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Use **blue** or **black ink**. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.



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DATA SHEET

Speed of light in materials

Material	Speed in m/s
Air	3.0×10^8
Carbon dioxide	3.0×10^8
Diamond	1.2×10^8
Glass	2.0×10^8
Glycerol	2.1×10^8
Water	2.3×10^8

Speed of sound in materials

Material	Speed in m/s
Aluminium	5200
Air	340
Bone	4100
Carbon dioxide	270
Glycerol	1900
Muscle	1600
Steel	5200
Tissue	1500
Water	1500

Gravitational field strengths

	Gravitational field strength on the surface in N/kg
Earth	10
Jupiter	26
Mars	4
Mercury	4
Moon	1.6
Neptune	12
Saturn	11
Sun	270
Venus	9

Specific heat capacity of materials

Material	Specific heat capacity in J/kg °C
Alcohol	2350
Aluminium	902
Copper	386
Glass	500
Glycerol	2400
Ice	2100
Lead	128
Silica	1033
Water	4180

Specific latent heat of fusion of materials

Material	Specific latent heat of fusion in J/kg
Alcohol	0.99×10^5
Aluminium	3.95×10^5
Carbon dioxide	1.80×10^5
Copper	2.05×10^5
Glycerol	1.81×10^5
Lead	0.25×10^5
Water	3.34×10^5

Melting and boiling points of materials

Material	Melting point in °C	Boiling point in °C
Alcohol	-98	65
Aluminium	660	2470
Copper	1077	2567
Glycerol	18	290
Lead	328	1737
Turpentine	-10	156

Specific latent heat of vaporisation of materials

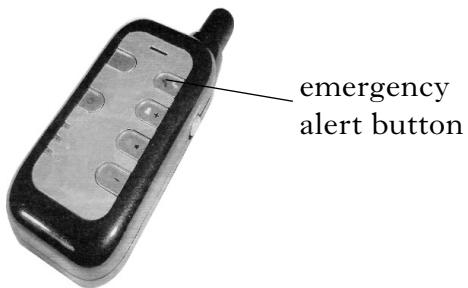
Material	Specific latent heat of vaporisation in J/kg
Alcohol	11.2×10^5
Carbon dioxide	3.77×10^5
Glycerol	8.30×10^5
Turpentine	2.90×10^5
Water	22.6×10^5

SI Prefixes and Multiplication Factors

Prefix	Symbol	Factor
giga	G	$1\ 000\ 000\ 000 = 10^9$
mega	M	$1\ 000\ 000 = 10^6$
kilo	k	$1000 = 10^3$
milli	m	$0.001 = 10^{-3}$
micro	μ	$0.000\ 001 = 10^{-6}$
nano	n	$0.000\ 000\ 001 = 10^{-9}$

1. A mountain climber carries a device which receives radio signals from satellites to determine the climber's position.

The device can also be used to send the climber's position to the emergency services in the event of an accident.



- (a) One satellite sends a radio signal that is received by the device 0·068 s after transmission.

- (i) State the speed of the radio signal.

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- (ii) Calculate the distance between this satellite and the climber.

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- (b) The device sends a radio signal to the emergency services.

The frequency of the signal is 2100 MHz.

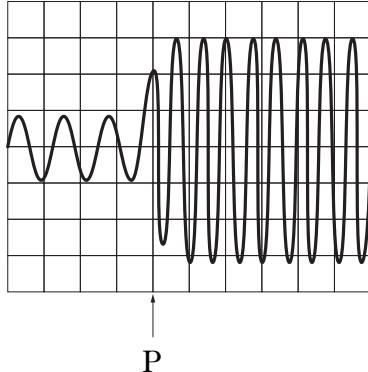
Calculate the wavelength of this signal.

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- (c) The emergency services use a telephone to contact the nearest mountain rescue team.

A student examines the electrical signal from a telephone mouthpiece. An oscilloscope is connected to the mouthpiece and displays an electrical signal when the student whistles into the mouthpiece.



State and describe what happens at point P on the signal pattern to:

- A the loudness of the sound;

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- B the frequency of the sound.

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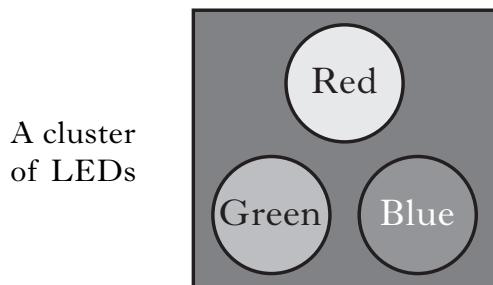
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2. A rugby match is being played at Murrayfield. Spectators are able to view close-up images and replays of the match on giant screens.



