6 × 10⁴ N/C
 (E) 1.4 × 10⁵ N/C
- 38. A parallel–plate capacitor has a capacitance C_o . A second parallel–plate capacitor has plates with twice the area and twice the separation. The capacitance of the second capacitor is most nearly (A) $\frac{1}{4}C_o$ (B) $\frac{1}{2}C_o$ (C) C_o (D) $2C_o$ (E) $4C_o$
- 39. The electric field E just outside the surface of a charged conductor is(A) directed perpendicular to the surface(B) directed parallel to the surface(C) independent of the surface charge density(D) zero(E) infinite



- 40. Points R and S are each the same distance d from two unequal charges, +Q and +2Q, as shown above. The work required to move a charge –Q from point R to point S is
 - (A) dependent on the path taken from R to S
 - (B) directly proportional to the distance between R and S
 - (C) positive
 - (D) zero
 - (E) negative



- 41. A rigid insulated rod, with two unequal charges attached to its ends, is placed in a uniform electric field E as shown above. The rod experiences a
 - (A) net force to the left and a clockwise rotation
 - (B) net force to the left and a counterclockwise rotation
 - (C) net force to the right and a clockwise rotation
 - (D) net force to the right and a counterclockwise rotation
 - (E) rotation, but no net force



*42. The electric field of two long coaxial cylinders is represented by lines of force as shown above. The charge on the inner cylinder is +Q. The charge on the outer cylinder is

(A) +3Q (B) +Q (C) 0 (D) -Q (E) -3Q

43. An isolated capacitor with air between its plates has a potential difference V_0 and a charge Q_0 . After the space between the plates is filled with oil, the difference in potential is V and the charge is Q. Which of the following pairs of relationships is correct?

(A) $Q = Q_o$ and $V > V_o$ (B) $Q = Q_o$ and $V < V_o$ (C) $Q > Q_o$ and $V = V_o$ (D) $Q < Q_o$ and $V < V_o$ (E) $Q > Q_o$ and $V > V_o$

- 44. Two small spheres have equal charges q and are separated by a distance d. The force exerted on each sphere by the other has magnitude F. If the charge on each sphere is doubled and d is halved, the force on each sphere has magnitude(A) F (B) 2F (C) 4F (D) 8F (E) 16F
- 45. Which of the following statements about conductors under electrostatic conditions is true?
 - (A) Positive work is required to move a positive charge over the surface of a conductor.
 - (B) Charge that is placed on the surface of a conductor always spreads evenly over the surface.
 - (C) The electric potential inside a conductor is always zero.
 - (D) The electric field at the surface of a conductor is tangent to the surface.
 - (E) The surface of a conductor is always an equipotential surface.
- 46. A charged particle traveling with a velocity v in an electric field E experiences a force F that must be (A) parallel to v (B) perpendicular to v (C) perpendicular to v *and* E (D) parallel to E (E) perpendicular to E
- 47. A positive charge of 3.0×10^{-8} coulomb is placed in an upward directed uniform electric field of 4.0×10^4 N/C. When the charge is moved 0.5 meter upward, the work done by the electric force on the charge is (A) 6×10^{-4} J (B) 12×10^{-4} J (C) 2×10^4 J (D) 8×10^4 J (E) 12×10^4 J

Questions 48-49

The following configurations of electric charges are located at the vertices of an equilateral triangle. Point P is equidistant from the charges.



- 48. In which configuration is the electric field at P equal to zero? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 49. In which configuration is the electric field at P pointed at the midpoint between two of the charges? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E



50. Two square parallel-plate capacitors of capacitances C_1 and C_2 have the dimensions shown in the diagrams above. The ratio of C_1 to C_2 is

 $(A) \ 1 \ to \ 4 \qquad (B) \ 1 \ to \ 2 \qquad (C) \ 1 \ to \ 1 \qquad (D) \ 2 \ to \ 1 \qquad (E) \ 4 \ to \ 1$

- 51. A sheet of mica is inserted between the plates of an isolated charged parallel–plate capacitor. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (A) The capacitance decreases.
 - (B) The potential difference across the capacitor decreases.
 - (C) The energy of the capacitor does not change.
 - (D) The charge on the capacitor plates decreases
 - (E) The electric field between the capacitor plates increases.



- 52. Two conducting spheres, X and Y have the same positive charge +Q, but different radii (r_x > r_y) as shown above. The spheres are separated so that the distance between them is large compared with either radius. If a wire is connected between them, in which direction will electrons be directed in the wire? (A) From X to Y
 - (B) From Y to X
 - (C) There will be no flow of charge in the wire.
 - (D) It cannot be determined without knowing the magnitude of Q.
 - (E) It cannot be determined without knowing whether the spheres are solid or hollow.

Questions 53 - 54

A sphere of radius R has positive charge Q uniformly distributed on its surface

53. Which of the following represents the magnitude of the electric field E and the potential V as functions of r, the distance from the center of the sphere, when r < R?

	E	V
(A)	0	kQ/R
(B)	0	kQ/r
(C)	0	0
(D)	kQ/r ²	0
(E)	kQ/R^2	0

- 54. Which of the following represents the magnitude, of the electric field E and the potential V as functions of r, the distance from the center of sphere, when r > R?
 - (A) $\frac{E}{kQ/R^2} = \frac{V}{kQ/R}$
 - (B) kQ/R kQ/R
 - (C) kQ/R kQ/r
 - (D) $kQ/r^2 = kQ/r$
 - (E) $kQ/r^2 = kQ/r^2$
- 55. From the electric field vector at a point, one can determine which of the following?

I. The direction of the electrostatic force on a test charge of known sign at that point

II. The magnitude of the electrostatic force exerted per unit charge on a test charge at that point III. The electrostatic charge at that point

- (A) I only (B) III only (C) I and II only (D) II and III only (E) I, II, and III
- 56. A conducting sphere of radius R carries a charge Q. Another conducting sphere has a radius R/2, but carries the same charge. The spheres are far apart. The ratio of the electric field near the surface of the smaller sphere to the field near the surface of the larger sphere is most nearly
 (A) 1/4 (B) 1/2 (C) 1 (D) 2 (E) 4



57. A circular ring made of an insulating material is cut in half. One half is given a charge –q uniformly distributed along its arc. The other half is given a charge + q also uniformly distributed along its arc. The two halves are then rejoined with insulation at the junctions J, as shown above. If there is no change in the charge distributions, what is the direction of the net electrostatic force on an electron located at the center of the circle? (A) Toward the top of the page (B) Toward the bottom of the page (C) To the right D) To the left (E) Into the page.



58. Four positive charges of magnitude q are arranged at the corners of a square, as shown above. At the center C of the square, the potential due to one charge alone is V_o and the electric field due to one charge alone has magnitude E_o . Which of the following correctly gives the electric potential and the magnitude of the electric field at the center of the square due to all four charges?

	Electric Potential	Electric Field
(A)	Zero	Zero
(B)	Zero	2E _o
(C)	2 V _o	4E _o
(D)	4 V _o	Zero
(E)	4 V .	2E-



59. Two charges, -2Q and +Q, are located on the x-axis, as shown above. Point P, at a distance of 3D from the origin O, is one of two points on the positive x-axis at which the electric potential is zero. How far from the origin O is the other point?
(A) 2/3 D
(B) D
(C) 3/2 D
(D) 5/3 D
(E) 2D



*60. Two concentric, spherical conducting shells have radii r_1 and r_2 and charges Q_1 and Q_2 , as shown above. Let r be the distance from the center of the spheres and consider the region $r_1 < r < r_2$. In this region the electric field is proportional to

(A) Q_1/r^2 (B) $(Q_1 + Q_2)/r^2$ (C) $(Q_1 + Q_2)/r$ (D) $Q_1/r_1 + Q_2/r$ (E) $Q_1/r + Q_2/r_2$

Questions 61 - 62



A battery or batteries connected to two parallel plates produce the equipotential lines between the plates shown above.

*61. Which of the following configurations is most likely to produce these equipotential lines?



*62. The force on an electron located on the 0 volt potential line is

- (A) 0 N (B) 1 N, directed to the right (C) 1 N, directed to the left
- (D) to the right, but its magnitude cannot be determined without knowing the distance between the lines
- (E) to the left, but its magnitude cannot be determined without knowing the distance between the lines



- 63. Two metal spheres that are initially uncharged are mounted on insulating stands, as shown above. A negatively charged rubber rod is brought close to, but does not make contact with, sphere X. Sphere Y is then brought close to X on the side opposite to the rubber rod. Y is allowed to touch X and then is removed some distance away. The rubber rod is then moved far away from X and Y. What are the final charges on the spheres?
 - Sphere X Sphere Y
 - A) Zero Zero
 - B) Negative Negative
 - C) Negative Positive
 - D) Positive Negative
 - E) Positive Positive
- 64. Which of the following capacitors, each of which has plates of area A, would store the most charge on the top plate for a given potential difference V?







65. A parallel-plate capacitor has charge +Q on one plate and charge -Q on the other. The plates, each of area *A*, are a distance *d* apart and are separated by a vacuum. A single proton of charge +e, released from rest at the surface of the positively charged plate, will arrive at the other plate with kinetic energy proportional to

(A)
$$\frac{edQ}{A}$$
 (B) $\frac{Q^2}{eAd}$ (C) $\frac{AeQ}{d}$ (D) $\frac{Q}{ed}$ (E) $\frac{eQ^2}{Ad}$



- 66. Two initially uncharged conductors, 1 and 2, are mounted on insulating stands and are in contact, as shown above. A negatively charged rod is brought near but does not touch them. With the rod held in place, conductor 2 is moved to the right by pushing its stand, so that the conductors are separated. Which of the following is now true of conductor 2?
 - (A) It is uncharged. (B) It is positively charged. (C) It is negatively charged.
 - (D) It is charged, but its sign cannot be predicted.
 - (E) It is at the same potential that it was before the charged rod was brought near.

Questions 67 - 68



67. As shown above, two particles, each of charge +Q, are fixed at opposite corners of a square that lies in the plane of the page. A positive test charge +q is placed at a third corner. What is the direction of the force on the test charge due to the two other charges?

68. If F is the magnitude of the force on the test charge due to only one of the other charges, what is the magnitude of the net force acting on the test charge due to both of these charges?

(A) Zero (B)
$$\frac{F}{\sqrt{2}}$$
 (C) F (D) $\sqrt{2F}$ (E) 2

Questions 69 - 70

Two charges are located on the line shown in the figure below, in which the charge at point I is +3q and the charge at point II is +2q. Point II is halfway between points I and III.



- 69. Other than at infinity, the electric field strength is zero at a point on the line in which of the following ranges?(A) To the left of I (B) Between I and II (C) Between II and III (D) To the right of III(E) None; the field is zero only at infinity.
- 70. The electric potential is negative at some points on the line in which of the following ranges?(A) To the left of I (B) Between I and II (C) Between II and III (D) To the right of III (E) None; this potential is never negative.
- 71. The work that must be done by an external agent to move a point charge of 2 mC from the origin to a point 3 m away is 5 J. What is the potential difference between the two points? (A) 4×10^{-4} V (B) 10^{-2} V (C) 2.5×10^{3} V (D) 2×10^{6} V (E) 6×10^{6} V



- *72. The graph above shows the electric potential V in a region of space as a function of position along the x-axis. At which point would a charged particle experience the force of greatest magnitude?
 (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E:
- *73.Suppose that an electron (charge –e) could orbit a proton (charge +e) in a circular orbit of constant radius R. Assuming that the proton is stationary and only electrostatic forces act on the particles, which of the following represents the kinetic energy of the two–particle system?

(A)
$$\frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{e}{R}$$
 (B) $\frac{1}{8\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{e^2}{R}$ (C) $-\frac{1}{8\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{e^2}{R}$ (D) $\frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{e^2}{R^2}$ (E) $-\frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{e^2}{R^2}$

- 74. If the only force acting on an electron is due to a uniform electric field, the electron moves with constant (A) acceleration in a direction opposite to that of the field
 - (B) acceleration in the direction of the field
 - (C) acceleration in a direction perpendicular to that of the field
 - (D) speed in a direction opposite to that of the field
 - (E) speed in the direction of the field



75. Two charged particles, each with a charge of +q, are located along the x-axis at x = 2 and x = 4, as shown above. Which of the following shows the graph of the magnitude of the electric field along the x-axis from the origin to x = 6?



- 76. A positive electric charge is moved at a constant speed between two locations in an electric field, with no work done by or against the field at any time during the motion. This situation can occur only if the
 - (A) charge is moved in the direction of the field
 - (B) charge is moved opposite to the direction of the field
 - (C) charge is moved perpendicular to an equipotential line
 - (D) charge is moved along an equipotential line
 - (E) electric field is uniform



77. The nonconducting hollow sphere of radius R shown above carries a large charge +Q, which is uniformly distributed on its surface. There is a small hole in the sphere. A small charge +q is initially located at point P. a distance r from the center of the sphere. If $k = 1/4\pi\epsilon_0$, what is the work that must be done by an external agent in moving the charge +q from P through the hole to the center O of the sphere?

(A) Zero (B)
$$kqQ/r$$
 (C) kqQ/R (D) $kq(Q-q)/r$ (E) $kqQ(1/R-1/r)$

Questions 78 - 79

A capacitor is constructed of two identical conducting plates parallel to each other and separated by a distance d. The capacitor is charged to a potential difference of V_0 by a battery, which is then disconnected.

- 78. If any edge effects are negligible, what is the magnitude of the electric field between the plates? (A) V_0d (B) V_0/d (C) d/V_0 (D) V_0/d^2 (E) V_0^2/d
- 79. A sheet of insulating plastic material is inserted between the plates without otherwise disturbing the system. What effect does this have on the capacitance?
 - (A) It causes the capacitance to increase.
 - (B) It causes the capacitance to decrease.
 - (C) None; the capacitance does not change.
 - (D) Nothing can be said about the effect without knowing the dielectric constant of the plastic.
 - (E) Nothing can be said about the effect without knowing the thickness of the sheet.



- *80. A point charge +Q is inside an uncharged conducting spherical shell that in turn is near several isolated point charges, as shown above. The electric field at point P inside the shell depends on the magnitude of
 - (A) Q only
 - (B) the charge distribution on the sphere only
 - (C) Q and the charge distribution on the sphere
 - (D) all of the point charges
 - (E) all of the point charges and the charge distribution on the sphere
- 81. A 20 μ F parallel–plate capacitor is fully charged to 30 V. The energy stored in the capacitor is most nearly (A) 9 × 10³ J (B) 9 × 10⁻³ J (C) 6 × 10⁻⁴ J (D) 2 × 10⁻⁴ J (E) 2 × 10⁻⁷ J

82. A potential difference V is maintained between two large, parallel conducting plates. An electron starts from rest on the surface of one plate and accelerates toward the other. Its speed as it reaches the second plate is proportional to

(A)
$$1/V$$
 (B) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{V}}$ (C) \sqrt{V} (D) V (E) V^2

Questions 83-84



Particles of charge Q and -4Q are located on the x-axis as shown in the figure above. Assume the particles are isolated from all other charges.

- 83. Which of the following describes the direction of the electric field at point P?
 - (A) + x (B) + y (C) y
 - (D) Components in both the -x and +y directions
 - (E) Components in both the +x and -y directions
- 84. At which of the labeled points on the x-axis is the electric field zero? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E



85. A solid metallic sphere of radius R has charge Q uniformly distributed on its outer surface. A graph of electric potential V as a function of position r is shown above. Which of the following graphs best represents the magnitude of the electric field E as a function of position r for this sphere?



Questions 86-87



As shown in the figure above, six particles, each with charge +Q, are held fixed and ate equally spaced around the circumference of a circle of radius R.

86. What is the magnitude of the resultant electric field at the center of the circle?

(A) 0 (B)
$$\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R^2}$$
 (C) $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R^2}$ (D) $\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R^2}$ (E) $\frac{3}{2\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{Q}{R^2}$

87. With the six particles held fixed, how much work would be required to bring a seventh particle of charge + Q from very far away and place it at the center of the circle?

(A) 0 (B)
$$\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{Q}{R}$$
 (C) $\frac{3}{2\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{Q^2}{R^2}$ (D) $\frac{3}{2\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{Q^2}{R}$ (E) $\frac{9}{\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{Q^2}{R}$

Questions 88-90



The diagram above shows equipotential lines produced by an unknown charge distribution. A, B, C, D, and E are points in the plane.

88. Which vector below best describes the direction of the electric field at point A?



(E) None of these; the field is zero.

- 89. At which point does the electric field have the greatest magnitude? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 90. How much net work must be done by an external force to move a -1 μC point charge from rest at point C to rest at point E?
 (A) 20 μL
 (B) 10 μL
 (C) 10 μL
 (D) 20 μL
 (E) 20 μL

 $(A) - 20 \ \mu J \qquad (B) - 10 \ \mu J \qquad (C) \ 10 \ \mu J \qquad (D) \ 20 \ \mu J \qquad (E) \ 30 \ \mu J$



- 91. The plates of a parallel-plate capacitor of cross sectional area *A* are separated by a distance *d*, as shown above. Between the plates is a dielectric material of constant *K*. The plates are connected in series with a variable resistance *R* and a power supply of potential difference *V*. The capacitance *C* of this capacitor will increase if which of the following is decreased? (A) A (B) R (C) K (D) d (E) V
- 92. A physics problem starts: "A solid sphere has charge distributed uniformly throughout. . . " It may be correctly concluded that the
 - (A) electric field is zero everywhere inside the sphere
 - (B) electric field inside the sphere is the same as the electric field outside
 - (C) electric potential on the surface of the sphere is not constant
 - (D) electric potential in the center of the sphere is zero
 - (E) sphere is not made of metal
- *93. A uniform spherical charge distribution has radius *R*.. Which of the following is true of the electric field strength due to this charge distribution at a distance r from the center of the charge?
 - (A) It is greatest when r = 0.
 - (B) It is greatest when r = R/2.
 - (C) It is directly proportional to r when r > R.
 - (D) It is directly proportional to r when r < R.
 - (E) It is directly proportional to r^2 .



- 94. When a negatively charged rod is brought near, but does not touch, the initially uncharged electroscope shown above, the leaves spring apart (I). When the electroscope is then touched with a finger, the leaves collapse (II). When next the finger and finally the rod are removed, the leaves spring apart a second time (III). The charge on the leaves is
 - (A) positive in both I and III
 - (B) negative in both I and III
 - (C) positive in I, negative in III
 - (D) negative in I, positive in III
 - (E) impossible to determine in either I or III
- 95. A positively charged conductor attracts a second object. Which of the following statements *could* be true? I. The second object is a conductor with negative net charge.
 - II. The second object is a conductor with zero net charge.
 - III. The second object is an insulator with zero net charge..
 - (A) I only (B) II only (C) III only (D) I & II only (E) I, II & III

Questions 96-97



A point charge of +4.0 μ C is placed on the negative x-axis 0.20 m to the left of the origin, as shown in the accompanying figure. A second point charge *q* is placed on the positive x-axis 0.30 m to the right of the origin.

- 96. If the net electric field at the origin is zero. What is q? (A) +9.0 μ C (B) +6.0 μ C (C) 0 (D) -6.0 μ C (E) -9.0 μ C
- 97. If the net electric potential at the origin is zero, what is q? (A) +9.0 μ C (B) +6.0 μ C (C) 0 (D) -6.0 μ C (E) -9.0 μ C
- 98. Which of the following statements about solid conductors in electrostatics are true?
 - I. The electric field inside the conductor is always zero.
 - II. The electric potential inside the conductor is always zero.

III. Any net charge is on the surface.

(A) I only (B) II only (C) III only (D) I & III only (E) II & III only



- 99. A small object with charge q and weight mg is attached to one end of a string of length L. The other end is attached to a stationary support. The system is placed in a uniform horizontal electric field E, as shown in the accompanying figure. In the presence of the field, the string makes a constant angle q with the vertical. What is the sign and magnitude of q?
 - (A) positive with magnitude $\frac{mg}{E}$ (B) positive with magnitude $\frac{mg}{E} \tan \theta$ (C) negative with magnitude $\frac{mg}{E}$ (D) negative with magnitude $\frac{mg}{E} \tan \theta$ (E) negative with magnitude $\frac{E}{mg} \tan \theta$
- 100. An isolated conducting sphere of radius R has positive charge + Q. Which graph best depicts the electric potential as a function of r, the distance from the center of the sphere?



- 101. Two large parallel plates a distance d apart are charged by connecting them to a battery of potential difference
 - *V*. The battery is disconnected, and the plates are slowly moved apart. As the distance between plates increases: (A) the charge on the plates decreases.
 - (B) the electric field intensity between the plates increases.
 - (C) the electric field intensity between the plates decreases.
 - (D) the potential difference between the plates decreases.
 - (E) the potential difference between the plates increases.



102. In the figure to the right, equipotential lines are drawn at 0, 20.0 V, and 40.0 V. The total work done in moving a point charge of + 3.00 mC from position a to position b is:

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(A) 4.00 mJ (B) 8.00 mJ (C) 12.0 mJ (D) 24.0 mJ (E) 120 mJ
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103. Two positive point charges repel each other with force 0.36 N when their separation is 1.5 m. What force do they exert on each other when their separation is 1.0 m?
(A) 0.81 N
(B) 0.54 N
(C) 0.36 N
(D) 0.24 N
(E) 0.16 N

*104.An amber rod is given a net negative charge and held at rest. Which of the following statements is true?

(A) The amber rod is surrounded only by a magnetic field that circles the rod.

(B) The amber rod is surrounded only by an electric field that is directed out from the rod.

(C) The amber rod is surrounded only by an electric field that is directed into the rod.

(D) The amber rod is surrounded by both a magnetic field that circles the rod and an electric field that is directed out from the rod.

(E) The amber rod is surrounded by both a magnetic field that circles the rod and an electric field that is directed into the rod.

105. Two isolated conducting spheres (S₁ of radius 0.030 m and initial charge + 6.0 nC and S₂ of radius 0.040 m and initial charge + 2.0 nC) are connected by a conducting wire. Charge will flow in the wire until:
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(A) both spheres are equally charged.

(B) the net charge is zero.

- (C) the force of repulsion between the two spheres becomes equal.
- (D) both spheres have the same surface charge density.
- (E) both spheres are at the same potential.
- 106.A point charge +q is placed midway between two point charges +3q and -q separated by a distance 2d. If Coulomb's constant is k, the magnitude of the force on the charge +q is:



107.How much work is required to move – 24 mC of charge 4.0 m parallel to a uniform 6.0 N/C electric field? (A) 1.0 mJ (B) 16 mJ (C) 36 mJ (D) 62 mJ (E) 576 mJ

108. An isolated conducting sphere of radius R has positive charge + Q. Which graph best depicts the electric field as a function of r, the distance from the center of the sphere?



- 109.Point charges 1 and 2 have equal magnitude. The diagram to above shows the electric field lines surrounding them. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (A) Charge 1 is positive, charge 2 is negative.
 - (B) Charge 1 is negative, charge 2 is positive.
 - (C) Both charges 1 and 2 are positive.
 - (D) Both charges 1 and 2 are negative.
 - (E) Both charges 1 and 2 have the same sign, but it is impossible to tell which.



110.A charged rod is placed between two insulated conducting spheres as shown. The spheres have no net charge. Region II has the same polarity as Region

(A) I only (B) III only (C) IV only (D) I & III only (E) I & IV only

- 111. Two large oppositely charged insulated plates have a uniform electric field between them. The distance between the plates is increased. Which of the following statements is true?
 - I. The field strength decreases.
 - II. The field strength increases.
 - III. The potential difference between the plates increases.

(A) I only (B) II only (C) III only (D) I and III only (E) II and III only

- 112. When two charged point–like objects are separated by a distance *R*, the force between them is *F*. If the distance between them is quadrupled, the force between them is(A) 16 F (B) 4 F (C) F (D) F/4 (E) F/16
- 113. An electroscope is given a positive charge, causing its foil leaves to separate. When an object is brought near the top plate of the electroscope, the foils separate even further. We could conclude
 - (A) that the object is positively charged.
 - (B) that the object is electrically neutral.
 - (C) that the object is negatively charged.
 - (D) only that the object is charged.
 - (E) only that the object is uncharged.



- 114.Four positive point charges are arranged as shown in the accompanying diagram. The force between charges 1 and 3 is 6.0 N; the force between charges 2 and 3 is 5.0 N; and the force between charges 3 and 4 is 3.0 N. The magnitude of the total force on charge 3 is most nearly(A) 6.3 N(B) 8.0 N(C) 10 N(D) 11 N(E) 14 N
- 115. Two isolated parallel plates are separated by a distance d. They carry opposite charges Q and each has surface area A. Which of the following would increase the strength of the electric field between the plates?
 - I. Increasing *Q* II. Increasing *A*
 - III. Increasing d
 - (A) I only (B) II only (C) III only (D) I & III only (E) II & III only



- 116.Consider the two oppositely charged plates as shown in the diagram. At which of the marked points shown in the diagram would a positively charged particle have the greatest electrical potential energy?(A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 117.How much work would be required to move a 4 coulomb charge 6 meters parallel to a 24 N/C electric field? (A) 0 J (B) 24 J (C) 96 J (D) 144 J (E) 576 J
- 118. When a positive electrically charged glass rod is brought near a neutral hollow metal sphere suspended by an insulating string, the sphere will be attracted to the rod because:
 - (A) the rod is much larger than the sphere
 - (B) the rod removes electron from the sphere
 - (C) the electric charge produces a magnetic field to attract the sphere
 - (D) the charge on the rod causes a separation of charge in the sphere
 - (E) some of the protons from the rod have been given to the sphere



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- *119.An alpha particle and a proton are placed equal distance between two large charged metal plates as shown. Which of the following would best describe the motion of the two particles if they were free to move?
 - (A) The alpha particle will travel upwards with twice the velocity of the proton.
 - (B) Both particles will travel upwards with the same velocity.
 - (C) The alpha particle will accelerate upwards with twice the acceleration of the proton.
 - (D) Both particles will accelerate upwards with the same acceleration.
 - (E) The alpha particle will accelerate upwards with half the acceleration of the proton.
- 120. Two parallel metal plates carry opposite electrical charges each with a magnitude of Q. The plates are separated by a distance d and each plate has an area A. Consider the following:
 - I. increasing Q
 - II. increasing d
 - III. increasing A

Which of the following would have the effect of reducing the potential difference between the plates? (A) I only (B) II only (C) III only (D) I and III (E) II and III

121.A positive point charge of +q and a negative point charge of -q are separated by a distance d. What would be the magnitude of the electric field midway between the two charges?

(A) E = 0 (B) E =
$$\frac{kq}{d^2}$$
 (C) E = $\frac{2kq}{d^2}$ (D) E = $\frac{4kq}{d}$ (E) E = $\frac{8kq}{d^2}$
+Q (1,0)

122. A positive charge +Q located at the origin produces an electric field E_0 at point P (x = +1, y = 0). A negative charge -2Q is placed at such a point as to produce a net field of zero at point P. The second charge will be placed on the

(A) x-axis where x > 1 (B) x-axis where 0 < x < 1 (C) x-axis where x < 0 (D) y-axis where y > 0 (E) y-axis where y < 0



123.A 300 eV electron is aimed midway between two parallel metal plates with a potential difference of 400 V. The electron is deflected upwards and strikes the upper plate as shown. What would be the kinetic energy of the electron just before striking the metal plate?

(A) 360 eV (B) 400 eV (C) 500 eV (D) 700 eV (E) 740 eV



124. Two small hollow metal spheres hung on insulating threads attract one another as shown. It is known that a positively charged rod will attract ball A.

I. Ball A has a positive charge

II. Ball B has a negative charge

III. Ball A and Ball B have opposite charges

Which of the above can be correctly concluded about the charge on the balls?

(A) I only (B) II only (C) III only (D) all of these (E) none of these

125.A 5×10^{-6} coulomb electric charge is placed midway between two parallel metal plates connected to a 9–volt battery. If the electric charge experiences a force of 1.5×10^{-4} newtons, what is the separation of the metal plates?

(A) 6.75×10^{-9} m (B) 2.7×10^{-4} m (C) 3.7×10^{-3} m (D) 0.30 m (E) 3.3 m

*126.A parallel–plate capacitor is connected to a resistanceless circuit with a battery having emf \mathcal{E} until the capacitor is fully charged. The battery is then disconnected from the circuit and the plates of the capacitor are moved to half of their original separation using insulated gloves. Let V_{new} be the potential difference across the capacitor plates when the plates are moved together. Let V_{old} be the potential difference across the capacitor plates when

connected to the battery.
$$\frac{V_{new}}{V_{old}} =$$

A) ¹/₄ B) ¹/₂ C) 1 D) 2 (E) 4

*127.A solid, uncharged conducting sphere of radius 3a contains a hollowed spherical region of radius a. A point charge +Q is placed at the common center of the spheres. Taking V = 0 as r approaches infinity, the potential at position r = 2a from the center of the spheres is:

(A) 0 (B)
$$\frac{2kQ}{3a}$$
 (C) $\frac{kQ}{3a}$ (D) $\frac{kQ}{a}$ (E) $\frac{kQ}{2a}$

128. Two identical electrical point charges Q, separated by a distance d produce an electrical force of F on one another. If the distance is decreased to a distance of 0.40d, what is the strength of the resulting force?
(A) 16F (B) 6.3F (C) 2.5F (D) 0.40F (E) 0.16F

129. The most convincing proof of the fact that electrical charge comes in a fundamentally-sized basic amount was provided by the work of

(A) Crookes (B) Lorentz (C) Rutherford (D) Faraday (E) Millikan



130. Four electrical charges are arranged on the corners of a 10 cm square as shown. What would be the direction of the resulting electric field at the center point P?



- 131.A proton is released between the two parallel plates of the fully charged capacitor shown above. What would be the resulting acceleration of the proton? (A) $1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m/s}^2$ (B) $7.3 \times 10^{13} \text{ m/s}^2$ (C) $9.6 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}^2$ (D) $6.3 \times 10^{19} \text{ m/s}^2$ (E) $3.8 \times 10^{11} \text{ m/s}^2$
- 132.A circular parallel–plate capacitor is connected to a battery in a circuit. The capacitor is fully charged before the battery is disconnected from the circuit. A uniform material of dielectric constant κ is inserted between the plates of the capacitor, effectively filling the space between the plates. Let U_{old} be the energy stored by the capacitor before the dielectric was inserted, while U_{new} is the energy stored after the dielectric was inserted.

The ratio of U_{new}/U_{old} is

(A)
$$\frac{1}{\kappa^2}$$
 (B) $\frac{1}{\kappa}$ (C) 1 (D) κ (E) κ^2



*133.A solid uncharged conducting sphere has radius 3a contains a hollowed spherical region of radius 2a. A point charge +Q is placed at a position a distance a from the common center of the spheres. What is the magnitude of the electric field at the position r = 4a from the center of the spheres as marked in the figure by *P*?

(A) 0 (B)
$$\frac{kQ}{16a^2}$$
 (C) $\frac{3kQ}{16a^2}$ (D) $\frac{kQ}{9a^2}$ (E) None of the previous

- 134. The potential energy of two like charges
 - (A) decreases as the charges are separated.
 - (B) depends on the sign of the charge.
 - (C) is proportional to the square of the relative speed.
 - (D) is inversely proportional to the square of the separation.
 - (E) is repulsive.

135.A positively charged object is brought near but not in contact with the top of an uncharged gold leaf electroscope. The experimenter then briefly touches the electroscope with a finger. The finger is removed, followed by the removal of the positively charged object. What happens to the leaves of the electroscope when a negative charge is now brought near but not in contact with the top of the electroscope?

- (A) they remain uncharged
- (B) they move farther apart
- (C) they move closer together
- (D) they remain positively charged but unmoved
- (E) they remain negatively charged but unmoved



*136.A solid spherical conducting shell has inner radius *a* and outer radius 2*a*. At the center of the shell is located a point charge +Q. What must the excess charge of the shell be in order for the charge density on the inner and outer surfaces of the shell to be exactly equal?

(A) -5Q (B) +3Q (C) -4Q (D) +4Q (E) -3Q



137.A small positive test charge is placed at point P in the region near two charges. Which of the following arrows indicates the direction of the force on the positive test charge?





138.A portable radio that is playing is placed inside a screen cage as shown. When inside the cage the radio stops playing because

- (A) the electric potential of the batteries is neutralized.
- (B) the charge on the radio is zero.
- (C) the sound cannot travel through the cage.
- (D) the electric field of the radio waves cannot penetrate the cage.
- (E) none of the above reasons.



139.A spherical conducting shell has a net charge +Q placed on it. Which of the following is the correct relationship for the electric potential at the points labeled A, B, and C? Point A is at the center of the sphere, point B is at the surface of the shell, a distance R from point A, and point C is a distance R from point B outside the sphere. As r goes to infinity, V = 0.

(A) $V_C < V_B < V_A$ (B) $V_A < V_B < V_C$ (C) $V_C = V_B = V_A$ (D) $V_C = V_B < V_A$ (E) $V_C < V_B = V_A$

140. Which statement about a system of point charges that are fixed in space is necessarily true?

(A) If the potential energy of the system is negative, net positive work by an external agent is required to take the charges in the system back to infinity.

(B) If the potential energy of the system is positive, net positive work is required to bring any new charge not part of the system in from infinity to its final resting location.

(C) If the potential energy of the system is zero, no negative charges are in the configuration.

(D) If the potential energy of the system is negative, net positive work by an external agent was required to assemble the system of charges.

(E) If the potential energy of the system is zero, then there is no electric force anywhere in space on any other charged particle not part of the system.

141.A positive point charge exerts a force of magnitude F on a negative point charge placed a distance x away. If the distance between the two point charges is halved, what is the magnitude of the new force that the positive point charge exerts on the negative point charge?

(A) 4F (B) 2F (C) F (D) F/2 (E) f/4

142. Two uniformly charged non-conducting spheres on insulating bases are placed on an air table. Sphere A has a charge +3Q coulombs and sphere B has a charge +Q coulombs. Which of the following correctly illustrates the magnitude and direction of the electrostatic force between the spheres when they are released?



(E) None of the above

143.For the diagram shown below, what is the ratio of the charges q_2/q_1 where the diagram shown has a representation of the field lines in the space near the charges.



(A) - 3/2 (B) - 2/3 (C) 2/3 (D) 3/2 (E) 1

Questions 144 - 145

Two point charges are fixed on the x-axis in otherwise empty space as shown below.



144.In which Region(s) is there a place on the x-axis (aside from infinity) at which the electric potential is equal to zero?

- (A) Only in Region II (D) In both Regions I and III
- (B) Only in Region III (E) In both Regions II and III

(C) In both Regions I and II

145.In which Region(s) is there a place on the x-axis (aside from infinity) at which the electric field is equal to zero?

- (A) Only in Region II (D) In both Regions I and III
- (B) Only in Region III (E) In both Regions II and III
- (C) In both Regions I and II
- 146.A parallel-plate capacitor is connected to a battery. Without disconnecting the capacitor, a student pulls the capacitor's plates apart so that the plate separation doubles. As a result of this action, what happens to the voltage across the capacitor and the energy stored by the capacitor?
 - (A) the voltage doubles; the energy stays the same
 - (B) the voltage halves; the energy doubles
 - (C) the voltage doubles; the energy halves
 - (D) the voltage stays the same; the energy halves
 - (E) the voltage stays the same; the energy doubles
- 147.A person rubs a neutral comb through their hair and the comb becomes negatively charged. Which of the following is the best explanation for this phenomenon?
 - (A) The hair gains protons from the comb.
 - (B) The hair gains protons from the comb while giving electrons to the comb.
 - (C) The hair loses electrons to the comb.
 - (D) The comb loses protons to the person's hand holding the comb.
 - (E) The comb loses protons to the person's hand while also gaining electrons from the hair.



- 148.A charge of +Q is located on the *x*-axis at x = -1 meter and a charge of -2Q is held at x = +1 meter, as shown in the diagram above. At what position on the *x*-axis will a test charge of +q experience a zero net electrostatic force?
 - (A) $-(3 + \sqrt{8})$ m (B) -1/3 m (C) 0 (D) 1/3 m (E) $(3 + \sqrt{8})$ m

- 149. The two plates of a parallel-plate capacitor are a distance d apart and are mounted on insulating supports. A battery is connected across the capacitor to charge it and is then disconnected. The distance between the insulated plates is then increased to 2d. If fringing of the field is still negligible, which of the following quantities is doubled?
 - (A) The capacitance of the capacitor
 - (B) The total charge on the capacitor
 - (C) The surface density of the charge on the plates of the capacitor
 - (D) The energy stored in the capacitor
 - (E) The intensity of the electric field between the plates of the capacitor



- 150. Four point charges are each brought from infinity into a region of empty space and are "attached in place" into a square arrangement of side length *a* as shown below. The location marked *P* is at the center of the square and has no charge associated with it. Which is a true statement about the configuration of charges?
 - (A) The net electric field at point P is directed to the left.
 - (B) The net electric field at point P is directed to the right.
 - (C) The total force on each charge from the other three in the configuration is zero.
 - (D) The electric potential at the point P is $\frac{\sqrt{2}Q}{\pi\varepsilon_0 a}$
 - (E) The outside agent that assembled the charges did negative net work.
- 151. Two point objects each carrying charge 10Q are separated by a distance *d*. The force between them is *F*. If half the charge on one object is transferred to the other object while at the same time the distance between them is doubled, what is the new force between the two objects? (A) 0.19 *F* (B) 0.25 *F* (C) 0.75 *F* (D) 4.0 *F* (E) no change in *F*
- 152. A parallel plate capacitor is charged to a voltage V. To double the energy stored on the capacitor, what would the voltage between the plates have to become?
 (A) 0.25 V (B) 0.50 V (C) 1.4 V (D) 2.0 V (E) 4.0 V
153. Two identical spheres carry identical electric charges. If the spheres are set a distance d apart they repel one another with a force F. A third sphere, identical to the other two but initially uncharged is then touched to one sphere and then to the other before being removed. What would be the resulting force between the original two spheres?

(A) $\frac{3}{4}$ F (B) $\frac{5}{8}$ F (C) $\frac{1}{2}$ F (D) $\frac{3}{8}$ F (E) $\frac{1}{4}$ F

- 154. Two parallel metal plates 0.04 meters apart are connected to a 1.5 volt battery. When fully charged, each metal plate has a charge of magnitude 9.0 $\times 10^{-4}$ coulombs. What is the capacitance of the two plates? (A) 1.5×10^{-2} F (B) 1.2×10^{-3} F (C) 3.0×10^{-4} F (D) 6.0×10^{-4} F (E) 9.0×10^{-4} F
- 155.An alpha particle is accelerated to a velocity v in a particle accelerator by a potential difference of 1200 V.
 Which of the following potential differences would be needed to give the alpha particle twice the velocity?
 (A) 7200 V
 (B) 4800 V
 (C) 4100 V
 (D) 2400 V
 (E) 1700 V
- 156. An electrical charge Q is placed at one vertex of an equilateral triangle. When an identical charge is placed at another vertex, each charge feels a force of 15 N. When a third charge identical to the first two, is placed at the third vertex, what would be the magnitude of the force on each charge?(A) 15 N (B) 26 N (C) 30 N (D) 42 N (E) 45 N
- 157. Two conducting spheres with the same charge Q are separated by an infinite distance. Sphere A has a radius of 10 cm while sphere B has a radius of 20 cm. At what distance from the centers of the spheres would the magnitude of the electric field be the same?
 - (A) 15 cm from A and 15 cm from B (B) 20 cm from A and 34 cm from B
 - (C) 20 cm from A and 40 cm from B $\,$ (D) 30 cm from A and 40 cm from B
 - (E) 40 cm from A and 40 cm from B



- *158.A large conducting sphere labeled X contains an electrical charge Q. Sphere X is connected by a metal wire to a small uncharged conducting sphere labeled Y. The wire is then removed. How does the electrical field (E_y) at the surface of sphere Y compare to the electrical field (E_x) at the surface of sphere X?
 (A) E_y = 0 (B) E_y = E_x (C) E_y < E_x (D) E_y > E_x (E) E_x = 0
- 159. What voltage would be required across a 8.9 nF capacitor to accumulate 1.5×10^{12} excess electrons on one plate of the capacitor?

 $(A) \ 0.17 \ V \quad (B) \ 3.7 \ V \quad (C) \ 5.9 \ V \quad (D) \ 14 \ V \quad (E) \ 27 \ V \\$



- 160.A hollow metal sphere is uniformly charged with positive charge. Points K and L are inside the sphere and points M and N are outside the sphere as shown in the diagram. At which point would the field be the smallest? (A) points K and N (B) points L and M (C) points K and L (D) points M and N (E) point K only
- 161. Two circular metal plates, each having an area A are placed to one another a distance d apart. When a potential difference is applied across the two plates, an electric field E is measured halfway between the two plates at their centers. What is the magnitude of the potential difference between the two plates?(A) Ed (B) E/d (C) EA/d (D) Ed/A (E) EA





Three electric charges $(Q_1, Q_2, \text{ and } Q_3)$ are arranged at three corners of a rectangle as shown in the diagram and each has a charge of -40 nC.

- 162. What is the magnitude of the net force on Q_2 ? (A) 1.4×10^{-5} N (B) 1.7×10^{-5} N (C) 4.2×10^{-5} N (D) 4.6×10^{-5} N (E) 1.47×10^{-4} N
- 163.What would be the magnitude of the total electric field at center point X? (A) 1440 N/C (B) 720 N/C (C) 360 N/C (D) 180 N/C (E) 90 N/C
- 164. Which of the following graphs would best represent the electric field of a hollow Van de Graff sphere as a function of distance from its center when it is charged to a potential of 400,000 volts?





- 165. Three metal spheres A, B, and C are mounted on insulating stands. The spheres are touching one another, as shown in the diagram below. A strong positively charged object is brought near sphere A and a strong negative charge is brought near sphere C. While the charged objects remain near spheres A and C, sphere B is removed by means of its insulating stand. After the charged objects are removed, sphere B is first touched to sphere A and then to sphere C. The resulting charge on B would be of what relative amount and sign?
 - (A) the same sign but 1/2 the magnitude as originally on sphere A
 - (B) the opposite sign but 1/2 the magnitude as originally on sphere A
 - (C) the opposite sign but 1/4 the magnitude as originally on sphere A
 - (D) the same sign but 1/2 the magnitude as originally on sphere C
 - (E) neutrally charged
- 166. A charge is uniformly distributed through a volume of radius *a*. Which of the graphs below best represents the magnitude of the electric field as a function of distance from the center of the sphere?



167. Four point charges are placed at the corners of a square with diagonal 2a as shown in the diagram. What is the total electric field at the center of the square?

- (A) kq/a^2 at an angle 45° above the +x axis.
- (B) kq/a^2 at an angle 45° below the -x axis.
- (C) $3kq/a^2$ at an angle 45° above the -x axis.
- (D) $3kq/a^2$ at an angle 45° below the +x axis.
- (E) $9kq/a^2$ at an angle 45° above the +x axis.



168.A free electron and a free proton are placed between two oppositely charged parallel plates. Both are closer to the positive plate than the negative plate. See the diagram below. Which of the following statements is true?

- I. The force on the proton is greater than the force on the electron.
- II. The potential energy of the proton is greater than that of the electron.
- III. The potential energy of the proton and the electron is the same.

(A) I only (B) II only (C) III only (D) I & II only (E) I & III only

Questions 169 - 170



A spherical shell with an inner surface of radius a and an outer surface of radius b is made of conducting material. A charge +Q is placed at the center of the spherical shell and a total charge -q is placed on the shell.

*169. How is the charge -q distributed after it has reached equilibrium?

(A) +Q on the inner surface, -q - Q on the outer surface.

(B) The charge -q is spread uniformly between the inner and outer surface.

(C) -Q on the inner surface, -q + Q on the outer surface.

(D) -Q on the inner surface, -q on the outer surface.

(E) Zero charge on the inner surface, -q on the outer surface.

- *170. What is the electrostatic potential at a distance R from the center of the shell, where b < R < a? (A) 0 (B) kQ/a (C) kQ/R (D) k(Q - q)/R (E) k(Q - q)/b
- 171.Conducting sphere X is initially uncharged. Conducting sphere Y has twice the diameter of sphere X and initially has charge q. If the spheres are connected by a long thin wire, which of the following is true once equilibrium has been reached?

(A) Sphere *Y* has half the potential of sphere *X*.

(B) Spheres X and Y have the same potential.

(C) Sphere *Y* has twice the potential of sphere *X*.

(D) Sphere *Y* has half the charge of sphere *X*.

(E) Spheres *X* and *Y* have the same charge.



Four positive charges are fixed at the corners of a square, as shown above. Three of the charges have magnitude Q, and the fourth charge has a magnitude 2Q. Point P is at the center of the square at a distance r from each charge.

- 172. What is the electric potential at point *P*? (A) Zero (B) kQ/r (C) 2kQ/r (D) 4kQ/r (E) 5kQ/r
- 173.What is the magnitude of the electric field at point *P*? (A) Zero (B) kQ/r^2 (C) $2kQ/r^2$ (D) $4kQ/r^2$ (E) $5kQ/r^2$
- 174. If the separation between the plates of an isolated charged parallel-plate capacitor is increased slightly, which of the following also increases?
 - (A) The capacitance
 - (B) The stored electrostatic energy
 - (C) The force of attraction between the plates
 - (D) The magnitude of the charge on each plate
 - (E) The magnitude of the electric field in the region between the plates



- 175. The two charged metal spheres X and Y shown above are far apart, and each is isolated from all other charges. The radius of sphere X is greater than that of sphere Y, and the magnitudes of the electric fields just outside their surfaces are the same. How does the charge on sphere X compare with that on sphere Y?(A) It is greater.
 - (B) It is great
 - (C) It is the same.
 - (D) It cannot be determined without knowing the actual radii of the spheres.
 - (E) It cannot be determined without knowing the actual value of the electric field just outside the spheres.
- 176. Two negative point charges are a distance x apart and have potential energy U. If the distance between the point charges increases to 3x, what is their new potential energy?

(A) 9U (B) 3U (C) U (D) 1/3 U (E) 1/9 U



177.Sphere X of mass M and charge +q hangs from a string as shown above. Sphere Y has an equal charge +q and is fixed in place a distance d directly below sphere X. If sphere X is in equilibrium, the tension in the string is most nearly

(A) Mg (B) Mg + kq/d (C) Mg - kq/d (D) $Mg + kq^2/d^2$ (E) $Mg - kq^2/d^2$



- 178.A small positively charged sphere is lowered by a nonconducting thread into a grounded metal cup without touching the inside surface of the cup, as shown above. The grounding wire attached to the outside surface is disconnected and the charged sphere is then removed from the cup. Which of the following best describes the subsequent distribution of excess charge on the surface of the cup?
 - (A) Negative charge resides on the inside surface, and no charge resides on the outside surface.
 - (B) Negative charge resides on the outside surface, and no charge resides on the inside surface.
 - (C) Positive charge resides on the inside surface, and no charge resides on the outside surface.
 - (D) Positive charge resides on the outside surface, and no charge resides on the inside surface.
 - (E) Negative charge resides on the inside surface, and positive charge resides on the outside surface.
- 179.A helium nucleus (charge +2q and mass 4m) and a lithium nucleus (charge +3q and mass 7m) are accelerated through the same electric potential difference, V_0 . What is the ratio of their resultant kinetic energies, $\frac{K_{lit hium}}{K_{Helium}}$?

(A) 2/3 (B) 6/7 (C) 1 (D) 7/6 (E) 3/2



180.A point charge -Q is located at the origin, while a second point charge +2Q is located at x = d on the x-axis, as shown above. A point on the x-axis where the net electric field is zero is located in which of the following regions?

(A) $-\infty < x < 0$ (B) 0 < x < d/2 (C) d/2 < x < d (D) $d < x < \infty$ (E) No region on the *x*-axis

Questions 181 - 182



A fixed charge distribution produces the equipotential lines shown in the figure above.

181.Which of the following expressions best represents the magnitude of the electric field at point *P* ? (A) 10 V/0.14 m (B) 10 V/0.04 m (C) 25 V/0.14 m (D) 25 V/0.04 m (E) 40 V/0.25 m

182. The direction of the electric field at point *P* is most nearly

- (A) toward the left
- (B) toward the right
- (C) toward the bottom of the page
- (D) toward the top of the page
- (E) perpendicular to the plane of the page

Questions 183 - 184

A cloud contains spherical drops of water of radius R and charge Q. Assume the drops are far apart.

183. The electric field E_0 and potential V_0 at the surface of each drop is given by which of the following?

E_0	V_0
(A) 0	0
(B) <i>kQ/R</i>	kQ/R^2
(C) kQ/R^2	kQ/R
(D) 0	kQ/R
(E) <i>kQ/R</i>	0

*184.If two droplets happen to combine into a single larger droplet, the new potential V at the surface of the larger droplet is most nearly equal to

(A)
$$3V_0$$
 (B) $2V_0$ (C) $\frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{2}}V_0$ (D) $\sqrt[3]{2}V_0$ (E) V_0



185. Two protons and an electron are assembled along a line, as shown above. The distance between the electron and each proton is *a*. What is the work done by an external force in assembling this configuration of charges? (A) $-2ke^2/a$ (B) $-3ke^2/2a$ (C) $ke^2/2a$ (D) $3ke^2/2a$ (E) $3ke^2/a$ 186.A conducting sphere with a radius of 0.10 meter has 1.0 × 10⁻⁹ coulomb of charge deposited on it. The electric field just outside the surface of the sphere is
(A) zero
(B) 450 V/m
(C) 900 V/m
(D) 4,500 V/m
(E) 90,000 V/m

AP Physics Free Response Practice – Electrostatics



- 1974B5. The diagram above shows some of the equipotentials in a plane perpendicular to two parallel charged metal cylinders. The potential of each line is labeled.
- a. The left cylinder is charged positively. What is the sign of the charge on the other cylinder?
- b. On the diagram above, sketch lines to describe the electric field produced by the charged cylinders.
- c. Determine the potential difference, $V_A V_B$, between points A and B.
- d. How much work is done by the field if a charge of 0.50 coulomb is moved along a path from point A to point E and then to point D?



- 1975B2. Two identical electric charges +Q are located at two corners A and B of an isosceles triangle as shown above.
- a. How much work does the electric field do on a small test charge +q as the charge moves from point C to infinity,
- b. In terms of the given quantities, determine where a third charge +2Q should be placed so that the electric field at point C is zero. Indicate the location of this charge on the diagram above.



- 1979B7. Two small spheres, each of mass m and positive charge q, hang from light threads of lengths *l*. Each thread makes an angle θ with the vertical as shown above.
- a. On the diagram draw and label all forces on sphere I.
- b. Develop an expression for the charge q in terms of m, l, θ , g, and the Coulomb's law constant.



1981B3. A small conducting sphere of mass 5×10^{-3} kilogram, attached to a string of length 0.2 meter, is at rest in a uniform electric field E, directed horizontally to the right as shown above. There is a charge of 5×10^{-6} coulomb on the sphere. The string makes an angle of 30° with the vertical. Assume g = 10 meters per second squared.

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- a. In the space below, draw and label all the forces acting on the sphere.
- b. Calculate the tension in the string and the magnitude of the electric field.
- c. The string now breaks. Describe the subsequent motion of the sphere and sketch on the following diagram the path of the sphere while in the electric field.





- 1985B3. An electron initially moves in a horizontal direction and has a kinetic energy of 2.0×10^3 electron–volts when it is in the position shown above. It passes through a uniform electric field between two oppositely charged horizontal plates (region I) and a field–free region (region II) before eventually striking a screen at a distance of 0.08 meter from the edge of the plates. The plates are 0.04 meter long and are separated from each other by a distance of 0.02 meter. The potential difference across the plates is 250 volts. Gravity is negligible.
- a. Calculate the initial speed of the electron as it enters region I.
- b. Calculate the magnitude of the electric field E between the plates, and indicate its direction on the diagram above.
- c. Calculate the magnitude of the electric force F acting on the electron while it is in region I.
- d. On the diagram below, sketch the path of the electron in regions I and II. For each region describe the shape of the path.







a. What is the electric potential at point P, 0.30 meter from object I?



Object II, of the same mass as object I, but having a charge of $+1 \ge 10^{-6}$ coulomb, is brought from infinity to point P, as shown above.

- b. How much work must be done to bring the object II from infinity to point P?
- c. What is the magnitude of the electric force between the two objects when they are 0.30 meter apart?
- d. What are the magnitude and direction of the electric field at the point midway between the two objects?

The two objects are then released simultaneously and move apart due to the electric force between them. No other forces act on the objects.

e. What is the speed of object I when the objects are very far apart?



- 1989B2. Two point charges, Q_1 and Q_2 , are located a distance 0.20 meter apart, as shown above. Charge $Q_1 = +8.0\mu$ C. The net electric field is zero at point P, located 0.40 meter from Q_1 and 0.20 meter from Q_2 .
- a. Determine the magnitude and sign of charge Q_2 .
- b. Determine the magnitude and direction of the net force on charge Q_1
- c. Calculate the electrostatic potential energy of the system.
- d. Determine the coordinate of the point R on the x-axis between the two charges at which the electric potential is zero.
- e. How much work is needed to bring an electron from infinity to point R. which was determined in the previous part?



- 1990B2 (modified) A pair of square parallel conducting plates, having sides of length 0.05 meter, are 0.01 meter apart and are connected to a 200–volt power supply, as shown above. An electron is moving horizontally with a speed of 3×10^7 meters per second when it enters the region between the plates. Neglect gravitation and the distortion of the electric field around the edges of the plates.
- a. Determine the magnitude of the electric field in the region between the plates and indicate its direction on the figure above.
- b. Determine the magnitude and direction of the acceleration of the electron in the region between the plates.
- c. Determine the magnitude of the vertical displacement of the electron for the time interval during which it moves through the region between the plates.
- d. On the diagram below, sketch the path of the electron as it moves through and after it emerges from the region between the plates. The dashed lines in the diagram have been added for reference only.





1993B2. A charge $Q_1 = -1.6 \times 10^{-6}$ coulomb is fixed on the x-axis at +4.0 meters, and a charge

- $Q_2 = +9 \times 10^{-6}$ coulomb is fixed on the y-axis at +3.0 meters, as shown on the diagram above.
- a. i. Calculate the magnitude of the electric field E_1 at the origin O due to charge Q_1
 - ii. Calculate the magnitude of the electric field E_2 at the origin O due to charge Q_2 .
 - iii. On the axes below, draw and label vectors to show the electric fields E_1 and E_2 due to each charge, and also indicate the resultant electric field E at the origin.



- b. Calculate the electric potential V at the origin. A charge $Q_3 = -4 \times 10^{-6}$ coulomb is brought from a very distant point by an external force and placed at the origin.
- c. On the axes below, indicate the direction of the force on Q_3 at the origin.



d. Calculate the work that had to be done by the external force to bring Q_3 to the origin from the distant point.



- 1996B6 Robert Millikan received a Nobel Prize for determining the charge on the electron. To do this, he set up a potential difference between two horizontal parallel metal plates. He then sprayed drops of oil between the plates and adjusted the potential difference until drops of a certain size remained suspended at rest between the plates, as shown above. Suppose that when the potential difference between the plates is adjusted until the electric field is 10,000 N/C downward, a certain drop with a mass of 3.27×10^{-16} kg remains suspended.
- a. What is the magnitude of the charge on this drop?
- b. The electric field is downward, but the electric force on the drop is upward. Explain why.
- c. If the distance between the plates is 0.01 m, what is the potential difference between the plates?
- d. The oil in the drop slowly evaporates while the drop is being observed, but the charge on the drop remains the same. Indicate whether the drop remains at rest, moves upward, or moves downward. Explain briefly.



Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

- 2002B5B. Two parallel conducting plates, each of area 0.30 m², are separated by a distance of 2.0×10^{-2} m of air. One plate has charge +Q; the other has charge –Q. An electric field of 5000 N/C is directed to the left in the space between the plates, as shown in the diagram above.
- a. Indicate on the diagram which plate is positive (+) and which is negative (-).
- b. Determine the potential difference between the plates.
- c. Determine the capacitance of this arrangement of plates.

An electron is initially located at a point midway between the plates.

- d. Determine the magnitude of the electrostatic force on the electron at this location and state its direction.
- e. If the electron is released from rest at this location midway between the plates, determine its speed just before striking one of the plates. Assume that gravitational effects are negligible.



- 1998B2. A wall has a negative charge distribution producing a uniform horizontal electric field. A small plastic ball of mass 0.01 kg, carrying a charge of $-80.0 \ \mu$ C, is suspended by an uncharged, nonconducting thread 0.30 m long. The thread is attached to the wall and the ball hangs in equilibrium, as shown above, in the electric and gravitational fields. The electric force on the ball has a magnitude of 0.032 N.
- a. On the diagram below, draw and label the forces acting on the ball.



- b. Calculate the magnitude of the electric field at the ball's location due to the charged wall, and state its direction relative to the coordinate axes shown.
- c. Determine the perpendicular distance from the wall to the center of the ball.
- d. The string is now cut.

i. Calculate the magnitude of the resulting acceleration of the ball, and state its direction relative to the coordinate axes shown.

ii. Describe the resulting path of the ball.

- 1999B2. In a television set, electrons are first accelerated from rest through a potential difference in an electron gun. They then pass through deflecting plates before striking the screen.
- a. Determine the potential difference through which the electrons must be accelerated in the electron gun in order to have a speed of 6.0×10^7 m/s when they enter the deflecting plates.

The pair of horizontal plates shown below is used to deflect electrons up or down in the television set by placing a potential difference across them. The plates have length 0.04 m and separation 0.012 m, and the right edge of the plates is 0.50 m from the screen. A potential difference of 200 V is applied across the plates, and the electrons are deflected toward the top of the screen. Assume that the electrons enter horizontally midway between the plates with a speed of 6.0×10^7 m/s and that fringing effects at the edges of the plates and gravity are negligible.



b. Which plate in the pair must be at the higher potential for the electrons to be deflected upward? Check the appropriate box below.



- c. Considering only an electron's motion as it moves through the space between the plates, compute the following.
 - i. The time required for the electron to move through the plates
 - ii. The vertical displacement of the electron while it is between the plates
- d. Show why it is a reasonable assumption to neglect gravity in part c.
- e. Still neglecting gravity, describe the path of the electrons from the time they leave the plates until they strike the screen. State a reason for your answer.



- 2001B3. Four charged particles are held fixed at the corners of a square of side s. All the charges have the same magnitude Q, but two are positive and two are negative. In Arrangement 1, shown above, charges of the same sign are at opposite corners. Express your answers to parts a. and b. in terms of the given quantities and fundamental constants.
- a. For Arrangement 1, determine the following.i. The electrostatic potential at the center of the squareii. The magnitude of the electric field at the center of the square



Arrangement 2

The bottom two charged particles are now switched to form Arrangement 2, shown above, in which the positively charged particles are on the left and the negatively charged particles are on the right.

- b. For Arrangement 2, determine the following.
 - i. The electrostatic potential at the center of the square
 - ii. The magnitude of the electric field at the center of the square
- c. In which of the two arrangements would more work be required to remove the particle at the upper right corner from its present position to a distance a long way away from the arrangement?

_____ Arrangement 1 ______ Arrangement 2

Justify your answer



- 2003Bb4. An electric field E exists in the region between the two electrically charged parallel plates shown above. A beam of electrons of mass m, charge q, and velocity v enters the region through a small hole at position A. The electrons exit the region between the plates through a small hole at position B. Express your answers to the following questions in terms of the quantities m, q, E, θ , and v. Ignore the effects of gravity.
- a. i. On the diagram of the parallel plates above, draw and label a vector to show the direction of the electric field E between the plates.

ii. On the following diagram, show the direction of the force(s) acting on an electron after it enters the region between the plates.

iii. On the diagram of the parallel plates above, show the trajectory of an electron that will exit through the small hole at position B.

- b. Determine the magnitude of the acceleration of an electron after it has entered the region between the parallel plates.
- c. Determine the total time that it takes the electrons to go from position A to position B.
- d. Determine the distance d between positions A and B.
- e. Now assume that the effects of gravity cannot be ignored in this problem. How would the distance where the electron exits the region between the plates change for an electron entering the region at A? Explain your reasoning.



- 2005B3 Two point charges are fixed on the y-axis at the locations shown in the figure above. A charge of +q is located at y = +a and a charge of +2q is located at y = -a. Express your answers to parts a. and b. in terms of q, a, and fundamental constants.
- a. Determine the magnitude and direction of the electric field at the origin.
- b. Determine the electric potential at the origin.

A third charge of -q is first placed at an arbitrary point A (x = $-x_0$) on the x-axis as shown in the figure below.



- c. Write expressions in terms of q, a, x_0 , and fundamental constants for the magnitudes of the forces on the -q charge at point A caused by each of the following.
 - i. The +q charge
 - ii. The +2q charge
- d. The -q charge can also be placed at other points on the x-axis. At each of the labeled points (A, B, and C) in the following diagram, draw a vector to represent the direction of the net force on the -q charge due to the other two charges when it is at those points.





- 2005Bb3 The figure above shows two point charges, each of charge -2Q, fixed on the y-axis at y = +a and at y = -a. A third point charge of charge -Q is placed on the x-axis at x = 2a. Express all algebraic answers in terms of Q, a, and fundamental constants.
- a. Derive an expression for the magnitude of the net force on the charge -Q due to the other two charges, and state its direction.
- b. Derive an expression for the magnitude of the net electric field at the origin due to all three charges, and state its direction.
- c. Derive an expression for the electrical potential at the origin due to all three charges.
- d. On the axes below, sketch a graph of the force F on the –Q charge caused by the other two charges as it is moved along the x–axis from a large positive position to a large negative position. Let the force be positive when it acts to the right and negative when it acts to the left.





2006B3. Two point charges, q_1 and q_2 , are placed 0.30 m apart on the x-axis, as shown in the figure above. Charge q_1 has a value of -3.0×10^{-9} C. The net electric field at point P is zero.

_ Negative

a. What is the sign of charge q₂? _____ Positive

Justify your answer.

- b. Calculate the magnitude of charge q_2 .
- c. Calculate the magnitude of the electric force on q_2 and indicate its direction.
- d. Determine the x-coordinate of the point on the line between the two charges at which the electric potential is zero.
- e. How much work must be done by an external force to bring an electron from infinity to the point at which the electric potential is zero? Explain your reasoning.



2006Bb3. Three electric charges are arranged on an x-y coordinate system, as shown above. Express all algebraic answers to the following parts in terms of Q, q, x, d, and fundamental constants.

- a. On the diagram, draw vectors representing the forces F_1 and F_2 exerted on the +q charge by the +Q and -Q charges, respectively.
- b. Determine the magnitude and direction of the total electric force on the +q charge.
- c. Determine the electric field (magnitude and direction) at the position of the +q charge due to the other two charges.
- d. Calculate the electric potential at the position of the +q charge due to the other two charges.
- e. Charge +q is now moved along the positive x-axis to a very large distance from the other two charges. The magnitude of the force on the +q charge at this large distance now varies as $1/x^3$. Explain why this happens.



2009B2B.(modified) Three particles are arranged on coordinate axes as shown above. Particle A has charge $q_A = -0.20 \text{ nC}$, and is initially on the y-axis at y = 0.030 m. The other two particles each have charge $q_B = +0.30 \text{ nC}$ and are held fixed on the x-axis at x = -0.040 m and x = +0.040 m, respectively.

- a. Calculate the magnitude of the net electric force on particle A when it is at y = 0.030 m, and state its direction.
- b. Particle A is then released from rest. Qualitatively describe its motion over a long time.



- 2009B2. Two small objects, labeled 1 and 2 in the diagram above, are suspended in equilibrium from strings of length L. Each object has mass m and charge +Q. Assume that the strings have negligible mass and are insulating and electrically neutral. Express all algebraic answers in terms of m, L, Q, q, and fundamental constants.
- a. On the following diagram, sketch lines to illustrate a 2-dimensional view of the net electric field due to the two objects in the region enclosed by the dashed lines.



- b. Derive an expression for the electric potential at point A, shown in the diagram at the top of the page, which is midway between the charged objects.
- c. On the following diagram of object 1, draw and label vectors to represent the forces on the object.



d. Using the conditions of equilibrium, write—but do not solve—two equations that could, together, be solved for q and the tension T in the left–hand string.



- *1974E2. A parallel-plate capacitor with spacing b and area A is connected to a battery of voltage V as shown above. Initially the space between the plates is empty. Make the following determinations in terms of the given symbols.
- a. Determine the electric field between the plates.
- b. Determine the charge stored on each capacitor plate.

A copper slab of thickness a is now inserted midway between the plates as shown below.



- c. Determine the electric field in the spaces above and below the slab.
- d. Determine the ratio of capacitances $\frac{C_{wit h copper}}{C_{original}}$ when the slab is inserted



- 1975E1. Two stationary point charges +q are located on the y-axis as shown above. A third charge +q is brought in from infinity along the x-axis.
- a. Express the potential energy of the movable charge as a function of its position on the x-axis.
- b. Determine the magnitude and direction of the force acting on the movable charge when it is located at the position x = l
- c. Determine the work done by the electric field as the charge moves from infinity to the origin.



1982E1 (modified) Three point charges are arranged on the y-axis as shown above. The charges are +q at (0, a), -q at (0, 0), and +q at (0, -a). Any other charge or material is infinitely far away.

- Determine the point(s) on the x-axis where the electric potential due to this system of charges is zero. a.
- Determine the x and y components of the electric field at a point P on the x-axis at a distance x from b.
- the origin.



*1986E1. Three point charges produce the electric equipotential lines shown on the diagram above.

- a. Draw arrows at points L, N. and U on the diagram to indicate the direction of the electric field at these points.
- At which of the lettered points is the electric field E greatest in magnitude? Explain your reasoning. b.
- c. Compute an approximate value for the magnitude of the electric field E at point P.
- d. Compute an approximate value for the potential difference, $V_M V_S$, between points M and S. e. Determine the work done by the field if a charge of $+5 \times 10^{-12}$ coulomb is moved from point M to point R.
- If the charge of $+5 \times 10^{-12}$ coulomb were moved from point M first to point S, and then to point R, f. would the answer to e. be different, and if so, how?



- 1991E1. Two equal positive charges Q are fixed on the x-axis. one at +a and the other at -a, as shown above. Point P is a point on the y-axis with coordinates (0, b). Determine each of the following in terms of the given quantities and fundamental constants.
- a. The electric field E at the origin O.
- b. The electric potential V at the origin O.
- c. The magnitude of the electric field E at point *P*.



A small particle of charge q (q \ll Q) and mass m is placed at the origin, displaced slightly, and then released. Assume that the only subsequent forces acting are the electric forces from the two fixed charges Q. at x = +a and x = -a. and that the particle moves only in the xy –plane. In each of the following cases, describe briefly the motion of the charged particle after it is released. Write an expression for its speed when far away if the resulting force pushes it away from the origin.

- d. q is positive and is displaced in the +x direction.
- e. q is positive and is displaced in the +y direction.
- f. q is negative and is displaced in the +y direction.

2000E2 (modified) Three particles, A, B, and C, have equal positive charges Q and are held in place at the vertices of an equilateral triangle with sides of length *l*, as shown in the figures below. The dotted lines represent the bisectors for each side. The base of the triangle lies on the x-axis, and the altitude of the triangle lies on the y-axis.



a. i. Point P_1 , the intersection of the three bisectors, locates the geometric center of the triangle and is one point where the electric field is zero. On Figure 1 above, draw the electric field vectors E_A , E_B , and E_C at P, due to each of the three charges. Be sure your arrows are drawn to reflect the relative magnitude of the fields.

ii. Another point where the electric field is zero is point P_2 at $(0, y_2)$. On Figure 2 above, draw electric field vectors E_A , E_B , and E_C at P_2 due to each of the three point charges. Indicate below whether the magnitude of each of these vectors is greater than, less than, or the same as for point P_1 .

	Greater than at P ₁	Less than at P ₁	The same as at P_1
E _A			
E _B			
E _C			

- b. Explain why the x-component of the total electric field is zero at any point on the y-axis.
- c. Write a general expression for the electric potential V at any point on the y-axis inside the triangle in terms of Q, l, and y.



- 2001E1. A thundercloud has the charge distribution illustrated above left. Treat this distribution as two point charges, a negative charge of -30 C at a height of 2 km above ground and a positive charge of +30 C at a height of 3 km. The presence of these charges induces charges on the ground. Assuming the ground is a conductor, it can be shown that the induced charges can be treated as a charge of +30 C at a depth of 2 km below ground and a charge of -30 C at a depth of 3 km, as shown above right. Consider point P₁, which is just above the ground directly below the thundercloud, and point P₂, which is 1 km horizontally away from P₁.
- a. Determine the direction and magnitude of the electric field at point P_1 .
- b. i. On the diagram, clearly indicate the direction of the electric field at point P₂
 ii. How does the magnitude of the field at this point compare with the magnitude at point P₁? Justify your answer:

____ Greater ____Equal ____ Less

- c. Letting the zero of potential be at infinity, determine the potential at these points. i. Point P_1
 - ii. Point P_2
- d. Determine the electric potential at an altitude of 1 km directly above point P_1 .
- e. Determine the total electric potential energy of this arrangement of charges.



*2005E1. Consider the electric field diagram above.

- a. Points A, B, and C are all located at y = 0.06 m.
 i. At which of these three points is the magnitude of the electric field the greatest? Justify your answer.
 ii. At which of these three points is the electric potential the greatest? Justify your answer.
- b. An electron is released from rest at point B.
 i. Qualitatively describe the electron's motion in terms of direction, speed, and acceleration.
 ii. Calculate the electron's speed after it has moved through a potential difference of 10 V.
- c. Points B and C are separated by a potential difference of 20 V. Estimate the magnitude of the electric field midway between them and state any assumptions that you make.
- d. On the diagram, draw an equipotential line that passes through point D and intersects at least three electric field lines.



- 2006E1. The square of side a above contains a positive point charge +Q fixed at the lower left corner and negative point charges –Q fixed at the other three corners of the square. Point P is located at the center of the square.
- a. On the diagram, indicate with an arrow the direction of the net electric field at point P.
- b. Derive expressions for each of the following in terms of the given quantities and fundamental constants.
 - i. The magnitude of the electric field at point P
 - ii. The electric potential at point P
- c. A positive charge is placed at point P. It is then moved from point P to point R, which is at the midpoint of the bottom side of the square. As the charge is moved, is the work done on it by the electric field positive, negative, or zero?

____Positive ____Negative ____Zero

Explain your reasoning.

d. i: Describe one way to replace a single charge in this configuration that would make the electric field at the center of the square equal to zero. Justify your answer.

ii. Describe one way to replace a single charge in this configuration such that the electric potential at the center of the square is zero but the electric field is not zero. Justify your answer.



- 2009E2 (modified) Electrons created at the filament at the left end of the tube represented above are accelerated through a voltage V_0 and exit the tube. The electrons then move with constant speed to the right, as shown, before entering a region in which there is a uniform electric field between two parallel plates separated by a distance D. The electrons enter the field at point P, which is a distance y_0 from the bottom plate, and are deflected toward that plate. Express your answers to the following in terms of V_0 , D, y_0 , and fundamental constants.
- a. Calculate the speed of the electrons as they exit the tube.
- b. i. Calculate the magnitude of the electric field required to cause the electrons to land the distance y₀ from the edge of the plate.

ii. Indicate the direction of the electric field.

_____ To the left _____ To the right

_____ Toward the top of the page _____ Toward the bottom of the page

____ Into the page ____ Out of the page

Justify your answer.

c. Calculate the potential difference between the two plates required to produce the electric field determined in part b.

