

ICSE Class 10 Physics Previous Year Question Paper 2017

Physics SCIENCE Paper - I

Time: 2 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

*Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.
You will **not** be allowed to write during the first **15** minutes.
This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
The time given at the head of paper is the time allotted for writing the answers.*

Section I is compulsory. Attend **any four** questions from **Section II**.
The intended marks of questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

SECTION - I (40 Marks)

Attempt **all** question from this Section.

Question 1

- (a) A brass ball is hanging from a stiff cotton thread. Draw a neat labelled diagram showing the forces acting on the brass ball and cotton thread. [2]
- (b) The distance between two bodies is doubled. How is the magnitude of gravitational force between them affected? [2]
- (c) Why is a jack screw provided with a long arm? [2]
- (d) If the power of a motor is 100 kW, at what speed can it raise a load of 50,000 N? [2]
- (e) Which class of lever will always have $MA > 1$ and why? [2]

Question 2

- (a) Define heat capacity and state its SI unit. [2]
- (b) Why is the base of a cooking pan generally made thick? [2]
- (c) A solid of mass 50 g at 150°C is placed in 100 g of water at 11°C , when the final temperature recorded is 20°C . Find the specific heat capacity of the solid. (specific heat capacity of water = $4.2 \text{ J/g }^{\circ}\text{C}$) [2]
- (d) How is the refractive index of a material related to: [2]
- (i) real and apparent depth?
 - (ii) velocity of light in vacuum or air and the velocity of light in a given medium?

(e) State the conditions required for total internal reflection of light to take place. [2]

Question 3

(a) Draw a ray diagram to show the refraction of a monochromatic ray through a prism when it suffers minimum deviation. [2]

(b) The human ear can detect continuous sounds in the frequency range from 20 Hz to 20,000 Hz. Assuming that the speed of sound in air is 330 ms^{-1} for all frequencies; calculate the wavelengths corresponding to the given extreme frequencies of the audible range. [2]

(c) An enemy plane is at a distance of 300 km from a radar. In how much time the radar will be able to detect the plane? Take velocity of radio waves as $3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$. [2]

(d) How is the frequency of a stretched string related to:
(i) its length?
(ii) its tension? [2]

(e) Define specific resistance and state its SI unit. [2]

Question 4

(a) An electric bulb of 300Ω draws a current of 0.4 A. Calculate the power of the bulb and the potential difference at its ends. [2]

(b) State two causes of energy loss in a transformer. [2]

(c) State two characteristics of a good thermion emitter. [2]

(d) State two factors upon which the rate of emission of thermions depends. [2]

(e) When does the nucleus of an atom tend to be radioactive? [2]

SECTION II (40 Marks)

Attempt any four questions from this Section

Question 5

- (a) A uniform half metre rule balances horizontally on a knife edge at 29 cm mark when a weight of 20 gf is suspended from one end. [3]
- (i) Draw a diagram of the arrangement
- (ii) What is the weight of the half metre rule?
- (b)
- (i) A boy uses a single fixed pulley to lift a load of 50 kgf to some height. Another boy uses a single movable pulley to lift the same load to the same height. Compare the effort applied by them. Give a reason to support your answer. [3]
- (ii) How does uniform circular motion differ from uniform linear motion?
- (iii) Name the process used for producing electricity using nuclear energy.
- (c) A pulley system with $VR = 4$ is used to lift a load of 175 kgf through a vertical height of 15 m. The effort required is 50 kgf in the downward direction. [4]
- ($g = 10 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$)
- Calculate
- (i) Distance moved by the effort
- (ii) Work done by the effort
- (iii) M.A. of the pulley system
- (iv) Efficiency of the pulley system

