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ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL
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PHYSICS

4023/2

PAPER 2: Theory

SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours

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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided on the question paper.

Section B

Answer any **three** questions.

Write your answers on the spaces provided on the question paper

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INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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Candidates are reminded that **all** quantitative answers should include appropriate units.

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Section A

Answer *all* questions from this section.

- 1 **Figure 1.1** shows an instrument used to measure diameter of a wire.

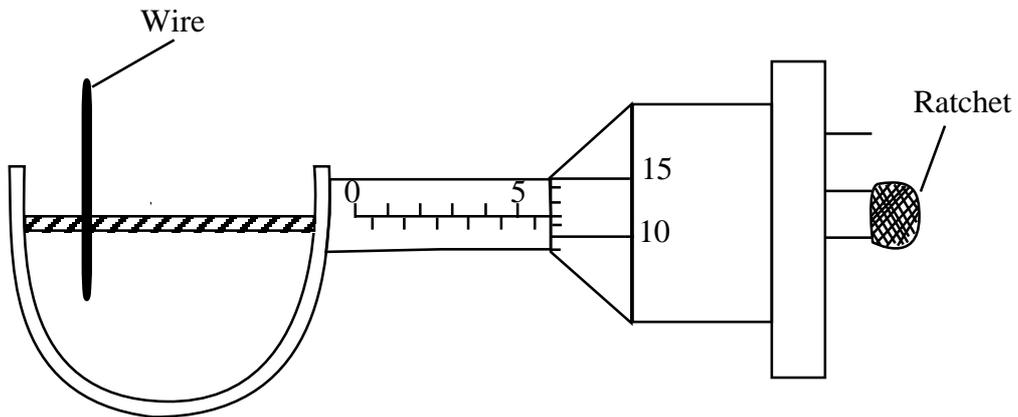


Fig. 1.1

- (a) Name the instrument in **Fig. 1.1**.

_____ [1]

- (b) State the reading shown on the instrument.

_____ [1]

- (c) State **three** precautions which should be taken when using the instrument in **Fig. 1.1** to measure the diameter of the wire.

 _____ [3]

2 (a) Define velocity.

_____ [1]

(b) A car travels at a constant speed of 10 ms^{-1} for 8.0 s and is then brought to rest in 4.0 s by a constant braking force.