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	Solution	Answer
1.	By definition	В
2.	Since charge is free to move around on/in a conductor, excess charges will repel each other to the outer surface	Е
3.	When the battery is disconnected, Q remains constant. Since C decreases when d increases and $Q = CV$, V will increase	Е
4.	$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{k}\mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{r}^2$	D
5.	V = kQ/r	С
6.	$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{q}\mathbf{V}$	С
7.	Since both charges are positive, the electric field vectors point in opposite directions at points between the two. At point A, the magnitudes of the electric field vectors are equal and therefore cancel out, making $E = 0$ at point A	А
8.	$V = \Sigma kQ/r$ and since both charges are positive, the largest potential is at the closest point to the two charges (it is more mathematically complex than that, but this reasoning works for the choices given)	Α
9.	$C = \epsilon_0 A/d$; if $A \times 2$, $C \times 2$ and if $d \times 2$, $C \div 2$ so the net effect is C is unchanged	С
10.	The net charge on the two spheres is +Q so when they touch and separate, the charge on each sphere (divided equally) is $\frac{1}{2}Q$. F $\propto Q_1Q_2$ so before contact F $\propto (2Q)(Q) = 2Q^2$ and after contact F $\propto (\frac{1}{2}Q)(\frac{1}{2}Q) = \frac{1}{4}Q^2$ or 1/8 of the original force	Е
11.	$C = \epsilon_0 A/d$ and changing Q or V has no effect on the capacitance	С
12.	By definition	А
13.	E = F/q	Е
14.	$\Delta v = at$ where $a = F/m$. So we have $\Delta v = 10^{-14} \times 10^{-9} \div 10^{-30} = 10^{(-14 + -9 - (-30))}$	D
15.	Inside the metal sphere $E = 0$. Once outside the sphere E decreases as you move away so the strongest field will be the closest point to the <i>outside</i> of the sphere	C
16.	Newton's third law	С
17.	Where E is zero must be closer to the smaller charge to make up for the weaker field. The vectors point in opposite directions when outside the two opposite charges. These two criteria eliminate 4 of the choices.	А
18.	Charges flow when there is a difference in potential. Analyzing the other choices: A is wrong because the charge resides on the surface. For B, $E = 0$ in a charged conducting sphere. $E = kQ/r^2$ eliminates choice C. And for D, charge separation will occur, but the object will not acquire any charge.	E
19.	E is uniform between charged parallel plates therefore the force on a charge is also uniform between the plates	В
20.	$F_g = Gm_1m_2/r^2$ and $F_E = kq_1q_2/r^2$. The nuclear force does not have a similar relationship.	С
21.	$E \propto 1/r^2$ so if $r \times 2$, $E \div 4$	В
22.	While the charges may separate, the forces on the opposite charges are in opposite directions, canceling out	А

23.	V = kQ/r so the smaller sphere is at the lower potential (more negative = lower) Negative charge flows from low to high potential so the charge will flow from the smaller sphere to the larger. The flow of charge ceases when there is no difference in potential.	E
24.	$E = V/d$ so if $V \times 2$, $E \times 2$ and if $d \div 5$, $E \times 5$ so the net effect is $E \times 10$	E
25.	The electric field vectors from the two charges point down and to the left (away from the charges) so the resultant field points down and left	C
26.	The potential energy of a particle at a location is the potential at that location times the charge. In this case, the potential is $kQ/d + kQ/d = (2kQ/d)$	D
27.	If the battery remains connected, the potential remains constant. C decreases as the separation increases soothe charge $Q = CV$ will also decrease	В
28.	$U_{\rm C} = \frac{1}{2} {\rm CV}^2$	E
29.	In metals under electrostatic conditions, the electric field is zero everywhere inside.	Α
30.	The electric field vector from the $+Q$ charge points down and from the $-Q$ charge points to the right so the resultant field points down and right	D
31.	The two vectors, each of magnitude $E = kQ/d^2$, point at right angles to each other so the resultant field is $\sqrt{2}E$	D
32.	Since the electron and the proton have equal charge, the forces on them are equal. Since they have different masses, the accelerations, speeds and displacements will not be equal.	E
33.	The electric field between charged parallel plates is uniform, which means the potential changes uniformly with distance. For a change of 8 V over 4 cm means the change of potential with position (and the electric field strength) is 2 V/cm, which gives the potential 1 cm away from the 2 V plate as 4 V	D
34.	$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{V}/\mathbf{d}$	D
35.	$W = \Delta K = QV$ (mass doesn't have an effect on the kinetic energy, just on the speed in this case)	D
36.	The field lines point away from Y and toward Z making Y positive and Z negative.	D
37.	$E = kQ/r^2$	А
38.	$C = \epsilon_0 A/d; \ \epsilon_0(2A)/(2d) = \epsilon_0 A/d$	С
39.	Charges arrange themselves on conductors so there is no electric field inside, and no electric field component along the surface	А
40.	By symmetry $V_R = V_S$ so $\Delta V_{RS} = 0$ and $W = q\Delta V$	D
41.	The force on the upper charge is to the left and twice the magnitude of the force on the bottom charge, which is to the right. This makes the net force to the left and the torque on the rod to be counterclockwise.	В
42.	Compared to the +Q charge at the center, the charge on the outer surface of the outer cylinder has twice the magnitude and is of opposite sign (so it is $-2Q$). There is also an equal and opposite charge induced on the inner surface of the outer cylinder making the total charge on the outer cylinder $-2Q + -Q$	E
43.	Since the capacitor is isolated, Q remains constant. Filling the place with oil (a dielectric) will increase the capacitance, causing the potential ($V = Q/C$) to decrease.	В
44.	$F_E \propto q_1 q_2/r^2$; if q_1 and $q_2 \times 2$; $F \times 4$ and if $r \div 2$, $F \times 4$ making the net effect $F \times 4 \times 4$	E

45.	Since there is no component of the electric field along a conducting surface under electrostatic conditions, no work is done moving the charge around the surface, meaning no differences in potential	E
46.	Regardless of velocity, the force on a charge in an electric field is parallel to the field ($\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{E}$)	D
47.	W = Fd = qEd	Α
48.	E points away from + charges and toward - charges. Use symmetry.	А
49.	D and E are not symmetric so the field will not point at the midpoint of any side. The field in choice B points <i>at</i> the bottom charge.	C
50.	$C_1/C_2 = (\epsilon_0 A_1/d_1)/(\epsilon_0 A_2/d_2) = A_1 d_2/A_2 d_1 = s^2(2d)/[(2s)^2d] = \frac{1}{2}$	В
51.	Since the capacitor is isolated, Q remains constant. Filling the place with oil (a dielectric) will increase the capacitance, causing the potential ($V = Q/C$) to decrease.	В
52.	V = kQ/r so the smaller sphere (Y) is at the higher potential. Negative charge flows from low to high potential so the charge will flow from X to Y.	А
53.	Once inside a uniform sphere of charge, the electric field is zero. Since $E = 0$ the potential does not change within the sphere (meaning it is the same value as the surface)	А
54.	Outside a uniform sphere of charge, it behaves as a point charge.	D
55.	$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{F}/q$. The vector nature of the equation allows one to find the direction of F and the equation itself allows one to find the ratio F/q, but not q specifically	C
56.	Outside a uniform sphere of charge, it behaves as a point charge. $E = kQ/r^2$	E
57.	By symmetry, the force on an electron at the center from the top half will be straight down and the force from the bottom half will also be straight down	В
58.	E is a vector so all the individual E field vectors from the four charges will cancel. V is a scalar and will add since they are all positive charges.	D
59.	The points where $V = 0$ must lie closer to the smaller charge. Unlike electric field vectors which also require the individual vectors point in opposite directions, there are a locus of points (in this case in a ring surrounding the +Q charge) where $V = 0$ as the two charges are opposite in sign and V is a scalar. So the other point on the x axis is between the two charges, but closer to the +Q charge. This must be a value between 1.5 D and 2 D	D
60.	When inside a uniform shell of charge, there is an electric field due to the shell. When outside a uniform shell of charge, the electric field is as if the shell was a point charge.	А
61.	The potential difference between the plates is 4 V and the right side is the positive plate. We need the batteries pointing in the same direction with the positive terminal on the right.	D
62.	The electron experiences a force toward the positive plate of magnitude $F = Eq$. $E = V/d$ and cannot be calculated without knowing d.	D
63.	While spheres X and Y are in contact, electrons will repel away from the rod out of sphere X into sphere Y.	D
64.	The capacitor with the largest capacitance will store the most charge. $C = \kappa \epsilon_0 A/d$ where $\kappa_{glass} > \kappa_{air}$ and κ_{vacuum}	E
65.	$K = q\Delta V$. To find ΔV we use $Q = CV$ (V is ΔV in this case) which gives $K = e(Q/C)$ and if we use $C = \varepsilon_0 A/d$ we have $K = e(Qd/\varepsilon_0 A)$	А
66.	While spheres 1 and 2 are in contact, electrons will repel away from the rod out of sphere 1 into sphere 2.	С

67.	The force vectors from the two $+Q$ charges point down and to the left (away from the charges) so the resultant force points down and left	E
68.	The two vectors, each of magnitude F, point at right angles to each other so the resultant field is $\sqrt{2}F$	D
69.	Where E is zero must be closer to the smaller charge to make up for the weaker field. The vectors point in opposite directions when between the two like charges. These two criteria eliminate 4 of the choices	C
70.	Since both charges are positive and V is a scalar equal to $\Sigma kQ/r$, the potential will never be zero in the vicinity of these two charges.	E
71.	$\mathbf{W}=\mathbf{q}\Delta\mathbf{V}$	С
72.	The electric field (and hence, the electric force on a charge) is greatest where the potential changes most rapidly with position (the greatest gradient) since $E = V/d$. On this graph, this would be the point where the slope is the greatest	D
73.	$F_E = F_C$ and $q_1 = q_2 = e$ so we have $ke^2/R^2 = mv^2/R$ and we multiply both sides by $\frac{1}{2}R$ so the right side becomes $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$ (the kinetic energy). Choices C and E could have been eliminated because they are negative, and kinetic energy cannot be negative. Choices A & D are dimensionally incorrect (D has the units of a force, not energy, and A has the units of electric potential)	В
74.	If F is constant and $F = ma$, the acceleration is also constant. Negative charges experience forces opposite in direction to electric field lines.	А
75.	By symmetry, $E = 0$ at the midpoint and goes to infinity near each charge ($E = kQ/r^2$)	А
76.	If no work is done by the field and there is a field present, the motion must be perpendicular to the field, along an equipotential line, making the force perpendicular to the displacement of the charge (a requirement for zero work). Along an equipotential line, $\Delta V = 0$ and $W = q\Delta V$.	D
77.	Inside the sphere, $E = 0$ which means the potential does not change with position and is the same value as the surface, which is kQ/R. At point P, the potential is kQ/r. $W = q\Delta V = q(kQ/R - kQ/r)$	E
78.	E = V/d	В
79.	If the battery is disconnected, Q remains constant. If a dielectric is inserted between the plates, the capacitance increases and since $Q = CV$, the potential difference decreases.	А
80.	Conductors under electrostatic conditions will arrange their changes so no electric field exists inside (other than those created by charges placed inside the empty cavity). Fields from external charges will not penetrate into conducting enclosures.	A
81.	$U_{\rm C} = \frac{1}{2} {\rm CV}^2$	В
82.	$W = K = q\Delta V$ and $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$	C
83.	At point P, the field due to charge Q points up and to the right and the field due to charge $-4Q$ is larger in magnitude and points down and to the right. Due to the asymmetry, no components will cancel.	E
84.	Where E is zero must be closer to the smaller charge to make up for the weaker field. The vectors point in opposite directions outside the two opposite charges. These two criteria eliminate 3 of the choices. For the magnitudes of the electric fields to be zero the ratios Q/r^2 must be equal giving (in units along the x axis) $Q/r^2 = 4Q/(r + 4 \text{ units})^2$ giving $r = 4$ units	A
85.	Since $E = \Delta V/d$, E represents the slope of the line on the graph which could be choice C or D. since $V \propto 1/r$ the slope is proportional to $\Delta V/r = (1/r)/r = 1/r^2$ which is choice C	C
86.	By symmetry, all the vectors cancel	А
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87.	$W = q\Delta V = +Q(V_{center} - V_{\infty}) = +QV_{center} \text{ where } V_{center} = \Sigma V = \Sigma kQ/r = 6kQ/R$	D
88.	E points from high potential to low potential, perpendicular to equipotential lines (the direction of the force on a positive charge)	А
89.	E is greatest in magnitude where V changes most rapidly with position (the largest gradient) which is where the lines are closest together.	В
90.	$\Delta V_{CE} = V_E - V_C = 10 \text{ V}$. The amount of work, $W = q\Delta V = 1 \mu C \times 10 \text{ V} = 10 \mu C$. Since the external force must push against the negative charge to keep it from accelerating and bring it to rest at point E, the work done by the external force must be negative.	В
91.	$C = K \varepsilon_0 A/d$. Only changes in the geometry of the capacitor will change the capacitance, not changes to the battery or resistor.	D
92.	For charge to be distributed throughout a material, it must be non-conducting	E
93.	Advanced question (not exactly in the B curriculum, but interesting). Like gravity inside a uniform sphere of mass, the field is directly proportional to r when inside the sphere (and proportional to $1/r^2$ when outside)	D
94.	In I, charge separation occurs (negative charges repel to the leaves). The whole process describes charging by induction, where the electrons leave the electroscope to ground (the finger) and once contact with ground is broken, the electroscope is left with a positive charge (III)	D
95.	Charged objects attract object with an opposite charge, but also neutral objects by separation of charges.	E
96.	If E = 0, the field vectors point in opposite directions, making q positive. In magnitude we can find q by $(+4 \ \mu C)/(0.2 \ m)^2 = q/(0.3 \ m)^2$	А
97.	If V = 0 and V = $\Sigma kQ/r$ then q must be negative and (+4 μ C)/(0.2 m) = q/(0.3 m)	D
98.	by definition of conductors under electrostatic conditions	D
99.	Since the electrostatic force pushes the charge to the right, with the field line, it is a positive charge. $\Sigma F_y = 0$ gives T cos $\theta = mg$ and $\Sigma F_x = 0$ gives T sin $\theta = F_E = qE$. Divide the two expressions to eliminate T.	В
100.	V is constant inside and on the surface of a charged conductor and is proportional to 1/r outside a charged conducting sphere.	А
101.	If the battery is disconnected, the charge on the plates remains constant. If the separation increases, C decreases (C = $\varepsilon_0 A/d$). Since Q = CV, V must increase.	E
102.	$W = q\Delta V$ (motion along an equipotential line requires no work so only ΔV matters, not the path)	E
103.	$F \propto 1/r^2$	Α
104.	In a later topic, you will learn magnetic field are created by <i>moving</i> charges. Electric field lines point toward negative charges.	C
105.	Charges flow when there is a difference in potential.	E
106.	The distance between the +q charge and each charge is d. The force on the +q charge from each charge is in the same direction, making the net force $kq^2/d^2 + k(3q^2)/d^2$	В
107.	W = Fd = qEd	E
108.	E is zero inside a charged conductor and is proportional to $1/r^2$ outside a charged conducting sphere.	D

109.	Electric field lines point in the direction of the force on a positive charge (away from positive charges and toward negative charges)	А
110.	The rod will attract the same charge from each sphere to the side closer to the rod.	В
111.	Since the plates are insulated, the charge remains constant. If the distance is increased, the capacitance will decrease (C \propto A/d) and since Q = CV, the potential difference must increase by the same factor that the distance increases. This means E = V/d remains the same.	C
112.	$F \propto 1/r^2$; if $r \times 4$, $F \div 16$	E
113.	If the leaves are positive, further separation means they are becoming more positive, which implies electrons are leaving the leaves, attracted to the top plate of the electroscope. This will occur if the object is positively charged.	A
114.	Vector addition. Since all the charges are positive, the forces due to charges 2 and 4 point in opposite directions, making the magnitude of the net force along the x axis 2 N. Combine this with a net force along the y axis of 6 N using the Pythagorean theorem	A
115.	$Q=CV$ and $V=Ed$ and using $C=\epsilon_0A/d$ gives $E=Q/\epsilon_0A$	А
116.	The greatest potential energy would be where the charge is at the point with the greatest potential since $U_E = qV$ (at a point). This is closest to the positive plate.	E
117.	W = Fd = qEd	E
118.	Charged objects attract neutral objects by separating the charges within the neutral object.	D
119.	An alpha particle has twice the charge and four times the mass of a proton. Twice the charge means twice the electric force. This, combined with four times the mass gives half the acceleration.	E
120.	$Q = CV$ and $C = \epsilon_0 A/d$ which gives $V = Qd/\epsilon_0 A$	С
121.	At a point midway between the charges $E = kq/(d/2)^2$ from each charge. Since they are opposite charges, the field vectors between the charges point in the same direction.	E
122.	For the E field vectors to point in opposite directions, point P must lie outside the two charges. For the magnitudes of E due to each charge to cancel, Point P must be closer to the smaller charge.	C
123.	The extra kinetic energy gained by the electron is $W = K = q\Delta V$, where ΔV is the potential difference between the midway line and the upper plate, which is 200 V. This makes the additional kinetic energy 200 eV. Kinetic energy is a scalar so the total KE of the electron is now 300 eV + 200 eV	C
124.	If a positive rod attracts ball A, it is either negative or neutral. For ball B to also attract ball A means ball B can be charged positive or negative (if ball A is neutral) or neutral (if ball A is positive)	E
125.	F = Eq and $E = V/d$ giving $d = qV/F$	D
126.	Since the battery is removed, the charge remains constant. If the distance is decreased, the capacitance will increase ($C \propto A/d$) and since $Q = CV$, the potential difference must decrease by the same factor that the distance decreases.	В
127.	Since the spherical shell is conducting, a charge of $-Q$ is induced on the inner surface. This gives a charge of $+Q$ on the outer surface since the spherical shell is neutral. As $E = 0$ inside the conducting shell, the potential inside is constant and the same as on the surface, which is kQ/r	C
128.	$F \propto 1/r^2$; if $r \times 0.4$ then $F \div 0.4^2$	В

- 129. The oil drop experiment not only found the charge of the electron, but also the fact that charge was quantized.
- 130. The force vectors from each charge and their relative magnitude are drawn below



131.	Using $F = ma = qE$ and $E = V/d$ gives $a = qV/md$	E
132.	Since the battery is disconnected, Q remains constant. $U_C = Q^2/2C$ so $U_{new}/U_{old} = C_{old}/C_{new} = (\epsilon_0 A/d)/(\kappa \epsilon_0 A/d) = 1/\kappa$	В
133.	Since the spherical shell is conducting, a charge of $-Q$ is induced on the inner surface. This gives a charge of $+Q$ on the outer surface since the spherical shell is neutral and the field outside the shell is as if the shell was a point charge.	В
134.	$U_E = kq_1 q_2 / r$	А
135.	The process described is charging by induction which gives the electroscope in this case a net negative charge. Bringing a negative charge near the top of the electroscope will cause electrons to repel to the leaves. Since the leaves are already negative, this will cause them to separate further.	В
136.	The charge density is Q/area which is $Q/4\pi r^2$ so for the inner surface it is $Q_{inner}/4\pi a^2$ and for the outer surface it is $Q_{outer}/16\pi a^2$. For these to be equal Q_{outer} must be $4Q_{inner}$. Because of the +Q charge inside, there is a charge of -Q induced on the inner surface, which means the outer surface must have charge -4Q. Thus the <i>total</i> charge on the shell is $-5Q$	А
137.	The force on a positive charge is in the direction of the electric field at that location.	С
138.	Conductors under electrostatic conditions will arrange their changes so no electric field exists inside (other than those created by charges placed inside the empty cavity). Fields from external sources will not penetrate into conducting enclosures.	D
139.	Once inside a uniform sphere of charge, the electric field is zero. Since $E = 0$ the potential does not change within the sphere (meaning it is the same value as the surface). V $\propto 1/r$ outside the sphere.	E
140.	Negative potential energy means the system is bound. This means energy input is required to break the system apart.	А
141.	$F \propto 1/r^2$	А
142.	Newton's third law requires the forces be equal and opposite. This eliminates choices A, B and C. Since they both positive, the force is repulsive.	D
143.	q_2/q_1 = lines on q_2 /lines on q_1 and since the lines point toward q_2 and away from q_1 they are oppositely charged, making the ratio negative.	В
144.	The points where $V = 0$ must lie closer to the smaller charge. Unlike electric field vectors which also require the individual vectors point in opposite directions, there are a locus of points (in this case in a ring surrounding the $-Q$ charge) where $V = 0$ as the two charges are opposite in sign and V is a scalar.	E

Е

В

145.	For E to be zero, the electric field vectors from each charge must point in opposite directions and must therefore occur at a point outside the charges. For the electric field vectors from each charge to be equal in magnitude so they can cancel, it must also occur at a point closer to the smaller charge to make up for the weaker field.	В
146.	Since the battery remains connected, V remains constant. C decreases as d increases (C $\propto 1/d$) and U _C = ½ CV ²	D
147.	Only electrons are transferred in static charging processes.	С
148.	Any charge will experience a net force of zero where the electric field is zero. This must be where the fields from each charge point in opposite directions and also closer to the smaller charge, which is to the left of the +Q charge (the answer will be to the left of -1 m). Let the distances to the +Q and the $-2Q$ charge be x and (X + 2), respectively. This gives $E_1 = E_2$ and $kQ/x^2 = k(2Q)/(x + 2)^2$. Solve for x and add the extra 1 m to the origin.	A
149.	Since the battery is removed, the charge remains constant. If the distance is increased, the capacitance will decrease (C \propto A/d) and since Q = CV, the potential difference must increase by the same factor that the distance increases and U _C = $\frac{1}{2}$ QV	D
150.	$U_E = \Sigma kq_1q_2/r$ where we are summing <i>each pair</i> of charges. Computing U_E gives a total potential energy that is negative. This means negative work must have been done by an outside agent to keep the charges from colliding into each other and stop them in their respective locations. The net field and the potential at the center is zero due to symmetry.	E
151.	$F \propto q_1 q_2/r^2$; the original force $F \propto 100Q^2/d^2$. The new charges are 15Q and 5Q making the new force $F \propto 75Q^2/(2d)^2 = 19Q^2/d^2$	А
152.	Assuming C remains constant and $U_C = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$, for U_C to double V must increase by $\sqrt{2}$	С
153.	When one sphere is touched, the charged divides equally (½ Q each). When this sphere is then touched to the second sphere, the net charge (3/2 Q) is divided equally (¾ Q each). Since F \propto q ₁ q ₂ , the original force is proportional to Q ² and the new force is then proportional to (½ Q)(¾ Q) = 3/8 Q ²	D
154.	Q = CV	D
155.	$W = K = q\Delta V$ so $\Delta V \propto v^2$ and for v to double, ΔV must increase by 4	В
156.	Adding the force vectors shown (each 15 N) with x components that cancel and y components that equal 15 N cos 30° gives $F = 2 \times 15 N \cos 30^\circ = 26 N$	В



157.	Once outside the spheres, they act as point charges and their difference in size is irrelevant	Е
158.	When connected, the potentials become equal. This gives $kQ_X/r_X = kQ_Y/r_Y$ and since $E = kQ/r^2$, dividing the potentials by their respective radii gives $kQ_X/(r_X)^2 < kQ_Y/(r_Y)^2$	D
159.	1.5×10^{12} excess electrons is a charge of magnitude $(1.5 \times 10^{12}) \times (1.6 \times 10^{-19}) = 2.4 \times 10^{-7}$ C. Use Q = CV	E
160.	The field is zero everywhere inside a metal sphere.	С
161.	$\Delta V = Ed$	А

162.	The force on Q_2 from Q_1 points downward and the force from Q_3 points at right angles to the left. Compute each force using $F = kq_1q_2/r^2$ and use the Pythagorean theorem.	D
163.	The field at the center due to Q_1 and Q_3 cancels. The only contribution to the field then is that due to Q_2 . $E = kQ/r^2$ where $r^2 = 0.3^2 + 0.4^2$	А
164.	E inside = 0 and outside E $\propto 1/r^2$	E
165.	Initially, when B is removed, A and C are equally and oppositely charged and B is neutral. Touching B to A gives B $\frac{1}{2}$ the charge of A (split equally). The charge on B is then $\frac{1}{2}$ that of C and oppositely charged. When B and C touch, the total charge between them is $\frac{1}{2}$ the charge of C and the same sign as C. Each sphere then has $\frac{1}{4}$ of the charge of C after contact is made. This makes the end result that the charge on sphere B is $\frac{1}{4}$ the original charge of A and the same sign as sphere C, which is opposite that of A	С
166.	Advanced question (not exactly in the B curriculum, but interesting). Like gravity inside a uniform sphere of mass, the field is directly proportional to r when inside the sphere (and proportional to $1/r^2$ when outside)	D
167.	The field due to the two $+3q$ charges cancel. The $-q$ in the upper right counters $-q$ from the lower left, leaving the net contribution to the field a $-q$ from the lower left.	В
168.	With equal charge, the forces are the same. The potential energy of the charges is equal in magnitude, but positive for the proton and negative for the electron. For scalars, positive numbers are higher than negative numbers.	В
169.	The charge Q in the middle will induce a charge $-Q$ on the inner surface of the shell. For the net charge of the shell to be $-q$, the outer surface must have the rest of the charge such that $q_{outer} + q_{inner} = -q$ so $q_{outer} = -q - q_{inner} = -q - (-Q) = Q - q$	C
170.	The potential inside the shell is the same as the potential at the surface of the shell since $E = 0$ inside the shell. $V = kq_{outer}/b$	E
171.	Charges flow when there is a difference in potential.	В
172.	$V = \Sigma k Q/r$	E
173.	The electric field cancels from symmetry all but +Q remaining in the upper right corner and $E=kQ/r^2$	В
174.	Since the plates are insulated, the charge remains constant. If the distance is increased, the capacitance will decrease (C \propto A/d) and since Q = CV, the potential difference must increase by the same factor that the distance increases. U _C = $\frac{1}{2}$ QV	В
175.	If the E fields are the same, that means $kQ_X/r_X^2 = kQ_Y/r_Y^2$, or $Q_X/Q_Y = r_X^2/r_Y^2$	А
176.	$\mathrm{U_E} \propto 1/\mathrm{r}$	D
177.	$\Sigma F = 0$ so we have $T + k(q)(q)/d^2 - Mg = 0$ giving $T = Mg - kq^2/d^2$	E
178.	When lowered inside, the charged sphere induces a negative charge on the inner surface of the cup. The outer surface remains neutral since it is grounded. When the grounding wire is removed, the cup has a net negative charge, which when the sphere is removed, will move to the outer surface of the cup.	В
179.	$K = q\Delta V$ so $K_1/K_2 = q_1/q_2$	E
180.	The field is zero where the fields from each charge point in opposite directions and also closer to the smaller charge, which is to the left of the $-Q$ charge	А
181.	$\mathbf{E} = \Delta \mathbf{V} / \mathbf{d}$	В

182.	E fields point from high potential to low potential, perpendicular to the equipotential lines.	Α
183.	For a sphere, $E = kQ/r^2$ and $V = kQ/r$	С
184.	Combining two droplets doubles the charge. The volume is doubled, which means the radius is multiplied by $\sqrt[3]{2}$. This gives $V = kQ/r = k(2Q)/(\sqrt[3]{2}r)$	C
185.	The work to assemble the charges is the potential energy of the system, which is the sum of the potential energies of each pair of charges $U_E = -ke^2/a - ke^2/a + ke^2/2a$	В
186.	$E = kQ/r^2$	С

<u>1974B5</u>

- a. Since the potential increases as you near the cylinder on the right, it must also have a positive charge. Remember, negative charges move toward higher potentials.
- b.



- c. $V_A V_B = (-20 \text{ V}) (-10 \text{ V}) = -10 \text{ V}$
- d. $W_{AED} = W_{AD} = -q\Delta V = -(0.5 \text{ C})(30 \text{ V}) = -15 \text{ J}$

1975B2

- a. $V_{C} = kQ/a + kQ/a = 2kQ/a$; $W = -q\Delta V = -(+q)(V_{\infty} V_{C}) = -q(0 2kQ/a) = 2kQq/a$
- b. Looking at the diagram below, the fields due to the two point charges cancel their x components and add their y components, each of which has a value $(kQ/a^2) \sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2} kQ/a^2$ making the net E field (shown by the arrow pointing upward) $2 \times \frac{1}{2} kQ/a^2 = kQ/a^2$. For this field to be cancelled, we need a field of the same magnitude pointing downward. This means the positive charge +2Q must be placed directly above point C at a distance calculated by $k(2Q)/d^2 = kQ/a^2$ giving $d = \sqrt{2}a$





b. Resolving the tension into components we have T cos θ = W and T sin θ = F where W = mg and F = kq²/r² and r = 2*l* sin θ giving F = kq²/(4*l*² sin² θ) Dividing the two expressions we get tan θ = F/mg = kq²/(4*l*² sin² θ mg) solving yields q² = 4mg*l*² (sin² θ)(tan θ)/k





T cos 30° = mg so T = 0.058 N T sin θ = F_E = Eq gives E = 5.8 × 10³ N/C



c. After the string is cut, the only forces are gravity, which acts down, and the electrical force which acts to the right. The resultant of these two forces causes a constant acceleration along the line of the string. The path is therefore down and to the right, along the direction of the string as shown above.

1985B3

- a. $K = (2 \times 10^3 \text{ eV})(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV}) = 3.2 \times 10^{16} \text{ J}$ $K = \frac{1}{2} \text{ mv}^2 \text{ gives } \text{v} = 2.7 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}$
- b. $E = \Delta V/d = (250 \text{ V})/(0.02 \text{ m}) = 1.25 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}$



Path curves parabolically toward the upper plate in region I and moves in a straight line in region II.

1987B2

- a. $V = kQ/r = 9 \times 10^4 V$
- b. $W = q\Delta V$ (where V at infinity is zero) = 0.09 J
- c. $F = kqQ/r^2 = 0.3 N$
- d. Between the two charges, the fields from each charge point in opposite directions, making the resultant field the difference between the magnitudes of the individual fields. $E = kQ/r^2$ gives $E_I = 1.2 \times 10^6$ N/C to the right and $E_{II} = 0.4 \times 10^6$ N/C to the left The resultant field is therefore $E = E_I - E_{II} = 8 \times 10^5$ N/C to the right
- e. From conservation of momentum $m_I v_I = m_{II} v_{II}$ and since the masses are equal we have $v_I = v_{II}$. Conservation of energy gives $U = K = 2(\frac{1}{2} \text{ mv}^2) = 0.09 \text{ J}$ giving v = 6 m/s

1989B2

- a. $E = kQ/r^2$ and since the field is zero $E_1 + E_2 = 0$ giving $k(Q_1/r_1^2 + Q_2/r_2^2) = 0$ This gives the magnitude of $Q_2 = Q_1(r_2^2/r_1^2) = 2\mu C$ and since the fields must point inopposite directions from each charge at point P, Q_2 must be negative.
- b. $F = kQ_1Q_2/r^2 = 3.6$ N to the right (they attract)
- c. $U = kQ_1Q_2/r = -0.72 J$
- d. between the charges we have a distance from Q_1 of x and from Q_2 of (0.2 m x) $V = kQ_1.x + kQ_2/(0.2 \text{ m} - \text{x}) = 0$, solving for x gives x = 0.16 m
- e. $W = q\Delta V$ where $\Delta V = V_{\infty} V_R = 0$ so W = 0



Since the charge is negative, the force acts opposite the direction of the net E field. d. $W = q\Delta V = 0.036 \text{ J}$

<u>1996B6</u>

- a. $\Sigma F = 0$ gives qE = mg and $q = mg/E = 3.27 \times 10^{-19}$ C
- b. The drop must have a net negative charge. The electric force on a negative charge acts opposite the direction of the electric field.
- c. V = Ed = 100 V
- d. The drop moves upward. The reduced mass decreases the downward force of gravity on the drop while if the charge remains the same, the upward electric force is unchanged.

2002B5B

- a. Electric field lines point away from positive charges and toward negative charges. The plate on the left is negative and the plate on the right is positive.
- b. V = Ed = 100 V
- c. $C=\epsilon_0 A/d=1.3\times 10^{-10}\ F$
- d. $F = qE = 8 \times 10^{-16}$ N to the right (opposite the direction of the electric field)
- e. The potential difference between the center and one of the plates is 50 V.

 $W = qV = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ gives $v = 4.2 \times 10^6$ m/s



T sin θ = F_E and T cos θ = mg. Dividing gives tan θ = F/mg and θ = 18°. From the diagram sin θ = x/(0.30 m) giving x = 0.09 m

d. i. $a_x = F/m = 3.2 \text{ m/s}^2$; $a_y = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ $a = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2} = 10.3 \text{ m/s}^2$; $\tan \theta = (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)/(3.2 \text{ m/s}^2) = 72^\circ$ below the x axis (or 18° to the right of the y axis, the same as the angle of the string) ii. The ball moves in a straight line down and to the right

1999B2

- $W = qV = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ gives $V = mv^2/2q = 1.0 \times 10^4 V$ a.
- b.
- Electrons travel toward higher potential making the upper plate at the higher potential. i. $x = v_x t$ gives $t = 6.7 \times 10^{-10} s$ c. ii. F = ma = qE and E = V/d gives a = qV/md and $y = \frac{1}{2} at^2$ ($v_{0y} = 0$) gives $y = qVt^2/2md = 6.5 \times 10^{-4} m$ F_g is on the order of 10^{-30} N (mg) and F_E = qE = qV/d is around 10^{-14} N so F_E \gg F_g
- d.
- Since there is no more electric force, the path is a straight line. e.

2001B3

- $V = \Sigma kQ/r = k(-Q/r + -Q/r + Q/r + Q/r) = 0$ a. i.
 - The fields from the charges on opposing corners cancels which gives E = 0ii.

i. $V = \Sigma kQ/r = k(-Q/r + -Q/r + Q/r + Q/r) = 0$ b. ii. The field from each individual charge points along a diagonal, with an x-component to the right. The vertical components cancel in pairs, and the x-components are equal in magnitude. Each x component being E = kQ/r² cos 45° and the distance from a corner to the center of r² = s²/2 gives $k \sqrt{2}$ 2

$$E = 4E_x = 4\frac{\pi Q}{s^2/2} = 4\sqrt{2kQ/s^2}$$

Arrangement 1. The force of attraction on the upper right charge is greater in arrangement 1 because the two c. closest charges are both positive, whereas in arrangement 2 one is positive and one is negative.

2003B4B

i. a.





- b. F = ma = qE gives a = qE/m
- The acceleration is downward and at the top of the path, $v_y = v_{0y} at = 0$ and $v_{0y} = v \sin \theta$ which gives c. $t_{top} = v \sin \theta / a \text{ or } t_{total} = 2t_{top} = 2v \sin \theta / a \text{ and substituting a from part b gives } t = (2mv \sin \theta) / qE$
- $d = x_x t$ where $v_x = v \cos \theta$ giving $d = (2mv^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta)/qE$ d.
- The distance would be less because gravity, acting downward, will increase the electron's downward e. acceleration, decreasing the time spent in the field.

2005B3

- $E = kq/r^2$ and the field from each charge points in opposite directions, with the larger field contribution pointing a. upward. $E_0 = k(2q)/a^2 - kq/a^2 = kq/a^2$ upward (+y)
- $V_{\rm O} = \Sigma kq/r = k(2q)/a + kq/a = 3kq/a$ b.



2005B3B

The distance between the charges is $r = \sqrt{a^2 + (2a)^2} = \sqrt{5}a$ The y components of the forces due to the two – a. 2Q charges cancel so the magnitude of the net force equals the sum of the x components, where $F_x = F \cos \theta$ and $\cos \theta = 2a/r = 2/\sqrt{5}$

Putting this all together gives $F_x = 2 \times (kQ(2Q)/r^2) \cos \theta = 8kQ^2/5\sqrt{5}a^2$ to the right (+x)

- The contribution to the field from the -2Q charges cancel. This gives $E = kQ/(2a)^2 = kQ/4a^2$ to the right (+x) b. $V = \Sigma kQ/r = k(-2Q)/a + k(-2Q)/a + k(-Q)/2a = -9kQ/2a$ c.
- At the origin the force is zero (they cancel). As the charge moves away from the origin, the force first increases d. as the x components grow, then decrease as the distance grows larger.



2006B3

- Positive. The electric field due to q_1 points to the right since q_1 is negative. For the electric field to be zero at a. point P, the field form q_2 must point to the left, away from q_2 making q_2 positive.
- b. $\mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2 = 0$ so setting the fields from each charge equal in magnitude gives $kq_1/d_1^2 = kq_2/d_2^2$, or $q_2 = q_1(d_2^2/d_1^2) = 4.8 \times 10^{-8}$ C c. $F = kq_1q_2/r^2 = 1.4 \times 10^{-5}$ N to the left

- d. $V_1 + V_2 = 0 = kq_1/r_1 + kq_2/r_2$ and let $r_2 = d$ and $r_1 = (0.3 \text{ m} d)$ solving yields d = 0.28 m to the left of q_2 which is at x = 0.20 m - 0.28 m = -0.08 m
- $W = q\Delta V$ and since $\Delta V = 0$, W = 0e.



- b. The x components of the forces cancel so the net force is the sum of the y components, which are equal in magnitude and direction. $F_{net} = 2 \times F \cos \theta$ where θ is the angle between the y axis and the dashed line in the diagram above. $\cos \theta = d/r = d/\sqrt{x^2 + d^2}$
- This gives $F_{net} = 2 \times kqQ/r^2 \times \cos \theta = 2kqQd/(x^2 + d^2)^{3/2}$ E = F/q at the point where q₁ lies. E = 2kQd/(x² + d²)^{3/2}
- c.
- Since the charges Q and –Q are equidistant from the point and $V = \sum kQ/r$, the potential V = 0d.
- As x gets large, the distance to the charges r and the value of x become similar, that is $\sqrt{x^2 + d^2} \approx x$. e. Substituting this into the answer to b. yields $F = 2kqQd/x^3$

2009B2B

The x components of the forces due to the charges q_B cancel making the net force equal to the sum of the y a. components which are equal in magnitude and both point downward. The distance between q_A and either q_B is found by the Pythagorean theorem to be 0.05 m. $F_v = F \sin \theta$ where θ is the angle between the line joining q_A and q_B and the x axis, giving $\sin \theta = 3/5$.

This gives $F_{net} = 2 \times F_y = 2 (kq_Aq_B/r^2) \times \sin \theta = 2.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N down (-y)}$

Particle A will accelerate downward, but as the particle approaches the origin, the force and the acceleration b. will decrease to zero at the origin. It will then pass through the origin, with a net force now pointing upward, where it will eventually slow down and reverse direction, repeating the process. The short answer is the particle will oscillate vertically about the origin.







d.
$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$
; T cos $\theta = mg$
 $\Sigma F_x = 0$; T sin $\theta = F_E = kQ^2/(2L \sin \theta)^2$

<u>1974E2</u>

c.

- a. E = V/d = V/b
- b. $C = \epsilon_0 A/d = \epsilon_0 A/b; Q = CV = \epsilon_0 AV/b$
- c. This arrangement acts as two capacitors in series, which each have a potential difference $\frac{1}{2}$ V. Using E = V/d where $d = \frac{1}{2}(b a)$ for each of the spaces above and below. This gives $E = V/d = (\frac{1}{2} V)/\frac{1}{2}(b a) = V/(b a)$
- d. With the copper inserted, we have two capacitors in series, each with a spacing $\frac{1}{2}(b a)$. The capacitance of each is then $\varepsilon_0 A/(\frac{1}{2}(b a))$ and in series, two equal capacitors have an equivalent capacitance of $\frac{1}{2} C$ makinf the total capacitance with the copper inserted $\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0 A/(\frac{1}{2}(b a)) = \varepsilon_0 A/(b a)$ making the ratio b/(b a). Notice the final capacitance is effectively a new single capacitor with an air gap of (b a). Imagine sliding the copper slab up to touch the top plate, this is the same result. This is why adding capacitors in series decreases the capacitance as if the gap between the plates was increased.

<u>1975E1</u>

- a. To find V along the x axis we use $V = \sum kq/r$ where $r = \sqrt{l^2 + x^2}$ giving $V = 2kq/\sqrt{l^2 + x^2}$ and $U_E = qV$ so as a function of x we have $U_E = 2kq^2/\sqrt{l^2 + x^2}$
- b. Along the x axis, the y components of the forces cancel and the net force is then the sum of the x components of the forces. Since x = 1 in this case, the forces make an angle of 45° to the x axis and we have $F = 2 \times F_x = 2 \times F \times \cos 45^\circ = 2 \times kq^2/(\sqrt{l^2 + l^2})^2 \times \cos 45^\circ = kq^2/\sqrt{2}l^2$
- c. At the origin, the potential is V = kq/l + kq/l = 2kq/l and with $V_{\infty} = 0$ we have $W = -q\Delta V = -2kq^2/l$

<u>1982E1</u>

- a. $V = \sum kq/r = -kq/x + 2kq/\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} = 0$ which gives $1/x = 2/\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$ cross multiplying and squaring gives $4x^2 = a^2 + x^2$ yielding $x = \pm a/\sqrt{3}$
- b. $E = kq/r^2$ and by symmetry, the y components cancel. The x components of the electric field from the positive charges points to the right and has magnitude $(kq/r^2) \cos \theta$ where $\cos \theta = x/r = x/\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}$ and the x component of the electric field from the -q charge points to the left with magnitude kq/x^2 making the net field $E = 2kqx/(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2} kq/x^2$



The field lines point perpendicular to the equipotential lines from high to low potential.

- b. The magnitude of the field is greatest at point T because the equipotential lines are closest together, meaning ΔV has the largest gradient, which is related to the strength of the electric field.
- c. $E = \Delta V/d = (10 \text{ V})/(0.02 \text{ m}) = 500 \text{ V/m}$
- d. $V_M V_S = 40 V 5 V = 35 V$
- e. $W = -q\Delta V$ and $\Delta V = -10$ V which gives $W = 5 \times 10^{-11}$ J
- f. The work done is independent of the path so the answer would be the same.

1991E1

- a. $E = kQ/a^2$ for each charge, but each vector points in the opposite direction so E = 0
- b. V = kQ/a + kQ/a = 2kQ/a
- c. the distance to point P from either charge is $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ and the magnitude of E is $kQ/r^2 = kQ/(a^2 + b^2)$ The x components cancel so we have only the y components which are E sin θ where sin $\theta = b/\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ and adding the 2 y components from the two charges gives Enet = $2kQb/(a^2 + b^2)^{3/2}$
- d. The particle will be pushed back toward the origin and oscillate left and right about the origin.

e. The particle will accelerate away from the origin.

The potential of at the center is 2kQ/a and far away $V_{\infty} = 0$. To find the speed when far away we use $W = q\Delta V$

= K =
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 mv² which gives $v = 2\sqrt{\frac{kQQ}{ma}}$

f. The particle will be pulled back toward the origin and oscillate up and down around the origin.



b.

The x components cancel due to the symmetry about the y axis. $V = \Sigma kQ/r = kQ_A/r_A + kQ_B/r_B + kQ_C/r_C$ where the terms for B and C are equal so we have $V = kQ_A/r_A + 2Q/r_B$ c.

and using the proper geometry for the distances gives $V = k \left[\frac{Q}{\frac{\sqrt{3}l}{2} - y} + \frac{2Q}{\sqrt{\frac{l^2}{4} + y^2}} \right]$

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- E is the vector sum of kQ/r^2 . Let fields directed upward be positive and fields directed downward be negative. a. This gives $E = k[-30 C/(3000 m)^2 + 30 C/(2000 m)^2 + 30 C/(2000 m)^2 - 30 C/(3000 m)^2] = 75,000 N/C upward$
- b. i.



- ii. Because it is a larger distance from the charges, the magnitude is less.
- By symmetry, the potentials cancel and V = 0i.
- By symmetry, the potentials cancel and V = 0ii.
- $V = \Sigma kQ/r = k[30 C/(2000 m) 30 C/(1000 m) + 30 C/(3000 m) 30 C/(4000 m)] = -1.12 \times 10^8 V$ d.
- $U = kq_1q_2/r$ for *each pair* of charges e. $= k[(30)(-30)/1000 + (30)(30)/5000 + (30)(-30)/6000 + -30(30)/4000 + -30(-30)/5000 + 30(-30)/1000] = -1.6 \times 10^{10} \text{ J}$

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c.

- The magnitude of the field is greatest at point C because this is where the field lines are closest together. i. a. The potential is greatest at point A. Electric field lines point from high to low potential. ii.
- The electron moves to the left, against the field lines. As the field gets weaker the electron's acceleration to i. b. the left decreases in magnitude, all the while gaining speed to the left. ii. W = $q\Delta V = \frac{1}{2} \text{ mv}^2$ gives v = $1.9 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$

If we assume the field is nearly uniform between B and C we can use $E = \Delta V/d$ where the distance between B c. and C d = 0.01 m giving E = 20 V/0.01 m = 2000 V/m





b. i. The fields at point *P* due to the upper left and lower right negative charges are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction so they sum to zero. The fields at point *P* due to the other two charges are equal in magnitude and in the same direction so they add. Using $r^2 = a^2/2$ we have $E = 2 \times kQ/r^2 = 4kQ/a^2$

ii. $V = \Sigma kQ/r = k(-Q - Q - Q + Q)/r = -2kQ/r$ with $r = a/\sqrt{2}$ giving $V = -2\sqrt{2}kQ/a$

- c. Negative. The field is directed generally from R to P and the charge moves in the opposite direction. Thus, the field does negative work on the charge.
- d. i. Replace the top right negative charge with a positive charge OR replace the bottom left positive charge with a negative charge. The vector fields/forces all cancel from oppositely located same charge pairs.
 ii. Replace the top left negative charge with a positive charge OR replace the bottom right negative charge with a positive charge. The scalar potentials all cancel from equidistant located opposite charge pairs. The field vectors in these cases will not cancel.

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a.
$$W = qV_0 = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$
 giving $v = \sqrt{\frac{2eV_0}{m}}$

b. i. The time to travel horizontally a distance y_0 is found from v = d/t giving $t = d/v = y_0 / \sqrt{\frac{2eV_0}{m}}$

The downward acceleration of the electron is found from $F = qE = ma giving a = eE/m and using y = \frac{1}{2} at^2$ and substituting the values found earlier we have $y = y_0 = \frac{1}{2} (eE/m)(y_0^2)/(2eV_0/m)$ which yields $E = 4V_0/y_0$ ii. For the electron to accelerate downward requires the electric field to point upward, toward the top of the page since negative charges experience forces opposite electric field lines.

c. $\Delta V = ED = (4D/y_0)V_0$

Chapter 11

Circuits



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1. Which two arrangements of resistors shown above have the same resistance between the terminals? (A) I and II (B) I and IV (C) II and III (D) II and IV (E) III and IV



2. In the circuit shown above, what is the value of the potential difference between points X and Y if the 6-volt battery has no internal resistance?

 $(A) \ 1 \ V \qquad (B) \ 2 \ V \qquad (C) \ 3 \ V \qquad (D) \ 4 \ V \qquad (E) \ 6 V$



- 3. A lamp, a voltmeter V, an ammeter A, and a battery with zero internal resistance are connected as shown above. Connecting another lamp in parallel with the first lamp as shown by the dashed lines would
 - (A) increase the ammeter reading (B) decrease the ammeter reading
 - (C) increase the voltmeter reading (D) decrease the voltmeter reading
 - (E) produce no change in either meter reading
- 4. The five resistors shown below have the lengths and cross-sectional areas indicated and are made of material with the same resistivity. Which has the greatest resistance?





Two capacitors are connected in parallel as shown above. A voltage V is applied to the pair. What is the ratio of charge stored on C₁ to the charge stored on C₂, when C₁ = 1.5C₂?
 (A) 4/9 (B) 2/3 (C) 1 (D) 3/2 (E) 9/4

Questions 6-7

The five incomplete circuits below are composed of resistors R, all of equal resistance, and capacitors C, all of equal capacitance. A battery that can be used to complete any of the circuits is available.



- 6. Into which circuit should the battery be connected to obtain the greatest steady power dissipation? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 7. Which circuit will retain stored energy if the battery is connected to it and then disconnected? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E



- 8. The circuit shown above left is made up of a variable resistor and a battery with negligible internal resistance. A graph of the power P dissipated in the resistor as a function of the current I supplied by the battery is given above right. What is the emf of the battery?
 (A) 0.025 V (B) 0.67 V (C) 2.5 V (D) 6.25 V (E) 40 V
- 9. An immersion heater of resistance R converts electrical energy into thermal energy that is transferred to the liquid in which the heater is immersed. If the current in the heater is I, the thermal energy transferred to the liquid in time t is

 (A) IRt
 (B) I²Rt
 (C) IR²t
 (D) IRt²
 (E) IR/t



- 10. The total equivalent resistance between points X and Y in the circuit shown above is (A) 3 Ω (B) 4 Ω (C) 5 Ω (D) 6 Ω (E) 7 Ω
- 11. The five resistors shown below have the lengths and cross-sectional areas indicated and are made of material with the same resistivity. Which resistor has the least resistance?



- 12. In the circuit shown above, the value of r for which the current I is 0.5 ampere is (A) 0 Ω (B) 1 Ω (C) 5 Ω (D) 10 Ω (E) 20 Ω
- 13. Which of the following will cause the electrical resistance of certain materials known as superconductors to suddenly decrease to essentially zero?
 - (A) Increasing the voltage applied to the material beyond a certain threshold voltage
 - (B) Increasing the pressure applied to the material beyond a certain threshold pressure
 - (C) Cooling the material below a certain threshold temperature
 - (D) Stretching the material to a wire of sufficiently small diameter
 - (E) Placing the material in a sufficiently large magnetic field
- 14. Kirchhoff's loop rule for circuit analysis is an expression of which of the following? (A) Conservation of charge (B) Conservation of energy (C) Ampere's law
 - (D) Faraday's law (E) Ohm's law



- 15. The equivalent capacitance for this network is most nearly (A) 10/7 μ F (B) 3/2 μ F (C) 7/3 μ F (D) 7 μ F (E) 14 μ F
- 16. The charge stored in the 5-microfarad capacitor is most nearly (A) 360 μ C (B) 500 μ C (C) 710 μ C (D) 1,100 μ C (E) 1,800 μ C

Questions 17 - 19



The above circuit diagram shows a battery with an internal resistance of 4.0 ohms connected to a 16–ohm and a 20–ohm resistor in series. The current in the 20–ohm resistor is 0.3 amperes

- 17. What is the emf of the battery? (A) 1.2 V (B) 6.0 V (C) 10.8 V (D) 12.0 V (E) 13.2 V
- 18. What is the potential difference across the terminals X and Y of the battery? (A) 1.2 V (B) 6.0 V (C) 10.8 V (D) 12.0 V (E) 13.2 V
- 19. What power is dissipated by the 4–ohm internal resistance of the battery? (A) 0.36 W (B) 1.2 W (C) 3.2 W (D) 3.6 W (E) 4.8 W



- 20. In the diagrams above, resistors R₁ and R₂ are shown in two different connections to the same source of emf ε that has no internal resistance. How does the power dissipated by the resistors in these two cases compare? (A) It is greater for the series connection.
 - (B) It is greater for the parallel connection.
 - (C) It is the same for both connections.
 - (D) It is different for each connection, but one must know the values of R_1 and R_2 to know which is greater.
 - (E) It is different for each connection, but one must know the value of ε to know which is greater.

21. The product (2 amperes × 2 volts × 2 seconds) is equal to
(A) 8 coulombs
(B) 8 newtons
(C) 8 joules
(D) 8 calories
(E) 8 newton-amperes

<u>Questions 22 - 23</u> refer to the following diagram that shows part of a closed electrical circuit.



- 22. The electrical resistance of the part of the circuit shown between point X and point Y is (A) $4/3 \Omega$ (B) 2Ω (C) 2.75Ω (D) 4Ω (E) 6Ω
- 23. When there is a steady current in the circuit, the amount of charge passing a point per unit of time is
 (A) the same everywhere in the circuit
 (B) greater in the 1 Ω resistor than in the 2 Ω resistor
 (C) greater in the 2 Ω resistor than in the 3 Ω resistor
- 24. A certain coffeepot draws 4.0 A of current when it is operated on 120 V household lines. If electrical energy costs 10 cents per kilowatt–hour, how much does it cost to operate the coffeepot for 2 hours?
 (A) 2.4 cents
 (B) 4.8 cents
 (C) 8.0 cents
 (D) 9.6 cents
 (E) 16 cents



*25.A battery having emf *E* and internal resistance r is connected to a load consisting of two parallel resistors each having resistance R. At what value of R will the power dissipated in the load be a maximum?
(A) 0 (B) r/2 (C) r (D) 2r (E) 4r



- 26. Two concentric circular loops of radii *b* and 2*b*, made of the same type of wire, lie in the plane of the page, as shown above. The total resistance of the wire loop of radius *b* is *R*. What is the resistance of the wire loop of radius 2*b*?
 - (A) R/4 (B) R/2 (C) R (D) 2R (E) 4R
- 27. The total capacitance of several capacitors in parallel is the sum of the individual capacitances for which of the following reasons?

(A) The charge on each capacitor depends on its capacitance, but the potential difference across each is the same.

(B) The charge is the same on each capacitor, but the potential difference across each capacitor depends on its capacitance.

- (C) Equivalent capacitance is always greater than the largest capacitance.
- (D) Capacitors in a circuit always combine like resistors in series.
- (E) The parallel combination increases the effective separation of the plates.

- 28. A wire of length L and radius r has a resistance R. What is the resistance of a second wire made from the same material that has a length L/2 and a radius r/2?
 (A) 4R
 (B) 2R
 (C) R
 (D) R/2
 (E) R/4
- 29. The operating efficiency of a 0.5 A, 120 V electric motor that lifts a 9 kg mass against gravity at an average velocity of 0.5 m/s is most nearly
 - (A) 7% (B) 13% (C) 25% (D) 53% (E) 75%

Questions 30 - 31



- 30. What is the current I_1 ?
(A) 0.8 mA(B) 1.0 mA(C) 2.0 mA(D) 3.0 mA(E) 6.0 mA
- 31. How do the currents I_1 , I_2 , and I_3 compare? (A) $I_1 > I_2 > I_3$ (B) $I_1 > I_3 > I_2$ (C) $I_2 > I_1 > I_3$ (D) $I_3 > I_1 > I_2$ (E) $I_3 > I_2 > I_1$
- 32. When lighted, a 100-watt light bulb operating on a 110-volt household circuit has a resistance closest to (A) $10^{-2} \Omega$ (B) $10^{-1} \Omega$ (C) 1Ω (D) 10Ω (E) 100Ω



33. In the circuit shown above, what is the resistance R? (A) 3 Ω (B) 4 Ω (C) 6 Ω (D) 12 Ω (E) 18 Ω



34. In the circuit shown above, the current in each battery is 0.04 ampere. What is the potential difference between the points x and y?
(A) 8 V
(B) 2 V
(C) 6 V
(D) 0 V
(E) 4 V



35. A 12–volt storage battery, with an internal resistance of 2Ω , is being charged by a current of 2 amperes as shown in the diagram above. Under these circumstances, a voltmeter connected across the terminals of the battery will read

(A) 4 V (B) 8 V (C) 10 V (D) 12 V (E) 16 V

Questions 36 - 38



The batteries in each of the circuits shown above are identical and the wires have negligible resistance.

- 36. In which circuit is the current furnished by the battery the <u>greatest</u>? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 37. In which circuit is the equivalent resistance connected to the battery the <u>greatest</u>? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 38. Which circuit dissipates the <u>least</u> power? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 39. When two identical parallel-plate capacitors are connected in series, which of the following is true of the equivalent capacitance?
 - (A) It depends on the charge on each capacitor.
 - (B) It depends on the potential difference across both capacitors.
 - (C) It is larger than the capacitance of each capacitor.
 - (D) It is smaller than the capacitance of each capacitor.
 - (E) It is the same as the capacitance of each capacitor.
- 40. The emf of a battery is 12 volts. When the battery delivers a current of 0.5 ampere to a load, the potential difference between the terminals of the battery is 10 volts. The internal resistance of the battery is
 (A) 1 Ω
 (B) 2 Ω
 (C) 4 Ω
 (D) 20 Ω
 (E) 24 Ω



41. In the circuit shown above, the emf's of the batteries are given, as well as the currents in the outside branches and the resistance in the middle branch. What is the magnitude of the potential difference between X and Y?
(A) 4 V
(B) 8 V
(C) 10 V
(D) 12 V
(E) 16 V

Questions 42-44



Assume the capacitor C is initially uncharged. The following graphs may represent different quantities related to the circuit as functions of time t after the switch S is closed



- 42. Which graph best represents the voltage versus time across the resistor R? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 43. Which graph best represents the current versus time in the circuit? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 44. Which graph best represents the voltage across the capacitor versus time? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E

Questions 45 - 46

Three 6-microfarad capacitors are connected in series with a 6-volt battery.

- 45. The equivalent capacitance of the set of capacitors is (A) 0.5 μ F (B) 2 μ F (C) 3 μ F (D) 9 μ F (E) 18 μ F
- 46. The energy stored in each capacitor is
 (A) 4 μJ
 (B) 6 μJ
 (C) 12 μJ
 (D) 18 μJ
 (E) 36 μJ
- 47. The power dissipated in a wire carrying a constant electric current I may be written as a function of the length *l* of the wire, the diameter d of the wire, and the resistivity ρ of the material in the wire. In this expression, the power dissipated is directly proportional to which of the following?
 (A) *l* only
 (B) d only
 (C) *l* and ρ only
 (D) d and ρ only
 (E) *l*, d, and ρ
- 48. A wire of resistance *R* dissipates power *P* when a current *I* passes through it. The wire is replaced by another wire with resistance *3R*. The power dissipated by the new wire when the same current passes through it is (A) P/9 (B) P/3 (C) P (D) 3P (E) 6P



- 49. Two resistors of the same length, both made of the same material, are connected in a series to a battery as shown above. Resistor II has a greater cross. sectional area than resistor I. Which of the following quantities has the same value for each resistor?
 - (A) Potential difference between the two ends
 - (B) Electric field strength within the resistor
 - (C) Resistance
 - (D) Current per unit area
 - (E) Current

Questions 50 - 51

Below is a system of six 2-microfarad capacitors.



- 50. The equivalent capacitance of the system of capacitors is (A) $2/3\mu F$ (B) $4/3\mu F$ (C) $3\mu F$ (D) $6\mu F$ (E) $12\mu F$
- 51. What potential difference must be applied between points X and Y so that the charge on each plate of each capacitor will have magnitude 6 microcoulombs?

(A) 1.5 V (B) 3V (C) 6 V (D) 9 V (E) 18 V

Questions 52 - 54



In the circuit above, the emf's and the resistances have the values shown. The current I in the circuit is 2 amperes.

- 52. The resistance R is (A) 1Ω (B) 2Ω (C) 3Ω (D) 4Ω (E) 6Ω
- 53. The potential difference between points X and Y is (A) 1.2 V (B) 6.0 V (C) 8.4 V (D) 10.8 V (E) 12.2 V
- 54. How much energy is dissipated by the 1.5–ohm resistor in 60 seconds? (A) 6 J (B) 180 J (C) 360 J (D) 720 J (E) 1,440 J

Questions 55 - 56



In the circuit shown above, the battery supplies a constant voltage V when the switch S is closed. The value of the capacitance is C, and the value of the resistances are R_1 and R_2 .

- 55. Immediately after the switch is closed, the current supplied by the battery is (A) $V/(R_1 + R_2)$ (B) V/R_1 (C) V/R_2 (D) $V(R_1 + R_2)/R_1R_2$ (E) zero
- 56. A long time after the switch has been closed, the current supplied by the battery is (A) $V/(R_1 + R_2)$ (B) V/R_1 (C) V/R_2 (D) $V(R_1 + R_2)/R_1R_2$ (E) zero



- 57. A 30-ohm resistor and a 60-ohm resistor are connected as shown above to a battery of emf 20 volts and internal resistance *r*. The current in the circuit is 0.8 ampere. What is the value of *r*?
 (A) 0.22 Ω (B) 4.5 Ω (C) 5 Ω (D) 16Ω (E) 70 Ω
- 58. A variable resistor is connected across a constant voltage source. Which of the following graphs represents the power P dissipated by the resistor as a function of its resistance R?







- 59. If the ammeter in the circuit above reads zero, what is the resistance R ? (A) 1.5Ω (B) 2Ω (C) 4Ω (D) 5Ω (E) 6Ω
- 60. A resistor R and a capacitor C are connected in series to a battery of terminal voltage V₀. Which of the following equations relating the current I in the circuit and the charge Q on the capacitor describes this circuit? (A) $V_0 + QC - I^2R = 0$ (B) $V_0 - Q/C - IR = 0$ (C) $V_0^2 - Q^2/2C - I^2R = 0$ (D) $V_0 - CI - I^2R = 0$ (E) Q/C - IR = 0
- 61 Which of the following combinations of 4Ω resistors would dissipate 24 W when connected to a 12 Volt battery?



62. A narrow beam of protons produces a current of 1.6×10^{-3} A. There are 10^{9} protons in each meter along the beam. Of the following, which is the best estimate of the average speed of the protons in the beam? (A) 10^{-15} m/s (B) 10^{-12} m/s (C) 10^{-7} m/s (D) 10^{7} m/s (E) 10^{12} m/s

Questions 63 - 64



Three identical capacitors, each of capacitance $3.0 \ \mu\text{F}$, are connected in a circuit with a 12 V battery as shown above.

- 63. The equivalent capacitance between points X and Z is (A) 1.0 μ F (B) 2.0 μ F (C) 4.5 μ F (D) 6.0 μ F (E) 9.0 μ F
- 64. The potential difference between points Y and Z is (A) zero (B) 3 V (C) 4 V (D) 8 V (E) 9 V



- 65. The circuit in the figure above contains two identical lightbulbs in series with a battery. At first both bulbs glow with equal brightness. When switch S is closed, which of the following occurs to the bulbs?
 - Bulb I
 - (A) Goes out(B) Gets brighter

(C) Gets brighter

(E) Nothing

(D) Gets slightly dimmer

Bulb 2 Gets brighter Goes out Gets slightly dimmer Gets brighter Goes out



66. Three $1/2 \mu F$ capacitors are connected in series as shown in the diagram above. The capacitance of the combination is

(A) 0.1 μ F (B) 1 μ F (C) 2/3 μ F (D) ½ μ F (E) 1/6 μ F

67. A hair dryer is rated as 1200 W, 120 V. Its effective internal resistance is (A) 0.1 Ω (B) 10 Ω (C) 12 Ω (D) 120 Ω (E) 1440 Ω



- 68. When the switch S is open in the circuit shown above, the reading on the ammeter A is 2.0 A. When the switch is closed, the reading on the ammeter is
 - (A) doubled
 - (B) increased slightly but not doubled
 - (C) the same
 - (D) decreased slightly but not halved
 - (E) halved
- 69. Two conducting cylindrical wires are made out of the same material. Wire X has twice the length and twice the diameter of wire Y. What is the ratio R_x/R_y of their resistances?
 (A) 1/4 (B) ¹/₂ (C) 1 (D) 2 (E) 4
- 70. You are given three 1.0 Ω resistors. Which of the following equivalent resistances *CANNOT* be produced using all three resistors?
 (A) 1/3 Ω (B) 2/3 Ω (C) 1.0 Ω (D) 1.5 Ω (E) 3.0 Ω



- 71. The figures above show parts of two circuits, each containing a battery of emf ε and internal resistance *r*. The current in each battery is 1 A, but the direction of the current in one battery is opposite to that in the other. If the potential differences across the batteries' terminals are 10 V and 20 V as shown, what are the values of ε and *r*? (A) *E* = 5 V, r = 15 Ω
 (B) *E* =10 V, r = 100 Ω
 (C) *E* = 15 V, r = 5 Ω
 (D) *E* = 20 V, r = 10 Ω
 - (E) The values cannot be computed unless the complete circuits are shown.



72. In the circuit shown above, the equivalent resistance of the three resistors is (A) 10.5 Ω (B) 15 Ω (C) 20 Ω (D) 50 Ω (E) 115 Ω



73. What is the current through the 6.0 Ω resistor shown in the accompanying circuit diagram? Assume all batteries have negligible resistance.

(A) 0 (B) 0.40 A (C) 0.50 A (D) 1.3 A (E) 1.5 A

Questions 74 - 77



Four identical light bulbs K, L, M, and N are connected in the electrical circuit shown above.

74. Rank the current through the bulbs.

 $\begin{array}{l} (A) \; K > L > M > N \\ (B) \; L = M > K = N \\ (C) \; L > M > K > N \\ (D) \; N > K > L = M \\ (E) \; N > L = M > K \end{array}$

- 75. In order of decreasing brightness (starting with the brightest), the bulbs are:

 - (C) K > L = M > N(D) N > K > L = M
 - (D) N > K > L = M(E) N > K = L = M
- 76. Bulb K burns out. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (A) All the light bulbs go out.
 - (B) Only bulb N goes out.
 - (C) Bulb N becomes brighter.
 - (D) The brightness of bulb N remains the same.
 - (E) Bulb N becomes dimmer but does not go out.
- 77. Bulb M burns out. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (A) All the light bulbs go out.
 - (B) Only bulb M goes out.
 - (C) Bulb N goes out but at least one other bulb remains lit.
 - (D) The brightness of bulb N remains the same.
 - (E) Bulb N becomes dimmer but does not go out.



78. The voltmeter in the accompanying circuit diagram has internal resistance 10.0 kΩ and the ammeter has internal resistance 25.0 Ω. The ammeter reading is 1.00 mA. The voltmeter reading is most nearly:
(A) 1.0 V (B) 2.0 V (C) 3.0 V (D) 4.0 V (E) 5.0 V
- 79. When two resistors, having resistance R_1 and R_2 , are connected in parallel, the equivalent resistance of the combination is 5 Ω . Which of the following statements about the resistances is correct?
 - (A) Both R_1 and R_2 are greater than 5 Ω .
 - (B) Both R_1 and R_2 are equal to 5 Ω .
 - (C) Both R_1 and R_2 are less than 5 Ω .
 - (D) The sum of R_1 and R_2 is 5 Ω .
 - (E) One of the resistances is greater than 5 Ω , one of the resistances is less than 5 Ω .



80. See the accompanying figure. What is the current through the 300 Ω resistor when the capacitor is fully charged?

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(A) zero (B) 0.020 A (C) 0.025 A (D) 0.033 A (E) 0.100 A
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- 81. Three resistors R₁, R₂, and R₃ are connected in series to a battery. Suppose R₁ carries a current of 2.0 A, R₂ has a resistance of 3.0 Ω, and R₃ dissipates 6.0 W of power. What is the voltage across R₃?
 (A) 1.0 V (B) 2.0 V (C) 3.0 V (D) 6.0 V (E) 12 V
- 82. When a single resistor is connected to a battery, a total power P is dissipated in the circuit. How much total power is dissipated in a circuit if n identical resistors are connected in series using the same battery? Assume the internal resistance of the battery is zero.
 (A) n²P
 (B) nP
 (C) P
 (D) P/n
 (E) P/n²



83. Consider the compound circuit shown above. The three bulbs 1, 2, and 3 – represented as resistors in the diagram – are identical. Which of the following statements are true?

I. Bulb 3 is brighter than bulb 1 or 2.

II. Bulb 3 has more current passing through it than bulb 1 or 2.

III. Bulb 3 has a greater voltage drop across it than bulb 1 or 2.

- (A) I only (B) II only (C) I & II only (D) I & III only (E) I, II, & III
- 84. When any four resistors are connected in parallel, the ______ each resistor is the same. (A) charge on (B) current through (C) power from (D) resistance of (E) voltage across
- 85. Wire I and wire II are made of the same material. Wire II has twice the diameter and twice the length of wire I. If wire I has resistance *R*, wire II has resistance
 (A) *R*/8 (B) *R*/4 (C) *R*/2 (D) *R* (E) 2*R*
- 86. A heating coil is rated 1200 watts and 120 volts. What is the maximum value of the current under these conditions?(A) 10.0 A (B) 12.0 A (C) 14.1 A (D) 0.100 A (E) 0.141 A



87. In the accompanying circuit diagram, the current through the 6.0– Ω resistor is 1.0 A. What is the power supply voltage *V*?

 $(A) \ 10 \ V \qquad (B) \ 18 \ V \qquad (C) \ 24 \ V \qquad (D) \ 30 \ V \qquad (E) \ 42 \ V$



- 88. In the circuit diagrammed above, the 3.00-μF capacitor is fully charged at 18.0 μC. What is the value of the power supply voltage V?
 (A) 4.40 V
 (B) 6.00 V
 (C) 8.00 V
 (D) 10.4 V
 (E) 11.0 V
- 89. What is the resistance of a 60 watt light bulb designed to operate at 120 volts? (A) 0.5 Ω (B) 2 Ω (C) 60 Ω (D) 240 Ω (E) 7200 Ω



90. Given the simple electrical circuit above, if the current in all three resistors is equal, which of the following statements must be true?

(A) X, Y, and Z all have equal resistance

- (B) X and Y have equal resistance
- (C) X and Y added together have the same resistance as Z
- (D) X and Y each have more resistance than Z
- (D) none of the above must be true
- 91. Wire Y is made of the same material but has twice the diameter and half the length of wire X. If wire X has a resistance of *R* then wire Y would have a resistance of
 (A) *R*/8 (B) *R*/2 (C) *R* (D) 2*R* (E) 8*R*



- 92. The diagram above represents a simple electric circuit composed of 5 identical light bulbs and 2 flashlight cells. Which bulb (or bulbs) would you expect to be the brightest?
 - (A) V only
 - (B) V and W only
 - (C) V and Z only
 - (D) V, W and Z only
 - (E) all five bulbs are the same brightness
- 93. Three different resistors R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are connected in parallel to a battery. Suppose R_1 has 2 V across it, $R_2 = 4 \Omega$, and R_3 dissipates 6 W. What is the current in R_3 ? (A) 0.33 A (B) 0.5 A (C) 2 A (D) 3 A (E) 12 A



- 94. Which of the following statements is NOT true concerning the simple circuit shown where resistors R_1 , R_2 and R_3 all have equal resistances?
 - (A) the largest current will pass through R_1
 - (B) the voltage across R_2 is 5 volts
 - (C) the power dissipated in R_3 could be 10 watts
 - (D) if R_2 were to burn out, current would still flow through both R_1 and R_3
 - (E) the net resistance of the circuit is less than R_1



- 95. If all of the resistors in the above simple circuit have the same resistance, which would dissipate the greatest power?
 - (A) resistor A
 - (B) resistor B
 - (C) resistor C
 - (D) resistor D
 - (E) they would all dissipate the same power



96. The following diagram represents an electrical circuit containing two uniform resistance wires connected to a single flashlight cell. Both wires have the same length, but the thickness of wire X is twice that of wire Y. Which of the following would best represent the dependence of electric potential on position along the length of the two wires?



97. Each member of a family of six owns a computer rated at 500 watts in a 120 V circuit. If all computers are plugged into a single circuit protected by a 20 ampere fuse, what is the maximum number of the computers can be operating at the same time?

(A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4 (E) 5 or more



- 98. Three identical capacitors each with a capacitance of *C* are connected as shown in the following diagram. What would be the total equivalent capacitance of the circuit?
 (A) 0.33 C (B) 0.67 C (C) 1.0 C (D) 1.5 C (E) 3.0 C
- 99. An electric heater draws 13 amperes of current when connected to 120 volts. If the price of electricity is
\$0.10/kWh, what would be the approximate cost of running the heater for 8 hours?
(A) \$0.19(B) \$0.29(C) \$0.75(D) \$1.25(E) \$1.55

Questions 100 - 101

Five identical light bulbs, each with a resistance of 10 ohms, are connected in a simple electrical circuit with a switch and a 10 volt battery as shown in the diagram below.



- 101. Which bulb (or bulbs) could burn out without causing other bulbs in the circuit to also go out? (D) only bulbs C or D
 - (A) only bulb D
 - (B) only bulb E

(C) only bulbs A or E

(E) bulbs B, C, or D





An ideal battery, an ideal ammeter, a switch and three resistors are connected as shown. With the switch open as shown in the diagram the ammeter reads 2.0 amperes.

- 102. With the switch open, what would be the potential difference across the 15 ohm resistor? (A) 30 V (B) 40 V (C) 60 V (D) 70 V (E) 110V
- 103. With the switch open, what must be the voltage supplied by the battery? (B) 40 V (C) 60 V (D) 70 V (E) 110 V (A) 30 V
- 104. When the switch is closed, what would be the current in the circuit? (A) 1.1 A (B) 1.7 A (C) 2.0 A (D) 2.3 A (E) 3.0 A
- 105. How much current flows through a 4 ohm resistor that is dissipating 36 watts of power? (A) 2.25 amps (B) 3.0 amps (C) 4.24 amps (D) 9.0 amps (E) 144 amps



A 9-volt battery is connected to four resistors to form a simple circuit as shown above.

106. How would the current through the 2 ohm resistor compare to the current through the 4 ohm resistor?

- (A) one-forth as large (D) twice as large
- (B) one-half as large (E) equally as large
- (C) four times as large
- 107. What would be the potential at point B with respect to point C in the above circuit? (A) +7 V (B) +3 V (C) 0 V (D) -3 V (E) -7 V
- 108. A cylindrical resistor has length L and radius r. This piece of material is then drawn so that it is a cylinder with new length 2L. What happens to the resistance of this material because of this process?
 - (A) the resistance is quartered.
 - (B) the resistance is halved.
 - (C) the resistance is unchanged.
 - (D) the resistance is doubled.
 - (E) the resistance is quadrupled.



109.A circuit is connected as shown. All light bulbs are identical. When the switch in the circuit is closed illuminating bulb #4, which other bulb(s) also become brighter?

(A) Bulb #1 only(B) Bulb #2 only(C) Bulbs #2 and #3 only(D) Bulbs #1, #2, and #3(E) None of the bulbs.

110.A cylindrical graphite resistor has length L and cross-sectional area A. It is to be placed into a circuit, but it first must be cut in half so that the new length is ½ L. What is the ratio of the new resistivity to the old resistivity of the cylindrical resistor?

 $(A) 4 (B) 2 (C) 1 (D) \frac{1}{2} (E) \frac{1}{4}$

Questions 111 - 112

The diagram below shows five identical resistors connected in a combination series and parallel circuit to a voltage source.



