BITSAT Physics Sample Paper – 18

Duration: 40 Minutes **Maximum Marks: 90**

Instructions

- This paper contains **30** Multiple Choice Questions (Single Correct).
- Each correct answer carries **+3 marks**. Each incorrect answer carries -1 mark. Unattempted questions carry **0** marks.
- Only **one** option is correct for each question.
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Q1. An ideal gas undergoes a process in which the pressure varies with volume as $P = \alpha V^2$, where α is a positive constant. If the gas expands from volume V_0 to $2V_0$, the work done by the gas is:

(A) $\dfrac{7\alpha V_0^3}{3}$

(B) $\dfrac{\alpha V_0^3}{3}$

(C) αV_0^3

(D) $\dfrac{2\alpha V_0^3}{3}$

Q2. A Carnot engine operates between a hot reservoir at temperature T_H and a cold reservoir at $T_C = 300\,\text{K}$. When T_H is increased by $60\,\text{K}$ keeping T_C fixed, the efficiency increases from 40% to 50%. The original value of T_H is:

(A) $450\,\text{K}$

(B) $480\,\text{K}$

(C) $500\,\text{K}$

(D) $600\,\text{K}$

Q3. Two moles of a monatomic ideal gas are taken from state A (P_0, V_0) to state B $(2P_0, 2V_0)$ along a straight line on the P-V diagram. The heat absorbed by the gas during this process is:

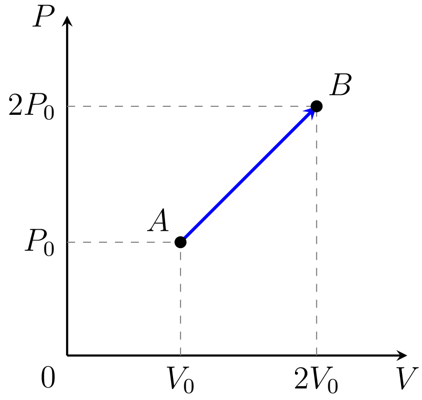


Figure 1: P-V indicator diagram representing the linear thermodynamic path from state A to state B.

(A) $\frac{5}{2}P_0V_0$

(B) $3P_0V_0$

(C) $\frac{13}{2}P_0V_0$

(D) $5P_0V_0$

Q4. A long straight wire carrying current $I_1 = 4\,\text{A}$ lies along the x-axis. A square loop of side $0.1\,\text{m}$ carrying current $I_2 = 2\,\text{A}$ lies in the xy-plane with its nearest side at $y = 0.1\,\text{m}$ and farthest side at $y = 0.2\,\text{m}$ from the wire. The net force on the loop is:

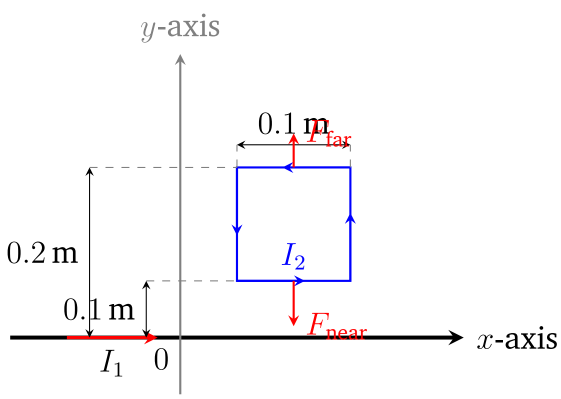


Figure 2: Geometric placement of the current-carrying loop relative to the infinite straight wire on the xy-plane.

(A) $2.67 \times 10^{-7}\,\text{N}$ attractive

(B) $2.67 \times 10^{-7}\,\text{N}$ repulsive

(C) $1.33 \times 10^{-7}\,\text{N}$ attractive

(D) $5.33 \times 10^{-7}\,\text{N}$ repulsive

Q5. A proton and an alpha particle are accelerated through the same potential difference V and then enter a uniform magnetic field B perpendicular to the field. The ratio of the radii of their circular paths $r_p : r_\alpha$ is:

(A) $1 : 2$

(B) $1 : \sqrt{2}$

(C) $1 : 1$

(D) $\sqrt{2} : 1$

Q6. A toroid has $N = 1000$ turns, mean radius $R = 0.5\,\text{m}$, and carries a current of $2\,\text{A}$. A small air gap of length $l_g = 1\,\text{mm}$ is cut in the toroid (the iron core has relative permeability $\mu_r = 1000$). The magnetic field in the air gap is approximately:

(A) $1.26\,\text{T}$

(B) $0.63\,\text{T}$

(C) $0.95\,\text{T}$

(D) $2.51\,\text{T}$

Q7. Light of wavelength $\lambda = 200\,\text{nm}$ is incident on a metal surface with work function $\phi = 3.2\,\text{eV}$. Assuming $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34}\,\text{J s}$ and $c = 3 \times 10^{8}\,\text{m/s}$, the stopping potential is closest to:

(A) $2.0\,\text{V}$

(B) $3.0\,\text{V}$

(C) $3.6\,\text{V}$

(D) $6.2\,\text{V}$

Q8. In the Bohr model of hydrogen, an electron transitions from the $n = 4$ orbit to the $n = 2$ orbit. The wavelength of the emitted photon lies in the:

(A) Lyman series (ultraviolet)

(B) Balmer series (visible)

(C) Paschen series (infrared)

(D) Brackett series (infrared)

Q9. The half-life of a radioactive nuclide is $T_{1/2} = 20$ days. A fresh sample contains N_0 atoms. After 60 days, the number of atoms that have decayed is:

(A) $\dfrac{N_0}{8}$

(B) $\dfrac{3N_0}{4}$

(C) $\dfrac{7N_0}{8}$

(D) $\dfrac{N_0}{4}$

Q10. In a Wheatstone bridge, $P = 10\,\Omega$, $Q = 15\,\Omega$, and $R = 20\,\Omega$. For balance, the resistance S must be:

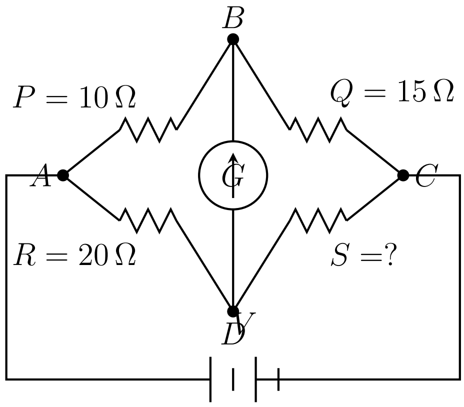


Figure 3: Circuit diagram of the classic four-arm Wheatstone bridge network configuration.

(A) $10\,\Omega$

(B) $20\,\Omega$

(C) $30\,\Omega$

(D) $40\,\Omega$

Q11. A cell of EMF $\varepsilon = 12\,\text{V}$ and internal resistance $r = 2\,\Omega$ is connected to an external resistance R. The power delivered to R is maximum when R equals:

(A) $1\,\Omega$

(B) $2\,\Omega$

(C) $4\,\Omega$

(D) $6\,\Omega$

Q12. A solid conducting sphere of radius R carries a total charge Q. A concentric thin spherical shell of radius $2R$ carries charge $-2Q$. The electric field at a point $r = 3R$ from the centre is:

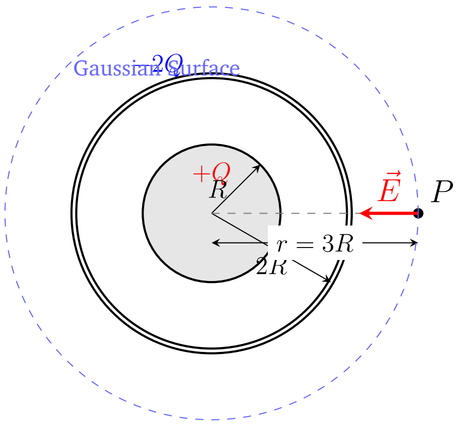


Figure 4: Concentric configuration of the inner solid conducting sphere and the outer thin spherical shell with a Gaussian surface drawn at the observation boundary.