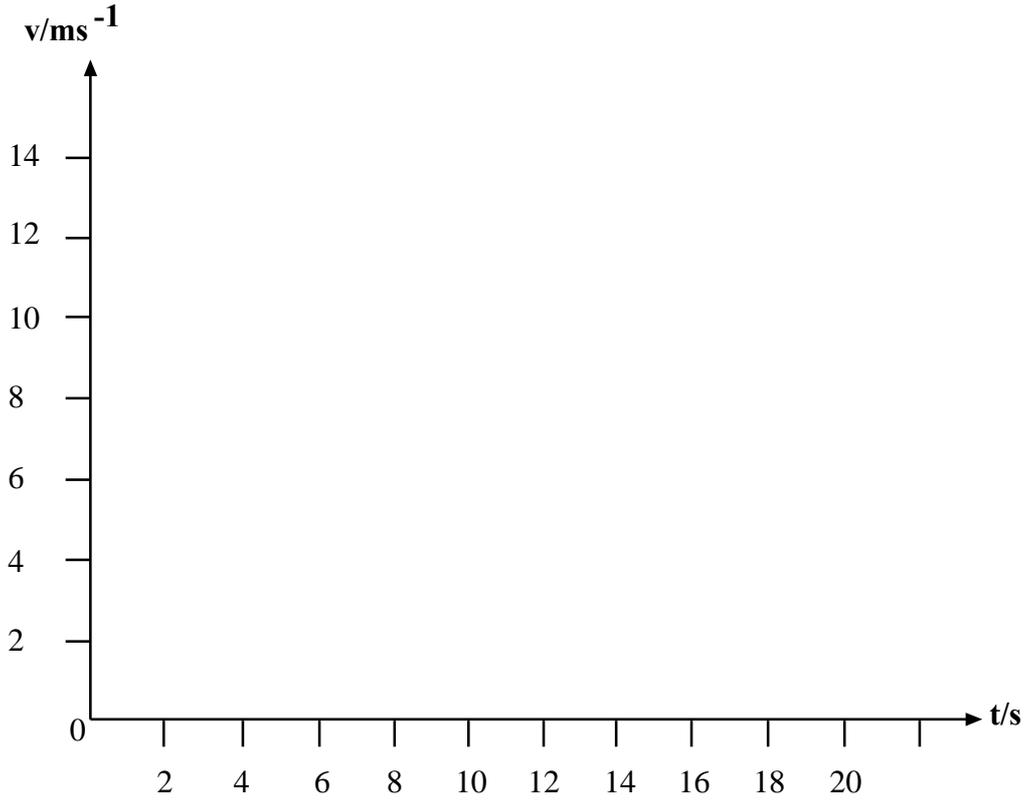


Fig. 2.1

(i) Draw a graph on Fig. 2.1 to represent the car's motion. [2]

(ii) Determine the total distance travelled by the car.

[2]

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3 (a) (i) State **one** non-renewable source of energy. [1]

(ii) Explain why charcoal is a renewable source of energy. [1]

(iii) Describe the main energy conversions which occur at Hwange Thermal Power Station. [3]

4 (i) State any **two** renewable resources. [2]

(ii) State the advantage of using multiple cylinders in an engine. [1]

(iii) Explain the effect of worn out fuel jets on the efficiency of an engine. [2]

5 **Figure 5.1** shows an electric circuit.

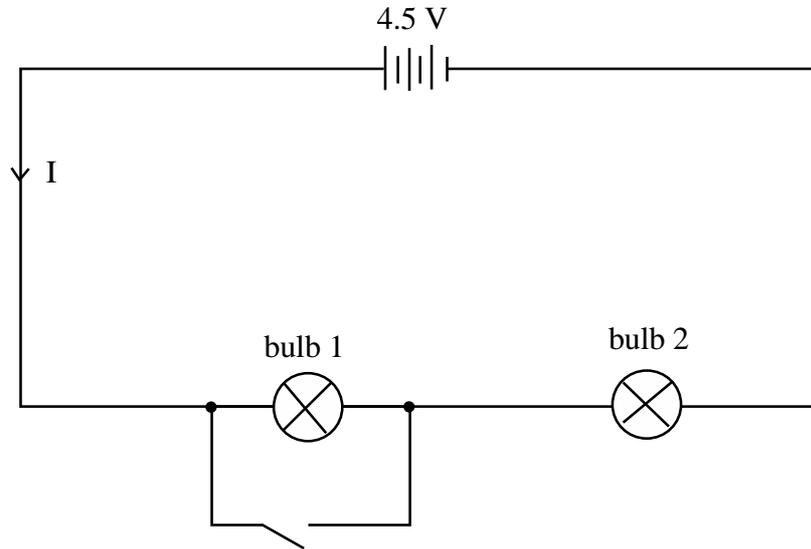


Fig. 5.1

Each bulb has a resistance of 5Ω .

(i) Calculate the current I when the bulbs are at maximum brightness.

[2]

(ii) The switch is then closed. Deduce what happens to:

1. the current I ,

2. bulb 1,

3. bulb 2.

[3]

6 Fig. 6.1 shows an incomplete ray diagram to show the image formed by a plane mirror.

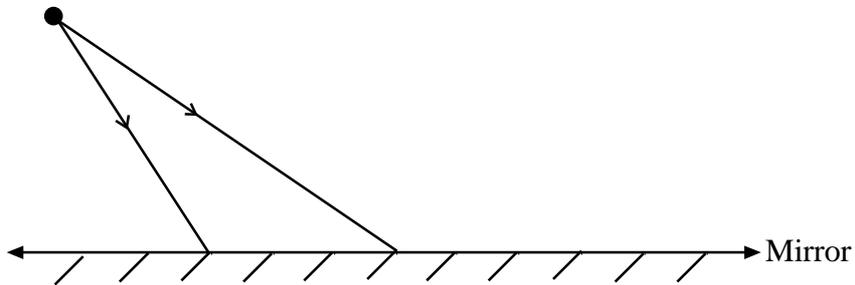


Fig. 6.1

(i) Complete the rays to show the position of the image. [3]

(ii) State the properties of the image in Fig. 6.1.