- (a) Each screen is composed of millions of clusters of LEDs. The diagram below shows one of these clusters.



- (i) In one cluster all LEDs are switched on.

State the colour observed on the screen in this area.

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- (ii) The green LED in this cluster is now switched off.

What colour is observed?

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2. (continued)

- (b) The LED screens are controlled by a computer which receives images from pitch-side cameras.

The computer is linked to the screens using optical fibres.

- (i) Describe how signals are transmitted along optical fibres.

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- (ii) State **one** advantage of using optical fibres rather than copper wires for transmitting the signals.

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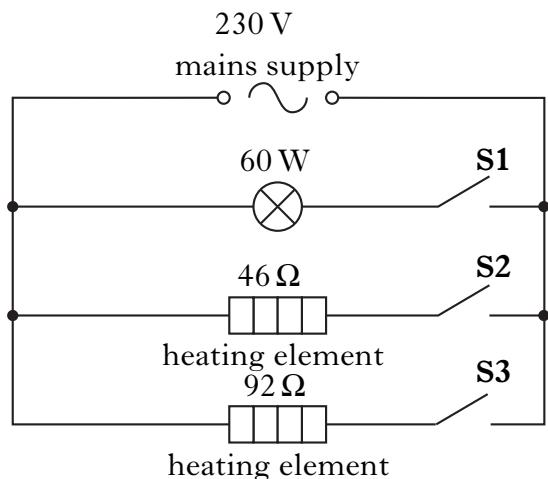
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3. A mains electric fire has two heating elements which can be switched on and off separately. The heating elements can be switched on to produce three different heat settings: LOW, MEDIUM and HIGH. The fire also has an interior lamp which can be switched on to give a log-burning effect.



The circuit diagram for the fire is shown.



- (a) When switch **S1** is closed, the lamp operates at its stated rating of 60 W. Calculate the current in the lamp.

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3. (continued)

- (b) Switch
- S1**
- is opened and switches
- S2**
- and
- S3**
- are closed.

- (i) Calculate the combined resistance of both heating elements.

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- (ii) Calculate the total power developed in the heating elements when
- S2**
- and
- S3**
- are closed.

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- (iii) State and explain which switch or switches would have to be closed to produce the
- LOW**
- heat setting.

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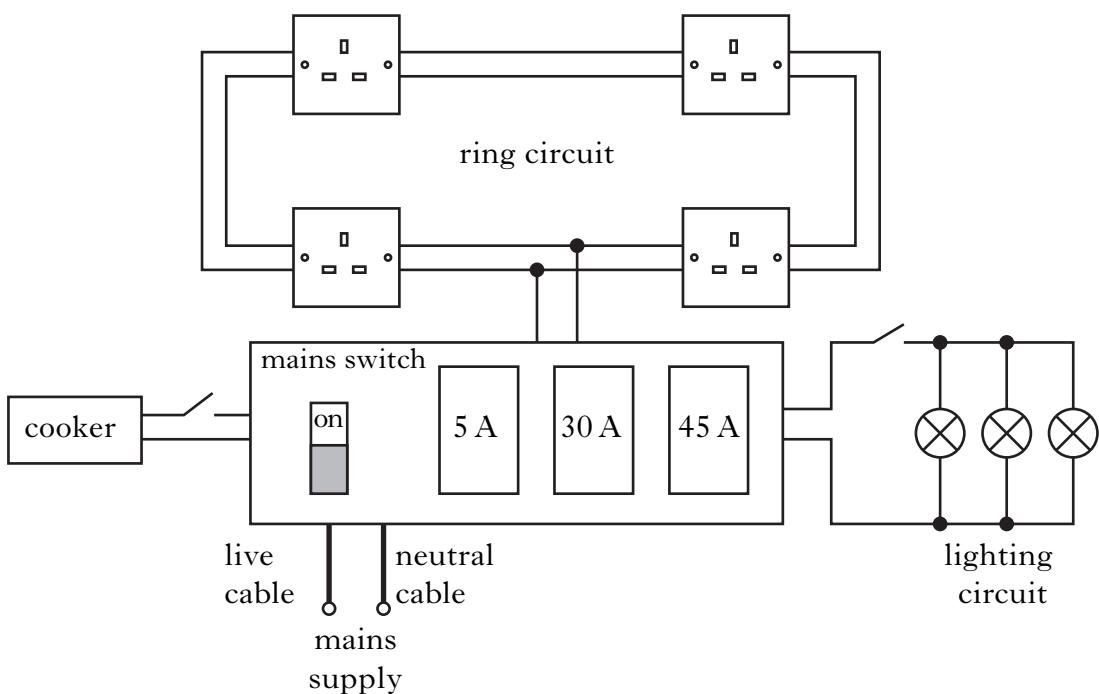
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4. The diagram shows three household circuits connected to a consumer unit.