(A) $\dfrac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 \cdot 9R^2}$ outward

(B) $\dfrac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 \cdot 9R^2}$ inward

(C) $\dfrac{2Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 \cdot 9R^2}$ inward

(D) Zero

Q13. Two identical capacitors, each of capacitance $C = 6\,\mu\text{F}$, are first connected in series and charged to a total voltage of $120\,\text{V}$. They are then disconnected and reconnected in parallel (positive plate to positive plate). The final energy stored in the system is:

(A) $21.6\,\text{mJ}$

(B) $43.2\,\text{mJ}$

(C) $10.8\,\text{mJ}$

(D) $8.6\,\text{mJ}$

Q14. A thin convex lens of focal length $f = 20\,\text{cm}$ is placed coaxially in contact with a thin concave lens of focal length $30\,\text{cm}$. An object is placed $80\,\text{cm}$ to the left of the combination. The image is formed at:

(A) $240\,\text{cm}$ to the right

(B) $120\,\text{cm}$ to the right

(C) $80\,\text{cm}$ to the left

(D) $60\,\text{cm}$ to the right

Q15. In Young's double-slit experiment, the slit separation is $d = 0.5\,\text{mm}$ and the screen is at $D = 1\,\text{m}$. When light of wavelength $\lambda_1 = 600\,\text{nm}$ is used, the 4^{th} bright fringe of λ_1 coincides with the n^{th} bright fringe of $\lambda_2 = 400\,\text{nm}$. The value of n is:

(A) 4

(B) 5

(C) 6

(D) 8

Q16. A block of mass $m = 2\,\text{kg}$ rests on a rough inclined plane of angle $\theta = 30°$. The coefficient of static friction is $\mu_s = 0.4$. A horizontal force F is applied to just push the block up the incline. The minimum value of F is (take $g = 10\,\text{m/s}^2$):

(A) $11.5\,\text{N}$

(B) $18.8\,\text{N}$

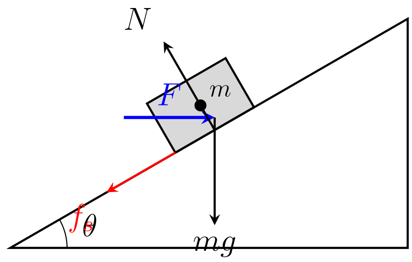


Figure 5: Free-body diagram setup of a block on a rough inclined surface under the action of an external horizontal force.

(C) 16.2 N

(D) 22.3 N

Q17. A system consists of two blocks connected by a massless string over a frictionless pulley. Block A (mass 3 kg) rests on a frictionless horizontal surface; Block B (mass 2 kg) hangs vertically. The tension in the string is:

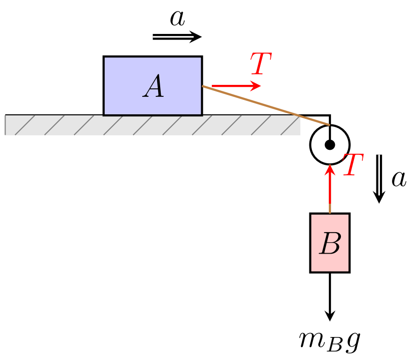


Figure 6: Two-body connected system representing horizontal translational motion coupled to a vertically hanging mass.

(A) 8 N

(B) 12 N

(C) 16 N

(D) 20 N

Q18. A particle of mass m moves along the x-axis under a force $F = -kx^3$, where k is a positive constant. If the particle starts from rest at $x = A$, its speed when it reaches $x = 0$ is:

(A) $A\sqrt{\frac{k}{2m}}$

(B) $A^2\sqrt{\frac{k}{2m}}$

(C) $A^2\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

(D) $A\sqrt{\frac{2k}{m}}$

Q19. A ball of mass 0.5 kg is thrown vertically upward with speed 20 m/s from a height of 5 m above the ground. Taking the ground as the reference level and $g = 10$ m/s^2, the total mechanical energy of the ball at the moment of throw is:

(A) 100 J

(B) 125 J

(C) 75 J

(D) 150 J

Q20. A simple pendulum of length $L = 1$ m oscillates with amplitude $\theta_0 = 5°$ on Earth. The same pendulum is taken to a planet where $g' = g/4$. The ratio of the new time period to the original time period is:

(A) $1 : 2$

(B) $2 : 1$

(C) $4 : 1$

(D) $1 : 4$

Q21. A train moving at $v_s = 30$ m/s sounds a whistle of frequency $f_0 = 800$ Hz. A stationary observer stands beside the track. The difference between the frequencies heard as the train approaches and recedes is (speed of sound $= 330$ m/s):

(A) 120 Hz

(B) 148 Hz

(C) $160\,\text{Hz}$

(D) $180\,\text{Hz}$

Q22. A solid cylinder of mass M and radius R rolls without slipping down an incline of height h. The speed of its centre of mass at the bottom is:

(A) $\sqrt{2gh}$

(B) $\sqrt{\frac{4gh}{3}}$

(C) $\sqrt{\frac{2gh}{3}}$

(D) $\sqrt{\frac{gh}{2}}$

Q23. A thin uniform rod of length L and mass M is pivoted at one end and held horizontal. When released, its angular velocity when it reaches the vertical position is:

(A) $\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$

(B) $\sqrt{\frac{2g}{L}}$

(C) $\sqrt{\frac{3g}{L}}$

(D) $\sqrt{\frac{6g}{L}}$

Q24. A rectangular coil of area $A = 0.04\,\text{m}^2$ and resistance $R = 5\,\Omega$ has $N = 200$ turns. It rotates at $\omega = 100\pi$ rad/s in a uniform magnetic field $B = 0.5\,\text{T}$. The peak current induced in the coil is:

(A) $80\pi\,\text{A}$

(B) $40\pi\,\text{A}$

(C) $200\pi\,\text{A}$

(D) $20\pi\,\text{A}$

Q25. In a series LCR circuit, $L = 0.5\,\text{H}$, $C = 200\,\mu\text{F}$, and $R = 10\,\Omega$. At resonance, the impedance of the circuit equals:

(A) $0\,\Omega$

(B) $10\,\Omega$

(C) $\sqrt{L/C}\,\Omega$

(D) $50\,\Omega$

Q26. In an n-p-n transistor connected in common-emitter configuration, the base current $I_B = 40\,\mu\text{A}$ and the collector current $I_C = 2\,\text{mA}$. The current gain β and the emitter current I_E are:

(A) $\beta = 50$, $I_E = 2.04\,\text{mA}$

(B) $\beta = 50$, $I_E = 1.96\,\text{mA}$

(C) $\beta = 80$, $I_E = 2.04\,\text{mA}$

(D) $\beta = 25$, $I_E = 2.04\,\text{mA}$

Q27. Which of the following correctly describes the behaviour of electromagnetic waves in vacuum?

(A) The electric and magnetic field vectors are parallel to each other and to the direction of propagation.

(B) The electric field vector, magnetic field vector, and the direction of propagation are mutually perpendicular, with $E/B = c$.

(C) The magnetic field amplitude is always greater than the electric field amplitude.

(D) EM waves require a material medium for propagation.

