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Double Award Science: Physics

Unit P1

Higher Tier

[GSD32]



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TIME

1 hour.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.
Answer **all ten** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 70.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Questions **2(a)** and **6**.

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1 When radiation travels through air it causes ionisation.

(a) What is ionisation?

_____ [1]

(b) People who work with radioactive materials must take steps to protect themselves.

State two ways that workers can protect themselves.

1. _____ [2]
2. _____

Cobalt-60 is the name of a radioactive substance. The number 60 refers to the number of particles in the nucleus of the cobalt.

(c) (i) What do we call this number?

_____ [1]

(ii) Cobalt-60 has a half-life of 5 years. After how many years will its count-rate fall from 240 counts per minute to 30 counts per minute?

You are advised to show your working out.

Time = _____ years [3]

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An electric motor lifts a load of 400 N through a distance of 6.0 m in 3 seconds.

(b) (i) Calculate the power of the motor in watts.

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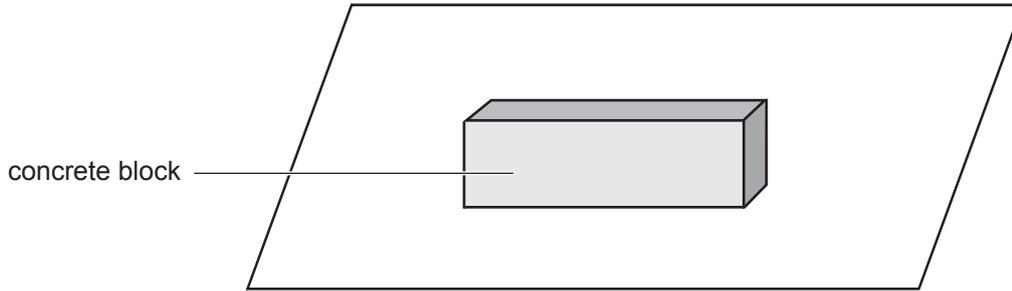
Power = _____ W [3]

(ii) Give your answer to **(b)(i)** in kilowatts.

Power = _____ kW [1]

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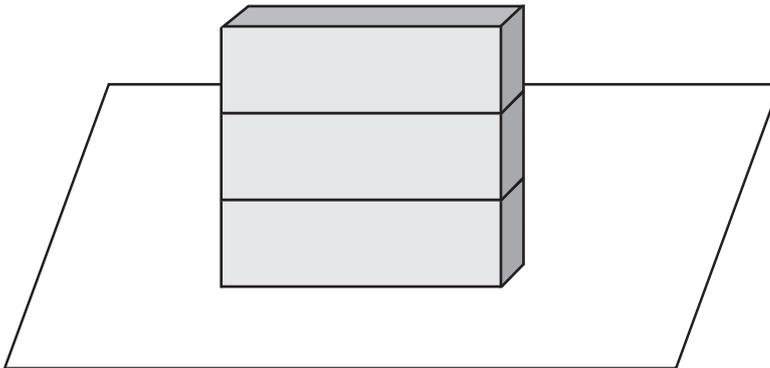
- 3 When a block of concrete sits on a surface it exerts a pressure.



The pressure exerted is given by the equation:

$$\text{pressure} = \frac{\text{weight}}{\text{area}}$$

The weight is changed by adding similar blocks on top as shown below.



The weight of each block is 20 N and the area in contact with the surface is 1.5 m².

