

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Level Examination



**PHYSICS (SPECIFICATION A)**  
**Unit 4 Waves, Fields and Nuclear Energy**

**PA04**

**Section A**

Wednesday 26 January 2005 Morning Session

**In addition to this paper you will require:**

- an objective test answer sheet;
- a black ball-point pen;
- a calculator;
- a question paper/answer book for Section B (enclosed).

Time allowed: The total time for Section A and Section B of this paper is 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use a black ball-point pen. Do **not** use pencil.
- Answer **all** questions in this section.
- For each question there are four responses. When you have selected the response which you think is the most appropriate answer to a question, mark this response on your answer sheet.
- Mark all responses as instructed on your answer sheet. If you wish to change your answer to a question, follow the instructions on your answer sheet.
- Do all rough work in this book **not** on the answer sheet.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this section is 30.
- Section A and Section B of this paper together carry 15% of the total marks for Physics Advanced.
- All questions in Section A carry equal marks. No deductions will be made for incorrect answers.
- A *Data Sheet* is provided on pages 3 and 4. You may wish to detach this perforated sheet at the start of the examination.
- The question paper/answer book for Section B is enclosed within this question paper.

**Data Sheet**

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| Fundamental constants and values               |                |                         |                                   | Mechanics and Applied Physics   |  | Fields, Waves, Quantum Phenomena |   |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|---|
| Quantity                                       | Symbol         | Value                   | Units                             |   |  |                                  |   |
| speed of light in vacuo                        | $c$            | $3.00 \times 10^8$      | $\text{m s}^{-1}$                 | $v = u + at$  |  |                                  | $g = \frac{F}{m}$   |
| permeability of free space                     | $\mu_0$        | $4\pi \times 10^{-7}$   | $\text{H m}^{-1}$                 | $s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t$   |  |                                  | $g = -\frac{GM}{r^2}$   |
| permittivity of free space                     | $\epsilon_0$   | $8.85 \times 10^{-12}$  | $\text{F m}^{-1}$                 | $s = ut + \frac{at^2}{2}$   |  |                                  | $g = -\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x}$  |
| charge of electron                             | $e$            | $1.60 \times 10^{-19}$  | $\text{C}$                        | $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$   |  |                                  | $V = -\frac{GM}{r}$   |
| the Planck constant                            | $h$            | $6.63 \times 10^{-34}$  | $\text{J s}$                      | $F = \frac{\Delta(mv)}{\Delta t}$   |  |                                  | $a = -(2\pi f)^2 x$   |
| gravitational constant                         | $G$            | $6.67 \times 10^{-11}$  | $\text{N m}^2 \text{kg}^{-2}$     | $P = Fv$  |  |                                  | $v = \pm 2\pi f \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$                                       |
| the Avogadro constant                          | $N_A$          | $6.02 \times 10^{23}$   | $\text{mol}^{-1}$                 | $\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{power output}}{\text{power input}}$                                |  |                                  | $x = A \cos 2\pi ft$  |
| molar gas constant                             | $R$            | 8.31                    | $\text{J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$ | $\omega = \frac{v}{r} = 2\pi f$   |  |                                  | $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$   |
| the Boltzmann constant                         | $k$            | $1.38 \times 10^{-23}$  | $\text{J K}^{-1}$                 | $a = \frac{v^2}{r} = r\omega^2$   |  |                                  | $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$   |
| the Stefan constant                            | $\sigma$       | $5.67 \times 10^{-8}$   | $\text{W m}^{-2} \text{K}^{-4}$   | $I = \sum mr^2$   |  |                                  | $\lambda = \frac{\omega S}{D}$  |
| the Wien constant                              | $\alpha$       | $2.90 \times 10^{-3}$   | $\text{m K}$                      | $E_k = \frac{1}{2} I\omega^2$   |  |                                  | $d \sin \theta = n\lambda$  |
| electron rest mass                             | $m_e$          | $9.11 \times 10^{-31}$  | $\text{kg}$                       | $\omega_2 = \omega_1 + at$  |  |                                  | $\theta \approx \frac{\lambda}{D}$                                      |
| (equivalent to $5.5 \times 10^{-4}u$ )         |                |                         |                                   | $\theta = \omega_1 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$  |  |                                  | ${}_{1}n_2 = \frac{\sin \theta_1}{\sin \theta_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$     |
| electron charge/mass ratio                     | $elm_e$        | $1.76 \times 10^{11}$   | $\text{C kg}^{-1}$                | $\omega_2^2 = \omega_1^2 + 2a\theta$  |  |                                  | ${}_{1}n_2 = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$   |
| proton rest mass                               | $m_p$          | $1.67 \times 10^{-27}$  | $\text{kg}$                       | $\theta = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t$  |  |                                  | $\sin \theta_c = \frac{1}{n}$   |
| (equivalent to 1.00728u)                       |                |                         |                                   | $T = I\alpha$   |  |                                  | $E = hf$  |
| proton charge/mass ratio                       | $elm_p$        | $9.58 \times 10^7$      | $\text{C kg}^{-1}$                | <i>angular momentum</i> = $I\omega$   |  |                                  | $hf = \phi + E_k$   |
