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PHYSICAL SCIENCE

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Paper 2 Structured Questions

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1 hour 15 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and candidate name in the spaces provided.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use a HB pencil for any diagrams, graphs, tables or rough working.

Do **not** use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Do **not** write on the barcode.

Answer **all** questions.

You may use an electronic calculator.

A copy of the Periodic Table is printed on page 14.

You may lose marks if you do not show your working or if you do not use the appropriate units.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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- 1 Table 1.1 shows some physical properties of metals **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**.

Table 1.1

metal	density/g/cm ³	melting point/°C	hardness	colour of metal salts
A	0.89	63	soft	white
B	8.96	1083	hard	blue
C	1.74	670	hard	white
D	0.97	98	soft	white

- (a) (i) Identify a Group I metal from Table 1.1 using the letters **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

Give a reason for your answer.

metal

reason [2]

- (ii) Identify a transition metal from Table 1.1 using the letters **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

Give a reason for your answer.

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..... [2]

- (b) Explain, in terms of metallic bonding, why all the metals in Table 1.1 are good conductors of electricity.

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..... [2]

- (c) Electrical conductivity is a physical property of metals.

State **two** other physical properties of metals **not** shown in Table 1.1.

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2..... [2]

2 Waves may be classified as transverse or longitudinal.

(a) (i) Explain the difference between transverse and longitudinal waves.

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..... [2]

(ii) State **one** example of a longitudinal wave.

..... [1]

(b) (i) A water wave with a frequency of 5 Hz travels at a speed of 15 m/s.
Calculate the wavelength of the water wave.

..... [2]

(ii) A light ray enters a beaker of water at an angle of 30° to the normal.
Water has a refractive index of 1.33.
Calculate the angle of refraction for the light ray.

..... [3]

3 Lungi receives a letter.

She investigates inks from pens belonging to students **L**, **M**, **N** and **Q**.

Fig. 3.1 shows a chromatogram of the inks from the pens of students **L**, **M**, **N** and **Q**.

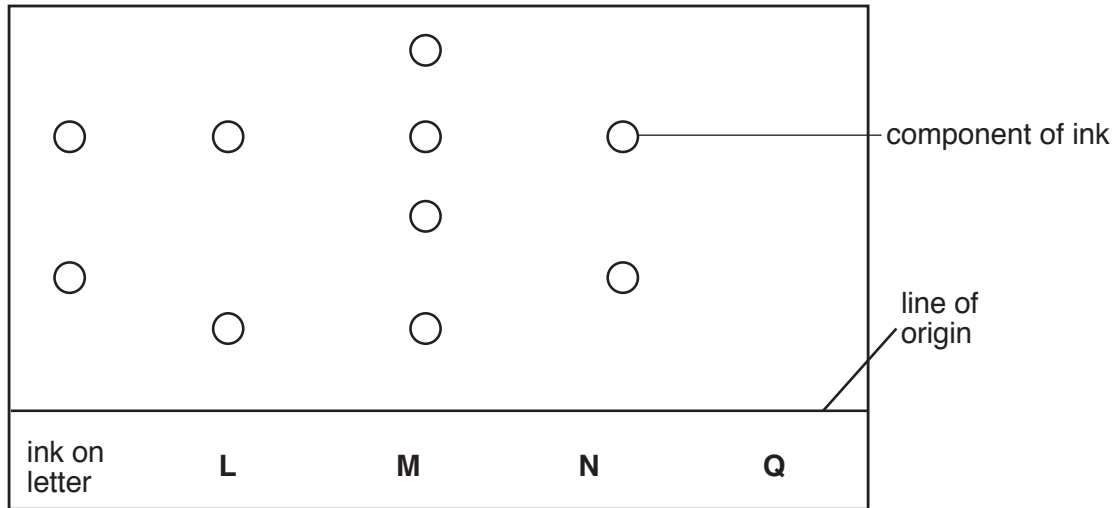


Fig. 3.1

(a) Suggest a suitable solvent the student uses to obtain the chromatogram.

..... [1]

(b) Explain why student **N** is the one that wrote the letter.

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 [1]

(c) The ink samples are placed on the line of origin slightly above the solvent line.

Explain why the line of origin is slightly above the solvent line.

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 [2]

(d) The components of the ink from student **Q** are invisible in the solvent.

Describe how the components of the ink can be made visible.

