



ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION BOARD

Physics Model Paper 3 2025

Time Allowed: 2 Hours 30 minutes

Total Marks: 120

You must bring a soft pencil (preferably type B or HB), a clean eraser, and a dark blue or black pen.

Before attempting the paper, write your name, candidate number, centre name, and centre number clearly in the designated spaces.

Instructions for Candidates

- This paper consists of **seven** essay-type questions. You must attempt any **six** questions, including all their sub-parts.
 - Each question carries **20 marks**.
 - You may use a scientific calculator.
 - You should show all your working and use appropriate units.
 - Do not use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
 - Avoid writing over any barcodes printed on the paper.
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Information for Candidates

- This paper has a total of **120 marks**. All questions carry equal marks.
 - The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
 - A formula sheet will be provided with this paper.
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Please read all questions carefully and follow the instructions exactly to ensure your responses are properly evaluated.

Q1. (a) Define the following and state their SI units **(20 marks)** [6]

angular

velocity

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centripetal

force

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(b) A car of mass 1000 kg moves around a circular track of radius 50 m at a constant speed of 20 m/s.

(i) Calculate angular velocity.

$\omega = \dots\dots\dots[2]$

(ii) Find centripetal acceleration.

$a_c = \dots\dots\dots[2]$

(iii) Determine centripetal force.

$C_f = \dots\dots\dots[2]$

(c) A spring-mass system oscillates with $x(t)=0.05\cos (15t)$.

(i) State:

angular frequency

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amplitude:

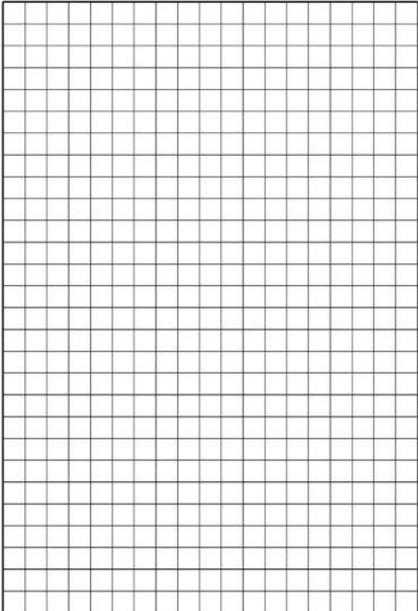
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(ii) Calculate maximum acceleration.

$a = \dots\dots\dots[1]$

(iii) Sketch acceleration–time graph for one cycle.

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(d) Explain resonance in tuning forks and give one beneficial and one harmful example.

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Q2.

(20 marks)

(a) Define electric field strength and Coulomb's law. State its SI unit.

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(b) Two charges, $+5 \mu\text{C}$ and $-2 \mu\text{C}$, are separated by 0.20 m

(i) Calculate force between them.

$F = \dots\dots\dots[3]$

(ii) Find field strength at midpoint.

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(iii) State direction of field.

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(c) Sketch electric field lines between the charges.

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(d) Explain how uniform electric fields in particle accelerators.

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Q3. (a) Define photon and explain quantization of energy. State Planck's relation. **(20 marks)**
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(b) Ultraviolet light of wavelength 250 nm falls on a metal of work function 3.5 eV.

(i) Calculate photon energy.

$E = \dots\dots\dots[2]$

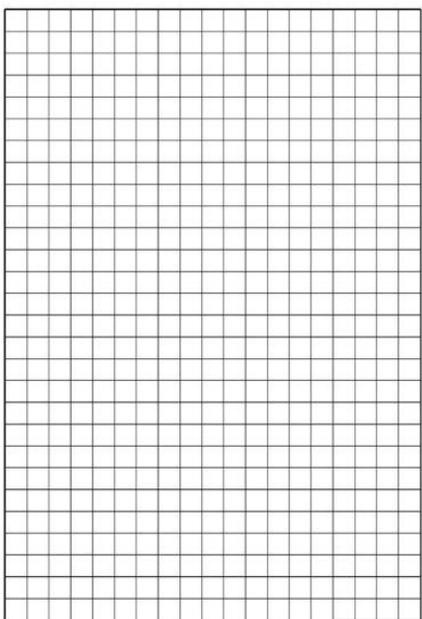
(ii) Determine if photoelectrons are emitted.