| neutron rest mass                              | $m_n$          | $1.67 \times 10^{-27}$  | $\text{kg}$                       | $W = T\theta$   |  |                                  | $hf = E_1 - E_2$  |
| (equivalent to 1.00867u)                       |                |                         |                                   | $P = T\omega$   |  |                                  | $\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv}$                                  |
| gravitational field strength                   | $g$            | 9.81                    | $\text{N kg}^{-1}$                | <i>angular impulse</i> = change of <i>angular momentum</i> = $Tt$                                   |  |                                  | $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$                                 |
| acceleration due to gravity                    | $g$            | 9.81                    | $\text{m s}^{-2}$                 | $\Delta Q = \Delta U + \Delta W$  |  |                                  | <b>Electricity</b>  |
| atomic mass unit                               | $u$            | $1.661 \times 10^{-27}$ | $\text{kg}$                       | $\Delta W = p\Delta V$  |  |                                  | $\epsilon = \frac{E}{Q}$  |
| (1u is equivalent to 931.3 MeV)                |                |                         |                                   | $pV^\gamma = \text{constant}$   |  |                                  | $\epsilon = I(R+r)$   |
| <b>Fundamental particles</b>                   |                |                         |                                   | <i>work done per cycle</i> = area of loop   |  |                                  | $\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$ |
| <i>Class</i>                                   | <i>Name</i>    | <i>Symbol</i>           | <i>Rest energy</i>                | <i>input power</i> = calorific value $\times$ fuel flow rate  |  |                                  | $R_T = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$   |
|  |                |                         | /MeV                              | <i>indicated power</i> as (area of p-V loop) $\times$ (no. of cycles/s) $\times$ (no. of cylinders) |  |                                  | $P = I^2 R$   |
| photon   | photon         | $\gamma$                | 0                                 | <i>friction power</i> = indicated power - brake power   |  |                                  | $E = \frac{F}{Q} = \frac{V}{d}$   |
| lepton   | neutrino       | $\nu_e$                 | 0                                 | <i>efficiency</i> = $\frac{W}{Q_{in}} = \frac{Q_{in} - Q_{out}}{Q_{in}}$                            |  |                                  | $E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2}$                            |
|  |                | $\nu_\mu$               | 0                                 | <i>maximum possible efficiency</i> = $\frac{T_H - T_C}{T_H}$  |  |                                  | $E = \frac{1}{2} QV$  |
|  | electron       | $e^\pm$                 | 0.510999                          |   |  |                                  | $F = BI$  |
|  | muon           | $\mu^\pm$               | 105.659                           |   |  |                                  | $F = BQv$   |
| mesons   | pion           | $\pi^\pm$               | 139.576                           |   |  |                                  | $Q = Q_0 e^{-t/RC}$   |
|  |                | $\pi^0$                 | 134.972                           |   |  |                                  | $\Phi = BA$   |
|  | kaon           | $K^\pm$                 | 493.821                           |   |  |                                  |   |
|  |                | $K^0$                   | 497.762                           |   |  |                                  |   |
| baryons  | proton         | $p$                     | 938.257                           |   |  |                                  |   |
|  | neutron        | $n$                     | 939.551                           |   |  |                                  |   |
| <b>Properties of quarks</b>                    |                |                         |                                   |   |  |                                  |   |
| <i>Type</i>                                    | <i>Charge</i>  | <i>Baryon number</i>    | <i>Strangeness</i>                |   |  |                                  |   |
| u  | $+\frac{2}{3}$ | $+\frac{1}{3}$          | 0                                 |   |  |                                  |   |
| d  | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | $+\frac{1}{3}$          | 0                                 |   |  |                                  |   |
| s  | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | $+\frac{1}{3}$          | -1                                |   |  |                                  |   |
| <b>Geometrical equations</b>                   |                |                         |                                   |   |  |                                  |   |
| <i>arc length</i> = $r\theta$                  |                |                         |                                   |   |  |                                  |   |
| <i>circumference of circle</i> = $2\pi r$      |                |                         |                                   |   |  |                                  |   |
| <i>area of circle</i> = $\pi r^2$              |                |                         |                                   |   |  |                                  |   |
| <i>area of cylinder</i> = $2\pi rh$            |                |                         |                                   |   |  |                                  |   |
| <i>volume of cylinder</i> = $\pi r^2 h$        |                |                         |                                   |   |  |                                  |   |
| <i>area of sphere</i> = $4\pi r^2$             |                |                         |                                   |   |  |                                  |   |
| <i>volume of sphere</i> = $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ |                |                         |                                   |   |  |                                  |   |

