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**SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**APRIL/MAY 2010 SERIES**

**PHYSICS 2**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates**

This paper consists of **FIVE** Questions.

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions.

### **Question ONE**

(a). By use of graphs, discuss variation of temperature gradient along a:

- (i). Lagged bar
- (ii). Unlagged bar

**(8 Marks)**

(b). Define the following terms:

- (i) Heat
- (ii) Temperature
- (iii) Specific heat capacity
- (iv) Heat capacity

**(4 Marks)**

(c). The temperature of 4m long wire rod rises from 20°C to 45°C. If increase in length obtained or expansion is 0.34mm.

Calculate:

- (i). Linear expansivity of the wire.
- (ii). Volume expansivity of the wire.
- (iii). Area expansivity of the wire.

**(4 Marks)**

(d). (i). State Hooke's Law.

(ii). Explain how Hooke's Law is related to young modulus.

(iii). 0.45kg mass of a body is hung from the end of a wire 2.4m long of diameter 0.3mm.

If the young modulus for the material of the wire is  $1.2 \times 10^{11}$  Pa. Calculate extension produced.

**(6 Marks)**

(e). A body is thrown at 30° to the horizontal with an initial velocity of 500m/s. Calculate:

- (i). Horizontal range
- (ii). Maximum height reached
- (iii). Time taken to reach maximum height.

**(8 Marks)**

## **Question TWO**

- (a). Explain deformation behavior of materials at the atomic level using.
- (i). Elastic Strain
  - (ii). Plastic Strain
- (12 Marks)**
- (b). The traditional methods of making metals stronger and stiffer all involve obstructing dislocation movement by barriers i.e. pockets of disorder in the lattice. Explain **THREE** types of barriers that may be considered.
- (8 Marks)**

## **Question THREE**

- (a). A solid is heated till it changes to liquid and then to gas. Sketch a graph of temperature versus heat supplied. Name points and sections on the graph.
- (7 Marks)**
- (b). The volume of liquid passing through a pipe per second  $V$  depends on the following:
- (i).  $\eta$  – Coefficient of Viscosity
  - (ii).  $r$  – Radius of the pipe
  - (iii).  $\frac{P}{L}$  – Pressure gradient

Write a dimension equation relating  $V$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $r$  and  $\frac{P}{L}$ .

Show that  $V = \frac{\pi r^4 P}{8\eta L}$  given that the value for dimension constant is equal to

$$\frac{\pi}{8}$$

**(13 Marks)**

## **Question FOUR**

- (a). State **THREE** effects that take place on a body when it gains heat energy.
- (3 Marks)**
- (b). Compare a fully immersed body with a partially immersed body in terms of upthrust, density, volume of displaced liquid.
- (7 Marks)**
- (c). State the **TWO** general conditions for equilibrium.
- (4 Marks)**

(d). (i). Define the following terms:

- (i). Speed
- (ii). Velocity
- (iii). Acceleration
- (iv). Heat

**(4 Marks)**

(e). State:

- (i). **THREE** Newton's Laws of Motion.
- (ii). Principle of conservation of momentum.

**(6 Marks)**

### **Question FIVE**

(a). A rocket develops an initial thrust of  $3.3 \times 10^8 \text{N}$  and has a lift off mass of  $2.8 \times 10^6 \text{kg}$ . Find the initial acc of the rocket at lift off. Take  $g = 10 \text{ms}^{-2}$ .

**(5 Marks)**

(b).  $100 \text{cm}^3$  of mercury (Hg) in a glass vessel is heat from  $25^\circ\text{C}$  to  $100^\circ\text{C}$ . The Real volume expansivity of mercury is  $1.82 \times 10^{-4} \text{C}^{-1}$  and Linear expansivity of glass is  $8 \times 10^{-6} \text{C}^{-1}$ .

Calculate:

- (i). Reel expansion of Hg.
- (ii). Apparent expansion of Hg.

**(8 Marks)**

(c). Define:

- (i). Strain
- (ii). Stress

**(2 Marks)**

(d). Draw a graph of stress verse strain for a Ductile material and on its indicate the following sections and points:

- (i). Elastic deformation
- (ii). Plastic deformation
- (iii). Yield point
- (iv). Ductile fracture

**(5 Marks)**