- 111. Through which resistor(s) would there be the greatest current?(A) J only(B) M only(C) N only(D) J&N only(E) K&L only
- 112. Which resistor(s) have the greatest rate of energy dissipation?(A) J only(B) M only(C) N only(D) J&N only(E) K&L only



- 113. The circuit shown has an ideal ammeter with zero resistance and four identical resistance light bulbs which are initially illuminated. A person removes the bulb R_4 from its socket thereby permanently breaking the electrical circuit at that point. Which statement is true of the circuit after removing the bulb?
 - (A) The voltage from $B \rightarrow C$ increases.
 - (B) The power supplied by the battery increases
 - (C) The voltage across R_1 increases.
 - (D) The ammeter reading is unchanged.
 - (E) The bulb R_2 maintains the same brightness.

114.A current through the thin filament wire of a light bulb causes the filament to become white hot, while the larger wires connected to the light bulb remain much cooler. This happens because

- (A) the larger connecting wires have more resistance than the filament.
- (B) the thin filament has more resistance than the larger connecting wires.
- (C) the filament wire is not insulated.
- (D) the current in the filament is greater than that through the connecting wires.
- (E) the current in the filament is less than that through the connecting wires.



115.In the circuit above the voltmeter V draws negligible current and the internal resistance of the battery is 1.0 ohm. The reading of the voltmeter is

(A) 10.5 V (B) 12.0 V (C) 10.8 V (D) 13.0 V (E) 11.6 V



116.Suppose you are given a constant voltage source V_0 and three resistors R_1 , R_2 , and R_3 with $R_1 > R_2 > R_3$. If you wish to heat water in a pail which of the following combinations of resistors will give the most rapid heating?



R,

117.A household iron used to press clothes is marked "120 volt, 600 watt." In normal use, the current in it is (A) 0.2 A (B) 2 A (C) 4 A (D) 5 A (E) 7.2 A



118.For the circuit shown, a shorting wire of negligible resistance is added to the circuit between points A and B. When this shorting wire is added, bulb #3 goes out. Which bulbs (all identical) in the circuit brighten?(A) Only Bulb 2 (B) Only Bulb 4 (C) Only Bulbs 1 and 4 (D) Only Bulbs 2 and 4 (E) Bulbs 1, 2 and 4



119. For the configuration of capacitors shown, both switches are closed simultaneously. After equilibrium is established, what is the charge on the top plate of the 5 μ F capacitor? (A) 100 μ C (B) 50 μ C (C) 30 μ C (D) 25 μ C (E) 10 μ C



120.How many coulombs will pass through the identified resistor in 5 seconds once the circuit was closed? (A) 1.2 (B) 12 (C) 2.4 (D) 24 (E) 6

- 121.A junior Thomas Edison wants to make a brighter light bulb. He decides to modify the filament. How should the filament of a light bulb be modified in order to make the light bulb produce more light at a given voltage? (A) Increase the resistivity only.
 - (B) Increase the diameter only.
 - (C) Decrease the diameter only.
 - (D) Decrease the diameter and increase the resistivity.
 - (E) Increase the length only.



122.In the circuit diagram above, all of the bulbs are identical. Which bulb will be the brightest? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) The bulbs all have the same brightness.



123. For the circuit shown, the ammeter reading is initially *I*. The switch in the circuit then is closed. Consequently:

(A) The ammeter reading decreases.

(B) The potential difference between E and F increases.

(C) The potential difference between E and F stays the same.

(D) Bulb #3 lights up more brightly.

(E) The power supplied by the battery decreases.

124. Approximately how much would it cost to keep a 100 W light bulb lit continuously for 1 year at a rate of \$0.10 per kW \cdot hr?

(A) \$1 (B) \$10 (C) \$100 (D) \$1000 (E) \$100000



125.In the circuit shown above, the potential difference between points a and b is zero for a value of capacitance C of

(A) 1/3 microfarad (B) 2/3 microfarad (C) 2 microfarads (D) 3 microfarads (E) 9 microfarads



126. The equivalent resistance of the circuit shown to the right with resistances $R_1 = 4.00 \Omega$, $R_2 = 3.00 \Omega$, and $R_3 = 2.00 \Omega$ is

 $(A) \ 0.111 \ \Omega \quad (B) \ 0.923 \ \Omega \quad (C) \ 1.08 \ \Omega \quad (D) \ 3.00 \ \Omega \quad (E) \ 9.00 \ \Omega$



- 127.For the circuit shown, when a shorting wire (no resistance) connects the points labeled A and B, which of the numbered light bulbs become brighter? Assume that all four bulbs are identical and have resistance R.(A) Bulb 1 only (B) Bulb 2 only (C) Bulb 3 only (D) Bulbs 1 and 3 only (E) Bulbs 1, 2, and 3
- 128.In terms of the seven fundamental SI units in the MKS system, the Ohm is written as

(A)
$$\frac{kg \cdot m^2}{A^2 \cdot s^3}$$
 (B) $\frac{kg \cdot m^2 \cdot s}{C^2}$ (C) $\frac{kg \cdot m}{C \cdot s}$ (D) $\frac{kg \cdot m^2}{A \cdot s^2}$ (E) $\frac{kg \cdot s^2}{A^2 \cdot m^2}$

- 129.Consider a simple circuit containing a battery and three light bulbs. Bulb *A* is wired in parallel with bulb *B* and this combination is wired in series with bulb *C*. What would happen to the brightness of the other two bulbs if bulb *A* were to burn out?
 - (A) There would be no change in the brightness of either bulb *B* or bulb *C*.
 - (B) Both would get brighter.
 - (C) Bulb *B* would get brighter and bulb *C* would get dimmer.
 - (D) Bulb *B* would get dimmer and bulb *C* would get brighter.
 - (E) Only bulb B would get brighter



130.For the RC circuit shown, the resistance is $R = 10.0 \Omega$, the capacitance is C = 5.0 F and the battery has voltage $\xi = 12$ volts. The capacitor is initially uncharged when the switch S is closed at time t = 0. At some time later, the current in the circuit is 0.50 A. What is the magnitude of the voltage across the capacitor at that moment? (A) 0 volts (B) 5 volts (C) 6 volts (D) 7 volts (E) 12 volts



131. In the circuit shown above, the 10 μ F capacitor is initially uncharged. After the switch *S* has been closed for a long time, how much energy is stored in the capacitor?

(A) 0 μ J (B) 100 μ J (C) 250 μ J (D) 500 μ J (E) 1000 μ J



- 132.In the circuit shown above, a constant current device is connected to some identical light bulbs. After the switch S in the circuit is closed, which statement is correct about the circuit?
 - (A) Bulb #2 becomes brighter. (B) Bulb #1 becomes dimmer.

(C) All three bulbs become equally brighter. (D) The voltage between points C and D is decreased.

(E) The power from the current device is increased.



133. Two 1000 Ω resistors are connected in series to a 120–volt electrical source. A voltmeter with a resistance of 1000 Ω is connected across the last resistor as shown. What would be the reading on the voltmeter?
(A) 120 V
(B) 80 V
(C) 60 V
(D) 40 V
(E) 30 V



134. Two resistors, one with resistance *R* and the second with resistance 4*R* are placed in a circuit with a voltage *V*. If resistance *R* dissipates power *P*, what would be the power dissipated by the 4*R* resistance? (A) 4 *P* (B) 2 *P* (C) *P* (D) 1/2 *P* (E) 1/4 *P*

Questions 135 - 136



The diagram above shows five resistors connected to a voltage source.

- 135. Which resistor has the greatest electric current through it? (A) 1 Ω (B) 2 Ω (C) 3 Ω (D) 4 Ω (E) 5 Ω
- 136. Which resistor has the greatest potential difference across it? (A) 1 Ω (B) 2 Ω (C) 3 Ω (D) 4 Ω (E) 5 Ω



137.A battery, an ammeter, three resistors, and a switch are connected to form the simple circuit shown above. When the switch is closed what would happen to the potential difference across the 15 ohm resistor?

(A) it would equal the potential difference across the 20 ohm resistor

(B) it would be twice the potential difference across the 30 ohm resistor

(C) it would equal the potential difference across the 30 ohm resistor

(D) it would be half the potential difference across the 30 ohm resistor

(E) none of the above

Questions 138 - 139

A 9-volt battery is connected to four resistors to form a simple circuit as shown below.



138. What would be the current at point E in the circuit? (A) 2 amp (B) 4 amp (C) 5 amp (D) 7 amp (E) 9 amp

139.What would be the potential at point B with respect to point D? (A) +2 V (B) +4 V (C) +5 V (D) +7 V (E) +9 V



140. Two resistors and a capacitor are connected with a 10 volt battery, a switch and an ideal ammeter to form the simple electrical circuit shown. After the switch is closed and the current in the circuit reaches a constant value, what is the reading on the ammeter in the circuit?

(A) 9.2×10^{-2} A (B) 8.1×10^{-2} A (C) 7.5×10^{-2} A (D) 6.9×10^{-2} A (E) zero



141. When the switch is closed, what would be the current in the circuit shown in the diagram above if the two batteries are opposing one another?

(A) 1.25 A (B) 0.75 A (C) 0.5 A (D) 0.3 A (E) 0.2 A



142. Four resistors, R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 , are connected in the circuit diagram above. When the switch is closed, current flows in the circuit. If no current flows through the ammeter when it is connected as shown, what would be the value of R_3 ?



143. The diagram above shows an electrical circuit composed of 3 resistors and 1 capacitor. If each resistor has a resistance of 10 Ω and the capacitor has a value of 10 μ F, what would be the charge stored in the capacitor when an EMF of 10 V is maintained in the circuit for a sufficient time to fully charge the capacitor? (A) 23 μ C (B) 40 μ C (C) 67 μ C (D) 100 μ C (E) 150 μ C 144. Given 4 identical resistors of resistance R, which of the following circuits would have an equivalent resistance of 4/3 R?





- 145. The three lightbulbs in the circuit above are identical, and the battery has zero internal resistance. When switch *S* is closed to cause bulb 1 to light, which of the other two bulbs increase(s) in brightness?
 - (A) Neither bulb
 - (B) Bulb 2 only
 - (C) Bulb 3 only
 - (D) Both bulbs
 - (E) It cannot be determined without knowing the emf of the battery.



- 146. What would be the equivalent capacitance of the circuit shown if each capacitor has a capacitance of C? (A) ¹/₄ C (B) ³/₄ C (C) 4/3 C (D) 3C (E) 4C
- 147. Which of the following graphs would best represent the resistance versus temperature relationship for a superconductor?





148. What would be the total current being supplied by the battery in the circuit shown above? (A) 3.0 amperes (B) 2.25 amperes (C) 2.0 amperes (D) 1.5 amperes (E) 1.0 amperes



- 149. In the electric circuit shown above, the current through the 2.0 Ω resistor is 3.0 A. Approximately what is the emf of the battery?
 - $(A) \ 51 \ V \qquad (B) \ 42 \ V \qquad (C) \ 36 \ V \qquad (D) \ 24 \ V \qquad (E) \ 21 \ V$
- 150. Which of the following wiring diagrams could be used to experimentally determine *R* using Ohm's Law? Assume an ideal voltmeter and an ideal ammeter.



Questions 151 - 152



 B_1 , B_2 , B_3 , and B_4 are identical light bulbs. There are six voltmeters connected to the circuit as shown. All voltmeters are connected so that they display positive voltages. Assume that the voltmeters do not affect the circuit.

- 151. If B_2 were to burn out, opening the circuit, which voltmeter(s) would read zero volts? (A) none would read zero (B) only V_2 (C) only V_3 and V_4 (D) only V_2 , V_4 , and V_5 (E) they would all read zero
- 152. If B_2 were to burn out, opening the circuit, what would happen to the reading of V_1 ? Let V be its original reading when all bulbs are functioning and let <u>V</u> be its reading when B_2 is burnt out.

(A) $\underline{V} > 2V$ (B) $2V > \underline{V} > V$ (C) $\underline{V} = V$ (D) $V > \underline{V} > V/2$ (E) $V/2 > \underline{V}$

Questions 153 - 155



In the circuit above, the resistors all have the same resistance. The battery, wires, and ammeter have negligible resistance. A closed switch also has negligible resistance.

- 153.Closing which of the switches will produce the greatest power dissipation in R_2 ? (A) S_1 only (B) S_2 only (C) S_1 and S_2 only (D) S_1 and S_3 only (E) S_1 , S_2 , and S_3
- 154. Closing which of the switches will produce the greatest reading on the ammeter? (A) S_1 only (B) S_2 only (C) S_3 only (D) S_1 and S_2 (E) S_1 and S_3
- 155. Closing which of the switches will produce the greatest voltage across R_3 ? (A) S_1 only (B) S_2 only (C) S_1 and S_2 only (D) S_1 and S_3 only (E) S_1 , S_2 , and S_3
- 156. Two cables can be used to wire a circuit. Cable *A* has a lower resistivity, a larger diameter, and a different length than cable *B*. Which cable should be used to minimize heat loss if the same current is maintained in either cable?

(A) Cable A

(B) Cable B

- (C) The heat loss is the same for both.
- (D) It cannot be determined without knowing the length of each cable.

(E) It cannot be determined without knowing the materials contained in each cable

Questions 157 - 158



An electric circuit consists of a 12 V battery, an ideal 10 A fuse, and three 2 Ω resistors connected as shown above.

157. What would be the reading on a voltmeter connected across points *A* and *C*? (A) 12 V (B) 6 V (C) 3 V (D) 2 V (E) 0 V, since the fuse would break the circuit

158. What would be the reading on an ammeter inserted at point *B*?

(A) 9 A (B) 6 A (C) 3 A (D) 2 A (E) 0 A, since the fuse would break the circuit

Questions 159 - 160



Three capacitors are connected to a 5 V source, as shown in the circuit diagram above.

- 159. The equivalent capacitance for the circuit is (A) $1/11 \ \mu F$ (B) $11/18 \ \mu F$ (C) $1 \ \mu F$ (D) $4 \ \mu F$ (E) $11 \ \mu F$
- 160. How do the charge Q_3 stored in the 3 μ F capacitor and the voltage V_3 across it compare with those of the 6 μ F capacitor?

Charge	Voltage
(A) $Q_3 < Q_6$	$V_{3} = V_{6}$
(B) $Q_3 = Q_6$	$V_{3} < V_{6}$
(C) $Q_3 = Q_6$	$V_{3} > V_{6}$
(D) $Q_3 > Q_6$	$V_{3} = V_{6}$
(E) $Q_3 > Q_6$	$V_{3} > V_{6}$

161.A length of wire of resistance *R* is connected across a battery with zero internal resistance. The wire is then cut in half and the two halves are connected in parallel. When the combination is reconnected across the battery, what happens to the resultant power dissipated and the current drawn from the battery?

Power	Current
No change	No change
Doubles	Doubles
Quadruples	Doubles
Doubles	Quadruples
Quadruples	Quadruples
	Power No change Doubles Quadruples Doubles Quadruples

- 162.A fixed voltage is applied across the length of a tungsten wire. An increase in the power dissipated by the wire would result if which of the following could be increased?
 - (A) The resistivity of the tungsten
 - (B) The cross-sectional area of the wire
 - (C) The length of the wire
 - (D) The temperature of the wire
 - (E) The temperature of the wire's surroundings
- 163.In a 30-minute interval, one kilowatt-hour of electrical energy is dissipated in a resistance of 20 ohms by a current of
 - (A) 10 amp. (B) 20 amp. (C) 14.1 amp. (D) 36 amp. (E) 18 amp.

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1976B3. In the circuit shown above, the current delivered by the 9-volt battery of internal resistance 1 ohm is 3 amperes. The power dissipated in R_2 is 12 watts.

- a. Determine the reading of voltmeter V in the diagram.
- b. Determine the resistance of R_2 .
- c. Determine the resistance of R_1 .



- 1981B4. A circuit consists of battery A of emf $\mathcal{E}_{A} = 60$ volts and internal resistance $r_{A} = 3$ ohms; battery B of emf $\mathcal{E}_{B} = 12$ volts and internal resistance $r_{B} = 1$ ohm; and four resistors connected as shown in the diagram above.
- a. Calculate the current in the 2-ohm resistor.
- b. Calculate the power dissipated in the 3-ohm resistor.
- c. Calculate the terminal voltage of battery B.



- 1980B2. The electrical device whose symbol is shown above requires a terminal voltage of 12 volts and a current of 2 amperes for proper operation.
- a. Using only this device and one or more 3-ohm resistors design a circuit so that the device will operate properly when the circuit is connected across a battery of emf 24 volts and negligible internal resistance. Within the dashed-line box in the diagram below, draw the circuit using the symbol for the device and the appropriate symbol for each 3-ohm resistor.



b. Using only this device and one or more 3-ohm resistors, design a circuit so that the device will operate properly when connected to a source that supplies a fixed current of 6 amperes. Within the dashed-line box in the diagram below, draw the circuit using the symbol for the device and the appropriate symbol.



c. Calculate the power dissipation In each 3-ohm resistor used in the circuit in part b..



- 1982B4. A cabin contains only two small electrical appliances: a radio that requires 10 milliamperes of current at 9 volts, and a clock that requires 20 milliamperes at 15 volts. A 15-volt battery with negligible internal resistance supplies the electrical energy to operate the radio and the clock.
- a. Complete the diagram below to show how the radio, the clock, and a single resistor R can be connected between points A and B so that the correct potential difference is applied across each appliance. Use the symbols in the diagram above to indicate the radio and the clock.



- b. Calculate the resistance of R.
- c. Calculate the electrical energy that must be supplied by the battery to operate the circuits for 1 minute.



- 1983B3. The circuit shown above is constructed with two batteries and three resistors. The connecting wires may be considered to have negligible resistance. The current I is 2 amperes.
- a. Calculate the resistance R.
- b. Calculate the current in the
 - i. 6-ohm resistor
 - ii. 12-ohm resistor
- c. The potential at point X is 0 volts. Calculate the electric potential at points B. C, and D in the circuit.
- d. Calculate the power supplied by the 20-volt battery.



- 1986B3. In the circuit shown above, X, Y. and Z represent three light bulbs, each rated at 60 watts, 120 volts. Assume that the resistances of the bulbs are constant and do not depend on the current.
- a. What is the resistance of each bulb?
- b. What is the equivalent resistance of the three light bulbs when arranged as shown?
- c. What is the total power dissipation of this combination when connected to a 120-volt source as shown?
- d. What is the current in bulb X?
- e. What is the potential difference across bulb X?
- f. What is the potential difference across bulb Zd?



1987B4. Three resistors are arranged in a circuit as shown above. The battery has an unknown but constant emf \mathcal{E} and a negligible internal resistance.

a. Determine the equivalent resistance of the three resistors.

The current I in resistor R₃ is 0.40 ampere.

- b. Determine the emf \mathcal{E} (Voltage) of the battery.
- c. Determine the potential difference across resistor R₁
- d. Determine the power dissipated in resistor R₁
- e. Determine the amount of charge that passes through resistor R_3 in one minute.



1988B3. The circuit shown above includes a switch S, which can be closed to connect the 3-microfarad capacitor in parallel with the 10-ohm resistor or opened to disconnect the capacitor from the circuit.

Case 1: Switch S is open. The capacitor is not connected. Under these conditions determine:

- a. the current in the battery
- b. the current in the 10-ohm resistor
- c. the potential difference across the 10-ohm resistor

Case II: Switch S is closed. The capacitor is connected. After some time, the currents reach constant values. Under these conditions determine:

- d. the charge on the capacitor
- e. the energy stored in the capacitor



- 1989B3. A series circuit consists of a battery of negligible internal resistance, a variable resistor, and an electric motor of negligible resistance. The current in the circuit is 2 amperes when the resistance in the circuit is adjusted to 10 ohms. Under these conditions the motor lifts a l-kilogram mass vertically at a constant speed of 2 meters per second.
- a. Determine the electrical power that is
 - i. dissipated in the resistor
 - ii. used by the motor in lifting the mass
 - iii. supplied by the battery
- b. Determine the potential difference across
 - i. the resistor
 - ii. the motor
 - iii. the battery

The resistor is now adjusted until the mass rises vertically at a constant speed of 3 meters per second. The voltage drop across the motor is proportional to the speed of the motor, and the current remains constant.

- c. Determine the voltage drop across the motor.
- d. Determine the new resistance in the circuit.



1990B3. A battery with an emf of 24 volts and an internal resistance of 1 ohm is connected to an external circuit as shown above. Determine each of the following:

- a. the equivalent resistance of the combination of the 4-ohm, 8-ohm, and 12-ohm resistors
- b. the current in the 5-ohm resistor
- c. the terminal voltage, V_{AC} of the battery
- d. the rate at which energy is dissipated in the 12-ohm resistor
- e. the magnitude of the potential difference V_{BC}
- f. the power delivered by the battery to the external circuit



- 1991B4. A battery with emf \mathcal{E} and internal resistance r is connected to a variable resistance R at points X and Y. as shown above on the left. Varying R changes both the current I and the terminal voltage V_{XY} . The quantities I and V_{XY} are measured for several values of R and the data are plotted in a graph, as shown above on the right.
- a. Determine the emf \mathcal{E} of the battery.
- b. Determine the internal resistance r of the battery.
- c. Determine the value of the resistance R that will produce a current I of 3 amperes.
- d. Determine the maximum current that the battery can produce.
- e. The current and voltage measurements were made with an ammeter and a voltmeter. On the diagram



1995B2. A certain light bulb is designed to dissipate 6 watts when it is connected to a 12-volt source.

- a. Calculate the resistance of the light bulb.
- b. If the light bulb functions as designed and is lit continuously for 30 days, how much energy is used? Be sure to indicate the units in your answer.

The 6-watt, 12-volt bulb is connected in a circuit with a 1,500-watt, 120-volt toaster; an adjustable resistor; and a 120-volt power supply. The circuit is designed such that the bulb and the toaster operate at the given values and, if the light bulb fails, the toaster will still function at these values.

c. On the diagram below, draw in wires connecting the components shown to make a complete circuit that will function as described above.



- d. Determine the value of the adjustable resistor that must be used in order for the circuit to work as designed.
- e. If the resistance of the adjustable resistor is increased, what will happen to the following?
 - i. The brightness of the bulb. Briefly explain your reasoning.
 - ii. The power dissipated by the toaster. Briefly explain your reasoning.
- 1996B4. A student is provided with a 12.0-V battery of negligible internal resistance and four resistors with the following resistances: 100Ω , 30Ω , 20Ω , and 10Ω . The student also has plenty of wire of negligible resistance available to make connections as desired.
- a. Using all of these components, draw a circuit diagram in which each resistor has nonzero current flowing through it, but in which the current from the battery is as small as possible.
- b. Using all of these components, draw a circuit diagram in which each resistor has nonzero current flowing through it, but in which the current from the battery is as large as possible (without short circuiting the battery).



The battery and resistors are now connected in the circuit shown above.

- c. Determine the following for this circuit.
 - i. The current in the 10- Ω resistor
 - ii. The total power consumption of the circuit
- d. Assuming that the current remains constant, how long will it take to provide a total of 10 kJ of electrical energy to the circuit?

- 1997B4 (modified) Three identical resistors, each of resistance 30 Ω are connected in a circuit to heat water in a glass beaker. 24 V battery with negligible internal resistance provides the power. The three resistors may be connected in series or in parallel.
- a. i. If they are connected in series, what power is developed in the circuit?
- ii. If they are connected in parallel, what power is developed in the circuit?
- b. Using the battery and one or more of the resistors, design a circuit that will heat the water at the fastest rat when the resistor(s) are placed in the water. Include an ammeter to measure the current in the circuit and a voltmeter to measure the total potential difference of the circuit. Assume the wires are insulated and have no resistance. Draw a diagram of the circuit in the box below, using the following symbols to represent the components in your diagram.







2002B3B. Lightbulbs of fixed resistance 3.0Ω and 6.0Ω , a 9.0 V battery, and a switch S are connected as shown in the schematic diagram above. The switch S is closed.

- a. Calculate the current in bulb A.
- b. Which lightbulb is brightest? Justify your answer.
- Switch S is then opened. By checking the appropriate spaces below, indicate whether the brightness of c. each lightbulb increases, decreases, or remains the same. Explain your reasoning for each lightbulb. i. Bulb A: The brightness increases decreases remains the same **Explanation**: ii. Bulb B: The brightness increases decreases remains the same Explanation: iii. Bulb C: The brightness increases decreases remains the same **Explanation**:



- 1998B4 In the circuit shown above, A, B, C, and D are identical lightbulbs. Assume that the battery maintains a constant potential difference between its terminals (i.e., the internal resistance of the battery is assumed to be negligible) and the resistance of each lightbulb remains constant.
- a. Draw a diagram of the circuit in the box below, using the following symbols to represent the components in your diagram. Label the resistors A, B. C, and D to refer to the corresponding lightbulbs.



Draw your diagram in this box only.

b. List the bulbs in order of their brightnesses, from brightest to least bright. If any two or more bulbs have the same brightness, state which ones. Justify your answer.

c. Bulb D is then removed from its socket.

i. Describe the change in the brightness, if any, of bulb A when bulb D is removed from its socket. Justify your answer.

ii. Describe the change in the brightness, if any, of bulb B when bulb D is removed from its socket. Justify your answer.



- 2000B3. Three identical resistors, each with resistance R, and a capacitor of 1.0×10^{-9} F are connected to a 30 V battery with negligible internal resistance, as shown in the circuit diagram above. Switches S₁ and S₂ are initially closed, and switch S₃ is initially open. A voltmeter is connected as shown.
- a. Determine the reading on the voltmeter.

Switches S_1 and S_2 are now opened, and then switch S_3 is closed.

b. Determine the charge Q on the capacitor after S_3 has been closed for a very long time.

After the capacitor is fully charged, switches S_1 and S_2 remain open, switch S_3 remains closed, the plates are held fixed, and a conducting copper block is inserted midway between the plates, as shown below. The plates of the capacitor are separated by a distance of 1.0 mm, and the copper block has a thickness of 0.5 mm.



c. i. What is the potential difference between the plates?

ii. What is the electric field inside the copper block?

iii. On the diagram above, draw arrows to clearly indicate the direction of the electric field between the plates.

iv. Determine the magnitude of the electric field in each of the spaces between the plates and the copper block.

2002B3 Two lightbulbs, one rated 30 W at 120 V and another rated 40 W at 120 V, are arranged in two different circuits.

a. The two bulbs are first connected in parallel to a 120 V source.

i. Determine the resistance of the bulb rated 30 W and the current in it when it is connected in this circuit.

ii. Determine the resistance of the bulb rated 40 W and the current in it when it is connected in this circuit.

b. The bulbs are now connected in series with each other and a 120 V source.

i. Determine the resistance of the bulb rated 30 W and the current in it when it is connected in this circuit.

ii. Determine the resistance of the bulb rated 40 W and the current in it when it is connected in this circuit.

c. In the spaces below, number the bulbs in each situation described, in order of their brightness. (1= brightest, 4 = dimmest)

_____30 W bulb in the parallel circuit

____40 W bulb in the parallel circuit

____30 W bulb in the series circuit

____40 W bulb in the series circuit

- d. Calculate the total power dissipated by the two bulbs in each of the following cases.
 - i. The parallel circuit
 - ii. The series circuit



2003B2 A circuit contains two resistors (10 Ω and 20 Ω) and two capacitors (12 μ F and 6 μ F) connected to a 6 V battery, as shown in the diagram above. The circuit has been connected for a long time.

- a. Calculate the total capacitance of the circuit.
- b. Calculate the current in the 10Ω resistor.
- c. Calculate the potential difference between points A and B.
- d. Calculate the charge stored on one plate of the 6 μ F capacitor.
- e. The wire is cut at point P. Will the potential difference between points A and B increase, decrease, or remain the same?

____increase

____decrease

____remain the same

Justify your answer.



2003Bb2. A student is asked to design a circuit to supply an electric motor with 1.0 mA of current at 3.0 V potential difference.

Battery 9.0 V

- a. Determine the power to be supplied to the motor.
- b. Determine the electrical energy to be supplied to the motor in 60 s.
- c. Operating as designed above, the motor can lift a 0.012 kg mass a distance of 1.0 m in 60 s at constant velocity. Determine the efficiency of the motor.

To operate the motor, the student has available only a 9.0 V battery to use as the power source and the following five resistors.



d. In the space below, complete a schematic diagram of a circuit that shows how one or more of these resistors can be connected to the battery and motor so that 1.0 mA of current and 3.0 V of potential difference are supplied to the motor. Be sure to label each resistor in the circuit with the correct value of its resistance.



2007B3. The circuit above contains a battery with negligible internal resistance, a closed switch S, and three resistors, each with a resistance of R or 2R.

a. i. Rank the currents in the three resistors from greatest to least, with number 1 being greatest. If two resistors have the same current, give them the same ranking.

$$I_A$$
 I_B I_C
ii. Justify your answers.

b. i. Rank the voltages across the three resistors from greatest to least, with number 1 being greatest. If two resistors have the same voltage across them, give them the same ranking.

$$V_A$$
 V_B V_C
ii. Justify your answers.

For parts c. through e., use $\mathcal{E} = 12$ V and R = 200 Ω .

- c. Calculate the equivalent resistance of the circuit.
- d. Calculate the current in resistor R_C.
- e. The switch S is opened, resistor R_B is removed and replaced by a capacitor of capacitance 2.0×10^{-6} F, and the switch S is again closed. Calculate the charge on the capacitor after all the currents have reached their final steady-state values.



- 1975E2. In the diagram above, V = 100 volts; $C_1 = 12$ microfarads; $C_2 = 24$ microfarads; R = 10 ohms. Initially, C_1 and C_2 are uncharged, and all switches are open.
- a. First, switch S_1 is closed. Determine the charge on C_1 when equilibrium is reached.
- b. Next S_1 is opened and afterward S_2 is closed. Determine the charge on C_1 when equilibrium is again reached.
- c. For the equilibrium condition of part b., determine the voltage across C_1 .
- d. S_2 remains closed, and now S_1 is also closed. How much <u>additional</u> charge flows from the battery?



- B2007b3. In the circuit above, a 12.0 V battery is connected to two resistors, one of resistance 1000 Ω and the other of resistance 500 Ω . A capacitor with a capacitance of $30\times 10^{-6}\,F$ is connected in parallel with the 500 Ω resistor. The circuit has been connected for a long time, and all currents have reached their steady states.
- Calculate the current in the 500 Ω resistor. a.
- b. i. Draw an ammeter in the circuit above in a location such that it could measure the current in the 500 Ω resistor. Use the symbol 0 to indicate the ammeter.

- ii. Draw a voltmeter in the circuit above in a location such that it could measure the voltage across the 1000 Ω , resistor. Use the symbol V to indicate the voltmeter.
- c. Calculate the charge stored on the capacitor.
- d. Calculate the power dissipated in the 1000 Ω resistor.
- e. The capacitor is now discharged, and the 500 Ω resistor is removed and replaced by a resistor of greater resistance. The circuit is reconnected, and currents are again allowed to come to their steadystate values. Is the charge now stored on the capacitor larger, smaller, or the same as it was in part c.?

Smaller

Larger

The same as

Justify your answer.



1988E2. In the circuit shown above, the battery has been connected for a long time so that the currents have steady values. Given these conditions, calculate each of the following

- The current in the 9-ohm resistor. a.
- The current in the 8-ohm resistor. b.
- The potential difference across the 30-microfarad capacitor. c.
- d. The energy stored in the 30-microfarad capacitor.



- 1985E2 (modified) In the circuit shown above, i_1 and i_2 are the currents through resistors R_1 and R_2 , respectively. V_1 , V_2 , and V_c are the potential differences across resistor R_1 resistor R_2 , and capacitor C, respectively. Initially the capacitor is uncharged.
- a. Calculate the current i_1 immediately after switch S is closed.

Assume switch S has been closed for a long time.

- b. Calculate the current i_2 .
- c. Calculate the charge Q on the capacitor.
- d. Calculate the energy U stored in the capacitor.



1986E2 (modified) Five resistors are connected as shown above to a 25-volt source of emf with zero internal resistance.

a. Determine the current in the resistor labeled R.

A 10-microfarad capacitor is connected between points A and B. The currents in the circuit and the charge on the capacitor soon reach constant values. Determine the constant value for each of the following.

- b. The current in the resistor R
- c. The charge on the capacitor


- 1989E3. A battery with an emf of 20 volts is connected in series with a resistor of 300,000 ohms and an air-filled parallel-plate capacitor of capacitance 6 microfarads.
- a. Determine the energy stored in the capacitor when it is fully charged.

The spacing between the capacitor plates is suddenly increased (in a time short enough so the charge does not have time to readjust) to four times its original value.

- b. Determine the work that must be done in increasing the spacing in this fashion.
- c. Determine the current in the resistor immediately after the spacing is increased.

After a long time. the circuit reaches a new static state.

- d. Determine the total charge that has passed through the battery.
- e. Determine the energy that has been added to the battery.



- 1992E2. The 2-microfarad (2×10^{-6} farad) capacitor shown in the circuit above is fully charged by closing switch S₁ and keeping switch S₂ open, thus connecting the capacitor to the 2,000-volt power supply.
 - Determine each of the following for this fully charged capacitor.
 - i. The magnitude of the charge on each plate of the capacitor.
 - ii. The electrical energy stored in the capacitor.

a.

At a later time, switch S_1 is opened. Switch S_2 is then closed, connecting the charged 2-microfarad capacitor to a l-megohm ($1 \times 10^6 \Omega$) resistor and a 6-microfarad capacitor, which is initially uncharged.

b. Determine the initial current in the resistor the instant after switch S_2 is closed.

Equilibrium is reached after a long period of time.

- c. Determine the charge on the positive plate of <u>each</u> of the capacitors at equilibrium.
- d. Determine the total electrical energy stored in the two capacitors at equilibrium. If the energy is greater than the energy determined in part a. ii., where did the increase come from? If the energy is less than the energy determined in part a. ii., where did the electrical energy go?



- 1995E2 (modified) A parallel-plate capacitor is made from two sheets of metal, each with an area of 1.0 square meter, separated by a sheet of plastic 1.0 millimeter (10^{-3} m) thick, as shown above. The capacitance is measured to be 0.05 microfarad (5×10^{-8} F).
- a. What is the dielectric constant of the plastic?

The uncharged capacitor is connected in series with a resistor $R = 2 \times 10^6$ ohms, a 30-volt battery, and an open switch S, as shown above. The switch is then closed.

- b. What is the initial charging current when the switch S is closed?
- c. Determine the magnitude and sign of the final charge on the bottom plate of the fully charged capacitor.
- d. How much electrical energy is stored in the fully charged capacitor?

After the capacitor is fully charged, it is carefully disconnected, leaving the charged capacitor isolated in space. The plastic sheet is then removed from between the metal plates. The metal plates retain their original separation of 1.0 millimeter.

- e. What is the new voltage across the plates?
- f. If there is now more energy stored in the capacitor, where did it come from? If there is now less energy, what happened to it?



- 1996E2 (modified) Capacitors 1 and 2, of capacitance $C_1 = 4\mu F$ and $C_2 = 12\mu F$, respectively, are connected in a circuit as shown above with a resistor of resistance $R = 100 \Omega$ and two switches. Capacitor 1 is initially charged to a voltage $V_0 = 50 V$ and capacitor 2 is initially uncharged. Both of the switches S are then closed at time t = 0.
- a. What are the final charges on the positive plate of each of the capacitors 1 and 2 after equilibrium has been reached?
- b. Determine the difference between the initial and the final stored energy of the system after equilibrium has been reached.



2008E2 (modified) In the circuit shown above, A and B are terminals to which different circuit components can be connected.

- a. Calculate the potential difference across R_2 immediately after the switch S is closed in each of the following cases.
 - i. A 50 Ω resistor connects A and B.
 - ii. An initially uncharged 0.80 µF capacitor connects A and B.



- 1978B3. A uniform electric field E is established between two capacitor plates, each of area A, which are separated by a distance s as shown above.
- a. What is the electric potential difference V between the plates?
- b. Specify the sign of the charge on each plate.

The capacitor above is then connected electrically through a resistor to a second parallel-plate capacitor, initially uncharged, whose plates have the same area A but a separation of only s/2.

c. Indicate on the diagram below the direction of the current in each wire, and explain why the current will eventually cease.



- d. After the current has ceased, which capacitor has the greater charge? Explain your reasoning.
- e. The total energy stored in the two capacitors after the current has ceased is less than the initial stored energy. Explain qualitatively what has become of this "lost" energy.

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	Solution	Answer
1.	The resistances are as follows: I: 2 Ω , II: 4 Ω , III: 1 Ω , IV: 2 Ω	В
2.	The total resistance of the 3 Ω and 6 Ω in parallel is 2 Ω making the total circuit resistance 6 Ω and the total current $\mathcal{E}/R = 1$ A. This 1 A will divide in the ratio of 2:1 through the 3 Ω and 6 Ω respectively so the 3 Ω resistor receives 2/3 A making the potential difference IR = (2/3 A)(3 Ω) = 2 V.	В
3.	Adding resistors in parallel decreases the total circuit resistance, this increasing the total current in the circuit.	А
4.	$R = \rho L/A$. Greatest resistance is the longest, narrowest resistor.	В
5.	In parallel $V_1 = V_2$. $Q_1 = C_1V_1$ and $Q_2 = C_2V_2$ so $Q_1/Q_2 = C_1/C_2 = 1.5$	D
6.	For steady power dissipation, the circuit must allow current to slow indefinitely. For the greatest power, the total resistance should be the smallest value. These criteria are met with the resistors in parallel.	D
7.	To retain energy, there must be a capacitor that will not discharge through a resistor. Capacitors in circuits C and E will discharge through the resistors in parallel with them.	В
8.	$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}$	С
9.	$W = Pt = I^2 Rt$	В
10.	The resistance of the two 2 Ω resistors in parallel is 1 Ω . Added to the 2 Ω resistor in series with the pair gives 3 Ω	А
11.	$R = \rho L/A$. Least resistance is the widest, shortest resistor	Е
12.	The resistance of the two resistors in parallel is r/2. The total circuit resistance is then $10 \Omega + \frac{1}{2}$ r, which is equivalent to $\mathcal{E}/I = (10 \text{ V})/(0.5 \text{ A}) = 20 \Omega = 10 \Omega + \frac{1}{2}$	Е
13.	Resistance varies directly with temperature. Superconductors have a resistance that quickly goes to zero once the temperature lowers beyond a certain threshold.	С
14.	The loop rule involves the potential and energy supplied by the battery and it's use around a circuit loop.	В
15.	The capacitance of the 4 μ F and 2 μ F in parallel is 6 μ F. Combined with the 3 μ F in series gives 2 μ F for the right branch. Added to the 5 μ F in parallel gives a total of 7 μ F	D
16.	Since the 5 μ F capacitor is in parallel with the battery, the potential difference across it is 100 V. $Q = CV$	В
17.	Total circuit resistance (including internal resistance) = 40 Ω ; total current = 0.3 A. \mathcal{E} = IR	D
18.	$V_{XY} = \mathcal{E} - Ir$ where r is the internal resistance	С
19.	$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}^2 \mathbf{r}$	А
20.	With more current drawn from the battery for the parallel connection, more power is dissipated in this connection. While the resistors in series share the voltage of the battery, the resistors in parallel have the full potential difference of the battery across them.	В
21.	Amperes = I (current); Volts = V (potential difference); Seconds = t (time): IVt = energy	С

22.	Resistance of the 1 Ω and 3 Ω in series = 4 Ω . This, in parallel with the 2 Ω resistor gives (2 × 4) /(2 + 4) = 8/6 Ω . Also notice the equivalent resistance must be less than 2 Ω (the 2 Ω resistor is in parallel and the total resistance in parallel is smaller than the smallest resistor) and there is only one choice smaller than 2 Ω .	А
23.	The upper branch, with twice the resistance of the lower branch, will have $\frac{1}{2}$ the current of the lower branch.	C
24.	Power = $IV = 480 W = 0.48 kW$. Energy = $Pt = (0.48 kW)(2 hours) = 0.96 kW-h$	D
25.	Total circuit resistance of the load = R/2. Total circuit resistance including the internal resistance = $r + R/2$. The current is then $\mathcal{E}/(r + R/2)$ and the total power dissipated in the load is $P = I^2 R_{load}$ = $(\mathcal{E}^2 R/2)/(r + R/2)^2$. Using calculus max/min methods or plotting this on a graph gives the value of R for which this equation is maximized of R = 2r. This max/min problem is not part of the B curriculum but you should be able to set up the equation to be maximized.	D
26.	The larger loop, with twice the radius, has twice the circumference (length) and $R=\rho L/A$	D
27.	By process of elimination, A is the only possible true statement.	А
28.	$R = \rho L/A$. If $L \div 2$, $R \div 2$ and is $r \div 2$ then $A \div 4$ and $R \times 4$ making the net effect $R \div 2 \times 4$	В
29.	The motor uses $P = IV = 60$ W of power but only delivers $P = Fv = mgv = 45$ W of power. The efficiency is "what you get" ÷ "what you are paying for" = 45/60	E
30.	Resistance of the 2000 Ω and 6000 Ω in parallel = 1500 Ω , adding the 2500 Ω in series gives a total circuit resistance of 4000 Ω . $I_{total} = I_1 = \mathcal{E}/R_{total}$	D
31.	I_1 is the main branch current and is the largest. It will split into I_2 and I_3 and since I_2 moves through the smaller resistor, it will be larger than I_3 .	А
32.	$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{V}^2 / \mathbf{R}$	E
33.	The current through R is found using the junction rule at the top junction, where $1 \text{ A} + 2 \text{ A}$ enter giving I = 3 A. Now utilize Kirchhoff's loop rule through the left or right loops: (left side) + 16 V - (1 A)(4 Ω) - (3 A)R = 0 giving R = 4 Ω	В
34.	Utilizing Kirchhoff's loop rile with any loop including the lower branch gives 0 V since the resistance next to each battery drops the 2 V of each battery leaving the lower branch with no current. You can also think of the junction rule where there is 0.04 A going into each junction and 0.04 A leaving to the other battery, with no current for the lower branch.	D
35.	Summing the potential differences from left to right gives $V_T = -12 V - (2 A)(2 \Omega) = -16 V$. It is possible for $V_T > \mathcal{E}$.	E
36.	Current is greatest where resistance is least. The resistances are, in order, 1 Ω , 2 Ω , 4 Ω , 2 Ω and 6 Ω .	А
37.	See above	E
38.	Least power is for the greatest resistance ($P = \mathcal{E}^2/R$)	E
39.	In series, the equivalent capacitance is calculated using reciprocals, like resistors in parallel. This results in an equivalent capacitance smaller than the smallest capacitor.	D
40.	$\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{T}} = \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}} - \mathbf{I}\mathbf{r}$	С
41.	Kirchhoff's junction rule applied at point X gives $2 \text{ A} = \text{I} + 1 \text{ A}$, so the current in the middle wire is 1 A. Summing the potential differences through the middle wire from X to Y gives $-10 \text{ V} - (1 \text{ A})(2 \Omega) = -12 \text{ V}$	D

potential of the battery is across the resistor. As the capacitor charges, the voltage changes over to the capacitor over time, eventually making the current (and the potential difference across the resistor) zero and the potential difference across the capacitor equal to the emf of the battery.	
See above	А
See above	В
In series $\frac{1}{c_T} = \sum \frac{1}{c}$	В
There are several ways to do this problem. We can find the total energy stored and divide it into the three capacitors: $U_C = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} (2 \ \mu F)(6 \ V)^2 = 36 \ \mu J \div 3 = 12 \ \mu J$ each	С
$P = I^2 R$ and $R = \rho L/A$ giving $P \propto \rho L/d^2$	С
$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}^2 \mathbf{R}$	D
Since these resistors are in series, they must have the same current.	Е
Each branch, with two capacitors in series, has an equivalent capacitance of 2 μ F ÷ 2 = 1 μ F. The three branches in parallel have an equivalent capacitance of 1 μ F + 1 μ F + 1 μ F = 3 μ F	С
For each capacitor to have 6 μ C, each <i>branch</i> will have 6 μ C since the two capacitors in series in each branch has the same charge. The total charge for the three branches is then 18 μ C. Q = CV gives 18 μ C = (3 μ F)V	С
Utilizing Kirchhoff's loop rule starting at the upper left and moving clockwise: $-(2 \text{ A})(0.3 \Omega) + 12 \text{ V} - 6 \text{ V} - (2 \text{ A})(0.2 \Omega) - (2 \text{ A})(\text{R}) - (2 \text{ A})(1.5 \Omega) = 0$	А
Summing the potential differences: $-6 \text{ V} - (2 \text{ A})(0.2 \Omega) - (2 \text{ A})(1 \Omega) = -8.4 \text{ V}$	С
Energy = $Pt = I^2 Rt$	С
When the switch is closed, the circuit behaves as if the capacitor were just a wire, shorting out the resistor on the right.	В
When the capacitor is fully charged, the branch with the capacitor is "closed" to current, effectively removing it from the circuit for current analysis.	А
Total resistance = $\mathcal{E}/I = 25 \Omega$. Resistance of the 30 Ω and 60 Ω resistors in parallel = 20 Ω adding the internal resistance in series with the external circuit gives $R_{total} = 20 \Omega + r = 25 \Omega$	С
$P = V^2/R$ and if V is constant $P \propto 1/R$	А
For the ammeter to read zero means the junctions at the ends of the ammeter have the same potential. For this to be true, the potential drops across the 1 Ω and the 2 Ω resistor must be equal, which means the current through the 1 Ω resistor must be twice that of the 2 Ω resistor. This means the resistance of the upper branch (1 Ω and 3 Ω) must be ½ that of the lower branch (2 Ω and R) giving 1 Ω + 3 Ω = ½ (2 Ω + R)	E
Kirchhoff's loop rule ($V = Q/C$ for a capacitor)	В
To dissipate 24 W means $R = V^2/P = 6 \Omega$. The resistances, in order, are: 8 Ω , 4/3 Ω , 8/3 Ω , 12 Ω and 6 Ω	Е
Dimensional analysis: $1.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A} = 1.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ C/s} \div 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C/proton} = 10^{16} \text{ protons/sec} \div 10^{9} \text{ protons/meter} = 10^{7} \text{ m/s}$	D
The equivalent capacitance of the two 3 μ F capacitors in parallel is 6 μ F, combined with the 3 μ F in series gives $C_{total} = 2 \ \mu$ F	В
	potential of the battery is across the resistor. As the capacitor charges, the voltage changes over to the capacitor over time, eventually making the current (and the potential difference across the resistor) zero and the potential difference across the capacitor equal to the emf of the battery. See above See above In series $\frac{1}{C_T} = \sum \frac{1}{C}$ There are several ways to do this problem. We can find the total energy stored and divide it into the three capacitors: $U_c = \frac{1}{V} CV^2 = \frac{1}{V} (2 \ \mu F)(6 \ V)^2 = 36 \ \mu + 3 = 12 \ \mu T each$ $P = I^2 R$ and $R = \rho L/A$ giving $P \propto \rho L/d^2$ $P = I^2 R$ Since these resistors are in series, they must have the same current. Each branch, with two capacitors in series, has an equivalent capacitance of $2 \ \mu F + 2 = 1 \ \mu F$. The three branches in parallel have an equivalent capacitance of $1 \ \mu F + 1 \ \mu F = 3 \ \mu F$ For each capacitors to have $6 \ \mu C$, each <i>branch</i> will have $6 \ \mu C$ since the two capacitors in series in each branch has the same charge. The total charge for the three branches is then 18 μC . $Q = CV$ gives $18 \ \mu C = (3 \ \mu F)V$ Utilizing Kirchhoff's loop rule starting at the upper left and moving clockwise: $-(2 \ A)(0.3 \ \Omega) + 12 \ V - 6 \ V - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.3 \ \Omega) + 12 \ V - 6 \ V - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.3 \ \Omega) + 12 \ V - 6 \ V - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.3 \ \Omega) + 12 \ V - 6 \ V - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.3 \ \Omega) + 12 \ V - 6 \ V - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.3 \ \Omega) + 12 \ V - 6 \ V - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.3 \ \Omega) + 12 \ V - 6 \ V - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.3 \ \Omega) + 12 \ V - 6 \ V - (2 \ A)(0.2 \ \Omega) - (2 \ A)(0.2 \$

64.	The equivalent capacitance between X and Y is twice the capacitance between Y and Z. This means the voltage between X and Y is ¹ / ₂ the voltage between Y and Z. For a total of 12 V, this gives 4 V between X and Y and 8 V between Y and Z.	D
65.	Closing the switch short circuits Bulb 2 causing no current to flow to it. Since the bulbs were originally in series, this decreases the total resistance and increases the total current, making bulb 1 brighter.	В
66.	In series $\frac{1}{c_T} = \sum \frac{1}{c}$	E
67.	$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{V}^2 / \mathbf{R}$	С
68.	Closing the switch reduces the resistance in the right side from 20 Ω to 15 Ω , making the total circuit resistance decrease from 35 Ω to 30 Ω , a slight decrease, causing a slight increase in current. For the current to double, the total resistance must be cut in half.	В
69.	$R = \rho L/A \propto L/d^2 \text{ where } d \text{ is the diameter. } R_x/R_y = L_x/d_x^{\ 2} \div L_y/d_y^{\ 2} = (2L_y)d_y^{\ 2}/[L_y(2d_y)^2] = \frac{1}{2}$	В
70.	Using all three in series = 3 Ω , all three in parallel = 1/3 Ω . One in parallel with two in series = 2/3 Ω , one in series with two in parallel = 3/2 Ω	C
71.	Summing the potential differences from bottom to top: left circuit: $-(1 \text{ A})\mathbf{r} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}} = 10 \text{ V}$ right circuit: $+(1 \text{ A})\mathbf{r} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}} = 20 \text{ V}$, solve simultaneous equations	С
72.	The equivalent resistance of the 20 Ω and the 60 Ω in parallel is 15 Ω , added to the 35 Ω resistor in series gives 15 Ω + 35 Ω = 50 Ω	D
73.	If you perform Kirchhoff's loop rule for the highlighted loop, you get a current of 0 A through the 6 Ω resistor.	А



74.	N is in the main branch, with the most current. The current then divides into the two branches,	D
	with K receiving twice the current as L and M. The L/M branch has twice the resistance of the K	
	branch. L and M in series have the same current.	

75.	See above. Current is related to brightness ($P = I^2 R$)	D
76.	If K burns out, the circuit becomes a series circuit with the three resistors, N, M and L all in series, reducing the current through bulb N.	E

If M burns out, the circuit becomes a series circuit with the two resistors, N and K in series, with 77. Е bulb L going out as well since it is in series with bulb M.

78.	Using Kirchhoff's loop rule around the circuit going through either V or R since they are in parallel and will have the same potential drop gives: $-V - (1.00 \text{ mA})(25 \Omega) + 5.00 \text{ V} - (1.00 \text{ mA})(975 \Omega) = 0$	D
79.	The equivalent resistance in parallel is smaller than the smallest resistance.	А
80.	When the capacitor is fully charged, the branch on the right has no current, effectively making the circuit a series circuit with the 100 Ω and 300 Ω resistors. R _{total} = 400 Ω , $\mathcal{E} = 10$ V = IR	C
81.	In series, they all have the same current, 2 A. $P_3 = I_3V_3$	C
82.	$P = \mathcal{E}^2/R$. Total resistance of n resistors in series is nR making the power $P = \mathcal{E}^2/nR = P/n$	D
83.	The current through bulb 3 is twice the current through 1 and 2 since the branch with bulb 3 is half the resistance of the upper branch. The potential difference is the same across each branch, but bulbs 1 and 2 must divide the potential difference between them.	E
84.	by definition of a parallel circuit	E
85.	$R = \rho L/A \propto L/d^2 \text{ where } d \text{ is the diameter. } R_{II}/R_I = L_{II}/d_{II}^2 \div L_I/d_I^2 = (2L_I)d_I^2/[L_I(2d_I)^2] = \frac{1}{2}$	С
86.	$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{IV}$	А
87.	If the current in the 6 Ω resistor is 1 A, then by ratios, the currents in the 2 Ω and 3 Ω resistor are 3 A and 2 A respectively (since they have 1/3 and 1/2 the resistance). This makes the total current 6 A and the potential drop across the 4 Ω resistor 24 V. Now use Kirchhoff's loop rule for any branch.	D
88.	The voltage across the capacitor is 6 V (Q = CV) and since the capacitor is in parallel with the 300 Ω resistor, the voltage across the 300 Ω resistor is also 6 V. The 200 Ω resistor is not considered since the capacitor is charged and no current flows through that branch. The 100 Ω resistor in series with the 300 Ω resistor has 1/3 the voltage (2 V) since it is 1/3 the resistance. Kirchhoff's loop rule for the left loop gives $\mathcal{E} = 8$ V.	C
89.	$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{V}^2 / \mathbf{R}$	D
90.	For the currents in the branches to be equal, each branch must have the same resistance.	С
91.	$R \propto L/A = L/d^2$. If d × 2, R ÷ 4 and if L ÷ 2, R ÷ 2 making the net effect R ÷ 8	А
92.	Bulbs in the main branch have the most current through them and are the brightest.	D
93.	In parallel, all the resistors have the same voltage (2 V). $P_3 = I_3V_3$	D
94.	If the resistances are equal, they will all draw the same current.	А
95.	Resistor D is in a branch by itself while resistors A, B and C are in series, drawing less current than resistor D.	D
96.	Even though the wires have different resistances and currents, the potential drop across each is 1.56 V and will vary by the same gradient, dropping all 1.56 V along the same length.	E
97.	Each computer draws I = P/V = 4.17 A. 4 computers will draw 16.7 A, while 5 will draw over 20 A.	D
98.	The capacitance of the two capacitors in parallel is 2C. Combined with a capacitor in series gives $C = \frac{C \times 2C}{C+2C} = \frac{2}{3}C$	В
99.	$P = IV = 1.56 \text{ kW}$. Energy = $Pt = 1.56 \text{ kW} \times 8 \text{ h} = 12.48 \text{ kW-h}$	D
100.	Resistance of bulbs B & C = 20 Ω combined with D in parallel gives 6.7 Ω for the right side. Combined with A & E in series gives a total resistance of 26.7 Ω . $\mathcal{E} = IR$	В

101.	A and E failing in the main branch would cause the entire circuit to fail. B and C would affect each other.	А
102.	$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}\mathbf{R}$	А
103.	$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}} = IR_{total}$ where $R_{total} = 35 \ \Omega$	D
104.	With the switch closed, the resistance of the 15 Ω and the 30 Ω in parallel is 10 Ω , making the total circuit resistance 30 Ω and $\mathcal{E} = IR$	D
105.	$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}^2 \mathbf{R}$	В
106.	The equivalent resistance through path ACD is equal to the equivalent resistance through path ABD, making the current through the two branches equal	E
107.	The resistance in each of the two paths is 9 Ω , making the current in each branch 1 A. From point A, the potential drop across the 7 Ω resistor is then 7 V and across the 4 Ω resistor is 4 V, making point B 3 V lower than point C	D
108.	Since the volume of material drawn into a new shape in unchanged, when the length is doubled, the area is halved. $R = \rho L/A$	E
109.	Closing the switch reduces the total resistance of the circuit, increasing the current in the main branch containing bulb 1	А
110.	Resistivity is dependent on the material. Not to be confused with resistance	С
111.	Resistors J and N are in the main branch and therefore receive the largest current.	D
112.	$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}^2 \mathbf{R}$	D
113.	Breaking the circuit in the lower branch lowers the total current in the circuit, decreasing the voltage across R_1 . Looking at the upper loop, this means R_2 now has a larger share of the battery voltage and the voltage across AD is the same as the voltage across BC	А
114.	In series circuits, larger resistors develop more power	В
115.	With a total resistance of 10 Ω , the total current is 1.2 A. The terminal voltage V _T = \mathcal{E} – Ir	С
116.	Most rapid heating requires the largest power dissipation. This occurs with the resistors in parallel.	E
117.	$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{IV}$	D
118.	Shorting bulb 3 decreases the resistance in the right branch, increasing the current through bulb 4 and decreasing the total circuit resistance. This increases the total current in the main branch containing bulb 1.	C
119.	The total charge to be distributed is +100 μ C – 50 μ C = + 50 μ C. In parallel, the capacitors must have the same voltage so the 20 μ F capacitor has four times the charge of the 5 μ F capacitor. This gives $Q_{20} = 4Q_5$ and $Q_{20} + Q_5 = 4Q_5 + Q_5 = 5Q_5 = 50 \mu$ C, or $Q_5 = 10 \mu$ C	E
120.	The equivalent resistance of the two 4 Ω resistors on the right is 2 Ω making the total circuit resistance 10 Ω and the total current 2.4 A. The 2.4 A will divide equally between the two branches on the right. Q = It = (1.2 A)(5 s) = 6 C	E
121.	For more light at a given voltage, more current is required, which requires less resistance. $R=\rho L/A$	В
122.	Bulb C in the main branch receiving the total current will be the brightest	С
123.	Wire CD shorts out bulb #3 so it will never light. Closing the switch merely adds bulb #2 in parallel to bulb #1, which does not change the potential difference across bulb #1.	C

124.	1 year = 365 days × 24 hours/day = 8760 hours. W (energy) = Pt = $0.1 \text{ kW} \times 8760 \text{ hours} = 867 \text{ kW-h} \times \$0.10 \text{ per kW-h} = \86.7	C
125.	For points a and b to be at the same potential, the potential drop across the 3 Ω resistor must be equal to the potential drop across capacitor C. The potential drop across the 3 Ω resistor is three times the drop across the 1 Ω resistor. For the potential drop across capacitor C to be three times the crop across the 1 μ F capacitor, C must be 1/3 the capacitance, or 1/3 μ F	A
126.	In parallel $\frac{1}{R_T} = \sum \frac{1}{R}$	В
127.	Shorting bulb 4 decreases the resistance in the right branch, increasing the current through bulb 3 and in the main branch containing bulb 1.	D
128.	$R = V/I$ where $V = W/Q$ and $Q = It$ giving $R = W/I^2t$ and $W = joules = kg m^2/s^2$	А
129.	If A were to burn out, the total resistance of the parallel part of the circuit increases, causing less current from the battery and less current through bulb A. However, A and B split the voltage from the battery in a loop and with less current through bulb A, A will have a smaller share of voltage, increasing the potential difference (and the current) through bulb B.	C
130.	When the current is 0.5 A, the voltage across the resistor is $V = IR = 5 V$. According to the loop rule, the remaining 7 V must be across the capacitor.	D
131.	When the switch has been closed a long time, the voltage across the capacitor is 10 V as the current has stopped and the resistor has no potential drop across it. $U_C = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$	D
132.	Since there is constant current, bulb 1 remains unchanged and bulbs 2 and three must now split the current. With half the current through bulb 2, the potential difference between A and B is also halved.	D
133.	The voltmeter is essentially another resistor. The voltmeter in parallel with the 100 Ω resistor acts as a 500 Ω resistor, which will half ¹ / ₂ the voltage of the 100 Ω resistor on the left. Thus the 120 V will split into 80 V for the 1000 Ω resistor and 40 V for the voltmeter combination.	D
134.	$P = I^2 R$ and the current is the same through each resistor.	А
135.	The greatest current is in the main branch.	А
136.	Let the current through the 1 Ω be x. The potential difference across the 1 Ω resistor is then x volts. The current will divide between the upper branch (5 Ω) and the lower branch (9 Ω) with (using the current divider ratio method) $9/(9 + 5) = 9/14$ x in the upper branch and $5/14$ x in the lower branch. The potential differences are then IR giving for the 2, 3, 4, 5 Ω resistors, respectively $18/14$ x, $27/14$ x, $20/14$ x and $25/14$ x volts.	С
137.	The 15 Ω resistor would be in parallel with the 30 Ω resistor when the switch is closed.	С
138.	ACD = 9 Ω , ABD = 9 Ω so the total resistance is 4.5 Ω making the total current $\mathcal{E}/R = 2$ A.	А
139.	The 2 A will divide equally between the two branches with 1 A going through each branch. From B to D we have $-(1 \text{ A})(2 \Omega) = -2 \text{ V}$, with B at the higher potential	А
140.	When the capacitor is charged, the branch is effectively removed from the circuit, making it a simple parallel circuit. The total resistance is 133.3 Ω and V = IR	C
141.	In a simple series circuit with two batteries opposing one another the voltages subtract from one another. The total effective voltage for this circuit is then 4 V. With a total resistance of 20 Ω the total current is (4 V)/(20 Ω)	E

142.	For no current to flow, the potential drop across R_1 must equal the potential drop across R_2 . For this to occur $I_1R_1 = I_2R_2$. Since the two branches also have the same potential difference as a whole (they are in parallel) we also have $I_1(R_1 + R_3) = I_2(R_2 + R_4)$. Solve for R_3	D
143.	When the capacitor is charged, the branch is effectively removed from the circuit, making the circuit a 10 Ω resistor in series with two 10 Ω resistors in parallel. The lone 10 Ω resistor has twice the voltage of the two 10 Ω resistors in parallel with an effective resistance of 5 Ω . The 10 volts will then divide with 3.3 V going to the parallel combination and 6.7 V going to the single 10 Ω resistor. The capacitor is in parallel with the single 10 Ω resistor. $Q = CV$	C
144.	The resistances are, respectively, 4/3 R, 2/5 R, R, and 5/3 R	А
145.	Closing the switch adds another parallel branch, increasing the total current delivered by the battery. Bulb 3 will get brighter. Bulb 2, in its own loop with bulb 3 and the battery will then lose some of its share of the potential difference from the battery and will get dimmer.	C
146.	For the 3 capacitors in series on the right $C_T = C/3$. Adding to the capacitor in parallel gives $C + C/3 = 4C/3$	C
147.	Superconductors have a property where the resistance goes to zero below a certain threshold temperature.	А
148.	On the right, the 6 Ω and 3 Ω resistor in parallel have an equivalent resistance of 2 Ω . Added to the 4 Ω resistance in the middle branch which is in series with the pair gives 6 Ω across the middle. This is in parallel with the 3 Ω resistor at the top giving an equivalent resistance of 2 Ω . Lastly add the 4 Ω resistor in the main branch giving a total circuit resistance of 6 Ω . V = IR.	D
149.	Using ratios, the currents in the 6 Ω and 3 Ω resistors are 1 A and 2 A. They have three times and 3/2 times the resistance of the 2 Ω resistor so they will have 1/3 and 2/3 the current. The total current is then 6 A giving a potential drop of 36 V across the 6 Ω resistor in the main branch and adding any one of the branches below with the loop rule gives 36 V + 6 V = 42 V for the battery	В
150.	Voltmeters must be placed in parallel and ammeters must be placed in series.	В
151.	Even though B_2 burns out, the circuit is still operating elsewhere as there are still closed paths.	В
152.	With B_2 burning out, the total resistance of the circuit increases as it is now a series circuit. This decreases the current in the main branch, decreasing V_1 . For V_1 to be halved, the current must be halved which means the total resistance must be doubled, which by inspection did not happen in this case (total before = 5/3 R, total after = 3 R)	D
153.	S_1 must be closed to have any current. Closing S_2 will allow current in R_2 but closing R_3 would short circuit R_2 .	C
154.	S_1 must be closed to have any current. Closing S_3 will short circuit R_3 , leaving only resistor R_1 , which is the lowest possible resistance.	E
155.	S_1 must be closed to have any current. The greatest voltage will occur with the greatest current through R_3 but closing S_2 or S_3 will draw current away from R_3 .	А
156.	$R = \rho L/A$	D
157.	Starting at A and summing potential differences <i>counterclockwise</i> to point C gives 12 V	А
158.	The branch with two 2 Ω resistors has a total resistance of 4 Ω and a potential difference of 12 V. V = IR	C
159.	For the 6 μ F and 3 μ F capacitor in series, the equivalent capacitance is 2 μ F. Adding the 2 μ F in parallel gives a total capacitance of 4 μ F	D

160.	In series the capacitors have the same charge, but the smaller capacitor will have the larger potential difference (to force the same charge on a smaller area)	С
161.	Before cutting the resistance is R. After cutting we have two wires of resistance $\frac{1}{2}$ R which in parallel is an equivalent resistance of $\frac{1}{4}$ R. $P = V^2/R$ and $I = V/R$	E
162.	$P = V^2/R$ and $R = \rho L/A$ giving $P = V^2 A/\rho L$	В
163.	1 kW-h = 1000 W × 60 min = 60,000 W-min = $I^2Rt = I^2(20 \Omega)(30 min)$	А

AP Physics Free Response Practice - Circuits - ANSWERS

<u>1976B3</u>

a. $V_T = E - Ir = 6 V$

- b. In parallel, each resistor gets 6 V and P = V^2/R gives R = 3 Ω
- c. For the 3 Ω resistor we have I = V/R = 2 A leaving 1 A for the branch with R₁. R = V/I = 6 Ω

<u>1981B4</u>

a. The two batteries are connected with opposing emfs so the total emf in the circuit is $\mathcal{E} = 60 \text{ V} - 12 \text{ V} = 48 \text{ V}$ The resistance of the parallel combination of resistors is $(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2})^{-1} = 1 \Omega$ combining with the rest of the resistors in series gives a total circuit resistance of 8 Ω . The total current is then $\mathcal{E}/R = 6 \text{ A}$. The voltage across the parallel combination of resistors is $V_P = IR_P = 6 \text{ V}$ so the current through the 2 Ω resistor is I = V/R = 3 A

c. The current is forced through battery Bfrom the positive to the negative terminal, charging the battery. This makes the equation for the terminal voltage $V_T = \mathcal{E} + Ir = 18 \text{ V}$

1980B2

a. The resistance of the device is found from $R = V/I = 6 \Omega$. With a 24 volt source, to provide a current of 2 A requires a total resistance of 12 Ω . For the additional 6 Ω resistance, place two 3 Ω resistors in series with the device.



b. Since the device requires 2 A, a resistor in parallel with the device must carry a current of 6 A - 2 A = 4 A. In parallel with the device, the resistor will have a potential difference of 12 V so must have a resistance of V/I = 3Ω . Thus, a single 3Ω resistor in parallel will suffice.



b. $P = I^2 R = 108 W$

<u>1982B4</u>

a. Since the clock requires 15 V it must be directly connected between A and B. Since the radio requires less than 15 V, there must be a resistor in series with it.



- b. The current through the radio (and R) is 10 mA. The voltage across the radio is 9 V, which leaves 6 V across the resistor giving $R = V/I = 600 \Omega$
- c. P = IV where V = 15 V and I = 10 mA + 20 mA = 30 mA so P = 0.45 W and energy = Pt = 27 J

<u>1983B3</u>

- a. The two batteries are connected with opposing emfs so the total emf in the circuit is $\mathcal{E} = 20 \text{ V} 2 \text{ V} = 18 \text{ V}$ The equivalent resistance of the two parallel resistors is $(6 \times 12)/(6 + 12) = 4 \Omega$ and since R is in series with the pair, the total circuit resistance is $(4 + R) \Omega = \mathcal{E}/I = 9 \Omega$ giving $R = 5 \Omega$
- b. Because the voltages of the two resistors in parallel are equal we have $6I_1 = 12I_2$ and $I_1 + I_2 = 2$ A giving i. 4/3 A
 - ii. 2/3 A
- c. Summing the potential differences form point X gives $V_X + IR = 0 + (2 A)(5 \Omega) = V_B = 10 V$. Continuing along gives $V_B 20 V = V_C = -10 V$. And $V_C + (2/3 A)(12 \Omega) = V_D = -2 V$
- d. $P = \mathcal{E}I = 40 W$

<u>1986B3</u>

- a. $P = V^2 R$ gives $R = 240 \Omega$
- b. Bulbs Y and Z in parallel have an equivalent resistance of 120 Ω . Adding bulb X in series with the pair gives R = 360 Ω
- c. $P_T = \mathcal{E}^2 / R_T = 40 \text{ W}$
- d. $I = \mathcal{E}/R = 1/3 A$
- e. $V_{X} = IR_{X} = 80 V$
- f. The current splits equally through Y and Z. $V_Z = I_Z R_Z = (1/6 \text{ A})(240 \Omega) = 40 \text{ V}$

<u>1987B4</u>

- a. The equivalent resistance of R_1 and R_2 is $(12 \times 4)/(12 + 4) = 3 \Omega$. Adding R_3 in series with the pair gives $R = 12 \Omega$
- b. $\mathcal{E} = IR_T = 4.8 V$
- c. The voltage across resistor 1 (equal to the voltage across R_2) is the emf of the battery minus the drop across R_3 which is 4.8 V (0.4 A)(9 Ω) = 1.2 V

d.
$$P = V^2/R = 0.36 W$$

e. Q = It = (0.4 C/s)(60 s) = 24 C

- a. On the right we have two resistors in series: $10 \Omega + 2 \Omega = 12 \Omega$. This is in parallel with the 4 Ω resistor which is an equivalent resistance of 3 Ω and adding the remaining main branch resistor in series gives a total circuit resistance of 9 Ω . The current is then I = $\mathcal{E}/R_T = 8 A$
- b. The voltage remaining for the parallel branches on the right is the emf of the battery minus the potential dropped across the 6 Ω resistor which is 72 V (8 A)(6 Ω) = 24 V. Thus the current in the 10 Ω resistor is the current through the whole 12 Ω branch which is I = V/R = (24 V)/(12 Ω) = 2 A
- c. $V_{10} = I_{10}R_{10} = 20 V$
- d. When charged, the capacitor is in parallel with the 10 Ω resistor so $V_C = V_{10} = 20$ V and $Q = CV = 60 \ \mu C$
- e. $U_C = \frac{1}{2}CV^2 = 6 \times 10^{-4} J$

1989B3

- a. i. $P = I^2 R = (2 A)^2 (10 \Omega) = 40 W$
 - ii. $P = Fv = mgv = 20 W (using g = 10 m/s^2)$
- iii. $P_B = P_R + P_M = 40 \text{ W} + 20 \text{ W} = 60 \text{ W}$
- b. i. V = IR = 20 V
 - ii. V = P/I = (20 W)/(2 A) = 10 V
 - iii. $\mathcal{E} = V_R + V_M = 30 V$
- c. Since the speed is increased by 3/2, the voltage drop increases by the same value and is now (3/2)(10 V) = 15 V
- d. The new voltage across the resistor is found from $V_R = \mathcal{E} V_M = 15$ V and $I = V_R/I = (15 \text{ V})/(2 \text{ A}) = 7.5 \Omega$

1990B3

- a. The 4 Ω and 8 Ω are in series so their equivalent resistance is 12 Ω . Another 12 Ω resistor in parallel makes the equivalent resistance $(12 \times 12)/(12 + 12) = 6 \Omega$
- b. Adding the remaining resistors in series throughout the circuit gives a total circuit resistance of 12 Ω and the total current (which is also the current in the 5 Ω resistor) = $\mathcal{E}/R = 2 A$
- c. $V_{AC} = \mathcal{E} Ir = 22 V$
- d. The current divides equally between the two branches on the right so $P_{12} = I^2 R = (1 \text{ A})^2 (12 \Omega) = 12 \text{ W}$
- e. From B to C you only have to pass through the 12 Ω resistor which gives V = (1 A)(12 Ω) = 12 V
- f. $P_B = V_{AC}^2 / R_{external} = (22 \text{ V})^2 / 11 \Omega = 44 \text{ W}$

<u>1991B4</u>

a/b. $V_{XY} = \mathcal{E} - Ir$ and using data from the graph we can find two equations to solve simultaneously

- $4 \text{ V} = \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}} (1 \text{ A})r$ and $3 \text{ V} = \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}} (3 \text{ A})r$ will yield the solutions $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}} = 4.5 \text{ V}$ and $r = 0.5 \Omega$
- c. $V_{XY} = IR$ which gives 3 V = (3 A)R and $R = 1 \Omega$
- d. I_{max} occurs for R = 0 and $V_{XY} = 0$ which gives $\mathcal{E} = I_{max}r$ and $I_{max} = 9$ A (this is the x intercept of the graph)





- a. $P = V^2/R$ gives $R = 24 \Omega$
- b. E = Pt where t = (30 days)(24 h/day)(3600 sec/h) gives $E = 1.6 \times 10^7 \text{ J}$
- c.



The bulb, needing only 12 V must have a resistor in series with it and the toaster, requiring 120 V must be connected directly to the power supply.

- d. The current through the bulb is I = P/V = 0.5 A, which is also the current in the resistor, which must have 108 V across it to provide the light bulb only 12 V. $R = V/I = (108 \text{ V})/(0.5 \text{ A}) = 216 \Omega$
- e. i. If the resistance of the resistor is increased, the current through the branch will decrease, decreasing the brightness of the bulb.

ii. Since the toaster operates in its own parallel branch, nothing will change for the toaster.