$$\text{magnitude of induced e.m.f.} = N \frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta t}$$

$$I_{\text{rms}} = \frac{I_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$V_{\text{rms}} = \frac{V_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

### Mechanical and Thermal Properties

$$\text{the Young modulus} = \frac{\text{tensile stress}}{\text{tensile strain}} = \frac{F l}{A e}$$

$$\text{energy stored} = \frac{1}{2} Fe$$

$$\Delta Q = mc \Delta\theta$$

$$\Delta Q = ml$$

$$pV = \frac{1}{3} Nmc^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} mc^2 = \frac{3}{2} kT = \frac{3RT}{2N_A}$$

### Nuclear Physics and Turning Points in Physics

$$\text{force} = \frac{eV_p}{d}$$

$$\text{force} = Bev$$

$$\text{radius of curvature} = \frac{mv}{Be}$$

$$\frac{eV}{d} = mg$$

$$\text{work done} = eV$$

$$F = 6\pi\eta rv$$

$$I = k \frac{I_0}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta N}{\Delta t} = -\lambda N$$

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2meV}}$$

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$T_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda}$$

$$R = r_0 A^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$E = mc^2 = \frac{m_0 c^2}{\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$l = l_0 \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$t = \frac{t_0}{\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

### Astrophysics and Medical Physics

| Body  | Mass/kg               | Mean radius/m      |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Sun   | $2.00 \times 10^{30}$ | $7.00 \times 10^8$ |
| Earth | $6.00 \times 10^{24}$ | $6.40 \times 10^6$ |

$$1 \text{ astronomical unit} = 1.50 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$$

$$1 \text{ parsec} = 206265 \text{ AU} = 3.08 \times 10^{16} \text{ m} = 3.26 \text{ ly}$$

$$1 \text{ light year} = 9.45 \times 10^{15} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Hubble constant } (H) = 65 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$M = \frac{\text{angle subtended by image at eye}}{\text{angle subtended by object at unaided eye}}$$

$$M = \frac{f_o}{f_e}$$

$$m - M = 5 \log \frac{d}{10}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} T = \text{constant} = 0.0029 \text{ m K}$$

$$v = Hd$$

$$P = \sigma AT^4$$

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = \frac{v}{c}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} = -\frac{v}{c}$$

$$R_s = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$$

### Medical Physics

$$\text{power} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f} \text{ and } m = \frac{v}{u}$$

$$\text{intensity level} = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_0}$$

$$I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$$

$$\mu_m = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$$

### Electronics

#### Resistors

Preferred values for resistors (E24)  
Series: 1.0 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.5 1.6 1.8 2.0 2.2  
2.4 2.7 3.0 3.3 3.6 3.9 4.3 4.7 5.1 5.6 6.2  
6.8 7.5 8.2 9.1 ohms  
and multiples that are ten times greater