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 [2]

4 Fig. 4.1 shows a simple electromagnet with a plotting compass next to it.

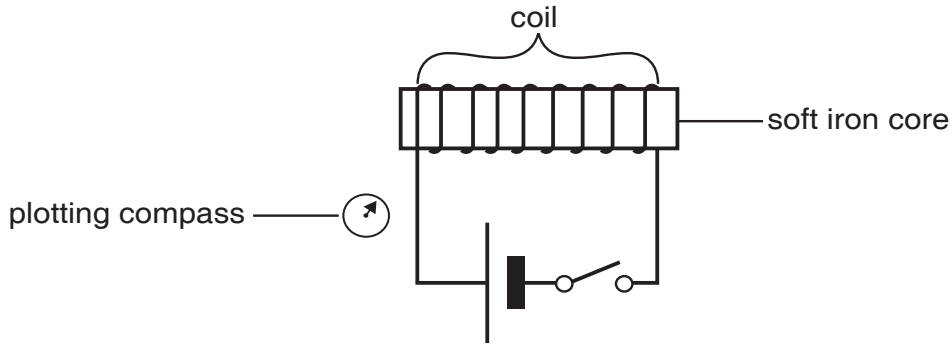


Fig. 4.1

(a) Name a suitable material for the coil.

..... [1]

(b) State **two** ways of increasing the strength of the electromagnet.

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2 [2]

(c) Explain why soft iron is used as a core.

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..... [1]

(d) When the switch is closed, the needle of the plotting compass deflects.

Explain why the needle deflects.

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(e) Draw, on Fig. 4.2, the poles of the soft iron core when the switch is closed. [1]

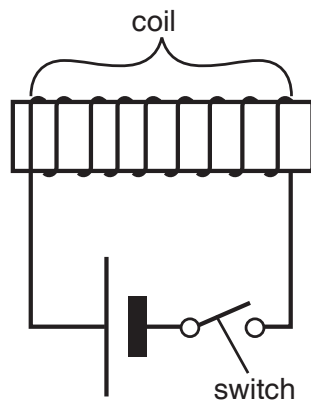


Fig. 4.2

- 5 Fig. 5.1 shows the structures of two allotropes of carbon, graphite and graphene.

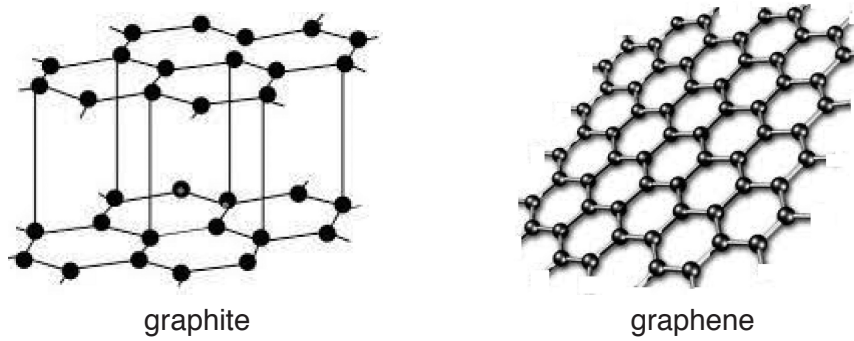


Fig. 5.1

(a) State one;

(i) similarity in the structure of graphite and graphene,

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 [1]

(ii) difference in the structure of graphite and graphene.

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 [1]

(b) State **one** use of graphite and relate it to its property.

use.....
 property.....
 [2]

6 Radioactive emission occurs randomly over space and time.

(a) Describe *radioactive emission*.

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..... [2]

(b) Alpha and gamma radiation are examples of radioactive emissions.

Describe the behaviour of alpha and gamma radiation in an electric field.

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..... [3]

(c) Radioisotopes are used to detect leaks from pipes carrying water.

Describe how radioactive isotopes are used to detect leaks from water pipes.

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..... [3]

7 Hydrocarbons are organic compounds.

(a) A hydrocarbon is made up of 85.7% carbon and 14.3% hydrogen by mass.

(i) Calculate the empirical formula of this hydrocarbon.

..... [3]

(ii) The hydrocarbon has a molecular mass of 70.

Determine its molecular formula.

..... [2]

(b) An alkane with ten carbon atoms undergoes cracking to form a mixture of gases.

Ethene is one of the gases produced.

The experimental set-up is shown in Fig. 7.1.