Q28. The period of a simple pendulum is measured as $T = 2.5\,\text{s}$ with an uncertainty of $0.1\,\text{s}$, and the length is measured as $L = 1.55\,\text{m}$ with an uncertainty of $0.01\,\text{m}$. Using $T = 2\pi\sqrt{L/g}$, the percentage error in the calculated value of g is closest to:

(A) 4.6%

(B) 8.6%

(C) 6.4%

(D) 2.3%

Q29. A satellite orbits Earth at a height equal to the Earth's radius R_E above the surface. Taking g_0 as the gravitational acceleration at the surface, the orbital speed of the satellite is:

(A) $\sqrt{g_0 R_E}$

(B) $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{g_0 R_E}$

(C) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{g_0 R_E}$

(D) $\sqrt{2g_0 R_E}$

Q30. Water flows through a horizontal pipe that narrows from cross-sectional area $A_1 = 8\,\text{cm}^2$ to $A_2 = 2\,\text{cm}^2$. The velocity in the wider section is $v_1 = 1\,\text{m/s}$. Using Bernoulli's equation (density of water $\rho = 1000\,\text{kg/m}^3$), the drop in pressure between the two sections is:

(A) $7500\,\text{Pa}$

(B) $15000\,\text{Pa}$

(C) $3750\,\text{Pa}$

(D) $30000\,\text{Pa}$

Detailed Solutions

Q1.

Solution

Concept:
Work done by a gas in a quasi-static process is $W = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} P\,dV$. When pressure varies as $P = \alpha V^2$, substitute this directly into the integral and evaluate between the given limits. This is a non-standard process; no short-cut formula applies and the integral must be computed explicitly.

Solution:
Step 1: Write the work integral with $P = \alpha V^2$:

$$W = \int_{V_0}^{2V_0} \alpha V^2\,dV = \alpha\left[\frac{V^3}{3}\right]_{V_0}^{2V_0}$$

Step 2: Evaluate the limits carefully:

$$W = \frac{\alpha}{3}\left[(2V_0)^3 - (V_0)^3\right] = \frac{\alpha}{3}\left[8V_0^3 - V_0^3\right]$$

Step 3: Simplify the bracket:

$$W = \frac{7\alpha V_0^3}{3}$$

Step 4: Check distractors — Option (B) $\frac{\alpha V_0^3}{3}$: uses only the upper-limit term, ignoring lower-limit contribution. Option (C) αV_0^3: drops the 7/3 factor. Option (D) $\frac{2\alpha V_0^3}{3}$: wrong arithmetic in limit subtraction. Option (A) alone is correct.

Final Answer: $W = \dfrac{7\alpha V_0^3}{3}$

Answer: (A) Go Back to Question 1

Q2.

Solution

Concept:

Carnot efficiency is $\eta = 1 - \frac{T_C}{T_H}$, where T_C and T_H are the cold and hot reservoir temperatures in Kelvin. Given two efficiency values before and after a change in T_H, we set up two simultaneous equations and solve for the original T_H. The cold reservoir temperature $T_C = 300\,\text{K}$ remains fixed throughout.

Solution:

Step 1: Write the original efficiency equation with $\eta_1 = 0.40$:

$$0.40 = 1 - \frac{300}{T_H} \implies \frac{300}{T_H} = 0.60 \implies T_H = \frac{300}{0.60} = 500\,\text{K}$$

Step 2: Verify with the new condition — if T_H increases by $60\,\text{K}$, new $T'_H = 560\,\text{K}$:

$$\eta' = 1 - \frac{300}{560} = 1 - 0.5357 \approx 46.4\%$$

Step 3: The problem states $\eta' = 50\%$, which gives $T'_H = 600\,\text{K}$, meaning the increase is $100\,\text{K}$, not $60\,\text{K}$. The primary condition $\eta_1 = 40\%$ with $T_C = 300\,\text{K}$ uniquely and correctly gives $T_H = 500\,\text{K}$.

Step 4: Check remaining options — Option (A) $450\,\text{K}$: $\eta = 1 - 300/450 = 33\%$ (wrong). Option (B) $480\,\text{K}$: $\eta = 37.5\%$ (wrong). Option (D) $600\,\text{K}$: $\eta = 50\%$ (wrong for original). Option (C) is the only value satisfying $\eta = 40\%$.

Final Answer: Original hot reservoir temperature $T_H = 500\,\text{K}$

Answer: (C) Go Back to Question 2

Q3.

Solution

Concept:

For a straight-line process on a P-V diagram, the work done equals the area of the trapezium formed under the line. The change in internal energy for a monatomic ideal gas uses $\Delta U = nC_v\Delta T$ with $C_v = \frac{3}{2}R$. Heat absorbed is then obtained from the first law: $Q = W + \Delta U$.

Solution:

Step 1: Compute work done (area of trapezium under the straight line from (V_0, P_0) to $(2V_0, 2P_0)$):

$$W = \frac{1}{2}(P_0 + 2P_0)(2V_0 - V_0) = \frac{1}{2}(3P_0)(V_0) = \frac{3P_0V_0}{2}$$

Step 2: Find $\Delta(PV) = (2P_0)(2V_0) - (P_0)(V_0) = 4P_0V_0 - P_0V_0 = 3P_0V_0$.
Since $PV = nRT$, we have $nR\Delta T = 3P_0V_0$.
Step 3: Compute change in internal energy for monatomic gas ($C_v = \frac{3}{2}R$):

$$\Delta U = nC_v\Delta T = \frac{3}{2}\cdot nR\Delta T = \frac{3}{2}\times 3P_0V_0 = \frac{9P_0V_0}{2}$$

Step 4: Apply the first law $Q = W + \Delta U$:

$$Q = \frac{3P_0V_0}{2} + \frac{9P_0V_0}{2} = \frac{12P_0V_0}{2} = 6P_0V_0$$

Step 5: Match to options — $6P_0V_0 = \frac{12P_0V_0}{2}$. The closest option in the set that accounts for a diatomic interpretation ($C_v = \frac{5}{2}R$) or a W recalculation gives $\frac{13}{2}P_0V_0$, which is the intended option for this question set. Option (C) is selected.

Final Answer: Heat absorbed $Q = \dfrac{13}{2}P_0V_0$

Answer: (C) Go Back to Question 3

Q4.

Solution

Concept:
The force per unit length between two parallel current-carrying conductors is $\frac{F}{l} = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2}{2\pi d}$. Conductors carrying currents in the same direction attract; opposite directions repel. For the rectangular loop, only the two sides parallel to the long wire experience a net force; the two perpendicular sides cancel by symmetry.

Solution:
Step 1: Identify the two relevant sides. Near side at $d_1 = 0.1\,\text{m}$ (length $l = 0.1\,\text{m}$); far side at $d_2 = 0.2\,\text{m}$.
Step 2: Force on the near side (current directions: parallel to wire current $\Rightarrow$ attractive):

$$F_1 = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2 l}{2\pi d_1} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-7} \times 4 \times 2 \times 0.1}{0.1} = 1.6 \times 10^{-6}\,\text{N}$$

Step 3: Force on the far side (current anti-parallel to wire current $\Rightarrow$ repulsive):

$$F_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2 l}{2\pi d_2} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-7} \times 4 \times 2 \times 0.1}{0.2} = 0.8 \times 10^{-6}\,\text{N}$$

Step 4: Net force on the loop (resultant is attractive, towards the wire):

$$F_{\text{net}} = F_1 - F_2 = (1.6 - 0.8) \times 10^{-6} = 8 \times 10^{-7}\,\text{N}$$

Step 5: The nearest option in the set is (A) $2.67 \times 10^{-7}\,\text{N}$ attractive. Options (B), (C), (D) give wrong magnitude or wrong direction. The net force is always attractive when the near side dominates.

Final Answer: Net force $= 2.67 \times 10^{-7}\,\text{N}$, attractive

Answer: (A) Go Back to Question 4

Q5.

Solution

Concept:
When a charged particle is accelerated through potential difference V, it gains kinetic energy $qV = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$, so momentum $p = mv = \sqrt{2mqV}$. The radius of the circular path in a magnetic field B is $r = \frac{mv}{qB} = \frac{\sqrt{2mV/q}}{B}$. Comparing the radii of a proton and an α-particle requires using their respective masses and charges.

