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Physics A

PHYA5/2D

Unit 5D Turning Points in Physics Section B

Monday 18 June 2012 9.00 am to 10.45 am

For this paper you must have:

- a calculator
- a ruler
- a Data and Formulae Booklet (enclosed).

Time allowed

- The total time for both sections of this paper is 1 hour 45 minutes.
You are advised to spend approximately 50 minutes on this section.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- Show all your working.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this section is 35.
- You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
- A *Data and Formulae Booklet* is provided as a loose insert.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.



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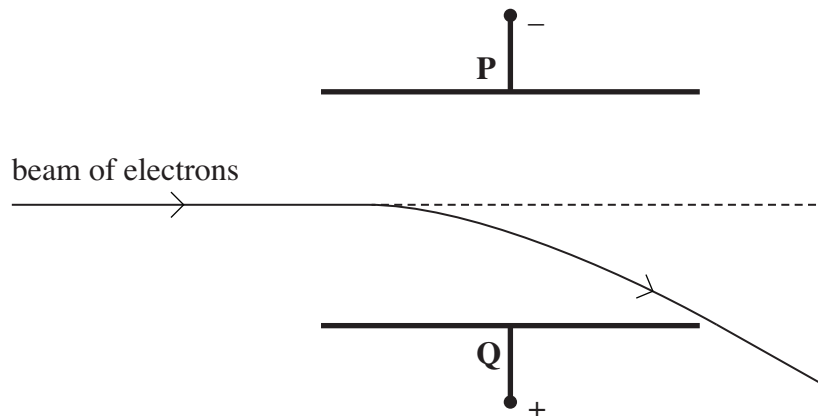
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Section B

The maximum mark for this section is 35 marks. You are advised to spend approximately 50 minutes on this section.

- 1** A narrow beam of electrons is directed into the region between two parallel plates, **P** and **Q**. When a constant potential difference is applied between the two plates, the beam curves downwards towards plate **Q** as shown in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1

- 1 (a)** Explain why the beam curves downwards at an increasing angle to its initial direction.

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(3 marks)

- 1 (b)** A uniform magnetic field is then applied at right angles to both the beam and the electric field between the plates **P** and **Q**. As a result, the downward deflection of the beam is increased.

- 1 (b) (i)** The arrangement is to be used to determine the speed of the electrons in the beam. Describe what adjustments to the flux density B of the magnetic field should be made to reduce the deflection of the beam to zero.

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(1 mark)

- 1 (b) (ii) Explain why the electrons pass undeflected through the fields when their speed v is given by

$$v = \frac{V}{Bd}$$

where V is the potential difference between plates **P** and **Q** and d is the perpendicular distance between the plates.

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(2 marks)

- 1 (c) The beam of electrons was produced by thermionic emission from a heated filament. When the potential difference between the anode and the filament was 4200 V, the speed of the electrons in the beam was $3.9 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$.

Use this information to determine the specific charge of the electron.

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answer = C kg^{-1}
(3 marks)



- 2 (a)** Describe, in terms of electric and magnetic fields, a plane polarised electromagnetic wave travelling in a vacuum. You may wish to draw a labelled diagram.

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(3 marks)

- 2 (b)** In his theory of electromagnetic waves, Maxwell predicted that the speed of all electromagnetic waves travelling through free space is given by

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

where μ_0 is the permeability of free space and ϵ_0 is the permittivity of free space.

Explain why this prediction led to the conclusion that light waves are electromagnetic waves.

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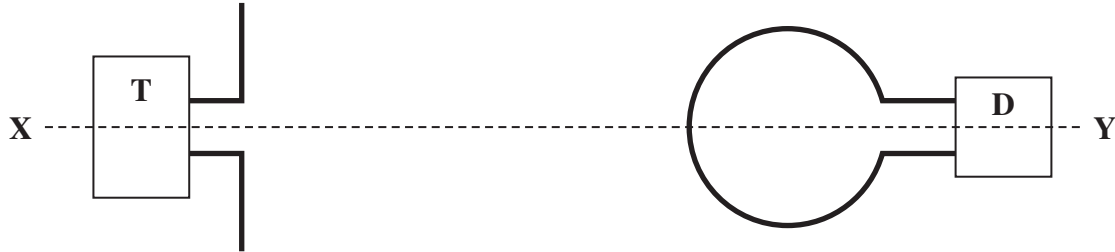
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- 2 (c)** Hertz discovered how to produce and detect radio waves. **Figure 2** shows a transmitter of radio waves, **T**, and a detector **D**. The detector loop and the transmitter aerial are in the same vertical plane.