The consumer unit contains a mains switch and three fuses.

The mains supply is also connected to the consumer unit.

The earth wires for these circuits are not shown in the diagram.

- (a) Explain why the mains switch must be connected to the live cable from the mains supply.

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- (b) (i) Complete the table below to show which value of fuse should be connected to each circuit.

<i>Circuit</i>	<i>Value of fuse</i>
Lighting Circuit	
Cooker	45 A
Ring Circuit	

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4. (b) (continued)

- (ii) The lighting circuit and the ring circuit have different values of fuse.

State another difference between the ring circuit and the lighting circuit.

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- (c) State **one** advantage of using a ring circuit as a preferred method of wiring in parallel.

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- (d) Circuit breakers can be used in a consumer unit instead of fuses.

State **one** advantage of using a circuit breaker instead of a fuse.

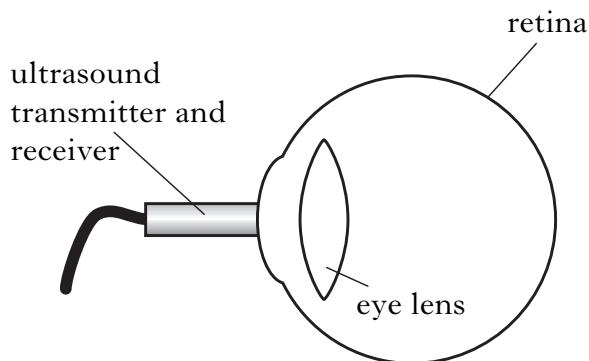
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5. A patient visits an ophthalmologist for an eye examination.

The ophthalmologist uses ultrasound to take measurements inside the eye.

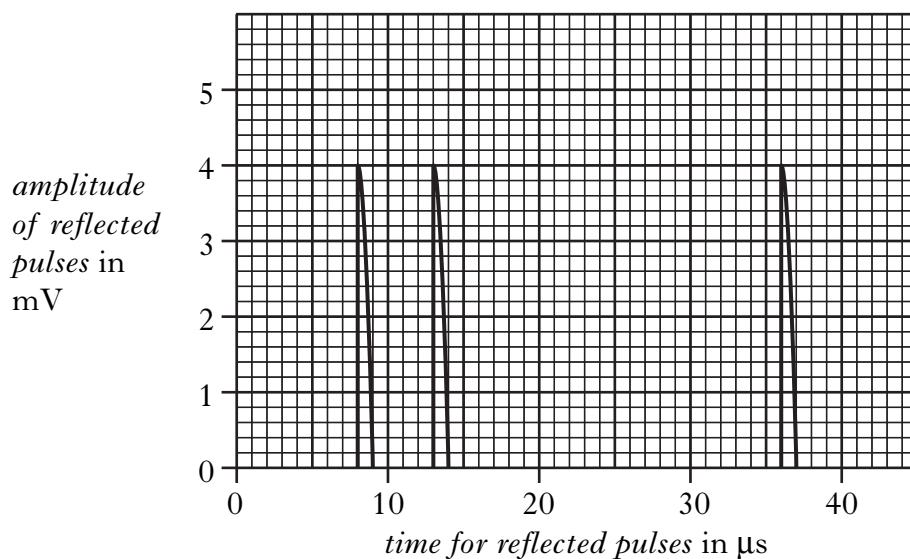


- (a) What name describes the shape of the eye lens?

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- (b) The ophthalmologist has a graph obtained using measurements from a person with normal eyesight. The graph shows times to receive reflected ultrasound pulses from the **front** edge of the eye lens, the **back** edge of the eye lens and from the **retina**.



- (i) Calculate the time taken for the ultrasound to travel from the **front** edge to the **back** edge of the eye lens.

Space for working and answer

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5. (b) (continued)

- (ii) Ultrasound pulses travel at a speed of 1500 m/s inside the lens.

Calculate the thickness of the lens in the normal-sighted person.

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- (c) Another set of measurements indicates that a patient is long-sighted and requires spectacles. Figure 1 shows rays of light from a book entering an eye of this patient until the rays reach the retina.

