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Paper 2



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**1 hour**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.  
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Answer **all** questions.

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**Data**

speed of light in free space,	$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
permeability of free space,	$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H m}^{-1}$
permittivity of free space,	$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$
elementary charge,	$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
the Planck constant,	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
unified atomic mass constant,	$u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
rest mass of electron,	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
rest mass of proton,	$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
molar gas constant,	$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
the Avogadro constant,	$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
the Boltzmann constant,	$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
gravitational constant,	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
acceleration of free fall,	$g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

## Formulae

uniformly accelerated motion,	$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$
work done on/by a gas,	$W = p\Delta V$
gravitational potential,	$\phi = -\frac{Gm}{r}$
simple harmonic motion,	$a = -\omega^2x$
velocity of particle in s.h.m.,	$v = v_0 \cos \omega t$ $v = \pm \omega \sqrt{(x_0^2 - x^2)}$
resistors in series,	$R = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$
resistors in parallel,	$1/R = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + \dots$
electric potential,	$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$
capacitors in series,	$1/C = 1/C_1 + 1/C_2 + \dots$
capacitors in parallel,	$C = C_1 + C_2 + \dots$
energy of charged capacitor,	$W = \frac{1}{2}QV$
alternating current/voltage,	$x = x_0 \sin \omega t$
hydrostatic pressure,	$p = \rho gh$
pressure of an ideal gas,	$p = \frac{1}{3} \frac{Nm}{V} \langle c^2 \rangle$
radioactive decay,	$x = x_0 \exp(-\lambda t)$
decay constant,	$\lambda = \frac{0.693}{t_{\frac{1}{2}}}$
critical density of matter in the Universe,	$\rho_0 = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$
equation of continuity,	$Av = \text{constant}$
Bernoulli equation (simplified),	$p_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 = p_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_2^2$
Stokes' law,	$F = Ar\eta v$
Reynolds' number,	$R_e = \frac{\rho v r}{\eta}$
drag force in turbulent flow,	$F = Br^2\rho v^2$

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

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- 1 (a) (i) Define *pressure*.

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..... [1]

- (ii) State the units of pressure in base units.

..... [1]

- (b) The pressure  $p$  at a depth  $h$  in an incompressible fluid of density  $\rho$  is given by

$$p = \rho gh,$$

where  $g$  is the acceleration of free fall.

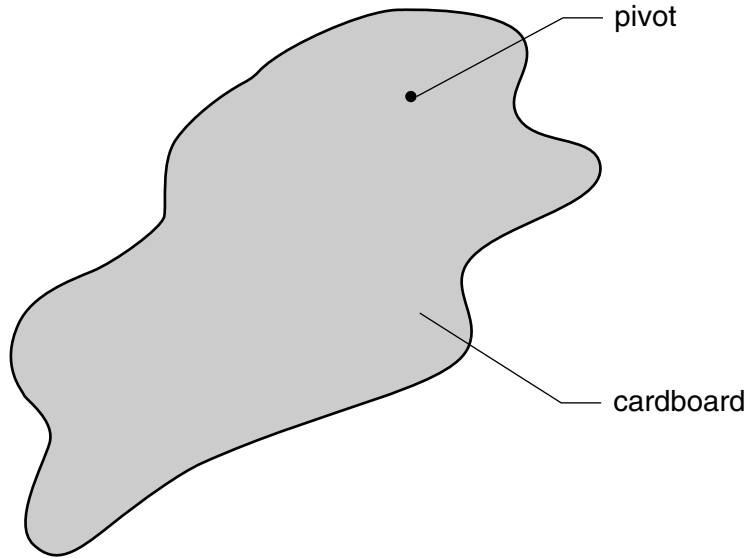
Use base units to check the homogeneity of this equation.

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..... [3]

2 (a) Explain what is meant by the *centre of gravity* of a body.

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(b) An irregularly-shaped piece of cardboard is hung freely from one point near its edge, as shown in Fig. 2.1.



**Fig. 2.1**

Explain why the cardboard will come to rest with its centre of gravity vertically below the pivot. You may draw on Fig. 2.1 if you wish.

