

**KCSE Physics 2011 Paper 1**

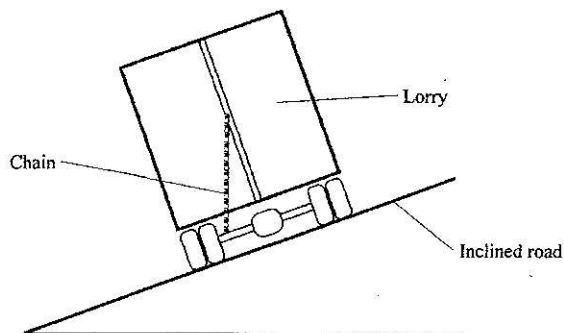
**2.2 PHYSICS (232)**

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**SECTION A (25 marks)**

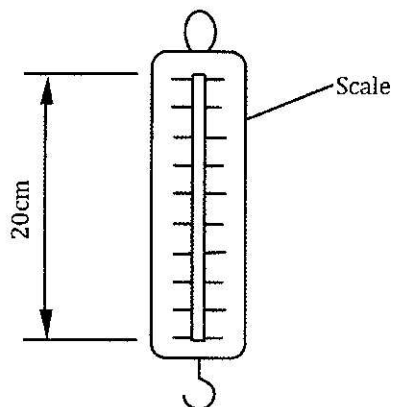
Answer *all* the questions in this section in the spaces provided.

- 1 **Figure 1** shows a lorry moving on an inclined section of a straight road. At the back is a chain hanging from a point on a horizontal axis through the centre of gravity of the lorry.



**Figure 1**

- State with a reason whether the lorry is stable or not stable. (1 mark)
- 2 State the constant force that opposes the motion of a stone initially at rest, as it falls through air from a tall building. (1 mark)
- 3 **Figure 2** shows a spring balance. Its spring constant is  $125\text{Nm}^{-1}$ . The scale spreads over a distance of 20cm.



**Figure 2**

- Determine the maximum weight that can be measured using this spring. (3 marks)
- 4 **Figure 3** shows an aluminium tube tightly stuck in a steel tube.

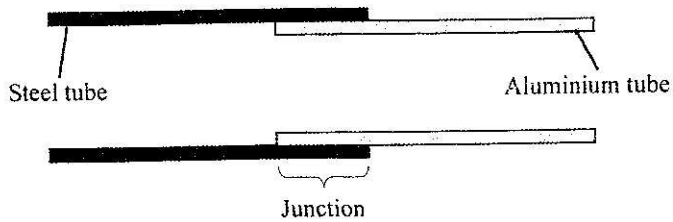


Figure 3

Explain how the two tubes can be separated by applying a temperature change at the junction given that aluminium expands more than steel for the same temperature rise.

(2 marks)

- 5 **Figure 4** shows two identical beakers P and Q full of water at  $90^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Two similar cold wet clothes are wrapped, one around the top of P and the other around the bottom of Q.

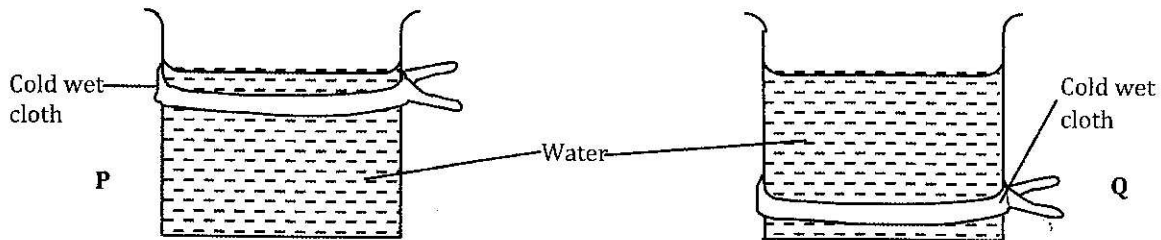


Figure 4

State with a reason, the beaker in which the water cools faster.

(2marks)

- 6 **Figure 5** is a graph of net force on a body against its velocity as it falls through a liquid.

