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# ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

General Certificate of Education Advanced Level

**PHYSICS**  
PAPER 2

**6032/2**

**NOVEMBER 2023 SESSION**      **1 hour 30 minutes**

Candidates answer on the question paper.  
Additional materials:  
Electronic calculator

**TIME**      1 hour 30 minutes

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided on the question paper.  
For numerical answers, **all** working should be shown.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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## DATA

speed of light in free space	$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
permeability of free space	$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Hm}^{-1}$
permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Fm}^{-1}$ ( $1/4\pi\epsilon_0 = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ mF}^{-1}$ )
elementary charge	$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
the Planck constant	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$
unified atomic mass unit	$1 \text{ u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
rest mass of electron	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
rest mass of proton	$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
molar gas constant	$R = 8.31 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
the Avogadro constant	$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
the Boltzmann constant	$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$
gravitational constant	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
acceleration of free fall	$g = 9.81 \text{ ms}^{-2}$

FORMULAE

uniformly accelerated motion	$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$
	$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$
work done on/by a gas	$W = p \Delta V$
gravitational potential	$\phi = -Gm/r$
hydrostatic pressure	$p = \rho gh$
pressure of an ideal gas	$p = \frac{1}{3} \frac{Nm}{V} \langle c^2 \rangle$
simple harmonic motion	$a = -\omega^2 x$
velocity of particle in s.h.m.	$v = v_0 \cos \omega t$
	$v = \pm \omega \sqrt{(x_0^2 - x^2)}$
Doppler effect	$f_o = \frac{f_s v}{v \pm v_s}$
Attenuation of x-rays	$I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$
electric potential	$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$
capacitors in series	$1/C = 1/C_1 + 1/C_2 + \dots$
capacitors in parallel	$C = C_1 + C_2 + \dots$
energy of charged capacitor	$W = \frac{1}{2} QV$
electric current	$I = Anvq$
resistors in series	$R = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$
resistors in parallel	$1/R = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + \dots$
Hall voltage	$V_H = \frac{BI}{ntq}$
alternating current/voltage	$x = x_0 \sin \omega t$
radioactive decay	$x = x_0 \exp(-\lambda t)$
decay constant	$\lambda = \frac{0.693}{t_{\frac{1}{2}}}$

- 1 (a) State the condition for the *total linear momentum* of a system of particles to be conserved.

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[1]

- (b) A car travelling at  $20 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  collides head-on with a large rock and stops instantly. A passenger of mass  $65 \text{ kg}$ , who wears a seat belt is brought to rest in  $0.5$  seconds.

Calculate the

- (i) constant force exerted on the passenger by the safety belt,
- (ii) energy absorbed by the safety belt system.

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- (c) (i) Explain how the headrest on car seats reduces chances of injury in case of accidents.

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(ii) Describe qualitatively the motion of a body in a circular path due to a perpendicular force.

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[5]

2 (a) State the conditions which must be satisfied for a motion to be simple harmonic.

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[2]

(b) Fig. 2.1 shows a trolley of mass 0.5 kg attached to two springs, each of spring constant 15 N/m. It is displaced horizontally 0.3 m from its equilibrium point.

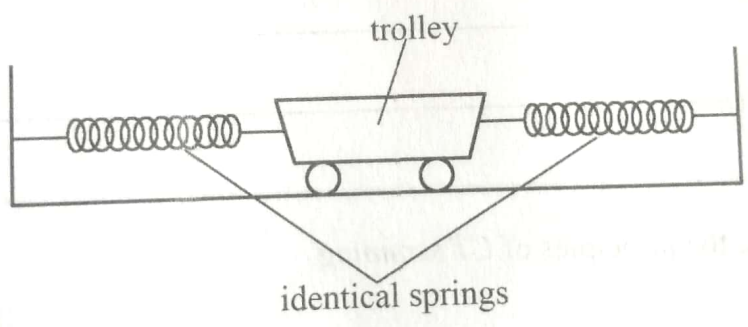


Fig. 2.1

(i) Determine the

1. angular frequency,

2. maximum speed of the trolley.

(ii) State any assumption made in (b)(i).

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[5]

(c) Describe the principles of *CT scanning*.

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[3]

3 (a) (i) Define the *Farad*.

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(ii) A  $6.0 \mu\text{F}$  capacitor is charged to a p.d. of  $10 \text{ V}$ . It is then removed from the supply and it is connected in parallel with an unchanged  $15 \mu\text{F}$  capacitor.

Calculate the

1. p.d across the capacitors,
2. charge on each capacitor after connection.

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- (b) (i) Fig. 3.1 shows a logic circuit operated using two switches  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  to turn on a light bulb.

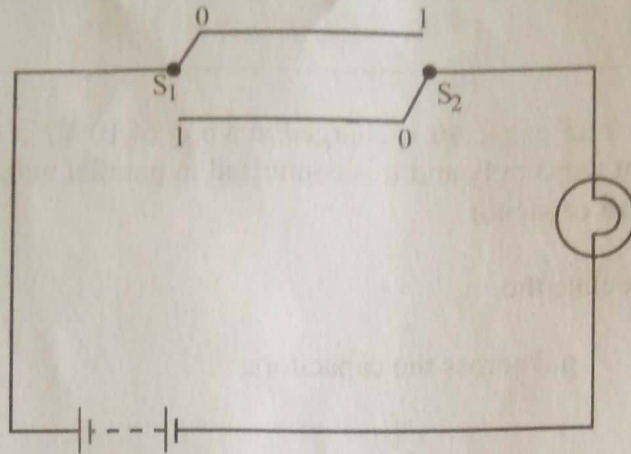


Fig. 3.1

1. Draw the truth table for the circuit.
2. Use NAND gates only, to construct a circuit that performs the same function as the circuit in Fig. 3.1.