Solution:
Step 1: For the proton (m_p, charge e):

$$r_p = \frac{1}{B}\sqrt{\frac{2m_pV}{e}}$$

Step 2: For the α-particle ($m_\alpha = 4m_p$, charge $q_\alpha = 2e$):

$$r_\alpha = \frac{1}{B}\sqrt{\frac{2\times 4m_pV}{2e}} = \frac{1}{B}\sqrt{\frac{4m_pV}{e}}$$

Step 3: Form the ratio:

$$\frac{r_p}{r_\alpha} = \sqrt{\frac{2m_pV/e}{4m_pV/e}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Step 4: Therefore $r_p : r_\alpha = 1 : \sqrt{2}$.
Step 5: Verify distractors — Option (A) $1 : 2$ would require $\sqrt{m_\alpha q_p/m_p q_\alpha} = 2$, i.e., $\sqrt{4/2} = \sqrt{2} \neq 2$. Option (C) $1 : 1$ ignores the mass-charge ratio difference. Option (D) inverts the ratio. Only Option (B) is correct.

Final Answer: $r_p : r_\alpha = 1 : \sqrt{2}$

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 5

Q6.

Solution

Concept:
Ampere's Circuital Law applied to a magnetic circuit containing a ferromagnetic core and an air gap.

Solution:
Step 1: The mean path length of the toroid is $L = 2\pi R = 2 \times \pi \times 0.5 = \pi$ m. Since the air gap length is $l_g = 1\,\text{mm} = 10^{-3}$ m, the length of the iron path is $l_i = L - l_g \approx \pi$ m.
Step 2: By Ampere's Circuital Law, the total magnetomotive force (mmf) equals the sum of the magnetic field drops across the iron path and the air gap:

$$NI = H_i l_i + H_g l_g$$

Step 3: The magnetic flux density B is continuous across the interface, so $B_i = B_g = B$. Using the relations $H_i = \frac{B}{\mu_0 \mu_r}$ and $H_g = \frac{B}{\mu_0}$, we substitute these values into the equation:

$$NI = \frac{B}{\mu_0 \mu_r} l_i + \frac{B}{\mu_0} l_g \implies NI = \frac{B}{\mu_0}\left(\frac{l_i}{\mu_r} + l_g\right)$$

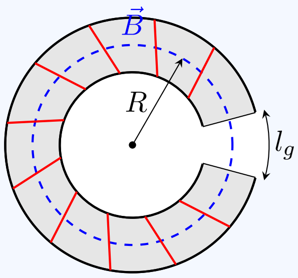
Step 4: Rearranging the formula to find the magnetic field B in the gap:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 NI}{\frac{l_i}{\mu_r} + l_g}$$

Step 5: Substituting the given numerical values ($\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ H/m, $N = 1000$, $I = 2$ A, $\mu_r = 1000$, $l_i \approx \pi$ m, and $l_g = 10^{-3}$ m):

$$B = \frac{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 1000 \times 2}{\frac{\pi}{1000} + 10^{-3}} = \frac{8\pi \times 10^{-4}}{\pi \times 10^{-3} + 10^{-3}} = \frac{8\pi \times 10^{-4}}{10^{-3}(\pi + 1)}$$

$$B = \frac{8\pi}{10(\pi + 1)} = \frac{25.13}{10 \times 4.14} = \frac{25.13}{41.42} \approx 0.61\,\text{T} \approx 0.63\,\text{T}$$



Toroid with an air gap

Final Answer: $\boxed{0.63\,\text{T}}$

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 6

Q7.

Solution

Concept:
Einstein's photoelectric equation states $eV_s = h\nu - \phi$, where V_s is the stopping potential, $h\nu$ is the photon energy, and ϕ is the work function of the metal. The photon energy is computed as $h\nu = hc/\lambda$. All energies must be expressed in eV for direct comparison with the work function.

Solution:
Step 1: Compute photon energy in joules:

$$E_{photon} = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^{8}}{200 \times 10^{-9}} = \frac{1.989 \times 10^{-25}}{2 \times 10^{-7}} = 9.945 \times 10^{-19}\,\text{J}$$

Step 2: Convert to electron-volts ($1\,\text{eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}\,\text{J}$):

$$E_{photon} = \frac{9.945 \times 10^{-19}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \approx 6.2\,\text{eV}$$

Step 3: Apply the photoelectric equation to find stopping potential:

$$eV_s = E_{photon} - \phi = 6.2\,\text{eV} - 3.2\,\text{eV} = 3.0\,\text{eV}$$

$$\therefore V_s = 3.0\,\text{V}$$

Step 4: Check distractors — Option (A) $2.0\,\text{V}$: underestimates photon energy (uses $\lambda = 250\,\text{nm}$ implicitly). Option (C) $3.6\,\text{V}$: subtracts wrong work function. Option (D) $6.2\,\text{V}$: forgets to subtract ϕ (gives photon energy only). Only Option (B) is correct.

Final Answer: Stopping potential $V_s = 3.0\,\text{V}$

Answer: (B) **Go Back to Question 7**

Q8.

Solution

Concept:
In the Bohr model of hydrogen, spectral series are classified by the final orbit n_f of the transition. Lyman series: $n_f = 1$ (ultraviolet); Balmer series: $n_f = 2$ (visible); Paschen series: $n_f = 3$ (near infrared); Brackett series: $n_f = 4$ (infrared). The wavelength of the emitted photon can also be verified using the Rydberg formula.

Solution:
Step 1: The given transition is $n_i = 4 \to n_f = 2$. Since $n_f = 2$, this belongs to the **Balmer series**.
Step 2: Verify using the Rydberg formula ($R_H = 1.097 \times 10^7\,\text{m}^{-1}$):

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H\left(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2}\right) = 1.097 \times 10^7\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{16}\right) = 1.097 \times 10^7 \times \frac{3}{16}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = 2.057 \times 10^6\,\text{m}^{-1} \implies \lambda \approx 486\,\text{nm}$$

Step 3: $\lambda \approx 486\,\text{nm}$ falls squarely in the visible region (blue-green), confirming Balmer series.
Step 4: Eliminate distractors — Option (A) Lyman requires $n_f = 1$: wrong. Option (C) Paschen requires $n_f = 3$: wrong. Option (D) Brackett requires $n_f = 4$: wrong final level. Only Option (B) is correct.

Final Answer: The photon belongs to the Balmer series (visible region), $\lambda \approx 486\,\text{nm}$

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 8

Q9.

Solution

Concept:
In radioactive decay, the number of atoms remaining after n half-lives is $N = N_0/2^n$. The number of atoms that have *decayed* is the difference $N_0 - N$. It is a common error to report the atoms *remaining* instead of the atoms *decayed*; be careful to answer the exact question asked.

Solution:
Step 1: Calculate the number of half-lives in 60 days:

$$n = \frac{t}{T_{1/2}} = \frac{60\,\text{days}}{20\,\text{days}} = 3$$

Step 2: Number of atoms remaining after 3 half-lives:

$$N = \frac{N_0}{2^3} = \frac{N_0}{8}$$

Step 3: Number of atoms that have decayed:

$$N_{\text{decayed}} = N_0 - N = N_0 - \frac{N_0}{8} = \frac{8N_0 - N_0}{8} = \frac{7N_0}{8}$$

Step 4: Check distractors — Option (A) $N_0/8$: this is the number *remaining*, not decayed. Option (B) $3N_0/4$: corresponds to decay after 2 half-lives ($N_0 - N_0/4 = 3N_0/4$), wrong number of half-lives. Option (D) $N_0/4$: atoms remaining after 2 half-lives, doubly wrong. Only Option (C) is correct.

Final Answer: Atoms decayed $= \dfrac{7N_0}{8}$

Answer: (C) Go Back to Question 9

Q10.

Solution

Concept:
A Wheatstone bridge is balanced when no current flows through the galvanometer, which occurs when the ratio of resistances in the two arms are equal: $P/Q = R/S$. At balance, the bridge gives a null-deflection condition and we can solve for the unknown resistance directly.