<u>1996B4</u>

a. For the smallest current, place the resistors in series



b. For the largest current, place the resistors in parallel



c. i. The 20 Ω and 30 Ω resistors combine in series as a 50 Ω resistor, which is in parallel with the 100 Ω resistor making their effective resistance 33.3 Ω . Adding the 10 Ω resistor in the main branch in series gives a total circuit resistance of 43 Ω . The current in the 10 Ω resistor is the total current delivered by the battery $\mathcal{E}/R = 0.28 \text{ A}$

ii.
$$P = \mathcal{E}^2/R = 3.35 W$$

d. E = Pt, or $t = E/P = (10 \times 10^3 \text{ J})/(3.35 \text{ W}) = 3 \times 10^3 \text{ seconds}$

- a. i. In series $R_T = 90 \Omega$ and $P = V^2/R = 6.4 W$
 - ii. In parallel $R_T = 10 \Omega$ and P = 57.6 W
- b. The fastest heating occurs with a parallel connection



2002B3B

- a. The resistance of the 6 Ω and 3 Ω resistors in parallel is $(6 \times 3)/(6 + 3) = 2 \Omega$. Adding the 3 Ω resistor in the main branch gives a total circuit resistance of 5 Ω . The current in bulb A in the main branch is the total current delivered by the battery I = $\mathcal{E}/R = (9 \text{ V})/(5 \Omega) = 1.8 \text{ A}$
- b. Bulb A is the brightest. In the main branch, it receives the most current. You can also calculate the power of each resistor where $P_A = 9.7 \text{ W}$, $P_B = 2.2 \text{ W}$ and $P_C = 4.3 \text{ W}$
- c. i. Removing Bulb C from the circuit changes the circuit to a series circuit, increasing the total resistance and decreasing the total current. With the total current decreased, bulb A is dimmer.

ii. Since bulb A receives less current, the potential drop is less than the original value and being in a loop with bulb B causes the voltage of bulb B to increase, making bulb B brighter. The current through bulb B is greater since it is no longer sharing current with bulb C.

iii. The current through bulb C is zero, bulb C goes out.



b. A > D > B = C

Bulb A has the largest current through it, making it brightest. The voltage across bulb D is the same as that across bulbs Band C combined, so it is next brightest, leaving B and C as least bright Bulbs B and C are in series, and thus have the same current through them, so they must be equally bright.

c. i. The brightness of bulb A decreases. The total resistance of the circuit increases so the current in bulb A decreases.

ii. The brightness of bulb B increases. The current (and the voltage) across B increases. Even though the total current decreases, it is no longer splitting to do through the branch with bulb D. Another way to look at it is since A has less current, the potential difference across A is decreased, this allows a larger share of the battery voltage to be across B and C.

- a. The equivalent resistance of the two resistors in parallel is R/2, which if ¹/₂ the resistance of the resistor in the main branch, so the parallel combination will receive half the potential difference of the main branch resistor. The 30 V of the battery will then divide into 20 V for the main branch resistor (and across the voltmeter) and 10 V each for the resistors in parallel.
- b. After the switch has been closed for a long time, the voltage across the capacitor will be 30 V. $Q = CV = 3 \times 10^8 C$
- c. i. The 30 V battery is still connected across the capacitor so the potential difference remains 30 V.
 - ii. E = 0 inside a conductor in electrostatic equilibrium iii.



iv. E = V/d and you can use the entire gap or just one of the two gaps; E = 30 V/(0.5 mm) or 15 V/(0.25 mm) E = 60 V/mm or 60,000 V/m

2002B3

- a. i. $P = V^2/R$ gives $R = 480 \Omega$ and V = IR gives I = 0.25 A
- ii. $P = V^2/R$ gives $R = 360 \Omega$ and V = IR gives I = 0.33 A
- b. i./ii. The resistances are unchanged = 480 Ω and 360 Ω . The total resistance in series is 480 Ω + 360 Ω = 840 Ω making the total current I = V/R = 0.14 A which is the same value for both resistors in series
- c. The bulbs are brightest in parallel, where they provide their labeled values of 40 W and 30 W. In series, it is the larger resistor (the 30 W bulb) that glows brighter with a larger potential difference across it in series. This gives the order from top to bottom as 2134
- d. i. In parallel, they each operate at their rated voltage so they each provide their rated power and $P_T = 30 \text{ W} + 40 \text{ W} = 70 \text{ W}$
 - ii. In series $P_T = V_T^2 / R_T = 17 \text{ W}$

2003B2

- a. For two capacitors in series the equivalent capacitance is $(6 \times 12)/(6 + 12) = 4 \mu F$
- b. The capacitors are fully charged so current flows through the resistors but not the capacitors. $R_T = 30 \Omega$ and I = V/R = 0.2 A
- c. The potential difference between A and B is the voltage across the 20 Ω resistor. V = IR = 4 V
- d. The capacitors in series store the same charge as a single 4 μ F capacitor. Q = CV = (4 μ F)(4 V) = 16 μ C
- e. Remains the same. No current is flowing from A to P to B therefore braking the circuit at point P does not affect the current in the outer loop, and therefore will not affect the potential difference between A and B.

2003B2B

- a. $P = IV = 3 \text{ mW} = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W}$
- b. E = Pt = 0.180 J
- c. e = "what you get"/"what you are paying for" = (power lifting the mass) ÷ (power provided by the motor)P_{lifting} = Fv = mgv = mgd/t = 1.96 mW so the efficiency is 1.96/3 = 0.653 or 65.3 %
- d. To reduce the battery voltage of 9 V to the motor's required voltage of 3 V, we need 6 V across the resistors. The required resistance is then $V/I = (6 V)/(1 mA) = 6000 \Omega$. This is done with a 1000 Ω and a 5000 Ω resistor in series.



2007B3

a. i. $\underline{1} I_A \underline{3} I_B \underline{2} I_C$

ii. The total current flows through R_A and gets divided between the other two resistors with the smaller resistor R_C getting a larger current

- b. i. $\underline{1} V_A \underline{2} V_B \underline{2} V_C$ ii. No resistor is greater than R_A and R_A has the full current through it. R_B and R_C are in parallel and therefore have the same potential difference.
- c. For the two resistors in parallel, the equivalent resistance is $(2R \times R)/(2R + R) = 2/3 R = 133 \Omega$. Adding R_A in series with the pair gives R_T = 400 Ω + 133 Ω = 533 Ω
- d. $I_T = I_A = \mathcal{E}/R_T = 0.0225 \text{ A}$. The potential drop across A is V = IR = 9 V which leaves 3 V for the two branches in parallel. $I_C = V_C/R_C = 0.015 \text{ A}$
- e. In the new circuit, $I_B = 0$ at equilibrium and the circuit behaves as a simple series circuit with a total resistance of 600 Ω and a total current of $\mathcal{E}/R = 0.02$ A. The voltage across the capacitor is the same as the voltage across resistor C and $V_C = IR_C = 4$ V and $Q = CV = 8 \times 10^{-6}$ C

1975E2

- a. $Q = C\mathcal{E} = 12 \ \mu F \times 100 \ V = 1200 \ \mu C$
- b. Connecting the two capacitors puts them in parallel with the same voltage so $V_1 = V_2$ and V = Q/C which gives $Q_1/C_1 = Q_2/C_2$ or $Q_1/12 = Q_2/24$ and $Q_2 = 2Q_1$. We also know the total charge is conserved so $Q_1 + Q_2 = 1200 \ \mu C$ so we have $Q_1 + 2Q_1 = 1200 \ \mu C$ so $Q_1 = 400 \ \mu C$
- c. V = Q/C = 33.3 V
- d. When the battery is reconnected, both capacitors charge to a potential difference of 100 V each. The total charge is then $Q = Q_1 + Q_2 = (C_1 + C_2)V = 3600 \ \mu C$ making the *additional* charge from the battery 2400 \ \mu C.

2007B3B

a. In their steady states, no current flows through the capacitor so the total resistance is 1500 Ω and the total current is $\mathcal{E}/R_T = 8.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A}$





- c. The voltage across the capacitor is the same as the voltage across the 500 Ω resistor = IR = 4 V so we have Q = $CV = 1.2 \times 10^{-4} C$
- d. $P = I^2 R = 6.4 \times 10^{-2} W$
- e. Larger. Replacing the 50 Ω resistor with a larger resistor lowers the steady state current, causing the voltage across the 1000 Ω resistor to decrease and the voltage across the replacement resistor to increase.

1988E2

- a. In their steady states, no current flows through the capacitor so the effective resistance of the branch on the right is $8 \Omega + 4 \Omega = 12 \Omega$. This is in parallel with the 4Ω resistor making their effective resistance $(12 \times 4)/(12 + 4) = 3 \Omega$. Adding the 9 Ω resistor in the main branch gives a total circuit resistance of 12 Ω and a total current of $\mathcal{E}/R = 10 A$. This is the current in the 9 Ω resistor as it is in the main branch.
- b. With 10 A across the 9 Ω resistor, the potential drop across it is 90 V, leaving 30 V across the two parallel branches on the right. With 30 V across the 12 Ω effective resistance in the right branch, we have a current through that branch (including the 8 Ω resistor) of V/R = 2.5 A
- c. $V_C = V_4 = IR = (2.5 \text{ A})(4 \Omega) = 10 \text{ V}$
- d. $U_C = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = 1500 \ \mu J$

1985E2

- a. Immediately after the switch is closed, the capacitor begins charging with current flowing to the capacitor as if it was just a wire. This short circuits R_2 making the total effective resistance of the circuit $5 \times 10^6 \Omega$ and the total current $\mathcal{E}/R_{eff} = 0.006 \text{ A}$
- b. When the capacitor is fully charged, no current flows through that branch and the circuit behaves as a simple series circuit with a total resistance of $15 \times 10^6 \Omega$ and a total current of $\mathcal{E}/R = 0.002 \text{ A}$
- c. The voltage across the capacitor is equal to the voltage across the 10 M Ω resistor as they are in parallel. V_C = V_{10M} = IR = 2000 V and Q = CV = 0.01 C
- d. $U_C = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = 10 J$

1986E2

- a. The resistance of the two parallel branches are equal at 40 Ω each making the equivalent resistance of the two branches 20 Ω . Adding the 5 Ω resistance in the main branch gives a total circuit resistance of 25 Ω and a total current of $\mathcal{E}/R = 1$ A which will split evenly between the two equal branches giving $I_R = 0.5$ A
- b. After the capacitor is charged, no current flows from A to B, making the circuit operate as it did initially when the capacitor was not present. Therefore the current through R is the same as calculated above at 0.5 A
- c. Consider the voltage at the junction above resistor R. The potential drop from this point to point A is $V = IR = (0.5 \text{ A})(10 \Omega) = 5 \text{ V}$ and to point B is $(0.5 \text{ A})(30 \Omega) = 15 \text{ V}$ making the potential difference across the plates of the capacitor 15 V 5 V = 10 V. $Q = CV = (10 \mu \text{F})(10 \text{ V}) = 100 \mu \text{C}$

1989E3

- When charged, the potential difference across the capacitor is 20 V. $U_C = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = 1200 \mu J$ a.
- Given that the charge is initially unchanged, the work done is the change in the energy stored in the capacitor. b. Increasing the distance between plates to 4 times the initial value causes the capacitance to decrease to ¹/₄ its initial value (C \propto 1/d). Since Q_i = Q_f we have C_iV_i = C_fV_f so V_f = 4V_i $W = \Delta U_{\rm C} = \frac{1}{2} C_{\rm f} V_{\rm f}^2 - \frac{1}{2} C_{\rm i} V_{\rm i}^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\frac{1}{4} C(4V)^2) - \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = 3600 \,\mu J$
- After the spacing is increased, the capacitor acts as a battery with a voltage of 4V = 80 V with its emf opposite c. that of the 20 V battery making the effective voltage supplied to the circuit 80 V - 20 V = 60 V. $\mathbf{I} = \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_{\rm eff} / \mathbf{R} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \, \mathrm{A}$
- d. The charge on the capacitor initially was $Q = CV = 120 \mu C$ and after the plates have been separated and a new equilibrium is reach Q = $(\frac{1}{4}C)V = 30 \ \mu$ C so the charge that flowed back through the battery is $120 \ \mu$ C - $30 \ \mu$ C $= 90 \, \mu C$
- e. For the battery $U = Q_{added} V = 1800 \ \mu J$

1992E2

- $\overline{a. i.} Q = CV = 4 \times 10^{-3} C$
 - ii. $U_C = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = 4 J$
- b. When the switch is closed, there is no charge on the $6 \,\mu F$ capacitor so the potential difference across the resistor equals that across the 2 μ F capacitor, or 2000 V and I = V/R = 2 × 10⁻³ A
- In equilibrium, charge is no longer moving so there is no potential difference across the resistor therefore the c. capacitors have the same potential difference. $V_2 = V_6$ gives $Q_2/C_2 = Q_6/C_6$ giving $Q_6 = 3Q_2$ and since total charge is conserved we have $Q_2 + Q_6 = Q_2 + 3Q_2 = 4Q_2 = 4 \times 10^{-3}$ C so $Q_2 = 1 \times 10^{-3}$ C and $Q_6 = 3 \times 10^{-3}$ C d. $U_C = U_2 + U_6 = Q_2^{-2}/2C_2 + Q_6^{-2}/2C_6 = 1$ J. This is less than in part a. ii. Part of the energy was converted to
- heat in the resistor.

1995E2

- $C = \kappa \epsilon_0 A/d$ so $\kappa = Cd/\epsilon_0 A = 5.65$ a.
- b. i. When the switch is closed, the voltage across the capacitor is zero thus all the voltage appears across the resistor and I = $\mathcal{E}/R = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ A}$
- When fully charged, the current has stopped flowing and all the voltage now appears across the capacitor and Q c. = CV $= 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$ C and since the bottom plate is connected to the negative terminal of the battery the charge on that plate is also negative.
- d. $U_C = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = 2.25 \times 10^{-5} J$
- e. Since the capacitor is isolated, the charge on it remains the same. Removing the plastic reduces the capacitance to $C' = \epsilon_0 A/d = C_{\text{original}}/\kappa$ and V = Q/C' = 170~V
- f. $U' = Q^2/2C' = Q^2/2(C/\kappa) = \kappa(Q^2/2C) = \kappa U > U_{\text{original}}$. The increase came from the work that had to be done to remove the plastic from the capacitor.

1996E2

- The initial charge on C_1 is $Q = CV_0 = 200\mu C$. In equilibrium, charge is no longer moving so there is no a. potential difference across the resistor therefore the capacitors have the same potential difference. $V_1 = V_2$ gives $Q_1/C_1 = Q_2/C_2$ giving $Q_2 = 3Q_1$ and since total charge is conserved we have $Q_1 + Q_2 = Q_1 + 3Q_1 = 4Q_1$ = 200 μ C so Q₁ = 50 μ C and Q₂ = 150 μ C
- b. $\Delta U = U_f U_i = (Q_1^2/2C_1 + Q_2^2/2C_2) \frac{1}{2}C_1V_0^2 = -3750 \ \mu J$

2008E2

- a. With a 50 Ω resistor, the right branch has a total resistance of 150 Ω , making the parallel combination with the 300 Ω resistor equal to $(150 \times 300)/(150 + 300) = 100 \Omega$. Adding R₁ from the main branch in series with the branches gives a total circuit resistance of 300 Ω and a total current of $\mathcal{E}/R = 5$ A. The potential difference across R₁ is then V = IR = 1000V, leaving 500 V across the two parallel branches and across R₂.
- b. When the switch is closed with a capacitor between points A and B, the voltage across the capacitor is zero and the current flows through the branch as if the capacitor was a wire. This gives the effective resistance of the parallel resistors as $(100 \times 300)/(100 + 300) = 75 \Omega$ and the total resistance = 275Ω , the total current = $\mathcal{E}/R = 5.45 A$, the voltage across $R_1 = IR = 1090 V$ and $V_2 = 1500 V 1090 V = 410 V$

1978B3

c.

- a. V = Ed = Es
- b. Since the field points from the power plate to the upper plate, the lower plate is positive and the upper plate is negative.



When the potential difference is the same on the two capacitors, charge will stop flowing as charge will flow only when there is a difference in potential.

- d. The capacitor on the left has the smaller capacitance and since the two capacitors are in parallel, they have the same voltage. Q = CV so the larger capacitor (on the right) contains more charge.
- e. The energy lost has been converted to heat through the resistor.

Chapter 12

Magnetism and Electromagnetism



AP Physics Multiple Choice Practice - Magnetism and Electromagnetism

SECTION A – Magnetostatics

- 1. Four infinitely long wires are arranged as shown in the accompanying figure end-on view. All four wires are perpendicular to the plane of the page and have the same magnitude of current I. The conventional current in the wire in the upper right-hand corner is directed into the plane of the page. The other conventional currents are out of the plan of the page. Point P is a distance a from all four wires. What is the total magnetic field at point P?
 - A) $\frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \frac{I}{a}$ toward the upper left hand corner
 - B) $\frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \frac{I}{a}$ toward the lower left hand corner
 - C) $2\frac{\mu_o}{2\pi}\frac{I}{a}$ toward the upper left hand corner

D)
$$2\frac{\mu_o}{2\pi}\frac{I}{a}$$
 toward the lower left hand corner

2. The conventional current I in a long straight wire flows in the upward direction as shown in the figure. (Electron flow is downward.) At the instant a proton of charge +e is a distance R from the wire and heading directly toward it, the force on the proton is:

A)
$$\frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} I^2$$
 toward the wire
 $\mu_e I^2 L$

B)
$$\frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \frac{I}{R}$$
 upward (in the same direction as I)

- C) $\frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \frac{I^2 L}{R}$ downward (in the opposite direction as I)
- D) $ev \frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \frac{I}{R}$ upward (in the same direction as I)

E)
$$ev \frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \frac{I}{R}$$
 downward (in the opposite direction as I)

- 3. A charged particle with constant speed enters a uniform magnetic field whose direction is perpendicular to the particles velocity. The particle will:
 - A) Speed up B) Slow down C) Experience no change in velocityD) Follow a parabolic arc E) Follow a circular arc
- 4. A long straight wire conductor is placed below a compass as shown in the top view figure. When a large conventional current flows in the conductor as shown, the N pole of the compass:
 A) remains undeflected B) points to the south
 C) points to the west D) points to the east E) has its polarity reversed







5. A proton of mass M and kinetic energy K passes undeflected through a region with electric and magnetic fields perpendicular to each other. The electric field has magnitude E. The magnitude of the magnetic field B is

A)
$$\sqrt{\frac{ME^2}{K}}$$
 B) $\sqrt{\frac{ME}{2K}}$ C) $\sqrt{\frac{2ME^2}{K}}$ D) $\sqrt{\frac{ME^2}{2K}}$ E) $\sqrt{\frac{ME^2}{K^2}}$

- 6. An electric current flows through a horizontal wire as shown. Which option best represents the direction of the magnetic field at point P
 - A) into the page
 - B) out of the page
 - C) to the right of the page
 - D) toward the top of the page
 - E) toward the bottom of the page
- Two bar magnets are to be cut in half along the dotted lines shown. None of the pieces are rotated. After the cut:
 A) None of the below will attract one other.
 - A) None of the halves will attract any other
 - B) The two halves of each magnet will attract each other
 - C) The two halves of each magnet will repel each other
 - D) The two halves of the top magnet will repel, the two halves of the bottom magnet will attract
 - E) The two halves of the top magnet will attract, the two halves of the bottom magnet will repel





8. An ion with charge q, mass m, and speed V enters a magnetic field B and is deflected into a path with a radius of curvature R. If a second ion has speed 2V, while m, q, and B are unchanged, what will be the radius of the second ion's path?

A) 4R B) 2R C) R D) R/2 E) R/4

9. A wire moves through a magnetic field directed into the page. The wire experiences an induced charge separation as shown. Which way is the wire moving?
A) to the right D) toward the top of the page
B) to the left E) toward the bottom of the page
C) out of the page



- 10. A charged particle with constant velocity enters a uniform magnetic field whose direction is parallel to the particle's velocity. The particle will
 - A) speed up
 - B) slow down
 - C) experience no change in velocity
 - D) follow a parabolic arc
 - E) follow a circular arc
- 11. The diagram to the right depicts iron filings sprinkled around three permanent magnets. Pole R is the same pole as
 - A) T and Y
 - B) T and Z
 - C) X and Y
 - D) X and Z
 - E) S, T, and Z



12. If conventional electric current flows from left to right in a wire as shown, what is the direction of the magnetic field at point P?



- C) point toward the bottom of the paper
- D) not move since the magnetic field of the coil is into the paper
- E) not move since the magnetic field of the coil is out of the paper
- 17. Two parallel wires are carrying different electric current in the same direction as shown. How does the magnitude of the force of A from B compare to the force of B from A

A) $F_{B \text{ on } A} = 4 F_{A \text{ on } B}$ B) $F_{B \text{ on } A} = \frac{1}{4} F_{A \text{ on } B}$ C) $F_{B \text{ on } A} = 2 F_{A \text{ on } B}$ D) $F_{B \text{ on } A} = \frac{1}{2} F_{A \text{ on } B}$ E) $F_{B \text{ on } A} = F_{A \text{ on } B}$



- 18. A positively charged particle of mass M is at rest on a table. A non-zero electric field E is directed into the plane of the table. A non-zero magnetic field B is directed out of the plane of the table. What is true about the magnitude of the electric force on the particle $F_{\rm F}$ compared to the magnetic force on the particle $F_{\rm R}$? C) $F_E = F_B$ A) $F_E > F_B$ B) $F_E < F_B$ D) It cannot be determined without knowing the exact value of the charge of the particle

 - E) The relative sizes of the electric and magnetic fields are needed to answer this question
- 19. A positive electric charge of negligible weight is released from rest between the poles of a horseshoe magnet as shown. What would be the direction of the acceleration of the charge caused by the magnetic field? A) towards the north pole D) downwards B) towards the south pole E) none of the above C) upwards



20. Two very long current-carrying wires are shown end on in the figure. The wire on the left has a 4A current going into the plane of the paper and the wire on the right has a 3A current coming out of the paper. Disregarding the case of x $\rightarrow \infty$, in which region(s) could the magnetic field from these two wires add to zero on the x-axis.



A) Region I only B) Region II only C) Region III only D) Regions I and III only E) none

- 21. The magnetic field line passing through point P inside the solenoid is directed
 - A) to the right
 - B) to the left
 - C) downward toward the bottom of the page
 - D) upward toward the top of the page
 - E) in no direction since the magnetic field is zero
- 22. The diagram below shows a straight wire carrying a current i in a uniform magnetic field. An arrow indicates the magnetic force F on the wire. Of the following possibilities, the direction of the magnetic field must be A) out of the page B) into the page

 - C) to the right
 - D) up the plane of the page
 - E) down the plane of the page



- 23. For the four identical current-carrying wires shown (with conventional current coming out of the plane of the page), the wire on the right is labeled P. What is the direction of the magnetic force on the wire labeled P from the other wires?
 - A) To the leftB) To the right
 - C) Up the plane of the page
 - D) Down the plane of the page
 - E) There is no force.



24. A wire has a conventional current *I* directed to the right. At the instant shown in the figure, an electron has a velocity directed to the left. The magnetic force on the electron at this instant is



A) zero.

- B) directed out of the plane of the page.
- C) directed into the plane of the page.
- D) directed toward the top of the page.
- E) directed toward the bottom of the page.
- 25. An electron moves in the plane of the page through two regions of space along the dotted-line trajectory shown in the figure. There is a uniform electric field in Region I directed into the plane of the page (as shown). There is no electric field in Region II. What is a necessary direction of the magnetic field in regions I and II? Ignore gravitational forces.

	Region I	Region II
A)	Down on the page	Up on the page
B)	Up on the page	Into the page
C)	Up on the page	Out of the page
D)	Down on the page	Out of the page
E)	Into the page	Up on the page



26. A proton moves straight up the plane of this page into a region that has a magnetic field directed to the right. If the particle is undeflected as it passes through this region, in what direction must there be a component of electric field? Ignore gravity.

A) To the left B) Into the page C) Out of the page D) Down the page E) To the right

27. For the figure shown, the variable resistance in the circuit is increased at a constant rate. What is the direction of the magnetic field at the point P at the center of the circuit

	Magnetic Field at P
A)	Into the page
B)	Out of the page
C)	To the left
D)	To the right
E)	There is no field

28. Which of the paths represents the path of an electron traveling without any loss of energy through a uniform magnetic field directed into the page?(A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E

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- 29. A wire in the plane of the page carries a current directed toward the top of the page as shown. If the wire is located in a uniform magnetic field B directed out of the page, the force on the wire resulting from the magnetic field is(A) directed into the page (D) directed to the left
 - (B) directed out of the page (E) zero
 - (C) directed to the right
- 30. The direction of the magnetic field at point R caused by the current I in the wire shown is(A) to the left(B) to the right(C) toward the wire
 - (A) to the left (B) to the right (C) toward t (D) into the page (E) out of the page
- 31. Two long, parallel wires are separated by a distance d, as shown. One wire carries a steady current I into the

Plane of the page while the other wire carries a steady current I out of the page. At what points in the plane of the page and outside the wires, besides points at infinity, is the magnetic field due to the currents zero?

- (A) Only at point P
- (B) At all points on the line SS'
- (C) At all points on the line connecting the two wires
- (D) At all points on a circle of radius 2d centered on point P
- (E) At no points



- 32. An electron is in a uniform magnetic field **B** that is directed out of the plane of the page, as shown. When the electron is moving in the plane of the page in the direction indicated by the arrow, the force on the electron is directed
 - (A) toward the right
 - (B) out of the page
 - (C) into the page
 - (D) toward the top of the page
 - (E) toward the bottom of the page
- 33. A metal spring has its ends attached so that it forms a circle. It is placed in a uniform magnetic field, as shown. Which of the following will not cause a current to be induced in the spring?
 - (A) Changing the magnitude of the magnetic field
 - (B) Increasing the diameter of the circle by stretching the spring
 - (C) Rotating the spring about a diameter
 - (D) Moving the spring parallel to the magnetic field
 - (E) Moving the spring in and out of the magnetic field

Questions 34-35

A magnetic field of 0.1T forces a proton beam of 1.5 mA to move in a circle of radius 0.1 m. The plane of the circle is perpendicular to the magnetic field.

34. Of the following, which is the best estimate of the work done by the magnetic field on the protons during one complete orbit of the circle?
(A) 0 J
(B) 10⁻²² J
(C) 10⁻⁵ J
(D) 10² J
(E) 10²⁰ J

- (A) 10^{-2} m/s (B) 10^{3} m/s (C) 10^{6} m/s (D) 10^{8} m/s (E) 10^{15} m/s
- 36. Two parallel wires, each carrying a current I, repel each other with a force F. If both currents are doubled, the force of repulsion is

(A) 2F (B) $2\sqrt{2}$ F (C) 4F (C) $4\sqrt{2}$ F (E) 8F

- 37. An electron e and a proton p are simultaneously released from rest in a uniform electric field E, as shown. Assume that the particles are sufficiently far apart so that the only force acting on each particle after it is released is that due to the electric field. At a later time when the particles are still in the field, the electron and the proton will have the same (A) direction of motion
 - (B) speed
 - (C) displacement
 - (D) magnitude of acceleration
 - (E) magnitude of force acting on them







38. As shown, a positively charged particle moves to the right without deflection through a pair of charged plates. Between the plates are a uniform electric field E of magnitude 6.0 N/C and a uniform magnetic field B of magnitude 2.0 T, directed as shown in the figure. The speed of the particle is most nearly



- (D) 12 m/s (E) 18 m/s (A) 0.33 m/s (B) 0.66 m/s (C) 3.0 m/s
- 39. Two long, parallel wires, fixed in space, carry currents I_1 and I_2 . The force of attraction has magnitude F. What currents will give an attractive force of magnitude 4F? (A) $2I_1$ and $\frac{1}{2}I_2$ (B) I_1 and $\frac{1}{4}I_2$ (C) $\frac{1}{2}I_1$ and $\frac{1}{2}I_2$ (D) $2I_1$ and $2I_2$ (E) $4I_1$ and $4I_2$
- 40. A charged particle is projected with its initial velocity parallel to a uniform magnetic field. The resulting path is (A) a spiral (B) a parabolic arc (C) a circular arc (D) a straight line parallel to the field (E) a straight line perpendicular to the field
- 41. Two very long parallel wires carry equal currents in the same direction into the page, as shown. At point P, which is 10 centimeters from each wire, the magnetic field is D) directed to the left A) zero B) directed into the page E) directed to the right C) directed out of the page





- A proton traveling with speed *v* enters a uniform electric field of magnitude E, directed parallel to the plane of the page, as shown in the figure. There is also a magnetic force on the proton that is in the direction opposite to that of the electric force.
- 42. Which of the following is a possible direction for the magnetic field?





- (D) \odot (directed out of the page) (E) \otimes (directed into the pag
- 43. If e represents the magnitude of the proton charge, what minimum magnitude of the magnetic field could balance the electric force on the proton? (A) E/v(B) *eE*/*v* (C) *vE* (D) *eE* (E) *evE*

Proton

44. In a region of space there is a uniform **B** field in the plane of the page but no **E** field. A positively charged particle with velocity v directed into the page is subject to a force F in the plane of the page as shown. Which of the following vectors best represents the direction of **B**?





45. A negatively charged particle in a uniform magnetic field **B** moves with constant speed v in a circular path of radius r, as shown. Which of the following graphs best represents the radius r as a function of the magnitude of **B**, if the speed v is constant?



<u>Questions 46-47</u> relate to the two long parallel wires shown. Initially the wires are a distance d apart and each has a current i directed into the page. The force per unit length on each wire has magnitude F_0

46. The direction of the force on the right-hand wire due to the current in the left-hand wire is(A) to the right (B) to the left(C) upward in the plane of the page(D) downward in the plane of the page (E) into the page



47. The wires are moved apart to a separation 2d and the current in each wire is increased to 2i. The new force per unit length on each wire is

 $(A) \; F_0/4 \qquad (B) \; F_o/2 \qquad (C) \; F_o \qquad (D) \; 2F_o \qquad (E) \; 4F_o$

- 48. Two identical parallel conducting rings have a common axis and are separated by a distance a, as shown. The two rings each carry a current I, but in opposite directions. At point P, the center of the ring on the left the magnetic field due to these currents is
 - (A) zero
 - (B) in the plane perpendicular to the x-axis
 - (C) directed in the positive x-direction
 - (D) directed in the negative x-direction
 - (E) none of the above



- 49. A square loop of wire 0.3 meter on a side carries a current of 2 amperes and is located in a uniform 0.05-tesla magnetic field. The left side of the loop is aligned along and attached to a fixed axis. When the plane of the loop is parallel to the magnetic field in the position shown, what is the magnitude of the torque exerted on the loop about the axis?
 - A) 0.00225 Nm
 - B) 0.0090 Nm
 - C) 0.278 Nm
 - D) 1.11 Nm
 - E) 111 Nm



50. Two long parallel wires are a distance 2a apart, as shown. Point P is in the plane of the wires and a distance a from wire X. When there is a current I in wire X and no current in wire Y, the magnitude of the magnetic field at P is B_0 . When there are equal currents I in the same direction in both wires, the magnitude of the magnetic field at P is A) $2B_0/3$ B) B_0 C) $10B_0/9$ D) $4B_0/3$ E) $2B_0$



52. A beam of protons moves parallel to the x-axis in the positive x-direction, as shown, through a region of crossed electric and magnetic fields balanced for zero deflection of the beam. If the magnetic field is pointed in the positive y-direction, in what direction must the electric field be pointed?

51. A rigid, rectangular wire loop ABCD carrying current I_1 lies in the plane of the page above a very long wire

carrying current I_2 as shown. The net force on the loop is

(A) Positive y-direction

(A) toward the wire

(C) toward the left

(B) away from the wire

- (B) Positive z-direction
- (C) Negative x-direction
- (D) Negative y-direction
- (E) Negative z-direction

(D) toward the right

(E) zero

- .) Negative x-unection
- 53. A charged particle can move with constant velocity through a region containing both an electric field and a magnetic field only if the
 - (A) electric field is parallel to the magnetic field
 - (B) electric field is perpendicular to the magnetic field
 - (C) electric field is parallel to the velocity vector
 - (D) magnetic field is parallel to the velocity vector
 - (E) magnetic field is perpendicular to the velocity vector
54. A negatively charged particle in a uniform magnetic field B moves in a circular path of radius r, as shown. Which of the following graphs best depicts how the frequency of revolution f of the particle depends on the radius r?





Questions 55-56

A particle of charge +e and mass m moves with speed v perpendicular to a uniform magnetic field B directed into the page. The path of the particle is a circle of radius r, as shown.

55. Which of the following correctly gives the direction of motion and the equation relating v and r ?

Direction	Equation
(A) Clockwise	eBr = mv
(B) Clockwise	$eBr = mv^2$
(C) Counterclockwise	eBr = mv
(D) Counterclockwise	$eBr = mv^2$
(E) Counterclockwise	$eBr^2 = mv^2$

56. The period of revolution of the particle is

(A)
$$\frac{\mathrm{mr}}{\mathrm{eB}}$$
 (C) $\frac{2\pi m}{\mathrm{eB}}$ (E) $2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\mathrm{mr}}{\mathrm{eB}}}$
(B) $\sqrt{\frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{eB}}}$ (D) $2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{eB}}}$



57. A square loop of wire carrying a current I is initially in the plane of the page and is located in a uniform magnetic field B that points toward the bottom of the page, as shown. Which of the following shows the correct initial rotation of the loop due to the force exerted on it by the magnetic field?



58. The currents in three parallel wires, X, Y, and Z, each have magnitude I and are in the directions shown. Wire y is closer to wire X than to wire z. The magnetic force on wire y is (A) zero

- (B) into the page
- (C) out of the page
- (D) toward the bottom of the page
- (E) toward the left



B

59. Two long, straight, parallel wires in the plane of the page carry equal currents *I* in the same direction, as shown above. Which of the following correctly describes the forces acting on the wires and the resultant magnetic field at points along the dotted line midway between the wires?

Field
Not zero
Zero
Zero
Not zero
Zero

SECTION B – Induction

- 1. The rate of change of flux has which of the following units A) farads B) joules C) volts D) m/s E) webers
- 2. For the solenoids shown in the diagram (which are assumed to be close to each other), the resistance of the left-hand circuit is slowly increased. In which direction does the ammeter needle (indicating the direction of conventional current) in the right-hand circuit deflect in response to this change?
 - A) The needle deflects to the left.
 - B) The needle deflects to the right.
 - C) The needle oscillates back and forth.
 - D) The needle rotates in counterclockwise circles.
 - E) The needle never moves.
- 3. A strong bar magnet is held very close to the opening of a solenoid as shown in the diagram. As the magnet is moved away from the solenoid at constant speed, what is the direction of conventional current through the resistor shown and what is the direction of the force on the magnet because of the induced current?

	Current through resistor	Force on Magnet
A)	From A to B	To the left
B)	From B to A	To the left
C)	From A to B	To the right
D)	From B to A	To the right
E)	No current	To the righ





- 4. A magnet is dropped through a vertical copper pipe slightly larger than the magnet. Relative to the speed it would fall in air, the magnet in the pipe falls.
 - A) more slowly because it is attracted by the innate magnetic field of the pipe
 - B) more slowly because the currents induced in the pipe produce an opposing magnetic field
 - C) at the same rate
 - D) more quickly because it is attracted by the innate magnetic field of the pipe
 - E) more quickly because the currents induced in the pipe produce an opposing magnetic field
- 5. A 0.20 m long copper rod has constant velocity 0.30 m/s traveling through a uniform magnetic field of 0.060 T. The rod, velocity, and magnetic field are all mutually perpendicular. What is the potential difference induced across the rod's length?
 A) 0.0036 V B) 0.040 V C) 0.090 V D) 1.0 V E) 25 V
- 6. When a wire moving through a magnetic field has a voltage induced between the wire's ends, that voltage is I. directly proportional to the strength of the magnetic field
 - II. directly proportional to the strength of the magnetic II. directly proportional to the velocity of the wire
 - II. directly proportional to the velocity of the wre
 - III. directly proportional to the diameter of the wire
 - A) I only B) II only C) III only D) I and II only E) II and III only
- 7. Lenz's law concerning the direction of an induced current in a conductor by a magnetic field could be a restatement of
 - A) Ampere's lawB) Ohm's LawC) Tesla's LawD) The Law of Conservation of EnergyE) none of theseC) Tesla's Law

8. A square loop is placed in a uniform magnetic field perpendicular to the plane of the loop as shown. The loop is 0.50 meters on a side and the magnetic field B has a strength of 2 T. If the loop is rotated through an angle of 90° in 0.1 second what would be the average induced EMF in the loop?
A) 0.025 C B) 0.40 V C) 5 V D) 10 V E) 80 V



- 9. The figure shows a bar moving to the right on two conducting rails. To make an induced current i in the direction indicated, in what direction would the magnetic field be in the area contained within the conducting rails?A) out of the page D) to the left
 - B) into the page
 - C) to the right
- D) to the left E) It is impossible



- 10. There is a counterclockwise current I in a circular loop of wire situated in an external magnetic field directed out of the page as shown. The effect of the forces that act on this current is to make the loop
 - (A) expand in size
 - (B) contract in size
 - (C) rotate about an axis perpendicular to the page
 - (D) rotate about an axis in the plane of the page
 - (E) accelerate into the page
- 11. The figure shows a rectangular loop of wire of width *l* and resistance R. One end of the loop is in a uniform magnetic field of strength B at right angles to the plane of the loop. The loop is pulled to the right at a constant speed v. What are the magnitude and direction of the induced current in the loop?

<u>Magnitude</u>	Direction
(A) BlvR	Clockwise
(B) BlvR	Counterclockwise
(C) Blv/R	Clockwise
(D) Blv/R	Counterclockwise
(E) 0	Undefined





12. In each of the following situations, a bar magnet is aligned along the axis of a conducting loop. The magnet and the loop move with the indicated velocities. In which situation will the bar magnet NOT induce a current in the conducting loop?



13. A square loop of copper wire is initially placed perpendicular to the lines of a constant magnetic field of 5×10^{-3} tesla. The area enclosed by the loop is 0.2 square meter. The loop is then turned through an angle of 90° so that the plane of the loop is parallel to the field lines. The turn takes 0.1 second. The average emf induced in the loop during the turn is

(A) $1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ V}$ (B) $2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V}$ (C) 0.01 V (D) 100 V (E) 400 V

- 14. Two circular coils are situated perpendicular to the z-axis as shown. There is a current in the primary coil. All of the following procedures will induce a current in the secondary coil EXCEPT (A) rotating the secondary coil about the z-axis
 - (B) rotating the secondary coil about a diameter
 - (C) moving the secondary coil closer to the primary coil
 - (D) varying the current in the primary coil
 - (E) decreasing the cross-sectional area of the secondary coil
- 15. A magnetic field B that is decreasing with time is directed out of the page and passes through a loop of wire in the plane of the page, as shown. Which of the following is true of the induced current in the wire loop?
 - (A) It is counterclockwise in direction.
 - (B) It is clockwise in direction.
 - (C) It is directed into the page.
 - (D) It is directed out of the page.
 - (E) It is zero in magnitude.

Primary Coil Secondary Coil z



16. A wire of constant length is moving in a constant magnetic field, as shown. The wire and the velocity vector are perpendicular to each other and are both perpendicular to the field. Which of the following graphs best represents the potential difference E between the ends of the wire as a function of velocity?





(E)

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Magnetic Field

17. A square loop of wire of resistance *R* and side *a* is oriented with its plane perpendicular to a magnetic field **B**, as shown. What must be the rate of change of the magnetic field in order to produce a current *I* in the loop?
(A) *IR/a*²
(B) *Ia*²/*R*(C) *Ia*/*R*(D) *Ra*/*I*(E) *IRa*



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- 18. A rectangular wire loop is at rest in a uniform magnetic field B of magnitude 2 T that is directed out of the page. The loop measures 5 cm by 8 cm, and the plane of the loop is perpendicular to the field, as shown. The total magnetic flux through the loop is

 (A) zero
 (B) 2 x 10⁻³ T-m²
 (C) 8 x 10⁻³ T-m²
 (D) 2 x 10⁻¹ T-m²
 (E) 8 x 10⁻¹ T-m
- 19. A single circular loop of wire in the plane of the page is perpendicular to a uniform magnetic field **B** directed out of the page, as shown. If the magnitude of the magnetic field is decreasing, then the induced current in the wire is
 - (A) directed out of the paper
 - (B) directed into the paper
 - (C) clockwise around the loop
 - (D) counterclockwise around the loop
 - (E) zero (no current is induced)
- 20. A uniform magnetic field **B** that is perpendicular to the plane of the page now passes through the loops, as shown. The field is confined to a region of radius *a*, where a < b, and is changing at a constant rate. The induced

emf in the wire loop of radius b is \mathcal{E} . What is the induced emf in the wire loop of radius 2b?

	(A) Zero	(B) E /2	(C) E	(D) 2 E	(E) 4 E
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21. Two conducting wire loops move near a very long, straight conducting wire that carries a current I. When the loops are in the positions shown, they are moving in the direction shown with the same constant speed v. Assume that the loops are far enough apart that they do not affect each other. Which of the following is true about the induced electric currents, if any, in the loops?



LOOP 1

- (A) No current
 (B) No current
 (C) Clockwise direction
 (D) Clockwise direction
 (E) Counterclockwise direction
- LOOP 2 No current Counterclockwise direction No current Clockwise direction Clockwise direction
- 22. A wire loop is rotated in a uniform magnetic field about an axis perpendicular to the field, as shown. How many times is the induced current in the loop reversed if the loop makes 3 complete revolutions from the position shown?

(A) One (B) Two C) Three (D) Six (E) Twelve



Questions 23-24

The ends of a metal bar rest on two horizontal north-south rails as shown. The bar may slide without friction freely with its length horizontal and lying east and west as shown. There is a magnetic field parallel to the rails and directed north.

- 23. If the bar is pushed northward on the rails, the electromotive force induced in the bar as a result of the magnetic field will
 (A) be directed upward
 (B) be zero
 (C) produce a westward current
 (D) produce an eastward current
 - (E) stop the motion of the bar



24. A battery is connected between the rails and causes the electrons in the bar to drift to the east. The resulting magnetic force on the bar is directed

(A) north (B) south (C) east (D) west (E) vertically



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(A) Zero

(B) 5 A, counterclockwise

- (C) 5 A, clockwise
- (D) 20 Å, counterclockwise
- (E) 20 A, clockwise

Questions 27-28 refer to the diagram below of two conducting loops having a common axis.



- 27. After the switch S is closed, the initial current through resistor R₂ is
 (A) from point X to point Y
 (B) from point Y to point X
 (C) zero at all times
 (E) impossible to determine its direction
- 28. After the switch S has been closed for a very long time, the currents in the two circuits are (A) zero in both circuits
 (B) zero in circuit 1 and V/R₂ in circuit 2
 (C) V/R₁ in circuit 1 and zero in circuit 2
 (D) V/R₁ in circuit I and V/R₂ in circuit 2
 (E) oscillating with constant amplitude in both circuits

- 29. In the figure, the north pole of the magnet is first moved down toward the loop of wire, then withdrawn upward. As viewed from above, the induced current in the loop is
 - A) always clockwise with increasing magnitude
 - B) always clockwise with decreasing magnitude
 - C) always counterclockwise with increasing magnitude
 - D) always counterclockwise with decreasing magnitude
 - E) first counterclockwise, then clockwise
- 30. A vertical length of copper wire moves to the right with a steady velocity v in the direction of a constant horizontal magnetic field B as shown. Which of the following describes the induced charges on the ends of the wire?
 - Top EndBottom End(A) PositiveNegative(B) NegativePositive(C) NegativeZero(D) ZeroNegative(E) ZeroZero
- 31. A conducting loop of wire that is initially around a magnet is pulled away from the magnet to the right, as indicated in the figure, inducing a current in the loop. What is the direction of the force on the magnet and the direction of the magnetic field at the center of the loop due to the induced current?

Direction of Force on the Magnet (A) To the right

(B) To the right
(C) To the left
(D) To the left
(E) No direction; the force is zero. Direction of Magnetic Field at Center of Loop due to Induced Current

To the right To the left To the right To the left To the left







32. A uniform magnetic field B is directed out of the page, as shown above. A loop of wire of area 0.40 m² is in the plane of the page. At a certain instant the field has a magnitude of 3.0 T and is decreasing at the rate of 0.50 T/s. The magnitude of the induced emf in the wire loop at this instant is most nearly
(A) 0.20 V (B) 0.60 V (C) 1.2 V (D) 1.5 V (E) 2.8 V



AP Physics Free Response Practice – Magnetism and Electromagnetism

SECTION A – Magnetostatics



1975B6. In a mass spectrometer, singly charged ¹⁶O ions are first accelerated electrostatically through a voltage V to a speed v_o. They then enter a region of uniform magnetic field B directed out of the plane of the paper.
a. The ¹⁶O ions are replaced with singly charged ³²S ions of twice the mass and the same charge. What will be their speed in terms of v_o for the same accelerating voltage?
b. When ³²S is substituted for ¹⁶O in part (a), determine by what factor the radius of curvature of the ions' path in

- the magnetic field changes.



1976B4.

An ion of mass m and charge of known magnitude q is observed to move in a straight line through a region of space in which a uniform magnetic field B points out of the paper and a uniform electric field E points toward the top edge of the paper, as shown in region I above. The particle travels into region II in which the same magnetic field is present, but the electric field is zero. In region II the ion moves in a circular path as shown.

(a) Indicate on the diagram below the direction of the force on the ion at point P_2 in region II.



- (b) Is the ion positively or negatively charged? Explain clearly the reasoning on which you base your conclusion.
- (c) Indicate and label clearly on the diagram below the forces which act on the ion at point P_1 in region I.



(d) Find an expression for the ion's speed v at point P_1 in terms of E and B.

1977B3. An electron is accelerated from rest through a potential difference of magnitude V between infinite parallel plates P_1 and P_2 . The electron then passes into a region of uniform magnetic field strength B which exists everywhere to the right of plate P_2 . The magnetic field is directed into the page.



- a. On the diagram above, clearly indicate the direction of the electric field between the plates.
- b. In terms of V and the electron's mass and charge, determine the electron's speed when it reaches plate P_2 .
- c. Describe in detail the motion of the electron through the magnetic field and explain why the electron moves this way.
- d. If the magnetic field remains unchanged, what could be done to cause the electron to follow a straight-line path to the right of plate P_2 ?

- 1979B4. Determine the magnitude and direction of the force on a proton in each of the following situations. Describe qualitatively the path followed by the proton in each situation and sketch the path on each diagram. Neglect gravity.
- a. The proton is released from rest at the point P in an electric field E having intensity 10^4 newtons per coulomb and directed up in the plane of the page as shown below.



b. In the same electric field as in part (a), the proton at point P has velocity $v = 10^5$ meters per second directed to the right as shown below.



c. The proton is released from rest at point P in a magnetic field B having intensity 10^{-1} tesla and directed into the page as shown below.

X	X	X	X	X	X	В
X	X	x P (x	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	x	X	X	x	
X	х	х	х	х	Х	

d. In the same magnetic field as in part (c), the proton at point P has velocity $v = 10^5$ meters per second directed to the right as shown below.

X	X	X	X	X	X	В
X	X	X	х	X	X	
X	x	X	x	x	^v x	
x	x	x	x	X	X	
x	х	х	x	x	x	

1984B4. An electron from a hot filament in a cathode ray tube is accelerated through a potential

difference $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$. It then passes into a region of uniform magnetic field B, directed into the page as shown. The mass of the electron is m and the charge has magnitude e.

- a. Find the potential difference \mathcal{E} necessary to give the electron a speed v as it enters the magnetic field.
- b. On the diagram, sketch the path of the electron in the magnetic field.
- e. In terms of mass m, speed v, charge e, and field strength B, develop an expression for r, the radius of the circular path of the electron.
- d. An electric field E is now established in the same region as the magnetic field, so that the electron passes through the region undeflected.i. Determine the magnitude of E.
 - ii. Indicate the direction of E on the diagram



1988B4. The two long straight wires as shown are perpendicular, insulated from each other, and small enough so that they may be considered to be in the same plane. The wires are not free to move. Point P, in the same plane as the wires, is 0.5 meter from the wire carrying a current of 1 ampere and is 1.0 meter from the wire carrying a current of 3 amperes.

- a. What is the direction of the net magnetic field at P due to the currents?
- b. Determine the magnitude of the net magnetic field at P due to the currents.



A charged particle at point P that is instantaneously moving with a velocity of 10^6 meters per second toward the top of the page experiences a force of 10^{-7} newtons to the left due to the two currents.

- c. State whether the charge on the particle is positive or negative.
- d. Determine the magnitude of the charge on the particle.
- e. Determine the magnitude and direction of an electric field also at point P that would make the net force on this moving charge equal to zero.



1990B2. A pair of square parallel conducting plates, having sides of length 0.05 meter, are 0.01 meter apart and are connected to a 200-volt power supply, as shown above. An electron is moving horizontally with a speed of 3×10^7 meters per second when it enters the region between the plates. Neglect gravitation and the distortion of the electric field around the edges of the plates.

- a. Determine the magnitude of the electric field in the region between the plates and indicate its direction on the figure above.
- b. Determine the magnitude and direction of the acceleration of the electron in the region between the plates.
- c. Determine the magnitude of the vertical displacement of the electron for the time interval during which it moves through the region between the plates.
- d. On the diagram below, sketch the path of the electron as it moves through and after it emerges from the region between the plates. The dashed lines in the diagram have been added for reference only.



e. A magnetic field could be placed in the region between the plates which would cause the electron to continue to travel horizontally in a straight line through the region between the plates. Determine both the magnitude and the direction of this magnetic field.



1991B2. In region I shown above, there is a potential difference V between two large, parallel plates separated by a distance d. In region II, to the right of plate D, there is a uniform magnetic field B pointing perpendicularly out of the paper. An electron, charge –e and mass m, is released from rest at plate C as shown, and passes through a hole in plate D into region II. Neglect gravity.

- a. In terms of e, V, m, and d, determine the following.
 i. The speed v_o of the electron as it emerges from the hole in plate D
 ii. The acceleration of the electron in region I between the plates
- b. On the diagram below do the following.
 - i. Draw and label an arrow to indicate the direction of the magnetic force on the electron as it enters the constant magnetic field.
 - ii. Sketch the path that the electron follows in region II.



c. In terms of e, B, V, and m, determine the magnitude of the acceleration of the electron in region II.



Cross Section of Cathode Ray Tube

1992B5. The figure above shows a cross section of a cathode ray tube. An electron in the tube initially moves horizontally in the plane of the cross section at a speed of 2.0×10^7 meters per second. The electron is deflected upward by a magnetic field that has a field strength of 6.0×10^{-4} tesla.

- a. What is the direction of the magnetic field?
- b. Determine the magnitude of the magnetic force acting on the electron.
- c. Determine the radius of curvature of the path followed by the electron while it is in the magnetic field.

An electric field is later established in the same region as the magnetic field such that the electron now passes through the magnetic and electric fields without deflection.

- d. Determine the magnitude of the electric field.
- e. What is the direction of the electric field?

1993B3. A particle of mass m and charge q is accelerated from rest in the plane of the page through a potential difference V between two parallel plates as shown. The particle is injected through a hole in the right-hand plate into a region of space containing a uniform magnetic field of magnitude B oriented perpendicular to the plane of the page. The particle curves in a semicircular path and strikes a detector.

- a. i. State whether the sign of the charge on the particle is positive or negative.
 - ii. State whether the direction of the magnetic field is into the page or out of the page.
- b. Determine each of the following in terms of m, q, V, and B.
 - i. The speed of the charged particle as it enters the region of the magnetic field B
 - ii. The force exerted on the charged particle by the magnetic field B
 - iii. The distance from the point of injection to the detector
 - iv. The work done by the magnetic field on the charged particle during the semicircular trip





1994B4. In a linear accelerator, protons are accelerated from rest through a potential difference to a speed of approximately 3.1×10^6 meters per second. The resulting proton beam produces a current of 2×10^{-6} ampere.

- a. Determine the potential difference through which the protons were accelerated.
- b. If the beam is stopped in a target, determine the amount of thermal energy that is produced in the target in one minute.

The proton beam enters a region of uniform magnetic field B, as shown above, that causes the beam to follow a semicircular path.

- c. Determine the magnitude of the field that is required to cause an arc of radius 0.10 meter.
- d. What is the direction of the magnetic field relative to the axes shown above on the right?



1995B7. A uniform magnetic field of magnitude B = 1.2 teslas is directed toward the bottom of the page in the -y direction, as shown above. At time t = 0, a proton p in the field is moving in the plane of the page with a speed $v_0 = 4 \times 10^7$ meters per second in a direction 30° above the +x axis.

- a. Calculate the magnetic force on the proton at t = 0.
- b. With reference to the coordinate system shown above on the right, state the direction of the force on the proton at t = 0.
- c. How much work will the magnetic field do on the proton during the interval from t = 0 to t = 0.5 second?
- d. Describe (but do not calculate) the path of the proton in the field.



1997B3. A rigid rod of mass m and length Lis suspended from two identical springs of negligible mass as shown in the diagram above. The upper ends of the springs are fixed in place and the springs stretch a distance d under the weight of the suspended rod.

a. Determine the spring constant k of each spring in terms of the other given quantities and fundamental constants.



As shown above, the upper end of the springs are connected by a circuit branch containing a battery of emf \mathcal{E} and a switch S so that a complete circuit is formed with the metal rod and springs. The circuit has a total resistance R, represented by the resistor in the diagram. The rod is in a uniform magnetic field directed perpendicular to the page. The upper ends of the springs remain fixed in place and the switch S is closed. When the system comes to equilibrium, the rod has been lowered an additional distance Δd .

- b. With reference to the coordinate system shown above on the right, what is the direction of the magnetic field?
- c. Determine the magnitude of the magnetic field in terms of m, L, d, Δd , \mathcal{E} , R, and fundamental constants.
- d. When the switch is suddenly opened, the rod oscillates. For these oscillations, determine the following quantities in terms of d, Δd, and fundamental constants:
 i. The period
 - ii. The maximum speed of the rod





1998B8. The long, straight wire shown in Figure 1 above is in the plane of the page and carries a current I. Point P is also in the plane of the page and is a perpendicular distance d from the wire. Gravitational effects are negligible. a. With reference to the coordinate system in Figure 1, what is the direction of the magnetic field at point P due to

the current in the wire?

A particle of mass m and positive charge a is initially moving parallel to the wire with a speed v_0 when it is at point P. as shown in Figure 2 below.



Figure 2

- b. With reference to the coordinate system in Figure 2, what is the direction of the magnetic force acting on the particle at point P ?
- c. Determine the magnitude of the magnetic force acting on the particle at point P in terms of the given quantities and fundamental constants.
- d. An electric field is applied that causes the net force on the particle to be zero at point P.
 - i. With reference to the coordinate system in Figure 2, what is the direction of the electric field at point P that could accomplish this?
 - ii. Determine the magnitude of the electric field in terms of the given quantities and fundamental constants.



2000B7. A particle with unknown mass and charge moves with constant speed $v = 1.9 \times 10^6$ m/s as it passes undeflected through a pair of parallel plates, as shown above. The plates are separated by a distance $d = 6.0 \times 10^{-3}$ m, and a constant potential difference V is maintained between them. A uniform magnetic field of magnitude B = 0.20 T directed into the page exists both between the plates and in a region to the right of them as shown. After the particle passes into the region to the right of the plates where only the magnetic field exists, its trajectory is circular with radius r = 0.10 m.

a. What is the sign of the charge of the particle? Check the appropriate space below.

____Positive ____Negative ____Neutral ____It cannot be determined from this information.

Justify your answer.

- b. On the diagram above, clearly indicate the direction of the electric field between the plates.
- c. Determine the magnitude of the potential difference V between the plates.
- d. Determine the ratio of the charge to the mass (q/m) of the particle.

2002B5. A proton of mass m_p and charge *e* is in a box that contains an electric field *E*, and the box is located in Earth's magnetic field *B*. The proton moves with an initial velocity vertically upward from the surface of Earth. Assume gravity is negligible.

(a) On the diagram above, indicate the direction of the electric field inside the box so that there is no change in the trajectory of the proton while it moves upward in the box. Explain your reasoning.



(b) Determine the speed v of the proton while in the box if it continues to move vertically upward. Express your answer in terms of the fields and the given quantities.

The proton now exits the box through the opening at the top.

- (c) On the diagram above, sketch the path of the proton after it leaves the box.
- (d) Determine the magnitude of the acceleration *a* of the proton just after it leaves the box, in terms of the given quantities and fundamental constants.



2003B3.

A rail gun is a device that propels a projectile using a magnetic force. A simplified diagram of this device is shown above. The projectile in the picture is a bar of mass M and length D, which has a constant current I flowing through it in the +y direction, as shown. The space between the thin frictionless rails contains a uniform magnetic field **B**, perpendicular to the plane of the page. The magnetic field and rails extend for a distance L. The magnetic field exerts a constant force **F** on the projectile, as shown.

Express all algebraic answers to the following parts in terms of the magnitude F of the constant magnetic force, other quantities given above, and fundamental constants.

- (a) Determine the position x of the projectile as a function of time t while it is on the rail if the projectile starts from rest at x = 0 when t = 0.
- (b) Determine the speed of the projectile as it leaves the right-hand end of the track.
- (c) Determine the energy supplied to the projectile by the rail gun.
- (d) In what direction must the magnetic field **B** point in order to create the force **F**? Explain your reasoning.
- (e) Calculate the speed of the bar when it reaches the end of the rail given the following values. B = 5 T L = 10 m I = 200 A M = 0.5 kg D = 10 cm

B2007B2.

A beam of particles of charge $q = +3.2 \times 10^{-19}$ C and mass $m = 6.68 \times 10^{-26}$ kg enters region I with a range of velocities all in the direction shown in the diagram above. There is a magnetic field in region I directed into the page with magnitude B = 0.12 T. Charged metal plates are placed in appropriate locations to create a uniform electric field of magnitude E = 4800 N/C in region I. As a result, some of the charged particles pass straight through region I undeflected. Gravitational effects are negligible.

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Beam T	× ×	×	×	×	×
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(a)

i. On the diagram above, sketch electric field lines in region I.

ii. Calculate the speed of the particles that pass straight through region I.

The particles that pass straight through enter region II, in which there is no electric field and the magnetic field has the same magnitude and direction as in region I. The path of the particles in region II is a circular arc of radius R.

(b) Calculate the radius *R*.

(c) Within the beam there are particles moving slower than the speed you calculated in (a)ii. In what direction is the net initial force on these particles as they enter region I?

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To the right _____ Toward the bottom of the page _____ Into the plane of the page

Justify your answer.

(d) A particle of the same mass and the same speed	Г						
as in (a)ii but with charge $q = -3.2 \times 10^{-19}$ C enters region I. On the following diagram, sketch the complete resulting path of the particle.	Particle Beam	×	×	×	×	×	×
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Top View

2007B2.

Your research director has assigned you to set up the laboratory's mass spectrometer so that it will separate strontium ions having a net charge of +2e from a beam of mixed ions. The spectrometer above accelerates a beam of ions from rest through a potential difference \mathcal{E} , after which the beam enters a region containing a uniform magnetic field **B** of constant magnitude and perpendicular to the plane of the path of the ions. The ions leave the spectrometer at a distance *x* from the entrance point. You can manually change \mathcal{E}

Numerical values for this experiment: Strontium atomic number: 38 Strontium ion mass: 1.45×10^{-25} kg Magnitude of *B* field: 0.090 T Desired exit distance *x*: 1.75 m

(a) In what direction must **B** point to produce the trajectory of the ions shown?

(b) The ions travel at constant speed around the semicircular path. Explain why the speed remains constant.

(c) Calculate the speed of the ions with charge +2e that exit at distance *x*.

(d) Calculate the accelerating voltage \mathcal{E} needed for the ions with charge +2e to attain the speed you calculated in part (c).

2008B3.

A rectangular wire loop is connected across a power supply with an internal resistance of 0.50 Ω and an emf of 16 V. The wire has resistivity 1.7×10^{-8} W•m and cross-sectional area 3.5×10^{-9} m². When the power supply is turned on, the current in the wire is 4.0 A. (a) Calculate the length of wire used to make the loop.



Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

The wire loop is then used in an experiment to measure the strength of the magnetic field between the poles of a magnet. The magnet is placed on a digital balance, and the wire loop is held fixed between the poles of the magnet, as shown. The 0.020 m long horizontal segment of the loop is midway between the poles and perpendicular to the direction of the magnetic field. The power supply in the loop is turned on, so that the 4.0 A current is in the direction shown.

(b) In which direction is the force on the magnet due to the current in the wire segment? Upward Downward Justify your answer.

(c) The reading on the balance changed by 0.060 N when the power supply was turned on. Calculate the strength of the magnetic field.

Various rectangular loops with the same total length of wire as found in part (a) were constructed such that the lengths of the horizontal segments of the wire loops varied between 0.02 m and 0.10 m. The horizontal segment of each loop was always centered between the poles, and the current in each loop was always 4.0 A. The following graph represents the theoretical relationship between the magnitude of the force on the magnet and the wire length.



(d) Suppose the wire segments were misaligned and placed at a constant nonperpendicular angles to the magnetic field, as shown below.



On the graph, sketch a possible relationship between the magnitude of the force on the magnet and the length of the wire segment

(e) Suppose the loops are correctly placed perpendicular to the field and the data below is obtained. Describe a likely cause of the discrepancy between the data and the theoretical relationship.



B2008B3.



A student is measuring the magnetic field generated by a long, straight wire carrying a constant current. A magnetic field probe is held at various distances d from the wire, as shown above, and the magnetic field is measured. The graph below shows the five data points the student measured and a best-fit curve for the data. Unfortunately, the



Another student, who does not have a magnetic field probe, uses a compass and the known value of Earth's magnetic field to determine the magnetic field generated by the wire. With the current turned off, the student places the compass 0.040 m from the wire, and the compass points directly toward the wire as shown below. The student then turns on a 35 A current directed into the page.



(c) On the compass, sketch the general direction the needle points after the current is established.

(d) Calculate how many degrees the compass needle rotates from its initial position pointing directly north.

The wire is part of a circuit containing a power source with an emf of 120 V and negligible internal resistance. (e) Calculate the total resistance of the circuit.

(f) Calculate the rate at which energy is dissipated in the circuit.





Three particles are arranged on coordinate axes as shown above. Particle A has charge $q_A = -0.20$ nC, and is initially on the y-axis at y = 0.030 m. The other two particles each have charge $q_B = +0.30$ nC and are held fixed on the x-axis at x = -0.040 m and x = +0.040 m respectively.

(a) Calculate the magnitude of the net electric force on particle A when it is at y = 0.030 m, and state its direction. (b) Particle A is then released from rest. Qualitatively describe its motion over a long time.

In another experiment, particle A of charge $q_A = -0.20$ nC is injected into a uniform magnetic field of strength 0.50 T directed into the page, as shown below, entering the field with speed 6000 m/s.



(c) On the diagram above, sketch a complete path of particle *A* as it moves in the magnetic field.
(d) Calculate the magnitude of the force the magnetic field exerts on particle *A* as it enters the magnetic field.
(e) An electric field can be applied to keep particle *A* moving in a straight line through the magnetic field.
Calculate the magnitude of this electric field and state its direction.

C1983E3.



- a. Two long parallel wires that are a distance 2a apart carry equal currents I into the plane of the page as shown above.
 - i. Determine the resultant magnetic field intensity at the point O midway between the wires.

ii. Develop an expression for the resultant magnetic field intensity at the point N. which is a vertical distance y above point O. On the diagram above indicate the direction of the resultant magnetic field at point N.



C1990E2. In the mass spectrometer shown above, particles having a net charge +Q are accelerated from rest through a potential difference in Region I. They then move in a straight line through Region II, which contains a magnetic field **B** and an electric field **E**. Finally, the particles enter Region III, which contains only a magnetic field **B**, and move in a semicircular path of radius R before striking the detector. The magnetic fields in Regions II and III are uniform, have the same magnitude **B**, and are directed out of the page as shown.

a. In the figure above, indicate the direction of the electric field necessary for the particles to move in a straight line through Region II.

In terms of any or all the quantities Q, B, E, and R, determine expressions for

- b. the speed v of the charged particles as they enter Region III;
- c. the mass m of the charged particles;
- d. the accelerating potential V in Region I;
- e. the acceleration a of the particles in Region III;
- f. the time required for the particles to move along the semicircular path in Region III.

Supplemental Problem.



Electrons are accelerated from rest through a potential difference V_o and then pass through a region between two parallel metal plates, as shown above. The region between the plates can contain a uniform electric field **E** and a uniform magnetic field **B**. With only the electric field present, the electrons follow path 1. With only the magnetic field present, the electrons follow path 3. As drawn, the curved paths between the plates show the correct direction of deflection for each field, but not necessarily the correct path shape. With both fields present, the electrons pass undeflected along the straight path 2.

(a)

i. Which of the following describes the shape of the portion of path 1 between the plates? _____Circular _____Parabolic _____Hyperbolic _____Exponential Justify your answer.

ii. What is the direction of the electric field?

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(b)

- i. Which of the following describes the shape of the portion of path 3 between the plates? _____Circular ____Parabolic ____Hyperbolic ____Exponential Justify your answer.
- ii. What is the direction of the magnetic field?

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Between the plates the magnitude of the electric field is $3.4 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}$, and that of the magnetic field is $2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ T}$. (c) Calculate the speed of the electrons given that they are undeflected when both fields are present.

(d) Calculate the potential difference V_0 required to accelerate the electrons to the speed determined in part (c).

<u>SECTION B – Induction</u>



1978B4. Two parallel conducting rails, separated by a distance L of 2 meters, are connected through a resistance R of 3 ohms as shown above. A uniform magnetic field with a magnitude B of 2 tesla points into the page. A conducting bar with mass m of 4 kilograms can slide without friction across the rails.

- (a) Determine at what speed the bar must be moved, and in what direction, to induce a counterclockwise current I of 2 amperes as shown.
- (b) Determine the magnitude and direction of the external force that must be applied to the bar to keep it moving at this velocity.
- (c) Determine the rate at which heat is being produced in the resistor, and determine the mechanical power being supplied to the bar.
- (d) Suppose the external force is suddenly removed from the bar. Determine the energy in joules dissipated in the resistor before the bar comes to rest.



1982B5. A circular loop of wire of resistance 0.2 ohm encloses an area 0.3 square meter and lies flat on a wooden table as shown above. A magnetic field that varies with time t as shown below is perpendicular to the table. A positive value of B represents a field directed up from the surface of the table; a negative value represents a field directed into the tabletop.



- a. Calculate the value of the magnetic flux through the loop at time t = 3 seconds.
- b. Calculate the magnitude of the emf induced in the loop during the time interval t = 0 to 2 seconds.
- c. On the axes below, graph the current I through the coil as a function of time t, and put appropriate numbers on the vertical scale. Use the convention that positive values of I represent counterclockwise current as viewed from above.





1986B4. A wire loop, 2 meters by 4 meters, of negligible resistance is in the plane of the page with its left end in a uniform 0.5-tesla magnetic field directed into the page, as shown above. A 5-ohm resistor is connected between points X and Y. The field is zero outside the region enclosed by the dashed lines. The loop is being pulled to the right with a constant velocity of 3 meters per second. Make all determinations for the time that the left end of the loop is still in the field, and points X and Y are not in the field.

- a. Determine the potential difference induced between points X and Y.
- b. On the figure above show the direction of the current induced in the resistor.
- c. Determine the force required to keep the loop moving at 3 meters per second.
- d. Determine the rate at which work must be done to keep the loop moving at 3 meters per second.



1999B3. A rectangular conducting loop of width w, height h, and resistance R is mounted vertically on a non-conducting cart as shown above. The cart is placed on the inclined portion of a track and released from rest at position P_1 at a height y_0 above the horizontal portion of the track. It rolls with negligible friction down the incline and through a uniform magnetic field **B** in the region above the horizontal portion of the track. The conducting loop is in the plane of the page, and the magnetic field is directed into the page. The loop passes completely through the field with a negligible change in speed. Express your answers in terms of the given quantities and fundamental constants.

- a. Determine the speed of the cart when it reaches the horizontal portion of the track.
- b. Determine the following for the time at which the cart is at position P_2 , with one-third of the loop in the magnetic field.

i. The magnitude of the emf induced in the conducting loop

- ii. The magnitude of the current induced in the conducting loop
- c. On the following diagram of the conducting loop, indicate the direction of the current when it is at Position P_2 .
- d. i. Using the axes shown, sketch a graph of the magnitude of the magnetic flux ϕ through the loop as a function of the horizontal distance x traveled by the cart, letting x = 0 be the position at which the front edge of the loop just enters the field. Label appropriate values on the vertical axis.

ii. Using the axes shown, sketch

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a graph of the current induced in the loop as a function of the horizontal distance x traveled by the cart, letting x = 0 be the position at which the front



2004B3.



A square loop of wire of side 0.20 m has a total resistance of 0.60 Ω . The loop is positioned in a uniform magnetic field **B** of 0.030 T. The field is directed into the page, perpendicular to the plane of the loop, as shown above.

(a) Calculate the magnetic flux ϕ through the loop.

The field strength now increases uniformly to 0.20 T in 0.50 s. (b) Calculate the emf ε induced in the loop during this period.

(c) i. Calculate the magnitude *I* of the current in the loop during this period.
 ii. What is the direction of the current in the loop?
 <u>Clockwise</u> Counterclockwise
 Justify your answer.

(d) Describe a method by which you could induce a current in the loop if the magnetic field remained

B2004B4.

A 20-turn wire coil in the shape of a rectangle, 0.25 m by 0.15 m, has a resistance of 5.0 Ω . In position 1 shown, the loop is in a uniform magnetic field **B** of 0.20 T. The field is directed out of the page, perpendicular to the plane of the loop. The loop is pulled to the right at a constant velocity, reaching position 2 in 0.50 s, where **B** is equal to zero.

- (a) Calculate the average emf induced in the 20-turn coil during this period.
- (b) Calculate the magnitude of the current induced in the 20-turn coil and state its direction.
- (c) Calculate the power dissipated in the 20-turn coil.

(d) Calculate the magnitude of the average force necessary to remove the 20-turn coil from the magnetic field.

(e) Identical wire is used to add 20 more turns of wire to the original coil. How does this affect the current in the coil? Justify your answer.





A metal rod of mass 0.22 kg lies across two parallel conducting rails that are a distance of 0.52 m apart on a tabletop, as shown in the top view. A 3.0 Ω resistor is connected across the left ends of the rails. The rod and rails have negligible resistance but significant friction with a coefficient of kinetic friction of 0.20.

There is a magnetic field of 0.80 T perpendicular to the plane of the tabletop. A string pulls the metal rod to the right with a constant speed of 1.8 m/s.

- (a) Calculate the magnitude of the current induced in the loop formed by the rod, the rails, and the resistor, and state its direction.
- (b) Calculate the magnitude of the force required to pull the rod to the right with constant speed.
- (c) Calculate the energy dissipated in the resistor in 2.0 s.
- (d) Calculate the work done by the string pulling the rod in 2.0 s.
- (e) Compare your answers to parts (c) and (d). Provide a physical explanation for why they are equal or unequal.

C1973E3. In a uniform magnetic field B directed vertically downward, a metal bar of mass m is released from rest and slides without friction down a track inclined at an angle θ , as shown. The electrical resistance of the bar between its two points of contact with the track is R. The track has negligible resistance. The width of the track is L.

- a. Show on the diagram the direction of the current in the sliding bar.
- b. Denoting by v the instantaneous speed with which the bar is sliding down the incline, determine an expression for the magnitude of the current in the bar.
- c. Determine an expression for the force exerted on the bar by the magnetic field and state the direction of that force.
- d. Determine an expression for the terminal velocity of the sliding bar.




C1976E2. A conducting bar of mass M slides without friction down two vertical conducting rails which are separated by a distance L and are joined at the top through an unknown resistance. The bar maintains electrical contact with the rails at all times. There is a uniform magnetic field B, directed into the page as shown above. The bar is observed to fall with a constant terminal speed v_0 .

- a. On the diagram here, draw and label all the forces acting on the bar.
- b. Determine the magnitude of the induced current I in the bar as it falls with constant speed v_o in terms of B, L, g, v_o, and M.
- c. Determine the voltage induced in the bar in terms of B, L, g, v_o, and M.
- d. Determine the resistance R in terms of B, L, g, v_o, and M.

C1990E3. A uniform magnetic field of magnitude B is horizontal and directed into the page in a rectangular region of space, as shown. A light, rigid wire loop, with one side of width *l*, has current I. The loop is supported by the magnetic field and hangs vertically, as shown. The wire has resistance R and supports a box that holds a battery to which the wire loop is connected. The total mass of the box and its contents is M.

a. On the following diagram, that represents the rigid wire loop, indicate the direction of the current I from the battery.





The loop remains at rest. In terms of any or all of the quantities B, *l*, M, *R*, and appropriate constants, determine expressions for

- b. the current I in the loop;
- c. the emf of the battery, assuming it has negligible internal resistance.

An amount of mass Δm is removed from the box and the loop then moves upward, reaching a terminal speed v in a very short time, before the box reaches the field region. In terms of v and any or all of the original variables, determine expressions for

- d. the magnitude of the induced emf;
- e. the current I' in the loop under these new conditions;
- f. the amount of mass Δm removed.