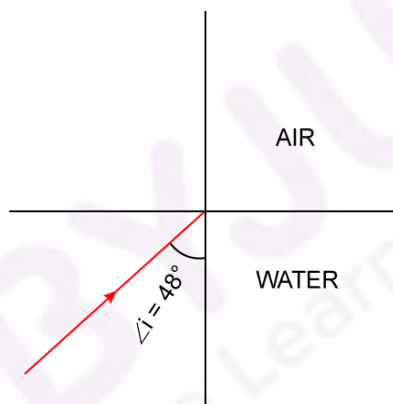
Question 6

- (a)
- (i) How is the transference of heat energy by radiation prevented in a calorimeter? [3]
- (ii) You have a choice of three metals A, B and C, of specific heat capacities $900 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$, $380 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ and $460 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ respectively, to make a calorimeter. Which material will you select? Justify your answer.
- (b) Calculate the mass of ice needed to cool 150g of water contained in a calorimeter of mass 50 g at 32°C such that the final temperature is 5°C . [3]
- Specific heat capacity of calorimeter = $0.4 \text{ J/g}^\circ\text{C}$
- Specific heat capacity of water = $4.2 \text{ J/g}^\circ\text{C}$
- Latent heat capacity of ice = 330 J/g

- (c) [4]
- (i) Name the radiations which are absorbed by greenhouse gases in the earth's atmosphere.
 - (ii) A radiation X is focused by a particular device on the bulb of a thermometer and mercury in the thermometer shows a rapid increase. Name the radiation X.
 - (iii) Name two factors on which the heat energy liberated a body depend.

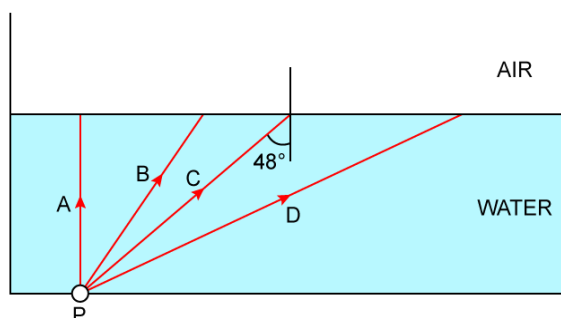
Question 7

- (a) A lens forms an upright and diminished image of an object when the object is placed at the focal point of the given lens. [3]
- (i) Name the lens.
 - (ii) Draw a ray diagram to show the image formation.
- (b) A ray of light travels from water to air as shown in the diagram given below :



- (i) Copy the diagram and complete the path of the ray. Given the critical angle for water is 48° .
- (ii) State the condition so that internal reflection occurs in the above diagram. [3]

- (c) The diagram below shows a point source P inside a water container. Four rays A, B, C, D starting from the source P are shown upto the water surface.[4]



- (i) Show in the diagram the path of these rays after striking the water surface.

The Critical Angle for water air surface is 48°

- (ii) Name the phenomenon which the rays B and D exhibit.

Question 8

- (a) Name the factor that determines :

[3]

- Loudness of the sound heard.
- Quality of the note.
- Pitch of the note.

- (b)

[3]

- What are damped vibrations?
- Give one example of damped vibrations.
- Name the phenomenon that causes a loud sound when the stem of a vibrating tuning fork is kept pressed on the surface of a table.

- (c)

[4]

- A wire of length 80 cm has a frequency of 256 Hz. Calculate the length of a similar wire under similar tension, which will have frequency 1024 Hz.

- A certain sound has a frequency of 256 hertz and a wavelength of 1.3 m.

- Calculate the speed with which this sound travels
- What difference would be felt by a listener between the above sound and another sound travelling at the same speed, but of wavelength 2.6 m?

Question 9

- (a) [3]
- (i) Name the colour code of the wire which is connected to the metallic body of an appliance.
 - (ii) Draw the diagram of a dual control switch when the appliance is switched 'ON'.
- (b) [3]
- (i) Which particles are responsible for current in conductors?
 - (ii) To which wire of a cable in a power circuit should the metal case of geyser be connected.
 - (iii) To which wire should the fuse be connected?
- (c) [4]
- (i) Explain the meaning of the student 'current rating of a fuse is 5A'.
 - (ii) In the transmission of power the voltage of power generated at the generating stations is stepped up from 11kV to 132 kV before it is transmitted. Why?

Question 10

- (a) Answer the following questions based on a hot cathode ray tube. [3]
- (i) Name the charged particles
 - (ii) State the approximate voltage used to heat the filament
 - (iii) What will happen to the beam when it passes through the electric field?
- (b) State three factors on which the rate of emission of electrons from a metal surface depends [3]
- (c) [4]
- (i) What are free electrons?
 - (ii) Why do they not leave the metal surface on their own
 - (iii) How can they be made to leave the metal surface? (State any two ways)