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# Science: Single Award

Unit 3 (Physics)  
Foundation Tier



[GSS31]

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2017, MORNING

## TIME

1 hour, plus your additional time allowance.

## 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 eight** questions.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 60.

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 Question **8(a)**.

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- 1 (a) Look at the diagram below. It shows how a television uses 1000 J of electrical energy.



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- (i) Calculate the amount of energy that is wasted by this television.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ J [1]

- (ii) Write down the names of **two** types of useful energy produced by a television.

Choose from:

**electrical      sound      heat      light      movement**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ [2]

- (iii) Write down the name of **one** type of waste energy produced by a television.

Put a circle round the correct answer.

**electrical      sound      heat      light      movement**

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(b) Write down **two** ways that electricity bills in a house could be reduced.

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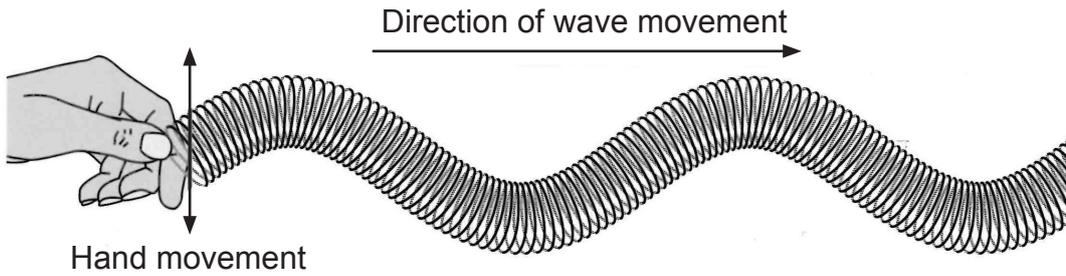
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- 2 (a) The diagram below shows a wave produced on a slinky spring.



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- (i) Fill in the missing words in the sentences below.

Choose from:

**hertz      energy      vibrations      frequency      vacuum**

Waves are produced by \_\_\_\_\_.

Waves carry \_\_\_\_\_ from one place to another. [2]

- (ii) What is the type of wave shown in the diagram above?

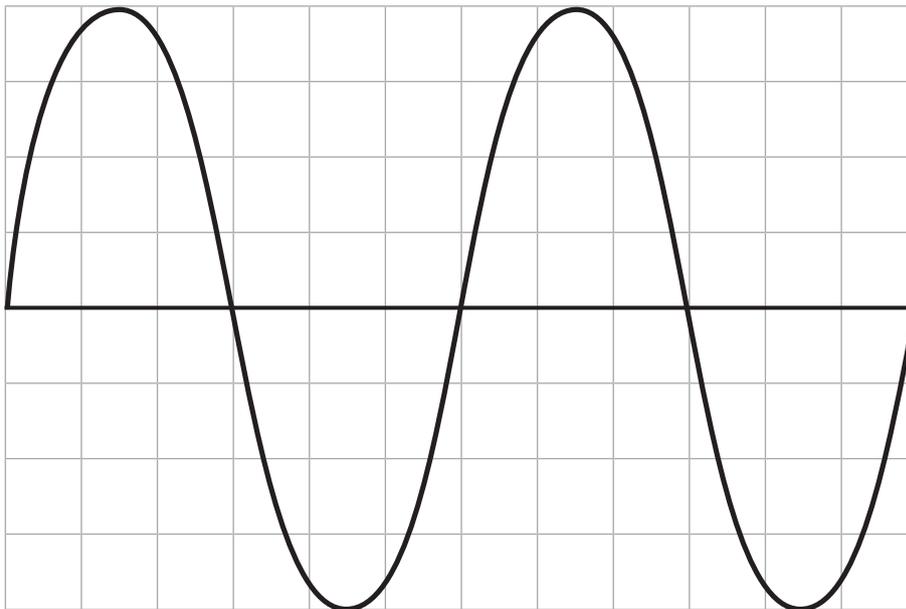
Choose from:

**longitudinal      transverse      converse**

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

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- (b) The diagram below shows a sound wave. Each square on the grid is one centimetre.



1 square = 1 cm

- (i) What is the amplitude of this wave?

Choose from:

4

6

8

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ cm [1]

- (ii) What is the wavelength of this wave?

Choose from:

3

6

12

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ cm [1]

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- (c) Look at the table below. It shows the noise levels in a concert at different distances from the loudspeakers.