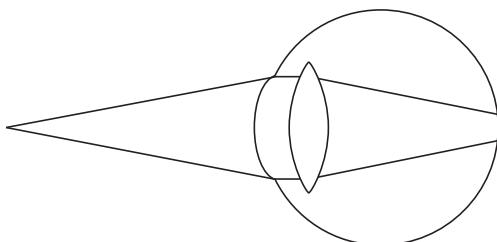
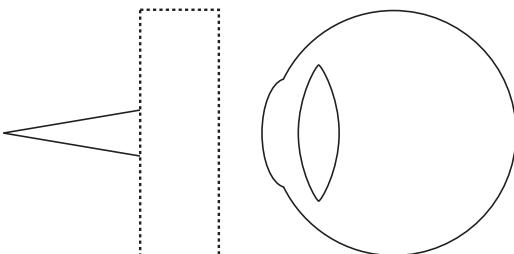


Figure 1

- (i) In the dotted box in Figure 2, draw the shape of lens that would correct this eye defect.



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Figure 2

- (ii) In Figure 2, complete the path of the rays of light from this lens until they reach the retina.

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- (iii) One lens used has a power of 1.4 D.

Calculate its focal length.

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6. A teacher is demonstrating absorption of alpha, beta and gamma radiations.

- (a) The teacher explains that when these radiations are absorbed they may cause ionisation in the absorbing material.

- (i) Which of the two diagrams below represents an ionised atom?

Explain your answer.

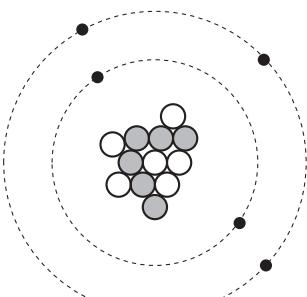


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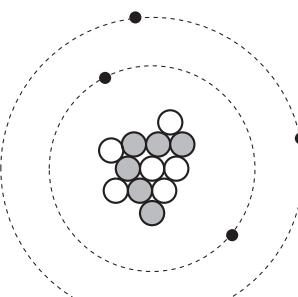


diagram 2

- proton
- neutron
- electron

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- (ii) Which type of radiation: alpha, beta or gamma causes most ionisation?

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- (b) The radioactive sources are stored in lead-lined boxes. This is a safety precaution to minimise exposure of students and teacher to radiations from the sources.

State **one** further safety precaution that should be taken by the teacher when handling the radioactive sources.

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- (c) Radioactive materials are used in hospitals.

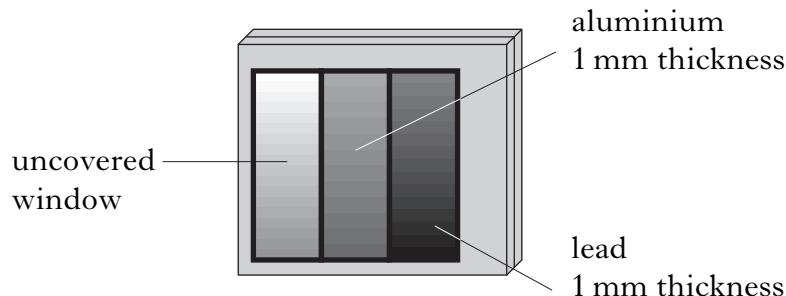
- (i) Describe **one** medical use of radiation where the radiation is used to destroy cells.

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6. (c) (continued)

- (ii) A hospital physicist is working with some radioactive materials. The physicist wears a badge containing photographic film. Light cannot reach the film.



When developed, it is found that the film behind both the uncovered window and the window covered with 1 mm thick aluminium have turned black.

State which type of radiation could cause the film in **only** these areas to turn black.

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- (iii) It is found that the physicist has received an equivalent dose of 2 mSv due to this radiation.

(A) In the sentence below, circle **one** phrase in the brackets to make the statement correct.

The effect of an equivalent dose of 2 mSv of gamma radiation

is $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the same as} \\ \text{greater than} \\ \text{less than} \end{array} \right\}$ an equivalent dose of 2 mSv of beta

radiation.

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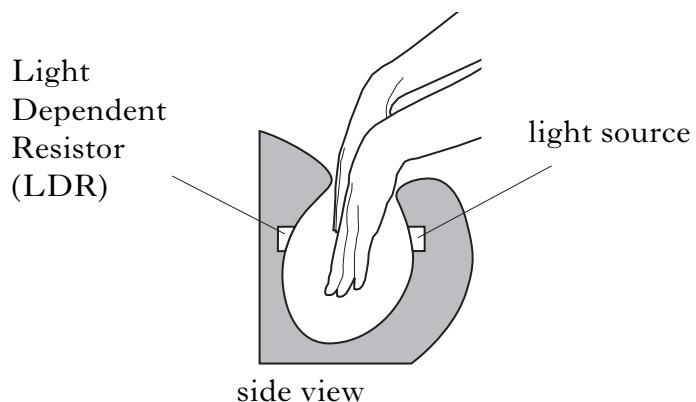
- (B) Explain your answer.