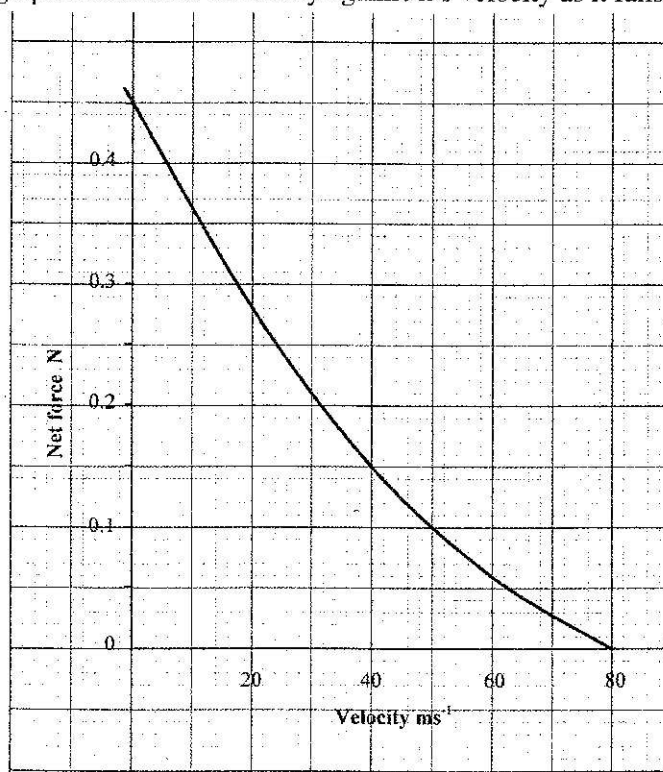
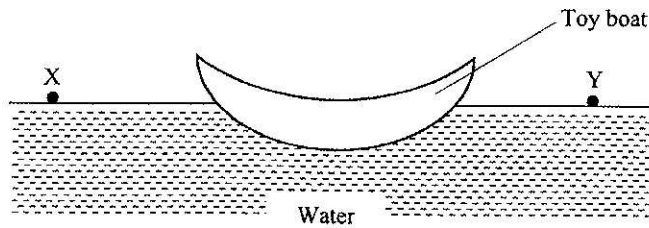


Figure 5

Determine the terminal velocity of the body.

(1 mark)

- 7 **Figure 6** shows a small toy boat floating on water in a basin. **X** and **Y** are two points near the toy.