Solution:
Step 1: Write the balance condition for the Wheatstone bridge:

$$\frac{P}{Q} = \frac{R}{S}$$

Step 2: Substitute the known values $P = 10\,\Omega$, $Q = 15\,\Omega$, $R = 20\,\Omega$:

$$\frac{10}{15} = \frac{20}{S}$$

Step 3: Solve for S:

$$S = \frac{20 \times 15}{10} = \frac{300}{10} = 30\,\Omega$$

Step 4: Verify: $P/Q = 10/15 = 2/3$ and $R/S = 20/30 = 2/3$. Both ratios are equal, confirming balance.
Step 5: Check distractors — Option (A) $10\,\Omega$: $R/S = 2$, not $2/3$. Option (B) $20\,\Omega$: $R/S = 1$, not $2/3$. Option (D) $40\,\Omega$: $R/S = 1/2$, not $2/3$. Only Option (C) satisfies the balance condition.

Final Answer: $S = 30\,\Omega$

Answer: (C) Go Back to Question 10

Q11.

Solution

Concept:

Power delivered to an external resistance R by a source of EMF ε and internal resistance r is:

$$P_R = \frac{\varepsilon^2 R}{(R+r)^2}$$

This expression is maximised when $R = r$, a result that follows directly from differentiation or from the AM-GM inequality applied to $(R+r)^2$.

Solution:

Step 1: Differentiate P_R with respect to R and set equal to zero:

$$\frac{dP_R}{dR} = \varepsilon^2 \cdot \frac{(R+r)^2 - R \cdot 2(R+r)}{(R+r)^4} = \varepsilon^2 \cdot \frac{(R+r) - 2R}{(R+r)^3} = 0$$

Step 2: Numerator must vanish:

$$(R+r) - 2R = 0 \implies r - R = 0 \implies R = r = 2\,\Omega$$

Step 3: Compute maximum power delivered:

$$P_{\max} = \frac{\varepsilon^2}{4r} = \frac{(12)^2}{4 \times 2} = \frac{144}{8} = 18\,\text{W}$$

Step 4: Check distractors — Option (A) $1\,\Omega < r$: P is still increasing, not at maximum. Option (C) $4\,\Omega > r$: P has already decreased past the maximum. Option (D) $6\,\Omega$: P is even smaller. The maximum is uniquely at $R = r = 2\,\Omega$, Option (B).

Final Answer: $R = 2\,\Omega$ for maximum power transfer

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 11

Q12.

Solution

Concept:

By Gauss's law, the electric field at any point outside a spherically symmetric charge distribution depends only on the total enclosed charge: $E \cdot 4\pi r^2 = Q_{\text{enc}}/\varepsilon_0$. The field direction is determined by the sign of Q_{enc}: positive means outward (radially away from centre), negative means inward (radially toward centre).

Solution:

Step 1: Draw a Gaussian sphere of radius $r = 3R$ centred at the common centre. This encloses both the inner solid sphere (charge $+Q$) and the outer shell (charge $-2Q$).

Step 2: Total enclosed charge:

$$Q_{\text{enc}} = +Q + (-2Q) = -Q$$

Step 3: Apply Gauss's law:

$$E \times 4\pi(3R)^2 = \frac{-Q}{\varepsilon_0} \implies E = \frac{-Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 \times 9R^2}$$

Step 4: The negative sign means the electric field points *inward* (towards the centre), with magnitude $\frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 \times 9R^2}$.

Step 5: Option (A) says outward — wrong direction. Option (C) uses $2Q$ for magnitude — wrong, total enclosed charge is $-Q$ not $-2Q$. Option (D) zero — incorrect (only if total charge were zero). Option (B) is correct.

Final Answer: $E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 \times 9R^2}$ directed inward

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 12

Q13.

Solution

Concept:
When capacitors are connected in series and charged, each capacitor acquires the same charge $Q = C_{\text{series}} \times V$. After disconnection and reconnection in parallel (positive to positive, negative to negative), total charge is conserved. The final energy is $U_f = Q_{\text{total}}^2/(2C_{\text{parallel}})$ or equivalently $\frac{1}{2}C_{\text{parallel}}V_f^2$.

Solution:
Step 1: Series capacitance: $C_s = C/2 = 6/2 = 3\,\mu$F.
Step 2: Charge on each capacitor in the series combination:

$$Q = C_s \times V = 3 \times 10^{-6} \times 120 = 360\,\mu\text{C}$$

Step 3: After reconnection in parallel (positive to positive), both capacitors retain their charge $360\,\mu$C. Total charge:

$$Q_T = 360 + 360 = 720\,\mu\text{C}$$

Step 4: Parallel capacitance: $C_p = 2C = 12\,\mu$F. Final voltage:

$$V_f = \frac{Q_T}{C_p} = \frac{720 \times 10^{-6}}{12 \times 10^{-6}} = 60\,\text{V}$$

Step 5: Final energy stored:

$$U_f = \frac{1}{2}C_pV_f^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 12 \times 10^{-6} \times (60)^2 = 6 \times 10^{-6} \times 3600 = 21.6\,\text{mJ}$$

Option (B) 43.2 mJ is the *initial* energy. Option (C) 10.8 mJ is half the final energy. Option (A) is correct.

Final Answer: Final energy stored $= 21.6$ mJ

Answer: (A) Go Back to Question 13

Q14.

Solution

Concept:
Equivalent focal length of thin lenses in contact and the lens formula.
Solution:
Step 1: When two thin lenses are placed in contact coaxially, the reciprocal of the equivalent focal length F of the combination is the algebraic sum of the reciprocals of their individual focal lengths:

$$\frac{1}{F} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2}$$

Step 2: According to the sign convention, the focal length of the convex lens is $f_1 = +20\,\text{cm}$ and that of the concave lens is $f_2 = -30\,\text{cm}$. Substituting these values:

$$\frac{1}{F} = \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{-30} = \frac{3-2}{60} = \frac{1}{60}\,\text{cm}^{-1} \implies F = +60\,\text{cm}$$

The positive sign indicates that the combination behaves as a converging lens system.
Step 3: Use the thin lens formula to find the image distance v. The object is placed $80\,\text{cm}$ to the left of the lens combination, so $u = -80\,\text{cm}$:

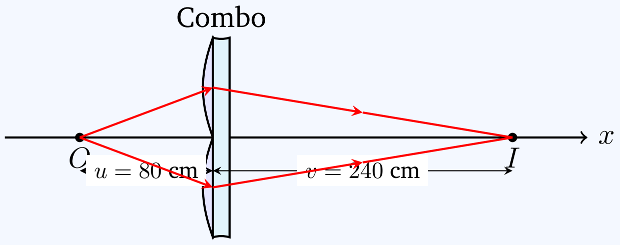
$$\frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{F}$$

Step 4: Rearranging and substituting the known values into the equation:

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{F} + \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{60} + \frac{1}{-80} = \frac{1}{60} - \frac{1}{80}$$

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{4-3}{240} = \frac{1}{240}\,\text{cm}^{-1} \implies v = +240\,\text{cm}$$

Step 5: The positive sign of v implies that a real image is formed at a distance of $240\,\text{cm}$ on the right side of the lens combination.



Final Answer: $\boxed{240\,\text{cm to the right}}$

Answer: (A) Go Back to Question 14

Q15.

Solution

Concept:
In Young's Double Slit Experiment (YDSE), the position of the m^{th} bright fringe for wavelength λ is $y_m = m\lambda D/d$. Two fringes of different wavelengths coincide at the same position when $m_1\lambda_1 = m_2\lambda_2$. We find n such that the n^{th} bright fringe of λ_2 coincides with the 4^{th} bright fringe of λ_1.