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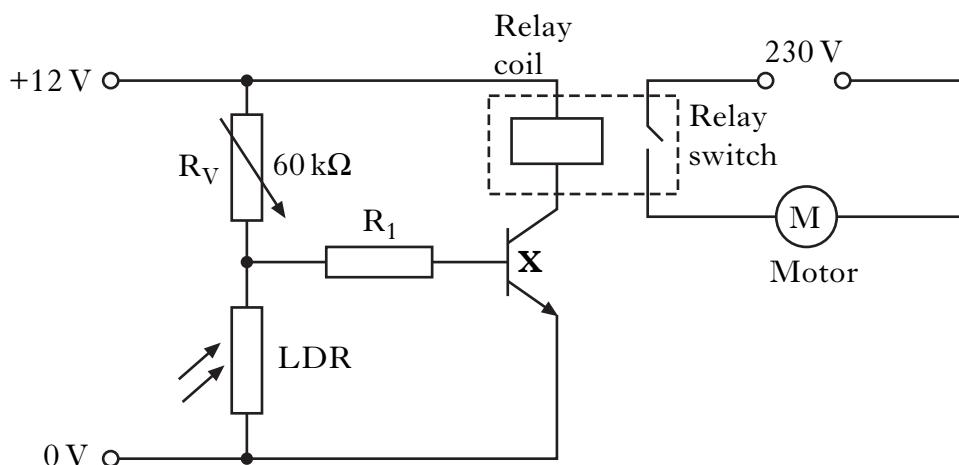
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7. An automatic hand dryer used in a washroom is shown in the diagram below.



Inserting hands into the dryer breaks a light beam, this is detected using a light dependent resistor (LDR). The LDR is part of a switching circuit which activates the dryer when hands are inserted.

Part of the circuit for the hand dryer is shown.



- (a) The variable resistor R_V is set to a resistance of 60 k Ω .

Calculate the voltage across the LDR when its resistance is 4 k Ω .

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- (b) Name component **X** in the circuit diagram.

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- (c) Explain how this circuit operates to activate the motor in the dryer when the light level falls below a certain value.

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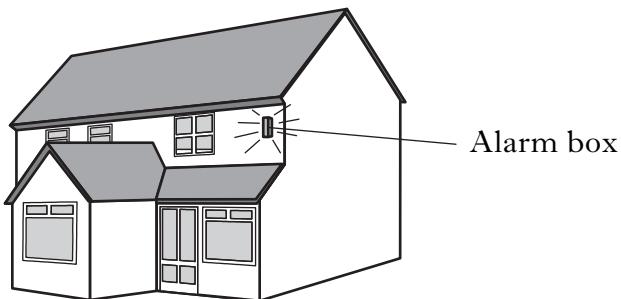
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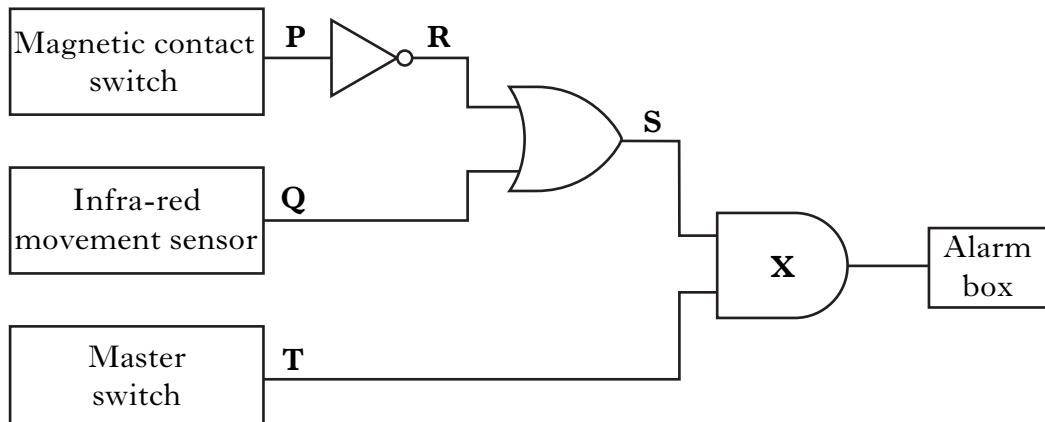
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8. A house is fitted with a burglar alarm. The outside doors are fitted with magnetic contact switches that detect a door being opened. An infra-red sensor detects movement inside the house. An alarm box produces flashes of light and pulses of sound when activated.

