BPhO 2016 Paper 1 Section 1

- (a) Sketch the electric field lines due to two point charges, of magnitudes +Q and +2Q, at A and B, separated by a distance d.
 - (i) Determine the location of the neutral point, P, where the electric field is zero.
 - (ii) Why does the magnitude of the electric field vary along a field line?

(b) A charge of 0.5×10^6 C passes through a 12 V battery when the battery discharges. Assuming that the p.d. across the terminals remains constant, calculate the time for which it can supply 0.45 kW.

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- (c) Draw a general resistive network diagram with:
 - (i) two resistors in series which are, in turn, in series with three resistors in parallel.
 - (ii) five resistors that are not in series or parallel, or in a combination of series and parallel arrangements.

Calculate the resistance in (i) and (ii) if all the resistors have resistance R.

(d) Two spheres, of uniform density, one of mass m_1 and radius r_1 and the other of mass m_2 and radius r_2 , attract each other gravitationally. What is their *relative* speed at the instant of collision if they are released from rest when a great distance apart?

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(e) A bicycle tyre has a volume of 1.2×10^{-3} m³ when fully inflated. A bicycle pump has a working volume of 9.0×10^{-5} m³. How many strokes, n, of the pump are needed to inflate the completely flat tyre, containing no air, to a pressure of 3.0×10^{5} Pa? The atmospheric pressure is 1.0×10^{5} Pa. Assume the air is pumped in slowly so that there is no change in temperature.

(f) A van, travelling at constant speed of 80 km hr⁻¹ (km/hour), passes a car. The car immediately begins to accelerate at a constant rate of $1.2 \, \mathrm{m \, s^{-2}}$ and passes the van 0.50 km further down the road. What is the speed, v, of the car when it passes the van?

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(g) A calorimeter contains 0.800 kg of water at a temperature of 15.0 $^{\circ}$ C. The heat capacity of the calorimeter is 42.8 J $^{\circ}$ C⁻¹. 0.400 kg of molten lead is poured into the calorimeter. The final equilibrium temperature is 25.0 $^{\circ}$ C. What was the initial temperature of the lead?

The specific heat of molten lead is 158 J kg^{-1 o}C⁻¹, the specific heat of solid lead is 137 J kg^{-1 o}C⁻¹ and the specific latent heat is 2.323×10^4 J kg⁻¹. Lead freezes at 327 °C. The specific heat of water is 4200 J kg^{-1 o}C⁻¹.

(h) A small object of mass m rests on a scale-pan which is supported by a spring. The period of vertical oscillations is 0.50 s. When the amplitude of the oscillations exceeds the value, A, the mass leaves the scale-pan. Determine A.

(i) Uncharged metallic spheres of radii 6R, 3R and 2R are mounted on insulated stands. The spheres of radii 2R and 6R are charged to a potential V above earth potential. All three spheres are then briefly joined by a copper wire. What, in terms of V, is the subsequent potential of the sphere of radius 3R?

What fraction of the original total charge is held by the sphere of radius 3R?

(j) The maximum kinetic energy of photoelectrons ejected from a tungsten surface by monochromatic light of wavelength 248 nm is $8.60 \times 10^{-20} \, J$.

What is the value of the work function, W, of tungsten?

(k) A ladder of length L and mass m, with a uniform density, rests against a frictionless vertical wall at an angle of 60° to the wall. The lower end rests on a flat surface with a coefficient of static friction of $\mu_S=0.40$. A student with a mass M=2m attempts to climb the ladder. What fraction of the distance up the ladder will the student have reached when the ladder begins to slip?

(I) A smooth ball of radius 10.0 cm, mass 0.600 kg, hangs by a weightless string from a support. What is the speed of a horizontal wind necessary to keep the string inclined at 39° to the vertical? Make the assumption that the wind speed drops to zero on collision with the ball. The density of the air is 1.293 kg m⁻³.

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(m) The activity of polonium, Po, fell to one eighth of its initial value in 420 days. Calculate the half-life, t_h , of polonium.

Give the numerical values of a, b, c, d, e, and f in the nuclear equation

$$^{a}_{b}$$
Po \rightarrow $^{c}_{d}\alpha$ + $^{206}_{82}$ Pb + $^{e}_{f}\gamma$ [4]

(n) Four masses of 1 kg, 4 kg, 3 kg, and 4 kg are arranged cyclically at the corners of a square of side 2b and centre O. A thin circular metal ring has radius a, mass 8 kg, and with the same centre O lies in the same plane as the square. Determine the position of the centre of mass of the system from O.

(o) A trumpeter travelling in an open car sounds a note at 440 Hz. A stationary pedestrian directly in the path of the car hears a note at frequency 466 Hz. What is the speed of the car? The velocity of sound is 331 ms⁻¹.

(p) A beam of protons is accelerated from rest through a potential difference of 2000 V and enters a uniform magnetic field which is perpendicular to the direction of the proton beam. If the flux density is 0.2000 T, calculate the radius of the path of the beam.

How is the result modified for deuterons?

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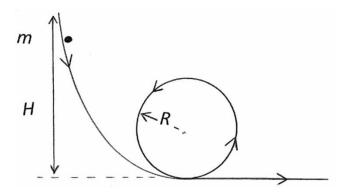


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