

2014 Sec 3 End-of-Year Examination
Physics Mark Scheme

Paper 1

1	D	6	B	11	C	16	A	21	A	26	C
2	A	7	C	12	D	17	B	22	D	27	D
3	C	8	B	13	A	18	B	23	B	28	C
4	A	9	D	14	B	19	D	24	C	29	D
5	A	10	D	15	A	20	D	25	C	30	D

Paper 2

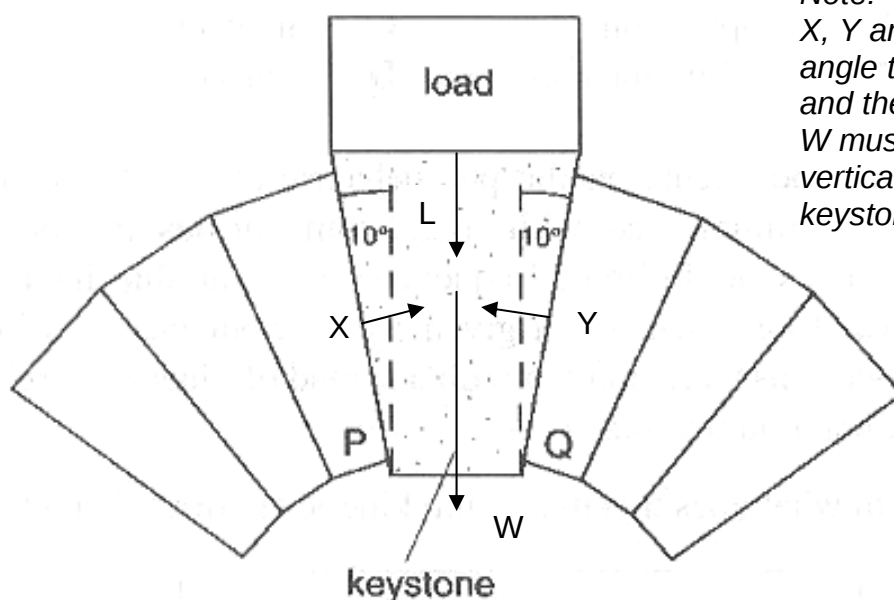
Section A

- 1 (a) The marbles are not perfectly spherical. Taking the average diameter from more marbles will **reduce the random error** in the diameter of the marble.
 (b) The diameter of the marble can be determined with an additional significant figure, increasing the precision.
 e.g. If use 10 marbles, diameter = $12.2 \text{ cm} \div 10 = 1.22 \text{ cm}$ (3sf)
 If use 5 marbles, diameter = $6.1 \text{ cm} \div 5 = 1.2 \text{ cm}$ (2sf)

- 2 (a) $a = 30/20 = 1.5 \text{ m/s}^2$
 (b) At $t = 30 \text{ s}$
 (c) Distance travelled by car A = $\frac{1}{2} \times 20 \times 30 + (30 + 20)/2 \times 10 = 550 \text{ m}$
 Distance travelled by car B = $\frac{1}{2} \times 20 \times 30 = 300 \text{ m}$
 Distance between car A and B = $550 - 300 = 250 \text{ m}$

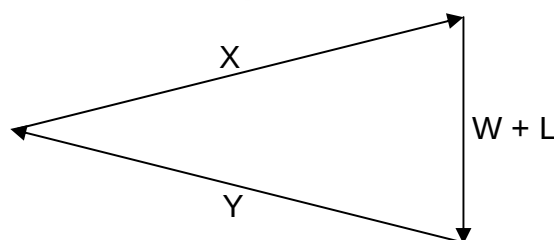
- (d) At $t = 50 \text{ s}$

- 3 (a)



Note:
 X, Y and L must act at a right angle to the stone P, stone Q and the load respectively.
 W must act higher than the vertical mid-point of the keystone.

- (b) Arrows form closed triangle with correct shape and angles.
 $Y = 8.6 \text{ cm} \times 200 \text{ N/cm} = 1720 \text{ N}$
 (Only answers between 1680 N and 1800 N are accepted.)