4 (a) (i) State the *Bernoulli's principle*.

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(ii) Explain how the Bernoulli's principle is based on the principle of *conservation of energy*.

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(b) (i) Explain using the kinetic model of matter, the difference between expansion of liquids and of solids.

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(ii) Describe the use of heat that is supplied during boiling.

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(c) Suggest why a container is normally closed during cooking other than for hygienic purposes.

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[3]

- 5 (a) Distinguish between *emission* and *absorption line spectra*.

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[2]

- (b) State and explain the observations of the alpha scattering experiment.

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[3]

- (c) (i) State the relationship between *half-life* and *decay constant*.

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- (ii) The half-life of a radioactive isotope is 62 years.

Calculate the fraction of a sample that would remain after 31 years.

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[3]

- (d) In food and beverages taken there are radioactive samples present. Suggest **two** reasons why they are less harmful to the body tissues.

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[2]

- 6 (a) Distinguish between *Amplitude Modulation* and *Frequency Modulation*.

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- (b) (i) State **one** disadvantage of an analogue signal.

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(ii) Fig. 6.1 shows the variation with time of an analogue signal.

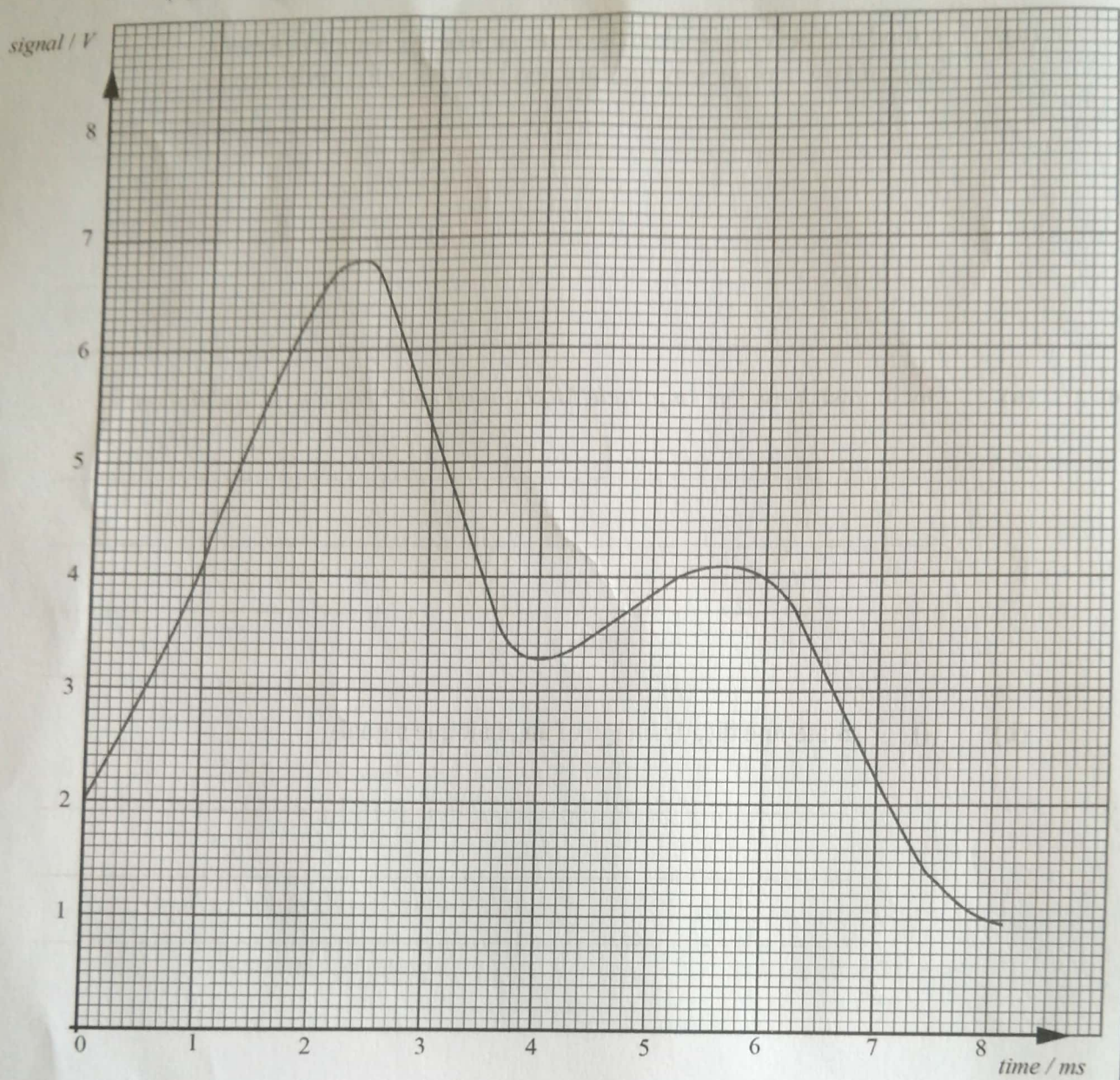


Fig. 6.1

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The output is processed by a four-bit analogue to digital converter with a sampling frequency of 0.5 kHz.

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1. State all the sampling voltages for the signal.

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2. Express the sampled voltages in digital form.

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3. Sketch a graph to show the recovered signal.

- (iii) State **one** way of improving the quality of the recovered signal.

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