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MAIN
REGULAR

COURSE CODE: SPH 3111

COURSE TITLE: PHYSICS 1

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: (BED SCI)

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2:00HRS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other 2 questions.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

QUESTION 1 (30 MARKS)

- (a) Define the term Mechanics. **(1 mark)**
- (b) State **ONE** importance of studying properties of matter to an engineer.
(1 mark)
- (c) Obtain an expression for the angle between the vectors $\vec{A} = A_x\hat{i} + A_y\hat{j} + A_z\hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = B_x\hat{i} + B_y\hat{j} + B_z\hat{k}$ **(3 marks)**
- (d) An Architect throws a plumbline to his colleague at the top of a building during construction at an initial velocity of 12 ms^{-1} . Determine the time it takes the plumb line to reach the colleague who is 5 m from the release point.
(3 marks)
- (e) (i) State **TWO** assumptions made in the analysis of projectile motion. **(2 marks)**
(ii) A projectile is launched at an angle of 30° above the horizontal at a velocity of 300 m/s . Determine the horizontal range of the projectile. **(2 marks)**
- (f) State Newton's second law of motion. **(1 mark)**
- (g) Two forces \vec{F}_1 and \vec{F}_2 act at a point. The magnitude of \vec{F}_1 is 9.0 N and its direction is 60° above the x-axis in the second quadrant. The magnitude of \vec{F}_2 is 6.0 N and its direction is 53.1° below the x-axis in the third quadrant.
Calculate the magnitude of the resultant force. **(3 marks)**
- (h) Explain the fact that a body undergoing uniform circular motion accelerates.
(1 mark)
- (i) Show that the frequency of a body undergoing simple harmonic motion is given by $f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ where each symbol has its usual meaning. **(2 marks)**
- (j) Distinguish between viscosity and surface tension. **(1 mark)**
- (k) A square steel bar 50 mm on side and 1 m long is subjected to an axial tension of 250 kN . The decrease in lateral dimension due to the load is $7.5 \mu\text{m}$.

Determine the Poisson's ratio of the bar. **(3 marks)**

(l) Distinguish between conduction and convection as mechanisms of heat transfer.

(2 marks)

(m) Write down the form of Stefan's law used in blackbody radiation **(1 mark)**

(n) The speed of sound in granite is 6000 ms^{-1} . Calculate the ratio of linear density to the tension on the material. **(2 marks)**

(o) Define the term ultrasonic wave, stating one of its applications. **(2 marks)**

SECTION B

Attempt any TWO questions in this section

QUESTION 2 (20 MARKS)

(a) Derive the equation of wave motion governing the travel of waves of any type.

(13 marks)

(b) Show that the vector product of any two vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} in three dimensions

in terms of the components is given by
$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$
 (5 marks)

(c) A force $\vec{F} = 20\hat{i} + 10\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ acts on a wheel at a point $\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ from the centre of the wheel. Calculate the torque on the wheel. **(2 marks)**

QUESTION 3 (20 MARKS)

(a) To approximate the depth of water well, Martha and John dropped a heavy rock into the well, 8 seconds later after the rock was dropped, they heard a

splash caused by the impact of the rock on the water. Calculate the depth of the well. **(5 marks)**

(b) Derive the expression for calculating the scalar product of two vectors in terms of their components. **(5 marks)**

(c) Two vectors are defined by $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{k}$. Calculate:

(i) $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$ **(2 marks)**

(ii) $|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|$ **(5 marks)**

(iii) A unit vector in the direction of $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ **(3 marks)**

QUESTION 4 (20 MARKS)

(a) Consider a traffic light suspended by cords as shown in Figure 4.1. Determine the tension in each cord, given that the weight w of the traffic light is 20 N . **(10 marks)**

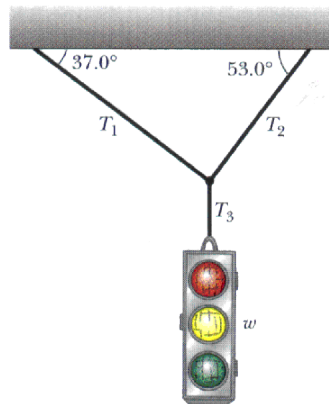


Figure 4.1. A traffic light in equilibrium

(b) Show that the trajectory of a projectile is parabolic and takes the form

$$y = (\tan \theta_i)x - \left(\frac{g}{2u^2 \cos^2 \theta_i} \right)x^2 \text{ where each symbol has its usual meaning. (10 marks)}$$

QUESTION 5 (20 MARKS)

(a) 1.0 kg of liquid water at 100°C is converted to steam at 100°C by boiling at standard atmospheric pressure ($1.01 \times 10^5\text{ Pa}$). The volume of the water changes from an initial value of $1.01 \times 10^{-3}\text{ m}^3$ as liquid to 1.671 m^3 as steam. Determine:

(i) The work done by the system **(2 marks)**

(ii) The energy transferred as heat during the process (Latent heat of vaporization = 2256 kJ/kg). **(2 marks)**

(iii) The change in the internal energy of the system. **(2 marks)**

(b) Derive the equation for the root mean square velocity of an ideal gas in the

form $V_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}}$ where the symbols have their usual meanings. **(9 marks)**

(c) A mass of 2 kg is attached to the end of a vertical wire of length 2 m and diameter 0.64 mm . Given that the mass causes an extension of 0.60 mm , calculate Young's modulus of the wire **(5 marks)**