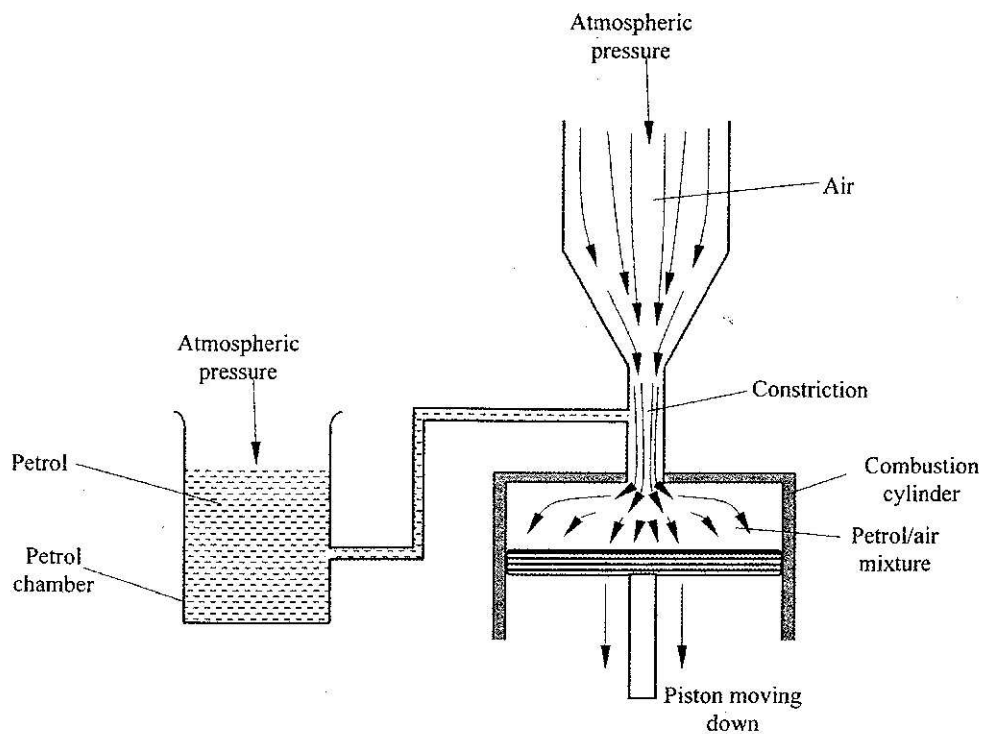


**Figure 6**

When a hot metal rod is dipped into the water at point **X**, the toy is observed to move towards **Y**. Explain this observation. (2 marks)

- 8 When the temperature of a gas in a closed container is raised, the pressure of the gas increases. Explain how the molecules of the gas cause the increase in pressure. (2 marks)

- 9 **Figure 7** shows part of a petrol engine, in which air flowing under atmospheric pressure passes into a constriction, where it mixes with petrol. The mixture then flows into a combustion cylinder.

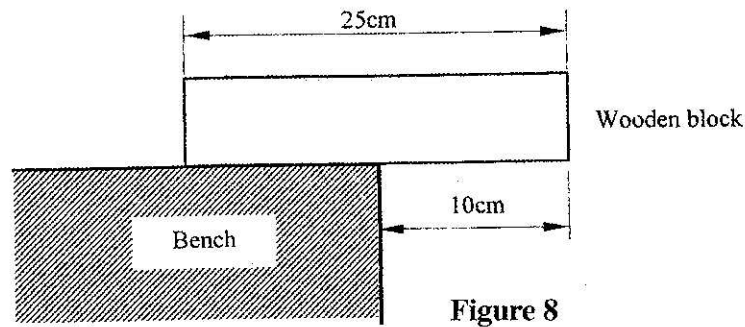


**Figure 7**

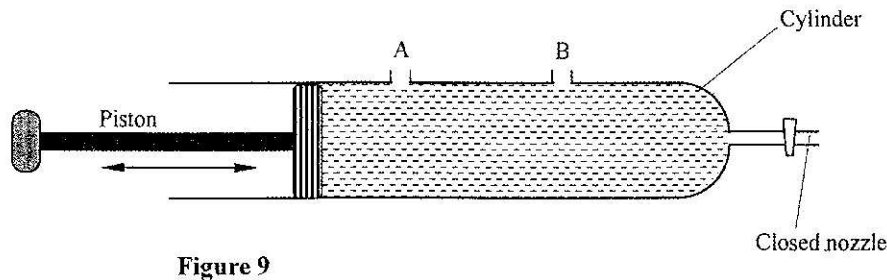
Explain what causes the petrol to move from the petrol chamber to the air stream in the constriction when the piston is moved downwards. (2 marks)

- 10 State the reason why it is easier to separate water into drops than to separate a solid into smaller pieces. (1 mark)

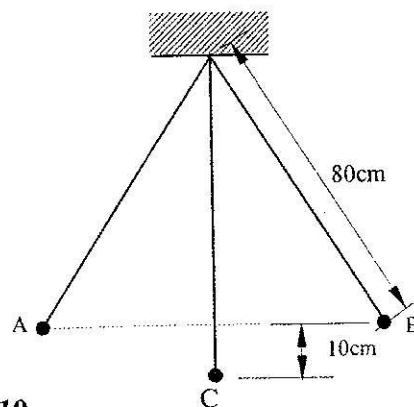
**Figure 8** shows a uniform wooden block of mass 2kg and length 25cm lying on a bench. It hangs over the edge of the bench by 10cm. Use the figure to answer questions 11 and 12.