Distance/m	Noise level/dB
1	120
2	
4	108
8	102
16	96
32	90

- (i) What is the noise level at 2 metres?  
Write your answer in the table above. [1]

- (ii) Noise levels above 100 dB cause loss of hearing.  
What is the shortest distance that you should stand from these loudspeakers so that you don't get a hearing loss? Use the table to help you answer this question.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ m [1]

- (iii) Loud sounds cause hearing loss. Give **one** other factor that could cause hearing loss.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

- (iv) Reflected sound waves cause a big problem in concert halls.  
What are reflected sound waves called?

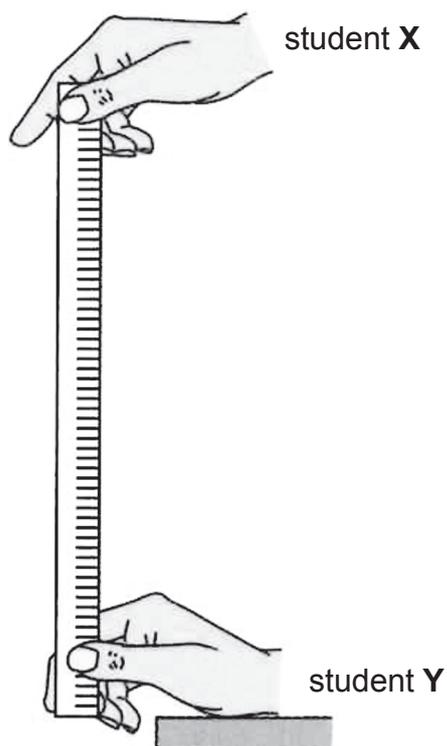
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- 3 Look at the diagram below. It shows a metre stick being used to investigate the reactions of student Y.



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- (a) Describe how the metre stick is used to check the reactions of student Y.

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- (b) Look at the table below. It shows the results for three other students who carried out this investigation.

Student	Distance ruler drops/cm			
	1st attempt	2nd attempt	3rd attempt	Average
<b>A</b>	16	11	9	12
<b>B</b>	20	11	8	13
<b>C</b>	15	14	10	13

- (i) Why did each student repeat the test and average the results?

Put a circle round the correct answer.

**to make the experiment fair**

**to make the results reliable**

**to make the results more accurate**

[1]

- (ii) Finish writing the sentence below so that it describes a conclusion that can be made from these results.

As the number of attempts increases \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

- (iii) Which student (**A**, **B** or **C**) has the fastest average reactions? Explain your choice.

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\_\_\_\_\_

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(c) The stopping distance of a vehicle can be calculated as shown below.

**stopping distance = thinking distance + braking distance**

Some people have faster reactions than others and this affects their stopping distance when driving.

(i) Describe and explain the effect that faster reactions have on stopping distance.

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ [2]

(ii) Write down **one** factor that slows a person's reactions.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

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- 4 (a) Look at the table below. It gives information about six of the planets in our Solar System.

Planet	Distance from the Sun /million km	Surface temperature /°C	Gravity/ N/kg
Earth	150	22	10
	228	-23	4
Jupiter	778	-150	26
Saturn	1427	-180	11
	2870	-210	12
Neptune	4497	-220	12

- (i) Complete the table by adding the names of two planets in the correct order. [2]

- (ii) Finish writing the sentence below so that it describes a trend shown by this information.

As the distance \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

- (iii) Use the equation:

$$\text{weight} = \text{mass} \times \text{gravity}$$

to calculate the weight of a 75 kg person on Saturn.

(Show your working out.)

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ N [2]

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(b) Our Solar System has one star and eight planets.  
Write down **two** differences between a star and a planet.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ [2]

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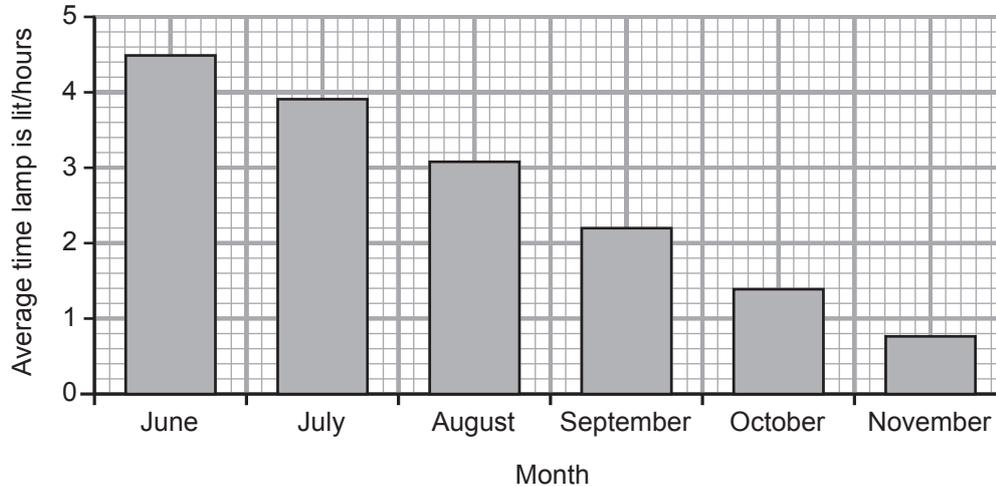
5 Shown below is a solar powered lamp.