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3 A stone on a string is made to travel along a horizontal circular path, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

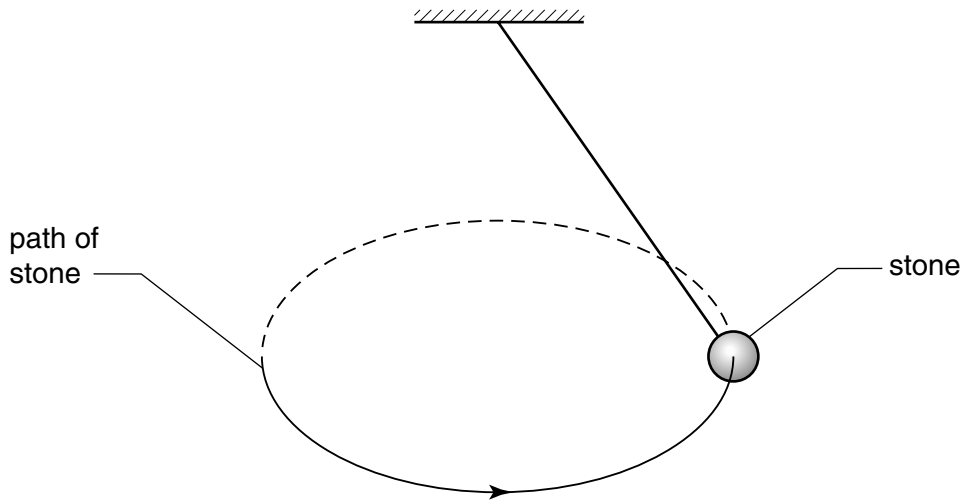


Fig. 3.1

The stone has a constant speed.

(a) Define *acceleration*.

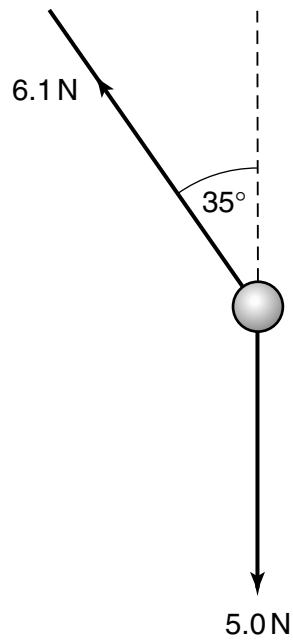
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(b) Use your definition to explain whether the stone is accelerating.

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- (c) The stone has a weight of 5.0 N. When the string makes an angle of  $35^\circ$  to the vertical, the tension in the string is 6.1 N, as illustrated in Fig. 3.2.

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**Fig. 3.2**

Determine the resultant force acting on the stone in the position shown.

magnitude of force = ..... N

direction of force..... [4]

- 4 A trolley of mass 930 g is held on a horizontal surface by means of two springs, as shown in Fig. 4.1.

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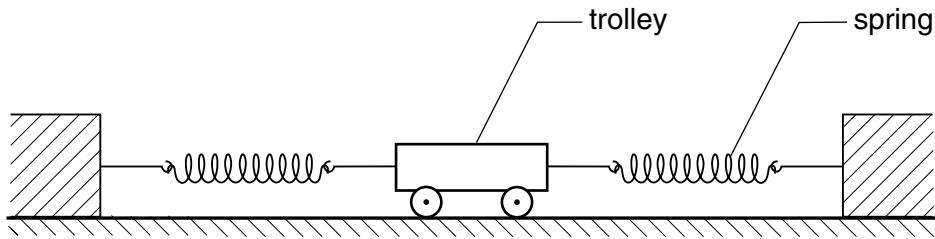


Fig. 4.1

The variation with time  $t$  of the speed  $v$  of the trolley for the first 0.60 s of its motion is shown in Fig. 4.2.

