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PHYSICS Unit Physics P3

Foundation Tier

Monday 21 January 2008 1.30 pm to 2.15 pm

For this paper you must have:

- a pencil and a ruler.
- You may use a calculator.

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer all questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 45.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

Advice

• In all calculations, show clearly how you work out your answer.

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(ii) Explain your answer to (b)(i).

(1 mark)

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(a)

(b)

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3 The diagram shows two children playing with a toy called a swing ball. The ball is joined to a pole by a strong string. The children hit the ball so that it goes round in a circular path.





(c) Which of the following words is used to describe any force that causes an object to move in a circular path?

Draw a ring around your answer.

centripetal	frictional	gravitational	universal	
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4 The diagram shows two satellites orbiting the Earth.



These satellites have the same mass.

(a) Complete the following sentences by drawing a ring around the correct words in each box.





(c) A company plans to launch a satellite to monitor the weather.

Which type of orbit is usually used for this purpose?

Draw a ring around your answer.

geostationary hig

high polar

low polar

(1 mark)

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5 Two students collect data from the Internet about planets in the Solar System.

Name of planet	Distance from the Sun in arbitrary units	Time for one orbit of the Sun in years	Mean surface temperature of the planet in °C
Mercury	0.4	0.2	+ 125
Venus	0.7	0.6	+ 465
Earth	1.0	1.0	+ 22
Mars	1.5	1.9	- 48
Jupiter	5.2	11.9	
Saturn	9.6	29.5	- 180

The table shows the data that they collect about the first six planets.

(a) One student says that the mean surface temperature of planets gets less the further they are from the Sun. The other student agrees but says that one planet does not fit the pattern.

Which planet does not fit the pattern?

(1 m	ark)

(b) Estimate a value for the mean surface temperature of Jupiter.

Mean surface temperature of Jupiter =°C (1 mark)

(c) Use words from the box to complete the following conclusion reached using the data in the table.

You can use the words once, more than once or not at all.

decreases increases stays the same



(d) Hundreds of years ago, some scientists thought that Mars was a hot planet because it has a reddish colour.

Which **one** of the following statements gives the reason why scientists no longer think this?

Put a tick (\checkmark) in the box next to your answer.

Hundreds of years ago, scientists got everything wrong.

Today's scientists have new evidence about Mars.

All scientific ideas change every one hundred years.

(1 mark)

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6 When a conductor carrying an electric current is placed in a magnetic field a force may act on it.









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(1 mark)

- 9 When sound waves reach a material, some of the energy of the sound is reflected and some is transmitted through the material.
 - (a) Complete the sentence. Sound waves are caused by
 - The graphs J, K, L and M represent the sound energy reflected from a surface. (b) The graphs are all drawn to the same scale.

Which graph shows the greatest total sound energy output from the surface?



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(c) The proportion of the sound energy which is reflected or transmitted depends on the material which receives the sound.

A student investigates different materials.

The diagram shows how a student sets up her equipment.

(i) Using a pencil and ruler to draw on the diagram, show how microphone **X** receives reflected sound.



(2 marks)

(ii) The student tests four materials. Each sheet of material is 1 mm thick. This has been glued onto a block of expanded polystyrene.

Why does the student use the same size of expanded polystyrene block and the same sound level for each test?

(1 mark)



The table shows the readings for the sound level transmitted to microphone Y.

END OF QUESTIONS



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