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These lamps use sunlight to charge a battery. Then at night this battery gives electricity to light the lamp.

A pupil investigated how long, on average, the lamp stayed lit each night. She did this for six months of the year. The results are shown below.



(a) Describe and explain the results of this investigation.

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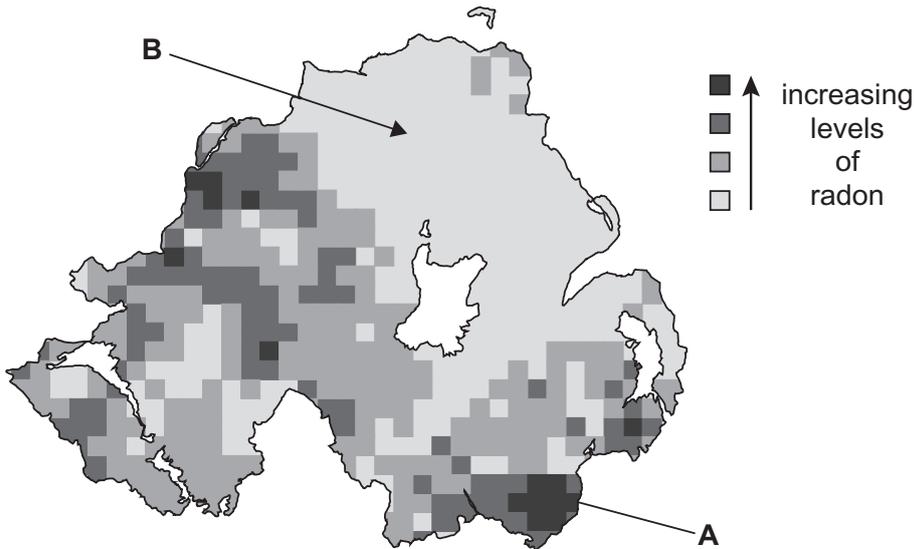
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- 6 (a) Look at the diagram below. It shows the amount of radon gas that occurs naturally in Northern Ireland.



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The table below gives information on percentage (%) increased risk of death from lung cancer due to radon.

Radon level/ Bq/m <sup>3</sup>	Increased risk of death by lung cancer/%
0	0
100	0
200	0.6
300	1.0
400	1.4
500	1.8
600	2.2
700	2.6
800	3.0

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- (i) Use the information above to explain fully why it would be safer to live in area **B** than area **A**.

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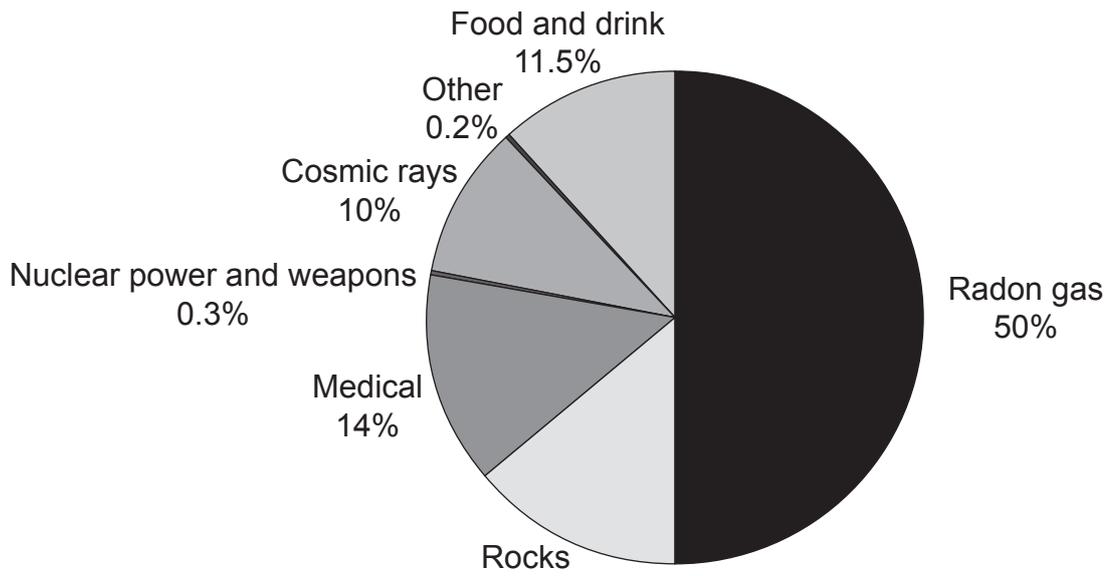
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Radon levels within a home **must not** be higher than  $200 \text{ Bq/m}^3$ .