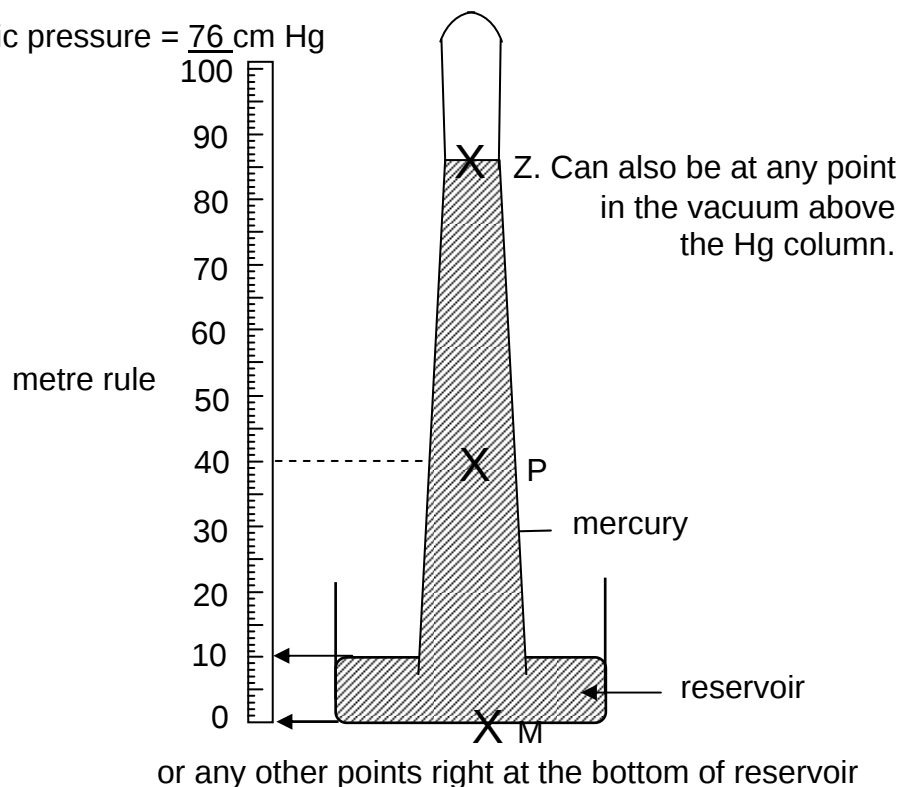


- 4 (a) It is the **point** through which the **whole** weight of the object **appears** to act.

- (b) The centre of gravity of the toy is **below** the support (pivot) but not lower than the weights.
- (c) When displaced to the left, the centre of gravity is shifted to the **right** of the pivot, **the weight creates a clockwise moment** about the pivot, returning the toy to its upright position. (Note: No full marks awarded even if student stated that the c.g. shift to the right if her answer to (b) is incorrect.)

5 (a) Atmospheric pressure = $\frac{76}{100}$ cm Hg

(b)



(c) $(86-70/100) \times 13600 \times g = h \times 1.2 \times g$; Height of mountain = 1800 m

- 6 (a) (i) $mgh = 480 \times 10 \times 30.0$; Work done by motor = 144 kJ
(ii) $144 \text{ kJ} / (2.0 \times 60)$; Power of motor = 1.2 kW
allow for e.c.f.
- (b) $mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$; $(30.0 - 12.0) \times 10 = \frac{1}{2}v^2$
Speed of vehicle = 19.0 m s^{-1} (2 or 3 s.f.) **penalty for s.f.**

- 7 (a) Correct position of image of P_0 .
Cone from P_0 to E. Cone from P to M.
Virtual rays in dotted lines and arrows on real rays to indicate direction; image correctly labelled as P_0 .

- (b) (i) The angles of incidence and reflection should be equal. The position of the image of the ghost actor should be further away from the sheet of glass.
- (ii) The image is **virtual**. It is formed by reflection off the sheet of glass and all reflected images are virtual OR the image cannot be captured on a screen.