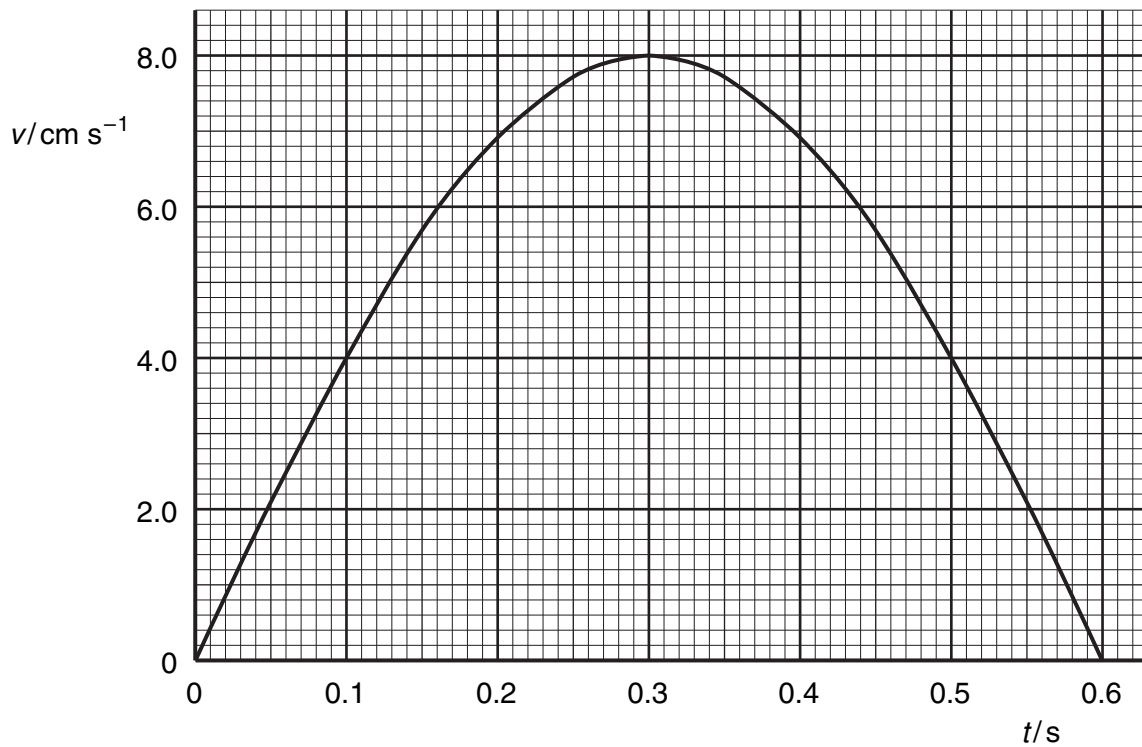


Fig. 4.2

- (a) Use Fig. 4.2 to determine
- (i) the initial acceleration of the trolley,

acceleration = .....  $\text{m s}^{-2}$  [2]



(ii) the distance moved during the first 0.60 s of its motion.

distance = ..... m [3]

(b) (i) Use your answer to (a)(i) to determine the resultant force acting on the trolley at time  $t = 0$ .

force = ..... N [2]

(ii) Describe qualitatively the variation with time of the resultant force acting on the trolley during the first 0.60 s of its motion.

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..... [3]

5 Fig. 5.1 shows the variation with time  $t$  of the displacements  $x_A$  and  $x_B$  at a point P of two sound waves A and B.