[2]

7 (a) Define the term *radioactive decay*.

[2]

(b) An isotope has a mass of 64mg and a half life of 4 days.

(i) Calculate the mass of the isotope that remains after 16 days.

mass [2]

- (ii) Suggest a reason why radioactive isotopes of very short half lives are used in medicine.

[1]

- 8 Fig 8.1 shows the symbol of a logic gate.

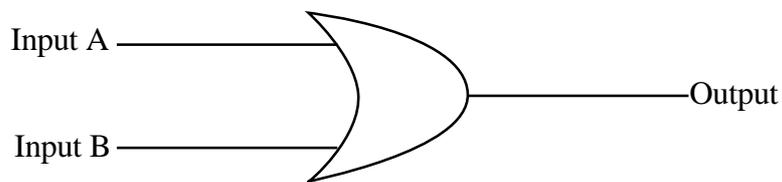


Fig. 8.1

- (a) Name the logic gate shown in Fig. 8.1

[1]

- (b) Construct a truth table for this logic gate.

[1]

- (c) Fig 8.2 shows a system designed to warn an owner if someone tries to steal his/her TV set.

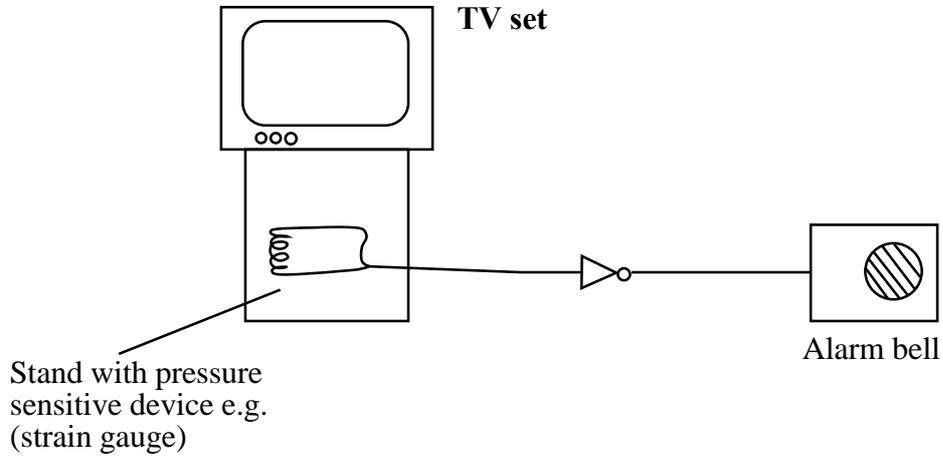


Fig 8.2

Suggest how the system works.

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SECTION B

Answer any **three** questions.

- 9 (a) Two boats start together and race across a 20km wide lake and back. Boat **A** goes across at 20kmh^{-1} and returns at 20kmh^{-1} . Boat **B** goes across at 40kmh^{-1} and returns at 10kmh^{-1} .

- (i) Deduce the average speed of Boat **A**.

_____ [1]

- (ii) Explain your answer in (i).

_____ [1]

- (iii) State **two** similarities between distance and displacement.

_____ [2]

(b) Fig 9.1 shows the motion of a car.