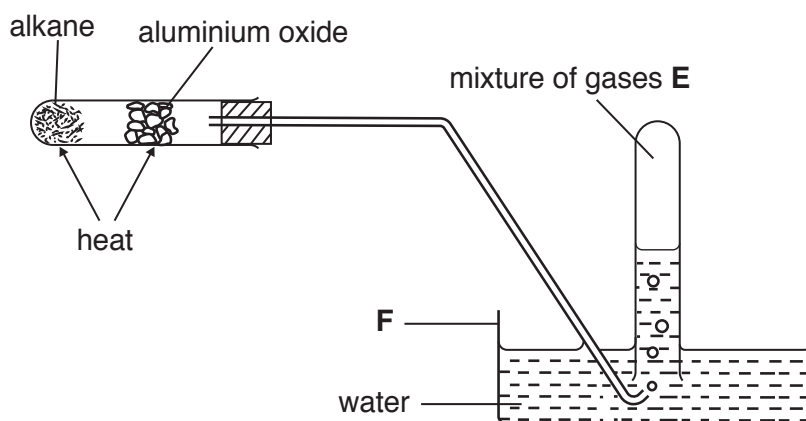


Fig. 7.1

(i) Name apparatus F.

..... [1]

(ii) The ethene in **E** decolourises bromine water.

Draw the functional group of hydrocarbons in the same homologous series as ethene.

[1]

(iii) Name the other product of the cracking process.

..... [1]

(c) Ethene undergoes addition polymerisation to form poly(ethene).

(i) Describe addition polymerisation.

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..... [2]

(ii) Draw the structure of poly(ethene)

[1]

(iii) Explain why poly(ethene) causes serious pollution problems.

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..... [2]

8 An electric bell has a rating of 240 V, 0.7 A.

(a) Calculate;

(i) its resistance,

..... Ω [2]

(ii) the charge moving in the circuit, if the bell is switched on for 2 minutes.

..... [3]

(b) The electric bell is connected with two appliances having resistance of 6 Ω and 3 Ω as shown in Fig. 8.1.

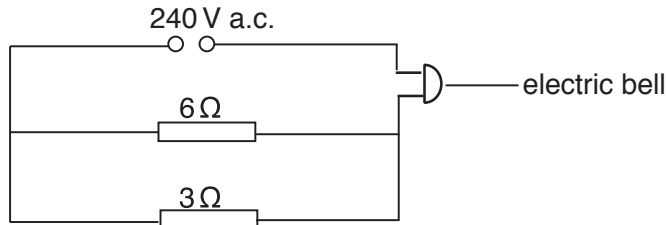


Fig. 8.1

(i) Calculate the combined resistance of the two appliances.

..... Ω [2]

(ii) One of the appliances has a step-down transformer which transforms 240 V to 12 V.

Calculate the number of turns in the secondary coil if the primary coil has 1000 turns.

..... [2]

9 (a) Green copper(II) carbonate undergoes thermal decomposition to form black copper(II) oxide as one of the products.

(i) Name the other product of this reaction.

..... [1]

(ii) Explain why the thermal decomposition of copper(II) carbonate is a chemical change.

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..... [1]

(b) Calcium carbonate also undergoes thermal decomposition.

Describe **one** similarity and **one** difference in the thermal decomposition of copper(II) carbonate and calcium carbonate.

similarity.....

.....

difference.....

..... [2]

(c) The copper(II) oxide formed can react with hydrochloric acid to form a soluble salt, copper(II) chloride.

Excess copper(II) oxide is used in this reaction.

(i) Describe how **pure** crystals of copper(II) chloride can be prepared.

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..... [3]

(ii) The copper(II) oxide is used as a powder to increase the rate of the reaction.

State **two** other factors that can increase the rate of the reaction.

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2 [2]

10 Lunga moves a wire, **GH**, such that it cuts across a magnetic field as shown in Fig. 10.1.

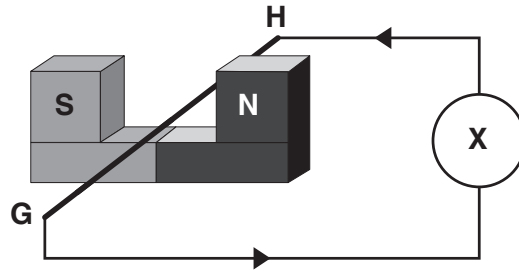


Fig. 10.1

The movement of the wire induces an electromotive force (e.m.f) in the wire.

(a) State **one** way in which the induced e.m.f can be increased.