The alarm system can be switched on or off using a master switch.



The logic circuit for part of the alarm system is shown below.



When a door is opened, the logic level at **P** changes from logic **1** to logic **0**.

When the infra-red movement sensor detects movement, the logic level at **Q** changes from logic **0** to logic **1**.

When the master switch is **ON**, the logic level at **T** is logic **1**.

- (a) Complete the truth table below to show the logic levels at **R** and **S** in the logic circuit.

P	Q	R	S
0	0		
1	0		
0	1		
1	1		

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8. (continued)

- (b) (i) Name the logic gate **X** shown in the logic circuit.

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- (ii) Explain why this type of gate must be connected to the master switch to allow the alarm box to be switched OFF.

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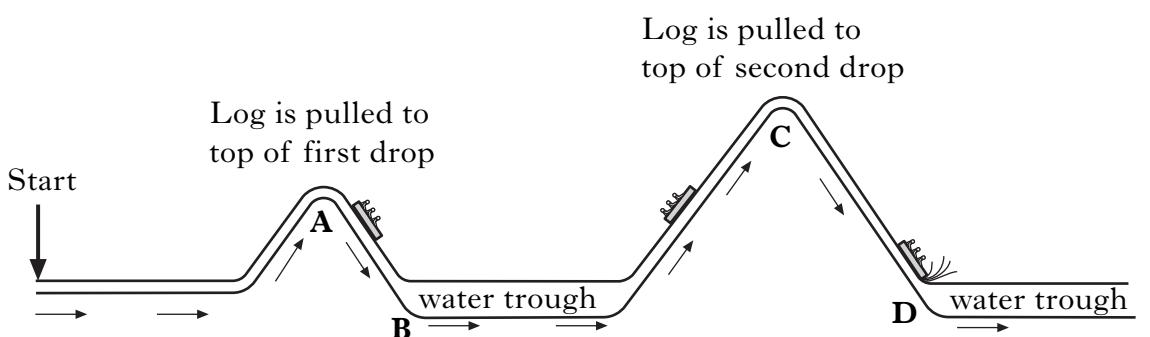
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- (iii) Name a suitable output device that could be used in the alarm box to produce an audio output.

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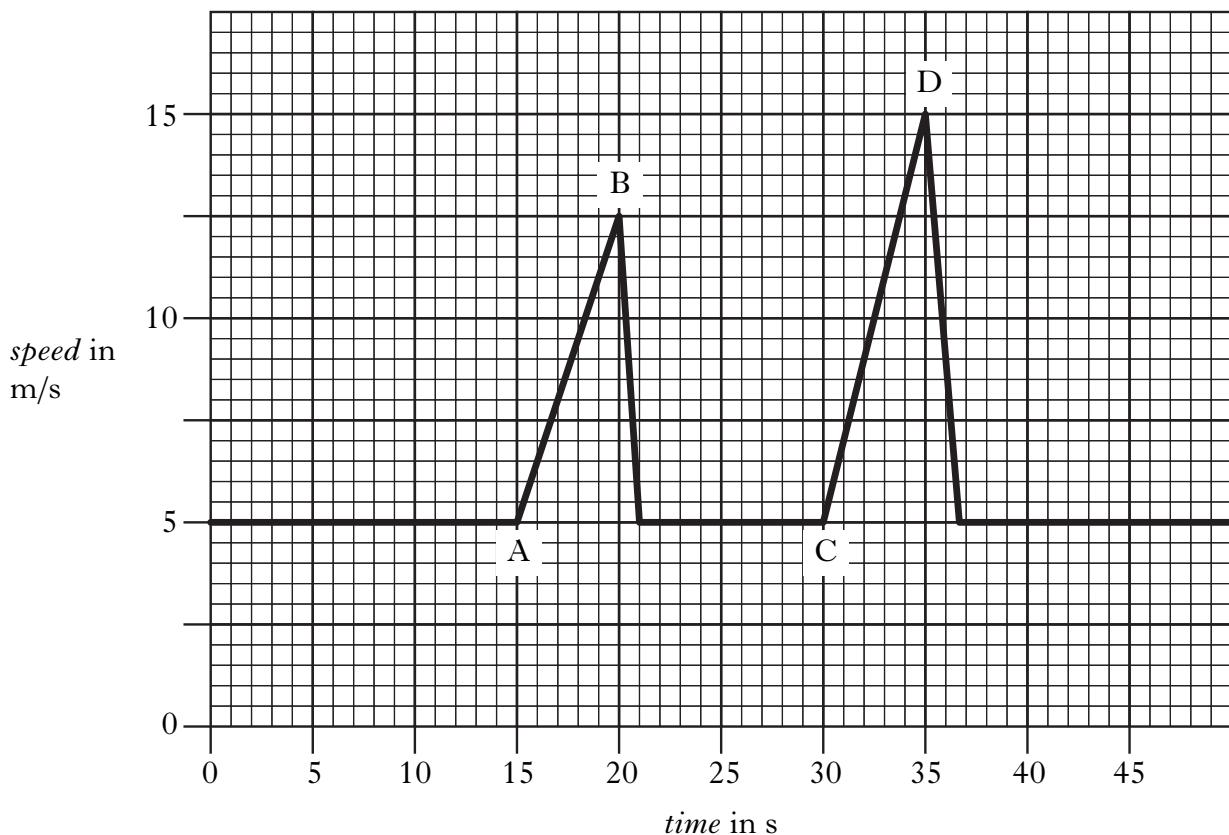
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9. On a visit to a theme park, four students ride the log flume.