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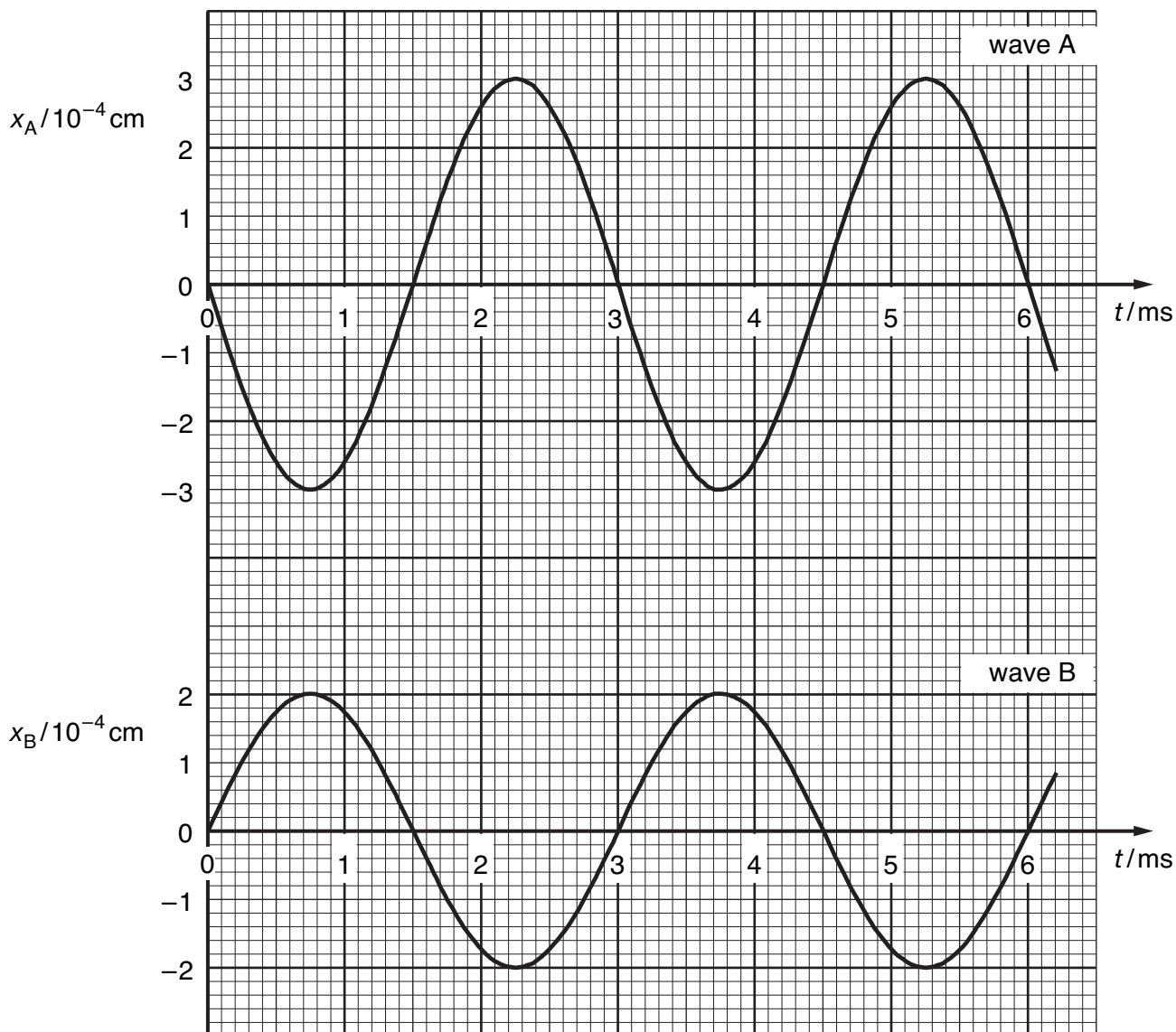


Fig. 5.1

(a) By reference to Fig. 5.1, state one similarity and one difference between these two waves.

similarity: .....

difference: ..... [2]

(b) State, with a reason, whether the two waves are coherent.

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..... [1]

(c) The intensity of wave A alone at point P is  $I$ .

(i) Show that the intensity of wave B alone at point P is  $\frac{4}{9}I$ .

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[2]

(ii) Calculate the resultant intensity, in terms of  $I$ , of the two waves at point P.

resultant intensity = .....  $I$  [2]

(d) Determine the resultant displacement for the two waves at point P

(i) at time  $t = 3.0$  ms,

resultant displacement = ..... cm [1]

(ii) at time  $t = 4.0$  ms.

resultant displacement = ..... cm [2]

- 6 Two horizontal metal plates X and Y are at a distance 0.75 cm apart. A positively charged particle of mass  $9.6 \times 10^{-15}$  kg is situated in a vacuum between the plates, as illustrated in Fig. 6.1.