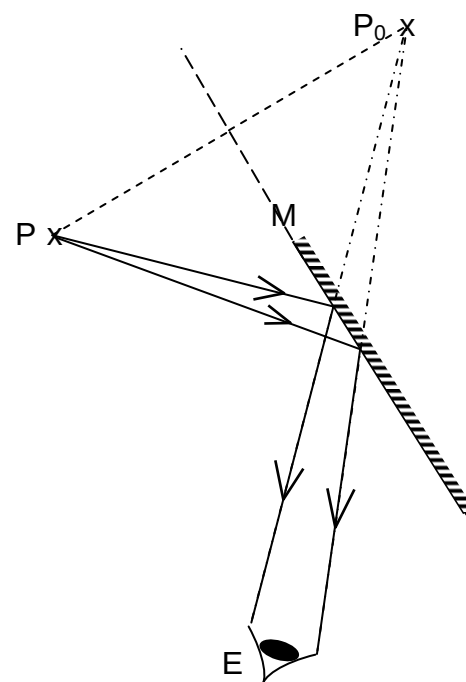


Fig. 7.1

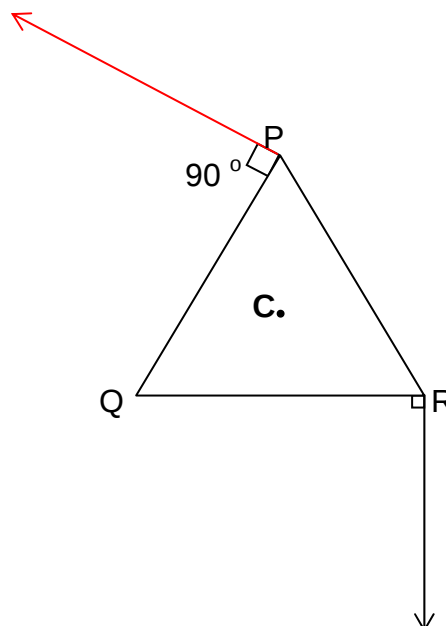
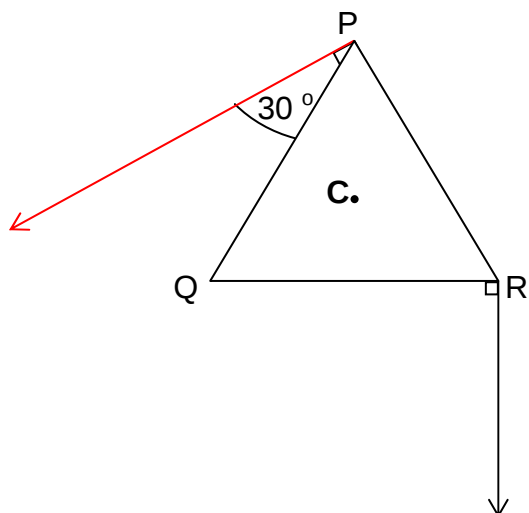
Section B

- 8 (a) The cardboard remains at rest in this position as it has **no net moment** about the pivot. There is also **no net force** acting on the cardboard.

(b) (i) $\text{Moment} = 200 \times 0.200 = 40 \text{ Nm}$

(ii) $40 = F \times 0.16$; $F = 250 \text{ N}$

(iii)