- 11 Indicate on the figure two forces acting on the wooden block. (1 mark)
- 12 Determine the minimum force that can be applied on the wooden block to make it turn about the edge of the bench. (2 marks)
- 13 A particle starts from rest and accelerates uniformly in a straight line. After 3 seconds it is 9m from the starting point. Determine the acceleration of the particle. (3 marks)
- 14 **Figure 9** shows a syringe full of water. It has two identical holes A and B drilled along its cylinder. The cylinder nozzle is closed.



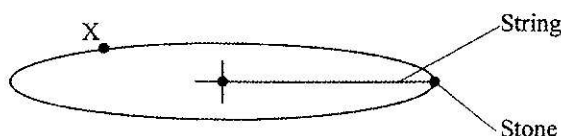
State with a reason how the speeds of the jets of water from A and B compare when the piston is pushed into the cylinder. (2 marks)



- (a) (i) Indicate with an arrow, on the path ACB, the direction of the greatest velocity of the bob as it moves from A to B. (1 mark)
- (ii) State the form of energy possessed by the pendulum bob at point A. (1 mark)

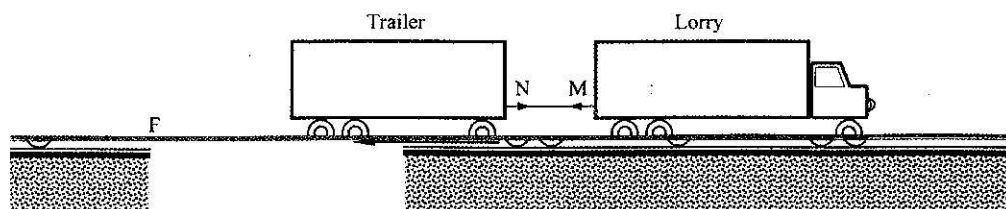
- (b) Determine:
- (i) the velocity of the bob at point C, (3 marks)
  - (ii) the tension in the string as the bob passes point C. (3 marks)  
(take acceleration due to gravity  $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ )
- (c) After some time, the pendulum comes to rest at point C. State what happens to the energy it initially possessed. (1 mark)

16 **Figure 11** shows a stone attached to the end of a string moving in a horizontal circle with a uniform speed of  $2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . When the stone reaches point X on the circle, the string breaks.



**Figure 11**

- (i) Indicate on the diagram with an arrow, the direction of the motion of the stone when the string breaks. (1 mark)
  - (ii) State the magnitude of the velocity after the string breaks. (1 mark)
  - (iii) Give a reason for your answers in (i) and (ii). (1 mark)
- (b) **Figure 12** shows a lorry towing a trailer using a rope.



**Figure 12**

The lorry exerts a force N on the trailer and the trailer exerts an equal but opposite force M on the lorry. The frictional force between the trailer and the road is F.

Explain how the forces N, M and F enable the trailer to move. (2 marks)

- (c) **Figure 13** shows a frictionless trolley of mass 2kg moving with uniform velocity towards a wall. At the front of the trolley is a spring whose spring constant is  $25 \text{ Nm}^{-1}$ . The trolley comes to rest momentarily after compressing the spring by 3cm and then rebounds from the wall.

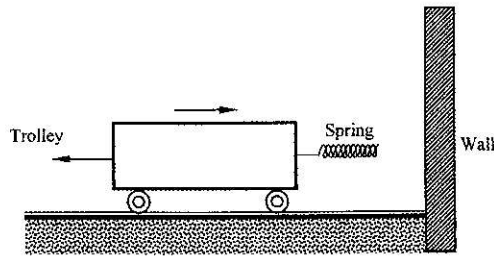


Figure 13

- (i) Determine
- (I) the force exerted on the wall by the spring. (3 marks)
  - (II) the maximum acceleration of the trolley as it rebounds from the wall. (3 marks)
- (ii) State the reason why the trolley acquires a constant velocity after it rebounds. (2 marks)
- 17 (a) When the temperature of water reaches the boiling point, bubbles rise to the surface.
- (i) State what is contained in the bubbles. (1 mark)
  - (ii) State the reason why bubbles rise to the surface only at the boiling point. (1 mark)
- (b) **Figure 14** shows a graph of vapour pressure against the temperature of water vapour, in a laboratory where a mercury barometer indicates a height of 61.8 cm.