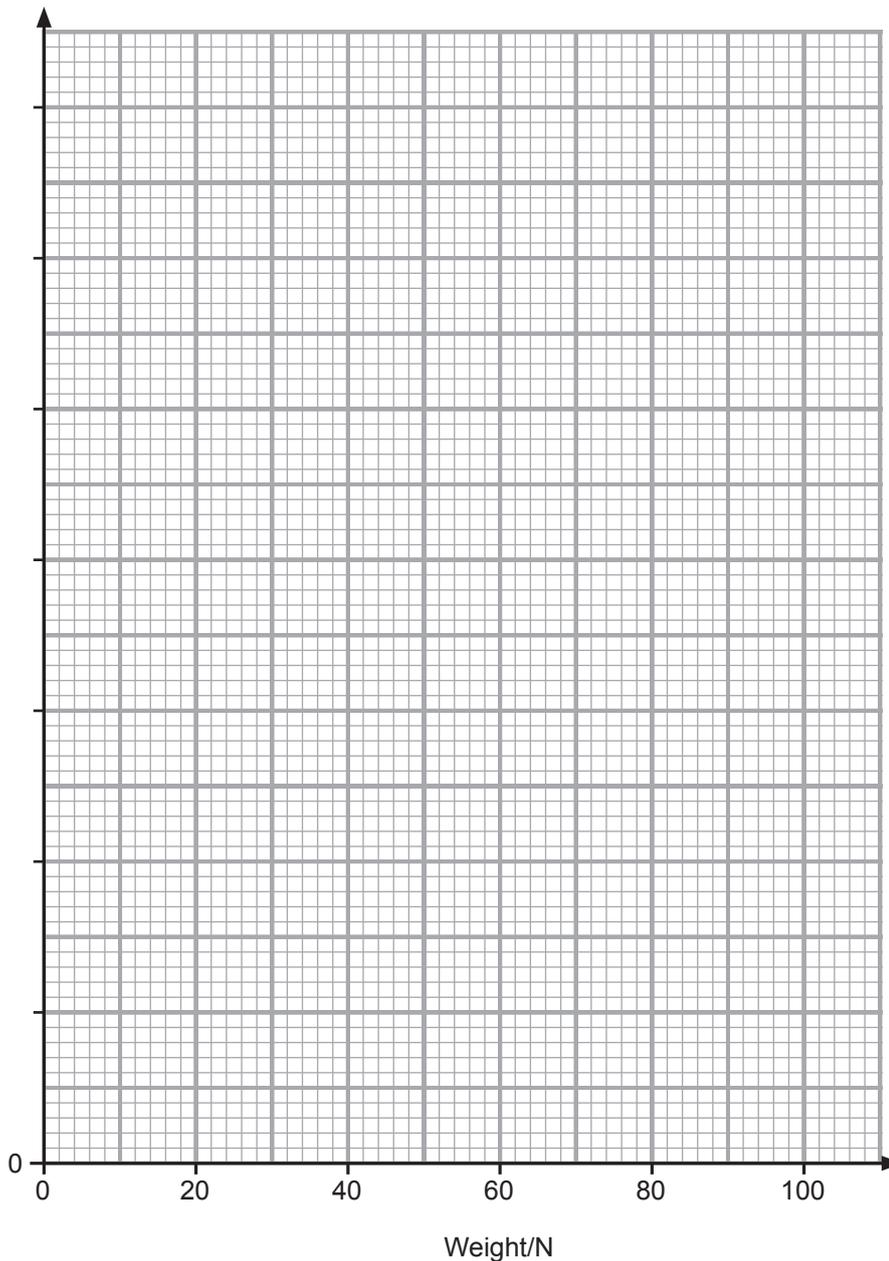
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(i) Use the equation $\text{pressure} = \frac{\text{weight}}{\text{area}}$

to complete the table below.
Your values of pressure should be correct to the nearest whole number.

No. of blocks	1	2	3	4	5
Weight/N	20	40	60	80	100
Area/m ²	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Pressure/ N/m ²	13				