General direction that the force acts
Angle with side PQ = 30° or 90°

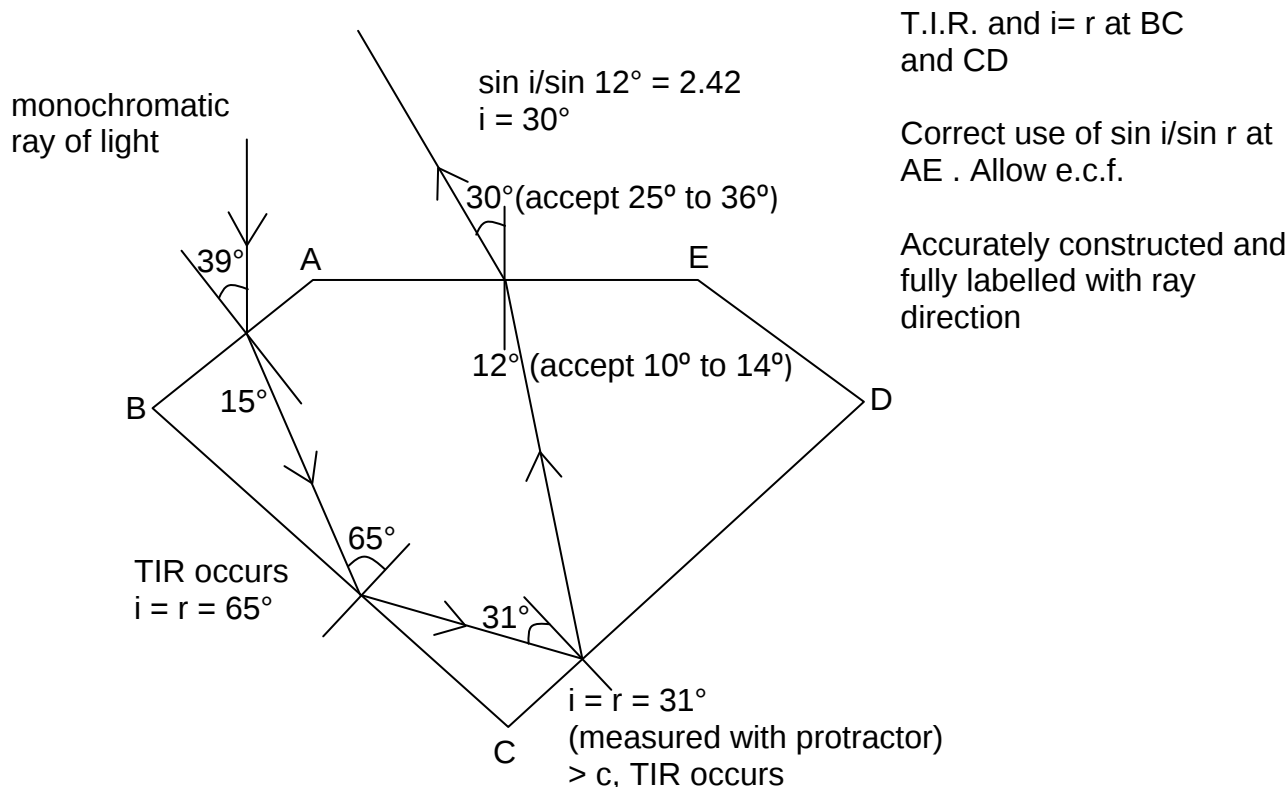
- (c) When placed flat on the table, the cardboard has a **lower centre of gravity** and a **broader base**.
- 9 (a) Atmospheric pressure in pascal = $75.0/100 \times 13600 \times 10 = 102 \text{ kPa}$
- (b) $P = 102\,000 - 60\,000 = F/A$; $42000 = F/0.00250$
Greatest weight that can be lifted = 105 N
- (c) The rubber rim provides a good air tight seal with the piece of glass since it can be pressed against the glass. This prevents air from entering the suction cup and increasing the pressure inside.
- (d) Atmospheric pressure at a higher altitude is lower. Pressure difference will be less (decreased) and hence load that can be lifted will be lighter.
- (e) The suction cup can be made to cover a larger area of the glass.
The resultant force acting on the piece of glass will increase.
OR
The pressure in the suction cup can be further reduced. The pressure difference between atmospheric pressure and suction cup pressure will increase. Hence a larger resultant force will push the glass against the cup.

10 EITHER

- (a) (i) $3000 - 2000 = 2000$ a; $a = 0.50 \text{ m/s}^2$
(ii) $a = (v-u)/t$; $0.5 = (25 - u)/10$; $u = 20 \text{ m/s}$
- (b) Velocity remains constant. There is no net force acting on the car, thus it does not accelerate.
- (c) The car is moving with constant deceleration ($a = -1.5 \text{ m/s}^2$).
- (d) (i) Weight of the car and normal contact force by the ground on the car.
(ii) They are equal and opposite in direction.
(iii) When the car is moving up/down a slope.

10 OR

- (a) The incident angle must be greater than critical angle.
The light must be travelling from an optically denser to an optically less dense medium OR a medium of higher refractive index to a medium of lower refractive index.
- (b) (i) $1/\sin c = 2.42$; Critical angle for diamond = 24.4°
(ii)



- (iii) The light that enters the diamond from the top does not emerge from the top.

- (c) Glass has a much lower refractive index, and hence a larger critical angle. The probability of a ray of light exceeding the critical angle and undergoing TIR is lower and less light leaves from the top surface.