

Funn 17

2  
SECTION A

You should spend a maximum of 40 minutes on this section.

Write your answer for each question in the box provided.

Answer all the questions.

1 Which pair contains one vector and one scalar quantity?

- A velocity acceleration
- B displacement force
- C kinetic energy work done
- D momentum distance

Your answer

[1]

2 The unit of electrical resistance is the ohm  $\Omega$ .  $1 \Omega$  is the same as

- A  $1 \text{ C V}^{-1}$
- B  $1 \text{ S}^{-1}$  ←
- C  $1 \text{ C}^2 \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- D  $1 \text{ A V}^{-1}$

*S is siemens & s is seconds*  
*conductivity* →  $G = \frac{1}{R}$  so  $R = S^{-1}$   
*Siemens*

Your answer

[1]

3 Which quantity is followed by a reasonable estimate of its order of magnitude?

- A weight of an apple  $10^0 \text{ N}$
- B volume of a table tennis ball  $10^3 \text{ cm}^3$
- C wavelength of infra-red radiation  $10^4 \text{ m}$
- D temperature of Sun's surface  $10^5 \text{ K}$

Your answer

[1]

$$P = VI \quad V = IR$$

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

The following information is for use in questions 15 and 16.

Two heater coils **X** and **Y** dissipate the same power when coil **X** runs at 12V and coil **Y** runs at 6V. The coils are made from equal lengths of wire of the same material, but different diameter.

15 Which one of **A** to **D** below is equal to the ratio  $\frac{\text{resistance of X}}{\text{resistance of Y}}$ ?

$P, V, R$

A  $\frac{1}{4}$

B  $\frac{1}{2}$

C 2

D 4

$$P_x = \frac{V_x^2}{R_x} = P_y = \frac{V_y^2}{R_y}$$

Your answer

$$\therefore \frac{12^2}{R_x} = \frac{6^2}{R_y} = \frac{12^2}{6^2} = \frac{R_y}{R_x} \quad [1] \quad \frac{4}{1}$$

16 Which one of **A** to **D** below is equal to the ratio  $\frac{\text{diameter of wire X}}{\text{diameter of wire Y}}$ ?

A  $\frac{1}{4}$

B  $\frac{1}{2}$

C 2

D 4

$$R_x = 4R_y$$

$$L_x = L_y$$

$$\rho_x = \rho_y$$

Your answer

$$\frac{A_x}{A_y} = \frac{\cancel{\rho} L}{R_x} \times \frac{R_y}{\cancel{\rho} L}$$

$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A} \quad [1]$$

$$A = \frac{\rho L}{R}$$

$$A_x = \pi r_x^2$$

$$A_y = \pi r_y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r_x^2}{r_y^2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$\frac{r_x}{r_y}$  will equal  $\frac{d_x}{d_y}$

$$\therefore \frac{r_x}{r_y} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

2012 G491. 10

- 11 Fig. 11.1 is an incomplete circuit diagram to measure the conductance of an electrical component called a thermistor.

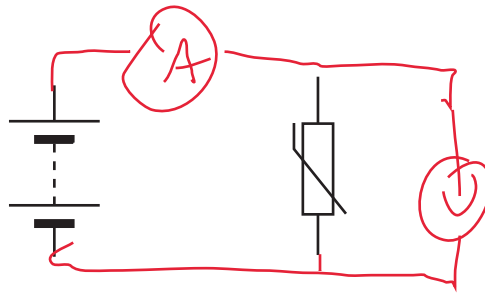


Fig. 11.1

- (a) Complete the circuit diagram, including an ammeter and voltmeter. [2]
- (b) At 300K, the current in the thermistor is 1.4 mA when the p.d. across it is 5.6V. Show that the conductance of the thermistor is about  $3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ S}$ .

$$G = \frac{I}{V} = \frac{1.4 \times 10^{-3}}{5.6} = 2.5 \times 10^{-4} \approx 3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ [1]}$$

- (c) The electrical behaviour of a thermistor can be modelled as follows:
- most electrons are bound to atoms
  - those few electrons with an extra energy  $\mathcal{E}$  are able to move freely
- (i) Use ideas about the Boltzmann factor to explain why the conductance of a thermistor increases with increasing temperature.



Your answer should use correct spelling and grammar.

$\mu$  BF = give ratio of particles between 2 states separated by  $\mathcal{E}$ . i.e. in this case ratio of particles which can move or not. [3]

o As T goes up, so does average energy/particle & so does BF.

o so e<sup>-</sup> more likely to become free

- (ii) The Boltzmann factor can be used with the model to predict that the conductance  $G$  of the thermistor at temperature  $T$  is given by the relationship

$$G = G_0 e^{\frac{-\varepsilon}{kT}}$$

at 300K  
 $G = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$

Use your answer to (b) to calculate the conductance of the thermistor at 400K.

$$\varepsilon = 5.0 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J}$$

$$k = 1.4 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$$

need to get  $G_0$  out!

$$G_{300} = G_0 e^{-\frac{5 \times 10^{-20}}{1.4 \times 10^{-23} \times 300}} = 2.5 \times 10^{-4} = G_0 \times 3.758 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow G_0 = 37$$

$$G_{400} = 37 \times e^{-\frac{5 \times 10^{-20}}{1.4 \times 10^{-23} \times 400}}$$

$$4.9 \times 10^{-3}$$

conductance = ..... S [3]

[Total: 9]

6 This question is about conduction in metals and in semiconductors.

- (a) A copper wire of length 1.5 m and radius  $2.5 \times 10^{-4}$  m has a resistance of  $0.13 \Omega$  at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . Calculate the conductivity of copper at this temperature.

conductivity at  $20^\circ\text{C} = \dots\dots\dots \text{S m}^{-1}$  [3]

- (b) A simple model of conduction suggests that each copper atom in the wire contributes one or more electrons to a cloud of free electrons that behave rather like particles in a gas. These electrons drift through the wire under the influence of an electric field.

The current  $I$  is given by the equation  $I = nave$  where:

- $n$  is the number of free electrons in the material per  $\text{m}^3$
- $a$  is the cross-sectional area of the wire
- $v$  is the drift velocity of the electrons
- $e$  is the electronic charge.

Calculate the drift velocity of the electrons when the copper wire in part (a) carries a current of 2.3 A. The number of free electrons per  $\text{m}^3$  in copper =  $8.5 \times 10^{28} \text{m}^{-3}$

drift velocity =  $\dots\dots\dots \text{ms}^{-1}$  [2]