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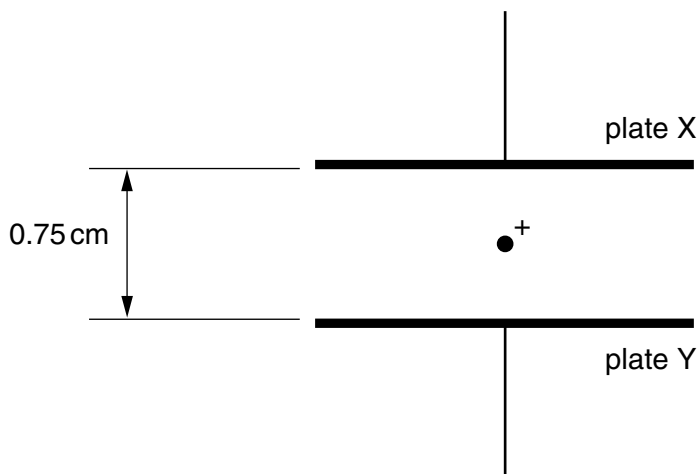


Fig. 6.1

The potential difference between the plates is adjusted until the particle remains stationary.

- (a) State, with a reason, which plate, X or Y, is positively charged.

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 ..... [2]

- (b) The potential difference required for the particle to be stationary between the plates is found to be 630 V. Calculate

- (i) the electric field strength between the plates,

field strength = ..... N C<sup>-1</sup> [2]

(ii) the charge on the particle.

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charge = ..... C [3]

- 7 A battery of e.m.f. 4.50 V and negligible internal resistance is connected in series with a fixed resistor of resistance  $1200\ \Omega$  and a thermistor, as shown in Fig. 7.1.

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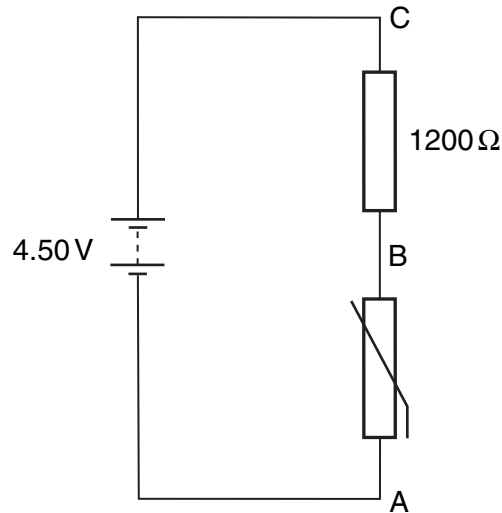


Fig. 7.1

- (a) At room temperature, the thermistor has a resistance of  $1800\ \Omega$ . Deduce that the potential difference across the thermistor (across AB) is 2.70 V.

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- (b) A uniform resistance wire PQ of length 1.00 m is now connected in parallel with the resistor and the thermistor, as shown in Fig. 7.2.

