

ICSE Board Class X Physics Gold Series Sample Paper - 5

Time: 1½ hrs

Total Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- 1. Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.
- 2. You will **not** be allowed to write during the first **15** minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
- 3. The time given at the head of paper is the time allotted for writing the answers.
- 4. Attempt all questions from Section I and any four questions from Section II.
- 5. The intended marks of questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

Section 1 (40 Marks) Attempt all questions from this section

Question 1

- (a) What is the source of contact forces on the atomic scale?
- (b) A railway engine pulls a train with a force of 6000 N over a distance of 200 m on a level track. Calculate the work done in joules and ergs.
- (c) Write two characteristics of a third class lever.
- (d) A crowbar 2 m long is pivoted about a point 0.1 m from its tip. Calculate the least force which must be applied at the other end to displace a load of 100 kgf.
- (e) When does a ray of light neither refract nor deviate while passing through a glass block?

Question 2

- (a) A student standing at one end of a closed corridor 86 m long blows a short blast on a whistle and notes a series of echoes. If the time from the blast to the fifth echo is 2.5 s, calculate the speed of sound.
- (b) Distinguish between a real image and a virtual image.
- (c) A fish is obliquely viewing a fisherman standing on the river bank from underwater. Does the man appear taller or shorter than his actual height to the fish?
- (d) How will the image formed by a convex lens be affected if the central portion of the lens is wrapped by a black paper as shown in the diagram below?



Black Paper

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(e) Draw a graph representing the variation of angle of deviation (δ) by a prism for various angles of incidence (i) of monochromatic light.

Question 3

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- (a) Name the part of the spectrum which extends to both sides of the visible spectrum. Give one application of each of these radiations.
- (b) Why does the loudness of the sound heard by a plucked wire increase when it is mounted on a board?
- (c) 2 kg of ice melts when a jet of steam at 100°C is passed through a hole drilled in a block of ice. What mass of steam was used? Given:

Specific heat capacity of water = 4200 J/kg°C

Specific latent heat of fusion of ice = 336×10^3 J/kg

Specific latent heat of vaporisation of steam = 2268×10^{3} J/kg

- (d) Why does the heat supplied to a substance during its change of state not cause any rise in its temperature?
- (e) What special characteristics must (i) a heating wire and (ii) a fuse wire have?

Question 4

[10]

- (a) An electric bulb is rated 500 W, 240 V. What information does this convey?
- (b) Calculate the equivalent resistance of the network shown in the figure below:



- (c) What is the nature of magnetic field lines formed due to current in a straight conductor?
- (d) Name two isotopes of uranium. Which of the isotopes of uranium is easily fissionable?

(e) What is the effect of neutron to proton ratio $\left(\frac{n}{p}\right)$ in a nucleus when

- i. An electron is emitted
- ii. A positron is emitted



Section 2 (40 Marks) Attempt any four questions from this section

Question 5

[10]

- (a) A man drops a 50-kg stone from the top of a ladder of length 10 m. What is its kinetic energy when it reaches the ground? What is its speed just before it hits the ground?
- (b) A uniform metre scale of weight 50 g f is balanced at the 30 cm mark when weights of 80 g f and 60 g f act at the 5 cm mark and the 45 cm mark, respectively. What force must be applied at the 20 cm mark to balance the metre scale?

(c)

- i. What is the principle of levers?
- ii. Give the SI unit of the following:
 - (1) Mechanical advantage
 - (2) Velocity ratio
 - (3) Weight
 - (4) Mass
- iii. What is the relation between VR and the number of strands of a string used to support the load in a block and tackle system?

Question 6

[10]

- (a) Why does the sun appear reddish early in the morning?
- (b) A concave lens is also known as a diverging lens. Why?
- (c)
- i. What is a totally reflecting prism?
- ii. The ozone layer gives us protection from which solar radiation?
- iii. Why does a converging lens behave as a 'burning glass'?

Question 7

- (a)
- i. State the difference between a tone and a note.
- ii. A violin note and a sitar note may have the same frequency, and yet, we can distinguish between these two notes. Explain.
- (b) How does a stretched string produce an audible sound on being set into vibration?
- (c) What is an echo? State the three conditions necessary for the formation of an echo.





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Question 8

[10] (a) A piece of ice of mass 15 g is added to water of mass 100 g in a copper calorimeter of mass 50 g. The temperature of water falls from 288 K to 276 K after the addition of ice. Calculate the specific latent heat of fusion of ice.

Given, specific heat capacity of copper = $0.42 \text{ J/g}^{\circ}\text{C}$ Specific heat capacity of water = $4.2 \text{ J/g}^{\circ}\text{C}$.

(b) At what angle should a ray of light be incident on the face of a 60° prism so that the ray just passes grazingly along the interface AC? If the angle of refraction at face AB is 19°, find the angle of incidence at face AC. Give its specific name.



(c) State the basic principle of heat transfer.

Question 9

(a)

i. Find the value of R in the following figure if the equivalent resistance between terminals A and B is 2Ω .



ii. Find the equivalent resistance between terminal A and terminal B.





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- (b) A house is fitted with 20 lamps of 60 watt each, 10 fans consuming 0.5 A each and an electric kettle of resistance 110Ω . If energy is supplied at 220 V and costs Rs 3.25 per kW h, calculate the bill for November assuming that these appliances run for 6 hours a day.
- (c) Draw magnetic field lines for (i) a solenoid and (ii) a bar magnet.

Question 10

- (a) Mention three properties of nuclear forces.
- (b) Give the difference between isotopes and isobars.
- (c) Explain the tracer technique and give its applications.