- (ii) Use information from the table to say why you think this level is set at  $200 \text{ Bq/m}^3$ .

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

- (b) The pie chart below shows typical sources of background radiation.



- (i) What does the term 'background radiation' mean?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

- (ii) Calculate the percentage of background radiation that is from rocks.

(Show your working out.)

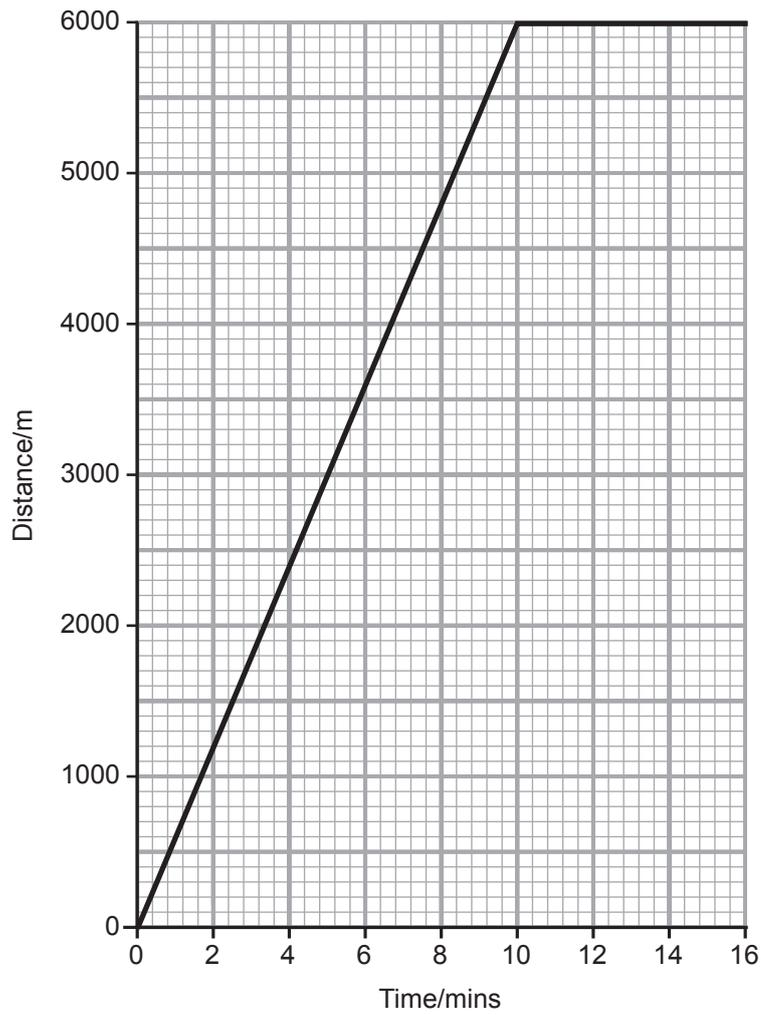
Answer \_\_\_\_\_ % [2]

- (iii) Write down **one** possible cause of radiation from medical sources.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

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7 The distance–time graph below is for a pizza delivery bike.



(a) Describe fully the motion of the bike.

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- (b) Look at the table below. It shows the distance travelled and time taken for the journey of another bike.

Time/mins	Distance/m
0	0
4	2000
7	3500
10	5000
11	5500
14	5500
16	5500

- (i) Use these values to draw the distance–time graph for this bike. Do this on the grid opposite. [3]

- (ii) How can you tell from the graph which bike was faster?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

\_\_\_\_\_

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