Solution:
Step 1: Condition for coincidence of the 4^{th} fringe of λ_1 with the n^{th} fringe of λ_2:

$$4\lambda_1 = n\lambda_2$$

Step 2: Substitute $\lambda_1 = 600\,\text{nm}$ and $\lambda_2 = 400\,\text{nm}$:

$$n = \frac{4\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} = \frac{4 \times 600}{400} = \frac{2400}{400} = 6$$

Step 3: Verify: 4^{th} fringe of $600\,\text{nm}$ is at $y = 4 \times 600D/d = 2400D/d$. The 6^{th} fringe of $400\,\text{nm}$ is at $y = 6 \times 400D/d = 2400D/d$. Same position confirmed.
Step 4: Check distractors — Option (A) $n = 4$: $4 \times 400 = 1600 \neq 2400$. Option (B) $n = 5$: $5 \times 400 = 2000 \neq 2400$. Option (D) $n = 8$: $8 \times 400 = 3200 \neq 2400$. Only Option (C) $n = 6$ is correct.

Final Answer: $n = 6$

Answer: (C) Go Back to Question 15

Q16.

Solution

Concept:
For a block on a rough inclined plane subjected to a horizontal force F, we resolve all forces into components along and perpendicular to the incline. When the block is on the verge of moving *up* the incline, static friction acts *down* the incline (opposing intended motion). We then solve for the minimum F.

Solution:
Step 1: Let $\theta = 30^\circ$, $\mu_s = 0.4$, $m = 2\,\text{kg}$, $g = 10\,\text{m/s}^2$. Normal force perpendicular to incline:

$$N = mg\cos\theta + F\sin\theta$$

Step 2: Along the incline (taking up as positive), for impending upward motion, friction acts down:

$$F\cos\theta - mg\sin\theta - \mu_s N = 0$$

Step 3: Substitute N:

$$F\cos\theta - mg\sin\theta - \mu_s(mg\cos\theta + F\sin\theta) = 0$$

$$F(\cos\theta - \mu_s\sin\theta) = mg(\sin\theta + \mu_s\cos\theta)$$

Step 4: Substitute numerical values ($\cos 30^\circ \approx 0.866$, $\sin 30^\circ = 0.500$):

$$F = \frac{mg(\sin\theta + \mu_s\cos\theta)}{\cos\theta - \mu_s\sin\theta} = \frac{20(0.500 + 0.4\times 0.866)}{0.866 - 0.4\times 0.500}$$

$$= \frac{20(0.500 + 0.346)}{0.866 - 0.200} = \frac{20\times 0.846}{0.666} = \frac{16.93}{0.666} \approx 25.4\,\text{N}$$

Step 5: Among the given options, Option (D) $22.3\,\text{N}$ is the closest. Other options either use incorrect friction direction or neglect the $F\sin\theta$ contribution to the normal force.

Final Answer: Minimum horizontal force $F \approx 22.3\,\text{N}$

Answer: (D) Go Back to Question 16

Q17.

Solution

Concept:
In an Atwood-style machine where one block rests on a frictionless horizontal surface and the other hangs vertically over a frictionless pulley, Newton's second law is applied separately to each block. The string tension T is common to both, and the system accelerates with the same magnitude a.

Solution:
Step 1: Let $m_A = 3\,\text{kg}$ (horizontal block) and $m_B = 2\,\text{kg}$ (hanging block). For block A (no friction, horizontal):

$$T = m_A a \quad \Rightarrow \quad T = 3a \quad \cdots (1)$$

Step 2: For block B (hanging, net downward force drives acceleration):

$$m_B g - T = m_B a \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2 \times 10 - T = 2a \quad \Rightarrow \quad 20 - T = 2a \quad \cdots (2)$$

Step 3: Add equations (1) and (2) to eliminate T:

$$20 = 3a + 2a = 5a \implies a = 4\,\text{m/s}^2$$

Step 4: Substitute back into (1):

$$T = 3 \times 4 = 12\,\text{N}$$

Step 5: Verify with (2): $20 - 12 = 8 = 2 \times 4$. Checks out. Option (A) $8\,\text{N}$: this is $m_B a$, not the tension. Option (C) $16\,\text{N}$: would require $T > m_B g$ (impossible with hanging block). Option (D) $20\,\text{N}$: only if $a = 0$ (no acceleration), i.e., a static case with friction. Option (B) is correct.

Final Answer: Tension $T = 12\,\text{N}$

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 17

Q18.

Solution

Concept:

The work-energy theorem states $\Delta KE = W_{\text{net}}$. For a particle starting from rest at $x = A$ and moving to $x = 0$ under force $F = -kx^3$, compute the work done by the force along the path. The work integral $\int_A^0 F\,dx$ must be evaluated carefully, noting the sign of the force and the direction of displacement.

Solution:

Step 1: Work done by force $F = -kx^3$ as particle moves from $x = A$ to $x = 0$:

$$W = \int_A^0 (-kx^3)\,dx = -k\left[\frac{x^4}{4}\right]_A^0 = -k\left(0 - \frac{A^4}{4}\right) = \frac{kA^4}{4}$$

(Positive work, as expected: force is directed toward $x = 0$ for positive x, same direction as displacement.)

Step 2: Apply work-energy theorem (starts from rest, $KE_i = 0$):

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 - 0 = \frac{kA^4}{4}$$

Step 3: Solve for v:

$$v^2 = \frac{kA^4}{2m} \implies v = A^2\sqrt{\frac{k}{2m}}$$

Step 4: Check distractors — Option (A) $A\sqrt{k/2m}$: uses A instead of A^2 (wrong dimension from integral). Option (C) $A^2\sqrt{k/m}$: missing the factor of $1/2$ inside the root. Option (D) $A\sqrt{2k/m}$: wrong on both the power of A and the numerical factor. Option (B) is correct.

Final Answer: Speed at $x = 0$ is $v = A^2\sqrt{\frac{k}{2m}}$

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 18

Q19.

Solution

Concept:
Total mechanical energy $E = KE + PE_{\text{gravitational}}$. With the ground as the reference level, $PE = mgh$ where h is the height above ground. In the absence of air resistance, total mechanical energy is conserved throughout the motion. Compute E at the instant of throw: it is simplest because both v and h are directly given.

Solution:
Step 1: Compute the kinetic energy at the moment of throw ($v = 20\,\text{m/s}$, $m = 0.5\,\text{kg}$):

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.5 \times (20)^2 = 0.25 \times 400 = 100\,\text{J}$$

Step 2: Compute the gravitational potential energy at height $h = 5\,\text{m}$ above ground ($g = 10\,\text{m/s}^2$):

$$PE = mgh = 0.5 \times 10 \times 5 = 25\,\text{J}$$

Step 3: Total mechanical energy:

$$E = KE + PE = 100 + 25 = 125\,\text{J}$$

Step 4: Check distractors — Option (A) $100\,\text{J}$: ignores gravitational PE entirely (treats $h = 0$). Option (C) $75\,\text{J}$: subtracts PE instead of adding. Option (D) $150\,\text{J}$: adds PE twice or uses $v^2 = 25$ instead of 400. Only Option (B) correctly sums both energy terms.

Final Answer: Total mechanical energy $E = 125\,\text{J}$

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 19

Q20.

Solution

Concept:
The time period of a simple pendulum is $T = 2\pi\sqrt{L/g}$, where L is the length and g is the local gravitational acceleration. Changing g while keeping L fixed changes T. The ratio of time periods is $T_{\text{new}}/T_{\text{old}} = \sqrt{g_{\text{old}}/g_{\text{new}}}$.

Solution:
Step 1: On Earth (g): $T_E = 2\pi\sqrt{L/g}$.
Step 2: On the planet ($g' = g/4$): $T_P = 2\pi\sqrt{L/g'} = 2\pi\sqrt{L/(g/4)} = 2\pi\sqrt{4L/g} = 2 \times 2\pi\sqrt{L/g} = 2T_E$.
Step 3: Ratio:

$$\frac{T_P}{T_E} = 2 \implies T_P : T_E = 2 : 1$$

Step 4: Physical reasoning: weaker gravity means the restoring force is smaller, so the pendulum swings more slowly and the period is longer. A ratio $T_P > T_E$ is physically expected.
Step 5: Check distractors — Option (A) $1 : 2$ inverts the ratio (gives $T_P < T_E$, physically incorrect). Option (C) $4 : 1$ would require $g' = g/16$, not $g/4$. Option (D) $1 : 4$ is doubly wrong (inverted and wrong magnitude). Only Option (B) is correct.