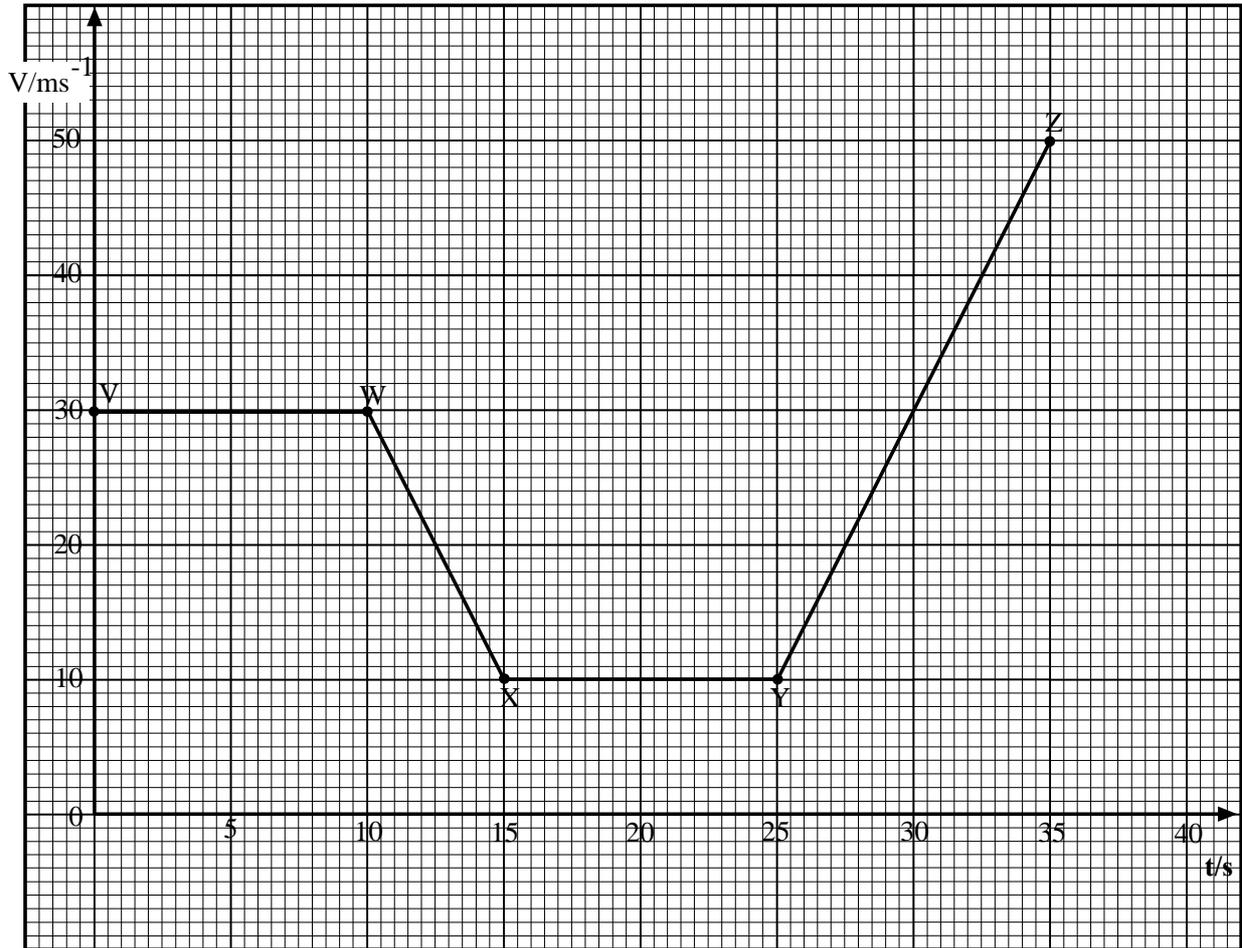


Fig 9.1

(i) Calculate the distance between X and Y.

[2]

(ii) Calculate the acceleration of the car between Y and Z.

[2]

(iii) Calculate the car's average speed from V to X.

[3]

(iv) Describe the car's motion from W to Z.

[3]

(v) Use **Fig 9.1** to show that the deceleration of the car has the same numerical value as its acceleration.