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 [1]

(b) Name the instrument that Lunga should connect at **X** in Fig. 10.1 to measure the charge generated.

Give a reason for your answer.

name of instrument

reason

..... [2]

(c) Draw, in Fig. 10.2, the magnetic field lines between the poles of the magnet **S** and **N**.

[3]

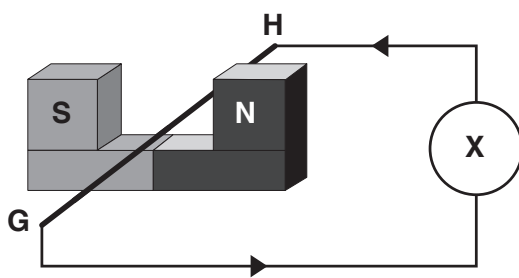


Fig. 10.2

(d) Fig. 10.3 shows the direction of the induced current in the wire.

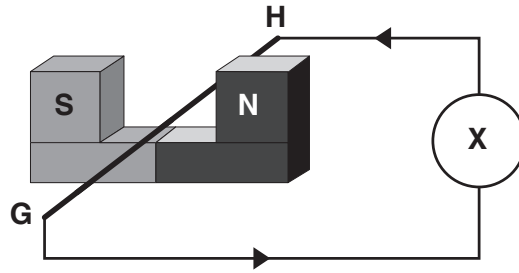


Fig. 10.3

Indicate on Fig. 10.3, using an arrow, the direction of movement of the wire **GH** in order for the current to be induced in the direction shown. [1]

DATA SHEET The Periodic Table of the Elements

		Group																							
I	II											III	IV	V	VI	VII	0								
7 Li Lithium	9 Be Beryllium											1 H Hydrogen	11 B Boron	12 C Carbon	14 N Nitrogen	16 O Oxygen	19 F Fluorine	20 Ne Neon							
3 Li	4 Be	23 Na Sodium	24 Mg Magnesium	45 Sc Scandium	48 Ti Titanium	51 V Vanadium	52 Cr Chromium	55 Mn Manganese	56 Fe Iron	59 Co Cobalt	59 Ni Nickel	64 Cu Copper	65 Zn Zinc	70 Ga Gallium	73 Ge Germanium	75 As Arsenic	79 Se Selenium	80 Br Bromine	84 Kr Krypton						
11 Na	12 Mg	19 K Potassium	20 Ca Calcium	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr						
37 Rb Rubidium	38 Sr Strontium	85 Rb	88 Sr	89 Y Yttrium	91 Zr Zirconium	93 Nb Niobium	96 Mo Molybdenum	98 Tc Technetium	101 Ru Ruthenium	103 Rh Rhodium	106 Pd Palladium	108 Ag Silver	112 Cd Cadmium	115 In Indium	119 Sn Tin	122 Sb Antimony	128 Te Tellurium	127 I Iodine	131 Xe Xenon						
55 Cs Caesium	56 Ba Barium	133 Cs	137 Ba	139 La Lanthanum	178 Hf Hafnium	181 Ta Tantalum	184 W Tungsten	186 Re Rhenium	190 Os Osmium	192 Ir Iridium	195 Pt Platinum	197 Au Gold	201 Hg Mercury	204 Tl Thallium	207 Pb Lead	209 Bi Bismuth	209 Po Polonium	210 At Astatine	222 Rn Radon						
87 Fr Francium	88 Ra Radium	223 Fr	226 Ra	227 Ac Actinium	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn						
		* 58–71 Lanthanoid series † 90–103 Actinoid series										140 Ce Cerium	141 Pr Praseodymium	144 Nd Neodymium	147 Pm Promethium	150 Sm Samarium	152 Eu Europium	157 Gd Gadolinium	159 Tb Terbium	163 Dy Dysprosium	165 Ho Holmium	167 Er Erbium	169 Tm Thulium	173 Yb Ytterbium	175 Lu Lutetium
												58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
												90 Th Thorium	91 Pa Protactinium	92 U Uranium	93 Np Neptunium	94 Pu Plutonium	95 Am Americium	96 Cm Curium	97 Bk Berkelium	98 Cf Californium	99 Es Einsteinium	100 Fm Fermium	101 Md Mendelevium	102 No Nobelium	103 Lr Lawrencium

Key

a	a = relative atomic mass
X	X = atomic symbol
b	b = atomic (proton) number

The volume of one mole of any gas is 24 dm³ at room temperature and pressure (r.t.p.).

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