Not to scale

- (a) The graph shows how the speed of the log varies during the ride.



- (i) Describe the motion of the log during **AB** on the graph.

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9. (a) (continued)

- (ii) Calculate the distance travelled by the log from the start of the ride to the bottom of the first drop.

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- (iii) Calculate the log's acceleration as it goes down the second drop.

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- (b) Describe how the instantaneous speed of the log could be measured at position **D** on the log flume.

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10. Two students are playing a game of air hockey. An air hockey table has small holes in its surface through which air is blown. A **mallet** is used to strike the **puck**. The puck moves off on the cushion of air.



- (a) The puck has a mass of 35 g.

Calculate the weight of the puck.

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- (b) The puck is struck by the mallet and moves off with a speed of 4·0 m/s.

- (i) State the speed at which the puck hits the side cushion.

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- (ii) Explain your answer.

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10. (continued)

- (c) The air supply to the table is switched off. This time the puck leaves the mallet with a speed of 8·0 m/s. A frictional force between the puck and the table causes the puck to stop moving after it has travelled a certain distance.
- (i) Calculate the kinetic energy of the puck as it leaves the mallet.

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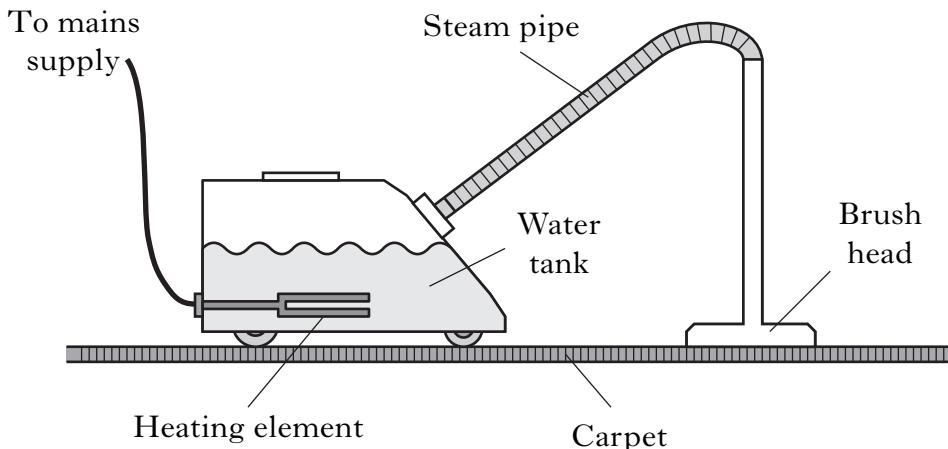
- (ii) The average frictional force acting on the puck is 5·0 N.
Calculate the distance travelled by the puck.

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11. A steam cleaner rated at 2kW is used to clean a carpet. The water tank is filled with 1.6 kg of water at 20 °C. This water is heated until it boils and produces steam. The brush head is pushed across the surface of the carpet and steam is released.



- (a) Calculate how much heat energy is needed to bring this water to its boiling point of 100 °C.

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- (b) After the steam cleaner has been used for a period of time, 0.9 kg of boiling water has changed into steam.

- (i) Calculate how much heat energy was needed to do this.

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- (ii) Calculate how long it would take to change this water into steam.