[2]

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- (c) Explain why an object going round a circle cannot have constant velocity even though the speed is constant.

[2]

- (d) A parachutist falls from an aircraft which is flying. The parachute opens sometime after the start of the fall and attains terminal velocity. Explain how terminal velocity is attained.

[2]

(ii) Explain what you understand by the efficiency of an engine.

_____ [1]

(iii) Suggest **two** ways in which the efficiency of a petrol engine may be reduced.

_____ [2]

(c) Describe the economic implication of using fuels.

_____ [3]

- 11 (a) (i) Define refractive index.

[1]

- (ii) Fig 11.1 shows a ray of light entering a glass block of refractive index 1.5.

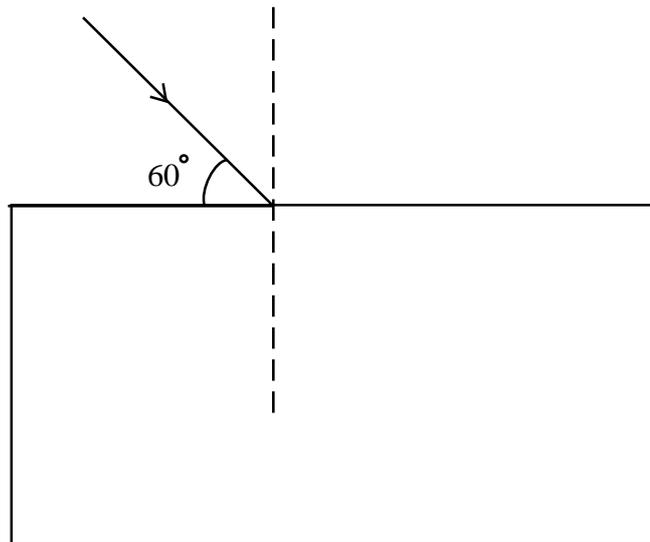


Fig. 11.1

Complete Fig 11.1 to show the path followed by the ray **in** and **out** of the block.

[2]

- (iii) Calculate the 1. angle of refraction,

[2]

2. speed of light in glass if the speed of light in air is 300 000 km/s.

[2]

(iv) Explain what causes refraction of light.

[2]

(b) (i) Define the term *critical angle*.

[2]

(ii) Fig 11.2 shows an optical fibre used in telecommunications.

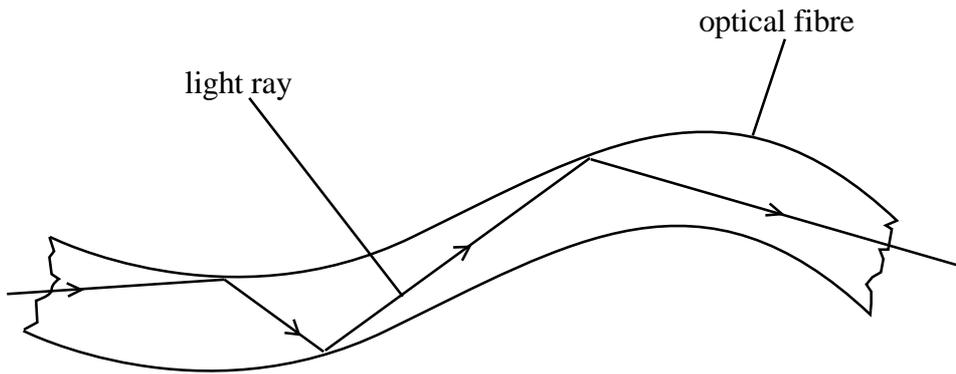


Fig 11.2

(iii) 1. Explain what happens to the ray in the fibre.

[1]

2. State **one** advantage of using optical fibres over radio waves in telecommunications.

[1]

(c) (i) Distinguish between a real and virtual image formed by a lense.

[2]

(ii) 1. Illustrate with the aid of a diagram the term long sight.