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C1994E2. One of the space shuttle missions attempted to perform an experiment in orbit using a tethered satellite. The satellite was to be released and allowed to rise to a height of 20 kilometers above the shuttle. The tether was a 20-kilometer copper-core wire, thin and light, but extremely strong. The shuttle was in an orbit with speed 7,600 meters per second, which carried it through a region where the magnetic field of the Earth had a magnitude of 3.3×10^{-5} tesla. For your calculations, assume that the experiment was completed successfully, that the wire is perpendicular to the magnetic field, and that the field is uniform.

a. An emf is generated in the tether.i. Which end of the tether is negative?ii. Calculate the magnitude of the emf generated.

To complete the circuit, electrons are sprayed from the object at the negative end of the tether into the ionosphere and other electrons come from the ionosphere to the object at the positive



end. The electric field that was induced in the wire is directed away from the shuttle and causes the current to flow in that direction in the tether.

- b. If the resistance of the entire circuit is about 10,000 ohms, calculate the current that flows in the tether.
- c. A magnetic force acts on the wire as soon as the current begins to flow.
 - i. Calculate the magnitude of the force. ii. State the direction of the force.

C1998E3. A conducting bar of mass m is placed on two long conducting rails a distance *l* apart. The rails are inclined at an angle θ with respect to the horizontal, as shown above, and the bar is able to slide on the rails with negligible friction. The bar and rails are in a uniform and constant magnetic field of magnitude B oriented perpendicular to the incline. A resistor of resistance R connects the upper ends of the rails and completes the circuit as shown. The bar is released from rest at the top of the incline. Express your answers to parts (a) through (d) in terms of m, *l*, θ , B, R, and g.

- a. Determine the current in the circuit when the bar has reached a constant final speed.
- b. Determine the constant final speed of the bar.
- c. Determine the rate at which energy is being dissipated in the circuit when the bar has reached its constant final speed.
- d. Suppose that the experiment is performed again, this time with a second identical resistor connecting the rails at the bottom of the incline. Will this affect the final speed attained by the bar, and if so, how? Justify your answer.

C2003E3



An airplane has an aluminum antenna attached to its wing that extends 15 m from wingtip to wingtip. The plane is traveling north at 75 m/s in a region where Earth's magnetic field of 6.0×10^{-5} T is oriented as shown above.

a. On the figure below, indicate the direction of the magnetic force on electrons in the antenna. Justify your answer.



- b. Determine the potential difference between the ends of the antenna.
- c. The ends of the antenna are now connected by a conducting wire so that a closed circuit is formed as shown.



- i. Describe the condition(s) that would be necessary for a current to be induced in the circuit. Give a specific example of how the condition(s) could be created.
- ii. For the example you gave in i. above, indicate the direction of the current in the antenna on the figure.

AP Physics Multiple Choice Practice - Magnetism and Electromagnetism - ANSWERS

SECTION A – Magnetostatics



11.	Assume R is north. Based on the lines, T would have to be north and so would Y. This makes X and Z south and S north.	D
12.	Using RHRcurl, we get into the page	C
13.	Parallel current wires with same direction current attract.	A
14.	Focus on a single + charge in the wire that gets pushed to the right. So this + charge is moving down with a force directed right, based on RHRflat, the magnetic field must point into the page.	А
15.	By definition, E fields exert forces on + charges in the same direction as the E field. So the force from the E field must be UP. To maintain a constant velocity, this upwards force must be counterbalanced by a downwards force, which in this case it is to be provided by the magnetic field. With a + charge moving right, and a magnetic force down, RHRflat gives a magnetic field pointing out of the page.	В
16.	A coil of wire (solenoid) like this becomes an electromagnet when the current runs through it. Use the RHR–solenoid to determine that the right side of this electromagnet becomes the north side. Now pretend that the electromagnet is simply a regular magnet with a N pole on the right and a S pole on the left and draw the field lines. In doing so, the lines end up pointing to the left at the location of the compass. Since compasses follow magnetic field lines, the compass will also point left.	A
17.	Due to action reaction the forces must be the same. Another way to look at it is that wire A creates the field that wire B is sitting in based on its current I, $B_a = \mu_0 I_a / 2\pi R$. The force on wire B is dependent on the field from A, and also the current in wire B itself and is given by $F_b = B_a I_b L$ $F_b = (\mu_0 I_a / 2\pi R) I_b L$. So since both currents from A and B affect each respective force, they should share the same force.	Ε
18.	Think about this as if you are looking down at a table top with the + particle on it. An E field is pointed down into the table so an electric force acts down into the table also. The electric force pushing down will not move the charge. A magnetic field comes up out of the table, but since the charge is at rest, the magnetic field exerts zero force on it. So $F_e > F_b$	A
19.	As described above, a charge not moving will not experience a magnetic force	E
20.	First of all we should state that a larger current makes a bigger B field and the further from the wire the less the B field. Using RHRcurl, the 4A wire has decreasing magnitude B fields pointing down in regions II and III on the axis and upwards on region I. The 3A wire has B fields pointing upwards in region III and downwards in regions II and I. To cancel, fields would have to oppose each other. Region I is a possibility but since the distance from the 4A wire is smaller at every point and it also has a larger current it will always have a larger B field so there is no way to cancel. Region II has fields in the same direction and cannot cancel. Region III has opposing fields. Since the 4A wire has a larger current but also a larger distance away from any point in Region III and the 3A wire has a smaller current but a closer distance to any point in Region III it is possible that these two factors compensate to make equal B fields that oppose and could cancel out.	С
21.	Using RHR–solenoid the top of the loop is N and the bottom is S. Drawing a field line out of the top and looping outside down to the bottom, you have to continue up through the solenoid to complete the field line so the direction is UP. (<i>Note: this may seem counterintuitive because</i>)	D

the field line points from the south to the north which is opposite of what you might think but this is INSIDE the solenoid (magnet). Only outside, do lines come out of N and into S.)

22. Use RHR–flat

23.	We first need to determine the direction of the B field at P due to the other wires using RHRcurl. The top wire creates a B field pointing up&right, the bottom wire creates a B field pointing up&left. The left and right parts of these cancel out making a field only up from these two wires. The wire on the left also produces a field only up so the net B field points up at location P. Now using RHRflat for the right wire, the force is left.	A
24.	First determine the B field direction created by the current wire at the location above the wire using RHRcurl. This gives B out of page. Then use LHRflat for the negative charge to get force acting down.	E
25.	In region I, the electric field pushes the negative electron with a force opposite the direction of the E field (out of the page). For the charge to not be pushed out, the magnetic field must create a force into the page to resist this. Based on LHRflat the B field must point up. Then in region II based on how the charge gets pushed, its magnetic force is up initially. Using LHRflat again in region II gives B field direction out of the page.	C
26.	Based on RHR–flat the magnetic force is directed into the page. To be undeflected, the E field must create a force out of the page to resist this, and since it's a + charge the E field points out.	C
27.	This is a loop. Current flows clockwise around the loop. Using the RHR–solenoid for the single loop the B field in the center is pointing into the page.	А
28.	Charges moving without energy loss have to maintain a constant radius circle. For the circle to decrease in radius, energy would be radiated out from it. Since its an electron we use LHRflat to get a force pointing down making it follow path D.	D
29.	Use RHRflat	С
30.	Use RHRcurl	E
31.	Using RHRcurl we find the direction of the magnetic field from each wire. To the right of the leftmost wire, its field points down along the axis with a decreasing magnitude as you move away from it. For the rightmost wire its field also points down when you move left of it. Since both fields point down between the wires, they will add and cannot cancel. On the far right side of the arrangement, the leftmost wire makes a field down and the rightmost wire makes a field up but since the distances to any location are different from each wire the magnitude of the fields would be different so no way to cancel. The same would happen on the far left of the wires.	E
32.	Use LHRflat	А
33.	To induce a current, the flux through the spring loop must change. When moving the spring parallel to the magnetic field, the same B field and the same area is enclosed in the loop so the flux stays constant and there is no induced current.	D
34.	When moving in a circle at constant velocity, no work is done as explained in previous answers.	А
35.	$ \begin{array}{ll} Choose \ 1 \ proton \ moving \ in \ the \ circle. \ For \ this \ proton. \ F_{net(C)} = mv^2/r & F_b = mv^2/r \\ qvB = mv^2/r & v = qBr/m = 1.6x10^{-19} \ (0.1)(0.1) \ / \ (1.67x10^{-27}) \ \sim \ 10^{-21} \ / \ 10^{-27} \end{array} $	C
36.	As described in question 17, the force on either wire is $F_b = (\mu_o I_a / 2\pi R) I_b L$. So doubling both I's in the equation gives 4x the force.	C

37.	Not a magnetism question, but lets review. Since the charge magnitude is the same, they will experience the same forces based on $F_e=Eq$, but move in opposite directions. Since the masses are different, the same forces will affect each object differently so that the smaller mass electron accelerates more, thus gains more speed and covers more distance in equal time periods. So only the force is the same.	E
38.	To be undeflected, the electric and magnetic forces must balance. $F_e = F_b$ $Eq = qvB$ $v = E / B = 6 / 2$	С
39.	Same as question 36	D
40.	Since the particle is moving <u>parallel</u> to the field it does not cut across lines and has no force.	D
41.	Using RHRcurl for each wire, the left wire makes a field pointing down&right at P and the right wire makes a field pointing up&right. The up and down parts cancel leaving only right.	Е
42.	The electric force would act upwards on the proton so the magnetic force would act down. Using RHRflat, the B field must point out of the page.	D
43.	$F_e = F_b$ $Eq = qvB$ $E = vB$ $B = E/v$	А
44.	RHRflat	Е
45.	Based on $F_{net(C)} = mv^2/r$ $F_b = mv^2/r$ $qvB = mv^2/r$ $r = mv/qB$ inverse	В
46.	Wires with current flowing in the same direction attract.	В
47.	From question 17, $F_b = (\mu_o I_a / 2\pi R) I_b L \dots R$ is x2 and both I's are x2 so it's a net effect of x2.	D
48.	Using RHR–solenoid, the B field at the center of that loop is directed right. Since the other loop is further away, its direction is irrelevant at the left loop will dominate.	С
49.	Based on the axis given. The left side wire is on the axis and makes no torque. The top and bottom wires essentially cancel each other out due to opposite direction forces, so the torque can be found from the right wire only. Finding the force on the right wire $F_b = BIL = (0.05)(2)(0.3) = .03$ N, then torque = $Fr = (0.03)(0.3)$.	В
50.	The field from a single wire is given by $\mu_o I_a / 2\pi R$. The additional field from wire Y would be based on this formula with R = 3R, so in comparison it has 1/3 the strength of wire X. So adding wire X's field B_o + the relative field of wire Y's of 1/3 B_o gives a total of 4/3 B_o .	D
51.	First we use RHRcurl to find the B field above the wire as into the page, and we note that the magnitude of the B field decreases as we move away from it. Since the left AB and right CD wires are sitting in the same average value of B field and have current in opposite directions, they repel each other and those forces cancel out. Now we look at the wire AD closest to the wire. Using RHRflat for this wire we get down as a force. The force on the top wire BC is irrelevant because the top and bottom wires have the same current but the B field is smaller for the top wire so the bottom wire will dominate the force direction no matter what. Therefore, the direction is down towards the wire.	Α
52.	Using RHR flat for the magnetic field direction given, the magnetic force would be up (+z). To counteract this upwards force on the + charge, the E field would have to point down (– z).	Е

- 53. A little tricky since its talking about fields and not forces. To move at constant velocity the magnetic FORCE must be opposite to the electric FORCE. Electric fields make force in the same plane as the field (ex: a field in the x plane makes a force in the x plane), but magnetic fields make forces in a plane 90 degrees away from it (ex: a field in the x plane can only make magnetic forces in the y or z plane). So to create forces in the same place, the fields have to be perpendicular to each other.
- 54. First we have ... $F_{net(C)} = mv^2/r$... $F_b = mv^2/r$... $qvB = mv^2/r$... v = qBr/mThen using $v = 2\pi R / T$ we have $qBr/m = 2\pi R / T$... radius cancels so period is unchanged and frequency also is unaffected by the radius. Another way to think about this with the two equations given above is: by increasing R, the speed increases, but the $2\pi R$ distance term increases the same amount so the time to rotate is the same.
- 55. Pick any small segment of wire. The force should point to the center of the circle. For any small c segment of wire, use RHRflat and you get velocity direction is CCW. Equation is the same as the problem above ... $qvB = mv^2/r$... eBr = mv.
- 56. Same as in question 54 ... $qBr/m = 2\pi R / T ... T = 2\pi m / eB.$
- 57. The left and right sides of the loop wires are parallel to the field and experience no forces. Based C on RHRflat, the top part of the loop would have a force out of the page and the bottom part of the loop would have a force into of the page which rotates as in choice C.
- 58. Each wire creates a magnetic field around itself. Since all the currents are the same, and wire Y is closer to wire X, wire X's field will be stronger there and dominate the force on wire Y. So we can essentially ignore wire Z to determine the direction of the force. Since X and Y are in the same direction they attract and Y gets pulled to the left.
- 59. Wires with current in the same direction are attractive. Using RHRcurl for each wire at the location shown has the top wire having B_{in} and the bottom wire making B_{out}. Since its at the midpoint the fields are equal and cancel to zero.

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<u>SECTION B – Induction</u> Solution

1. Based on the formula $\varepsilon = \Delta \Phi/t$

- 2. We first need to determine the direction of the B field at P due to the other wires using RHRcurl. The top wire creates a B field pointing up&right, the bottom wire creates a B field pointing up&left. The left and right parts of these cancel out making a field only up from these two wires. The wire on the left also produces a field only up so the net B field points up at location P. Now using RHRflat for the right wire, the force is left.
- 3. A complex problem. On the left diagram, the battery shows how + current flows. Based on this it flows left through the resistor and then down on the front side wires of the solenoid. Using the RHR–solenoid, the right side of the solenoid is the North pole. So field lines from the left solenoid are pointing to the right plunging into the solenoid core of the right side circuit. As the resistance in the left side increases, less current flows, which makes the magnetic field lines created decrease in value. Based on Lenz law, the right side solenoid wants to preserve the field lines so current flows to generate field lines to the right in order to maintain the flux. Using the RHR–solenoid for the right hand solenoid, current has to flow down on the front side wires to create the required B field. Based on this, current would then flow down the resistor and to the left through the ammeter.
- 4. Similar to the problem above. The field lines from the bar magnet are directed to the left through the solenoid. As the magnet is moved away, the magnitude of the field lines directed left in the solenoid decrease so by Lenz law the solenoid makes additional leftward field to maintain the flux. Based on RHR–solenoid, the current would flow up the front side wires of the solenoid and then to the right across the resistor. This also means that the left side of the solenoid is a N pole so it attracts the S pole of the nearby magnet.
- 5. As the magnet falls down towards the pipe, which is a looped conductor, the magnetic field lines plunging into that conductor increase in magnitude. Based on Lenz's law, current flows in the conductor to oppose the gain in field and maintain the flux. The copper loop will create a B field upwards to maintain flux and this upwards B field will be opposite from the magnets B field which will make it slow.

6.	Plug into $\varepsilon = BLv$	A
7.	Based on $\varepsilon = BLv$	D

- This is a fact. It is best thought about through example and thinking about how non-conservative D forces are at play. Lenz law says opposing fields are induced for moving magnets, this slows them ... if the opposite was true you would get accelerated systems where energy would not be conserved
- 9. Use $\varepsilon = \Delta \Phi / t$ $\varepsilon = (BAf BAi) / t$ $\varepsilon = (0 (2)(0.5x0.5))/(0.1)$ C
- The rail makes a loop of wire as shown by the current flow. Using Lenz law, as the loop expands with the motion of the bar, it is gaining flux lines in whatever direction the B field is and the loop current flows in a direction to oppose that gain. Using RHR–solenoid for the single loop, the B field induced is directed out of the page so it must be opposing the gain of B field that is already there going into the page.

Answer

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11.	Take a small section of wire on the loop at the top, bottom, right and left hand sides and find the forces on them. For example, the section of wire on the top has current pointing left and B pointing out using RHRflat for that piece gives a force pointing up. At all of the positions, the force acts in a manner to pull the loop outwards and expand it.			
12.	The induced emf occurs in the left side vertical wire as that is where the charge separation happens. Looking at that wire, the induced emf is given by $\varepsilon = BLv$. This emf then causes a current I to flow in the loop based on V=IR, so I is given as BLv / R . The direction of that current is found with Lenz law as there is a loss of flux into the page, RHR–solenoid shows current must flow CW to add back flux into the page and maintain it.	С		
13.	As long as the flux inside the loop is changing, there will be an induced current. Since choice E has both objects moving in the same direction, the flux through the loop remains constant so no need to induce a current.	Е		
14.	Same as question 35, different numbers.	C		
15.	Looking at the primary coil, current flows CCW around it so based on RHR–solenoid the magnetic field lines from that coil are pointing to the left and they extend into the secondary coil. To induce a current in the secondary coil, the flux through the secondary coil needs to be changed so an induced current will flow based on Lenz law. Choice A means spinning the coil in place like a hula–hoop or a spinning top and this will not cause a change in flux.	A		
16.	Based on Lenz law, as the flux pointing up decreases, current flows in the loop to add back that lost flux and maintain it. Based on RHR–solenoid, current would have to flow CCW	А		
17.	Based on ε =BLv, its a linear variation	А		
18.	We are looking to find rate of change of magnetic field $\Delta B/t$ so we need to arrange equations to find that quantity. Using induced emf for a loop we have. $\varepsilon = \Delta \Phi / t = \Delta B A/t$, and substituting V=IR, and area = a2 we have IR = $\Delta B (a2) / t$ isolate $\Delta B/t$ to get answer.	A		
19.	$\Phi = BA = (2)(0.05)(0.08)$	С		
20.	From Lenz law, as the flux decreases the loop induces current to add back that declining field. Based on RHR–solenoid, current flows CCW to add field coming out of page.	D		
21.	Since both loops contain the same value of BA and it is changing the same for both of them, the quantity Δ BA/t is the same for both so both have the same induced emf.	C		
22.	Above the wire is a B field which is directed into the page based on RHRcurl. That B field has a decreasing magnitude as you move away from the wire. Loop 1 is pulled up and therefore is loosing flux lines into the page. By Lenz Law current flows to maintain those lines into the page and by RHR–solenoid current would have to flow CW to add lines into the page and maintain the flux. Loop 2 is moving in a direction so that the magnitude of flux lines is not changing and therefore there is no induced current	C		
23.	This is best done holding a small circular object like a small plate and rotating it towards you keeping track of the current flow. Grab the top of the plate and pull it towards you out of the page and move down at the same time to rotate it. This will increase the flux lines into the loop as you rotate and cause a current to flow to fight the increase until it becomes flat and you have moved 90 degrees in relations to the rotation you are making. Then as you pass this point and begin pushing the part of the loop you are holding down and into the page away from you, you start to lose field lines and current will flow the other way to try and maintain the flux lines until your hand has moved what was once the top of the loop all the way to the bottom. At this point you are 180 degrees through the rotation and have changed	D		

direction once. As you pass through 180, you will notice that the current flows the same way to maintain the zero flux you get at the 180 location (even though you might think there should be a change here, this is where the physical object helps). Then as you move up the back and do the same thing on the reverse side to return the part of the loop you are holding to the top you will undergo another direction change at 270 degrees so you have 2 direction changes total in one revolution. Do it two more times and you get 6 reversals.

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- 24. Since the bar is not cutting across field lines and has no component in a perpendicular direction to the field line there will be no induced emf.
- 25. As you enter region II, flux into the page is gained. To counteract that, current flows to create a field out of the page to maintain flux. Based on RHR–solenoid, that current is CCW. When leaving the region, the flux into the page is decreasing so current flows to add to that field which gives CW.
- 26. First use $\varepsilon = \Delta \Phi / t$ $\varepsilon = (BAf BAi) / t$ $\varepsilon = (0 (0.4)(0.5x0.5))/2$ $\varepsilon = 0.05 V$ B Then use V=IR 0.05V = I(.01) I = 5A Direction is found with Lenz law. As the field out decreases, the current flows to add outward field to maintain flux. Based on RHR-solenoid, current flows CCW.
- 27. Loop 2 initially has zero flux. When the circuit is turned on, current flows through loop 1 in a CW direction, and using RHR–solenoid it generates a B field down towards loop 2. As the field lines begin to enter loop 2, loop 2 has current begin to flow based on lenz law to try and maintain the initial zero flux so it makes a field upwards. Based on RHR–solenoid for loop 2, current would have to flow CCW around that loop which makes it go from X to Y.
- 28. After a long time, the flux in loop 2 becomes constant and no emf is induced so no current flows. C In circuit 1, the loop simply acts as a wire and the current is set by the resistance and V=IR
- As the magnet moves down, flux increase in the down direction. Based on Lenz law, current in the loop would flow to create a field upwards to cancel the increasing downwards field. Using RHR–solenoid, the current would flow CCW. Then, when the magnet is pulled upwards, you have downward flux lines that are decreasing in magnitude so current flows to add more downward field to maintain flux. Using RHR–solenoid you now get CW.
- 30. Since the wire is not cutting across the field lines, there is no force and no charge separation E
- 31. As the loop is pulled to the right, it loses flux lines right so current is generated by Lenz law to add more flux lines right. This newly created field to the right from the loop is in the same direction as the magnetic field so makes an attractive force pulling the magnet right also.
- 32. Use a 1 second time period, the field would decrease to 2.5 T in that time. Then apply $\varepsilon = \Delta \Phi / t$ $\varepsilon = (BA_f - BA_i) / t$... $\varepsilon = A (B_f - B_i)$... $\varepsilon = (0.4)(3 - 2.5) / 1$

AP Physics Free Response Practice - Magnetism and Electromagnetism - ANSWERS

SECTION A – Magnetostatics

1975B6.

a) Since the ions have the same charge, the same work (Vq) will be done on them to accelerate them and they will gain the same amount of K as they are accelerating. Set the energies of the two ions equal. $K_o = K_s \qquad \frac{1}{2} m_o v_o^2 = \frac{1}{2} (2m_o) v_s^2 \qquad v_s = v_o / \sqrt{2}$

b) In the region of the magnetic field, apply $F_{net(C)} = mv^2/r$... $qvB = mv^2/r$... r = mv/Bq

For the O ionFor the S ion $r_1 = m_o v_o / Bq$ $r_2 = (2m_o)(v_o / \sqrt{2}) / Bq$ comparing the two. $R_2 = (2/\sqrt{2}) R_1$

1976B4.

a) Arrow should point radially inwards \mathbf{R}

b) Since the LHR gives the proper direction for F, v, B the charge is negative

c) Force F_e should points down (E field pushes opposite on – charges) and F_b should point up.

d) To move horizontally, $F_{net} = 0$... $F_e = F_b$... Eq = qvB ... v = E/B

1977B3.

a) The E field points left since it's a negative charge and is moved opposite the E field.

- b) Work done by the accelerating plate = kinetic energy gained. $W = K \dots Vq = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \dots v = \sqrt{(2Ve/m)}$
- c) Using the LHR, the force on the electron would be down when it enters the B field. This will turn the charge and the resulting B force will act as a centripetal force making the charge circle.
- d) Using an E field to create a force equal and opposite to the F_b could make the charge move in a straight line. Since the charge is negative and the initial F_b is down, The E field would point down to make an upwards F_e

1979B4.

We will show the sketches of the paths first





Now determine the magnitudes

a) F _e =Eq	b) The force from the E field	c) F=0	d) $F_b = qvB$
$(10^4)(1.2 \times 10^{-19})$	is independent of the velocity		$(1.6 \times 10^{-19})(10^5)(10^{-1})$
$= 1.6 \text{ x } 10^{-15} \text{ N}$	so it's the same as (a)		$1.6 \mathrm{x} 10^{-19} \mathrm{N}$

1984B4.



1988B4.

a) Use the RHR to determine the magnetic field from each wire. The 3A wire makes a field out of the page and the 1A wire makes a field into the page. Since the B field of each wire is given by $\mu_0 I / (2\pi R)$ we can see that the 3A wire will have the stronger field and thus dominate the direction, making the net field out of the page.

b)
$$B_{net} = B_{3A} - B_{1A} = \mu_0 / (2\pi) [I_3 / R_3 - I_1 / R_1] = 2x 10^{-7} T$$

- c) With Force left, velocity up, and B field out .. The LHR works to produce this result so it must be negative
- d) F = qvB $10^{-7} = q (10^6)(2x10^{-7})$ $q = 5x10^{-7} C$
- e) Need $F_e = F_b$ $Eq = F_b$ $E (5x10^{-7}) = 10^{-7}$ E = 0.2 N/C directed left. *The electric field is directed left so that the negative particle will have a rightward electric force to balance the magnetic force which is pointing left*

1990B2. a) E = V /d	200 / 0.1	20000 V/m	downward (from + to –)	
b) $F_{net} = ma$	$F_e = ma$	Eq = ma	$(20000)(1.6x10^{-19}) = 9.11x10^{-31}$ a	$a = 3.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ upward}$

c) Treat the electron as a projectile acting with an acceleration of gravity upwards of the value from part b. $d_x = v_x t$ (0.05) = (3x10⁷) t $t = 1.67x10^{-9} sec$

$$d_y = v_{iy}t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$
 $d_y = 0 + \frac{1}{2} (3.5 x 10^{15}) (1.67 x 10^{-9})^2 = 0.0049 m$



e) Need to balance $F_e = F_b$ Eq = qvB ... $B = E/v = (20000) / (3x10^7) = 6.67 x 10^{-4} T$. Since the force on the electron from the E field points upwards, the force from the B field would have to point down. Using the LHR for the electron with the given, F and v gives a B field direction into the page.

1991B2.

d)

a) i) W = K ... $Vq = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$... $v = \sqrt{(2Ve/m)}$ ii) $F_{net} = ma$ $F_e = ma$ Eq = ma (V/d) e = ma a = Ve / mdb) i & ii c) $F_{net(c)} = ma_c$ $F_b = ma_c$ $qvB = ma_c$ $a_c = evB/m$ sub in v from part a-i \Rightarrow $a_c = \frac{eB}{m}\sqrt{\frac{2Ve}{m}}$

1992B5.

a) Using LHR for the electron, force up, velocity right, the B field points out of the page.

b)
$$F_b = qvB = (1.6x10^{-19}) (2x10^7) (6x10^{-4}) = 1.9x10^{-15} N$$

c) $F_{net(C)} = mv^2/r$... $qvB = mv^2/r$... $r = mv/Be$... $r = (9.11x10^{-31})(2x10^7) / (6x10^{-4})(1.6x10^{-19}) = 0.19 m$
d)) Need $F_e = F_b$ Eq = qvB E = vB E = $(2x10^7)(6x10^{-4}) = 12000 N/C$

e) The E field must provide an electric force downwards on the negative charge to counteract the upwards B field. For a negative charge, this would require an upwards E field.

1993B3.

- a) i) since the particle is accelerated toward the negatively charged plate, it must be positively charged ii) The force on the particle due to the magnetic field is towards the center of the circular arc. By RHR the magnetic field must point out of the page.
- b) i) W = K ... $Vq = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$... $v = \sqrt{(2Vq/m)}$ ii) $F_b = qvB = qB (\sqrt{2Vq/m})$ iii) $F_{\text{net}(C)} = mv^2/r$... $qvB = mv^2/r$... r = mv/Bq ... distance is 2xr = 2mv/qBiv) Work traveled in a circle at constant speed is zero as described in previous units.

1994B4.

a) W = K ... $Vq = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$... $V = (1.67 x 10^{-27})(3.1 x 10^6)^2 / 2(1.6 x 10^{-19} C)$... 50000 V

<u>Method I</u> – The thermal energy produced by a single proton will be equal to the conversion of the kinetic b) energy into internal energy. The kinetic energy can be found with $\frac{1}{2}$ mv² and the v is the same at the target as it was when it entered the B field.

For a single proton we have $\frac{1}{2}$ mv² = $\frac{1}{2}$ (1.67x10⁻²⁷)(3.1x10⁶)² = 8x10⁻¹⁵ J.

Now we have to find out how many protons hit the target in 1 minute using the current.

I = Q/t ... $2x10^{-6}$ Amp = Q / 60 sec ... Q = $1.2x10^{-4}$ C total charge. 1.2 $x10^{-4}$ C / 1.6 $x10^{-19}$ C/proton → 7.5 $x10^{14}$ protons.

Now multiply the number of protons by the energy for each one. $7.5 \times 10^{14} * 8 \times 10^{-15} = 6 \text{ J}$

Alternate (easier) solution – Find the power of the beam P=IV. Then, W = Pt, directly gives the energy that will be delivered in 1 minute. $W = IVt = (2x10^{-6})(50000)(60) = 6 J$

c) $F_{net(C)} = mv^2/r$... $qvB = mv^2/r$... B = mv/qr ... $B = (1.67x10^{-27})(3.1x10^6)/(1.6x10^{-19})(0.1)$ B=0.32 T

d) Using the RHR gives B field out of the page in the positive z direction.

1995B7.

- a) Force is given by qvB $_{\perp}$, to make B $_{\perp}$ use B sin θ . F_b = qv B cos θ = (1.6x10⁻¹⁹)(4x10⁷)(1.2)(cos30) = 6.7x10⁻¹² N
- b) Using the RHR for given direction, Force must be into the page in -z direction.
- c) The magnetic force is perpendicular to the distance caused by the magnetic force at all points so work = 0
- d) Since the velocity is not \perp to the field, this will not be a simple circle, though a version of circular motion will ensue. If the particle was traveling exactly horizontal, the motion would simply be a horizontal circle coming into and out of the page in the z direction. But since there is a component of the velocity that is in the upwards y direction, inertia will keep the particle moving upwards in the y direction in addition to circling in and out of the page. This will make it move in a helical fashion as shown here



1997B3.

a) Using hookes law. $2F_{sp} = mg$ $2(k\Delta x) = mg$ k = mg/2d

- b) From the battery, we can see that + current flows to the right through the rod. In order to move the rod down a distance Δd , the magnetic force must act down. Based on the RHR, the B field would have to act out of the page (+z).
- c) The extra spring stretch must be balanced by the magnetic force. $F_{sp(extra)} = F_b$ $k\Delta d = BIL \dots (mg/2d \Delta d) = BIL$ Now substitute $\varepsilon = IR$ for I and we get $B \rightarrow B = mgR\Delta d / \varepsilon Ld$

d) i)
$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{2k}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{2k}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\frac{mg}{2d}}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{d}{g}}$$
 (use 2k, for k since there are two springs)

ii) Set the equilibrium position (at $\Delta x = d$) as zero spring energy to use the turn horizontal trick. This is the maximum speed location and we now set the kinetic energy here to the spring energy and the Δd stretch position.

$$K = U_{sp} \qquad \frac{1}{2} mv^{2} = \frac{1}{2} k\Delta x^{2} \qquad mv^{2} = (2k)(\Delta d)^{2} \qquad v = \sqrt{\frac{2k\Delta d^{2}}{m}} = \Delta d\sqrt{\frac{2k}{m}}$$

Now sub in for k. $v = \Delta d\sqrt{\frac{2\frac{mg}{2d}}{m}} = \Delta d\sqrt{\frac{g}{d}}$

1998B8.

- a) Based on the RHR, the B field is directed into the page on the -z axis.
- b) Based on the RHR, the force is directed down on the y axis.
- c) First determine the B field at point A from the wire. $B = \mu_o I / (2\pi d)$ Then the force on the particle is given by $F_b = qvB = qv_o\mu_o I / (2\pi d)$
- d) Since the magnetic force is directed down, the electric force would have to act upwards to cancel. Since the charge is positive, the E field would also have to point upwards in the +y direction

e) $F_e = F_b$ Eq = qvB E = vB $E = v_o \mu_o I / (2\pi d)$

2000B7.

a) Looking in the region where the particle curves, the LHR gives the proper force direction so it's a - charge



To counteract the F_b downward, an electric force must point upwards. For a negative charge, an E field down makes an electric force upwards.

c) Find the E field and use V=Ed to get the V. Between the plates. ... $F_e = F_b$... Eq = qvB ... E = vB ... (now sub into V=Ed) ... $V = vBd = (1.9x10^6)(0.2)(6x10^{-3}) = 2300 V$

d) $F_{net(C)} = mv^2/r$... $qvB = mv^2/r$... q/m = v/rB ... $q/m = (1.9x10^6)/(0.1)(0.2) = 9.5 \times 10^7 C/kg$

2002B5.

c)



For the proton to maintain a straight trajectory, the magnetic force would have to be balanced by the electric force. Using the RHR for the + charge moving up, the magnetic force points left, so the electric force needed should point right. For a + charge an E field directed left would make an electric force also directed left.

b)
$$F_e = F_b$$
 ... $Eq = qvB$... $v = E/B$

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Using the RHR, the charge gets forced to the left in a circular fashion

d) Using $F_{net(C)} = ma_c$... $qvB = ma_c$... sub in v=E/B, and q=e ... $e(E/B)B = ma_c$... $a_c = eE / m_p$

2003B3.

a) Determine the acceleration of the bar with $F_{net} = ma \dots a = F/M$ Then use kinematics. $d = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} at^2 \dots d = 0 + \frac{1}{2} (F/m)t^2$ $d = Ft^2 / 2m$

b)
$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad$$
 ... $v_f^2 = 0 + 2(F/M)L$... $v = \sqrt{(2FL/M)}$

- c) The energy given to the gun equals the kinetic energy at the end. $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} M(2FL/M) = FL$ OR: simply W = Fd = FL and work equals energy transfer.
- d) Based on the given current flow direction and force, using the RHR, the field points out of the page +z
- e) Using the formula from part (b) ... $v = \sqrt{(2FL/M)}$... sub in F=BIL, with L=D ... $v = \sqrt{(2(BID)L/M)}$

$$v = \sqrt{2(5)(200)(0.1)(10)/(0.5)}$$
 $v = 63 \text{ m/s}$



b) Using $F_{net(C)} = mv^2/r$... $qvB = mv^2/r$... r = mv/Bq ... $r = (6.68x10^{-26})(4x10^4)/(0.12)(3.2x10^{-19}) = 0.07 m$

c) Since the speed is slower than the speed where $F_e = F_b$ and since F_b is based on the speed (qvB) the F_b will now be smaller than the F_e so the net force will act down.

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2007B2.

d)

- a) To make the + particles deflect left as shown a leftward magnetic force should be created. Based on the RHR and the given force and velocity, the B field should point into the page in the -z direction.
- b) The magnetic force is given by qvB. The magnetic force acts perpendicular to the velocity so does not accelerate the velocity in the direction of motion; rather it acts as a centripetal force to turn the particle and accelerate it centripetally only.
- c) Using $F_{net(C)} = mv^2/r$... $qvB = mv^2/r$... v = qBR/m ... (note that the radius is $\frac{1}{2}$ of distance x) $v = (2*1.6x10^{-19})(0.09)(1.75/2)/(1.45x10^{-25}) = 1.74x10^5 \text{ m/s}$
- d) The speed we are looking for is the speed when the charge exits the accelerating plates at the bottom of the diagram. In those plates:

W = K ... $Vq = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$... $V(2*1.6x10^{-19}) = \frac{1}{2} (1.45x10^{-25})(1.74x10^5)^2$... V = 6860 V

2008B3.

- a) This circuit has two resistance elements that are in series on it: the internal resistance (0.5 Ω) and the wires resistance. First find the total resistance of the circuit $\mathcal{E}=IR_{tot}$ 16 = 4 R $R = 4 \Omega$. Since the internal resistance makes up 0.5 of this total, the wires resistance must be 3.5 Ω Now find the wires length with $R = \rho L/A$ $3.5 = (1.7 \times 10^{-8}) L / 3.5 \times 10^{-9}$ L = 0.72 m
- b) Tricky, this asks for the force on the magnet which is the opposite of the force on the wire. Based on action-reaction, the force on the magnet is equal and opposite of the force on the wire. Now finding the force on the wire: the field points right, the current is into the page as shown, so the RHR gives the force down on the wire. Therefore the force on the magnet would be up (this will make the scale reading lighter).
- c) The change in the scales weight is caused by the magnetic force pulling up on the magnet and this extra force is exactly equal to F_b ... so $F_b = BIL$ 0.06 N = B (4)(0.02) B = 0.75 T
- d) Since the length of the wire is not perpendicular, only a component of the B field is used to determine the force. So in the equation $F_b = BIL$, the B value is reduced and for increasing lengths, there should be less and less force compared to the ideal line shown.



Dotted line is the relationship for the misaligned wire.

e) The new graph shows decreasing magnetic force but the explanation in part d cannot be applied because the wire was not misaligned. This means there must be a reason that the B field was having lessened effects as the wire lengthened. Looking the original diagram in the problem, one explanation could be that as the wire segment in between the magnets got longer, it moved outward away from the poles of the N–S magnet and some of the wire had a smaller field acting on it compared to the parts in the center of the magnet.

Another possible source of error is that as the bottom part of the loop gets longer, the sides would get shorter brining the top part of the loop lower down and the top part of the loop will begin to exert a force in the opposite direction lessening the net force on the wire.

B2008B3.

a) Based on the RHR for a current wire creating a field, the magnetic field at the location in question is directed down (south). So the students reading was less than it should have been for the wire since the meter was measuring both fields and the earths field was acting against the wires field. If the earth's field was not present, the meter reading would have been larger. So each Field data point should be shifted up by the amount that the earths field had reduced it reading, as shown.



- b) The field in the wire is given by $B = \mu_0 I / (2\pi d)$. Use one of the new data points. $10x10^{-4} = 4\pi x 10^{-7} (I) / 2\pi (0.01)$ I = 50 A
- c) To figure out the direction the needle points, we first need to determine how strong the wires field is with the 35 A current in the given location. $B = \mu_0 I / (2\pi d) \dots B = 4\pi x 10^{-7} (35) / 2\pi (0.04) \dots B = 17.5 x 10^{-5} T$, as compared to the earths field given in the problem, $5x10^{-5} T$. Since the fields are on the same order of magnitude, the compass will not be totally overpowered by the external field and will point in a North–westerly direction though it would be angled more towards west since the external western field is larger.



d) Using the value of the earths field, and the value of the external field, we can determine the exact angle by setting them up head to tail.



The angle θ is found using tan $\theta = o/a$

 $\tan \theta = 17.5 \times 10^{-5} / 5 \times 10^{-5}$ $\theta = 74$ degrees.

e) V = IR \dots 120 = 35 R \dots R = 3.4 Ω

f) Rate of energy is power. P = IV = (35)(120) = 4200 W

B2009B2.

- a) The distance between A and B on each side is a diagonal and can be found using the graph and Pythagorean theorem ... $x^2 + y^2 = d^2 ... (0.04)^2 + (0.03)^2 = d^2 ... d = 0.05 \text{ m} (3-4-5 \text{ triangle})$. Since charge q_a is equidistant from both q_b 's, and the charges on either side are identical since they are both q_b , the forces on q_a from each q_b are identical in magnitude and given by $F_e = k q_a q_b / r^2 = (9x10^9)(0.2x10^{-9})(0.3x10^{-9})/(0.05)^2 = 2.16x10^{-7} \text{ N}$. Each force acts in the direction down along the diagonal in the 3-4-5 triangle from A–B at 53.13° measured away from the y axis. Since both forces are equal and act at the same angle, the x components of these forces cancel leaving only the y components to add together. So the total net force is simply double the y component of one of the forces. $\rightarrow 2 F_y = 2*2.16x10^{-7}$ (cos 53.13) = 2.6 x 10^{-7} N directed down.
- b) The x components of the forces on particle a will always cancel so it will only move along the y axis. It will be accelerated down along the axis and at the origin the net force will be zero. It will move past the origin on the negative y axis at which point the force starts to pull upwards towards +y and it will slow down until it stops and is pulled back up towards the origin again. It will oscillate up and down.
- c) Based on the LHR for the negative charge and the given v and B, the force on the particle would be directed towards the left initially and act as a centripetal force to make the particle circle.



Depending on the strength and width of the B field, the particle may take a different radius turn in the field.

- d) $F_{b} = qvB = (0.2x10^{-9})(6000)(0.5) = 6x10^{-7} N$
- e) $F_e = F_b$... Eq = qvB ... E = vB ... E = (6000)(0.5) = 3000 N/C. The force would need to oppose the magnetic force and point to the right. Since this is a r

The force would need to oppose the magnetic force and point to the right. Since this is a negative charge, the E field would have to point left to create a rightward electric force.

C1983E3.

b)

a) The field from a wire is given by $B = \mu_0 I / (2\pi R)$, with R and I equal for both wires at point O. Based on the RHR for the current wires, the right wire makes a field down and the left wire makes a field up so cancel to zero.



Based on the RHR, the resultant fields from each wire are directed as shown. Since the distance to each wire is the same, the resultant B field will simply be twice the x component of one of the wire's B fields.

The distance to point N is $\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}$ so the total field at that location from a single wire is

$$B = \frac{\mu_o I}{2\pi\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}}$$

The x component of that field is given by B cos θ , where cos θ can be replaced with cos $\theta = a/h = y / \sqrt{a^2 + y^2}$

Giving B_{net} = 2 B cos
$$\theta$$
 = 2 B y/ $\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}$ = $\frac{2y\mu_o I}{2\pi\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}}$ = $\frac{y\mu_o I}{\pi(a^2 + y^2)}$

C1990E2.

- a) Based on the RHR, the magnetic force on the + charge is down, so the electric force should point up. For + charges, and E field upwards would be needed to make a force up.
- b) The speed on region III is equal the whole time and is the same as the speed of the particles in region II. For region II we have ... $F_e = F_b$... Eq = qvB ... v = E/B
- c) Using region III ... $F_{net(C)} = mv^2/r$... $qvB = mv^2/r$... m = QBR / v (sub in v) ... $= QB^2R / E$
- d) In between the plates, W = K ... $Vq = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$... $V = \frac{mv^2}{2Q}$... (sub in v and m) ... = RE / 2
- e) In region three, the acceleration is the centripetal acceleration. $a_c = v^2 / R \dots$ (sub in v) $\dots E^2 / RB^2$
- f) Time of travel can be found with v = d / t with the distance as half the circumference $(2\pi R/2)$ then sub in v giving ... t = $\pi RB / E$

Supplemental.

a) i) Parabolic. The electrons have constant speed to the right. The constant electric force provides a constant acceleration toward the top of the page. This is similar to a projectile under the influence of gravity, so the shape is parabolic.

ii) Down. To create path 1, the electric force must be toward the top of the page. The electron is negatively charged, so the field must point in the opposite direction to the electric force.

b) i) Circular. The magnetic force is always perpendicular to the velocity of the electrons and has constant magnitude. Thus it acts as a centripetal force making the electrons follow a circular path.

ii) Into the page. To create path 3, the initial magnetic force must be toward the bottom of the page. With the initial velocity to the right, the right-hand rule gives a field pointing out of the page. But the electron is negatively charged, so the field must point in the opposite direction.

c) $F_e = F_b$... Eq = qvB ... v = E/B ... $v = (3.4x10^{-4}) / (2x10^{-3}) = 1.7x10^7 \text{ m/s}$

d) W = K ... $Vq = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$... $V = mv^2/2Q$... $V = (9.11x10^{-31})(1.7x10^7)^2 / 2(1.6x10^{-19}) = 823 V$

SECTION B – Induction

1978B4.

- a) Use Lenz law to determine the direction to make a CCW current. The bar forms a loop with the rails. If the bar slides right, the flux into the page increases and current will flow to create field out of the page to counter this. Based on the RHR solenoid this would make a CCW current. To find the current, find the emf induced in the bar then use V=IR $\dots \epsilon = Blv \dots IR=Blv \dots (2)(3)=(2)(2)v \dots v = 1.5 m/s$
- b) When the bar slides, it will experience a magnetic force pushing left based on the RHR so a pulling force equal to this magnetic force would need to be applied to move the bar at a constant v. $F=F_b=BIL=(2)(2)(2)=8$ N
- c) Rate of heat dissipated = rate of work = power. In resistor, $P = I^2 R = (2)^2 (3) = 12 \Omega$. Mechanical power = $P = Fv = (8)(1.5) = 12 \Omega$.
- d) All of the kinetic energy will be removed and that is the amount dissipated. $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} (4)(1.5)^2 = 4.5 J$

1982B5.

- a) Φ =BA, read B from the graph at 3 seconds and use the given area (0.2)(0.3) = 0.06 Wb
- b) Induced emf = $\varepsilon = N\Delta \Phi/t$... = 1*(BA_f BA_i) / t = A(B_f B_i) / t = (0.3)(0.2 (-0.2)) / 2 = 0.06 V
- c) First, the directions are found based on Lenz Law. From 0–1 the downward flux is decreasing so current flows CW to add back the downward field. Then we hit zero flux at 1 second. Moving 1–2 seconds we want to maintain the zero flux and we have an increasing upwards flux so the current still flows CW to add downward field to cancel the gaining flux. At 2 seconds the flux becomes constant so current does not flow up until 4 seconds. From 4–6 seconds we are loosing upwards flux so current flows CCW to add back that upwards field.

To determine the current magnitudes. Use V=IR. From 0–2 sec. 0.06 = I(0.2) I = 0.3 A From 2–4, I=0. From 4–6, first determine new emf. Since the slope is half as much as 0–2 sec, the emf should be half as much as well. Then V=IR ... 0.03 = I(0.2) I = 0.15 A



1986B4.

- a) The potential difference is induced due to charge separation on the vertical hand wire of the loop. Points X and Y are the same as the top and bottom of the left wire. The emf induced in the wire is given by $\varepsilon = Blv \\ \varepsilon = Blv = (0.5)(2)(3) = 3 V$
- b) Use Lenz law for the loop. The loop is loosing inward flux so current flows to maintain the inward field. Based on RHR solenoid for Lenz law, current would flow CW and down the resistor to add inward field and maintain flux.
- c) The leftmost wire has a magnetic force directed left and a pulling force to right equal to that magnetic force needs to be applied to maintain the speed. First determine the magnitude of the current. V=IR, 3=I(5), I=0.6A, then $F = F_b = BIL = (0.5)(0.6)(2) = 0.6 N$
- d) Rate of work is power. Either the electrical power (I^2R) or mechanical power (Fv) can be found. P = 1.8 W.

1999B3.

a)	Use energy conservation	$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{K}$	$mgh = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$	$\mathbf{v} = \sqrt{(2 \mathbf{g} \mathbf{v}_{\star})}$
<i>a</i>)	Use energy conservation.	$\mathbf{O} = \mathbf{K}$	mgn = 72 mv	$v = v(2gy_0)$

- b) i) The wire on the right side edge of the loop is the one where the emf is being induced due to charge separation. For this wire, the induced emf is given by $\varepsilon = BLv = Bh \sqrt{(2gy_o)}$
 - ii) The current is found with V=IR Bh $\sqrt{(2gy_o)} = I R$ $I = \frac{Bh\sqrt{2gy_o}}{R}$
- c) As the loop enters the field, it is gaining flux into the page. By Lenz law, to counteract this change, current flows to produce field lines out of the page. Using the solenoid RHR the current must flow CCW.
- d) i) Note that the graph calls for the magnitude so you must put the flux magnitude on the graph. The flux is found by $\Phi = BA$. From 0 to w the flux uniformly increases as the loop enters the field. Once fully in the field the full flux would be given by B(wh) which would remain constant as the whole loop was in the field and then uniformly decrease to zero as the cart leaves.



ii) The current upon entering the loop was found in part b, so that is the proper magnitude. Based on the diagram above, we can see the flux does not change in the middle part so there would be no current and the slope on the way out is the opposite of the slope on the way in so it should be the same current just in the opposite direction



2004B3.

a) $\Phi = BA = (0.3)(0.2x0.2) = 1.2x10^{-3}$ Wb

- b) Induced emf ... $\epsilon = N\Delta \Phi/t$... (1)(BA_f BA_i) / t ... A(B_f B_i) / t ... (0.2x0.2) (0.20-0.03) / 0.5 = 0.014 V
- c) i) V=IR ... (0.014) = I (0.6) ... I = 0.023 A
 ii) The magnetic field is increasing into the page. Current will be induced to oppose that change. By the RHR, to create a field out of the page the current must be counterclockwise.
- d) If the magnetic field was constant, the area would have to be changed to change the flux and induce the current. To change the area, the loop could be pulled out of the field or it could be rotated in place.

B2004B4.

a) Induced emf ... $\epsilon = N\Delta\Phi/t \dots 20*(BA_f - BA_i)/t \dots 20B(A_f - A_i)/t \dots 20(0.2)(0-0.25x0.15)/0.5 = 0.30$ V

b) V=IR ... (0.30) = I (5) ... I = 0.06A
 Based on Lenz law, as the loop is pulled out of the field it loses flux out of the page so current flows to create field outward to add back that flux. By the RHR solenoid current flows CCW.

c) P = IV = (0.06)(0.30) = 0.018 W

d) The wire resisting the pull is the leftmost wire of the loop. For that wire, the pulling force would equal the magnetic force of the wire. $F_b = BIL = (0.2)(0.06)(0.15)$ for 1 wire, but there are 20 wires there as per the 20 turns of the loop so it would be 20x this force $F_{pull} = 0.036$ N.

- or - using the mechanical power P=Fd/t and solve for F

e) By adding 20 turns, both the V and the R double so based on V=IR the current remains the same.

2009B3.

a) Combine induced emf, $\mathcal{E} = Blv$, with V = IR ...

IR = Blv ... I(3) = (0.8)(0.52)(1.8) ... I(3) = 0.749 I = 0.25 A Based on lenz law for the loop formed by the rod, resistor and rails, flux is gained into the page as the rod moves so current is generated to add field out of the page to counteract the flux change. Using the RHR solenoid for lenz law, the current would flow CCW and up the rod.

b) Using the RHR for the rod, the magnetic force acts left. In addition there is friction. So the FBD has the string force to the right and friction + magnetic force to the left. $F_{net} = 0 \dots F_{pull} - F_b - f_k = 0 \dots F_{pull} - F_b - f_k = 0 \dots F_{pull} = \mu_k \text{mg} + \text{BIL} = (0.2)(0.22)(9.8) + (0.8)(0.25)(0.52) = 0.535 \text{ N}$

c) W = IVt = (0.25)(0.75)(2) = 0.374 J

d) moving at 1.8 m/s for 2 seconds. v = d/t, the string moves 3.6 m. W = Fd = (0.535)(3.6) = 1.93 J

e) The work of the string is more because it has to provide the energy to the resistor and work against friction also.

C1973E3.

- a) The rod forms a loop with the upper part of the rails. Based on Lenz law, as the rod slides down, the perpendicular component of B increases the flux in the loop and current flows to create a field in the outward normal direction to the rails to counteract the flux change. Using the RHR solenoid, the current would flow towards the right side of the bar pictured.
- b) The induced emf in the bar is given by $\mathcal{E} = Blv_{\perp}$. The perpendicular B is given with B cos θ (simiar to F_{gx}) so the induced emf is BLv cos θ . With V = IR ... This gives, IR = BLv cos θ and the current is I = BLv cos θ / R
- c) $F = BIL_{\perp}$, again using B cos θ we have $F_b = B \cos \theta I L$, now sub in I from above. $F_b = B \cos \theta (BLv \cos \theta / R)L F_b = B^2 L^2 v \cos^2 \theta / R$. Based on the RHR for the bar, the force acts up the inclined rails parallel to them.
- d) The terminal velocity will occur when $F_{net(x)} = 0$ with x being the direction along the rails. This gives: $F_{gx} = F_b$ mg sin $\theta = B^2 L^2 v \cos^2 \theta / R$ $v = mg \sin \theta R / B^2 L^2 \cos^2 \theta$



- b) Since the bar falls at constant velocity $F_{net} = 0$ so \dots mg = F_b \dots mg = BIL \dots I = mg / BL
- c) Simply use the formula $\mathcal{E} = BLv_o$
- d) Using V = IR ... $BLv_o = (mg / BL)(R)$... $R = B^2L^2v_o / mg$

C1990E3.

- a) Since the loop is at rest, the magnetic force upwards must counteract the gravitational force down. Based on the RHR, the current must flow to the right in the top part of the loop to make a magnetic force upwards so the current flow is CW.
- b) $Mg = F_b$... Mg = BIL ... I = Mg / BL
- c) V = IR V = MgR / BL
- d) Simply use the formula $\mathcal{E} = BLv$
- e) The batteries current flows to the right in the top bar as determined before. As the bar moves upwards, the induced emf would produce a current flowing to the left in the top bar based on Lenz law. These two effects oppose each other and the actual emf produced would be the difference between them.

 $V_{net} = (V_{battery} - \epsilon_{induced}) = MgR / BL - BLv.$ The current is then found with V=IR. I = Mg/BL - BLv/R

f) Since the box moves at a constant speed, the new gravity force due to the new mass $(M - \Delta m)$ must equal the magnetic force in the top bar due to the current and field. The current flowing is that found in part e. $F_g = F_b$ $(M - \Delta m)g = BIL$ $Mg - \Delta mg = B(Mg/BL - BLv/R)L$ $Mg - \Delta mg = Mg - B^2L^2v / R$

 $\Delta m = B^2 L^2 v / Rg$

C1991E3.

a) i) Consider the wire as a tube full of charges and focus on a single charge in the tube. That single charge is moving to the right in a B field pointing into the page. Using the RHR, that charge is pushed up to the satellite so the shuttle side is negative.

ii) Induced emf is given by $\mathcal{E} = BLv = (3.3 \times 10^{-5})(20000 \text{ m})(7600) = 5016 \text{ V}$

b) V = IR 5016 = I (10000) I = 0.5016 A

c) i) F_b = BIL = (3.3x10⁻⁵) (0.5016)(20000) F_b = 0.331 N
 ii) The current flows up, away from the shuttle as indicated. Using the RHR for the given I and B gives the force direction on the wire pointing left which is opposite of the shuttles velocity.

C1998E3.

- a) At constant speed F_{net} = 0 F_b = F_{gx} BIL = mg sin θ I = mg sin θ / BL
 b) Using the induced emf and equating to V=IR we have (mg sin θ / BL)R = BLv ... solve for v = mgR sin θ / B²L²
 c) Rate of energy is power. P = I²R P = (mg sin θ / BL)² R
- d) Since the resistor is placed between the rails at the bottom, it is now in parallel with the top resistor because the current has two pathways to chose, the top loop with resistor R or the new bottom loop with the new resistor R. This effectively decreases the total resistance of the circuit. Based on the formula found in part b, lower resistance equates to less velocity.

C2003E3.

- a) Looking at the side view and then transferring back to the top view, we see that in the top view the magnetic field is basically pointing into the page. The component of the magnetic field we are concerned with actually does point directly into the page. Now using the LHR rule for the electrons they get pushed down, which is towards east.
- b) The emf is induced and given by $\mathcal{E} = \text{Blv}_{\perp}$. The perpendicular B is B sin θ as can be seen in the side view $\mathcal{E} = B \sin \theta \text{ Lv} = (6x10^{-5})(\sin 55)(15)(75) = .055 \text{ V}$
- c) To induce a current, the flux needs to change. The earths magnetic field strength cannot be changed, but the $_{\perp}$ component of that B field in the enclosed area can be altered which will change the flux and induce current flow. In order to do this, the plane could rise up, or down, or to sustain a current the plane could follow

a wavelike pattern.

Or the plane could rock its wings back and forth. However, simply turning left or right would not work.

Direction: Let's say the plane rises up, this will increase the \perp component of the B field in the loop so current will flow to reduce this increased downward field in the loop. Current flows CCW to create and upwards field to cancel out the increased downwards B field based on Lenz Law.

Chapter 13

Optics and Waves



This chapter will be broken down into three subsections based on collegeboard categories.

Section A – Waves and Sound

Section B – Physical Optics (interference, diffraction, EM waves)

Section C – Geometric Optics (reflection, mirrors, lenses, refraction, thin films)

AP Physics Multiple Choice Practice –Waves and Optics

SECTION A - Waves and Sound

- Which of the following statements about the speed of waves on a string are true?
 I. The speed depends on the tension in the string
 II. The speed depends on the frequency
 III. The speed depends on the mass per unit length of the string.
 A) II only B) I and II only C) I and III only D) II and III only E) I, II and III
- 2. A string is firmly attached at both ends. When a frequency of 60 Hz is applied, the string vibrates in the standing wave pattern shown. Assume the tension in the string and its mass per unit length do not change. Which of the following frequencies could NOT also produce a standing wave pattern in the string?
 A) 30 Hz
 B) 40 Hz
 C) 80 Hz
 D) 100 Hz
 E) 180 Hz



- 3. Which is not associated with a sound wave?A) amplitude B) period C) polarization D) velocity E) wavelength
- 4. A wave has a frequency of 50 Hz. The period of the wave is: A) 0.010 s B) 0.20 s C) 7 s D) 20 s E) 0.020 s
- 5. If the frequency of sound is doubled, the wavelength:
 A) halves and the speed remains unchanged
 B) doubles and the speed remains unchanged
 C) is unchanged and the speed doubles
 D) is unchanged and the speed halves
 E) halves and the speed halves
- 6. The standing wave pattern diagrammed to the right is produced in a string fixed at both ends. The speed of waves in the string is 2 m/s. What is the frequency of the standing wave pattern?



7. Two waves pulses approach each other as seen in the figure. The wave pulses overlap at point P. Which diagram best represents the appearance of the wave pulses as they leave point P?









- 8. If the speed of sound in air is 340 m/s, the length of the organ pipe, open at both ends, that can resonate at the fundamental frequency of 136 Hz, would be:
 A) 0.625 m
 B) 0.750 m
 C) 1.25 m
 D) 2.5 m
 E) 3.75 m
- 9. String L and string H have the same tension and length. String L has mass m and string H has mass 4m. If the speed of the waves in string L is v, the speed of the waves in string H is
 A) v/2 B) v C) 1.4 v D) 2v E) 4v
- 10. An observer hears a sound with frequency 400 Hz. Its wavelength is approximately A) 0.85 m C) 1.2 m C) 2.75 m D) 13.6 m E) 44 m
- 11. As sound travels from steel into air, both its speed and its:A) wavelength increaseB) wavelength decreaseC) frequency increaseD) frequency decreaseE) frequency remain unchanged
- 12. When a train is at rest, both a passenger on the train and a ticket seller at the station agree that the trains whistle produces sound at a frequency of 120 Hz. When the train is moving away from the station at 15 m/s, the passenger hears a frequency of ____ Hz and the ticket seller hears a frequency of ____ Hz. A) 120, 125 B) 115, 120 C) 120, 120 D) 115, 115 E) 120, 115
- 13. A pipe that is closed at one end and open at the other resonates at a fundamental frequency of 240 Hz. The next lowest/highest frequency it resonates at is most nearly.
 A) 60 Hz
 B) 80 Hz
 C) 120 Hz
 D) 480 Hz
 E) 720 Hz
- 14. Assume that waves are propagating in a uniform medium. If the frequency of the wave source doubles then A) The speed of the waves doubles B) the wavelength do the waves doubles C) the speed of the waves halves D) the wavelength of the waves halves E) none of the above
- <u>Questions 15–16:</u> A natural horn (trumpet with no valves) is similar to a pipe open at both ends. A musician plans to create a fundamental frequency of 256 Hz (middle C) using the horn.
- 15. If sound travels at 350 m/s, what must be the length of this horn? A) 0.34 m B) 0.68 m C) 0.78 m D) 1.36 m E) 1.46 m
- 16. A talented musician can produce a number of overtones on this natural horn. What would be the frequency of the fourth overtone produce when the musician is playing a middle C fundamental?
 A) 512 Hz
 B) 768 Hz
 C) 1024 Hz
 D) 1280 Hz
 E) 1536 Hz
- 17. One stereo loudspeaker produces a sound with a wavelength of 0.68 meters while the other speaker produces sound with a wavelength of 0.65 m. What would be the resulting beat frequency?
 A) 3 Hz
 B) 23 Hz
 C) 66.5 Hz
 D) 500 Hz
 E) 11333 Hz
- 18. The diagram shows two transverse pulses moving along a string. One pulse is moving to the right and the second is moving to the left. Both pulses reach point x at the same instant. What would be the resulting motion of point x as the two pulses pass each other?
 A) up then down
 B) down then up
 C) up, down, up
 D) down, up, down
 - E) there would be no motion, the pulses cancel one another

Question 19-20:

The diagrams below represent 5 different standing sound waves set up inside of a set of organ pipes 1 m long



- 19. What is the length of the longest wavelength shown? A) 0.5 m B) 0.75 m C) 1 m D) 2 m E) 4m
- 20. Which organ pipe(s) shows a standing wave which has twice the frequency of one of the other waves shown? A) C_y B) C_z C) O_x D) O_y E) C_y , C_z , O_x , O_y
- <u>Question 21–22:</u> The graph below was produced by a microphone in front of a tuning fork. It shows the voltage produced from the microphone as a function of time.



- 21. The frequency of the tuning fork is (approximately) A) 0.0039 s B) 0.020 s C) 2.55 Hz D) 50 Hz E) 256 Hz
- 22. In order to calculate the speed of sound from the graph, you would also need to know A) pitch B) volume C) frequency D) wavelength E) length of tube
- 23. A metal bar is vibrating with a frequency of 200 Hz. The resulting period of oscillation would be A) 200 s B) 141 s C) 0.007 s D) 0.002 s E) none of the above

24. A tube is open at both ends with the air oscillating in the 4th harmonic. How many displacement nodes are located within the tube?

A) 2 B) 3 C) 4 D) 5 E) 6

25. Two separate strings of the same thickness are stretched so that they experience the same tension. String B is twice as dense as String A. String A, of length *L*, is vibrated at the fundamental frequency. How long is String B if it has the same fundamental frequency as String A?

(a)
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 L (b) $\frac{L}{\sqrt{2}}$ (c) L (d) $\sqrt{2}L$

26. A resonance occurs with a tuning fork and an air column of size 39 cm. The next highest resonance occurs with an air column of 65 cm. What is the frequency of the tuning fork? Assume that the speed of sound is 343 m/s.

(a) 329.8 Hz

- (b) 527.7 Hz
- (c) 659.6 Hz
- (d) 879.5 Hz
- (e) 1319 Hz



(e) 2L

- 27. A place of zero displacement on a standing wave is called
 - (a) an antinode.
 - (b) a node.
 - (c) the amplitude.
 - (d) the wavenumber.
 - (e) the harmonic.
- 28. A person vibrates the end of a string sending transverse waves down the string. If the person then doubles the rate at which he vibrates the string while maintaining the same tension , the speed of the waves
 - (a) doubles and the wavelength is unchanged
 - (b) doubles and the wavelength doubled
 - (c) doubles while the wavelength is halved
 - (d) is unchanged while the wavelength is doubled
 - (e) is unchanged while the wavelength is halved.
- 29. A tube of length L₁ is open at both ends. A second tube of length L₂ is closed at one end and open at the other end. This second tube resonates at the same fundamental frequency as the first tube. What is the value of L₂? A) 4L₁ B) 2L₁ C) L₁ D) ¹/₂ L₁ E) ¹/₄ L₁
- 30. For a standing wave mode on a string fixed at both ends, adjacent antinodes are separated by a distance of 20*cm*. Waves travel on this string at a speed of 1200 *cm/s*. At what frequency is the string vibrated to produce this standing wave?
 (A) 120 Hz
 (B) 60 Hz
 (C) 40 Hz
 (D) 30 Hz
 (E) 20 Hz

(1) 120 112 (b) 00 112 (c) 40 112 (b) 30 112 (c) 20 112

31. What would be the wavelength of the fundamental and first two overtones produced by an organ pipe of length L that is closed at one end and open at the other?
A) L, ¹/₂ L, ¹/₄ L B) ¹/₂ L, ¹/₄ L, 1/6 L C) 2L, L, ¹/₂ L D) 4L, 2L, L E) 4L, 4/3 L, 4/5 L


32. A small vibrating object S moves across the surface of a ripple tank producing the wave fronts shown above. The wave fronts move with speed v. The object is traveling in what direction and with what speed relative to the speed of the wave fronts produced?

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Direction	Speed
(A) To the right	Equal to v
(B) To the right	Less than v
(C) To the right	Greater than v
(D) To the left	Less than v
(E) To the left	Greater than v

33. A cord of fixed length and uniform density, when held between two fixed points under tension T, vibrates with a fundamental frequency f. If the tension is doubled, the fundamental frequency is

(A)
$$2f$$
 (B) $\sqrt{2f}$ (C) f (D) $\frac{f}{\sqrt{2}}$ (E) $\frac{f}{2}$

- 34. A vibrating tuning fork sends sound waves into the air surrounding it. During the time in which the tuning fork makes one complete vibration, the emitted wave travels
 - (A) one wavelength

(B) about 340 meters

- (C) a distance directly proportional to the frequency of the vibration
- (D) a distance directly proportional to the square root of the air density
- (E) a distance inversely proportional to the square root of the pressure
- 35. Two wave pulses, each of wavelength λ, are traveling toward each other along a rope as shown. When both pulses are in the region between points X and Y, which are a distance λ apart, the shape of the rope is



(A)
$$X \longrightarrow Y$$

(B)
$$X \longrightarrow Y$$

(D) $X \longrightarrow Y$

(E)
$$X \longrightarrow Y$$

36. A train whistle has a frequency of 100 hertz as heard by the engineer on the train. Assume that the velocity of sound in air is 330 meters per second. If the train is approaching a stationary listener on a windless day at a velocity of 30 meters per second, the whistle frequency that the listener hears is most nearly (A) 90 Hz (B) 110 Hz (C) 120 Hz (D) 240 Hz (E) 300 Hz



37. Two sinusoidal functions of time are combined to obtain the result shown in the figure above. Which of the following can best be explained by using this figure?(A) Beats (B) Doppler effect (C) Diffraction (D) Polarization (E) Simple harmonic motion

Questions 38-39



A standing wave of frequency 5 hertz is set up on a string 2 meters long with nodes at both ends and in the center, as shown above.

- 38. The speed at which waves propagate on the string is (A) 0.4 m/s (B) 2.5 m/s (C) 5 m/s (D) 10 m/s (E) 20 m/s
- 39. The fundamental frequency of vibration of the string is (A) I Hz (B) 2.5 Hz (C) 5 Hz (D) 7.5 Hz (E) 10 Hz
- 40. Sound in air can best be described as which of the following types of waves?(A) Longitudinal (B) Transverse (C) Torsional (D) Electromagnetic (E) Polarized
- 41. In the Doppler effect for sound waves, factors that affect the frequency that the observer hears include which of the following?
 - I. The speed of the source
 - II. The speed of the observer
 - III. The loudness of the sound
 - (A) I only (B) III only (C) I and II only (D) II and III only (E) I, II, and III



42. The figure above shows two wave pulses that are approaching each other. Which of the following best shows the shape of the resultant pulse when the centers of the pulses, points P and Q coincide?



43. One end of a horizontal string is fixed to a wall. A transverse wave pulse is generated at the other end, moves toward the wall as shown and is reflected at the wall. Properties of the reflected pulse include which of the following?



(A) I only (

(B) III only (C) I and II only

(D) II and III only

(E) I, II, and III

44. A small vibrating object on the surface of a ripple tank is the source of waves of frequency 20 Hz and speed 60 cm/s. If the source *S* is moving to the right, as shown, with speed 20 cm/s, at which of the labeled points will the frequency measured by a stationary observer be greatest?

 $(A) \ A \qquad (B) \ B \qquad (C) \ C$

(D) D (E) It will be the same at all four points.



- 45. The frequencies of the first two overtones (second and third harmonics) of a vibrating string are f and 3f/2 .What is the fundamental frequency of this string?
 (A) f/3 (B) f/2 (C) f (D) 2f (E) 3f
- 46. Two fire trucks have sirens that emit waves of the same frequency. As the fire trucks approach a person, the person hears a higher frequency from truck X than from truck Y. Which of the following statements about truck X can be correctly inferred from this information
 - I. It is traveling faster than truck Y
 - II. It is close to the person than the truck Y
 - III. It is speeding up, and truck Y is slowing down.

 $(A) \ I \ only \qquad (B) \ III \ only \qquad (C) \ I \ and \ II \ only \qquad (D) \ II \ and \ III \ only \qquad (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \qquad (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \qquad (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ and \ III \ only \ (E) \ I, \ II \ II \ only \ (E) \ only \ (E) \ only \ (E) \ only \ (E) \ (E) \ only \ (E) \ (E) \ only \ only \ (E) \ only \ ($

Questions 47-48:



The figure above shows a transverse wave traveling to the right at a particular instant of time. The period of the wave is 0.2 s.

- 47. What is the amplitude of the wave? (A) 4 cm (B) 5 cm (C) 8 cm (D) 10 cm (E) 16 cm
- 48. What is the speed of the wave? (A) 4 cm/s (B) 25 cm/s (C) 50 cm/s (D) 100 cm/s (E) 200 cm/s

49. A standing wave pattern is created on a guitar string as a person tunes the guitar by changing the tension in the string. Which of the following properties of the waves on the string will change as a result of adjusting only the tension in the string?

I. Speed of the traveling wave that creates the pattern

II. Frequency of the standing wave

III. Wavelength of the standing wave

(A) I only (B) II only (C) I and II only (D) II and III only (E) I, II, and III

50. A tuning fork is used to create standing waves in a tube open at the top and partially filled with water. A resonance is heard when the water level is at a certain height. The next resonance is heard when the water level has been lowered by 0.5 m. If the speed of sound is equal to 340 m/s, the frequency of the tuning fork is
(A) 170 Hz
(B) 226 Hz
(C) 340 Hz
(D) 680 Hz
(E) 2450 Hz

SECTION B – Physical Optics

- In Young's double slit experiment, the second order bright band of one light source overlaps the third order band of another light source. If the first light source has a wavelength of 660 nm, what is the wavelength of the second light source?
 A) 1320 nm
 B) 990 nm
 C) 495 nm
 D) 440 nm
 E) 330 nm
- 2. A student performs an experiment similar to Young's Double Slit Experiment. Coherent light passes through two narrow slits and produces a pattern of alternating bright and dark lines on a screen. Which of the following would cause the bright lines on the screen to be further apart?
 - I. Increasing the distance between the slits
 - II. Decreasing the distance between the slits

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- III. Decreasing the wavelength of the light
- A) I only B) II only C) III only D) I & III only E) II & III only
- A diffraction grating of 1000 lines/cm has red light of wavelength 700 nm pass through it. The distance between the first and third principal bright spots on a screen 2 m away is

 A) 14 cm
 B) 28 cm
 C) 42 cm
 D) 140 cm
 E) 280 cm
- 4. Monochromatic light with a wavelength of 6x10⁻⁷ meters falls upon a single slit. After passing through the slit, it forms a diffraction pattern on a screen 1 m away. The distance between the center maximum and the first maximum away from the center is 3 mm. What is the thickness of the slit?
 A) 0.1 mm
 B) 0.2 mm
 C) 0.3 mm
 D) 0.4 mm
 E) 0.5 mm
- 5. In a Young's double-slit experiment, the slit separation is doubled. To maintain the same fringe spacing on the screen, the screen-to-slit distance *D* must be changed to

A)
$$D/2$$
 B) $\frac{D}{\sqrt{2}}$ C) $\sqrt{2}D$ D) $2D$ E) $4D$

- 6. Monochromatic light falls on a single slit 0.01 cm wide and develops a first-order minimum (dark band) 0.59 cm from the center of the central bright band on a screen that is one meter away. Determine the wavelength of the light.
 A) 1.18 x10⁻² cm B) 5.90 x10⁻³ cm C) 1.18 x10⁻⁴ cm D) 5.90 x10⁻⁵ cm E) 1.18 x10⁻⁶ cm
 - A) $1.18 \times 10^{\circ}$ cm B) $5.90 \times 10^{\circ}$ cm C) $1.18 \times 10^{\circ}$ cm D) $5.90 \times 10^{\circ}$ cm E) $1.18 \times 10^{\circ}$ cm
- 7. Which station broadcasts with 3.27 m radio waves?
 A) 91.7 MHz
 B) 92.5 MHz
 C) 98.5 MHz
 D) 102.5 MHz
 E) 106.3 MHz
- 8. Pioneering radio station KFKA started broadcasting 78 years ago at 1310 (1.31 MHz) on the AM dial. What is the approximate length of its radio wave?
 A) 23m B) 230 m C) 2300 m D) 23000 m E) 3x10⁸ m
- 9. The length of the most effective transmitting antenna is equal to one–fourth the wavelength of the broadcast wave. If a radio station has an antenna 4.5 meters long then what is the broadcast frequency of the radio station? A) 1.4 x 10⁻⁸ Hz B) 6.0 x 10⁻⁸ Hz C) 1.7 x 10⁷ Hz D) 6.7 x 10⁷ Hz E) 3.0 x 10⁸ Hz
- 10. A radio signal with a wavelength of 1.2 x 10⁻⁴ m is sent to a distance asteroid, is reflected, and returns to Earth 72 hours and 48 minutes later. How far from Earth is the asteroid?
 A) 1.9 x 10¹⁰ km
 B) 3.9 x 10¹⁰ km
 C) 7.9 x 10¹⁰ km
 D) 1.9 x 10¹¹ km
 E) 5.4 x 10¹¹ km

11. In the electromagnetic spectrum, rank the following electromagnetic waves in terms of increasing wavelength.

	Smallest Wavelength Light		Largest Wavelength Light
A)	Ultraviolet	X–ray	Radio Waves
B)	Ultraviolet	Radio Waves	X–ray
C)	Radio Waves	Ultraviolet	X-ray
D)	Radio Waves	X–ray	Ultraviolet
E)	X–ray	Ultraviolet	Radio Waves

12. Two sources, in phase and a distance *d* apart, each emit a wave of wavelength λ . See figure below. Which of the choices for the path difference $\Delta L = L_1 - L_2$ will *always* produce destructive interference at point P? A) d sin θ B) x/L₁ C) (x/L₂)d D) $\lambda/2$ E) 2 λ





- 13. Waves are produced by two point sources S and S' vibrating in phase. See the accompanying diagram. X represents the location of the 2nd interference minima. The path difference SX S'X is 4.5 cm. The wavelength of the waves is approximately
 A) 1.5 cm
 B) 1.8 cm
 C) 2.3 cm
 D) 3.0 cm
 E) 4.5 cm
- 14. A transmission diffraction grating is ruled with 5000 lines per cm. Through what angle will the first order maxima be deflected when light with a wavelength of 4.5 x 10⁻⁷ m strikes the grating?
 A) 5.2° B) 6.4° C) 13° D) 27° E) 34°
- 15. In an experiment to measure the wavelength of light using a double slit apparatus, it is found that the bright fringes are too close together to easily count them. To increase only the spacing between the bright fringes, one could

A) increase the slit width

- B) decrease the slit width
- C) increase the slit separation
- D) decrease the slit separation
- E) none of these
- 16. Two point sources in a ripple tank radiate waves in phase with a constant wavelength of 0.02 meter. The first-order interference maximum appears at 6° (use sin 6° = 0.1). The separation of the sources is most nearly (A) 0.001 m (B) 0.002 m (C) 0.06 m (D) 0.1 m (E) 0.2 m
- 17. Which of the following is true of a single-slit diffraction pattern?
 - (A) It has equally spaced fringes of equal intensity.
 - (B) It has a relatively strong central maximum.
 - (C) It can be produced only if the slit width is less than one wavelength.
 - (D) It can be produced only if the slit width is exactly one wavelength.
 - (E) It can be produced only if the slit width is an integral number of wavelengths.