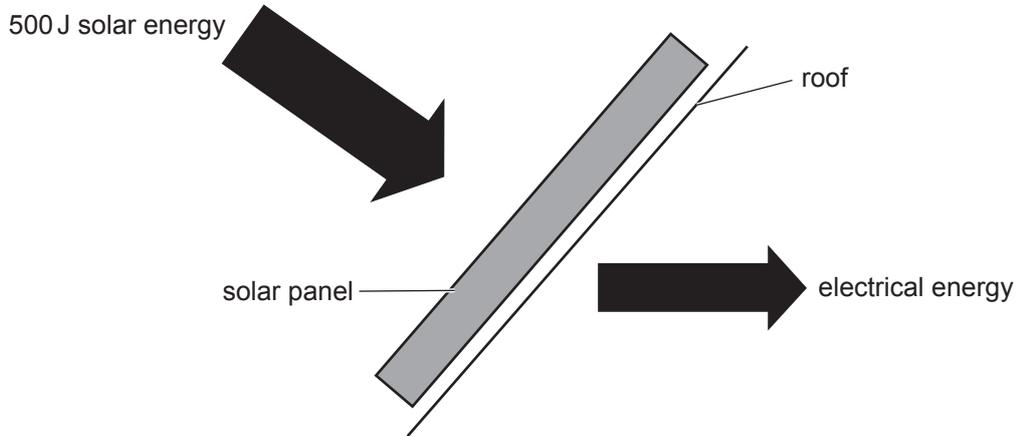
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4 A solar panel is designed to generate electricity directly from the Sun. Its efficiency is 0.8.

(i) This panel receives 500 J of solar energy. Calculate how much electrical energy it produces.



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Electrical energy produced = _____ J [3]

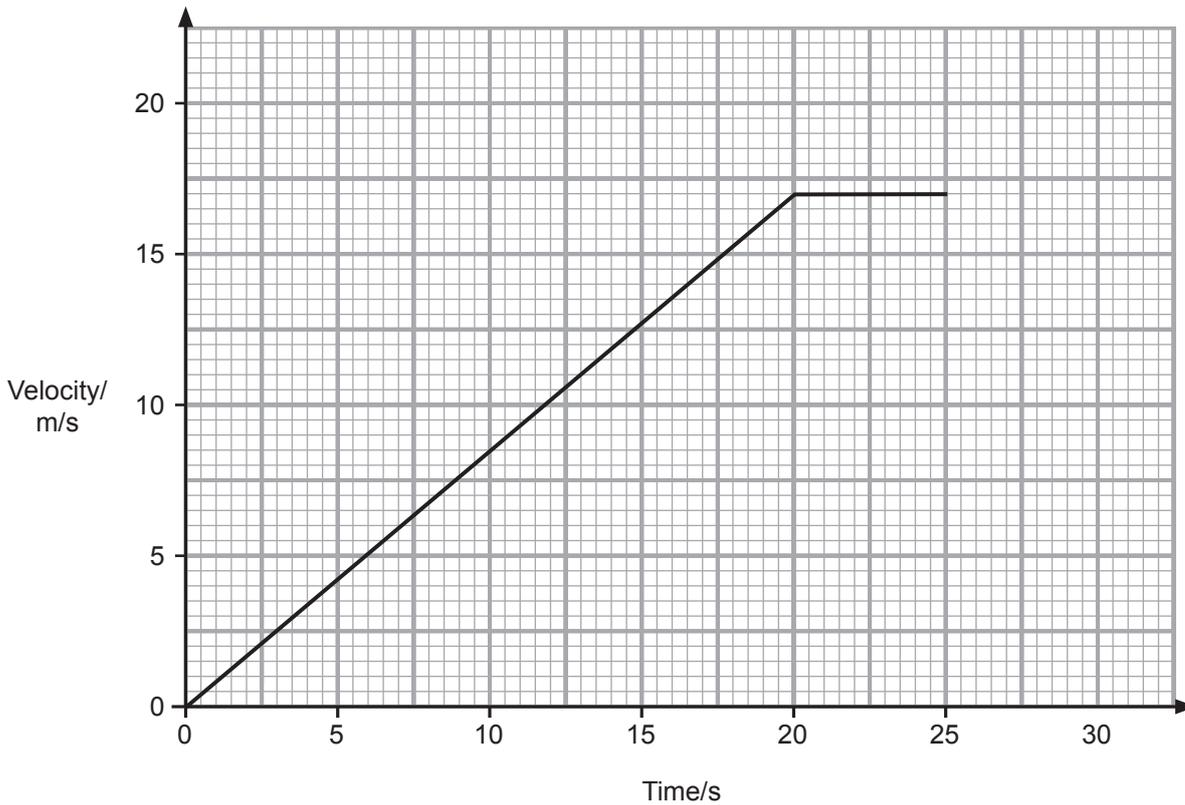
(ii) State two advantages of the use of solar panels.