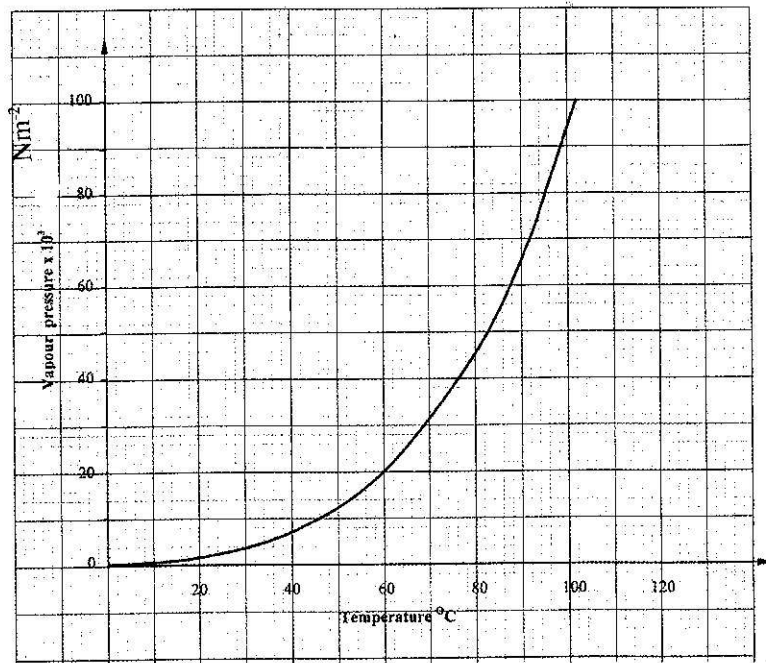


Figure 14

- (b) (i) Determine the atmospheric pressure in the laboratory in  $\text{Nm}^{-2}$ .  
(Take  $g = 10\text{m/s}^2$  and density of mercury =  $13600\text{ kg/m}^3$ ). (3 marks)

(ii) Use the graph to determine the boiling point of water in the laboratory. (1 mark)

(c) In an experiment to determine the specific heat capacity of a metal, a 100g of the metal was transferred from boiling water to a lagged copper calorimeter containing cold water. The water was stirred and a final steady temperature was realized. The following data was recorded.

Initial temperature of cold water and calorimeter = 20°C.

Temperature of boiling water = 99°C.

Final temperature of water, calorimeter and the metal = 27.7°C.

Mass of cold water and calorimeter = 130g.

Mass of calorimeter = 50g.

(Take specific heat capacity of water as  $4200\text{Jkg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ )

(Specific heat capacity of copper as  $400\text{Jkg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ ).

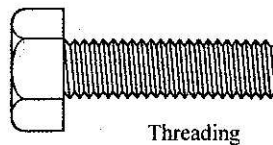
Use the data to determine:

(i) the heat gained by the water and the calorimeter; (3 marks)

(ii) the specific heat capacity of the metal. (3 marks)

(d) State **one** possible source of error in the value of the specific heat capacity obtained in the experiment. (1 mark)

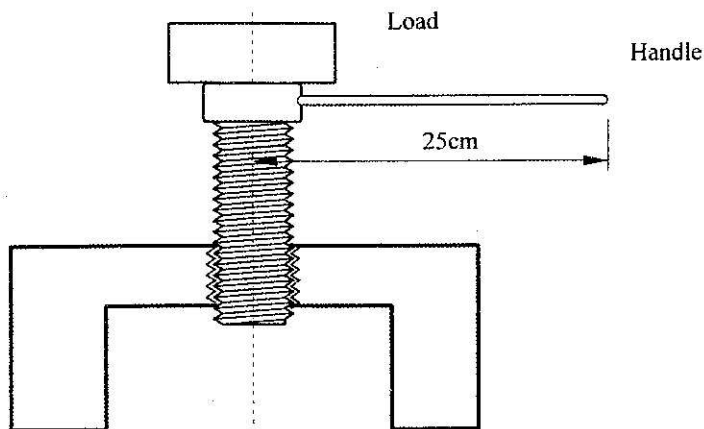
18 (a) **Figure 15** shows a metal bolt which is threaded.