Radio waves Infrared radiation Visible light Ultraviolet radiation Gamma radiation

18. For the five types of electromagnetic radiation listed above, which of the following correctly describes the way in which wavelength, frequency and speed, change as one goes from the left to right on the list?

Wavelength	Frequency	Speed
(A) Decreases	Decreases	Decreases
(B) Decreases	Increases	Remains the same
(C) Increases	Decreases	Remains the same
(D) Increases	Decreases	Increases
(E) Increases	Increases	Increases

- 19. A radar operates at a wavelength of 3 centimeters. The frequency of these waves is (A) 10^{-10} Hz (B) 10^{6} Hz (C) 10^{8} Hz (D) 3 x 10^{8} Hz (E) 10^{10} Hz
- 20. Plane sound waves of wavelength 0.12 m are incident on two narrow slits in a box with nonreflecting walls, as shown. At a distance of 5.0 m from the center of the slits, a first-order maximum occurs at point *P*, which is 3.0 m from the central maximum. The distance between the slits is most nearly
 (A) 0.07 m (B) 0.09 m (C) 0.16 m (D) 0.20 m (E) 0.24 m



21. A radio station broadcasts on a carrier frequency of 100 MHz. The wavelength of this radio wave is most nearly

(A) 3.0×10^{-3} m (B) 1.0 m (C) 3.0 m (D) 3.3 m (E) 3.0×10^{6} m

- 22. If one of the two slits in a Young's double-slit demonstration of the interference of light is covered with a thin filter that transmits only half the light intensity, which of the following occurs?(A) The fringe pattern disappears.
 - (B) The bright lines are brighter and the dark lines are darker.
 - (C) The bright lines and the dark lines are all darker.
 - (D) The bright lines and the dark lines are all brighter.
 - (E) The dark lines are brighter and the bright lines are darker.
- 23. A diffraction grating is illuminated by light of wavelength 600 nm. On a screen 100 cm away is a series of bright spots spaced 10 cm apart. If the screen is now placed 30 cm from the diffraction grating, the new spacing between adjacent bright spots on the screen is most nearly
 (A) 30 cm
 (B) 10 cm
 (C) 3 cm
 (D) 1 cm
 (E) 3 mm

SECTION C – Geometric Optics

- 1. The critical angle of a material is the angle of incidence for which the angle of refraction is: A) 0° B) 30° C) 45° D) 90° E) 180°
- An object is located 0.20 meters from a converging lens which has a focal length of 0.15 meters. Relative to the object, the image formed by the lens will be:

 A) real, erect, smaller.
 B) real, inverted, smaller.
 C) real, inverted, larger
 D) virtual, erect, larger.
 E) virtual, inverted, smaller.
- 3. A plane mirror produces an image that is
 A) real, inverted and larger than the object.
 B) real, upright, and the same size of the object.
 C) real, upright, and smaller than the object.
 D) virtual, inverted, and smaller than the object.
 E) virtual, upright, and the same size as the object.
- 4. The principle underlying fiber optics is:A) diffraction B) dispersion C) interference D) polarization E) total internal reflection
- 5. A diverging lens produces and image of a real object that is:
 A) real, inverted and larger than the object.
 B) real, upright, and the same size as the object.
 C) virtual, inverted, and smaller than the object.
 D) virtual, upright, and larger than the object.
 E) virtual, upright, and smaller than the object.
- 6. Light that has a wavelength of 500 nm in air has a wavelength 400 nm in a transparent material. What is the index of refraction of the material?
 A) 0.64 B) 0.80 C) 1.00 D) 1.25 E) 1.56
- 7. A beam of light passes from medium 1 to medium 2 to medium 3 as shown in the accompanying figure. What is true about the respective indices of refraction $(n_1, n_2, \text{ and } n_3)$ A) $n_1 > n_2 > n_3$ B) $n_1 > n_3 > n_2$ C) $n_2 > n_3 > n_1$ D) $n_2 > n_1 > n_3$ E) $n_3 > n_1 > n_2$



8. A laser is embedded in a material of index of refraction n. The laser beam emerges from the material and hits a target. See the accompanying figure for the position parameters of the laser and target. The value of n is:
A) 1.4 B) 1.5 C) 2.1 D) 3.5 E) 5.0



9. A beam of light is directed toward point P on a boundary as shown to the right. Which segment best represents the refracted ray?A) PAB) PBC) PCD) PDE) PE

- 10. Which of the following is NOT possible for the images formed by the lens in the accompanying figure?
 A) real and inverted
 B) real and smaller in size
 C) real and larger in size
 D) virtual and erect
 E) virtual and smaller in size
- 11. A narrow beam of monochromatic light enters a lens parallel to the optic axis, as shown in the accompanying diagram. Which arrow best represents the direction of the light after leaving the lens?

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A) A \quad B) B \quad C) C \quad D) D \quad E) E
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n=1

n=1.5

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12. The accompanying diagram shows the path that a light ray takes passing through three transparent materials. The indices of refraction in materials 1, 2, and 3 are n_1 , n_2 , and n_3 , respectively. Which of the following best describes the relation between the indices of refraction? A) $n_1 > n_2 > n_3$ B) $n_1 > n_3 > n_2$ C) $n_2 > n_1 > n_3$ D) $n_2 > n_3 > n_1$ E) $n_3 > n_1 > n_2$

- $\begin{array}{c|c} 2 & n_2 \\ \hline 3 & \end{array}$ n_3
- 13. Which diagram best represents what happens to a ray of light entering air from water? Air is at the top in all diagrams.



 n_1

- 14. In order to produce and enlarged, upright image of an object, you could use a
 - A) converging lens more than one focal length from the object.
 - B) converging lens less than one focal length from the object.
 - C) diverging lens more than one focal length from the object.
 - D) diverging lens exactly one focal length from the object.
 - E) diverging lens less than one focal length from the object.
- 15. The critical angle in a transparent substance surrounded by air is 30°. The speed of light in the substance (in multiples of 10⁸ m/s) is most nearly
 A) 1.0 B) 1.5 C) 2.0 D) 3.0 E) 6.0
- 16. A beam of light traveling in glass ($n_g = 1.5$) strikes a boundary with air ($n_a = 1.0$) at point P. The angle of incidence is 60° as shown in the diagram. Which ray would best indicate the beam's path after point P?





- 17. A small light bulb is placed 20 cm to the right of a converging lens of focal length 10 cm. Which of the following statements is NOT true about the image of the bulb formed by the lens?A) It is virtual
 - B) It is inverted
 - C) It is the same size as the bulb
 - D) It is 20 cm to the left of the lens
 - E) It can be projected on a screen
 - E) It can be projected on a screen
- 18. An image is formed on a screen by a convergent lens. If the top half of the lens is then covered what will happen to the image?
 - A) the image is dimmer but otherwise unchanged
 - B) the image becomes half as big
 - C) only the top half of the image is produced
 - D) only the bottom half of the image is produced
 - E) the image becomes half as big and is inverted from its original position.
- 19. A wave moves from one medium to as second medium with a different index of refraction. Which of the following wave properties would NEVER change?A) frequency B) wavelength C) speed D) angle E) all will change
- 20. Specular reflection occurs whenever light is incident on
 - A) a smooth surface
 - B) a rough surface
 - C) a boundary between high index of refraction and low index of refraction materials
 - D) a boundary between low index of refraction and high index of refraction materials
 - E) a boundary between any two transparent substances, regardless of index of refraction

21. A beam of light passes from medium 1 to medium 2 to medium 3 as shown in the diagram. What may be concluded about the speed of light in each medium?
A) v₃ > v₁ > v₂
B) v₁ > v₂ > v₃
C) v₁ > v₃ < v₂
D) v₂ > v₃ > v₁
E) v₂ > v₁ > v₃



22. After striking the lens shown in the diagram at right, the light ray will most likely follow which path?A) A B) B C) C D) D E) E



- 23. An object is placed 10 cm in front of the center of a concave curved mirror with a radius of curvature of 10 cm. About how far from the mirror will the real image of the object be formed?A) 0 cmB) 5 cmC) 10 cmD) 20 cmE) No image is formed
- 24. Light travels from material X with an index of refraction of n=1.5 to material Y with an index of refraction of n=2.0. If the speed of light in material Y is v, what is the speed of light in material X?
 A) 0.56 v
 B) 0.75 v
 C) 1.33 v
 D) 1.78 v
 E) 3.0 v

25. A light ray is incident normal to a thin layer of glass. Given the figure, what is the minimum thickness of the glass that gives the reflected light an orangish color (λ(air) orange light = 600nm)
A) 50 nm
B) 100 nm
C) 150 nm
D) 200 nm

E) 500 nm



26. Two thin lenses each with a focal length of +10 cm are located 30 cm apart with their optical axes aligned as shown. An object is placed 35 cm from the first lens. After the light has passed through both lenses, at what distance from the second lens will the final image be formed?
A) 65 cm B) 35 cm C) 27 cm D) 17 cm E) -14 cm



27. A jeweler can distinguish between a diamond and a piece of glass by observing the critical angle of light in each material. Glass with an index of refraction of 1.52 has a critical angle of 41.1° while a diamond with an index of refraction of 2.42 would have critical angle of:
A) 65.4° B) 38.9° C) 25.8° D) 24.4° E) 16.2°

- 28. What causes chromatic aberration in a glass lens
 - A) Each wavelength of light reflects from the surface of the lens
 - B) Each wavelength of light is refracted a different amount by the lens
 - C) White light waves interfere inside the lens
 - D) White light waves diffract around the edge of the lens
 - E) Chromatic aberration occurs with mirrors, not lenses
- 29. A converging lens forms a virtual image of a real object that is two times the objects size. The converging lens is replaced with a diverging lens having the same size focal length. What is the magnification of the image formed by the diverging lens?

A) –1 B) –2/5 C) 2/3 D) 3/2 E) 5/2

30. A beam of light travels through the air and strikes the surface of water at an angle of incidence of 45°. It continues through the water and then strikes the bottom of a glass aquarium. Which of the following would be closest to the angle of refraction after the beam enters the glass. The index of refraction of water is 1.3 and that of glass is 1.5

A) 55°
B) 45°
C) 38°
D) 33°
E) 28°.



- 31. Light shines from air into a clear material. When the light makes an angle of incidence equal to 30°, the light refracts at an angle of 15°. If the light is shone from an angle of incidence of 60°, what is the angle of refraction? A) 19.5° B) 26.6° C) 30° D) 45° E) 60°
- 32. An object is in front of a convex lens, at a distance less than the focal length from the lens. Its image is A) virtual and larger than the object.
 - B) real and smaller than the object.
 - C) virtual and smaller than the object.
 - D) real and larger than the object.
 - E) virtual and the same size as the object.

33. Light is incident normal to a thin layer of soap. Given the figure, what is the minimum thickness of the soap film that gives the soap a bluish color (λ_{air}(blue) = 500 nm)?
A) 100 nm
B) 200 nm
C) 250 nm
D) 400 nm
E) 500 nm



- 34. If the frequency of a periodic wave is doubled, the period of the wave will be A) halved B) quartered C) doubled D) quadrupled E) unchanged
- 35. For which of the following does one obtain an image of increased size from a real object? Take all focus and radius of curvature values as positive.
 - (a) The object is placed at a position outside the radius of curvature for a converging lens.
 - (b) The object is placed at a position outside the radius of curvature for a diverging lens.
 - (c) The object is placed at a position inside the magnitude of the focus for a concave lens.
 - (d) The object is placed at a position between the focus and radius of curvature for a concave mirror.
 - (e) The object is placed at a position between the focus and the radius of curvature for a convex mirror.

- 36. A sound wave generated from a tuning fork of single frequency travels from air (with speed of sound 340 m/s) into rock (with speed of sound 1500 m/s). Which statement is true about the wavelength and frequency of the sound as it passes from air to rock?
 - A) The frequency of the sound increases and the wavelength increases.
 - B) The frequency of the sound increases and the wavelength is unchanged.
 - C) The frequency of the sound is unchanged and the wavelength is decreased.
 - D) The frequency of the sound is unchanged and the wavelength is increased.
 - E) The frequency of the sound decreases and the wavelength is increased.
- 37. When a beam of white light passes through a prism, the exiting light is seen as a spectrum of visible colors. This phenomenon is known as

(A) diffraction. (B) dispersion. (C) interference. (D) polarization. (E) reflection.

- 38. Modern telescopes use mirrors, rather than lenses, to form images. One advantage of mirrors over lenses is that the images formed by mirrors are not affected by:
 - (A) destructive interference (D) spherical aberration
 - (B) constructive interference (E) atmospheric refraction
 - (C) chromatic aberration
- 39. A diverging lens produces an image of a real object. This image is
 - (A) virtual, larger than the object, and upright.
 - (B) virtual, smaller than the object, and upright.
 - (C) virtual, smaller than the object, and inverted.
 - (D) real, smaller than the object, and inverted.
 - (E) real, larger than the object, and inverted
- 40. A light beam passes through the air and strikes the surface of a plastic block. Which pair of statements correctly describes the phase changes for the reflected wave and the transmitted wave?

	Reflected wave	Transmitted wave
(A)	90°	90°
(B)	No phase change	180°
(C)	No phase change	No phase change
(D)	180°	180°
(E)	180°	No phase change

41. The diagram below shows the path taken by a monochromatic light ray traveling through three media. The symbols v_1 , λ_1 , and f_1 represent the speed, wavelength, and frequency of the light in Medium 1, respectively. Which of the following relationships for the light in the three media is true?

(A) $\lambda_1 < \lambda_3 < \lambda_2$	Medium 1
(B) $v_2 < v_3 < v_1$	
(C) $f_2 < f_1 < f_3$	Medium 2
(D) $v_3 < v_1 < v_2$	
(E) $\lambda_2 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_3$	Medium 3

42. A real object is located in front of a convex lens at a distance greater than the focal length of the lens. What type of image is formed and what is true of the image's size compared to that of the object?

	<u>Type of Image</u>	Size of Image
(A)	Real	Larger than object
(B)	Real	More information is needed
(C)	Virtual	Smaller than object
(D)	Virtual	Larger than object
(E)	More information is needed	More information is needed

43. A thin film of thickness *t* and index of refraction 1.33 coats a glass with index of refraction 1.50 as shown to the right. Which of the following thicknesses *t* will not reflect light with wavelength 640 nm in air?
A) 160 nm
B) 240 nm
C) 360 nm
D) 480 nm
E) 640 nm



- 44. Which of the following wave properties cannot be demonstrated by all kinds of waves?A) Polarization B) Diffraction C) Superposition D) Refraction E) Frequency
- 45. Lenses in fine quality cameras are coated to reduce the reflection from the lenses. If the coating material has an index of refraction between that of air and glass, what thickness of coating will produce the least reflection?A) one–quarter of the wavelength in the coating
 - B) one-third of the wavelength in the coating
 - C) one-half of the wavelength in the coating
 - D) one wavelength in the coating
 - E) the amount of reflection is independent of the thickness of the coating.
- 46. A beam of light from the air is incident on a transparent block of material. The angle of incidence is 49° while the angle of refraction is 30°. What is the velocity of light in the transparent material?
 A) 1.8 x 10⁸ m/s
 B) 2.0 x 10⁸ m/s
 C) 2.3 x 10⁸ m/s
 D) 3.0 x 10⁸ m/s
 E) 4.5 x 10⁸ m/s
- 47. Light with a wavelength of 500 nm in a vacuum enters a liquid with an index of refraction of 1.25 at an angle of incidence of 40°. What would be the wavelength of the light in the liquid?
 A) 320 nm
 B) 400 nm
 C) 500 nm
 D) 625 nm
 E) 780 nm
- 48. Light strikes three different thin films, which are in air, as shown. If *t* denotes the film thickness and λ denotes the wavelength of the light in the film, which films will produce constructive interference as seen by the observer?



A) I only B) II only C) III only D) II and III only E) I and III only.

49. The critical angle for a transparent material in air is 30°. The index of refraction of the material is most nearly (A) 0.33 (B) 0.50 (C) 1.0 (D) 1.5 (E) 2.0



- 50. An object is placed as shown in the figure above. The center of curvature C and the focal point F of the reflecting surface are marked. As compared with the object, the image formed by the reflecting surface is (A) erect and larger
 (B) erect and the same size
 (C) erect and smaller
 - (D) inverted and larger (E) inverted and smaller

51. When one uses a magnifying glass to read fine print, one uses a

- (A) converging lens to produce a virtual image of the print
- (B) converging lens to produce a real image of the print
- (C) mirror to produce a virtual image of the print
- (D) diverging lens to produce a real image of the print
- (E) diverging lens to produce a virtual image of the print
- 52. Which color of light is associated with the highest speed in a vacuum? (A) Blue (B) Green (C) Red (D) Violet (E) They are all the same
- 53. An illuminated object is placed 0.30 meter from a lens whose focal length is -0.15 meter. The image is
 (A) inverted, real, and 0.30 meter from the lens on the opposite side from the object
 (B) upright, virtual, and 0.30 meter from the lens on the opposite side from the object
 - (C) upright, real, and 0.10 meter from the lens on the same side as the object
 - (D) upright, virtual, and 0.10 meter from the lens on the same side as the object
- 54. Which of the following CANNOT be accomplished by a single converging lens with spherical surfaces?
 - (A) Converting a spherical wave front into a plane wave front
 - (B) Converting a plane wave front into a spherical wave front
 - (C) Forming a virtual image of a real object
 - (D) Forming a real upright image of a real upright object
 - (E) Forming a real inverted image of a real upright object
- 55. The image of the arrow is larger than the arrow itself in which of the following cases?



- 56. A postage stamp is placed 30 centimeters to the left of a converging lens of focal length 60 centimeters. Where is the image of the stamp located?
 - (A) 60 cm to the left of the lens
 - (C) 20 cm to the right of the lens
 - (E) 60 cm to the right of the lens
- (B) 20 cm to the left of the lens
- (D) 30 cm to the right of the lens



- 57. Light leaves a source at X and travels to Y along the path shown above. Which of the following statements is correct?
 - (A) The index of refraction is the same for the two media.
 - (B) Light travels faster in medium 2 than in medium 1.
 - (C) Snell's law breaks down at the interface.
 - (D) Light would arrive at Y in less time by taking a straight line path from X to Y than it does taking the path shown above.
 - (E) Light leaving a source at Y and traveling to X would follow the same path shown above, but in reverse.



58. Which three of the glass lenses above, when placed in air, will cause parallel rays of light to converge? (A) I, II, and III (B) I, III, and V (C) I, IV, and V (D) II, III, and IV (E) II, IV, and V



59. An object is placed near a plane mirror, as shown above. Which of the labeled points is the position of the image?

 $(A) A \qquad (B) B \qquad (C) C \qquad (D) D \qquad (E) E$

- 60. Observations that indicate that visible light has a wavelength much shorter than a centimeter include which of the following?
 - I. The colored pattern seen in a soap bubble
 - II. The colored pattern seen when light passes through a diffraction grating
 - III. The bending of light when it passes from one medium to another medium
 - (A) I only (B) III only (C) I and II only (D) II and III only (E) I, II, and III
- 61. If the object distance for a converging thin lens is more than twice the focal length of the lens, the image is
 (A) virtual and erect (B) larger than the object (C) located inside the focal point
 (D) located at a distance between f and 2f from the lens (E) located at a distance more than f from the lens
- 62. A concave mirror with a radius of curvature of 1.0 m is used to collect light from a distant star. The distance between the mirror and the image of the star is most nearly
 (A) 0.25 m
 (B) 0.50 m
 (C) 0.75 m
 (D) 1.0 m
 (E) 2.0 m

- 63. When light passes from air into water, the frequency of the light remains the same. What happens to the speed and the wavelength of light as it crosses the boundary in going from air into water?
 - SpeedWavelength(A) IncreasesRemains the same(B) Remains the sameDecreases(C) Remains the sameRemains the same(D) DecreasesIncreases(E) DecreasesDecreases
- 64. A physics student places an object 6.0 cm from a converging lens of focal length 9.0 cm. What is the magnitude of the magnification of the image produced?
 - (A) 0.6 (B) 1.5 (C) 2.0 (D) 3.0 (E) 3.6
- 65. An object is placed at a distance of 1.5f from a converging lens of focal length f, as shown. What type of image is formed and what is its size relative to the object?

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<u>Type</u>	Size
(A) Virtual	Larger
(B) Virtual	Same size
(C) Virtual	Smaller
(D) Real	Larger
(E) Real	Smaller



66. A light ray passes through substances 1, 2, and 3, as shown. The indices of refraction for these three substances are n₁, n₂, and n₃, respectively. Ray segments in 1 and in 3 are parallel. From the directions of the ray, one can conclude that

(A) n_3 must be the same as n_1

- (B) n_2 must be less than n_1
- (C) n_2 must be less than n_3
- (D) n_1 must be equal to 1.00
- (E) all three indices must be the same
- 67. A beam of white light is incident on a triangular glass prism with an index of refraction of about 1.5 for visible light, producing a spectrum. Initially, the prism is in a glass aquarium filled with air, as shown above. If the aquarium is filled with water with an index of refraction of 1.3, which of the following is true?
 - (A) No spectrum is produced.
 - (B) A spectrum is produced, but the deviation of the beam is opposite to that in air.
 - (C) The positions of red and violet are reversed in the spectrum.
 - (D) The spectrum produced has greater separation between red and violet than that produced in air.
 - (E) The spectrum produced has less separation between red and violet than that produced in air.





S^{Mirror}

68. An object, slanted at an angle of 45°, is placed in front of a vertical plane mirror, as shown above. Which of the following shows the apparent position and orientation of the object's image?



- 70. An object is placed in front of a converging thin lens at a distance from the center of the lens equal to half the focal length. Compared to the object, the image is
 - (A) upright and larger
 - (B) upright and smaller
 - (C) inverted and larger
 - (D) inverted and smaller
 - (E) inverted and the same size
- 71. Which of the following is characteristic of both sound and light waves?
 - (A) They are longitudinal waves.
 - (B) They are transverse waves.
 - (C) They travel with the same velocity.
 - (D) They can be easily polarized
 - (E) They give rise to interference effects
- 72. A thin film with index of refraction n_1 separates two materials, each of which has an index of refraction less than n_f . A monochromatic beam of light is incident normally on the film, as shown above. If the light has wavelength λ within the film, maximum constructive interference between the incident beam and the reflected beam occurs for which of the following film thicknesses?

(A) 3λ (B) 2λ (C) λ (D) $\lambda/2$ (E) $\lambda/4$







- A light ray R in medium I strikes a sphere of medium II with angle of incidence θ , as shown above. The figure shows five possible subsequent paths for the light ray.
- 73. Which path is possible if medium I is air and medium II is glass? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 74. Which path is possible if medium I is glass and medium II is air? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 75. An object is placed on the axis of a converging thin lens of focal length 2 cm, at a distance of 8 cm from the lens. The distance between the image and the lens is most nearly (A) 0.4 cm (B) 0.8 cm (C) 1.6 cm (D) 2.0 cm (E) 2.7 cm
- 76. A large lens is used to focus an image of an object onto a screen. If the left half of the lens is covered with a dark card, which of the following occurs (A) The left half of the image disappears
 - (B) The right half of the image disappears
 - (C) The image becomes blurred

- (D) The image becomes dimmer
- (E) No image is formed
- 77. Which of the following statements are true for both sound waves and electromagnetic waves?
 - I. They can undergo refraction.
 - II. They can undergo diffraction.
 - III. They can produce a two-slit interference pattern.
 - IV. They can produce standing waves.

(A) I and II only	(B) III and IV only
(D) II, III, and IV only	(E) I, II, III, and IV

78. As shown, a beam of white light is separated into separate colors when it passes through a glass prism. Red light is refracted through a smaller angle than violet light because

(C) I, II, and III only



(B) faster speed in glass than violet light (C) slower speed in the incident beam than violet light

(A) slower speed in glass than violet light

- (D) faster speed in the incident beam than violet light
- (E) greater intensity than violet light

red light has a

79. A ray of light in glass that is incident on an interface with ice, as shown, is partially reflected and partially refracted. The index of refraction *n* for each of the two media is given in the figure. How do the angle of reflection and the angle of refraction compare with the angle of incidence θ ?

Angle of	Angle of
Reflection	Refraction
(A) Same	Larger
(B) Same	Smaller
(C) Smaller	Same
(D) Smaller	Smaller
(E) Larger	Larger



- An object *O* is located at point *P* to the left of a converging lens, as shown in the figure. F_1 and F_2 are the focal points of the lens.
- 80. If the focal length of the lens is 0.40 m and point *P* is 0.30 m to the left of the lens, where is the image of the object located?
 - (A) 1.2 m to the left of the lens
 - (B) 0.17 m to the left of the lens
 - (C) At the lens
 - (D) 0.17 m to the right of the lens
 - (E) 1.2 m to the right of the lens
- 81. Which of the following characterizes the image when the object is in the position shown?
 - (A) Real, inverted, and smaller than the object
 - (B) Real, upright, and larger than the object
 - (C) Real, inverted, and larger than the object
 - (D) Virtual, upright, and larger than the object
 - (E) Virtual, upright, and smaller than the object



83. A ray of light in air is incident on a $30^{\circ}60^{\circ}-90^{\circ}$ prism, perpendicular to face *ab*, as shown in the diagram. The ray enters the prism and strikes face *ac* at the critical angle. What is the index of refraction of the prism?

A)
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 B) $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$ C) $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$ D) 2 E) 3





Glass

Ice

n = 1.5

n = 1.3

Light

AP Physics Free Response Practice – Waves and Optics

SECTION A - Waves and Sound

1980B4. In the graphs that follow, a curve is drawn in the first graph of each pair. For the other graph in each pair, sketch the curve showing the relationship between the quantities labeled on the axes. Your graph should be consistent with the first graph in the pair.



1995B6. A hollow tube of length L open at both ends as shown, is held in midair. A tuning fork with a frequency f_o vibrates at one end of the tube and causes the air in the tube to vibrate at its fundamental frequency. Express your answers in terms of L and f_o

- a. Determine the wavelength of the sound.
- b. Determine the speed of sound in the air inside the tube.
- c. Determine the next higher frequency at which this air column would resonate.





The tube is submerged in a large, graduated cylinder filled with water. The tube is slowly raised out of the water and the same tuning fork, vibrating with frequency f_o , is held a fixed distance from the top of the tube. d. Determine the height h of the tube above the water when the air column resonates for the first time. Express your answer in terms of L.

Note: Figure not drawn to scale.



1998B5. To demonstrate standing waves, one end of a string is attached to a tuning fork with frequency 120 Hz. The other end of the string passes over a pulley and is connected to a suspended mass M as shown in the figure above. The value of M is such that the standing wave pattern has four "loops." The length of the string from the tuning fork to the point where the string touches the top of the pulley is 1.20 m. The linear density of the string is 1.0×10^{-4} kg/m, and remains constant throughout the experiment.

- a. Determine the wavelength of the standing wave.
- b. Determine the speed of transverse waves along the string.
- c. The speed of waves along the string increases with increasing tension in the string. Indicate whether the value of M should be increased or decreased in order to double the number of loops in the standing wave pattern. Justify your answer.
- d. If a point on the string at an antinode moves a total vertical distance of 4 cm during one complete cycle, what is the amplitude of the standing wave?



B2004B3. A vibrating tuning fork is held above a column of air, as shown in the diagrams above. The reservoir is raised and lowered to change the water level, and thus the length of the column of air. The shortest length of air column that produces a resonance is $L_1 = 0.25$ m, and the next resonance is heard when the air column is $L_2 = 0.80$ m long. The speed of sound in air at 20° C is 343 m/s and the speed of sound in water is 1490 m/s.

- (a) Calculate the wavelength of the standing sound wave produced by this tuning fork.
- (b) Calculate the frequency of the tuning fork that produces the standing wave, assuming the air is at 20° C.
- (c) Calculate the wavelength of the sound waves produced by this tuning fork in the water, given that the frequency in the water is the same as the frequency in air.
- (d) The water level is lowered again until a third resonance is heard. Calculate the length L_3 of the air column that produces this third resonance.
- (e) The student performing this experiment determines that the temperature of the room is actually slightly higher than 20° C. Is the calculation of the frequency in part (b) too high, too low, or still correct?

_____ Too high _____ Too low _____ Still correct

Justify your answer.

SECTION B – Physical Optics



1975B4.

a. Light of a single wavelength is incident on a single slit of width w (w is a few wavelengths.) Sketch a graph of the intensity as a function of position for the pattern formed on a distant screen.



Repeat for the case in which there are two slits. The slits are of width w and are separated by a distance d (d >> w). Sketch a graph of the intensity as a function of position for the pattern formed on a distant screen.

1980B4. In the graphs that follow, a curve is drawn in the first graph of each pair. For the other graph in each pair, sketch the curve showing the relationship between the quantities labeled on the axes. Your graph should be consistent with the first graph in the pair.



1985B5. Light of wavelength $5.0 \ge 10^{-7}$ meter in air is incident normally (perpendicularly) on a double slit. The distance between the slits is $4.0 \ge 10^{-4}$ meter, and the width of each slit is negligible. Bright and dark fringes are observed on a screen 2.0 meters away from the slits.

a. Calculate the distance between two adjacent bright fringes on the screen.



1991B6. Light consisting of two wavelengths, $\lambda_a = 4.4 \times 10^{-7}$ meter and $\lambda_b = 5.5 \times 10^{-7}$ meter, is incident normally on a barrier with two slits separated by a distance d. The intensity distribution is measured along a plane that is a distance L = 0.85 meter from the slits as shown above. The movable detector contains a photoelectric cell whose position y is measured from the central maximum. The first-order maximum for the longer wavelength λ_b occurs at $y = 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$ meter.

a. Determine the slit separation d.

b. At what position, Y_a , does the first-order maximum occur for the shorter wavelength λ_a ?



- 1996B3. Coherent monochromatic light of wavelength λ in air is incident on two narrow slits, the centers of which are 2.0 mm apart, as shown above. The interference pattern observed on a screen 5.0 m away is represented in the figure by the graph of light intensity I as a function of position x on the screen.
- a. What property of light does this interference experiment demonstrate?
- b. At point P in the diagram, there is a minimum in the interference pattern. Determine the path difference between the light arriving at this point from the two slits.
- c. Determine the wavelength, λ , of the light.
- d. Briefly and qualitatively describe how the interference pattern would change under each of the following separate modifications and explain your reasoning.
 - i. omitted -
 - ii. One of the slits is covered.
 - iii. The slits are moved farther apart.



1998B7. A transmission diffraction grating with 600 lines/mm is used to study the line spectrum of the light produced by a hydrogen discharge tube with the setup shown above. The grating is 1.0 m from the source (a hole at the center of the meter stick). An observer sees the first-order red line at a distance $y_r = 428$ mm from the hole. a. Calculate the wavelength of the red line in the hydrogen spectrum.

c. Qualitatively describe how the location of the first-order red line would change if a diffraction grating with 800 lines/mm were used instead of the one with 600 lines/mm.

2004B4. Two small speakers *S* are positioned a distance of 0.75 m from each other, as shown in the diagram. The two speakers are each emitting a constant 2500 Hz tone, and the sound waves from the speakers are in phase with each other. A student is standing at point *P*, which is a distance of 5.0 m from the midpoint between the speakers, and hears a maximum as expected. Assume that reflections from nearby objects are negligible. Use 343 m/s for the speed of sound.



(a) Calculate the wavelength of these sound waves.

(b) The student moves a distance Y to point Q and notices that the sound intensity has decreased to a minimum.

Calculate the shortest distance the student could have moved to hear this minimum.

- (c) Identify another location on the line that passes through P and Q where the student could stand in order to observe a minimum. Justify your answer.
- (d) i. How would your answer to (b) change if the two speakers were moved closer together? Justify your answer.ii. How would your answer to (b) change if the frequency emitted by the two speakers was increased? Justify your answer.

2005B4. Your teacher gives you a slide with two closely spaced slits on it. She also gives you a laser with a wavelength $\lambda = 632$ nm. The laboratory task that you are assigned asks you to determine the spacing between the slits. These slits are so close together that you cannot measure their spacing with a typical measuring device.

(a) From the list below, select the additional equipment you will need to do your experiment by checking the line next to each item.

____ Meterstick ____ Ruler ____ Tape measure ____ Light-intensity meter

- Large screen ____ Paper ____ Slide holder ____ Stopwatch
- (b) Draw a labeled diagram of the experimental setup that you would use. On the diagram, use symbols to identify carefully what measurements you will need to make.
- (c) On the axes below, sketch a graph of intensity versus position that would be produced by your setup, assuming that the slits are very narrow compared to their separation.



- (d) Outline the procedure that you would use to make the needed measurements, including how you would use each piece of the additional equipment you checked in (a).
- (e) Using equations, show explicitly how you would use your measurements to calculate the slit spacing.

B2005B4. Your teacher gives you two speakers that are in phase and are emitting the same frequency of sound, which is between 5000 and 10,000 Hz. She asks you to determine this frequency more precisely. She does not have a frequency or wavelength meter in the lab, so she asks you to design an interference experiment to determine the frequency. The speed of sound is 340 m/s at the temperature of the lab room.

- (a) From the list below, select the additional equipment you will need to do your experiment by checking the line next to each item.
 - ____ Speaker stand ____ Meterstick ____ Ruler ____ Tape measure
 - ____ Stopwatch ____ Sound-level meter
- (b) Draw a labeled diagram of the experimental setup that you would use. On the diagram, use symbols to identify what measurements you will need to make.
- (c) Briefly outline the procedure that you would use to make the needed measurements, including how you would use each piece of equipment you checked in (a).
- (d) Using equations, show explicitly how you would use your measurements to calculate the frequency of the sound produced by the speakers.
- (e) If the frequency is decreased, describe how this would affect your measurements.

2009B6. In a classroom demonstration, a beam of coherent light of wavelength 550 nm is incident perpendicularly onto a pair of slits. Each slit has a width w of 1.2×10^{-6} m, and the distance d between the centers of the slits is 1.8×10^{-5} m. The class observes light and dark fringes on a screen that is a distance L of 2.2 m from the slits. Your notebook shows the following setup for the demonstration.



Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

(a) Calculate the frequency of the light.

(b) Calculate the distance between two adjacent dark fringes on the screen.

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1974B3. An object 1 centimeter high is placed 4 centimeters away from a converging lens having a focal length of 3 centimeters.

- (a) Sketch a principal ray diagram for this situation.
- (b) Find the location of the image by a numerical calculation.
- (c) Determine the size of the image.



1976B6. An object of height 1 centimeter is placed 6 centimeters to the left of a converging lens whose focal length is 8 centimeters, as shown on the diagram above.

- (a) Calculate the position of the image. Is it to the left or right of the lens? Is it real or virtual?
- (b) Calculate the size of the image. Is it upright or inverted?
- (c) On the diagram, locate the image by ray tracing.
- (d) What simple optical instrument uses this sort of object-image relationship?



1978B5. An object 6 centimeters high is placed 30 centimeters from a concave mirror of focal length 10 centimeters as shown above.

- (a) On the diagram above, locate the image by tracing two rays that begin at point P and pass through the focal point F. Is the image real or virtual? Is it located to the left or to the right of the mirror?
- (b) Calculate the position of the image.
- (c) Calculate the size of the image.
- (d) Indicate on the diagram above how the ray from point P to point Q is reflected, if aberrations are negligible.

1979B6. A light ray enters a block of plastic and travels along the path shown.

- a. By considering the behavior of the ray at point P, determine the speed of light in the plastic.
- b. Determine what will happen to the light ray when it reaches point Q, using the diagram to illustrate your conclusion.



c. There is an air bubble in the plastic block that happens to be shaped like a plano-convex lens as shown below. Sketch what happens to parallel rays of light that strike this air bubble. Explain your reasoning.



1980B4. In the graphs that follow, a curve is drawn in the first graph of each pair. For the other graph in each pair, sketch the curve showing the relationship between the quantities labeled on the axes. Your graph should be consistent with the first graph in the pair.



1981B5. An object O is placed 18 centimeters from the center of a converging lens of focal length 6 centimeters as illustrated below:



- a. On the illustration above, sketch a ray diagram to locate the image.
- b. Is the Image real or virtual? Explain your choice.
- c. Using the lens equation, compute the distance of the image from the lens.

A second converging lens, also of focal length 6 centimeters is placed 6 centimeters to the right of the original lens as illustrated below.



d. On the illustration above, sketch a ray diagram to locate the final image that now will be formed. Clearly indicate the final image.

1982B6. An object is located a distance 3f/2 from a thin converging lens of focal length f as shown in the diagram below.



- a. Calculate the position of the image.
- b. Trace two of the principal rays to verify the position of the image.
- c. Suppose the object remains fixed and the lens is removed. Another converging lens of focal length f_2 is placed in exactly the same position as the first lens. A new real image larger than the first is now formed. Must the focal length of the second lens be greater or less than f? Justify your answer





- a. Using at least two principal rays, locate the image on the diagram above.
- b. Is the image real or virtual? Justify your answer.
- c. Calculate the distance of the image from the mirror.
- d. Calculate the height of the image.

1984B5. The surface of a glass plate (index of refraction $n_3 = 1.50$) is coated with a transparent thin film (index of refraction $n_2 = 1.25$). A beam of monochromatic light of wavelength 6.0 x 10⁻⁷ meter traveling in air (index of refraction $n_1 = 1.00$) is incident normally on surface S_1 as shown. The beam is partially transmitted and partially reflected.





- a. Calculate the frequency of the light.
- b. Calculate the wavelength of the light in the thin film.

The beam of light in the film is then partially reflected and partially transmitted at surface S₂

- c. Calculate the minimum thickness d_1 of the film such that the resultant intensity of the light reflected back into the air is a minimum.
- d. Calculate the minimum nonzero thickness d_2 of the film such that the resultant intensity of the light reflected back into the air is a maximum.

NOTE: This is a repeat from the physical optics section but has an important new part in it in bold.

1985B5. Light of wavelength 5.0×10^{-7} meter in air is incident normally (perpendicularly) on a double slit. The distance between the slits is 4.0×10^{-4} meter, and the width of each slit is negligible. Bright and dark fringes are observed on a screen 2.0 meters away from the slits.

a. Calculate the distance between two adjacent bright fringes on the screen.

The entire double-slit apparatus, including the slits and the screen, is submerged in water, which has an index of refraction 1.3.

- b. Determine each of the following for this light in water.
 - i. The wavelength
 - ii. The frequency
- c. State whether the distance between the fringes on the screen increases, decreases, or remains the same. Justify your answer.

1986B6. An object is placed 3 centimeters to the left of a convex (converging) lens of focal length f = 2 cm, as shown below.



a. Sketch a ray diagram on the figure above to construct the image. It may be helpful to use a straightedge.

b. Determine the ratio of image size to object size.

The converging lens is removed and a concave (diverging) lens of focal length f = -3 centimeters is placed as shown below.



- c. Sketch a ray diagram on the figure above to construct the image.
- d. Calculate the distance of this image from the lens.
- e. State whether the image is real or virtual.

The two lenses and the object are then placed as shown below.



f. Construct a complete ray diagram to show the final position of the image produced by the two-lens system.
- 1987B5. Light of frequency 6.0 x 10^{14} hertz strikes a glass/air boundary at an angle of incidence θ_1 . The ray is partially reflected and partially refracted at the boundary, as shown. The index of refraction of this glass is 1.6 for light of this frequency.
- a. Determine the value of θ_3 if $\theta_1 = 30^\circ$.
- b. Determine the value of θ_2 if $\theta_1 = 30^\circ$.
- c. Determine the speed of this light in the glass.
- d. Determine the wavelength of this light in the glass. What is the largest value of 0, that will nearly in a
- e. What is the largest value of θ_1 that will result in a refracted ray?





Figure I

1988B5. The triangular prism shown in Figure I above has index of refraction 1.5 and angles of 37° , 53° , and 90° . The shortest side of the prism is set on a horizontal table. A beam of light, initially horizontal, is incident on the prism from the left.

- a. On Figure I above, sketch the path of the beam as it passes through and emerges from the prism.
- b. Determine the angle with respect to the horizontal (angle of deviation) of the beam as it emerges from the prism.
- c. The prism is replaced by a new prism of the same shape, which is set in the same position. The beam experiences total internal reflection at the right surface of this prism. What is the minimum possible index of refraction of this prism?

The new prism having the index of refraction found in part (c) is then completely submerged in water (index of refraction = 1.33) as shown in Figure II below. A horizontal beam of light is again incident from the left.



Figure II

- d. On Figure II, sketch the path of the beam as it passes through and emerges from the prism.
- e. Determine the angle with respect to the horizontal (angle of deviation) of the beam as it emerges from the prism.



1989B5. The plano-convex lens shown above has a focal length f of 20 centimeters in air. An object is placed 60 centimeters (3f) from this lens.

- a. State whether the image is real or virtual.
- b. Determine the distance from the lens to the image.
- c. Determine the magnification of this image (ratio of image size to object size).
- d. The object, initially at a distance 3f from the lens, is moved toward the lens. On the axes below, sketch the image distance as the object distance varies from 3f to zero.



e. State whether the focal length of the lens would increase, decrease, or remain the same if the index of refraction of the lens were increased. Explain your reasoning.



1990B6. A beam of light from a light source on the bottom of a swimming pool 3.0 meters deep strikes the surface of the water 2.0 meters to the left of the light source, as shown above. The index of refraction of the water in the pool is 1.33.

- a. What angle does the reflected ray make with the normal to the surface?
- b. What angle does the emerging ray make with the normal to the surface?
- c. What is the minimum depth of water for which the light that strikes the surface of the water 2.0 meters to the left of the light source will be refracted into the air?



In one section of the pool, there is a thin film of oil on the surface of the water. The thickness of the film is 1.0×10^{-7} meter and the index of refraction of the oil is 1.5. The light source is now held in the air and illuminates the film at normal incidence, as shown above.

- d. At which of the interfaces (air-oil and oil-water), if either, does the light undergo a 180° phase change upon reflection?
- e. For what wavelengths in the visible spectrum will the intensity be a maximum in the reflected beam?



1992B6. A thin double convex lens of focal length $f_{1,2} = +15$ centimeters is located at the origin of the x-axis, as shown above. An object of height 8 centimeters is placed 45 centimeters to the left of the lens.

a. On the figure below, draw a ray diagram to show the formation of the image by the lens. Clearly show principal rays.



- b. Calculate (do not measure) each of the following.i. The position of the image formed by the lens
 - ii. The size of the image formed by the lens
- c. Describe briefly what would happen to the image formed by the lens if the top half of the lens were blocked so that no light could pass through.

A concave mirror with focal length $f_2 = +15$ centimeters is placed at x = +30 centimeters.

d. On the figure below, indicate the position of the image formed by the lens, and draw a ray diagram to show the formation of the image by the mirror. Clearly show principal rays.



	Wavelength in Vacuum	Index of Refraction of Glass
Red Light	700 nm	1.5
Blue Light	480 nm	1.6



1993B4. The glass prism shown above has an index of refraction that depends on the wavelength of the light that enters it. The index of refraction is 1.50 for red light of wavelength 700 nanometers (700×10^{-9} meter) in vacuum and 1.60 for blue light of wavelength 480 nanometers in vacuum. A beam of white light is incident from the left, perpendicular to the first surface, as shown in the figure, and is dispersed by the prism into its spectral components.

- a. Determine the speed of the blue light in the glass.
- b. Determine the wavelength of the red light in the glass.
- c. Determine the frequency of the red light in the glass.
- d. On the figure above, sketch the approximate paths of both the red and the blue rays as they pass through the glass and back out into the vacuum. Ignore any reflected light. It is not necessary to calculate any angles, but do clearly show the change in direction of the rays, if any, at each surface and be sure to distinguish carefully any differences between the paths of the red and the blue beams.
- e. The figure below represents a wedge-shaped hollow space in a large piece of the type of glass described above. On this figure, sketch the approximate path of the red and the blue rays as they pass through the hollow prism and back into the glass. Again, ignore any reflected light, clearly show changes in direction, if any, where refraction occurs, and carefully distinguish any differences in the two paths.





1994B5. A point source S of monochromatic light is located on the bottom of a swimming pool filled with water to a depth of 1.0 meter, as shown above. The index of refraction of water is 1.33 for this light. Point P is located on the surface of the water directly above the light source. A person floats motionless on a raft so that the surface of the water is undisturbed.

- a. Determine the velocity of the source's light in water.
- b. On the diagram above, draw the approximate path of a ray of light from the source S to the eye of the person. It is not necessary to calculate any angles.
- c. Determine the critical angle for the air-water interface.

Suppose that a converging lens with focal length 10 centimeters in water is placed 20 centimeters above the light source, as shown in the diagram below. An image of the light source is formed by the lens.



- d. Calculate the position of the image with respect to the bottom of the pool.
- e. If, instead, the pool were filled with a material with a different index of refraction, describe the effect, if any, on the image and its position in each of the following cases.
 - i. The index of refraction of the material is equal to that of the lens.
 - ii. The index of refraction of the material is greater than that of water but less than that of the lens.



NOTE: This is a repeat from the physical optics section but has an important new part in it in bold.

- 1996B3. Coherent monochromatic light of wavelength λ in air is incident on two narrow slits, the centers of which are 2.0 mm apart, as shown above. The interference pattern observed on a screen 5.0 m away is represented in the figure by the graph of light intensity I as a function of position x on the screen.
- a. What property of light does this interference experiment demonstrate?
- b. At point P in the diagram, there is a minimum in the interference pattern. Determine the path difference between the light arriving at this point from the two slits.
- c. Determine the wavelength, λ , of the light.
- d. Briefly and qualitatively describe how the interference pattern would change under each of the following separate modifications and explain your reasoning.
 - i. The experiment is performed in water, which has an index of refraction greater than 1.
 - ii. One of the slits is covered.
 - iii. The slits are moved farther apart.

1997B5. An object is placed 30 mm in front of a lens located at x = 0. An image of the object is located 90 mm behind the lens.

- a. Is the lens converging or diverging? Explain your reasoning.
- b. What is the focal length of the lens?
- c. On the axis below, draw the lens at position x = 0. Draw at least two rays and locate the image to show the situation described above.



- d. Based on your diagram in (c), describe the image by answering the following questions in the blank spaces provided.
 - Is the image real or virtual?

Is the image smaller than, larger than, or same size as the object?

Is the image inverted or upright compared to the object?

e. The lens is replaced by a concave mirror of focal length 20 mm. On the axis below, draw the mirror at position x = 0 so that a real image is formed. Draw at least two rays and locate the image to show this situation



1999B6. You are given the following equipment for use in the optics experiments in parts (a) and (b).

A solid rectangular block made of transparent plastic

- A laser that produces a narrow, bright, monochromatic ray of light
- A protractor

A meterstick

- A diffraction grating of known slit spacing
- A white opaque screen
- a. Briefly describe the procedure you would use to determine the index of refraction of the plastic. Include a labeled diagram to show the experimental setup. Write down the corresponding equation you would use in your calculation and make sure all the variables in this equation are labeled on your diagram.
- b. Since the index of refraction depends on wavelength, you decide you also want to determine the wavelength of your light source. Draw and label a diagram showing the experimental setup. Show the equation(s) you would use in your calculation and identify all the variables in the equation(s). State and justify any assumptions you make.

2000B4.

A sheet of glass has an index of refraction $n_g = 1.50$. Assume that the index of refraction for air is $n_a = 1.00$.

a. Monochromatic light is incident on the glass sheet, as shown in the figure below, at an angle of incidence of 60°. On the figure, sketch the path the light takes the first time it strikes each of the two parallel surfaces. Calculate and label the size of each angle (in degrees) on the figure, including angles of incidence, reflection, and refraction at each of the two parallel surfaces shown.



b. Next a thin film of material is to be tested on the glass sheet for use in making reflective coatings. The film has an index of refraction $n_f = 1.38$. White light is incident normal to the surface of the film as shown below. It is observed that at a point where the light is incident on the film, light reflected from the surface appears green ($\lambda = 525$ nm).



i. What is the frequency of the green light in air?

ii. What is the frequency of the green light in the film?

iii. What is the wavelength of the green light in the film?

iv. Calculate the minimum thickness of film that would produce this green reflection.



2001B4. In an experiment, a beam of red light of wavelength 675 nm (in air), passes from glass into air, as shown above. The incident and refracted angles are θ_1 and θ_2 , respectively. In the experiment, angle θ_2 is measured for various angles of incidence θ_1 , and the sines of the angles are used to obtain the line shown in the following graph.



- a. Assuming an index of refraction of 1.00 for air, <u>use the graph</u> to determine a value for the index of refraction of the glass for the red light. Explain how you obtained this value.
- b. For this red light, determine the following.
 - i. The frequency in air
 - ii. The speed in glass
 - iii. The wavelength in glass
- c. The index of refraction of this glass is 1.66 for violet light, which has wavelength 425 nm in air.
 - i. Given the same incident angle θ_1 , show on the ray diagram at the top of the page how the refracted ray for the violet light would vary from the refracted ray already drawn for the red light.
 - ii. Sketch the graph of $\sin \theta_2$ versus $\sin \theta_1$ for the violet light on the figure above that shows the same graph already drawn for the red light.
- d. Determine the critical angle of incidence θ_c , for the violet light in the glass in order for total internal reflection to occur.

2002B4. A thin converging lens of focal length 10 cm is used as a simple magnifier to examine an object A that is held 6 cm from the lens.

(a) On the figure below, draw a ray diagram showing the position and size of the image formed.



(b) State whether the image is real or virtual. Explain your reasoning.

(c) Calculate the distance of the image from the center of the lens.

(d) Calculate the ratio of the image size to the object size.



(e) The object A is now moved to the right from x = 6 cm to a position of x = 20 cm, as shown above. Describe the image position, size, and orientation when the object is at x = 20 cm.

2002B4B. A marine archaeologist looks out the port of a research submarine, as shown. The port is spherically shaped with center of curvature at point *C* and radius of curvature *r*. It is made of a material that has an index of refraction of n_w , the same as the index of refraction of seawater, which is greater than n_a , the index of refraction of air. The archaeologist is located to the left of point *C* and some equipment in the submarine is located behind the archaeologist. The



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archaeologist can see through the port, but the port also acts as a mirror so the archaeologist can see the reflection of the equipment.

- (a) What is the focal length of the mirror?
- (b) On the following figure, sketch a ray diagram to locate the position of the image of the equipment formed as a result of the mirror effect.





- (d) On the figure above, sketch a ray diagram to locate the position of the image of the seahorse formed by the
 - refraction of light at the port.
- (e) Based on your ray diagram, check the appropriate spaces below to describe the image of the seahorse, as seen by the archaeologist, formed by the refraction of light at the port.
 - i. Image is: upright _____ inverted
 - ii. Image is: ____real _____virtual
 - iii. Image is: _____ larger than the seahorse _____ smaller than the seahorse

2003B4.

In your physics lab, you have a concave mirror with radius of curvature r = 60 cm. You are assigned the task of finding experimentally the location of a lit candle such that the mirror will produce an image that is 4 times the height of the lit candle.



You have an optical bench, which is a long straight track as shown above. Objects in holders can be attached at any location along the bench. In addition to the concave mirror and the lit candle in holders, you also have the following equipment.

_____ convex mirror in holder _____ concave lens in holder _____ convex lens in holder ____ meter stick _____ ruler _____ screen in holder

- (a) Briefly list the steps in your procedure that will lead you to the location of the lit candle that produces the desired image. Include definitions of any parameters that you will measure.
- (b) On the list of equipment before part (a) place check marks beside each additional piece of equipment you will need to do this experiment.
- (c) On the scale below, draw a ray diagram of your lab setup in part (a) to show the locations of the candle, the mirror, and the image.



(d) Check the appropriate spaces below to indicate the characteristics of your image.

_____ real _____ upright _____ larger than object _____ virtual _____ inverted _____ smaller than object

(e) You complete your assignment and turn in your results to your teacher. She tells you that another student, using equipment from the same list, has found a different location for the lit candle. However, she tells both of you that the labs were done correctly and that neither experiment need be repeated. Explain why both experiments can be correct.



B2003B3.

A thin convex lens A of focal length $f_A = 10$ cm is positioned on an x-axis as shown above. An object of height 5 cm, represented by the arrow, is positioned 15 cm to the left of lens A.

(a) On the figure above, draw necessary rays and sketch the image produced by lens A.

(b) Calculate the location of the image produced by lens A.

(c) Calculate the height of the image produced by lens A.



A second thin convex lens *B* of focal length $f_B = 10$ cm is now positioned 10 cm to the right of lens *A*, as shown above.

(d) Determine the location on the *x*-axis given above of the final image produced by the combination of lenses.(e) Check the appropriate spaces below to indicate the characteristics of the final image produced by the combination of lenses.

_____ inverted _____ larger than the original object

_____ upright _____ smaller than the original object Explain your answers.

2006B4.

Trial	θ_i	θ_r	
1	30°	20°	
2	40°	27°	
3	50°	32°	
4	60°	37°	
5	70°	40°	

A student performs an experiment to determine the index of refraction *n* of a rectangular glass slab in air. She is asked to use a laser beam to measure angles of incidence θ_i in air and corresponding angles of refraction θ_r in glass. The measurements of the angles for five trials are given in the table below.

(a) Complete the last two columns in the table by calculating the quantities that need to be graphed to provide a linear relationship from which the index of refraction can be determined. Label the top of each column.(b) On the grid, plot the quantities calculated in (a) and draw an appropriate graph from which the index of refraction can be determined. Label the axes.

(c) Using the graph, calculate the index of refraction of the glass slab.

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The student is also asked to determine the thickness of a film of oil (n = 1.43) on the surface of water (n = 1.33).



Light from a variable wavelength source is incident vertically onto the oil film as shown above. The student measures a maximum in the intensity of the reflected light when the incident light has a wavelength of 600 nm.

(d) At which of the two interfaces does the light undergo a 180° phase change on reflection?

____The air-oil interface only ____The oil-water interface only

___Both interfaces ____Neither interface

(e) Calculate the minimum possible thickness of the oil film.

B2006B4.



A ray of red light in air ($\lambda = 650$ nm) is incident on a semicircular block of clear plastic (n = 1.51 for this light), as shown above. The ray strikes the block at its center of curvature at an angle of incidence of 27°.

- (a) Part of the incident ray is reflected and part is refracted at the first interface.
 - i. Determine the angle of reflection at the first interface. Draw and label the reflected ray on the diagram above.
 - ii. Determine the angle of refraction at the first interface. Draw and label the refracted ray on the diagram above.
 - iii. Determine the speed of the light in the plastic block.
 - iv. Determine the wavelength of the light in the plastic block.
- (b) The source of red light is replaced with one that produces blue light ($\lambda = 450$ nm), for which the plastic has a greater index of refraction than for the red light. Qualitatively describe what happens to the reflected and refracted rays.
- (c) The semicircular block is removed and the blue light is directed perpendicularly through a double slit and onto a screen. The distance between the slits is 0.15 mm. The slits are 1.4 m from the screen.





ii. Calculate the distance between two adjacent bright fringes

2007B6. You are asked to experimentally determine the focal length of a converging lens.(a) Your teacher first asks you to estimate the focal length by using a distant tree visible through the laboratory window. Explain how you will estimate the focal length.

To verify the value of the focal length, you are to measure several object distances s_o and image distances s_i using equipment that can be set up on a tabletop in the laboratory.

(b) In addition to the lens, which of the following equipment would you use to obtain the data?

Lighted candle ____ Candleholder ____ Desk lamp ____ Plane mirror

_____ Vernier caliper _____ Meterstick _____ Ruler ____ Lens holder

_____ Stopwatch _____ Screen _____ Diffraction grating

(c) On the tabletop below, sketch the setup used to obtain the data, labeling the lens, the distances s_o and s_i , and the equipment checked in part (b).

Tabletop

You are to determine the focal length using a linear graph of $1/s_i$ versus $1/s_o$. Assume that you obtain the following data for object distance s_o and image distance s_i .

Trial #	<i>s</i> _o (m)	s _i (m)	$1/s_o (m^{-1})$	$1/s_i (m^{-1})$
1	0.40	1.10	2.5	0.91
2	0.50	0.75	2.0	1.3
3	0.60	0.60	1.7	1.7
4	0.80	0.50	1.2	2.0
5	1.20	0.38	0.83	2.6

(d) On the grid below, plot the points in the last two columns of the table above and draw a best-fit line through the points.



(e) Calculate the focal length from the best-fit line.

B2007B6

A student is asked to determine the index of refraction of a glass slab. She conducts several trials for measurement of angle of incidence θ_a in the air versus angle of refraction θ_g in the glass at the surface of the slab. She records her data in the following table. The index of refraction in air is 1.0.

Trial #	θ_g (degrees)	θ_a (degrees)	$\sin\theta_g$	$\sin \theta_a$
1	5.0	8.0	0.09	0.14
2	15	21	0.26	0.36
3	25	39	0.42	0.63
4	35	56	0.57	0.83

(a) Plot the data points on the axes below and draw a best-fit line through the points.



- (b) Calculate the index of refraction of the glass slab from your best-fit line.
- (c) Describe how you could use the graph to determine the critical angle for the glass-air interface. Do not use the answer to the part (b) for this purpose.
- (d) On the graph in (a), sketch and label a line for a material of higher index of refraction.

2008B6.



The figure above shows a converging mirror, its focal point F, its center of curvature C, and an object represented by the solid arrow.

(a) On the figure above, draw a ray diagram showing at least two incident rays and the image formed by them.(b) Is the image real or virtual?

Real Virtual

Justify your answer.

(c) The focal length of this mirror is 6.0 cm, and the object is located 8.0 cm away from the mirror. Calculate the position of the image formed by the mirror. (Do NOT simply measure your ray diagram.)

(d) Suppose that the converging mirror is replaced by a diverging mirror with the same radius of curvature that is the same distance from the object, as shown below.



For this mirror, how does the size of the image compare with that of the object?

Larger than the object _____ Smaller than the object _____ The same size as the object Justify your answer.

B2008B6.

A thin converging lens L of focal length 10.0 cm is used as a simple magnifier to examine an object O that is placed 6.0 cm from the lens.



(a) On the figure above, draw a ray diagram showing at least two incident rays and the position and size of the image formed.

(b) i. Indicate whether the image is real or virtual.

____ Real ____ Virtual

ii. Justify your answer.

(c) Calculate the distance of the image from the center of the lens. (Do NOT simply measure your ray diagram.)



(d) The object is now moved 3.0 cm to the right, as shown above. How does the height of the new image compare with that of the previous image?

_____ It is larger. _____ It is smaller. _____ It is the same size. Justify your answer.

B2009B5



A wide beam of white light is incident normal to the surface of a uniform oil film. An observer looking down at the film sees green light that has maximum intensity at a wavelength of 5.2×10^{-7} m. The index of refraction of the oil is 1.7.

(a) Calculate the speed at which the light travels within the film.

(b) Calculate the wavelength of the green light within the film.

(c) Calculate the minimum possible thickness of the film.

(d) The oil film now rests on a thick slab of glass with index of refraction 1.4, as shown in the figure below. A light ray is incident on the film at the angle shown. On the figure, sketch the path of the refracted light ray that passes through the film and the glass slab and exits into the air. Clearly show any bending of the ray at each interface. You are NOT expected to calculate the sizes of any angles.



Glass n = 1.4

Air n = 1.0

NOTE: This is a repeat from the physical optics section but has an important new part in it in bold.

2009B6

In a classroom demonstration, a beam of coherent light of wavelength 550 nm is incident perpendicularly onto a pair of slits. Each slit has a width w of 1.2×10^{-6} m, and the distance d between the centers of the slits is 1.8×10^{-5} m. The class observes light and dark fringes on a screen that is a distance L of 2.2 m from the slits. Your notebook shows the following setup for the demonstration.



Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

- (a) Calculate the frequency of the light.
- (b) Calculate the distance between two adjacent dark fringes on the screen.

The entire apparatus is now immersed in a transparent fluid having index of refraction 1.4. (c) What is the frequency of the light in the transparent fluid?

(d) Does the distance between the dark fringes increase, decrease, or remain the same?

_____Increase _____ Decrease _____ Remain the same

Explain your reasoning.

Supplemental Problem.



- In a classroom demonstration of thin films, your physics teacher takes a glass plate and places a thin layer of transparent oil on top of it. The oil film is then illuminated by shining a narrow beam of white light perpendicularly onto the oil's surface, as shown above. The indices of refraction of air, the oil, and the glass plate are given in the diagram. Standing near the light source, you observe that the film appears green. This corresponds to a wavelength of 520 nm.
- (a) Determine each of the following for the green light.
 - i. The frequency of the light in air
 - ii. The frequency of the light in the oil film
 - iii. The wavelength of the light in the oil film
- (b) Calculate the minimum thickness of the oil film (other than zero) such that the observed green light is the most intense.
- (c) As your teacher changes the angle of the light source, the light you observe from the film changes color. Give an explanation for this phenomenon.

AP Physics Multiple Choice Practice - Waves and Optics - ANSWERS

SECTION A - Waves and Sound

Answer Solution Based on the formula $v = \sqrt{\frac{F_t}{m_1}}$ 1. С The given diagram is the 3rd harmonic at 60 Hz. That means the fundamental is 20Hz. The other 2. А possible standing waves should be multiples of 20 С 3. A fact, sound cannot be polarized since its longitudinal 4. Use T = 1/fЕ Frequency and wavelength are inverses 5. А 6. From diagram, wavelength = 0.5 m. Find the frequency with $v = f \lambda$ D 7. After waves interfere they move along as if they never met В For an open–open pipe the harmonic frequency is given by. $f_n = \frac{nv}{2L}$ with n=1 8. С Based on $v = \sqrt{\frac{F_t}{m/t}}$ 4x the mass gives ½ the velocity 9. А Speed of sound is 340, use $v = f \lambda$ 10. А 11. When sound travels into less dense medium, its speed decreases (unlike light) ... however, like В all waves when traveling between two mediums, the frequency remains constant. Based on $v = f \lambda$, if the speed decreases and the frequency is constant then the λ must decrease also. Doppler effect. Since the passenger is on the train moving with the sound, the frequency is Е 12. unaltered, but since the sound is moving away from the station, people at the station should hear a lower frequency. Open-closed pipes only have odd multiples of harmonic so next f is $3x f_1$ E 13. 14. D For a given medium, speed is constant. Doubling the frequency halves the wavelength Using $f_n = \frac{nv}{2I}$ with n = 1, solve for L 15. В 16. The fourth overtone is the fifth harmonic, 5 x the fundamental. D Determine each separate frequency using the speed of sound as 340 and $v = f \lambda$. Then subtract 17. В the two frequencies to get the beat frequency. С 18. Step the two pulses through each other a little bit at a time and use superposition to see how the amplitudes add. At first the amplitude jumps up rapidly, then the amplitude moves down as the rightmost negative pulse continues to propagate. At the very end of their passing the amplitude

would be all the wave down and then once they pass the point will jump back up to equilibrium

- 19. Cx is only $\frac{1}{4}$ of a wavelength. To make a full wavelength you would need 4x the current length E
- 20. Wavelengths of each are (dist/cycle) ... 4L, 4/3 L, 4/5 L, L, 2/3 L ... D Frequencies are $f = v/\lambda$. v/4L, 3v/4L, 5v/4L, v/L, 3v/2L ... Ov is 2x Cy
- 21. f = cycles / seconds
- 22. To use $v = f \lambda$, you also need the λ

23.
$$T = 1/f$$

24. To produce pipe harmonics, the ends are always antinodes. The first (fundamental) harmonic is when there are two antinodes on the end and one node in-between. To move to each next harmonic, add another node in the middle and fill in the necessary antinodes. (ex, 2nd harmonic is ANANA ... So the 4th harmonic would be ANANANANA and have four nodes. *Alternative solution ... if you know what the harmonics look like you can draw them and manually count the nodes*.

25. The Fundamental is given by
$$f_n = \frac{nv}{2L}$$
 (n=1), and the velocity is given by $v = \sqrt{\frac{F_t}{m/l}}$. B

2x the density means 2x the m/L so that the velocity of the second string is smaller compared to the first string by $v_2 = v_1 / \sqrt{2}$. The first string length is $L_1 = 2f/v_1$, the second string length is $L_2=2f/(v_1 / \sqrt{2})$. So comparing the two we have $L_2 = L_1 / \sqrt{2}$

26. This is an open-closed pipe. Look at the harmonics shown below. Since the same tuning fork is used in each case, the frequency for all of them is the same, and since they all travel at the same speed with equal frequencies, the wavelength of each wave is also the same (though each has a different number of wavelengths fitting in the tube, the 'wavelength' of each is same). But, the lengths of the tubes vary using the water to make each successive harmonic and fit the necessary numbers of wavelengths in each tube.



Looking at the diagrams, we can see that each harmonic is $\frac{1}{2}$ a wavelength longer than the next, regardless of which ones we are looking at. We don't have to know which harmonics we are looking at if we know the difference between any two of them because each harmonic has the same difference of $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$. So the difference in length between any two consecutive harmonics is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the wavelength of the wave. $\Delta L = \frac{1}{2} \lambda$. Using this relationship, we have:

$$(65 \text{ cm} - 39 \text{ cm}) = \frac{1}{2} \lambda$$
$$\lambda = 52 \text{ cm}$$

Now using $v = f \lambda$ we have $343 = f(0.52) \rightarrow$ the frequency of the wave is 659.6 Hz.

- 27. Definition of a node
- 28. Since the medium stays the same the speed remains constant. Based on $v = f \lambda$, for constant speed, f and λ change as inverses.

B E

Ε

D

E

С

С

29. Similar to problem 26, we should look at the harmonic shapes open-open vs open-closed.



Comparing the fundamental harmonic of the open-open pipe to the closed-open pipe. The closed-open pipe should be half as long as the open-open pipe in order to fit the proper number of wavelengths of the same waveform to produce the given harmonic in each.

- 30. Two antinodes by definition will be $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$ apart. So 20 cm = $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$, and the $\lambda = 40$ cm. Then using D v = f λ we have 1200 = f (40)
- 31. This is similar to question 26, except now the length of the tube remains constant and the wave is changing within the tube to make each successive waveform (this would be like using different tuning forks each time for the same tube). The diagrams would look like this now:



32. Doppler effect. The waves at right are compressed because the object is moving right. However, B the waves are moving faster than the object since they are out in front of where the object is.

33. The Fundamental is given by
$$f_n = \frac{nv}{2L}$$
 (n=1), and the velocity is given by $v = \sqrt{\frac{F_t}{m/L}}$.

Doubling the tension, changes the speed to $\sqrt{2}$ v comparatively, and makes the frequency increase by the same amount.

- 34. The time to make 1 cycle, is also the time it takes the wave to travel 1 λ .
- 35. Superpose the two waves on top of each other to get the answer.