1. _____

2. _____ [2]

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5 The graph below shows how the velocity of a car changes with time.



(a) Describe the motion of the car during the following times.

0 to 20 s _____

20 s to 25 s _____ [2]

(b) Calculate the total displacement of the car.

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Total displacement = _____ m [4]

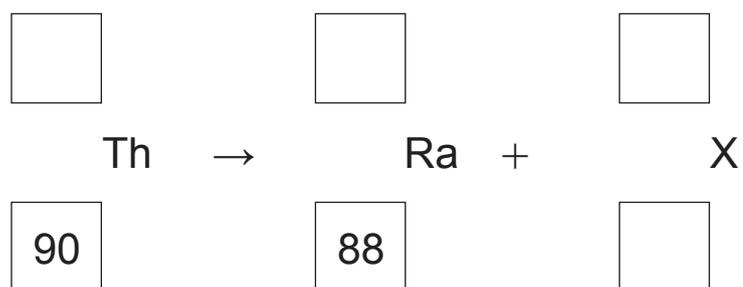
(c) Use your answer to part (b) to find the average velocity of the car.

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Average velocity = _____ m/s [3]

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- 7 Thorium (Th) has 140 neutrons in its nucleus. It decays to radium (Ra), as shown below.



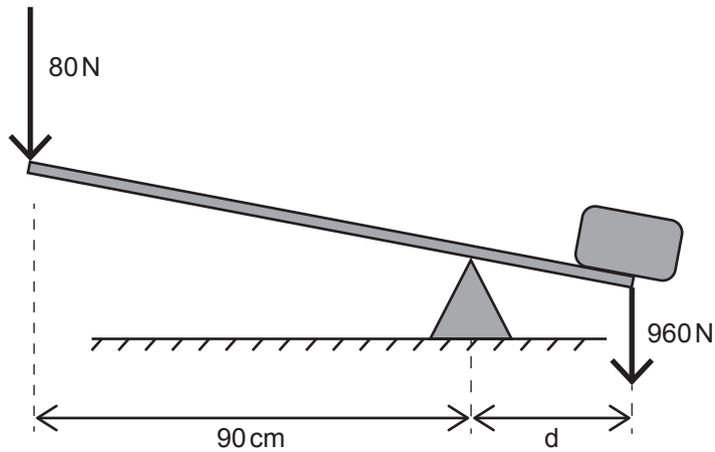
- (i) Complete the equation by writing numbers in the boxes. [4]

- (ii) X is one of the radiations emitted by radioactive substances. Name this radiation.

X is _____ [1]

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- 8 A workman exerts a force of 80 N and just manages to lift the concrete block of weight 960 N.



- (i) Calculate the distance d , in cm.

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$$d = \text{_____ cm [4]}$$

- (ii) Suggest how the workman could lift the concrete block with a smaller force.

_____ [1]

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- 9 When travelling at a **steady velocity**, the engine of a boat of mass 2500 kg exerts a force of 15 000 N.



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- (a) What is the size of the frictional force on the boat?

Frictional force = _____ N [1]

- (b) The boat has a mass of 2500 kg. Calculate the total force exerted by the engine to give the boat an acceleration of 3 m/s^2 , assuming the frictional force remains the same as that in part (a).

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Total force = _____ N [4]

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10 Rory hits a golf ball of mass 160 g.



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- (a) The golf ball has a kinetic energy of 72 J when it leaves the clubhead. Calculate the initial velocity of the golf ball.

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Initial velocity = _____ m/s [4]

- (b) On another occasion, Rory hits a ball of mass 0.15 kg. He gives it a momentum of 3 kg m/s. Calculate the initial velocity of the golf ball.

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Initial velocity = _____ m/s [3]

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