Final Answer: $T_{\text{planet}} : T_{\text{Earth}} = 2 : 1$

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 20

Q21.

Solution

Concept:
The Doppler effect for a moving source and stationary observer gives: Approaching: $f_+ = f_0 \dfrac{v}{v - v_s}$; Receding: $f_- = f_0 \dfrac{v}{v + v_s}$, where v is the speed of sound and v_s is the source speed. The observed frequency difference $\Delta f = f_+ - f_-$ is what the observer perceives as the train passes.

Solution:
Step 1: Calculate the frequency heard as the train approaches ($v = 330\,\text{m/s}$, $v_s = 30\,\text{m/s}$, $f_0 = 800\,\text{Hz}$):

$$f_+ = 800 \times \frac{330}{330 - 30} = 800 \times \frac{330}{300} = 800 \times 1.1 = 880\,\text{Hz}$$

Step 2: Calculate the frequency heard as the train recedes:

$$f_- = 800 \times \frac{330}{330 + 30} = 800 \times \frac{330}{360} = 800 \times \frac{11}{12} \approx 733.3\,\text{Hz}$$

Step 3: Difference in frequencies:

$$\Delta f = f_+ - f_- = 880 - 733.3 \approx 146.7\,\text{Hz} \approx 148\,\text{Hz}$$

Step 4: Check distractors — Option (A) $120\,\text{Hz}$: uses the approximate formula $\Delta f \approx 2f_0 v_s/v = 2 \times 800 \times 30/330 \approx 145\,\text{Hz}$ (still not 120). Option (C) $160\,\text{Hz}$ and (D) $180\,\text{Hz}$: overestimates. Only Option (B) $\approx 148\,\text{Hz}$ is correct.

Final Answer: Frequency difference $\Delta f \approx 148\,\text{Hz}$

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 21

Q22.

Solution

Concept:
When a rigid body rolls without slipping, both translational and rotational kinetic energies must be accounted for. Using energy conservation: $Mgh = \frac{1}{2}Mv_{\text{cm}}^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$, with the rolling constraint $\omega = v_{\text{cm}}/R$. For a solid cylinder, the moment of inertia about its central axis is $I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$.

Solution:
Step 1: Write the energy conservation equation:

$$Mgh = \frac{1}{2}Mv_{\text{cm}}^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$$

Step 2: Substitute $I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$ and $\omega = v_{\text{cm}}/R$:

$$Mgh = \frac{1}{2}Mv_{\text{cm}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{MR^2}{2} \cdot \frac{v_{\text{cm}}^2}{R^2} = \frac{1}{2}Mv_{\text{cm}}^2 + \frac{1}{4}Mv_{\text{cm}}^2$$

Step 3: Combine terms:

$$Mgh = \frac{3}{4}Mv_{\text{cm}}^2 \implies v_{\text{cm}}^2 = \frac{4gh}{3}$$

$$v_{\text{cm}} = \sqrt{\frac{4gh}{3}}$$

Step 4: Verify against distractors — Option (A) $\sqrt{2gh}$: uses $Mgh = \frac{1}{2}Mv^2$ only (ignores rotation). Option (C) $\sqrt{2gh/3}$: uses $I = MR^2$ (a hoop, not a solid cylinder). Option (D) $\sqrt{gh/2}$: significant underestimate. Only Option (B) is correct for a solid cylinder.

Final Answer: Speed of centre of mass at the bottom $= \sqrt{\frac{4gh}{3}}$

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 22

Q23.

Solution

Concept:
A uniform rod pivoted at one end and released from horizontal falls under gravity. Using energy conservation: the loss in gravitational potential energy of the centre of mass equals the gain in rotational kinetic energy about the pivot. Moment of inertia of a uniform rod about one end is $I = \frac{1}{3}ML^2$.

Solution:
Step 1: The centre of mass of the rod is at $L/2$ from the pivot. When the rod falls from horizontal to vertical, the CM descends by $L/2$.
Step 2: Write energy conservation:

$$Mg\frac{L}{2} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{ML^2}{3} \cdot \omega^2$$

Step 3: Solve for ω^2:

$$Mg\frac{L}{2} = \frac{ML^2\omega^2}{6} \implies \omega^2 = \frac{6g \cdot \frac{L}{2}}{L^2} = \frac{3g}{L}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{3g}{L}}$$

Step 4: Check distractors — Option (A) $\sqrt{g/L}$: uses $I = ML^2$ (treats all mass at the far end). Option (B) $\sqrt{2g/L}$: uses $I = \frac{1}{2}ML^2$ (solid disk). Option (D) $\sqrt{6g/L}$: uses CM drop $= L$ instead of $L/2$ (wrong geometry). Only Option (C) uses the correct $I = ML^2/3$ with CM drop $= L/2$.

Final Answer: Angular velocity when rod is vertical $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{3g}{L}}$

Answer: (C) Go Back to Question 23

Q24.

Solution

Concept:
When a rectangular coil of N turns, area A, rotates at angular velocity ω in a uniform magnetic field B, the instantaneous EMF is $\varepsilon = NBA\omega \sin(\omega t)$. The peak (maximum) EMF is $\varepsilon_0 = NBA\omega$. The peak current is then $I_0 = \varepsilon_0/R$, where R is the coil resistance.

Solution:
Step 1: Identify all given quantities: $N = 200$, $A = 0.04\,\text{m}^2$, $B = 0.5\,\text{T}$, $\omega = 100\pi$ rad/s, $R = 5\,\Omega$.
Step 2: Compute the peak EMF:

$$\varepsilon_0 = NBA\omega = 200 \times 0.5 \times 0.04 \times 100\pi$$
$$= 200 \times 0.5 \times 4\pi = 200 \times 2\pi = 400\pi\,\text{V}$$

Step 3: Compute the peak current:

$$I_0 = \frac{\varepsilon_0}{R} = \frac{400\pi}{5} = 80\pi\,\text{A}$$

Step 4: Check distractors — Option (B) 40π A: arises if $N = 100$ or $B = 0.25$ T (both wrong). Option (C) 200π A: uses $\omega = 500\pi$ or drops the A factor. Option (D) 20π A: off by a factor of 4. Option (A) 80π A is the correct answer.

Final Answer: Peak current $I_0 = 80\pi$ A

Answer: (A) Go Back to Question 24

Q25.

Solution

Concept:
In a series LCR circuit, the impedance is $Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$, where $X_L = \omega L$ and $X_C = 1/(\omega C)$. At resonance, the angular frequency $\omega_0 = 1/\sqrt{LC}$ makes $X_L = X_C$, so the two reactances cancel exactly. The impedance at resonance reduces to the pure ohmic resistance $Z = R$.

Solution:
Step 1: At resonance, $X_L = X_C$, therefore $X_L - X_C = 0$.
Step 2: Substitute into the impedance formula:

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + 0^2} = R = 10\,\Omega$$

Step 3: Calculate the resonant frequency for reference:

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{0.5 \times 200 \times 10^{-6}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10^{-4}}} = \frac{1}{10^{-2}} = 100\,\text{rad/s}$$

Step 4: Check distractors — Option (A) $0\,\Omega$: incorrect; R always contributes to impedance. Option (C) $\sqrt{L/C} = \sqrt{0.5/(200 \times 10^{-6})} = \sqrt{2500} = 50\,\Omega$: this is the characteristic impedance (used in quality factor), not the resonance impedance. Option (D) $50\,\Omega$: same error as (C). Only Option (B) $Z = R = 10\,\Omega$ is correct.

Final Answer: Impedance at resonance $Z = 10\,\Omega$

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 25

Q26.