[3]

2. Explain how long sight can be corrected.

[2]

12 (a) Fig 12.1 shows a transformer.

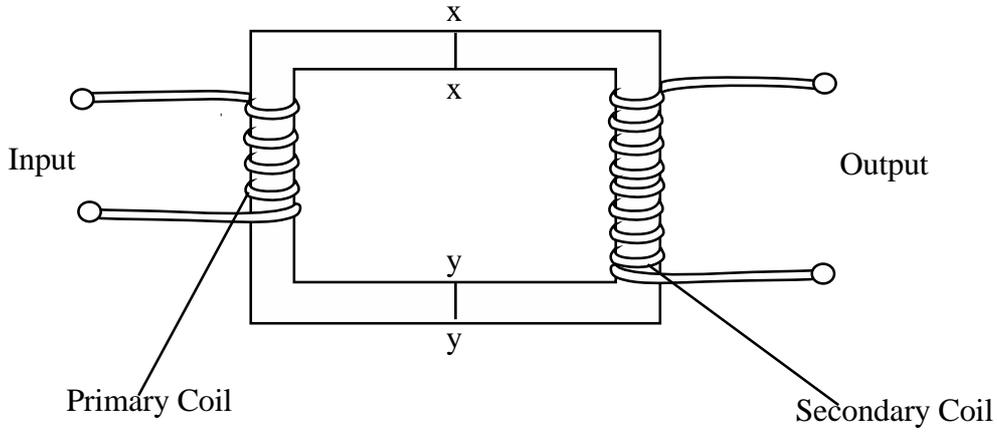


Fig 12.1

(i) Explain how the transformer works.

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(ii) Suggest what could be done to Fig 12.1 to make the output voltage smaller than the input voltage.

[1]

(iii) Name the type of transformer in (a).

[1]

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- (iv) Suggest with reasons, what will happen to the working of the transformer if the core is split at xx and yy then separated by 35cm.

[3]

- (v) Suggest why the core is made of soft iron.

[1]

- (b) An ideal transformer is used to step up the voltage supply from 200 V to 400 V. A resistor is connected to the output. The current in the primary coil is 3A.

Calculate the current in the secondary coil.

[3]

12 (c) Fig 12.2 shows a model generator.

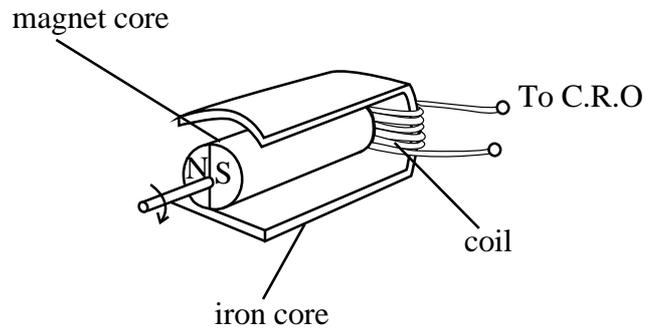


Fig 12.2

Fig 12.3 shows a trace on the C.R.O. as the magnet rotates.

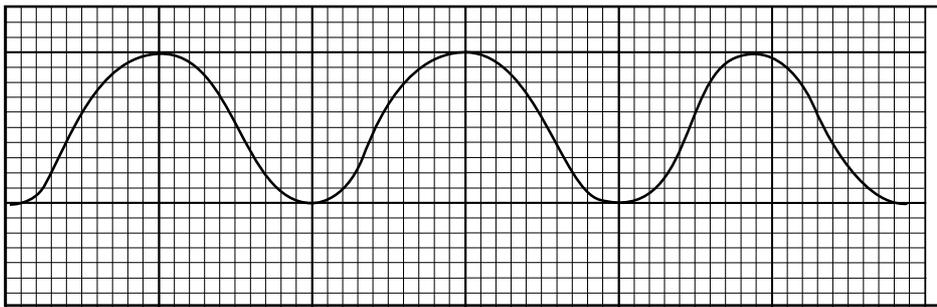


Fig 12.3

On Fig 12.3b, 12.3c and 12.3d, draw new traces produced for each of the following changes.