B B

В

36. Use the Doppler equation

 $f' = f \frac{(v \pm v_{obs})}{(v + v_{orc})}$ where $v = v_{snd}$ and we use the top signs of the denominator and numerator equation since we are moving towards the observer. The observer is not moving so $V_{obs} = 0$

37.	This diagram is associated with beats. The increasing and decreasing amplitude caused by interference oscillates the volume up and down which creates the beat sound.	А
38.	Based on the diagram, the λ is clearly 2m. Plug into $v = f \lambda$.	D
39.	The diagram shows the second harmonic in the string. Since harmonics are multiples, the first harmonic would be half of this.	В
40.	Simple fact	А
41.	A fact about the Doppler effect. Can also be seen from the Doppler equation.	С
42.	Use superposition and overlap the waves to see the resultant.	А
43.	When hitting a fixed boundary, some of the wave is absorbed, some is reflected inverted. The reflected wave has less amplitude since some of the wave is absorbed, but since the string has not changed its properties the speed of the wave should remain unchanged.	В
44.	Clearly at point C the waves are compressed so are more frequent.	C
45.	Harmonics are multiples of the fundamental so the fundamental must be f/2.	В
46.	Based on the Doppler effect, only speed matters. The faster a vehicle is moving, the closer together the sound waves get compressed and the higher the frequency. Take the case of a very fast vehicle traveling at the speed of sound; the compressions are all right on top of each other. So faster speed means closer compressions and higher frequencies. Choice I must be true because X is a higher frequency so must be going faster. Distance to the person affects the volume but not the pitch so choice II is wrong. III seems correct but its not. It doesn't matter whether you are speeding up or slowing down, it only matters who is going faster. For example, suppose truck X was going 5 mph and speeding up while truck Y was going 50 mph and slowing down, this is an example of choice III but would not meet the requirement that X has a higher frequency because only actual speed matters, not what is happening to that speed.	Α
47.	By inspection.	А
48.	By inspection, the λ is 10 cm. f = 1 / T = 5, Then use v = f λ .	C
49.	Based on $v = \sqrt{\frac{F_t}{m_l}}$, the tension changes the speed. Then based on $f_n = \frac{nv}{2L}$, this resulting	C
	speed change will effect the frequency also. But since the frequency increases in direct proportion to the speed, and $v = f \lambda$, the λ should remain unchanged.	
50.	This is the same as question 26. The length change corresponds to a $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$ increase in length. $\Delta L = \frac{1}{2}\lambda \dots 0.5 = \frac{1}{2}\lambda \dots \lambda = 1 \dots$ then use $v = f\lambda$ and solve for f.	C

<u>SECTION B – Physical Optics</u>

1.	Solution Using m $\lambda = d \sin \theta$, the value of $\sin \theta$ is the same for both sources since the location of the spot is the same, but the first source is at m=2, and the second source is at m=3. Equating d sin θ for each gives m ₁ $\lambda_1 = m_2 \lambda_2 \dots (2)(660) = 3 (\lambda_2) \dots \lambda_2 = 440$ nm.	<u>Answer</u> D
2.	Based on m $\lambda = dx / L$ we want to increase x. Only II does this.	В
3.	1000 lines/cm gives a line spacing d = $1/1000$ cm/line = 1×10^{-5} m/line. $\lambda = 7 \times 10^{-7}$ m. With diffraction gratings, we usually assume the small angle approximation does not work, so we find θ then use the geometry with tan θ or another trig function to find Y. Do this for each spot.	В
	m=1. m $\lambda = d \sin \theta$ (1)(7x10 ⁻⁷) = (1x10 ⁻⁵) sin θ $\theta = 4.01^{\circ} \dots \tan \theta = 0/a \dots Y_1 = 0.14 m$	
	Repeat for m=3 $Y_3 = 0.43$ m. Subtract $Y_3 - Y_1$ to find the distance between = 0.29 m	
	Note: Since the angle θ here actually came out to be small, the x/L small angle approximation could be used and the spacing x between spots could be assumed to be equal as well, so you could simply find x for the first spot and double it to find the spacing 1 to 3.	
4.	Single slit. With the given values, we can see the angle is small so we can use the small angle approximation and apply m $\lambda = dx / L$. Recall for single slits, the first maximum off center is at x=1.5 unlike double slits.	С
5.	From $m\lambda = dx / L$, dx^2 needs L x ² also.	D
6.	Single Slit. Again based on the given values we can see the angle is small so we can use $m\lambda = dx / L \dots dark$ spot at m=1. Note: use L=100 cm to get an answer in cm.	D
7.	Radio wave is EM and travels at light speed. Use $c = f \lambda$ and solve.	А
8.	Radio wave is EM and travels at light speed. Use $c = f \lambda$ and solve.	В
9.	$\lambda = 4*4.5$, Radio wave is EM and travels at light speed. Use $c = f \lambda$ and solve.	С
10.	It travels at light speed and takes half the total time to travel the distance one way. Use $v=d/t$. Convert the time to seconds, find the distance in meters, then convert that to km.	В
11.	λ changes the opposite of frequencies (high freq = low λ) based on this and knowledge of the EM spectrum, the answer is E.	Е
12.	By definition, when the path difference equals $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$ or any odd multiple of $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$'s for sources of the same λ , there will be destructive interference.	D
13.	Using path diff = m λ , with m=1.5 for the 2 nd min, we have 4.5 cm = (1.5) λ .	D
14.	5000 lines/cm gives a line spacing d = 1/5000 cm/line = $2x10^{-6}$ m/line. Then use m $\lambda = d \sin \theta$, with m = 1 for the first max.	C
15.	Based on m λ = dx / L we want to increase x. d is separation of slits and less d means more x	D
16.	Using $m\lambda = d \sin \theta$ (1)(0.02) = d (0.1)	Е
17.	Fact about single slits.	В

18.	Known facts about the EM spectrum.	В
19.	Radar wave is EM and travels at light speed. Use $c = f \lambda$ and solve.	E
20.	Since the slits are narrow, we can use $m \lambda = d \sin \theta$, but since θ is clearly large we cannot use the x/L small angle approximation. From the given diagram, the geometry shows $\sin \theta = o/h = 3/5$ rather than finding θ , we will just use this value for $\sin \theta$ and plug in $m \lambda = d \sin \theta$ (1) (0.12) = d (3/5)	D
21.	Radio waves are EM and travels at light speed. Use $c = f \lambda$ and solve.	С
22.	This is still a double slit pattern because there is still light making it through both slits. One of the light sources has reduced its amplitude; which means when it meets the second light source it will cause less interference than it originally did. This means less constructive interference and less destructive interference also. So bright spots become less bright, and dark spots become brighter.	E
23.	From the first scenario given. We can determine the angle of the first spot using $\tan \theta = o/a$. $\tan \theta = 10 / 100 = 5.71^{\circ}$. The problem says the remaining spots are spaced equally, which is a rough approximation. The angles are relatively small, but if we wanted to get accurate results we should find each spacing with d sin θ , but, this is just an approximation for the first few spots. When the screen is moved closer, the angle of the light leaving the grating will not change, but the spacing on the screen will decrease. Think about a diagram of this setup and it is clear that this must be true. Based on $\tan \theta = o/a$ with the same angle θ but the adjacent side changed to 30 cm, we get a new location of the first spot at 3 cm, so the other spots will also approximately be located 3 cm apart as well for relatively small angles.	С

SECTION C - Geometric Optics

1.	Solution Definition of critical angle.	<u>Answer</u> D
2.	Using the math, $1/f = 1/d_o + 1/d_i$, and $M = -d_i / d_o \dots$ $d_i + 0.6$ $M = -3 \dots$	С
3.	Plane mirrors always makes virtual, same size, upright images.	E
4.	Fiber optics involves reflecting light in a fiber strand as the light carries the signal along the fiber.	E
5.	Fact about diverging lens.	E
6.	Use $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2$	D
7.	More-Less dense bend away, Less-More dense bend towards. The more the bend, the bigger the difference in n's.	D
8.	If you look carefully you can see these are both 3–4–5 triangles and are also the same triangle flipped. The hypotenuse of each is 1.5 m. Using the sides of the triangles, we have $\sin \theta_1 = o/h = 0.8/1.5$ for the bottom triangle, and $\sin \theta_2 = o/h = 1.2/1.5$ for the top triangle. Now use $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2 \dots n_1 (0.8/1.5) = (1) (1.2/1.5) \dots n_1 = 1.2/0.8 = 3/2 = 1.5$	В
9.	Less–More bend towards. But it can't be E because that would only happen if the incoming angle was also 0.	D
10.	The lens shown has thick in the center and thin on the outside which makes a converging lens. In converging lenses, all of the real images are inverted and can be any size, but the virtual images are formed in a magnifying lens scenario and are always larger and upright.	E
11.	A horizontal beam approaching a converging lens bends and converges through the focal point.	E
12.	More-Less dense bend away, Less-More dense bend towards. The more the bend, the bigger the difference in n's.	Ε
13.	Assuming total internal reflection didn't happen, More-Less dense bend away.	С
14.	Need a magnifying glass which is choice B.	В
15.	Use $n_i \sin \theta_c = n_r \sin (90)$, $n_r=1 \dots n_i = 2$, then $n = c / v$ to find v.	В
16.	Generally when we go from more–less we should always check the critical angle first rather than assuming the ray will refract and bend away. Choice D might be correct, but not until we first check the critical angle for total internal reflection. Use $n_i \sin \theta_c = n_r \sin (90)$, $n_i=1.5$, $n_r=1$ $\theta_c = 41.8^\circ$. Since our incoming angle (60) is larger than the critical angle, total internal reflection will occur and you will get choice E.	E
17.	Using the math, $1/f = 1/d_0 + 1/d_i$, and $M = -d_i / d_0 \qquad d_i + 20 M = -1$	А
18.	When light from multiple locations pass through a given part of a lens to form an image, only a small portion of a lens is needed to form the image. The more of a lens, the more light rays that	А

small portion of a lens is needed to form the image. The more of a lens, the more light rays that can be bent by it to each image location. This simply makes the image brighter. By covering half the lens, all of the incoming rays still bend all the same ways but there are less total rays being bent to given locations on the image so it is dimmer. This can easily be seen by looking at a lens that has only horizontal rays approaching it. All of these rays converge to the focal point; covering a portion of the lens still focuses the rays on the focal point, just less of them.

- 19. Fact for refraction problems.
- 20. Fact about specular reflection.
- 21. More-Less dense bend away, Less-More dense bend towards. The more the bend, the bigger the difference in n's ... this shows that $n_2 > n_1 > n_3$. More n means less speed so $v_3 > v_1 > v_2$

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А

А

С

С

С

В

В

А

- 22. It's a diverging lens so light bends away from what the horizontal path would be without the lens. C
- 23. The focal point is = R/2. Then use the math $1/f = 1/d_0 + 1/d_1 \dots$ and $d_i = 10$
- 24. From n=c/v. $n_1 = c/v_1 \dots 1.5 = c / v_X \dots v_X = c / 1.5$ $n_2 = c/v_2 \dots 2.0 = c / v_Y \dots v_Y = c / 2$

The problem defines $v_{\rm Y} = v$ So v = c/2, c = 2v ... then subbing that into the $v_{\rm x}$ equation we have $v_{\rm X} = (2v) / 1.5 = 1.33 v$

- 25. First find the λ in the film. $n_{air} \lambda_{air} = n_{film} \lambda_{film} \dots (1)(600) = (1.5) \lambda_{glass} \dots \lambda_{glass} = 400 \text{ nm}$ B As the light travels through the two boundaries, you get a $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$ phase shift (flip) at the first boundary but no shift at the second boundary. Therefore, you need to make another $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$ of phase difference total by traveling in the film thickness to produce constructive interference to reinforce the orange wavelength. When the glass thickness is $\frac{1}{4}$ of the λ in the glass, the light will travel up and down to make the extra $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$ needed. So $\frac{1}{4}$ of the λ in the glass gives you 100 nm thickness needed.
- 26. Do the math twice. For the first lens. $1/f = 1/d_0 + 1/d_i \dots d_i = +14$ cm (real). So this first 'pre-image' is formed 14 cm to the right of the first lens, which means it is 16 cm from the second lens. Now redo the math using this 'pre-image' as the object located 16 cm away from the second lens. $1/f = 1/d_0 + 1/d_i \dots d_i = +26.67$ cm.

27. Use $n_i \sin \theta_c = n_r \sin (90)$, diamond into air, so $n_r = 1 \dots (2.42) \sin \theta_c = (1) \sin (90) \dots \theta_c = 24.4^\circ$ D

28. Fact about chromatic aberration.

Frequency are period are inverses.

- 29. The magnification is M=2. Using $M = -d_i / d_o \dots d_i = -2d_o$ Lets assume a value of $d_o = 10$, C then $d_i = -20$, and from $1/f = 1/d_o + 1/d_i$, the focal point is 20. Now redo the math with the focal point for the diverging lens being negative and the new $d_i = -6.67$, giving a new M=0.67
- 30. Use $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r$, air to water and find θ_r . That θ_r is the θ_i for the second water to glass E interface. Then do $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r$, water to glass and find θ_r
- 31. Use $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r$, air to material to find n of the material. Then redo the problem with θ_r as the unknown and solve for θ_r .
- 32. A convex lens is a converging lens. When the object is in front of the focal point, it acts as a Magnifying glass.
- 33. Similar to question 25, except both boundaries undergo phase shifts, so 1 full extra wavelength is needed using the soap thickness. This requires the thickness to be $\frac{1}{2} \lambda_{soap}$ giving the answer.
- 35. Draw ray diagrams for each, or make up numbers and do the math for each to see which works.

34.

36.	When traveling between mediums, sound behaves opposite from light. As given in the problem the sound travels faster in the denser rock. When the sound speeds up, the wavelength increases and the frequency stays the same.	D
37.	This is a fact.	В
38.	The defect in a lens is chromatic aberration.	C
39.	Diverging lens always produces the same object type no matter what.	В
40.	The transmitted wave never has a phase change, but hitting the more dense block causes the reflection to flip 180 degrees.	E
41.	More-Less dense bend away, Less-More dense bend towards. The more the bend, the bigger the difference in n's this shows $n_2 > n_1 > n_3$. More n means less speed, so $v_3 > v_1 > v_2$ but this is not a choice. Speed goes with wavelength, the larger the speed the more the λ , so $\lambda_3 > \lambda_1 > \lambda_2$	E
42.	Based on various ray diagrams drawn with the object behind the focal point, the image is always real but its size depends on where it is in location to the focal point.	В
43.	First determine the λ_{film} . $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_{\text{film}} \lambda_{\text{film}} \dots (1)(640) = (1.33) \lambda_{\text{film}} \dots \lambda_{\text{film}} = 481 \text{ nm}.$	С
	When the wave reaches each boundary is undergoes a $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$ phase shift at each boundary so this essentially cancels out the phase shift. To not reflect any light, we want to have destructive interference. In order to get destructive interference we need to get a total of $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$ or $1 \frac{1}{2} \lambda$ or $2 \frac{1}{2} \lambda$ phase differences from moving in the film thickness. These phase differences require a thickness equal to $\frac{1}{4}\lambda_{\text{film}}$, $\frac{3}{4}\lambda_{\text{film}}$, $\frac{5}{4}\lambda_{\text{film}}$ 360 nm thickness matches the $\frac{3}{4}\lambda_{\text{film}}$ possibility.	
44.	Longitudinal waves cannot be polarized	А
45.	For air–film–glass of progressively increasing index, to produce destructive interference we need ¹ / ₄ of a wavelength in the coating. See question 43 for the reason.	А
46.	First use $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r$ To find n_r . Then use $n = c / v$ to find v.	В
47.	Use $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2$ (1)(500) = (1.25) λ_2	В
48.	For all three diagrams, there is a $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$ phase shift when entering the film but no phase shift when exiting. To produce constructive interference, a total extra phase different of $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$ from moving in the film thickness is needed so odd multiples of $\frac{1}{4}\lambda$ will produce constructive interference.	А
49.	$n_i \sin \theta_c = n_r \sin (90)$ $n_i \sin (30) = (1)$ $n_i = 2$	E
50.	Draw a ray diagram.	E
51.	A magnifying glass is a lens, and is produced by a converging lens. It is virtual.	А
52.	All light waves are EM and travel at light speed.	E
53.	Using the math, $1/f = 1/d_o + 1/d_i$, and $M = -d_i / d_o \dots d_i = -0.10$ m, $M = +0.33$	D
54.	Converging lenses make real images but they are always inverted.	D
55.	When in front of the focal point of a converging lens, it acts as a magnifying glass. The other optical instruments can never make larger images.	A

56.	Using the math, $1/f = 1/d_0 + 1/d_i$, $d_i = -60$, since its virtual, the image is on the same side as the object which is why it is in the left. You would look through this lens from the right side.	A
57.	A fact about refraction problems, the angles going one way would be the same as the angles going to other way assuming total internal reflection does not occur.	E
58.	Converging lenses have centers that are thick and top and bottom parts that are thinner.	В
59.	In flat (plane) mirrors, the image is simply flipped to the other side of the mirror.	E
60.	Choice I. is true because a soap bubble is a thin film. The colors produced are due to the reinforcement of different λ colors due to variations in the thickness of the soap bubble. In order to see these interference results, the thickness of the film must be similar in magnitude to the wavelength of the light. Since the film is so small, this shows that light has a very small wavelength. Choice II. also shows light has a very small wavelength because a diffraction grating has very tiny slits in it and to produce the pattern seen the wavelength of the light has to be on a similar scale as the size of the openings. Choice III. is not true because all waves regardless of their wavelength bend and it does not reflect on their wavelength size.	C
61.	From practicing ray diagrams, this should be known. Or a sample could be done to determine it. Mathematically this can be shown by using an extreme example. Suppose $d_o = 1000$, and $f = 10$. Using the lens equation, $d_i = 10.1$. Then decrease d_o down to 20 and $d_i = 20$. So for the range of values of d_o larger than 20, the image distance will fall between 10–20 which is between f and 2f.	D
62.	Light from a distant star is assumed to be all horizontal. Horizontal light hitting a concave mirror will all converge at the focal point to form an image of the star directly on the focal point. With a radius of curvature = 1 m , the focal point is 0.5 m.	В
63.	When light goes in higher indices of refraction, it slows down. Since $v = f \lambda$ and f remains constant, when v decreases λ decrease with it.	E
64.	Using the math, $1/f = 1/d_o + 1/d_i$, $d_i = -18$ then $M = -d_i / d_o$ $M = 3$	D
65.	Draw the ray diagram, or makeup some numbers and do the math.	D
66.	If the angle in equals the angle out in a 3 tier medium arrangement, then the substances on the outsides must be the same.	А
67.	The larger the difference between n's the more the rays bend. When the water is added, the difference between n's is less so the amount of bending is less.	E
68.	In a flat mirror, the image can be found by flipping the object to the other side, basically folding it over the mirror onto the other side.	D
69.	The focal point is half the center of curvature.	В
70.	When an object is placed in front of the focal point of a converging lens, the lens acts as a magnifying glass.	A
71.	All waves demonstrate interference.	E
72.	The film has a higher n compared to both sides, such as soap surrounded by air. So as the light ray hits the first boundary it makes a $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$ phase flip, but does not make the flip at the second boundary. To be constructive, we need to cover a total of $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$ extra phase shift due to traveling in the film thickness. So the thickness should be $\frac{1}{4} \lambda_{\text{film}}$.	E

73. Medium I (air) is surrounding the sphere on both sides. As it enters the sphere, it goes less-more so bends towards the normal line (leaving D or E as the possibly answers). When the ray reaches the far edge of the sphere, it goes from more-less so should bend away from the normal line. Note the normal line drawn below.





- 78. Bending of a wave (refraction) is due to the speed change at an angle. The more the speed change, the more the bending. Hence, the violet bends more so must have a larger speed change (more slowing), so the red is faster. Additionally, we can note that since the violet slows and bends more, the index of refraction in glass for a violet light is higher than the index for a red light.
- 79. Based on the law of reflection, the angle of reflection must be the same as the incoming angle. When the light enters the ice it is going more–less so bends away from the normal. This means that θ_r is larger than θ_i .
- 80. Using the math, $1/f = 1/d_0 + 1/d_i$, $d_i = -1.2$. Its virtual so its on the same side as the object, A which puts the image on the left side of the lens.
- 81. This is a magnifying glass, which can be memorized or the math can be done to prove the answer.
- 82. The time for the sound to travel the one way distance to the shore is half of the total time (6/2 = 3 sec). Then use v= d /t to determine the distance.
- 83. From the diagram, the angle at the bottom of the small top triangle is 30° so when we draw the normal line on that slanted interface, the angle of incidence there is 60°. We are told this is the critical angle which means the angle of refraction of the scenario is 90°. Now we use

critical angle which means the angle of remainder $n_i \sin \theta_c = n_r \sin (90) \dots n_i \sin (60) = (1)(1) \dots n_i = 1/\sin 60 \dots n_i = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)}$

Rationalizing gives us the answer.

Е

В

А

D

С
SECTION A - Waves and Sound

1975B4.

c) simple graph with 1.5x the frequency



d) Graphs are based on the Doppler equation. The graph given in the problem is for a moving observer. Which is based on $f' = f \frac{(v_{snd} + v_{obs})}{v_{snd}}$. As the observer's velocity increases, the frequency increases linearly with it as is shown in the problem

The new graph is based on a source moving towards you. $f' = f \frac{v_{snd}}{(v_{snd} - v_{source})}$. As can be seed from this

equation, as the source increases velocity, the frequency increases but when the source approaches the speed of sound, the frequency approaches ∞ and becomes undefined so has a limit to it unlike in the first graph.



1995B6.

a) The fundamental in a open-open pipe looks like this this ¹/₂ wavelength fits in the length L, the total

and is $\frac{1}{2}$ of a wavelength of the wave. Since wavelength would have to be 2L.

- b) Simply use $v = f \lambda \rightarrow v = 2Lf_o$
- c) Harmonics are multiples of the fundamental, so the next frequency is $2f_o$
- d) This is the same tuning fork so it is the same wavelength and waveform but the bottom is now closed so the wave looks like this. /



The tube we had initially, fit $\frac{1}{2}$ of a wavelength inside, and since its the same wavelength wave, again $\frac{1}{2}$ of the wavelength of this wave would fit in length L and it would look like this. This is impossible for a <u>standing</u> <u>wave</u> in an open–closed tube, and its also not the fundamental anyway so we have to change the length to make it look like the fundamental, Shown below. To do this, we make the length half of what it used to be.



1998B5.

- a) $\lambda = \text{dist} / \text{cycles} = 1.2 \text{ m} / 4 = 0.60 \text{ m}$
- b) $v = f \lambda = (120)(0.60) = 72 \text{ m/s}$
- c) More 'loops' means a smaller wavelength. The frequency of the tuning fork is constant. Based on $v = f \lambda$, less speed would be required to make smaller wavelength. Since speed is based on tension, less M, makes less speed.
- d) In one full cycle, a point on a wave covers 4 amplitudes ... up, down, down, up. ... So the amplitude is 1 cm.



B2004B3.

a) The shortest length makes the fundamental which looks like this is known to be 0.25m. So $L_1 = \frac{1}{4} \lambda \dots \lambda = 4L_1 = 1m$.

and is ¹/4 of the wavelength. This length

Note: This is a real experiment, and in the reality of the experiment it is known that the antinode of the wave actually forms slightly above the top of the air column (you would not know this unless you actually performed this experiment). For this reason, the above answer is technically not correct as the tube length is slightly less than 1/4 of the wavelength. The better way to answer this question is to use the two values they give you for each consecutive harmonic. You are given the length of the first frequency (fundamental), and the length of the second frequency (third harmonic). Based on the known shapes of these harmonics, the difference in lengths between these two harmonics is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the wavelength of the wave. Applying this \rightarrow

 $\Delta L = {}^{1\!\!}_{2} \lambda \quad \dots \quad 0.8 {-} 0.25 = {}^{1\!\!}_{2} \lambda \qquad \lambda_{actual} = 1.1 \ m.$

Unfortunately the AP exam scored this question assuming you knew about the correction; though you received 3 out of 4 points for using the solution initially presented. We teachers, the authors of this solution guide, feel this is a bit much to ask for.

- b) Using $v = f \lambda$ with the actual λ ... (340) = f(1.1) ... f = 312 Hz.
- c) $v = f \lambda$... (1490) = (312) λ_{water} ... $\lambda_{water} = 4.8 m$
- d) Referring to the shapes of these harmonics is useful. The second length L_3 was the 3rd harmonic. The next harmonic (5th) will occur by adding another $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$ to the wave (based on how it looks you can see this). This will give a total length of $L_2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda = (0.8) + \frac{1}{2}(1.1) = 1.35$ m
- e) As temperature increases, the speed of sound in air increases, so the speed used in part (b) was too low. Since $f = v_{air} / \lambda$, that lower speed of sound yielded a frequency that was too low.

SECTION B – Physical Optics

1975B4.

a) One slit

b) Two slits





1980B4.

a) Change double slits to diffraction grating



Notable features: 1) Maxima at same locations as before

(m λ = d sin θ) would give same results

2) Maxima more narrow and well defined

3) Minimal intensity light in-between well defined maxima's

b) Spacing "d" of two slit arrangement doubled ... m $\lambda = d \sin \theta$... 2x d $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$ the angle (for small angles)



First maxima occurs at half the distance away as before.

Note: This diagram shows equal intensity spots, in reality the intensity of the spots should diminish slightly as moving away from center.

a) Simple application of the formula, $m \lambda = d x / L$... $(1)(5x10^{-7}) = (4x10^{-4})(x) / (2)$... $x = 2.5x10^{-3} m$

1991B6.

a) $m \lambda_B = d x / L$... (1) $(5.5x10^{-7}) = d (1.2x10^{-2}) / (0.85)$ $d = 3.9x10^{-5} m$ b) $m \lambda_a = d x / L$... (1) $(4.4x10^{-7}) = (3.9x10^{-5}) x / (0.85)$ $x = 9.6x10^{-3} m$

1996B3.

- a) The fact that light interferes means it's a wave (this will be discussed more in the modern physics topic)
- b) Looking at the intensity pattern, P is the second point of zero intensity which means it's the 2nd dark spot (m=1.5). Using Path Diff = m λ ... m λ = d x / L ... path diff = (2x10⁻³) (1.8x10⁻³) / 5 ... path diff = 7.2x10⁻⁷ m
- c) Path Diff = $m\lambda$... $7.2x10^{-7} = 1.5 \lambda$... $\lambda = 4.8x10^{-7} m$
- d) ii) Covering a slit makes this a single slit pattern. In the single slit, m=1 becomes the first dark region (the end of the central bright spot) instead of m=0.5 being the end of the central bright spot. All of the other integer m's also become dark spot locations. The effect of this is to make the central max wider and widen the pattern. Additionally, in single slit diffraction, the intensities generally lose intensity more rapidly when moving away from the center.

iii) Increasing d. Based on $m\lambda = d x / L$, this would make x less so would compress the pattern.

1998B7.

a) Diffraction grating: Since the screen distance is 1 m and the first order line is at 0.428 m, the angle is not small and the small angle approximation cannot be used. Instead we find the angle with $\tan \theta$ and use $m\lambda = d \sin \theta$. First find d. d = 600 lines / mm = 1/600 mm / line = 0.00167 mm / line = 1.67x10⁻⁶ m / line.

 $\tan \theta = o/a$... $\tan \theta = 0.428 / 1$... $\theta = 23^{\circ}$... Then, $m\lambda = d \sin \theta$... (1) $\lambda = (1.67 \times 10^{-6}) \sin 23^{\circ}$ $\lambda = 6.57 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 657 \text{ nm}$

c) Referring to the calculation of d above .. d = 1/800 mm / line which is a smaller d value. Less d means sin θ must increase so the angle is larger and the location of the line would be further out.

2004B4.

Often with speakers, none of the approximation work and we simply have to work with the distances to find the path difference, because the angle to the observer is not small and also the spacing of the speakers is also not small. In this example, the spacing of the speakers is relatively small in comparison to the distance away L, so we can use $m \lambda = d \sin \theta$. However the location of point Q is unclear so we will not assume that the small angle approximation (x/L) would work.

a) Simple. $v = f \lambda$... 343 = 2500 f ... $\lambda = 0.1372 m$

b) Determine $\theta \dots m\lambda = d \sin \theta \dots (0.5) (0.1372) = (0.75) \sin \theta \dots \theta = 5.25^{\circ}$ (small enough to have used x/L)

Now find Y ... $\tan \theta = o / a$... $\tan (5.25) = Y / 5$... Y = 0.459 m

- c) Another minimum, 'dark spot' (not dark since its sound), could be found at the same distance Y above point P on the opposite side. Or, still looking below P, you could use m = 1.5 and find the new value of Y.
- d) i) Based on the formulas and analysis from point b, it can clearly be see that decreasing d, would make angle θ increase, which would increase Y

ii) Since the speed of sound stays constant, increasing f, decreases the λ . Again from the formulas and analysis in part b we see that less λ means less θ and decreases the location Y.

2005B4.



d) Set up the laser to shine on the slide, and set the screen far away on the other side of the slide. Measure the distance L from the slide to the screen with the tape measure. Use the ruler to measure the distance x between adjacent maxima.

e) With the values obtained above, plug into $m \lambda = d x / L$, with m = 1 for the first spot and other variables as defined above and the known λ of the laser used, solve for d. Assuming angle θ is small. It not, determine theta and use $m \lambda = d \sin \theta$

B2005B4. This is basically the same as 2005B4 but with sound.

a) Meterstick, tape measure, sound level meter



c) Set the speakers a fixed distance d apart, pointing perpendicular to the line along which d is measured. Determine a line parallel to the speaker line and a distance L away. Use the sound meter to locate the maxima of the interference pattern along this line. Record the locations of these, y values, maxima along the line.

d) With the values obtained above, plug into $m \lambda = d x / L$, with m = 1 for the first maxima and other variables as defined above to determine the λ of the sound. Assuming angle θ is small. It not, determine theta and use $m \lambda = d \sin \theta$. Then, with the λ plug into $v = f \lambda$ with v as speed of sound to determine f.

e) Decreasing frequency results in increasing wavelength for constant velocity. Based on $m\lambda = d x / L$, larger wavelength means a larger x value and thus the distance between successive maxima will increase.

2009B6.

b)

a) $c = f \lambda$... $3x10^8 = f (550x10^{-9})$... $f = 5.45x10^{14}$ Hz.

b)	$m \lambda = d x_1 / L \dots$	$(0.5) (550 \times 10^{-9}) = (1.8 \times 10^{-5}) \times / 2.2$	$x_1 = 0.0336$ m first dark spot
	$m \ \lambda = d \ x_2 \ / \ L \dots$	$(1.5) (550 \times 10^{-9}) = (1.8 \times 10^{-5}) \times / 2.2$	$x_2 = 0.101$ m second dark spot

Distance between spots = .067 m

Alternatively you could find the location if the first bright spot from center and conclude the spacing of consecutive bright and dark spots are equal so should all be spaced by this amount.

SECTION C – Geometric Optics

1974B3.



1976B6.

a) $1/f = 1/d_0 + 1/d_i$... $1/8 = 1/6 + 1/d_i$... $d_i = -24$ cm, left of lens, virtual

b) $M = -d_i / d_o$... M = -(-24) / 6 = +4 ... $M = h_i / h_o$... $4 = h_i / 1$ cm ... $h_i = 4$ cm, upright c)



d) Magnifying glass, or telescope / microscope.



b) $1/f = 1/d_o + 1/d_i$... $1/10 = 1/20 + 1/d_i$... $d_i = 15 \text{ cm}$

c) $M = -d_i / d_o \dots M = -15/30 = -0.5 \dots M = h_i / h_o \dots -0.5 = h_i / 6cm \dots h_i = -3cm$

d) Reflection Ray PQ is shown in the diagram as the topmost ray. For this ray, the incoming θ = reflection θ .

1979B6.

a) Note: The angles given are tricks. They are not measured from the normal, we must use the angle from normal. Air \rightarrow Plastic $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r$, (1) $\sin (53) = n_r \sin(37)$ $n_r = 1.33$

n = c /v $1.33 = 3x10^8 / v$ $v = 2.26 x 10^8 m/s$

b) Check the critical angle Plastic \rightarrow Air. $n_i \sin \theta_c = n_r \sin (90) \dots$ (1.33) $\sin \theta_c = (1) \dots \theta_c = 48.75^{\circ}$

The incoming angle (53°) is larger than the critical angle, so total internal reflection will occur.



c) This looks like a converging lens, but in lens problems, the lenses always have a higher index than the surrounding material. Since this 'air lens' has a smaller index of refraction it will behave the opposite as a normal lens would. From a simple refraction standpoint, there will be no refraction entering the air since the ray is perpendicular to the surface. Then on exiting, as you move less-more dense the ray bends towards the normal.



1980B4.



1981B5.



b) This is a real image. The image is on the other side of the lens. It is 'projectable' into real space. The math below also proves that its real

c) $1/f = 1/d_o + 1/d_i$... $1/6 = 1/18 + 1/d_i$... $d_i = 9 \text{ cm}$





1982B6.

a) $1/f = 1/d_o + 1/d_i \quad \dots \quad 1/f = 1/(3f/2) + 1/d_i \quad \dots \quad d_i = 3f$





c) The new lens makes a larger magnification. $M = -d_i / d_o \rightarrow$ with the same d_o , d_i must have increased. Then based on $1/f = 1/d_o + 1/d_i$, to get a larger d_i with the same d_o the focal point must be larger. You can test this with sample numbers if you don't see it at first.

1983B5.



1984B5.

a) $c = f \lambda$... $3x10^8 = f (6x10^{-7})$... $f = 5x10^{14}$ Hz.

b) $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2$... (1) $(6x10^{-7}) = (1.25) = 4.8x10^{-7} m = 480 nm$

c) The light is traveling to progressively more dense materials, so undergoes $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$ phase shifts at both boundaries S_1 and S_2 essentially canceling out this phase shift (from flips). To get minimum intensity (destructive), the total phase shift from traveling in the film should be $\frac{1}{2} \lambda_{film}$ so the film thickness should $\frac{1}{4} \lambda_{film} = \frac{1}{4} 480 \text{ nm} = 120 \text{ nm}$

d) Based on the same analysis above. To get maximum intensity (constructive) the total phase shift from traveling in the film should be 1 λ_{film} , so the film thickness should be $\frac{1}{2} \lambda_{\text{film}} = \frac{1}{2} 480 \text{ nm} = 240 \text{ nm}$

a) Simple application of the formula, $m \lambda = d x / L$... $(1)(5x10^{-7}) = (4x10^{-4})(x) / (2)$... $x = 2.5x10^{-3} m$

- b) i) $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2 \dots (1)(5x10^{-7}) = (1.3) \lambda_{water} \dots \lambda_{water} = 3.85 x10^{-7} m$ ii) frequency does not change when changing mediums, same as air. $c = f_{air} / \lambda_{air} \dots 3x10^8 = f_{air} / 5x10^{-7} \dots f_{air} = 6x10^{14} Hz = f_{water}$
- c) Based on $m\lambda = d x / L$, since the λ is less, the x is less also which means the fringe spacing has decreased.

1986B6.

a)



b) Find the magnification (= ratio of sizes), using the distances from above. $M = -d_i / d_o = -6 / 3 = -2$

c)



d) $1/f = 1/d_0 + 1/d_i \dots 1/-3 = 1/6 + 1/d_i \dots d_i = -2 \text{ cm}$ e) Since d_i is – this is a virtual image





a) Law of reflection, angle of incidence = angle of reflection. $\theta_3 = 30^\circ$

- b) $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r$, ... (1.6) $\sin 30 = 1 \sin \theta_2$... $\theta_2 = 53.1^{\circ}$
- c) n = c /v (1.6) = $3x10^8 / v$ $v = 1.875x10^8 m/s$
- d) First $c=f_{air} \lambda_{air}$ $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2 \dots n_{air} \lambda_{air} = n_{glass} \lambda_{glass} \dots n_{air} (c/f_{air}) = n_g \lambda_g \dots \lambda_g = 3.125 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$
- e) Determine critical angle, glass to air. $n_i \sin \theta_c = n_r \sin 90$ (1.6) $\sin \theta_c = (1)$ $\theta_c = 38.68^{\circ}$ Any angle larger than 38.68° will cause total reflection.

1988B5.



b) $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r$, ... 1.5 sin (37) = 1 sin θ_r $\theta_r = 65^\circ$... therefore angle α shown above is 28°.

c) $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r$, ... $n_i \sin (37) = 1$ $n_i = 1.66$, any n higher than this causes total internal.

d)



This ray would not totally reflect because by putting it in water we have reduced the difference between the n's meaning less bending and the limit of total internal has not be reached.

e) $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r$, ... (1.66) $\sin (37) = (1.33) \sin \theta_r$... $\theta_r = 48.7^\circ - 37^\circ = 11.7^\circ$

a) When placed outside of f, converging lenses make real images, this can be shown with the math below.

 \rightarrow

- b) $1/f = 1/d_o + 1/d_i$... $1/20 = 1/60 + 1/d_i$... $d_i = 30$ cm.
- c) $M = -d_i / d_o$... M = -(30)/60 = -0.5
 - d) Based on the lens equation in b
 virtual images (-) for d_o less than f.
 undefined at f, approaches infinity.
 d_i approaches f as d_o becomes large.



e) Based on $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_{r,}$, snells law, by increasing the index of refraction, the refraction angle increased (more bending) which would move the focal point closer. This can be seen by looking at horizontal rays that bend through the focal point. These rays would bend more making the focal point closer (smaller f)

1990B6.

a) The reflected angle is the same as the angle of incidence which can be found using the geometry. Tan $\theta = o/a = 2/3 \dots \theta = 34^{\circ}$.

b) $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r$... (1.33) $\sin (34^\circ) = (1) \theta_r$... $\theta_r = 48^\circ$.



- d) Light travels from less n, to more n, to less n. A 180° ($\frac{1}{2}\lambda$) phase shift will happen at the air-oil boundary only.
- e) Based on the $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$ phase shift air-oil, we need to create and additional $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$, or $1\frac{1}{2}\lambda$, or $2\frac{1}{2}\lambda$... phase shift from traveling in the oil to create maximum (constructive) intensities. To do this, oil thicknesses of $t = 1/4 \lambda_{oil}$, $3/4 \lambda_{oil}$, $5/4 \lambda_{oil}$... can be used. For an oil thickness of 100 nm (as given), these correspond to wavelength in the oil of 400 nm, 133.33 nm, 80 nm ...

Now we have to convert these oil wavelengths to air wavelengths using $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2 \dots n_{air} \lambda_{air} = n_{film} \lambda_{film} \dots (1)(\lambda_{air}) = (1.5)(400) \dots \lambda_{air} = 600 \text{ nm}. \dots$ repeating for the other λ 's and we get possible air wavelengths of: 600 nm, 200 nm, 120 nm ...

Since the visible spectrum in air ranges between 400–700 nm, only the 600 nm λ qualifies.

1992B6.



b) i) $1/f = 1/d_o + 1/d_i$... $1/15 = 1/45 + 1/d_i$... $d_i = 22.5$ cm.

 $ii) \ M = - \ d_i \ / \ d_o \quad \dots \quad M = -(22.5)/45 = -0.5 \quad \dots \ M = h_i \ / \ h_o \quad \dots \quad -0.5 = h_i \ / \ 8 \ cm \quad \dots \quad h_i = - \ 4 \ cm = -1.5 \ cm = -$

c) As describe in MC section question 18, this would cause the image to dim only.



1993B4.

a)
$$n = c / v$$
 ... $1.6 = 3x10^8 / v$... $v = 1.9x10^8 m/s$

b) $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2 \dots (1)(700) = (1.5) \lambda_{glass(R)} \dots \lambda_{glass(R)} = 466.67 \text{ nm}$

c) Frequency in glass = frequency in air \dots $c = f \lambda \dots 3x 10^8 = f (700x 10^{-9} \text{ m})$ $f = 4.3x 10^{-14} \text{ Hz}$

e)





a) n = c/v ... $1.33 = 3x10^8 / v$... $v_{water} = 2.26x10^8 m/s$

b)



c) $n_i \sin \theta_c = n_r \sin 90$... (1.33) $\sin \theta_c = (1)$... $\theta_c = 48.8^{\circ}$

- d) $1/f = 1/d_0 + 1/d_i \dots 1/10 = 1/20 + 1/d_i \dots d_i = 20$ cm. Looking at the diagram, this real image is formed 20 cm measured from the lens location. From the bottom of the pool, this image would be 40 cm above the bottom.
- e) i) For an index of refraction equal to the lens, the lens is basically non-existent. There will be no bending of the light as at passes through the lens so no image will be formed
 - ii) By decreasing the difference in indices of refraction between the lens and surrounding substance, there will be less bending as the light passes through the lens. This will move the focal point farther away from the lens and the image location farther from the lens as well.

1996B3.

All portions of this problem have been done in the physical optics section besides d-i highlighted in bold,

d) i Based on $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2 \dots n_{air} \lambda_{air} = n_{water} \lambda_{water}$. The λ_{water} is less in comparison to the air. So the λ has been decreased. In the equation $m \lambda = d x / L$, for decreased λ there will be decreased x, which means the location of spots is smaller, compressing the pattern.

a) The object is located in front of the lens (to the left). The image is located behind the lens (to the right). That means this is a real image, which can only be created by a converging lens.



b) $1/f = 1/d_o + 1/d_i$... 1/f = 1/30 + 1/90 ... f = 22.5 mm

1999B6.

a) Place the laser on the table so that the beam will travel along the white screen placed on the tabletop. Locate the plastic block so that the light enters it at an angle to the normal to the surface of the plastic. Draw a line representing the surface of the block and the incident ray. Mark where the ray exits the block and remove the block. Draw a ray from the exit point back to the normal and incident ray. Measure the angle of incidence and the angle of refraction. Use snell's law with the index of air=1 to calculate the index for the plastic.





Using $m\lambda = d \sin \theta$. Measure x and L to the first bright spot and determine the angle θ with trig. m=1 for the first bright spot, then plug into the equation and solve for the wavelength. The assumption of d<<L is not really an assumption but an experimental parameter to properly use the equation.

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2000B4.



 $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r$... (1) $\sin (60) = 1.5 \sin \theta_g$... $\theta_g = 35.3^{\circ}$

b) i) $c = f \lambda$... $3x10^8 = f(5.25x10^{-7})$... $f = 5.71x10^{14}$ Hz.

ii) frequency does not change when it enters the film, same as air \dots f = 5.71x10¹⁴ Hz

iii) $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2 \dots n_{air} \lambda_{air} = n_{film} \lambda_{film} \dots (1)(525) = (1.38) \lambda_{film} \dots \lambda_{film} = 380 \text{ nm}.$

iv) To see the green reflection, you would need to have constructive interference from the film. As the light travels from the air to film to glass, it undergoes a $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$ phase shift at each boundary. These two phase shifts essentially cancel each other out to get zero phase shift from the flips. To produce constructive interference, a total of one wavelength needs to be covered from traveling in the film. This requires a film thickness of $\frac{1}{2} \alpha$ film = $\frac{1}{2} \lambda_{\text{film}} = \frac{1}{2} (380) = 190 \text{ nm}.$

2001B4.

a) From snells law. $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r \dots$ $n_g \sin \theta_1 = n_{air} \sin \theta_2 \dots n_{glass} = \sin \theta_2 / \sin \theta_1 = \text{slope of graph.}$ 0.8/0.5 = 1.6

b) i) $c = f \lambda$... $3x10^8 = f (6.75x10^{-7})$... $f = 4.44x10^{14}$ Hz. ii) n = c/v ... $(1.6) = 3x10^8 / v$... $v = 1.88x10^{8 \text{ m/s}}$ iii) $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2$... $(1)(675\text{nm})=(1.6)\lambda_{glass}$... $\lambda_{glass} = 422 \text{ nm}$



d) $n_i \sin \theta_c = n_r \sin 90$... (1.66) $\sin \theta_c = 1$... $\theta_c = 37^\circ$.





b) This object is on the same side of the lens and not projectable. It is virtual. The math below proves this $(-d_i)$

c) $1/f = 1/d_0 + 1/d_i$... $1/10 = 1/6 + 1/d_i$... $d_i = -15$ cm.

d)
$$M = -d_i / d_o \dots M = -(-15)/6 = 2.5$$

e) Redo the math. We get $d_i = +20$ cm, M = -1 ... So the image is real (on the other side of the lens), is the same size as the object and is inverted.

2002B4B.

a) The focal point is half of the radius of curvature \dots r/2



c) Image is Inverted, Real, Smaller.

d) Very Tricky. This is not a normal lens question. Since the glass of the window has the same index as the water, it is basically just a one sided lens with no front side (front side being the right) and only bends on the way into air but there is no bending when moving from water to glass because the glass-water boundaries are at the same index. Since its not a thin lens, the thin lens rules don't apply the same. We draw two rays simply based on the laws of refraction.



The ray towards C hits the lens at 0° and would travel straight through. The horizontal ray drawn above refracts at the water–air interface at an unknown angle that we approximate above to get a rough idea . We teachers, as authors of this solution guide, feel this part of the question is a bit nutty.

The image formed is upright, virtual and smaller.

2003B4.

a) Place the mirror at one end of the bench and the candle more than 30 cm from the mirror. Place the screen out beyond the candle and reposition it to get an image. Measure the height of the image. Reposition candle and screen until image height is four times object height

b) We need a meterstick/ruler and the screen in the holder for this first part.

c)



d) The image is inverted, larger and real.

e) This student may have added a lens to the experiment which would require a different candle location to produce the 4x magnification. Or they may have measured a virtual image which also would be a different location.

B2003B3.



b) $1/f = 1/d_o + 1/d_i$... $1/10 = 1/15 + 1/d_i$... $d_i = 30$ cm.

c) $M = -d_i / d_o$... M = (-30)/15 = -2 ... $M = h_i / h_o$... $-2 = h_i / 5$ cm ... $h_i = -10$ cm

d)



Mathematically: The image location for the first lens that we found in part 'b' (30cm from lens A), becomes the object for the second lens. Since this 'pre-image' would form on the other side of lens B, in relation to where the light originated from, and it is to be used as the object distance, the only way to account for this is to make the object distance d_0 negative for the second lens (this is one of the few times this is possible). Based on the location of the second lens, the d_0 for that lens equation would be -20 cm. Solving that equation results in $d_i = +6.7$ cm (measured from lens B) which means it is located at 16.7 cm on the scale shown.

This image is smaller, real, inverted.

2006B4.

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	Trial	θ_i	θ _r	$\sin \theta_i$	$\sin \theta_r$
	1	30°	20°	0.50	0.34
	2	40°	27°	0.64	0.45
	3	50°	32°	0.77	0.53
	4	60°	37°	0.87	0.60
	5	70°	40°	0.94	0.64

b)



c) From snells law. $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r \dots n_{air} \sin \theta_i = n_{glass} \sin \theta_r \dots n_{glass} = \sin \theta_i / \sin \theta_r$

For the graph we have, this would be the inverse slope $\rightarrow 1$ / slope. Slope = 0.67 ... 1/0.67 ... n_{glass} = 1.5

d) $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$ phase shifts happen when entering a more optically dense material. So only air-oil does a phase shift happen.

e) First we need to know the wavelength in the film (oil) ... $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2 \dots (1)(600) = (1.43)\lambda_{oil} \dots \lambda_{oil} = 420$ nm

Since there is already a $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$ phase shift from the boundary flip, we need a total extra phase shift of $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$ from traveling in the film to produce constructive interference (maximum). For this, $\frac{1}{4} \lambda_{oil}$ is required = 105 nm.

B2006B4.

a) i.



- ii) $n_i \sin \theta_i = n_r \sin \theta_r \dots (1) \sin(27) = 1.51 \sin \theta_r \dots \theta_r = 17.5^\circ$.
- iii) n = c / v ... $1.51 = 3x10^8 / v$... $v = 1.99x10^8 m/s$
- iv) $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2$... (1)(650 nm) = (1.51) λ_2 ... $\lambda_{plastic} = 430$ nm
- b) The angle of reflection is the same because the incoming angle is still the same and the law of reflection still applies.

The angle of refraction is larger because based on snells law, a larger n_r requires a smaller θ_r for same $n_i \& \theta_i$. Based on the diagram above, we can see this means the light has bent more to make a smaller θ_r



d) m λ = d x / L ... (1)(450x10⁻⁹) = (0.15x10⁻³) x / (1.4) ... x = 4.2 x10⁻³ m

2007B6.

a) Estimate the focal length by focusing the image of the tree on a screen, the distance between the image and the lens is the focal length since the distant rays are assumed horizontal.



From the equation ... $1/f = 1/d_0 + 1/d_i = 1/f = 1/s_0 + 1/s_i$... we rearrange this equation to be of the form y=mx+b

Y =	mx + b	So the 1/f is the y interc	cept from the graph
$(1/s_i) =$	$= (1/s_i) + (1/f)$	3.3 = 1/f	\rightarrow f = 0.3

Or you could pick a point on the line and plug in for $1/s_{\rm i}$ and $1/s_{\rm o}$ to solve for 1/f

B2007B6.

a) & d) .. a is the lower slope line



b) From Snells law, the slope of this graph is $n_{glass} = 1.5$

c) From $n_{glass} \sin \theta_c = n_{air} \sin \theta_{air} \dots$ we want to use the point where $\sin \theta_{air} = \sin 90 = 1$. This point will correspond to the related angle in the glass and since it's the critical point, this will allow you to find θ_c

So we find sin $\theta_a = 1$ from the graph and find the corresponding value of sin θ_{glass} that goes with it.

Extending the lower slope line up to 1.0, we get a sin θ_g value and then set that value = sin θ_g and solve for θ which is the critical angle.

d) On graph.

2008B6. a)

b) The image is on the same side as the object and is projectable thus real.

- c) $1/f = 1/d_0 + 1/d_1 \dots 1/6 = 1/8 + 1/d_1 \dots d_i = 24 \text{ cm}$
- d) The converging mirror made a larger size object. The diverging mirror always makes the same type of image regardless of where the object is placed. It always makes **smaller**, upright, virtual images. This can be proved mathematically or with a ray diagram for this situation.



B2008B6.

a)



b) i&ii. This image is virtual because it is on the same side as the object and is not projectable, this can also be proven mathematically as shown below.

c) $1/f = 1/d_o + 1/d_i \dots 1/10 = 1/6 + 1/d_i \dots d_i = -15 \text{ cm}$



This image is very close to the focal point. The rays will intersect further away and make a much larger image as shown in the ray diagram. This could also be proved mathematically comparing the magnification before (2.5) to the magnification after (10).

B2009B5.

a) n = c / v ... $1.7 = 3x10^8 / v$... $v = 1.76x10^8 \text{ m/s}$

b) $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2 \dots n_{air} \lambda_{air} = n_{oil} \lambda_{oil} \dots (1)(520 \text{ nm}) = (1.7) \lambda_{oil} \dots \lambda_{oil} = 306 \text{ nm}$

c) To see the green light max intensity, we need constructive interference in the film for that green light wavelength. As the light travels from air-oil, it undergoes a $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$ phase shift, but there is no phase shift at the second boundary. In order to produce constructive interference, we need to produce a total extra $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$ phase shift from traveling in the film thickness. This requires the film thickness be $\frac{1}{4} \lambda_{oil} = \frac{1}{4} (306) = 76.5 \text{ nm}$

d) Only the refracted ray is shown. We assume total internal reflection does not occur based on problem statements.



2009B5.

a) $c = f \lambda$... $3x10^8 = f (550x10^{-9})$... $f = 5.45x10^{14}$ Hz.

b) $m \lambda = d x_1 / L$... (0.5) (550x10⁻⁹) = (1.8x10⁻⁵) x / 2.2 $x_1 = 0.0336$ m first dark spot $m \lambda = d x_2 / L$... (1.5) (550x10⁻⁹) = (1.8x10⁻⁵) x / 2.2 $x_2 = 0.101$ m second dark spot

Distance between spots = .067 m

c) frequency does not change when changing mediums. The frequency is still 5.45×10^{14} Hz.

d) In the fluid, the larger n makes the wavelength smaller based on $n_{air} \lambda_{air} = n_{fluid} \lambda_{fluid}$. From m $\lambda = d x / L$, the reduced λ causes the x to decrease as well.

Supplemental.

- a) i. $c = f \lambda$... $3x10^8 = f (520 \text{ nm})$... $f = 5.77x10^{14} \text{ Hz}$. ii. frequency in film is the same as in the air, it doesn't change between mediums = $5.77x10^{14} \text{ Hz}$ iii. $n_1 \lambda_1 = n_2 \lambda_2$... $n_{air} \lambda_{air} = n_{film} \lambda_{film}$... (1)(520 nm) = (1.4) λ_{oil} ... $\lambda_{oil} = 371 \text{ nm}$
- b) There will be $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$ phase shifts at each boundary essentially canceling out each 'flip'. To make constructive interference, a total of 1 λ of phase shift is needed from traveling in the film and this requires the thickness of the film to be $\frac{1}{2}\lambda_{\text{film}} = \frac{1}{2}(371) = 186 \text{ nm}$
- c) As the angle changes, the effective thickness of the film changes as well since the rays travel at angles in the film. The white light source has all frequency colors in it, and different thicknesses traveled will cause different constructive interference with different wavelength colors of light. (This is why a soap bubble has many colors reflected in it. The variation in thickness along the bubble makes different wavelength constructive in different regions)

Chapter 14

Modern Physics



This chapter will be broken down into two subsections:

Section A – Quantum Physics and Atom Models Section B – Nuclear Physics AP Physics Multiple Choice Practice - Modern Physics

SECTION A – Quantum Physics and Atom Models

- 1. Light of a single frequency falls on a photoelectric material but no electrons are emitted. Electrons may be emitted if the
 - A) frequency of light is decreased
 - B) frequency of light is increased
 - C) intensity of light is decreased
- D) intensity of light is increased E) velocity of light is increased
- 2. Which of the following types of electromagnetic radiation has the least energy per photonA) gammaB) infraredC) radioD) visibleE) X-Rays
- 3. An atomic particle of mass m moving at speed v is found to have wavelength λ. What is the wavelength of a second particle with a speed 3v and the same mass
 A) (1/9) λ B) (1/3) λ C) λ D) 3 λ E) 9 λ
- 4. A student performs the photoelectric effect experiment and obtains the data depicted in the accompanying graph of E_{km} (max kinetic energy) of photoelectrons vs the frequency of the photons. What is the approximate work function of this material?



A) 1.5 eV B) 2.0 eV C) 2.7 eV D) 4.0 eV E) 6.0 eV

- 5. According to the Bohr theory of the hydrogen atom, electrons starting in the 4th energy level and eventually ending up in the ground state, could produce a total of how many lines in the hydrogen spectra?
 A) 7 B) 6 C) 5 D) 4 E) 3
- 6. In Rutherfords famous gold foil scattering experiment, he found that most alpha particles would pass through the foil undeflected. Which of the following nuclear properties can be inferred from this observation.
 - A) The nucleus must have a positive charge
 - B) Most of the mass of an atom is in the nucleus
 - C) The nucleus contains both protons and neutrons
 - D) The diameter of the nucleus is small compared to the diameter of the atom
 - E) none of the above.
- 7. Which of the following is best explained only by the wave theory of light
 - A) blackbody radiation D) pair–production
 - B) the Compton effect E) diffraction
 - C) the photoelectric effect

- 8. In the photoelectric effect experiment, a stopping potential of V_{stop} is needed when light of frequency f_o shines on the electron-emitting metal surface. If the metal surface on which the light shines is replaced with a new material that has half the work function, what is the new stopping potential, V_{new} , for light of frequency shining on it?
 - $\begin{array}{ll} a) \ V_{new} > 2 V_{stop} & b) \ V_{new} = 2 \ V_{stop} & c) \ V_{stop} < V_{new} < 2 V_{stop} \\ d) \ V_{new} = V_{stop} & e) \ It \ is \ indeterminate \ with \ the \ given \ information \end{array}$
- 9. The diagram to the right shows the lowest four energy levels for an electron in a hypothetical atom. The electron is excited to the -1 eV level of the atom and transitions to the lowest energy state by emitting only two photons. Which of the following energies could not belong to either of the photons?
 (A) 2 eV (B) 4 eV (C) 5 eV (D) 6 eV (E) 9 eV -7 eV --7 eV --7



- 10. Monochromatic light falling on the surface of an active metal causes electrons to be ejected from the metallic surface with a maximum kinetic energy of E. What would happen to the maximum energy of the ejected electrons if the frequency of the light were doubled?
 - A) the maximum energy of the electrons would be less than $\frac{1}{2}$ E
 - B) the maximum energy of the electrons would be $\frac{1}{2}$ E
 - C) the maximum energy of the electrons would be $(\sqrt{2})$ E
 - D) the maximum energy of the electrons would be 2E
 - E) the maximum energy of the electrons would be greater than 2E
- 11. If the electrons in an electron microscope are traveling with a velocity of 1.6x10⁷ m/s, what would be the effective wavelength of the electrons?
 A) 1.2x10⁻⁸ m
 B) 6.6x10⁻⁹ m
 C) 4.5x10⁻¹¹ m
 D) 2.6x10⁻¹¹ m
 E) 8.6x10⁻¹⁷ m
- 12. A very slow proton has its kinetic energy doubled. What happens to the protons corresponding deBroglie wavelength
 - A) the wavelength is decreased by a factor of $\sqrt{2}$
 - B) the wavelength is halved
 - C) there is no change in the wavelength
 - D) the wavelength is increased by a factor of $\sqrt{2}$
 - E) the wavelength is doubled.
- 13. The diagram shows light being emitted due to a transition from the n=3 to the n=2 level of a hydrogen atom in the Bohr model. If the transition were from the n=3 to the n=1 level instead, the light emitted would have
 A) lower frequency
 B) less energy
 C) longer wavelength
 D) greater speed
 E) greater momentum



14. Which color of light emitted from an atom would be associated with the greatest change in energy of the atom? (A) Blue (B) Green (C) Red (D) Violet (E) Yellow

Questions 15-16 relate to the photoelectric effect and the five graphs below



15. Which graph best shows the maximum kinetic energy K of the photoelectrons as a function of the frequency of incident light?

 $(A) A \qquad (B) B \qquad (C) C \qquad (D) D \qquad (E) E$

- 16. Which graph best shows the maximum kinetic energy K of a photoelectron as a function of the intensity of incident light?(A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 17. Electrons that have been accelerated from rest through a potential difference of 150 volts have a de Broglie wavelength of approximately 1 Angstrom (10⁻¹⁰ meter). In order to obtain electrons whose de Broglie wavelength is 0.5 Angstrom (5 x 10⁻¹¹ meter), what accelerating potential is required?
 (A) 37.5 V
 (B)75 V
 (C)300 V
 (D)600 V
 (E)22,500 V
- 18. According to the Bohr model of the atom, electrons orbit the nucleus in definite orbits. According to the laws of classical physics, this model would be impossible because
 - (A) the positively charged nucleus attracts the electrons
 - (B) Coulomb's law applies
 - (C) accelerating electrons radiate energy
 - (D) there is a centripetal force on the electrons
 - (E) angular momentum is conserved
- 19. The energy level diagram is for a hypothetical atom. A gas of these atoms initially in the ground state is irradiated with photons having a continuous range of energies between 7 and 10 electron volts. One would expect photons of which of the following energies to be emitted from the gas?
 (A) 1, 2, and 3 eV only
 (B) 4, 5, and 9 eV only
 (C) 1, 3, 5, and 10 eV only
 - (D) 1, 5, 7, and 10 eV only

(E) Since the original photons have a range of energies, one would expect a range of emitted photons with no particular energies.

- 20. All of the following are properties of x-rays EXCEPT:
 - (A) They penetrate light materials.
 - (B) They ionize gases.
 - (C) They are deflected by magnetic fields.
 - (D) They discharge electrified bodies.
 - (E) They are diffracted by crystals.



21. Which of the following graphs best represents the de Broglie wavelength λ of a particle as a function of the linear momentum p of the particle?



- 22. The scattering of alpha particles by a thin gold foil was measured by Geiger and Marsden. The Rutherford model of the atom was proposed in order to explain why
 - (A) more particles scattered through angles greater than 90° than through angles less than 90°
 - (B) the fraction of particles scattered through large angles was too large to be explained by previous models of the atom
 - (C) no particles passed through the foil undeflected
 - (D) the most common scattering angle was about 90°
 - (E) the most common scattering angle was about 180°

Questions 23-24

A hypothetical atom has four energy states as shown.

23. Which of the following photon energies could NOT be found in the emission spectra of this atom after it has been excited to the n = 4 state?
(A) 1 eV (D) 2 eV (C) 2 eV (D) 4 eV (D) 5 eV

 $(A) \ 1 \ eV \qquad (B) \ 2 \ eV \qquad (C) \ 3 \ eV \qquad (D) \ 4 \ eV \qquad (E) \ 5 \ eV$

- 24. Which of the following transitions will produce the photon with the longest wavelength?
 - (A) n = 2 to n = 1(B) n = 3 to n = 1(C) n = 3 to n = 2(D) n = 4 to n = 1
 - (E) n = 4 to n = 3



- 25. Of the following phenomena, which provides the best evidence that light can have particle properties?
 (A) Interference of light in thin films
 (B) Electromagnetic radiation
 (C) Photoelectric effect
 (D) Electron diffraction
 (E) X-ray diffraction
- 26. Of the following phenomena, which provides the best evidence that particles can have wave properties? (A) The absorption of photons by electrons in an atom
 - (B) The alpha-decay of radioactive nuclei
 - (C) The interference pattern produced by neutrons incident on a crystal
 - (D) The production of x-rays by electrons striking a metal target
 - (E) The scattering of photons by electrons at rest

- 27. In the photoelectric effect, the maximum speed of the electrons emitted by a metal surface when it is illuminated by light depends on which of the following?
 - I. Intensity of the light
 - II. Frequency of the light
 - III. Nature of the photoelectric surface
 - (A) I only (B) III only (C) I and II only (D) II and III only (E) I, II, and III
- 28. In the Bohr model of the atom, the postulate stating that the orbital angular momentum of the electron is quantized can be interpreted in which of the following ways?(A) An integral number of electron wavelengths must fit into the electron's circular orbit.
 - (B) Only one electron can exist in each possible electron state.
 - (C) An electron has a spin of 1/2.
 - (D) The atom is composed of a small, positively charged nucleus orbited by electrons.
 - (E) An incident photon is completely absorbed when it causes an electron to move to a higher energy state.
- 29. Quantum transitions that result in the characteristic sharp lines of the X-ray spectrum always involve (A) the inner electron shells (B) electron energy levels that have the same principal quantum number (C) emission of beta particles from the nucleus (D) neutrons within the nucleus (E) protons within the nucleus
- 30. Which of the following experiments provided evidence that electrons exhibit wave properties? I. Millikan oil-drop experiment
 - II. Davisson-Germer electron-diffraction experiment
 - III. J. J. Thomson's measurement of the charge-to-mass ratio of electrons
 - (A) I only (B) II only (C) I and III only (D) II and III only (E) I, II, and III
- 31. If the momentum of an electron doubles, its de Broglie wavelength is multiplied by a factor of (A) 1/4 (B)1/2 (C) 1 (D) 2 (E) 4
- 32. Quantum concepts are critical in explaining all of the following EXCEPT(A) Rutherford's scattering experiments(B) Bohr's theory of the hydrogen atom(C) Compton scattering(D) the blackbody spectrum(E) the photoelectric effect
- 33. If photons of light of frequency f have momentum p, photons of light of frequency 2f will have a momentum of

(A)
$$2p$$
 (B) $\sqrt{2}p$ (C) p (D) $\frac{p}{\sqrt{2}}$ (E) $\frac{1}{2}p$

- 34. In an experiment, light of a particular wavelength is incident on a metal surface, and electrons are emitted from the surface as a result. To produce more electrons per unit time but with less kinetic energy per electron, the experimenter should do which of the following?
 - (A) Increase the intensity and decrease the wavelength of the light.
 - (B) Increase the intensity and the wavelength of the light.
 - (C) Decrease the intensity and the wavelength of the light.
 - (D) Decrease the intensity and increase the wavelength of the light.
 - (E) None of the above would produce the desired result.
- 35. Which of the following imposes a limit on the number of electrons in an energy state of an atom?
 - (A) The Heisenberg uncertainty principle
- (D) The theory of relativity

(B) The Pauli exclusion principle

- (E) The law of conservation of energy
- (C) The Bohr model of the hydrogen atom

Questions 36-37 relate to the photoelectric effect. For each question, choose an answer from the following graphs



- 36. Which graph shows the maximum kinetic energy of the emitted electrons versus the frequency of the light? (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 37. Which graph shows the total photoelectric current versus the intensity of the light for a fixed frequency above the cutoff frequency?(A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E
- 38. A 50,000 W radio station transmits waves of wavelength 4 m. Which of the following is the best estimate of the number of photons it emits per second?
 (A) 10⁸ (B) 10²² (C) 10³⁰ (D) 10⁴⁰ (E) 10⁵⁶
- 39. The work function for a metal is \$\overline\$. What is the threshold frequency of incident light required for the emission of photoelectrons from a cathode made of that metal?
 A) \$\overline\$ / h
 B) h / \$\overline\$ C) \$\overline\$ h
 C) \$\overline\$ / h
 C) \$\overli
- 40. Two monochromatic light beams, one red and one green, have the same intensity and the same cross sectional area. How does the energy of each photon and the number of photons crossing a unit area per second in the red beam compare with those of the green beam?

	Energy of Photon	Number of Photons Crossing Unit Area per Second
(A)	Same	Same
(B)	Greater for red	Less for red
(C)	Greater for red	Greater for red
(D)	Less for red	Less for red
(E)	Less for red	Greater for red

41. In an x-ray tube, electrons striking a target are brought to rest, causing x-rays to be emitted. In a particular x-ray tube, the maximum frequency of the emitted continuum x-ray spectrum is f_o . If the voltage across the tube is doubled, the maximum frequency is

A) $f_o / 2$ B) $f_o / \sqrt{2}$ C) f_o D) $\sqrt{2} f_o$ E) $2f_o$
SECTION B – Nuclear Physics

- An atomic mass unit is approximately equal to the mass of a(n)
 A) alpha particle B) electron C) photon D) positron E) proton
- 2. A radioactive oxygen ${}^{15}O_8$ nucleus emits a positron and becomes A) ${}^{14}N_7$ B) ${}^{15}N_7$ C) ${}^{15}O_8$ D) ${}^{14}F_9$ E) ${}^{15}F_9$
- 3. A radon ²²⁰Rn₈₆ nucleus emits an alpha particle becomes a A) ²¹⁶Po₈₄ B) ²²⁰At₈₅ C) ²²⁰Rn₈₆ D) ²²⁰Fr₈₇ E) ²²⁴Ra₈₈
- 4. A potassium ${}^{40}K_{19}$ nucleus emits a B⁻ and becomes: A) ${}^{36}Cl_{17}$ B) ${}^{44}Sc_{21}$ C) ${}^{40}Ar_{18}$ D) ${}^{40}K_{19}$ E) ${}^{40}Ca_{20}$
- 5. A photon with frequency f behaves as if it had a mass equal to A) hfc^2 B) hf/c^2 C) c^2/hf D) fc^2/h E) h/fc^2
- 6. What does the ? represent in the nuclear reaction ${}^{2}H_{1} + {}^{2}H_{1} \rightarrow {}^{3}He_{2} + ?$ A) an alpha B) a beta C) a gamma D) a neutron E) a proton
- 7. What does the ? represent in the nuclear reaction ${}^{6}Li_{3} + ? \rightarrow {}^{7}Li_{3}$ A) an alpha particle B) a deuteron C) an electron D) a neutron E) a proton
- 8. An alpha particle is the same asA) a helium nucleusB) a positronC) an electronD) a high energy photonE) a deuteron
- 9. The following equation is an example of what kind of nuclear reaction

²³⁵U₉₂ + ${}^{1}n_0 \rightarrow {}^{133}Sb_{51} + {}^{99}Nb_{41} + 4 ({}^{1}n_0)$ A) fission B) fusion C) alpha decay D) beta decay E) positron decay

10. The following equation is an example of what kind of nuclear reaction

 ${}^{12}C_6 + {}^{4}He_2 \rightarrow {}^{16}O_8 + energy$ A) fission B) fusion C) alpha decay D) beta decay E) positron decay

- 11. During a particular kind of radioactive decay, a particle is emitted from the nucleus of an atom and the atom's atomic number increases by one. This decay necessarily involves the emission of ______ from the nucleus A) an alpha particle B) a beta particle C) a gamma ray D) a proton E) a neutron
- 12. A nucleus of ²³⁵U₉₂ disintegrates to ²⁰⁷Pb₈₂ in about a billion years by emitting 7 alpha particles and x beta particles, where x is
 A) 3 B) 4 C) 5 D) 6 E) 7
- 13. The following nuclear reaction occurs:

 ${}^{4}_{2}He + {}^{9}_{4}Be \rightarrow {}^{12}_{6}C + {}^{4}_{Z}X.$ What is ${}^{4}_{Z}X$? (A) a proton (B) an electron (C) a positron (D) an alpha particle (E) a neutron

- 14. A scientist claims to have perfected a technique in which he can spontaneously convert an electron completely into energy in the laboratory without any other material required. What is the conclusion about this claim from our current understanding of physics?
 - (a) This is possible because Einstein's equation says that mass and energy are equivalent... it is just very difficult to achieve with electrons
 - (b) This is possible and it is done all the time in the high-energy physics labs.
 - (c) The scientist is almost correct... except that in converting the electron to energy, an electron's anti-particle is produced in the process as well.
 - (d) The scientist is almost correct... except that in converting the electron to energy, a proton is produced in the process as well.
 - (e) This is not possible because charge conservation would be violated.
- 15. A new element, named Physonium (symbol Phys) is discovered to undergo double alpha decay and beta decay simultaneously. Amazingly, this causes the material to decay into an element called Awsomeonium (symbol Oo). What is the correct representation of the (Oo)?

$${}^{2006}_{200}Phys \rightarrow {}^{4}_{2}\alpha + {}^{4}_{2}\alpha + {}^{0}_{-1}e + {}^{?}_{?}Oo$$
(a) ${}^{1998}_{195}Oo$ (b) ${}^{2006}_{195}Oo$ (c) ${}^{1998}_{203}Oo$ (d) ${}^{2014}_{203}Oo$ (e) ${}^{1998}_{197}Oo$

- 16. The most common isotope of Uranium, ²³⁸U₉₂, radioactively decays into lead, ²⁰⁶Pb₈₂, by a means of a series of alpha and beta particle emissions. How many of each particle must be emitted.
 A) 32 alphas, 10 betas
 B) 16 alphas, 16 betas
 C) 16 alphas, 8 betas
 D) 8 alphas, 6 betas
 E) 4 alphas, 18 betas
- 17. Rutherford was the first person to artificially transmute one element into another (nitrogen to oxygen). A nuclear equation for his reaction could be written as follows:

$$\frac{4}{2}He + \frac{14}{7}N \to \frac{17}{8}O + ?$$

The unknown particle in the above equation is A) a proton B) a neutron C) an electron D) a gamma ray E) an alpha particle

- 18. When a radioactive nucleus emits a gamma ray the number of
 - A) protons increases by one while the number of neutrons decreases by one.
 - B) protons decrease by one while the number of neutrons increases by one.
 - C) protons and neutrons each decrease by two
 - D) protons and neutrons each increase by two
 - E) protons and neutrons remain unchanged
- 19. A nucleus of polonium–218 $(\frac{218}{84}P_o)$ emits an alpha particle $(\frac{4}{2}\alpha)$. The next two elements in radioactive decay

chain each emit a beta particle $(\frac{0}{-1}B^{-})$. What would be the resulting nucleus after these three decays have

occurred?

A)
$$\frac{214}{82}Pb$$
 B) $\frac{214}{84}Po$ C) $\frac{214}{85}At$ D) $\frac{222}{85}At$ E) $\frac{222}{86}Rn$

20. ${}^{235}_{92}U + {}^{1}_{0}n \rightarrow 3{}^{1}_{0}n + {}^{142}_{56}Ba + _$

The additional product of the nuclear fission reaction shown above is

(A) ${}^{91}_{36}Kr$ (B) ${}^{92}_{35}Br$ (C) ${}^{93}_{36}Kr$ (D) ${}^{93}_{37}Rb$ (E) ${}^{94}_{37}Rb$

21. The nuclide ²¹⁴ Pb ₈₂ emits an electron and becomes nuclide X. Which of the following gives the mass number and atomic number of nuclide X?

Mass Number	Atomic Number
210	80
210	81
213	83
214	81
214	83
	<u>Mass Number</u> 210 213 214 214

22. The nuclear reaction $X \rightarrow Y + Z$ occurs spontaneously. If M_x , M_y , and M_z are the masses of the three particles. which of the following relationships is true!?

 $(A) M_x < M_y - M_z \qquad (B) M_x < M_y + M_z \qquad (C) M_x > M_y + M_z \qquad (D) M_x - M_y < M_z \qquad (E) M_x - M_z < M_y = M_z = M_$

$${}^{2}_{1}H + {}^{2}_{1}H \rightarrow {}^{3}_{1}H + {}^{1}_{1}H + 4MeV$$

23. The equation above is an illustration of(A) artificially produced radioactive decay(C) nuclear disintegration(E) nuclear fusion

(B) naturally occurring radioactive decay (D) nuclear fission

- 24. A proton collides with a nucleus of ${}^{14}_7N$. If this collision produces a nucleus of ${}^{16}_6C$ and one other particle, that particle is (A) a proton (B) a neutron (C) a deuteron (D) an α particle (E) a β particle
- 25. A nucleus of tritium contains 2 neutrons and 1 proton. If the nucleus undergoes beta decay, emitting an electron, the nucleus is transmuted into(A) the nucleus of an isotope of helium(B) the nucleus of an isotope of lithium(C) an alpha particle(D) a triton(E) a deuteron
- 26. Which of the following statements is true of a beta Particle?
 - (A) Its speed in a vacuum is 3×10^8 m/s.
 - (B) It has a charge equal and opposite to that of an alpha particle.
 - (C) It is more penetrating than a gamma ray of the same energy.
 - (D) It has a mass of about 1,840 times that of a proton.
 - (E) It can exhibit wave properties.

Questions 27-28

An electron and a positron, each of mass 9.1×10^{-31} kilogram, are in the same general vicinity and have very small initial speeds. They then annihilate each other, producing two photons.

- 27. What is the approximate energy of each emerging photon?
 (A) 0.51 MeV
 (B) 2.0 MeV
 (C) 4.0 MeV
 (D) 6.6 MeV
 (E) It cannot be determined unless the frequency of the photon is known.
- 28. What is the angle between the paths of the emerging photons? (A) 0° (B) 30° (C) 45° (D) 90° (E) 180°

Questions 29-30 deal with nuclear fission for which the following reaction is a good example.

 ${}^{235}_{92}U + {}^{1}_{0}n \rightarrow {}^{138}_{56}Ba + {}^{95}_{36}Kr + neutrons + released \ energy$

- 29. The total number of free neutrons in the products of this reaction is (A) 2 (B) 3 (C) 4 (D) 5 (E) 6
- 30. Which of the following statements is always true for neutron-induced fission reactions involving $^{235}_{92}U$? I. The end products always include Ba and Kr.

II. The rest mass of the end products is less than that of ${}^{235}_{92}U + {}^{1}_{0}n$.

III. The total number of nucleons (protons plus neutrons) in the end products is less than that in ${}^{235}_{92}U + {}^{1}_{0}n$. (A) II only (B) III only (C) I and II only (D) I and III only (E) I, II, and III

31. Forces between two objects which are inversely proportional to the square of the distance between the objects include which of the following?

I. Gravitational force between two celestial bodies

II. Electrostatic force between two electrons

III. Nuclear force between two neutrons

(A) I only (B) III only (C) I and II only (D) II and III only (E) I, II, and III

32. Atoms of isotopes of the same element contain the same number of

(A) protons but a different number of neutrons (B) electrons but a different number of protons

- (C) neutrons but a different number of protons (D) neutrons as electrons (E) protons as neutrons
- 33. Quantities that are conserved in all nuclear reactions include which of the following?
 - I. Electric charge II. Number of nuclei III. Number of protons

(A) I only (B) II only (C) I and III only (D) II and III only (E) I, II, and III

34. A negative beta particle and a gamma ray are emitted during the radioactive decay of a nucleus of ${}^{214}_{82}Pb$. Which of the following is the resulting nucleus?

(A) ${}^{210}_{80}Hg$ (B) ${}^{214}_{81}Tl$ (C) ${}^{213}_{83}Bi$ (D) ${}^{214}_{83}Bi$ (E) ${}^{218}_{84}Po$

- 35. Which of the following statements about the number of protons Z and the number of neutrons N in stable nuclei is true?
 - (A) All stable nuclei have Z = N.
 - (B) Only heavy stable nuclei have Z = N.
 - (C) Heavy stable nuclei tend to have Z < N.
 - (D) All light stable nuclei have Z< N.
 - (E) All light stable nuclei have Z > N.
- 36. When ¹⁰B is bombarded by neutrons, a neutron can be absorbed and an alpha particle (⁴He) emitted. If the ¹⁰B target is stationary, the kinetic energy of the reaction products is equal to the.
 - (A) kinetic energy of the incident neutron

(B) total energy of the incident neutron

(C) energy equivalent of the mass decrease in the reaction

(D) energy equivalent of the mass decrease in the reaction, minus the kinetic energy of the incident neutron

(E) energy equivalent of the mass decrease in the reaction, plus the kinetic energy of the incident neutron

37. $\begin{array}{c}
226\\88}\text{Ra}_{\text{decays into}} & 222\\86}\text{Rn}_{\text{plus}} \\
\text{(A) a proton} & \text{(B) a neutron} & \text{(C) an electron} \\
\text{(D) a helium nucleus } \begin{pmatrix} 4\\2}\text{He} \end{pmatrix} & \text{(E) a deuteron} \begin{pmatrix} 2\\1}\text{H} \end{pmatrix}
\end{array}$

38. Correct statements about the binding energy of a nucleus include which of the following?

I. It is the energy needed to separate the nucleus into its individual protons and neutrons. II. It is the energy liberated when the nucleus is formed from the original nucleons. III. It is the energy equivalent of the apparent loss of mass of its nucleon constituents.