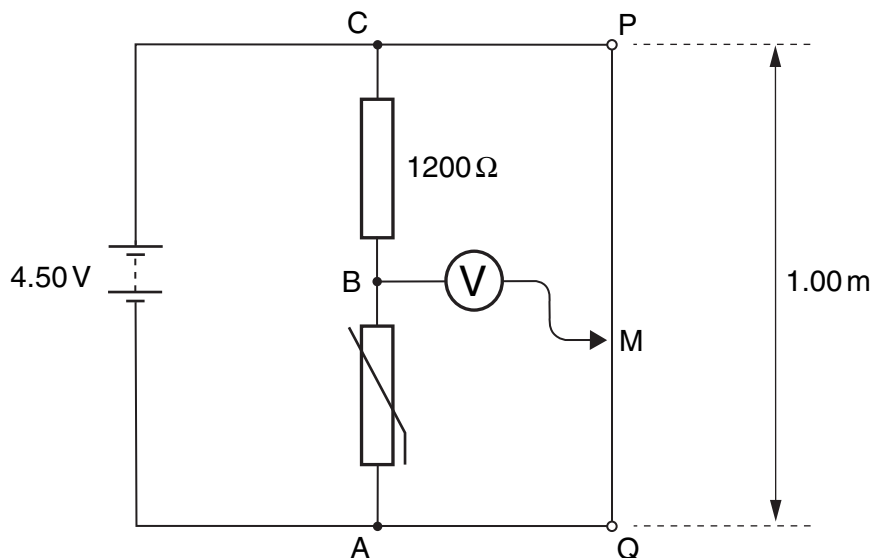


Fig. 7.2

A sensitive voltmeter is connected between point B and a moveable contact M on the wire.

- (i) Explain why, for constant current in the wire, the potential difference between any two points on the wire is proportional to the distance between the points.

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.....[2]

- (ii) The contact M is moved along PQ until the voltmeter shows zero reading.

- 1. State the potential difference between the contact at M and the point Q.

potential difference = ..... V [1]

- 2. Calculate the length of wire between M and Q.

length = ..... cm [2]

- (iii) The thermistor is warmed slightly. State and explain the effect on the length of wire between M and Q for the voltmeter to remain at zero deflection.

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.....[2]

8 (a) Explain the concept of *work*.

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 ..... [2]

(b) A table tennis ball falls vertically through air. Fig. 8.1 shows the variation of the kinetic energy  $E_K$  of the ball with distance  $h$  fallen. The ball reaches the ground after falling through a distance  $h_0$ .

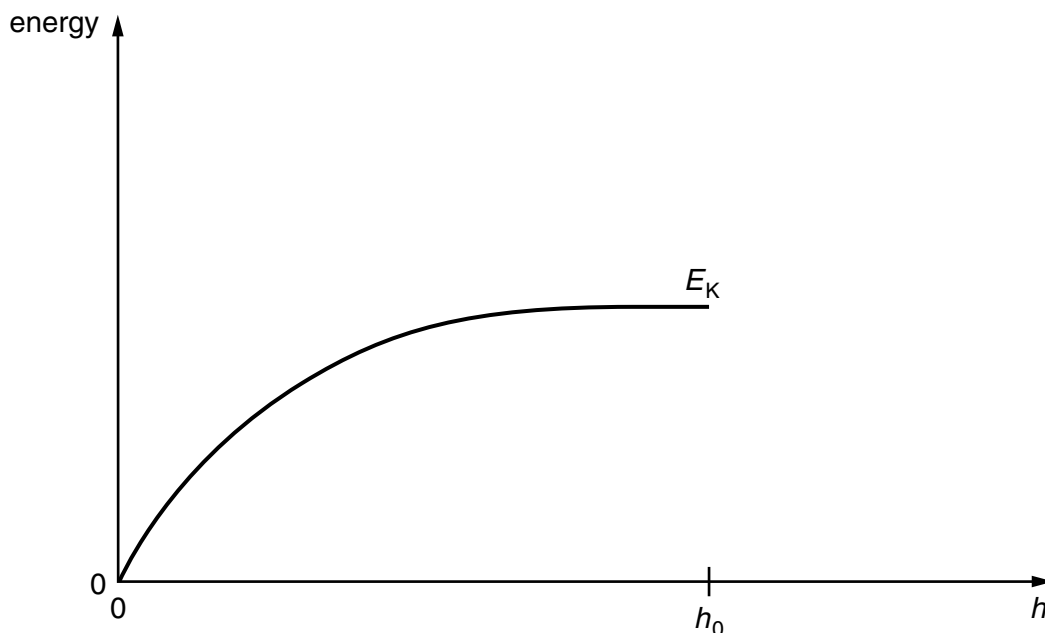


Fig. 8.1

(i) Describe the motion of the ball.

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 ..... [3]

(ii) On Fig. 8.1, draw a line to show the variation with  $h$  of the gravitational potential energy  $E_P$  of the ball. At  $h = h_0$ , the potential energy is zero. [3]

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