**Figure 15**

Explain how a metre rule can be used to measure the pitch (distance between adjacent peaks) of the threading. (2 marks)

(b) **Figure 16** shows a screw jack whose screw has a pitch of 1mm, and has a handle of 25 cm long.

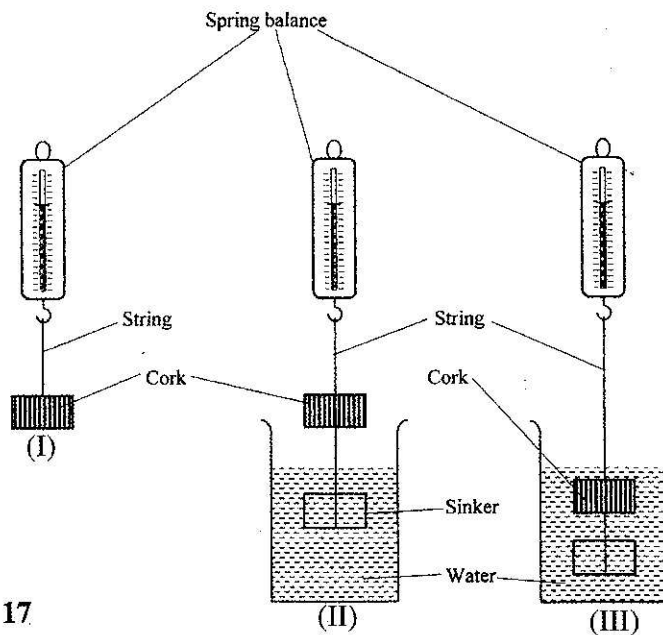


**Figure 16**

Determine the velocity ratio of the jack. (3 marks)

- (c) A bullet of mass 60g travelling at  $800\text{ms}^{-1}$  hits a tree and penetrates a depth of 15 cm before coming to rest.
- (i) Explain how the energy of the bullet changes as it penetrates the tree. (1 mark)
- (ii) determine the average retarding force on the bullet. (3 marks)

- 19 (a) State the condition necessary for a body to float in a fluid. (1 mark)
- (b) A ship made of steel is observed to float on water yet the density of steel is approximately eight times that of water. Explain this observation. (2 marks)
- (c) **Figure 17** shows three stages of an experiment to determine relative density of cork which normally floats on water. To make it sink, a sinker is hung below the cork.



**Figure 17**

In (I) a spring balance is used to measure the weight  $W$  of the cork in air.

In (II) the spring balance is used to measure the apparent weight  $W_1$ , when only the sinker is submerged in water.

In (III) the spring balance is used to measure the apparent weight  $W_2$  when both the cork and the sinker are submerged.

The following observations were made.

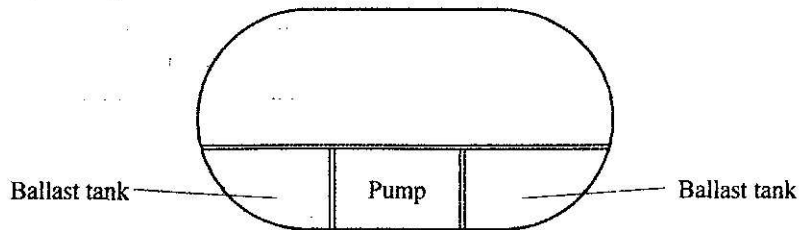
$$\begin{aligned} W &= 0.08\text{N} \\ W_1 &= 0.60\text{N} \\ W_2 &= 0.28\text{N} \end{aligned}$$

Use this information to determine the:

- (i) upthrust on cork. (2 marks)
- (ii) relative density of cork. (3 marks)



- (d) **Figure 18** shows parts of a simple submarine, a ship that can travel both on water and under water.  
To do this water is pumped in or out of the ballast tanks.



**Figure 18**

Explain how the tanks are used to change the depth of the submarine.

(2 marks)