Figure 2



- 2 (c) (i)** Explain why an alternating emf is induced in the loop when it is in this position.

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- 2 (c) (ii)** Explain why an alternating emf **cannot** be detected if the detector loop is turned through 90° about the axis **XY**.

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(1 mark)



The quality of your written communication will be assessed in your answer.

[illegible]

3 (b) An electron is travelling at a speed of $0.890c$ where c is the speed of light in free space.

3 (b) (i) Show that the electron has a de Broglie wavelength of $1.24 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$.

(2 marks)

3 (b) (ii) Calculate the energy of a photon of wavelength $1.24 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$.

answer = J
(1 mark)

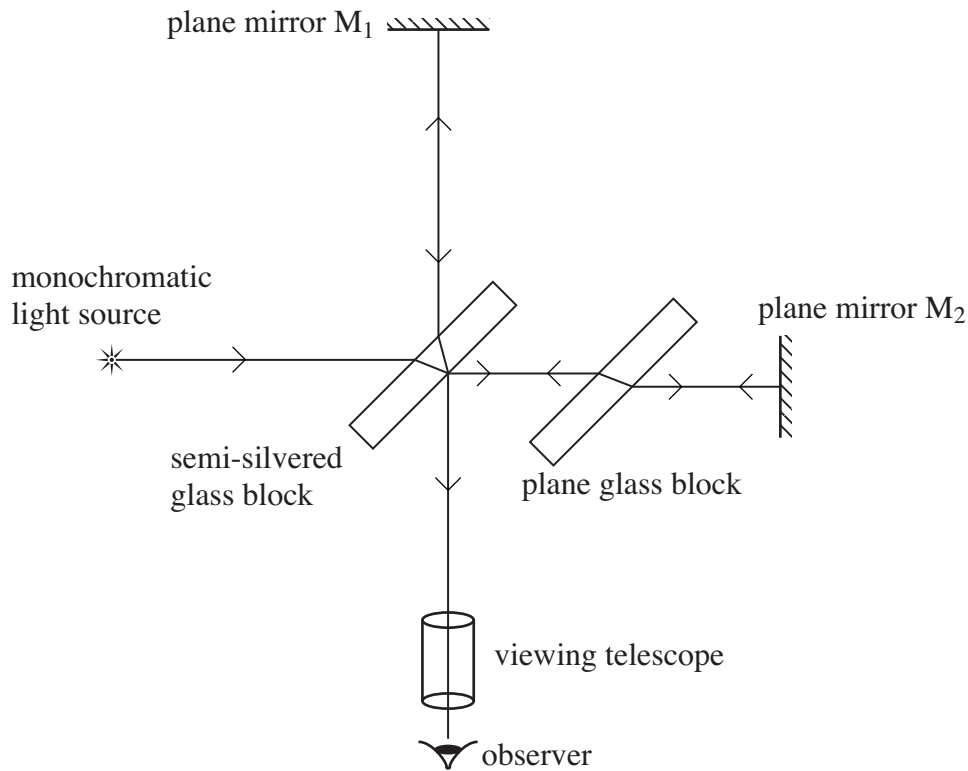
3 (b) (iii) Calculate the kinetic energy of an electron with a de Broglie wavelength of $1.24 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$.
Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

answer = J
(2 marks)



- 4 **Figure 3** represents the Michelson-Morley interferometer. Interference fringes are seen by an observer looking through the viewing telescope.

Figure 3



- 4 (a) Explain why the interference fringes shift their position if the distance from either of the two mirrors to the semi-silvered block is changed.

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(2 marks)



4 (b) Michelson and Morley predicted that the interference fringes would shift when the apparatus was rotated through 90° . When they tested their prediction, no such fringe shift was observed.

4 (b) (i) Why was it predicted that a shift of the fringes would be observed?

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4 (b) (ii) What conclusion was drawn from the observation that the fringes did not shift?

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