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(iii) Calculate maximum K.E.

K.E =[2]

(c) Sketch graph of stopping potential vs frequency. Label threshold frequency. [4]



(d) Explain how line spectra provide evidence for quantized energy levels. [4]

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Q4.

(20 marks)

(a) Define refraction and diffraction. Give one everyday example of each.

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(b) Light of wavelength 600 nm passes through a slit of width 2.0×10^{-4} m.

(i) Calculate angular position of first minimum.

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(ii) Find width of central maximum on screen 2.0 m away.

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(iii) Explain effect of reducing slit width

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(c) Two coherent sources of wavelength 500 nm separated by 0.20 mm observed on screen 1.0 m away.

(i) Calculate fringe spacing.

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(ii) Sketch interference pattern.

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(d) Explain how photoelectric effect and electron diffraction support wave-particle duality.

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Q5. (a) Define binding energy and mass defect. State their significance. **(20 marks)** [6]

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(b) Mass of He-4 nucleus = 4.0015 u; combined nucleon mass = 4.0320 u.

(i) Calculate mass defect.

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(ii) Determine binding energy in MeV.

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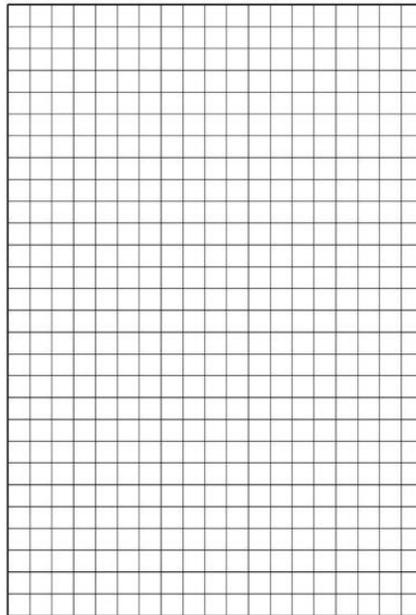
(iii) Find binding energy per nucleon

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(c) Explain difference between fission and fusion. [3]

(i) Give one example of each

(ii) Sketch binding energy per nucleon vs mass number graph. [1]



(d) Discuss advantages and challenges of fusion as energy source. [4]

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Q6. **(20 marks)**
(a) Define gravitational field and electric field. State their sources and units. [6]

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(b) A point mass of 5.0 kg produces a gravitational field at 2.0 m.

(i) Calculate field strength.

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(ii) Find force on 2.0 kg mass.

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(iii) Compare gravitational and electric fields

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(c) A charge of $+3.0 \mu\text{C}$ is placed at origin.

(i) Calculate field strength at 0.50 m.

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(ii) Sketch field lines.

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(d) Explain how fields describe forces at a distance with examples.

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Q7. (a) Define gravitational force and electrostatic force. State their laws. **(20 marks)**
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(b) Proton and electron separated by 5.0×10^{-11} m.

(i) Calculate electrostatic force.

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(ii) Calculate gravitational force.

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(iii) Compare relative strengths.

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(c) A satellite of mass 500 kg orbits Earth at 300 km altitude.

(i) Calculate gravitational field strength at this height.

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(ii) Determine centripetal force.

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(iii) Sketch Earth, satellite, and force vectors.

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(d) Discuss how fields unify interactions of charges and masses. Give one application.

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Table of Specification HSSC-A P3

Chapter	AO1 (Knowledge – 30%)	AO2 (Application – 50%)	AO3 (Analysis – 20%)	Total Marks
6: Circular motion and Simple harmonic motion (SHM)	6 marks	10 marks	4 marks	20 marks
8: Capacitance	6 marks	10 marks	4 marks	20 marks
9: Photons, photoelectric effect and spectra	6 marks	10 marks	4 marks	20 marks
11: Refraction, Diffraction, Interference and wave-particle duality	6 marks	10 marks	4 marks	20 marks
14: Binding Energy, Nuclear Fission, and Nuclear Fusion	6 marks	10 marks	4 marks	20 marks
15: Fields and their sources	6 marks	10 marks	4 marks	20 marks
16: Interactions Of charges Masses and Fields	6 marks	10 marks	4 marks	20 marks

Marking Scheme (Q1)