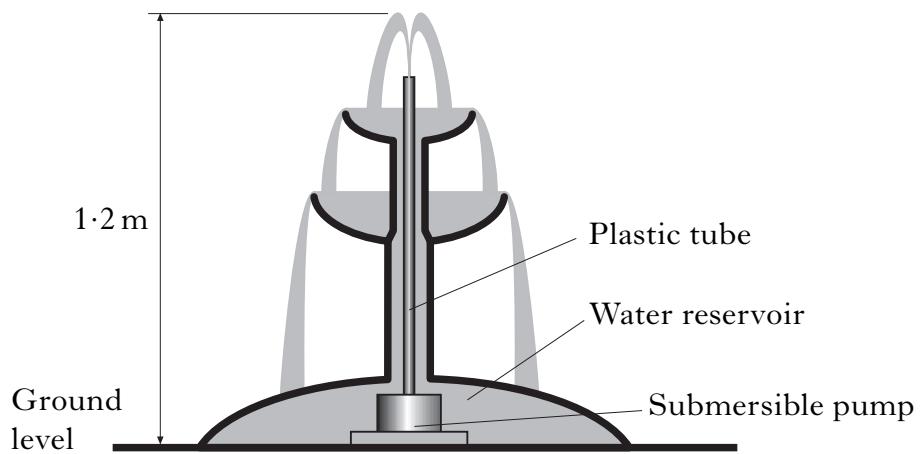
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12. A small submersible pump is used in a garden water fountain. The pump raises 25 kg of water each minute from a reservoir at ground level.

The water travels through a plastic tube and reaches a height of 1.2 m above ground level.



- (a) Calculate how much gravitational potential energy the water gains each minute.

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- (b) (i) The pump system is 40% efficient.

Calculate the input power in watts.

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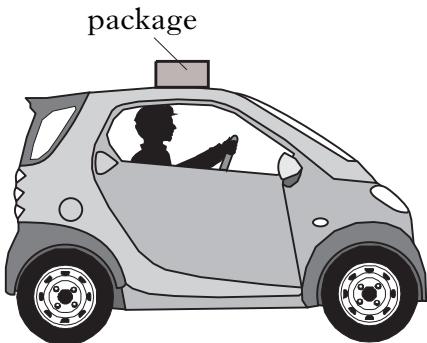
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- (ii) Give **two** reasons why the pump system is not 100% efficient.

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13. A car driver exits a car park having accidentally left a package resting on the roof of the car. The car is travelling at a constant speed of 15 m/s when the driver brakes suddenly and the car stops. The package continues to move forward.



(a) (i) On the above diagram sketch the path taken by the package.

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(ii) Explain why the package follows this path.

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(b) The package takes 0.55 s to fall to the ground.

Calculate its vertical speed as it reaches the ground.

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14. All stars emit electromagnetic radiation. The diagram below shows the electromagnetic spectrum in order of increasing wavelength. The names of **three** of the radiations are missing.

Gamma rays	X-rays	P	Visible light	Q	R	TV and Radio
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Increasing wavelength

- (a) (i) Name radiation:

P

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- (ii) Which radiation in the electromagnetic spectrum has the lowest frequency?

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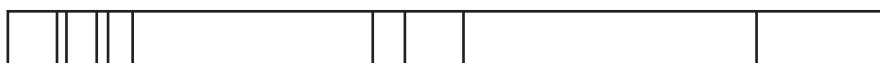
- (b) Some spectral lines of radiation from a distant star are shown below.



Spectral lines of radiation from distant star

The spectral lines of a number of elements are also shown.

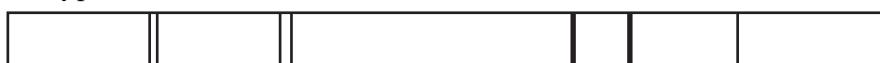
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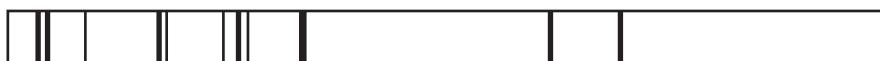
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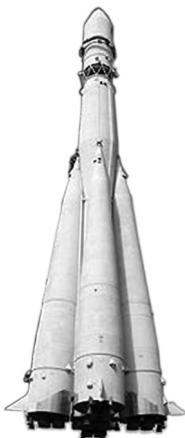
Use the spectral lines of the elements shown above to identify which of these elements are present in the distant star.

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15. The first manned space flights took place 50 years ago. Spacecraft were launched into space using powerful rockets.



- (a) The operation of a rocket engine can be explained using Newton's Third Law of Motion.
- (i) State Newton's Third Law of Motion.

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- (ii) Explain, in terms of Newton's Third Law, how the rocket engines propel the rocket upwards.

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- (b) At lift-off, one rocket has a total mass of $2.05 \times 10^6 \text{ kg}$. The resultant force acting upwards on the rocket is $8.2 \times 10^6 \text{ N}$.

Calculate the acceleration of the rocket at lift-off.

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