- (i) Magnet rotates at the same speed but in the opposite direction.

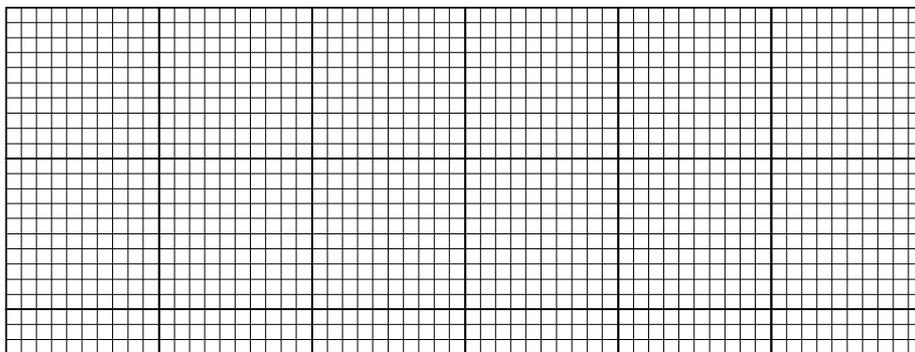


Fig. 12.3b

[1]

- (ii) The magnet rotates at the same speed, in the same direction as the original, but the number of turns of the coil is doubled.

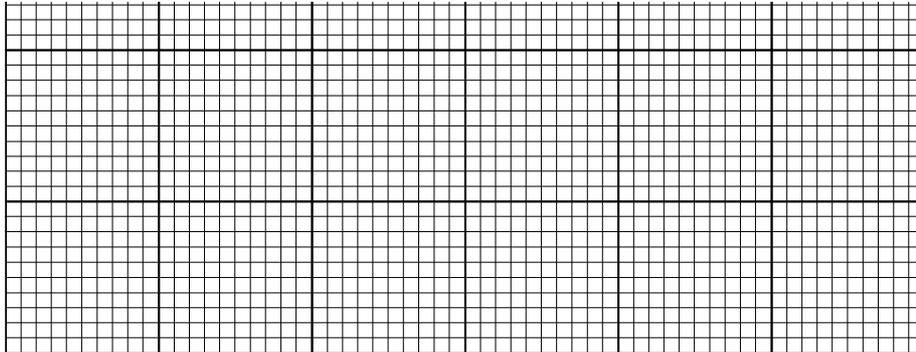


Fig 12.3c

[1]

- (iii) The magnet rotates at twice the speed, in the same direction, with the original number of turns of the coil.

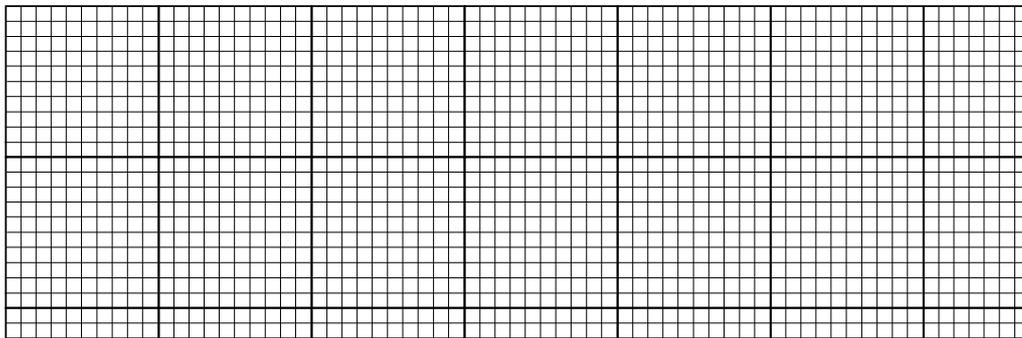


Fig 12.3d

[1]

- (iv) Suggest three reasons why the power input is greater than the power output in practical transformers.

[3]

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