(a) Angular velocity = rate of change of angular displacement (rad/s). Centripetal force = inward force keeping body in circular motion (N). **[6 AO1]**

(b) $\omega = v/r = 20/50 = 0.40 \text{ rad/s}$, $a_c = v^2/r = 400/50 = 8.0 \text{ m/s}^2$.
 $F = ma = 1000 \times 8.0 = 8000 \text{ N}$. **[6 AO2]**

(c) Amplitude = 0.05 m, $\omega = 15 \text{ rad/s}$. Max acceleration = $\omega^2 A = 225 \times 0.05 = 11.25 \text{ m/s}^2$. Graph sinusoidal. **[4 AO2]**

(d) Resonance when driving frequency = natural frequency. Beneficial: musical instruments. Harmful: bridge collapse. **[4 AO3]**

Marking Scheme (Q2)

(a) Electric field strength = force per unit charge (N/C). Coulomb's law: $F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$. **[6 AO1]**

(b) Force = 2.25 N. Field at midpoint $\approx 1.1 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C}$. Direction: towards negative charge. **[6 AO2]**

(c) Sketch: lines from + to -, denser near charges. **[4 AO2]**

(d) Uniform fields accelerate particles in straight lines (accelerators, CRTs). **[4 AO3]**

Marking Scheme (Q3)

(a) Photon = quantum of EM radiation. Quantization: discrete energy levels. Planck's relation $E = hf$. **[6 AO1]**

(b) Photon energy = 4.96 eV. Work function = 3.5 eV \rightarrow emission occurs. Max KE = 1.46 eV. **[6 AO2]**

(c) Graph linear, slope = h/e , threshold frequency marked. **[4 AO2]**

(d) Line spectra show discrete transitions \rightarrow evidence of quantized energy levels. **[4 AO3]**

Marking Scheme (Q4)

- (a) Refraction = bending of light between media (e.g., straw in water). Diffraction = spreading of waves at slit/obstacle (e.g., sound around corners). [6 AO1]
- (b) First minimum: $\theta = \lambda/a = 3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad}$. Width = $2L\theta = 0.012 \text{ m}$. Narrower slit \rightarrow wider pattern. [6 AO2]
- (c) Fringe spacing = 2.5 mm. Sketch: alternating bright/dark fringes. [4 AO2]
- (d) Photoelectric effect \rightarrow particle nature. Electron diffraction \rightarrow wave nature. Together = duality. [4 AO3]

Marking Scheme (Q5)

- (a) Binding energy = energy to separate nucleons. Mass defect = difference between nucleon sum and actual mass. [6 AO1]
- (b) Mass defect = 0.0305 u. Binding energy = 28.4 MeV. Per nucleon = 7.1 MeV. [6 AO2]
- (c) Fission: U-235 splitting. Fusion: H isotopes \rightarrow He. Graph: peak at Fe, fusion region (light nuclei), fission region (heavy nuclei). [4 AO2]
- (d) Fusion advantages: abundant fuel, less waste. Challenges: high temp/pressure, containment. [4 AO3]

Marking Scheme (Q6)

- (a) Gravitational field = region where mass experiences force (N/kg). Electric field = region where charge experiences force (N/C). [6 AO1]
- (b) $g = 8.34 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N/kg}$. Force = $1.67 \times 10^{-10} \text{ N}$. Gravitational always attractive; electric can be repulsive. [6 AO2]
- (c) $E = 1.08 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C}$. Sketch: radial lines outward from + charge. [4 AO2]
- (d) Fields explain action at a distance. Examples: Earth's gravity on satellites, electric fields in CRTs. [4 AO3]

Marking Scheme (Q7)

- (a) Gravitational force = $F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$. Electrostatic force = $F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$. [6 AO1]
- (b) Electrostatic force $\approx 9.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$. Gravitational force $\approx 3.6 \times 10^{-47} \text{ N}$. Ratio $\approx 10^{39}$. [6 AO2]
- (c) $g \approx 9.0 \text{ N/kg}$. Centripetal force = 4500 N. Diagram: Earth, satellite, inward force, tangential velocity. [4 AO2]
- (d) Fields unify interactions: both gravitational and electric forces described as fields. Applications: satellite communication, particle accelerators. [4 AO3]