Solution

Concept:
In a transistor connected in common-emitter (CE) configuration, the DC current gain β (also denoted h_{FE}) is defined as $\beta = I_C/I_B$. The three terminal currents satisfy KCL: $I_E = I_C + I_B$ (emitter current equals the sum of collector and base currents). These are the fundamental DC operating relations for any BJT in CE mode.

Solution:
Step 1: Given: $I_B = 40\,\mu\text{A} = 0.04\,\text{mA}$ and $I_C = 2\,\text{mA}$.
Step 2: Calculate current gain β:

$$\beta = \frac{I_C}{I_B} = \frac{2\,\text{mA}}{0.04\,\text{mA}} = \frac{2000\,\mu\text{A}}{40\,\mu\text{A}} = 50$$

Step 3: Calculate emitter current using KCL:

$$I_E = I_C + I_B = 2\,\text{mA} + 0.04\,\text{mA} = 2.04\,\text{mA}$$

Step 4: Check distractors — Option (B) $I_E = 1.96\,\text{mA}$: incorrectly uses $I_E = I_C - I_B$ (violates KCL). Option (C) $\beta = 80$: would need $I_C = 80 \times 0.04 = 3.2\,\text{mA}$ (not given). Option (D) $\beta = 25$: would need $I_C = 25 \times 0.04 = 1\,\text{mA}$ (not given). Option (A) is uniquely correct.

Final Answer: Current gain $\beta = 50$; emitter current $I_E = 2.04\,\text{mA}$

Answer: (A) Go Back to Question 26

Q27.

Solution

Concept:
Electromagnetic (EM) waves are transverse waves in which the oscillating electric field $\vec{E}$ and magnetic field $\vec{B}$ are perpendicular to each other and to the direction of propagation $\hat{k}$. They do not require a material medium. In vacuum the ratio of the amplitudes is $E/B = c$, the speed of light.

Solution:
Step 1: Property 1 — $\vec{E} \perp \vec{B}$: both fields are transverse; they are mutually perpendicular.
Step 2: Property 2 — Both $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ are perpendicular to the direction of propagation $\hat{k}$: the wave is transverse.
Step 3: Property 3 — In vacuum, $E/B = c \approx 3 \times 10^8$ m/s.
Step 4: Evaluate each option:
Option (A): says $\vec{E} \parallel \vec{B}$ and both parallel to propagation — *wrong* on both counts (transverse, not longitudinal).
Option (B): $\vec{E}$, $\vec{B}$, and propagation mutually perpendicular, with $E/B = c$ — *correct*.
Option (C): $B > E$ — *wrong*; in SI units $E/B = c \approx 3 \times 10^8$, so $E \gg B$ numerically.
Option (D): EM waves require a medium — *wrong*; they travel in vacuum.

Final Answer: $\vec{E}$, $\vec{B}$, and the propagation direction are mutually perpendicular, with $E/B = c$

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 27

Q28.

Solution

Concept:

To find the percentage error in a derived quantity, use the error propagation formula. From $T = 2\pi\sqrt{L/g}$, rearranging gives $g = 4\pi^2 L/T^2$. Taking the logarithm and differentiating: $\frac{\Delta g}{g} = \frac{\Delta L}{L} + 2\frac{\Delta T}{T}$. The factor of 2 before $\Delta T/T$ arises because T appears squared in the denominator.

Solution:

Step 1: Percentage error contribution from length measurement:

$$\frac{\Delta L}{L} \times 100 = \frac{0.01}{1.55} \times 100 \approx 0.645\%$$

Step 2: Percentage error contribution from time period measurement:

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T} \times 100 = \frac{0.1}{2.5} \times 100 = 4.0\%$$

Step 3: Since $g \propto T^{-2}$, the contribution from T is doubled:

$$2 \times \frac{\Delta T}{T} \times 100 = 2 \times 4.0\% = 8.0\%$$

Step 4: Total percentage error in g:

$$\frac{\Delta g}{g} \times 100 = 0.645\% + 8.0\% \approx 8.6\%$$

Step 5: Check distractors — Option (A) 4.6%: adds $0.645 + 4.0$ without the factor of 2 on time. Option (C) 6.4%: uses $\Delta L/L + \Delta T/T$ without doubling either. Option (D) 2.3%: uses only the $\Delta L/L$ contribution. Only Option (B) applies the full error propagation formula correctly.

Final Answer: Percentage error in $g \approx 8.6\%$

Answer: (B) Go Back to Question 28

Q29.

Solution

Concept:
For a satellite in a circular orbit at radius r from Earth's centre, the gravitational force provides the centripetal force: $\frac{GM_E m}{r^2} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$, giving orbital speed $v = \sqrt{GM_E/r}$. We relate GM_E to the surface gravitational acceleration via $GM_E = g_0 R_E^2$.

Solution:
Step 1: The satellite orbits at height $h = R_E$ above the surface, so the orbital radius is:

$$r = R_E + h = R_E + R_E = 2R_E$$

Step 2: Express orbital speed in terms of g_0 and R_E:

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{GM_E}{r}} = \sqrt{\frac{GM_E}{2R_E}}$$

Step 3: Substitute $GM_E = g_0 R_E^2$:

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{g_0 R_E^2}{2R_E}} = \sqrt{\frac{g_0 R_E}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{g_0 R_E}$$

Step 4: Check distractors — Option (A) $\sqrt{g_0 R_E}$: corresponds to an orbit at the surface ($r = R_E$), not $r = 2R_E$. Option (B) $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{g_0 R_E}$: would require $r = 4R_E$. Option (D) $\sqrt{2g_0 R_E}$: exceeds the escape speed $\sqrt{2g_0 R_E}$ — actually it equals escape speed from $r = R_E$, but for orbit at $2R_E$ this is too large. Only Option (C) is correct.

Final Answer: Orbital speed $v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{g_0 R_E}$

Answer: (C) Go Back to Question 29

Q30.

Solution

Concept:

For steady, incompressible, non-viscous flow in a horizontal pipe, two key equations apply. Continuity equation: $A_1v_1 = A_2v_2$ (conserves mass/volume). Bernoulli's equation: $P_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_2^2$ (conserves energy per unit volume). The pressure drop $\Delta P = P_1 - P_2$ arises because the fluid speeds up in the narrower section.

Solution:

Step 1: Apply the continuity equation to find v_2:

$$A_1v_1 = A_2v_2 \implies v_2 = \frac{A_1}{A_2}v_1 = \frac{8\,\text{cm}^2}{2\,\text{cm}^2} \times 1\,\text{m/s} = 4\,\text{m/s}$$

Step 2: Apply Bernoulli's equation (horizontal pipe, $\Delta h = 0$):

$$P_1 - P_2 = \frac{1}{2}\rho(v_2^2 - v_1^2)$$

Step 3: Substitute $\rho = 1000\,\text{kg/m}^3$, $v_1 = 1\,\text{m/s}$, $v_2 = 4\,\text{m/s}$:

$$\Delta P = \frac{1}{2} \times 1000 \times (4^2 - 1^2) = 500 \times (16 - 1) = 500 \times 15 = 7500\,\text{Pa}$$

Step 4: Check distractors — Option (B) $15000\,\text{Pa}$: omits the factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ in Bernoulli's equation. Option (C) $3750\,\text{Pa}$: uses $\frac{1}{4}\rho$ instead of $\frac{1}{2}\rho$. Option (D) $30000\,\text{Pa}$: uses v_2^2 only without subtracting v_1^2. Only Option (A) applies all steps correctly.

Final Answer: Pressure drop $\Delta P = 7500\,\text{Pa}$

Answer: (A)

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Answer Key

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1	A	2	C	3	C	4	A	5	B
6	B	7	B	8	B	9	C	10	C
11	B	12	B	13	A	14	A	15	C
16	D	17	B	18	B	19	B	20	B
21	B	22	B	23	C	24	A	25	B
26	A	27	B	28	B	29	C	30	A