(A) I only(B) III only(C) I and II only(D) II and III only(E) I, II, and III

AP Physics Free Response Practice - Modern Physics

SECTION A - Quantum Physics and Atom Models

1975B5. The diagram above shows part of an energy-level diagram for a certain atom. The wavelength of the radiation associated with transition A is 600 nm (1 nm = 1×10^{-9} m) and that associated with transition B is 300 nm.

- a. Determine the energy of a photon associated with transition A.
- b. Determine the λ of the radiation associated with transition C
- c. Describe qualitatively what will happen to an intense beam of white light (400 to 600 nm) that is sent through this gaseous element



1980B3. In a photoelectric experiment, radiation of
several different frequencies was made to shine on a
metal surface and the maximum kinetic energy of
the ejected electrons was measured at each
frequency. Selected results of the experiment are
presented in the table:

mcy (Hz)	Maximum Kinetic Energy of Electrons (eV)
× 1015	No electrons ejected
× 10 ¹⁵	1.0
× 10 ¹⁵	3.0
× 10 ¹⁵	5.0

a. On the axes below, plot the data from this photoelectric experiment.



Determine the threshold frequency of metal surface.

Determine the work function of the surface.

When light of frequency 2.0 x 10¹⁵ strikes the metal surface, electrons of assorted speeds are ejected from the surface. What minimum retarding potential would be required to stop all the electrons ejected from the surface light of frequency 2.0 x 10¹⁵ hertz?

e. Investigation reveals that some electrons ejected from the metal surface move in circular paths. Suggest a reasonable explanation for this electron behavior.

1982B7. Select one of the following experiments:

- I. The Michelson-Morley experiment
- II. The Rutherford scattering experiment
- III. The Compton scattering experiment
- IV. The Davisson-Germer experiment

Clearly indicate the experiment you select and write an account of this experiment. Include in your account

<u>Freque</u> 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0

- a. a labeled diagram of the experimental setup
- b. a discussion of the experimental observations
- c. the important conclusions of the experiment

1983B6. An experiment is conducted to investigate the photoelectric effect. When light of frequency 1.0×10^{15} hertz is incident on a photocathode, electrons are emitted. Current due to these electrons can be cut off with a 1.0-volt retarding potential. Light of frequency 1.5×10^{15} hertz produces a photoelectric current that can be cut off with a 3.0-volt retarding potential.

- a. Calculate an experimental value of Planck's constant based on these data.
- b. Calculate the work function of the photocathode.
- c. Will electrons be emitted from the photocathode when green light of wavelength $5.0 \ge 10^{-7}$ meter is incident on the photocathode? Justify your answer.



- ii. Which, if any, of these wavelengths are in the visible range?
- c. Assume the atom is initially in the ground state. Show on the following diagram the possible transitions from the ground state when the atom is irradiated with electromagnetic radiation of wavelengths ranging continuously from 2.5×10^{-7} meter to 10.0×10^{-7} meter.



_____ 0

First Excited State ______-3.0

Ground State ______-5.5

1987B6. In a photoelectric experiment, light is incident on a metal surface. Electrons are ejected from the surface, producing a current in a circuit. A reverse potential is applied in the circuit and adjusted until the current drops to zero. That potential at which the current drops to zero is called the stopping potential. The data obtained for a range of frequencies are graphed below.



- a. For a frequency of light that has a stopping potential of 3 volts, what is the maximum kinetic energy of the ejected photoelectrons?
- b. From the graph and the value of the electron charge, determine an experimental value for Planck's constant.
- c. From the graph, determine the work function for the metal.
- d. On the axes above, draw the graph for a different metal surface with a threshold frequency of 6.0×10^{14} hertz.

1988B6. Electromagnetic radiation is incident on the surface S of a material as shown. Photoelectrons are emitted from the surface S only for radiation of wavelength 500 nm or less. It is found that for a certain ultraviolet wavelength, which is unknown, a potential V_s of 3 volts is necessary to stop the photoelectrons from reaching the anode A, thus eliminating the photoelectric current.

- a. Determine the frequency of the 500 nm radiation.
- b. Determine the work function for the material.
- c. Determine the energy of the photons associated with the unknown wavelength.
- d. Determine the unknown wavelength.



1990B5. In a television picture tube, electrons are accelerated from rest through a potential difference of 12,000 volts and move toward the screen of the tube. When the electrons strike the screen, x-ray photons are emitted. Determine:

- a. the speed of an electron just before it strikes the screen
- b. the number of electrons arriving at the screen per second if the flow of electrons in the tube is 0.01 coulomb per second

An x-ray of maximum energy is produced when an electron striking the screen gives up all of its kinetic energy. For such x-rays, determine:

- c. the frequency
- d. the wavelength
- e. the photon momentum



1991B6. Light consisting of two wavelengths, $\lambda_a = 4.4 \times 10^{-7}$ meter and $\lambda_b = 5.5 \times 10^{-7}$ meter, is incident normally on a barrier with two slits separated by a distance d. The intensity distribution is measured along a plane that is a distance L = 0.85 meter from the slits as shown above. The movable detector contains a photoelectric cell whose position y is measured from the central maximum. The first-order maximum for the longer wavelength λ_b occurs at $y = 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$ meter.

- a. Determine the slit separation d.
- b. At what position Y_a does the first-order maximum occur for the shorter wavelength λ_a ?

In a different experiment, light containing many wavelengths is incident on the slits. It is found that the photosensitive surface in the detector is insensitive to light with wavelengths longer than 6.0×10^{-7} m.

- c. Determine the work function of the photosensitive surface.
- d. Determine the maximum kinetic energy of electrons ejected from the photosensitive surface when exposed. to light of wavelength $\lambda = 4.4 \times 10^{-7}$ m.

1992B4. The ground-state energy of a hypothetical atom is at -10.0 eV. When these atoms, in the ground state, are illuminated with light, only the wavelengths of 207 nanometers and 146 nanometers are absorbed by the atoms. (1 nanometer = 10^{-9} meter).

- a. Calculate the energies of the photons of light of the two absorption-spectrum wavelengths.
- b. Complete the energy-level diagram shown for these atoms by showing all the excited energy states.
- c. Show by arrows on the energy-level diagram all of the possible transitions that would produce emission spectrum lines.
- d. What would be the wavelength of the emission line corresponding to the transition from the second excited state to the first excited state?
- e. Would the emission line in (d) be visible? Briefly justify your answer





1993B6. In the x-ray tube shown above, a potential difference of 70,000 volts is applied across the two electrodes. Electrons emitted from the cathode are accelerated to the anode, where x-rays are produced.

- a. Determine the maximum frequency of the x-rays produced by the tube.
- b. Determine the maximum momentum of the x-ray photons produced by the tube.



An x-ray photon of the maximum energy produced by this tube leaves the tube and collides elastically with an electron at rest. As a result, the electron recoils and the x-ray is scattered, as shown above. The frequency of the scattered x-ray photon is 1.64×10^{19} hertz.

- c. Determine the kinetic energy of the recoiled electron.
- d. Determine the magnitude of the momentum of the recoiled electron.
- e. Determine the deBroglie wavelength of the electron

1994B3

A series of measurements were taken of the maximum kinetic energy of photoelectrons emitted from a metallic surface when light of various frequencies is incident on the surface.

a. The table below lists the measurements that were taken. On the axes below, plot the kinetic energy versus light frequency for the five data points given. Draw on the graph the line that is your estimate of the best straight-line fit to the data points



b. From this experiment, determine a value of Planck's constant h in units of electron volt-seconds. Briefly explain how you did this

1995B4. A free electron with negligible kinetic energy is captured by a stationary proton to form an excited state of the hydrogen atom. During this process a photon of energy E_a is emitted, followed shortly by another photon of energy 10.2 electron volts. No further photons are emitted. The ionization energy of hydrogen is 13.6 electron volts. a. Determine the wavelength of the 10.2 eV photon.

- b. Determine the following for the first photon emitted.
 - i. The energy E_a of the photon ii. The frequency that corresponds to this en
 - ii. The frequency that corresponds to this energy
- c. The following diagram shows some of the energy levels of the hydrogen atom, including those that are involved in the processes described above. Draw arrows on the diagram showing only the transitions involved in these processes.



d. The atom is in its ground state when a 15 eV photon interacts with it. All the photon's energy is transferred to the electron, freeing it from the atom. Determine the following.

i. The kinetic energy of the ejected electron

ii. The de Broglie wavelength of the electron

<u>1997B6</u>

Select one of the experiments below, and for the experiment you pick answer parts (a) and (b) that follow.

- i. Rutherford scattering experiment ii. Michelson-Morley experiment iii. Photoelectric-effect experiment
- a. Draw a simple diagram representing the experimental setup and label the important components.
- b. Briefly state the key observation(s) in this experiment and indicate what can be concluded from them.

A monatomic gas is illuminated with visible light of wavelength 400 nm. The gas is observed to absorb some of the light and subsequently to emit visible light at both 400 nm and 600 nm.

- c. In the box, complete an energy level diagram that would be consistent with these observations. Indicate and label the observed absorption and emissions.
- d. If the initial state of the atoms has energy -5.0 eV, what is the energy of the state to which the atoms were excited by the 400 nm light?
- e. At which other wavelength(s) outside the visible range do these atoms emit radiation after they are excited by the 400 nm light?





1998B7. A transmission diffraction grating with 600 lines/mm is used to study the line spectrum of the light produced by a hydrogen discharge tube with the setup shown above. The grating is 1.0 m from the source (a hole at the center of the meter stick). An observer sees the first-order red line at a distance $y_r = 428$ mm from the hole. a. Calculate the wavelength of the red line in the hydrogen spectrum.

- b. According to the Bohr model, the energy levels of the hydrogen atom are given by $E_n = -13.6 \text{ eV/n}^2$, where n is an integer labeling the levels. The red line is a transition to a final level with n = 2. Use the Bohr model to determine the value of n for the initial level of the transition.
- c. Qualitatively describe how the location of the first-order red line would change if a diffraction grating with 800 lines/mm were used instead of one with 600 lines/mm.



2000B5. A sodium photoelectric surface with work function 2.3 eV is illuminated by electromagnetic radiation and emits electrons. The electrons travel toward a negatively charged cathode and complete the circuit shown above. The potential difference supplied by the power supply is increased, and when it reaches 4.5 V, no electrons reach the cathode.

- a. For the electrons emitted from the sodium surface, calculate the following.
 - i. The maximum kinetic energy
 - ii. The speed at this maximum kinetic energy
- b. Calculate the wavelength of the radiation that is incident on the sodium surface.
- c. Calculate the minimum frequency of light that will cause photoemission from this sodium surface.



2002B7. A photon of wavelength 2.0 x 10^{-11} m strikes a free electron of mass m_e that is initially at rest, as shown above left. After the collision, the photon is shifted in wavelength by an amount $\Delta \lambda = 2h/m_ec$, and reversed in direction, as shown above right.

- (a) Determine the energy in joules of the incident photon.
- (b) Determine the magnitude of the momentum of the incident photon.
- (c) Indicate below whether the photon wavelength is increased or decreased by the interaction. <u>Increased</u> Decreased Explain your reasoning.
- (d) Determine the magnitude of the momentum acquired by the electron.
- B2002B7. An experimenter determines that when a beam of mono-energetic electrons bombards a sample of a pure gas, atoms of the gas are excited if the kinetic energy of each electron in the beam is 3.70 eV or greater.
- (a) Determine the deBroglie wavelength of 3.70 eV electrons.
- (b) Once the gas is excited by 3.70 eV electrons, it emits monochromatic light. Determine the wavelength of this light.

Experiments reveal that two additional wavelengths are emitted if the beam energy is raised to at least 4.90 eV.

(c) Construct an energy-level diagram consistent with this information and determine the energies of the photons associated with those two additional wavelengths.

B2003B7. An experiment is performed on a sample of atoms known to have a ground state of -5.0 eV. The gas is illuminated with "white light" (400 – 700 nm). A spectrometer capable of analyzing radiation in this range is used to measure the radiation. The sample is observed to absorb light at only 400 nm. After the "white light" is turned off, the sample is observed to emit visible radiation of 400 nm and 600 nm.

(a) In the space below, determine the values of the energy levels and on the following scale sketch an energy level diagram showing the energy values in eV's and the relative positions of:

- i. the ground state
- ii. the energy level to which the system was first excited
- iii. one other energy level that the experiment suggests may exist



(b) What is the wavelength of any other radiation, if any, that might have been emitted in the experiment? Why was it not observed?



2004B6. A student performs a photoelectric effect experiment in which light of various frequencies is incident on a photosensitive metal plate. This plate, a second metal plate, and a power supply are connected in a circuit, which also contains two meters, M_1 and M_2 , as shown above.

The student shines light of a specific wavelength λ onto the plate. The voltage on the power supply is then adjusted until there is no more current in the circuit, and this voltage is recorded as the stopping potential V_s .

The student then repeats the experiment several more times with different wavelengths of light. The data, along with other values calculated from it, are recorded in the table below.

λ (m)	$4.00 imes 10^{-7}$	$4.25 imes 10^{-7}$	$4.50 imes 10^{-7}$	4.75×10^{-7}
V_S (volts)	0.65	0.45	0.30	0.15
f(Hz)	7.50×10^{14}	7.06×10^{14}	$6.67 imes10^{14}$	$6.32 imes 10^{14}$
$K_{\rm max}({\rm eV})$	0.65	0.45	0.30	0.15

(a) Indicate which meter is used as an ammeter and which meter is used as a voltmeter by checking the appropriate spaces below.



Voltmeter

(b) Use the data above to plot a graph of *Kmax* versus *f* on the axes below, and sketch a best-fit line through the data.



(c) Use the best-fit line you sketched in part (b) to calculate an experimental value for Planck's constant.

(d) If the student had used a different metal with a larger work function, how would the graph you sketched in part(b) be different? Explain your reasoning.

B2004B6.

An incident gamma ray photon of wavelength 1.400×10^{-14} m is scattered off a stationary nucleus. The shift in wavelength of the photon is measured for various scattering angles, and the results are plotted on the graph shown below.



(a) On the graph, sketch a best-fit curve to the data. In one of the trials, the photon is scattered at an angle of 120° with its original direction.

- (b) Calculate the wavelength of this photon after it is scattered off the nucleus.
- (c) Calculate the momentum of this scattered photon.
- (d) Calculate the energy that this scattering event imparts to the recoiling nucleus.

2005B7



n = 1 ______ -54.4 eV

The diagram above shows the lowest four discrete energy levels of an atom. An electron in the n = 4 state makes a transition to the n = 2 state, emitting a photon of wavelength 121.9 nm.

(a) Calculate the energy level of the n = 4 state.

(b) Calculate the momentum of the photon.

The photon is then incident on a silver surface in a photoelectric experiment, and the surface emits an electron with maximum possible kinetic energy. The work function of silver is 4.7 eV.

(c) Calculate the kinetic energy, in eV, of the emitted electron.

(d) Determine the stopping potential for the emitted electron.

B2005B7. A monochromatic source emits a 2.5 mW beam of light of wavelength 450 nm.

(a) Calculate the energy of a photon in the beam.

(b) Calculate the number of photons emitted by the source in 5 minutes.

The beam is incident on the surface of a metal in a photoelectric-effect experiment. The stopping potential for the emitted electron is measured to be 0.86 V.

(c) Calculate the maximum speed of the emitted electrons.

(d) Calculate the de Broglie wavelength of the most energetic electrons.

2006B6. A photon with a wavelength of 1.5×10^{-8} m is emitted from an ultraviolet source into a vacuum. (a) Calculate the energy of the photon.

(b) Calculate the de Broglie wavelength of an electron with kinetic energy equal to the energy of the photon.

(c) Describe an experiment that illustrates the wave properties of this electron.

2008B7. In an electron microscope, a tungsten cathode with work function 4.5 eV is heated to release electrons that are then initially at rest just outside the cathode. The electrons are accelerated by a potential difference to create a beam of electrons with a de Broglie wavelength of 0.038 nm.

(a) Calculate the momentum of an electron in the beam, in kg-m/s.

(b) Calculate the kinetic energy of an electron in the beam, in joules.

(c) Calculate the accelerating voltage.

(d) Suppose that light, instead of heat, is used to release the electrons from the cathode. What minimum frequency of light is needed to accomplish this?

B2008B7.



Following a nuclear reaction, a nucleus of aluminum is at rest in an excited state represented by $\frac{27}{13}$ Al*, as shown

above left. The excited nucleus returns to the ground state ${}^{27}_{13}$ Al by emitting a gamma ray photon of energy 1.02 MeV, as shown above right. The aluminum nucleus in the ground state has a mass of 4.48 x 10⁻²⁶ kg.

(a) Calculate the wavelength of the emitted photon in meters.

(b) Calculate the momentum of the emitted photon in kg-m/s.

(c) Calculate the speed of the recoiling nucleus in m/s.

(d) Calculate the kinetic energy of the recoiling nucleus in joules.

2009B7. A photon of wavelength 250 nm ejects an electron from a metal. The ejected electron has a de Broglie wavelength of 0.85 nm.

- (a) Calculate the kinetic energy of the electron.
- (b) Assuming that the kinetic energy found in (a) is the maximum kinetic energy that it could have, calculate the work function of the metal.
- (c) The incident photon was created when an atom underwent an electronic transition. On the energy level diagram of the atom below, the transition labeled *X* corresponds to a photon wavelength of 400 nm. Indicate which transition could be the source of the original 250 nm photon by circling the correct letter. Justify your answer.



B2009B6.

The electron energy levels above are for an electron confined to a certain very small one-dimensional region of space. The energy E_n of the levels, where n = 1, 2, 3, ..., is given by $E_n = n^2 E_1$. Express all algebraic answers in terms of E_1 and fundamental constants.

 E_1

- (a) On the diagram above, label the three excited energy levels with the values for their energies in terms of E_1 , the energy of the ground state.
- (b) Calculate the smallest frequency of light that can be absorbed by an electron in this system when it is in the ground state, n = 1.
- (c) If an electron is raised into the second excited state, draw on the diagram all the possible transitions that the electron can make in returning to the ground state.
- (d) Calculate the wavelength of the highest energy photon that can be emitted in the transitions in part (c).

Supplemental



The diagram above shows a portion of the energy-level diagram for a particular atom. When the atom undergoes transition I, the wavelength of the emitted radiation is 400 nm, and when it undergoes transition II, the wavelength is 700 nm.

(a) Calculate the wavelength of the emitted radiation when the atom undergoes transition III.

A photon emitted during transition III is then incident on a metal surface of work function 2.1 eV.

(b) Calculate the maximum kinetic energy of the electron ejected from the metal by the photon.

(c) Calculate the de Broglie wavelength of the ejected electron.

SECTION B – Nuclear Physics

1989B6. A lithium nucleus, while at rest, decays into a helium nucleus of rest mass 6.6483×10^{-27} kilogram and a proton of rest mass 1.6726×10^{-27} kilogram, as shown by the following reaction.

$${}_{3}^{5}Li \rightarrow {}_{2}^{4}He + {}_{1}^{1}H$$

In this reaction, momentum and total energy are conserved. After the decay, the proton moves with a speed of 1.95×10^7 m/s.

- a. Determine the kinetic energy of the proton.
- b. Determine the speed of the helium nucleus.
- c. Determine the kinetic energy of the helium nucleus.
- d. Determine the mass that is transformed into kinetic energy in this decay.
- e. Determine the rest mass of the lithium nucleus.

1996B5. An unstable nucleus that is initially at rest decays into a nucleus of fermium-252 containing 100 protons and 152 neutrons and an alpha particle that has a kinetic energy of 8.42 MeV. The atomic masses of helium-4 and fermium-252 are 4.00260 u and 252.08249 u, respectively.

- a. What is the atomic number of the original unstable nucleus?
- b. What is the velocity of the alpha particle?
- c. Where does the kinetic energy of the alpha particle come from? Explain briefly.
- d. Assuming all of the energy released in the reaction is in the form of kinetic energy of the alpha particle, determine the exact mass of the original unstable nucleus, to an accuracy of 3 thousandths of a decimal.
- e. Suppose that the fermium-252 nucleus could undergo a decay in which a β^- particle was produced. How would this affect the atomic number of the nucleus? Explain briefly.

1999B4. A Geiger counter is used to measure the decay of a radioactive sample of bismuth 212 over a period of time. a. The bismuth isotope decays into thallium by emitting an alpha particle according to the following equation:

$$^{212}_{83}Bi \rightarrow Tl + \alpha$$

Determine the atomic number Z and the mass number A of the thallium nuclei produced and enter your answers in the spaces provided below.

b. The mass of the alpha particle is 6.64×10^{-27} kg. Its measured kinetic energy is 6.09 MeV and its speed is much less than the speed of light.

i. Determine the momentum of the alpha particle.

ii. Determine the kinetic energy of the recoiling thallium nucleus.

c. Determine the total energy released during the decay of 1 mole of bismuth 212.

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2001B7. Consider the following nuclear fusion reaction that uses deuterium as fuel. $3(^{2}_{1}H) \rightarrow ^{4}_{2}He + ^{1}_{1}H + ^{1}_{0}n$

a. Determine the mass defect of a single reaction, given the following information.

$$H = 2.0141u \qquad {}^{4}_{2}He = 4.0026u \qquad {}^{1}_{1}H = 1.0078u \qquad {}^{1}_{0}n = 1.0087u$$

b. Determine the energy in joules released during a single fusion reaction.

- c. The United States requires about 10²⁰ J per year to meet its energy needs. How many deuterium atoms would be necessary to provide this magnitude of energy?
- d. What mass of deuterium, in kg, is needed to provide this energy per year

B2006B6. An electron of mass *m* is initially moving with a constant speed v, where $v \ll c$. Express all algebraic answers in terms of the given quantities and fundamental constants.

(a) Determine the kinetic energy of the electron.

(b) Determine the de Broglie wavelength of the electron.

The electron encounters a particle with the same mass and opposite charge (a positron) moving with the same speed in the opposite direction. The two particles undergo a head-on collision, which results in the disappearance of both particles and the production of two photons of the same energy.

(c) Determine the energy of each photon.

(d) Determine the wavelength of each photon.

(e) Explain why there must be two photons produced instead of just one.

B2007B7. In the vicinity of a heavy nucleus, a high-energy photon can be converted into two particles: an electron and a positron. A positron has the same mass as the electron and equal but opposite charge. This process is called pair production.

(a) Calculate the rest energy of an electron, in eV.

(b) Determine the minimum energy, in eV, that a photon must have to give rise to pair production.

(c) Calculate the wavelength corresponding to the photon energy found in part (b).

(d) Calculate the momentum of the photon.

2007B7. It is possible for an electron and a positron to orbit around their stationary center of mass until they annihilate each other, creating two photons of equal energy moving in opposite directions. A positron is a particle that has the same mass as an electron and equal but opposite charge. The amount of kinetic energy of the electron–positron pair before annihilation is negligible compared to the energy of the photons created.

(a) Calculate, in eV, the rest energy of a positron.

(b) Determine, in eV, the energy each emitted photon must have.

(c) Calculate the wavelength of each created photon.

(d) Calculate the magnitude of the momentum of each photon.

(e) Determine the total momentum of the two-photon system.

AP Physics Multiple Choice Practice – Modern Physics – ANSWERS

SECTION A – Quantum Physics and Atom Models

1.	Solution Standard photoelectric effect question. If the frequency does not cause emission, it is below the threshold and will not be able to cause emission. The only way to cause emission is the increase the frequency above the threshold.	Answer B
2.	E=hf. Energy is directly related to frequency. The higher frequency means more energy.	С
3.	de Broglie wavelength is given by, $p = h / \lambda \dots mv = h / \lambda \dots \lambda = h / mv \dots 3x m = 1/3 \lambda$.	В
4.	From $K = hf - \phi$ $y = mx + b$ the work function is the y intercept, extend the line.	А
5.	4-3,3-2,2-1 or 4-2, 2-1 or 4-3, 3-1 or 4-1 this is a total of 6 different transitions.	В
6.	While Rutherford's experiment did show most of these, looking at the single fact provided (that most particles pass straight through) only meant that most of the atom was empty space and that the nucleus must be small.	D
7.	Diffraction is a unique wave effect.	Е
8.	Stopping potential is given by. $K=V_{stop}q$ combined with $K = hf - \phi$, we see the stopping potential is related to the incoming light energy minus the work function. However, none of the choices give a proper result. The answer depends on what that actual incoming energy hf and work function are. Here is an example. Lets say hf was 3eV and the ϕ was 2 eV initially. From Vq=hf- ϕ the stopping potential for an electron (1e) would be equal to 1eV. Now if we were to half the work function, the new stopping potential would be $3eV - 1eV = 2 eV$ so it appears that the stopping potential doubled. But that result only works for those sample numbers. Lets assume instead that hf = $10eV$ and $\phi = 2eV$. Now initially the $V_{stop} = 8eV$. Then we again half the work function $10eV - 1 eV$ and we get a stopping potential of 9V not nearly doubled this time. The results depend on the actual numbers used because of the minus sign in the equation and not a simple multiplier effect.	Ε
9.	To transition to the $-12eV$ state with only two photon emissions, the only options are for the electron to make the following transitions: $-1eV \rightarrow -3eV \rightarrow -12eV$ giving us photons of energy $2eV$ and $9eV$ or $-1eV \rightarrow -7 eV \rightarrow -12eV$ giving photons of energy $6eV$ and $5eV$. This means that the 4 eV photon is not possible with only two transitions.	В
10.	$K = hf - \phi$ now double hf $K_{new} = 2hf - \phi$ (now sub in the first equation rearranged for hf, into the second equation)	E
	$K_{new} = 2(K + \phi) - \phi = 2K + 2\phi - \phi \dots K_{new} = 2K + \phi$	
	So the new energy is increased by double the old energy + the work function value.	
11.	$p = h \ / \ \lambda \ \dots \ mv = h \ / \ \lambda \ \dots \ \lambda = h \ / \ mv = (6.63 x 10^{-34}) \ / \ (9.11 x 10^{-31}) (1.6 x 10^7) = 4.5 x 10^{-11} \ mv = (6.63 x 10^{-34}) \ / \ (9.11 x 10^{-31}) (1.6 x 10^7) = 4.5 x 10^{-11} \ mv = (6.63 x 10^{-34}) \ / \ (9.11 x 10^{-31}) (1.6 x 10^7) = 4.5 x 10^{-11} \ mv = (6.63 x 10^{-34}) \ / \ (9.11 x 10^{-31}) (1.6 x 10^7) = 4.5 x 10^{-11} \ mv = (6.63 x 10^{-34}) \ / \ (9.11 x 10^{-31}) (1.6 x 10^7) = 4.5 x 10^{-11} \ mv = (6.63 x 10^{-34}) \ / \ (9.11 x 10^{-31}) (1.6 x 10^7) = 4.5 x 10^{-11} \ mv = (6.63 x 10^{-34}) \ / \ (9.11 x 10^{-31}) (1.6 x 10^7) = 4.5 x 10^{-11} \ mv = (6.63 x 10^{-34}) \ / \ (9.11 x 10^{-31}) (1.6 x 10^7) = 4.5 x 10^{-11} \ mv = (6.63 x 10^{-34}) \ / \ (9.11 x 10^{-31}) \ / \ (9.11 x 10$	С
12.	From above $\lambda = h / mv \dots$ Since $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$, 2x K means $\sqrt{2x} v$. So when we plug in the new velocity of $\sqrt{2}v$, the wavelength decreases by this factor since we divide.	А
13.	3 to 1 would be a higher energy emission. More energy means more frequency, and less λ but these are not choices. From $p = h / \lambda$, less λ means more momentum.	Ε

- 14. From E = hf, more frequency = more energy.
- 15. Below a threshold frequency, there would be no emissions and thus zero K for everything below that point. Above that threshold, more frequency means more K based on $K = hf \phi$, with h as the constant slope. Graph A has all these properties.
- 16. Intensity has no effect on the energy of a single given photoelectron. Each photoelectron's energy is simply based on $K = hf \phi$. More intensity means a larger total number of photoelectrons and would result in more total energy, but the energy of each photoelectron is the same for all levels of the overall intensity.
- 17. The following formulas apply. $K = Vq \dots K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \dots p = mv \dots p = h/\lambda$ D

To get half the λ , the p must be doubled ... To double the momentum, the velocity must be doubled ... When the velocity is doubled, the Kinetic energy is 4x as much ... To get 4x the K, we need 4x the potential.

- According to classical physics, when charges accelerate in circles, they necessarily radiate energy in the form of light. This would cause them to spiral into the nucleus as they radiate continuous spectrums of color. This does not happen though, which is a flaw in the Rutherford model.
- 19. The ground state is at -14eV. The next excited state is 4eV higher (at -10eV) which cant be reached since we are only putting in a range of 7-10. So we try the next jump to the 5eV state. This would require and input of 9 eV and this is possible since it falls in the range. The next state -3eV is not possible since it would require 11 eV input. So the only excited state we can be brought to with this energy input is the 5eV state. From this state we will now go through emissions as the electrons fall back down to the ground state. This can be done through three possible jumps:

 $-5eV \rightarrow -10eV$, then $-10eV \rightarrow -14eV$ or it could go directly from $-5eV \rightarrow -14eV$. In these three scenarios, the emissions possible are 5, 4 and 9.

- 20. X-rays do not have a charge so would not be deflected by a magnetic field. All of the rest of the listed properties are true however. a) x rays clearly pass through light materials as evidenced from their use in the medical field. b) From Bohr's energy level diagram for hydrogren we can conclude this is true. The differences between levels on the diagram represent energies needed to jump levels, and these energies correspond to visible and UV light energies. The energy listed for each level is the ionization energy, which is the energy needed to remove an electron. Any energy larger than or equal to the ionize any level in hydrogen gas c) not true. d) The Compton effect shows this ability to strip electrons. e) An x ray is an EM wave and like all waves should diffract. Since the wavelength is so small, they would have to be diffracted by very small openings such as crystal structures in atoms.
- 21. From $p=h/\lambda$, they are inverses.
- A) Not true. When particles came near the nucleus, most of them were deflected up or down through angles less than 90. A few of them, were deflected back at angles larger than 90.
 B) TRUE Previous models could not accounts for the particles that got scattered through large angles. These large angle scattering events prompted Rutherford to conclude a concentrated + nucleus to produce this result.
- 23. Electron jumps could happen as follows 4–3,3–2,2–1 ... or 4–2, 2–1 ... or 4–3, 3–1 ... or 4–1. In these emissions from the differences in the energy level graph, we can make all of the energy difference choices except 4 eV.

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24.	Big λ means the least energy based on E=hc/ λ . The least energy corresponds to the smallest energy level jump which is 4–3.	E
25.	The photoelectric effect is the main proof of lights particle nature. All of the other choices are	C
26.	The Davisson–Germer experiment involves the diffraction of electron particles through a nickel crystal. Since these particles diffracted, this demonstrated the wave nature of particles.	C
27.	This is explained in question 16. K is based on the work function (which is based on the nature of the surface) and K is also based on the frequency of the incoming light.	D
28.	The quantization of energy levels is from de Broglie and the relationship of momentum to wavelength through matter–waves. de Broglie theorized that electrons have wavelike properties and must exist in whole number multiples of wavelengths around an orbit to so they interfere constructively and do not get knocked out.	А
29.	An obscure fact. Since the emission of X–ray photons are high energy, they must involve transitions to the lower energy level states since those jumps deal with high energy differences between states.	А
30.	The Davission–Germer experiment is discussed in question 26. The other two choices have nothing to do with matter–waves.	В
31.	From p=h/ λ , 2x p means $\frac{1}{2}$ the wavelength.	В
32.	Rutherford's experiment was not a quantum concept; it was on the atomic level and led to a model of the atom. All of the other choices involve a quantization effect or particle nature of light which are quantum concepts.	А
33.	From p=h/ λ , and c=f λ p = hf/c. There is a direct relationship between p and f.	А
34.	The K of each photoelectron is given by. $K = hf - \phi$. To reduce the energy of each photon, we need less f (which means more λ) for the incoming light. Since intensity is directly related to the number of photoelectrons emitted we want to increase the intensity.	В
35.	A fact. The Pauli exclusion principle involves the filling of orbitals by electrons and how many electrons fill each orbital. This is related to the quantum state of the electrons in each level.	В
36.	Same as question 15.	А
37.	The photoelectric current is directly related to the number of photoelectrons emitted; the more photoelectrons the more the current. Also, the # of photoelectrons is directly related to the intensity. This means that photoelectric current and intensity also have a direct relationship. When we are above the threshold frequency, 0 intensity would correspond to 0 current, but as intensity increases, the current increases proportionally.	D
38.	We find the total energy produced in 1 second and then use the energy of 1 photon to determine how many photons would be emitted.	C
	Total energy = W = Pt = 50000 (1 sec) = 50000 J = $5x10^4$	
	Energy of 1 photon E = hc / λ = 2x10 ⁻²⁵ / 4 = 0.5x10 ⁻²⁵ = 5x10 ⁻²⁶	

Total Energy / Energy of 1 photon = # photons released. $5x10^4$ / $5x10^{-26}$ = 10^{30}

39.	From the equation. $\phi = hf_o \dots f = \phi/h$	А
40.	Energy of a photon is related to frequency. The red light has a lower frequency and thus less energy per photon. Intensity is the total energy of the beam. To have the same intensity, there would need to be more of the lower energy red photons.	E
41.	The energy of the electrons is the kinetic energy given by $W = Vq = K$. Doubling the voltage doubles the energy of the electrons. The emitted x-ray energy coming from the electron energy is given by E=hf and with double the energy there should be double the frequency.	E

SECTION B - Nuclear Physics

	Solution	Answer
1.	1 u = 1.66×10^{-27} is 1/12 of carbon 12 and is approximately the same as a proton mass.	Е
2.	For a positron to be emitted, the oxygen must have undergone beta+ decay, which is the opposite of beta ⁻ decay. In beta+ decay a proton turns into a neutron + the emitted beta particle. The mass number stays the same (P+N still the same), but the atomic number goes down by 1 since there is 1 less proton.	В
3.	An alpha particle is ${}^{4}\text{He}_{2}$ so reduce the atomic mass by 4 and the atomic number by 2.	А
4.	In beta ⁻ decay, a neutron turns into a proton. Atomic mass same, mass number +1.	Е
5.	Equate E=hf to E=mc ² m = hf/c ² .	В
6.	For everything to add up properly, we need $\dots \frac{1}{0}$ which is a neutron.	D
7.	Same as above.	D
8.	Definition of alpha particle.	А
9.	Uranium split by a neutron is called fission.	А
10.	Merging together two elements (He usually being one of them) is called fusion.	В
11.	This is the definition of Beta ⁻ decay.	В
12.	The mass number has changed by 28, the atomic number has changed by 10. 7 alpha particles $({}^{4}\text{He}_{2})*7$ equates to a loss of 28 for atomic mass and 14 for atomic number. If only the alpha particles were emitted, 4 protons would be missing. Those protons must have come from the conversion of neutrons into protons which would happen with the release of 4 beta particles.	В
13.	To balance the nuclear reaction, the sum of the values across the "top" and across the "bottom" must match That is, we have $4 + 9 = 12 + A \rightarrow A = 1$ and $2 + 4 = 6 + Z \rightarrow Z = 0$. This gives us a particle with 1 nucleon, but 0 protons. This is a neutron.	E
14.	Conservation of charge is required. Eliminating an electron by itself violates this. <i>However</i> , when and electron $(-)$ meets a positron $(+)$ the matter and antimatter can annihilate to produce energy and the $+$ and $-$ charges can neutralize to conserve charge just as a side note.	E
15.	Simply balances the numbers across the top and bottom arrives at choice E.	Е
16.	This is the similar to problem 12. Beta particles do not change the atomic mass number since there is simply a conversion between nucleons, so the only way to reduce the mass number is by emitting alpha particles. The mass number goes down by 32 and each alpha particle reduces it by 4 so 8 alpha particles are needed. 8 alpha particles by themselves would also reduce the atomic # by 16, but it only ends up reduced by 10 so there are 6 protons needed. These 6 protons come from the beta decay where 6 neutrons turn into protons and release 6 beta particles.	D
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17. For everything to add up properly, we need $\dots \frac{1}{1}$ which is a proton.	А
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18.	Gamma emission is pure energy so no particles change.	Е
19.	First in the alpha decay, the atomic mass goes down by 4 and the atomic number goes down by 2 leaving $^{214}X_{82}$ then in the two beta decays, a neutron turns into a proton each time increasing the atomic number by two leaving $^{214}X_{84}$.	В
20.	Simply make sure everything adds up to get the missing piece.	А
21.	$^{214}\text{Pb}_{82} \rightarrow X + {}^{0}\text{e}_{-1} \dots \text{For everything to add up, we need } {}^{214}X_{83}$	Е
22.	In a nuclear reaction, the total mass before must be larger than the total mass after since some of the mass will be 'missing' afterwards (mass defect) in the form of released energy.	C
23.	In this reaction, two light elements are fusing together and producing a heavier element. This is fusion.	E
24.	The reaction is as follows ${}^{1}p_{1} + {}^{14}N_{7} \rightarrow {}^{11}C_{6} + X \dots$ to make it all add up X must be an alpha.	D
25.	We start with 2 neutrons and 1 proton. In beta decay with the emission of an electron, the process involves a neutron turning into a proton. The resulting nucleus would have 1 neutron and 2 protons. An atomic number of 2 is defined as He. It is ${}^{3}\text{He}_{2}$ which is an isotope of ${}^{4}\text{He}_{2}$.	A
26.	A beta particle, like all matter, can exhibit wave properties. Since the particle is so small, it can more readily show these wave properties than normal size matter.	E
27.	Using $E=mc^2$ with twice the mass since two particles are destroyed = $(2*9.1x10^{-31})(3x10^8)^2 = 1.64x10^{-13} J \dots 2.63x10^{-13} J*(1 eV / 1.6x10^{-19} J) = 1.02x10^6 eV.$ This is the total energy released, and since there are two photons we split it in half.	A
28.	To conserve momentum, the photons must move in opposite directions.	E
29.	For everything to add up properly, 3 neutrons are needed.	В
30.	 I. is Not True, for the following reason: In fission, and U-235 nucleus is broken into fragments that make smaller elements + neutrons + energy. The fragments created are not always the same and there is a statistical probability of which fragments can be created. The reaction provided in this problem is the most probable but other elements can be formed such as the following U-235 fission reaction: U-235 + n → Zr-94 + Te-139 + 3n + energy. There are actually many combinations of fragments that can be released. Small amounts of mass are missing as released energy but adding the whole numbers of the reaction will always balance the equation for a given reaction. II. is TRUE. As explained above, as small amount of the mass will be missing in the form of energy after the reaction completes. This is necessary to produce the energy from the reaction. III. is Not True. Again as explained in the first paragraph. There will be a small amount of mass missing but adding the whole numbers before and after will always result in the same numbers of particles for a fission reaction. 	Α
31.	$F_g=Gmm/r^2 \dots F_e = kqq/r^2 \dots$ The electric and gravitational forces are inverse squared as shown from the equations here. Nuclear is not. This is fact and we don't know why. It was one of Einstein's last puzzles and he considered it a great failure of his to not solve this. It is called grand unification theory that attempts to combine all of the four fundamental forces into one unified force. It is a hot topic in modern physics that is as of yet unsolved.	C

32. This is the definition of an isotope. Same atomic number so same number of protons. Different numbers of neutrons make it an isotope. Also a baseball team on The Simpsons.

А

33. Some reactions conserve all of these, others do not. Clearly the numbers of protons is not conserved as evidenced by beta decay. The "number" of nuclei is more often conserved but in some reactions such as annihilation the nuclei are disintegrated and converted into energy. This agrees with the law of conservation of matter and energy, but when looking at the total numbers of particles before and the total numbers of particles after, you would say that number is not conserved. Charge is a fundamental conservation law and it always conserved. Even in the annihilation example, the net charge before was zero and is zero after.

34.	$^{214}\text{Pb}_{82} \rightarrow {}^{0}\text{B}_{-1} + \gamma + ? \dots \text{ For everything to add up, the missing product is } {}^{214}\text{X}_{83}$	D
35.	This is a fact about stable elements. Generally 'light' elements are stable and have equal or near equal numbers of protons and neutrons. Ex: ${}^{16}O_8$, ${}^{4}He_2$. However, even for light elements, isotopes where there are more neutrons than protons become unstable. Heavier elements on the periodic table are naturally unstable and decay into smaller stable elements. For example. ${}^{238}U_{92}$ is unstable and will undergo decay until is turns into stable lead. Clearly U-238 has a lot more neutrons that protons and this excess is a sign of instability.	A
36.	This is a mass defect question. The energy released in the reaction is equal the equivalence of the missing mass comparing the products and reactants.	C
37.	For everything to add up we need a helium nucleus (alpha particle).	D

38. These are all true statements about binding energy.

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SECTION A – Quantum Physics and Atom Models

1975B5.

a) $E_a = hc / \lambda_a = (1.24 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ eV} \bullet \text{nm}) / 600 \text{ nm} = 2.07 \text{ eV}$

b) $E_c = E_a + E_b = 2.07 \text{ eV} + hc / \lambda_b = 2.07 + (1240 \text{ eV}-nm) / 300 \text{ nm} = 6.2 \text{ eV}$

 $E_c = hc \ / \ \lambda_c \quad \dots \quad 6.2 = 1240 \ / \ \lambda_c \quad \dots \quad \lambda_c = 200 \ nm$

c) For the range of frequencies input, only those that match the exact transitions will be absorbed. Only the A level transition of 600 nm wavelength matches the input light so that will be the one absorbed causing an upward jump along the A level line.





b) From the graph, the threshold frequency occurs at zero K. This is about 0.75×10^{15} Hz

A result could be obtained using the work function. The y intercept of the graph is the work function (3 eV) and the work function is given by $\phi=hf_o$... $3 eV = (4.14 \times 10^{-15} eV \bullet s) f_o$ $f_o = 7.25 \times 10^{14} Hz$

- c) From above, the work function is 3 eV
- d) From $K = V_{stop}q$.. and $K = hf \phi$... we have ... $V_{stop} q = hf \phi$ $V_{stop} (1e) = (4.14 \text{ x } 10^{-15} \text{ eV} \bullet \text{s}) (2x10^{15}) - 3 \text{ eV}$... $V_{stop} = 5.28 \text{ V}$

Alternatively, you could look up the K value from the graph corresponding to the given frequency, then plug into K=Vq and solve for V.

e.) There is most likely a magnetic field nearby to make the electrons move in circles.





II. Rutherford scattering



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III. Compton scattering



b) Interference fringes produced by the two reflected beams were observed in the telescope. It was found that these fringes did not shift when the table was rotated

b) The experiment refuted the hypothesis that there is a "luminiferous ether" in space through which light propagates. The null result of the experiment indicated that the speed of light is constant, independent of its direction of propagation.

b) The detector revealed that alpha particles were scattered in various directions as they passed through the gold foil. While most of the particles were deflected only slightly, a few were scattered through very large angles.

c) Rutherford concluded that an atom is mostly empty space, with all the positive charge being concentrated in a small, dense nucleus. This experiment refuted the alternative "plum pudding" model of the atom, according to which positive charges were distributed throughout the atom.

b) Compton observed that x-rays were scattered through various angles as a result of their collision with electrons in the target. The larger the angle through which an x-ray was scattered, the more its wavelength had increased. The energy lost by the x-rays appeared as kinetic energy of the electrons.

c) The dependence of wavelength on scattering angle was explained by a model which treated x-rays as massless particles (photons) and used conservation of linear momentum and energy to analyze photon–electron collisions. A model of x-rays as

electromagnetic waves without particle properties could not explain the experimental data. Compton concluded that electromagnetic radiation has particle properties as well as wave properties.

IV. Davisson-Germer experiment



b) Electrons were reflected from the crystal, with the angle of reflection equal to the angle of incidence. The fraction of electrons reflected was unusually large for certain values of θ . The same phenomenon has earlier been observed in connection with scattering of x-rays and explained as an interference effect.

c) It was concluded that electrons have wave properties, with their wavelength inversely proportional to their linear momentum, and that the mathematics of waves can be used to be "particles"

explain the behavior of what had been though to be "particles".

a)

1983B6.

a) Using K = hf – ϕ for each set of results we get two equations: 3 = h (1.5x10¹⁵) – ϕ ... and ... 1 = h (1x10¹⁵) – ϕ

Substituting for the work function ϕ from 1 equation into the other and solving for h, we get h = 4 eV•s

- b) Plug h back into either of the above equation to get $\phi = 3 \text{ eV}$
- c) The energy of the green light is given by $E = hc / \lambda_{green} \dots E = (1240 \text{ eV-nm}) / 500 \text{ nm} = 2.48 \text{ eV}.$ The energy of the green light is less than the work function so no photoelectrons will be emitted.

1985B6.

a) E = hf ... $5.5 = (4.14 x 10^{-15} \text{ eV-s}) f$... $f = 1.33 x 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$

b) i. From the -1eV state, the following transitions could happen -1ev → -3eV → -5.5 →, or -1ev → -5.5eV, three different possible energy differences: 2eV, 2.5 eV and 4.5 eV
 Using E = hc / λ ... with hc = 1240 eV-nm, and the energies above give the following wavelengths λ₁ = 621 nm, λ₂ = 497 nm λ₁ = 276 nm

ii. The visible range is 400–700 nm, so the 1^{st} and 2^{nd} wavelengths are in that range.

Ground State

1987B6.

a) $K = V_{stop} q$... (3V)(1e) = 3 eV

- b) $K = hf \phi$, $V_{stop} q = hf \phi$... is of the form y = mx + b, with the slope being h. Slope $= 6.4x10^{-34}$ J-s
- c) From the above equation of the graph, the y intercept is the work function. We can extend the line down and use a ruler to determine the location, but since there is no scale below y=0 we are better with an alternative solution. At the threshold frequency, the K=0 since the work function is equal to the threshold frequency energy. So we can read the frequency off the graph where the energy is zero and use if the find the work function. $\phi = hf_o = (6.4x10^{-34} \text{ J-s})(5x10^{14}) = 3.2x10^{-19} \text{ J.}$



- 5.5

1988B6. a) $c = f\lambda$... $3x10^8 = f (500x10^{-9})$... $f = 6x10^{14}$ Hz. This is the threshold frequency since it is the minimum for photoelectric emission b) $\phi = hf_o = 2.5 \text{ eV}$ c) $K = E_{in} - \phi$... $V_{stop} q = E_{in} - \phi$... (3)(1e) $= E_{in} - 2.5 \text{ eV}$... $E_{in} = 5.5 \text{ eV}$ d) $E_{in} = hc / \lambda$... $5.5 = (1240) / \lambda$... $\lambda = 230 \text{ nm}$

1990B5.

a) Using energy conservation $U_e = K$... $Vq = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$... $(12000)(1.6x10^{-19}) = \frac{1}{2} (9.11x10^{-31}) v^2$ $v = 6.5x10^7 m/s$ b) I = q/t ... 0.01 = Q/(1s) ... $Q = 0.01 C * (1e/1.6x10^{-19}C)$... $= 6.25x10^{16} e$. c) K = Vq = E = hf (12000 v)(1 e) $= (4.14x10^{-15} eV-s) f$... $f = 2.9x10^{18} Hz$. d) $c = f\lambda$... $\lambda = 1x10^{-10} m$ e) $p = h/\lambda = 6.6xx10^{-34}/1x10^{-10} = 6.4 x 10^{-24} kg-m/s$

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{1991B6.} \\ a) \ m \ \lambda_B = d \ x \ / \ L & \dots & (1) \ (5.5 x 10^{-7}) = d \ (1.2 x 10^{-2}) \ / \ (0.85) & d = 3.9 x 10^{-5} \ m \\ b) \ m \ \lambda_a = d \ x \ / \ L & \dots & (1) \ (4.4 x 10^{-7}) = (3.9 x 10^{-5}) \ x \ / \ (0.85) & x = 9.6 x 10^{-3} \ m \\ c) \ \varphi = \ hf_o = \ hc \ / \ \lambda_o = (1240) \ / \ 600 \ nm = 2.1 \ eV \\ d) \ K = \ hc \ / \ \lambda - \ \varphi = (1240) \ / \ 440 \ - 2.1 = 0.75 \ eV \end{array}$

1992B4.

a) Using E = hc / λ , with hc =1240 ... each energy is E₁ = 6 eV, E₂ = 8.5 eV


1993B6.

a) The max frequency would be when all of the K is converted to x-ray energy. $K = Vq \dots E = hf \dots (70000)(1.6x10^{-19}) = 6.63x10^{-34} f \dots f = 1.69x10^{19} Hz.$

b) $p = h / \lambda$... $c = f \lambda$... p = hf / c ... $p = 3.73 \times 10^{-23} \text{ kg-m/s}$

- c) From energy conservation, the total energy before must equal the energy after $E_{photon(i)} = E_{photon(f)} + E_{electron} \quad \dots \quad hf_i = hf_f + K_e \quad \dots \quad (6.63 \times 10^{-34})(1.69 \times 10^{19}) = (6.63 \times 10^{-34})(1.64 \times 10^{19}) + K_e \\ K_e = 3.31 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}$
- d) The energy of the recoiled electron can help us find its momentum. Using $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ $3.31x10^{-16} J = \frac{1}{2} 9.11x10^{-31} v^2$... $v = 2.7x10^7 m/s$ $p = (9.11x10^{-31})(2.7x10^7) = 2.46x10^{-23} kg-m/s$

e) $p = h / \lambda$... $2.46x10^{-23} = (6.6x10^{-34}) / \lambda$... $\lambda = 2.7x10^{-11}$ m

1994B3.



From $K = hf - \phi$ which is an equation of form y = mx + bIt is clear that the slope is h.

Use points on the line to find the slope. Only one of the data points is on the line, so we have to choose an arbitrary second point on the line to find the slope such as $(x=9x10^{14}, y=1.6 \text{ eV})$. Using this point and the first data point we get

$$h = 3.75 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV-s}$$

1995B4.

This question is a slightly different energy level question. Rather than absorbing light photons of energy to excite electrons in the atom, this atom captures a free electron. This electron is captured from outside the atom and enters from the highly excited E=0 state, and will have the full ionization energy of 13.6 eV. It will then undergo transitions to lower energy level states giving off its energy by emission of light photons from the atom as described in the problem.

- a) $E = hc / \lambda$... $10.2 = 1240 / \lambda$... $\lambda = 122 \text{ nm}$
- b) i. There were two total energy emissions described in the problem. The first is unknown and the second is 10.2 eV which must have been a due to a drop to the ground state from the -3.4 eV state based on the energy level diagram provided. Since the second drop went from $-3.4 \text{ eV} \rightarrow -13.6 \text{ eV}$... the first drop must have brought the electron to the -3.4 eV state and we know it started out at E=0 since it was initially captured from outside the atom. This means the first photon energy emitted must have been 3.4 eV to get it into that state and make the second drop described. ... $E_a = 3.4 \text{ eV}$

ii.
$$E = hf$$
 ... $3.4 eV = (4.14x10^{-15}) f$... $f = 8.2x10^{14} Hz$.





- d) i. When more than the ionization energy is provided to an electron in a level, the electron will escape the atom and the excess energy above the ionization energy will be in the form of KE. 15 eV 13.6 eV = 1.4 eV.
 - ii. Using the energy of the electron determine its speed. $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 ...$ (1.4eV*1.6x10⁻¹⁹ J / eV) = $\frac{1}{2} (9.11x10^{-31}) v^2 ... v = 7x10^5 m/s$

Then,
$$p = h / \lambda$$
 ... $mv = h / \lambda$... $(9.11 \times 10^{-31})(7 \times 10^5) = (6.63 \times 10^{-34}) / \lambda$... $\lambda = 1 \times 10^{-9}$ m

1997B6.

a&b) i. Rutherford ... see 1987B7

- ii. Michelson-Morley ... see 1987B7
- iii. Photoelectric-effect



Observations:

- The light creates a current in the circuit above a threshold frequency.
- Above the cutoff frequency, the maximum kinetic energy of the electrons is proportional to
- the frequency.
- The amount of current is proportional to the intensity of the light.

Conclusions:

Light is made of packets of energy (photons)

- Light has a particle nature in addition to the wave nature
- Different metals have different work functions to be overcome before electrons are released.

c)



Finding the energy of the 400 nm light.
$E = hc / \lambda$ $E = 1240 / 400 \text{ nm}$ $E = 3.1 \text{ eV}$
When this is absorbed in the -5eV state, it would move
up to the -1.9 eV state.

Find the energy of the 600 nm light $E = hc / \lambda \dots E = 1240 / 600 \text{ nm} \dots E = 2.1 \text{ eV}$

From the diagram, we can see that the energy difference between the 400 nm λ drop and the 600 nm λ drop is the missing emission not accounted for. This energy difference is 1 eV. The λ of a 1 eV photon emission can be found with $E = hc / \lambda \dots 1 eV = 1240 / \lambda \dots \lambda = 1240$ nm, which is outside of the visible range (400–700)

1998B7.

a) Diffraction grating: Since the screen distance is 1 m and the first order line is at 0.428 m, the angle is not small and the small angle approximation cannot be used. Instead we find the angle with $\tan \theta$ and use $m\lambda = d \sin \theta$. First find d. d = 600 lines / mm = 1/600 mm / line = 0.00167 mm / line = 1.67×10^{-6} m / line.

 $\tan \theta = o/a$... $\tan \theta = 0.428 / 1$... $\theta = 23^{\circ}$... Then, $m\lambda = d \sin \theta$... (1) $\lambda = (1.67 \times 10^{-6}) \sin 23^{\circ}$ $\lambda = 6.57 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 657 \text{ nm}$

b) First find the energy of the red light emission. $E = hc / \lambda$... E = 1240/657 = 1.89 eV emitted

In the problem, the n=2 level energy state is given by $E_n = -13.6 / n^2 = E_2 = -13.6 / 2^2 = -3.4 \text{ eV}$

Since the red light was an emission of 1.89 eV, this is the energy that was removed from the initial level to end up in the -3.4 eV level, \rightarrow it must have originated in a higher energy level (less negative) which can be found by adding back that emitted energy -3.4 + 1.89 = -1.51. Plugging this back into the provided equation, $E_n = -13.6 / n^2$

 $-1.51 = -13.6 / n^2 \dots n^2 = 9$, so n = 3 is the original level.

c) Referring to the calculation of d from part a .. d = 1/800 mm / line which is a smaller d value. Less d means sin θ must increase so the angle is larger and the location of the line would be further out.

2000B5.

- a) i. $K = V_{stop} q$... K = (4.5V)(1e) = 4.5 eVii. $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$... $4.5eV^*(1.6x10^{-19} J/eV) = \frac{1}{2} (9.11x10^{-31})v^2$... $v = 1.26x10^6 m/s$
- b) From $K = E_{in} \phi$... $4.5 \text{ eV} = E_{in} 2.3 \text{ eV}$... $E_{in} = 6.8 \text{ eV}$ $E = hc / \lambda$... $6.8 = 1240 / \lambda$... $\lambda = 182 \text{ nm}$

c) $E_{min} = \phi$... $hf_o = \phi$... $(4.14x10^{-15}) f_o = 2.3$... $f_o = 5.56x10^{14} \text{ Hz}.$

2002B7.

a) $E = hc / \lambda$... $(1.99 \times 10^{-25} \text{ J-m}) / 2 \times 10^{-11}$... $E = 9.9 \times 10^{-15} \text{ J}$

b) $p = h / \lambda$... $6.63 \times 10^{-34} / 2 \times 10^{-11}$... 3.3×10^{-23} kg-m/s

- c) Due to energy conservation, the total energy before must equal the total energy after. Since some of the energy after is given to the electron, the new photon would have less energy than the original. From $E = hc / \lambda$, less energy would mean a larger λ .
- d) First determine the λ of the new photon. $\lambda_{new} = \lambda_{old} + \Delta \lambda$... with $\Delta \lambda$ given in the problem as $2h/m_ec \lambda_{new} = 2x10^{-11} + (2*6.63x10^{-34}/(9.11x10^{-31}*3x10^8)) \dots \lambda_{new} = 2.5x10^{-11} m$

Using momentum conservation

 $p_{photon(i)} = -p_{photon(new)} + p_{electron}$ (the new photon has – momentum since it moves in the opposite direction).

From this equation we get ... $p_{electron} = p_{photon(i)} + p_{photon(new)}$ (with $p = h/\lambda$ for each photon)

 $p_{electron} = (h/\lambda_i + h/\lambda_{new}) = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} (1/2 \times 10^{-11} + 1/2.5 \times 10^{-11}) \dots = 6 \times 10^{-23} \text{ kg-m/s}$

B2002B7.

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a) Determine the speed of the electrons ... K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 ...
3.7eV*(1.6x10<sup>-19</sup>J/eV) = \frac{1}{2} (9.11x10^{-31})v^2 ... v = 1.14x10^6 m/s
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$$p = h / \lambda$$
 ... $mv = h / \lambda$... $(9.11 \times 10^{-31})(1.14 \times 10^{6}) = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} / \lambda$... $\lambda = 6.38 \times 10^{-10} m$

b) $E = hc / \lambda$... $3.7 = 1240 / \lambda$... $\lambda = 335 \text{ nm}$

c)



B2003B7.



a)

i. The ground state was given in the problem

ii. The first excited state corresponds to the absorption of the 400 nm photon. This energy is given by $E = hc / \lambda$... 1240/400 = 3.1 eV. Moving from a state of -5 eV and absorbing 3.1 eV moves you up to the higher excited state of -1.9 eV.

iii. After reaching the excited state, the electron makes two visible drops. It drops back down the ground state emitting the 400 nm photon, or it emits the 600 nm photon. This photon corresponds to an energy of 2.1 eV (found with $E = hc / \lambda$ again). Starting at -1.9eV and emitting 2.1 eV would put you in the -4eV level.

From the diagram above, the emission not yet analyzed is from the 'other' state to the ground state. That emission corresponds to an energy release of 1 eV. The λ of this emission can be found with $E = hc / \lambda$. Giving $\lambda = 1240$ nm. Since this is outside of the visible spectrum, it is not 'seen', but it does occur.

2004B6.

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a) Based on the series and parallel configuration. M_1 = voltmeter M_2 = ammeter
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c) From K = hf – ϕ (y=mx+b) ... h is found with the slope using the 1st and 3rd points since they are on the line. h = 4.3x10⁻¹⁵ eV-s

d) The slope of the graph must be the same since its Planck's constant. A larger work function will required a larger threshold frequency and thus shift the graph to the right. Additionally, the y intercept is the work function and to increase the y intercept, the graph would likewise have to be shifted to the right.

B2004B6.



d) Using energy conservation. $E_{photon(i)} = E_{photon(f)} + E_{nucleus} \dots$ so the nucleus energy is the difference of the photon energy before and after found with hc / λ . $\Delta E = hc (1 / \lambda_f - 1 / \lambda_i) =$

 $(1.22 x 10^{-25}) (1 / 1.4 x 10^{-14} - 1 / 1.408 x 10^{-14}) = 8.08 \ x \ 10^{-14} \ J.$

2005B7.



a) $E = hc / \lambda$... E = 1240 / 450 = 2.8 eV 2.8eV *1.6x10⁻¹⁹J/eV = 4.4x10⁻¹⁹ J

b) Using the beam power W = Pt = $(2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W})(5 \text{min}*60 \text{s/min}) = 0.75 \text{ J}$ Total energy / energy of each photon = total # photons. $0.75 \text{ J} / 4.4 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/photon} = 1.7 \times 10^{18} \text{ photons}$.

c) K=V_{stop}q ... $\frac{1}{2}$ mv² = V_{stop}e ... $\frac{1}{2}$ (9.11x10⁻³¹)v² = (0.86)(1.6x10⁻¹⁹) ... v = 5.5x10⁵ m/s

d) $p = h / \lambda$... $mv = h / \lambda$... $(9.11x10^{-31})(5.5x10^5) = (6.63x10^{-34}) / \lambda$... $\lambda = 1.3 \text{ nm}$

2006B6.

a) $E = hc / \lambda$... E = 1240 / 15 nm ... E = 82.7 eV $*1.6x 10^{-19} \text{J/eV} = 1.33x 10^{-17} \text{ J}$

- b) $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \dots 1.33x10^{-17} = \frac{1}{2} (9.11x10^{-31}) v^2 \dots v = 5.4x10^6 m/s$ $p = h / \lambda \dots mv = h / \lambda \dots (9.11x10^{-31})(5.4x10^6) = 6.63x10^{-34} / \lambda \dots \lambda = 1.35x10^{-10} m$
- c) A beam of electrons shot through a double slit produces a double slit diffraction pattern with bands of maximums and minimums. This demonstrates interference which is a wave property. Davisson–Germer is also an experiment showing the wave nature of electrons. Since the question asks to describe the experiment, details of the experiment are required. See 1982B7 for the details.

2008B7.

a) $p = h / \lambda$... $p = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} / 0.038 \times 10^{-9}$... $p = 1.74 \times 10^{-23} \text{ kg-m/s}$

- b) p = mv ... $1.74x10^{-23} = (9.11x10^{-31}) v$... $v = 1.91x10^7 m/s$... then $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$... $= 1.66x10^{-16} J$
- c) $K = V_{stop} q$... $1.66 x 10^{-16} = V (1.6 x 10^{-19})$... $V = 1.04 x 10^3 V$
- d) Minimum frequency is when the incoming energy exactly equals the work function. $hf_o = \phi \quad \dots \quad (4.14 \times 10^{-15}) f_o = 4.5 \quad \dots \quad f_o = 1.09 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}.$

B2008B7.

- a) $E = hc / \lambda$... $1.02x10^{6} eV = 1240 / \lambda$... $\lambda = 1.2x10^{-3} nm$
- b) $p = h / \lambda$... $6.63 \times 10^{-34} / 1.2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$... $= 5.43 \times 10^{-22} \text{ kg-m/s}$
- c) From conservation of momentum, the momentum before is zero so the momentum after is also zero. To conserve momentum after, the momentum of the photon must be equal and opposite to the momentum of the Al nucleus. $p_{photon} = p_{nucleus} = m_{al}v_{al} \dots 5.43x10^{-22} = 4.48x10^{-26}v_{al} \dots v_{al} = 1.21x10^4 \text{ m/s}$
- d) $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} (4.48 x 10^{-26})(1.21 x 10^4)^2 = 3.28 x 10^{-18} J$

2009B7.

- a) $p = h / \lambda$... $mv = h / \lambda$... $(9.11x10^{-31})v = 6.63x10^{-34} / 0.85x10^{-9}$... $v = 8.56x10^5 \text{ m/s}$ $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} (9.11x10^{-31})(8.56x10^5)^2 = 3.34x10^{-19} \text{ J}$
- b) $K = E_{in} \phi$... $K = hc / \lambda \phi$... $3.34x10^{-19} = 1.99x10^{-25} / 250x10^{-9} \phi$... $\phi = 4.62x10^{-19} J = 2.89 eV$
- c) From $E = hc / \lambda$, a bigger λ means a smaller energy. The X emission of 400 nm is a smaller energy than the 250 nm photon. Since the photon was "created" from this transition, it must be an emission so we should go down energy levels with an energy difference larger than the X level difference. This would be transition d.

B2009B6.

a) From the given formula, the energy levels 1,2,3 correspond to E_1 , $4E_1$, $9E_1$



- b) Smallest frequency absorption corresponds to the smallest energy difference, which is $n2-n1 = 3E_1$. The frequency of this absorption can be determined from E=hf ... $3E_1 = hf$... $f = 3E_1 / h$
- c) The second excited state is n=3, there are three possible transitions to the ground state shown above.
- d) The highest energy emission corresponds to $n3 \rightarrow n1 \dots \Delta E = 8E_1$. The wavelength of this photon can be found with $E = hc / \lambda \dots 8E_1 = hc / \lambda \dots \lambda = hc / 8E_1$

Supplemental.

- a) Calculating the energies of each emission provided $E_I = hc / \lambda_I$, $E_{II} = hc / \lambda_{II}$ $E_I = 3.1 \text{ eV}$ $E_{II} = 1.77 \text{ eV}$ Transition III is the combination of the 2 above energies, $E_{III} = 4.87 \text{ eV} \dots$ finding the λ of this energy. $E = hc / \lambda \dots 4.87 \text{ eV} = 1240 / \lambda \dots \lambda_{III} = 255 \text{ nm}.$
- b) $K = E_{in} \phi = 4.87 2.1 = 2.77 \text{ eV}$ *(1.6x10⁻¹⁹ J/eV) = 4.43 x10⁻¹⁹ J
- c) $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \dots 4.43x 10^{-19} = \frac{1}{2} (9.11x 10^{-31}) v^2 \dots v = 9.86x 10^5 m/s$ $p = h / \lambda \dots mv = h / \lambda \dots (9.11x 10^{-31}) (9.86x 10^5) = 6.63x 10^{-34} / \lambda \dots \lambda = 7.38x 10^{-10} m$

<u>SECTION B – Nuclear Physics</u>

1989B6.

- a) $K = \frac{1}{2} \text{ mv}^2$... $\frac{1}{2} (1.6726 \times 10^{-27}) (1.95 \times 10^7)^2 = 3.18 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$
- b) $p_{before} = 0 = p_{after} \rightarrow m_p v_p = m_{he} v_{he} \dots (1.6726 \times 10^{-27})(1.95 \times 10^7) = (6.6483 \times 10^{-27}) v_{he} \dots v_{he} = 4.91 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$

c)
$$K = \frac{1}{2} \text{ mv}^2$$
 ... $\frac{1}{2} (6.6483 \times 10^{-27}) (4.91 \times 10^6)^2 = 8 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J}$

- d) The kinetic energy of both of the product particles comes from the conversion of mass in the reaction. The mass equivalent of the total energy of each particle is found with $E_{total} = m c^2$, with E_{total} the sum of the energies in (a) and (c). The results in a mass equivalent of $4.42 \times 10^{-30} \text{ kg}$
- e) The mass of the lithium nucleus would be the mass equivalence of the energy above, + the mass of each product resulting in $m_{Li} = 8.3253 \times 10^{-27}$ kg

1996B5.

- a) The reaction can be written as follow: $? \rightarrow {}^{252}\text{Fm}_{100} + {}^{4}\text{He}_{2}$. For nucleons to add up properly, the original nucleus must have been ${}^{256}\text{X}_{102}$ (this is called Nobelium. FYI)
- b) $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$... $8.42x10^6 eV * 1.6x10^{-19} J/eV = \frac{1}{2} (4.0026u* 1.66x10^{-27} kg) v^2$... $v = 2.014x10^7 m/s$
- c) The kinetic energy comes from the conversion of mass to energy in the reaction. The mass before the reaction and the mass after the reaction are unequal, this is known as the mass difference. The energy equivalent of this mass difference contributes to the kinetic energy of the alpha particle.
- d) Converting the alpha particle energy into mass equivalence. 8.42 Mev / (931 MeV / u) = 0.009 u.Adding the masses of all the products. 252.08249 + 4.0026 + 0.009 u = 256.094 u
- e) In B⁻ decay, a neutron turns into a proton and releases an electron beta particle. Since there is now one more proton, the atomic number increases by 1.

1999B4.

- a) Since an alpha particle is ${}^{4}\text{He}_{2}$ to conserve the number of nuclei, Thallium must be ${}^{208}\text{Tl}_{81}$
- b) i. $K = \frac{1}{2} \text{ mv}^2$... $6.09 \times 10^6 \text{ eV} (1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV}) = \frac{1}{2} (6.64 \times 10^{-27}) \text{ v}^2$... $v = 1.71 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}$

$$p = mv = (6.64 \times 10^{-27})(1.71 \times 10^4) = 1.14 \times 10^{-19} \text{ kg-m/s}$$

ii. Momentum conservation ... $p_{before} = 0 = p_{after}$... $p_{alpha} = p_{T1}$... $m_a v_a = m_{T1} v_{T1}$ (6.64x10⁻²⁷)(1.71x10⁷) = (208u * 1.66x10⁻²⁷ kg/u) v_{T1} ... $v_{T1} = 3.28x10^5$

$$K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} (208u * 1.66x10^{-27} kg/u) (3.28x10^5)^2 \dots K = 1.86x10^{-14} J$$

c) The energy released is the energy of the products together which were found above and given in the problem $K_a + K_{TI} = 9.93 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$... The masses used above are for the masses for single particles so this energy corresponds to the energy of single particles. A mole is 6.02×10^{23} particles so multiply this individual energy by Avogadro's number to find the total energy in 1 mole = $5.98 \times 10^{11} \text{ J}$.

2001B7.

- a) Mass defect is the difference in mass comparing reactants to products. $\dots \Delta m = 0.0232 \text{ u}$
- b) Convert the mass difference to energy. $0.0232 \text{ u} * 931 \text{ MeV} / \text{u} = 21.6 \text{ MeV} = 3.46 \text{x} 10^{-12} \text{ J}$
- c) From the provided reaction, each reaction requires 3 deuterium atoms to release the energy above. Taking the total energy needed / the energy per reaction will give the # of reactions needed.

 10^{20} J / 3.46x10⁻¹² J/reaction \rightarrow 2.89x10³¹ reactions. Since each reactions uses 3 deuterium atoms, the total atoms needed is 3x this ... = 8.68x10³¹ atoms.

d) Determine the mass of deuterium needed. 8.68×10^{31} atoms $* 2.0141 u = 1.748 \times 10^{32} u$ $1.746 \times 10^{32} u$ * $1.66 \times 10^{-27} kg / u = 290000 kg.$

B2006B6.

a) $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$

b) $p = h / \lambda$... $mv = h / \lambda$... $\lambda = h/mv$

c) The total energy involved here is both the kinetic energy of the particles as well as the energy released from the annihilation of mass (mc²). It's important to remember that the particles were moving before hand so we cannot simply ignore this kinetic energy as part of the total energy.

 $E_{before} = KE_{electron + positron} + rest mass energy of the two particles ... <math>2(\frac{1}{2} mv^2) + 2 mc^2$ After the annihilation, there are two photon particles and they will split this total before energy in half so the energy of each photon is given by $mv^2 + mc^2$ And since in the problem it says v << c this means the rest mass term will dominate the energy so the approximate photon energy is simply $E = mc^2$. You can leave out the kinetic energy term in this derivation but in reality this is part of the energy so you should at least state in the problem that you are omitting it because it is small relative to the rest mass energy.

d)
$$E = hc / \lambda$$
 ... $mc^2 = hc / \lambda$... $\lambda = h/mc$

e) Two photons must be produced in order to conserve momentum. Before the collision, there was zero net momentum since the same mass and velocity particles were moving in opposite directions, so after the collision there must also be zero net momentum. Since after the collision a photon will be moving off in one direction and has a mass equivalent and momentum, there much be another photon moving in the other direction with opposite momentum to conserve the net momentum of zero.

2007B7.

- a) $E = mc^2 = (9.11x10^{-31})(3x10^8)^2 = 8.2x10^{-14} J$ * $(1ev / 1.6x10^{-19} J)$ = $5.12x10^5 eV$
- b) The total energy before is 2x the energy from part "a" since there are two particles of the same mass. After the annihilation, there are two photons that split this total energy, so each photon simply has the energy of one of the two particles $= 5.12 \times 10^5 \text{ eV}$

c)
$$E = hc / \lambda$$
 ... $5.12x10^5 = 1240 / \lambda$... $\lambda = 2.42x10^{-3} nm$

d)
$$p = h / \lambda$$
 ... $4.14x 10^{-15} / 2.42x 10^{-3} = 1.71x 10^{-12} \text{ eV-s} / \text{ nm}$

- **B2007B7.** This is the process of pair–production, creation of particles from energy a) $E = mc^2 = (9.11x10^{-31})(3x10^8)^2 = 8.2x10^{-14} J * 1eV/1.6x10^{-19} J = 5$ $= 5.12 \times 10^5 \text{ eV}$
- b) To cause pair production, 2x the energy of a single electron must be present since 2 'electron-like' particles are created. $2 E_{electron} = 1.02 \times 10^6 \text{ eV}$
- c) $E = hc / \lambda$... $1.02x10^{6} = 1240 / \lambda$... $1.22x10^{-3} nm$
- d) $p = h / \lambda \dots 4.14x 10^{-15} / 1.22x 10^{-3} \dots 3.39x 10^{-12} \text{ eV-s/nm}$