$$Z = \frac{V_{\text{rms}}}{I_{\text{rms}}}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_T} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} + \dots$$

$$C_T = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots$$

$$X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi f C}$$

### Alternating Currents

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

### Operational amplifier

$$G = \frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{in}}} \quad \text{voltage gain}$$

$$G = -\frac{R_f}{R_1} \quad \text{inverting}$$

$$G = 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_1} \quad \text{non-inverting}$$

$$V_{\text{out}} = -R_f \left( \frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2} + \frac{V_3}{R_3} \right) \quad \text{summing}$$

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**SECTION A**

In this section each item consists of a question or an incomplete statement followed by four suggested answers or completions.

You are to select the most appropriate answer in each case.  
You are advised to spend approximately **30 minutes** on this section.

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- 1** Which one of the following statements always applies to a damping force acting on a vibrating system?
- A** It is in the same direction as the acceleration.  
**B** It is in the opposite direction to the velocity.  
**C** It is in the same direction as the displacement.  
**D** It is proportional to the displacement.
- 2** Which line, **A** to **D**, in the table shows correct relationships for the respective wavelengths,  $\lambda_L$ ,  $\lambda_S$ , and frequencies,  $f_L$ ,  $f_S$ , of light waves and sound waves?

|          | wavelengths               | frequencies   |
|----------|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>A</b> | $\lambda_L \ll \lambda_S$ | $f_L \gg f_S$ |
| <b>B</b> | $\lambda_L \ll \lambda_S$ | $f_L \ll f_S$ |
| <b>C</b> | $\lambda_L \gg \lambda_S$ | $f_L \gg f_S$ |
| <b>D</b> | $\lambda_L \gg \lambda_S$ | $f_L \ll f_S$ |

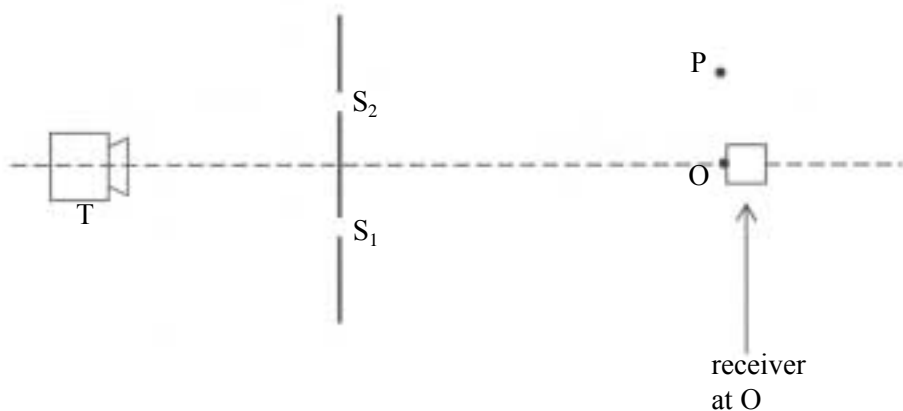
- 3** Two points on a progressive wave differ in phase by  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ . The distance between them is 0.5 m, and the frequency of the oscillation is 10 Hz. What is the minimum speed of the wave?
- A**  $0.2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$   
**B**  $10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$   
**C**  $20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$   
**D**  $40 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

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- 4 Which line, **A** to **D**, in the table gives a correct difference between a progressive wave and a stationary wave?

|          | progressive wave                                      | stationary wave  |
|----------|---|--|
| <b>A</b> | all the particles vibrate                             | some of the particles do not vibrate                   |
| <b>B</b> | none of the particles vibrate with the same amplitude | all the particles vibrate with the same amplitude      |
| <b>C</b> | all the particles vibrate in phase with each other    | none of the particles vibrate in phase with each other |
| <b>D</b> | some of the particles do not vibrate                  | all the particles vibrate in phase with each other     |

- 5 The diagram shows a microwave transmitter **T** which directs microwaves of wavelength  $\lambda$  at two slits  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  formed by metal plates. The microwaves that pass through the two slits are detected by a receiver.



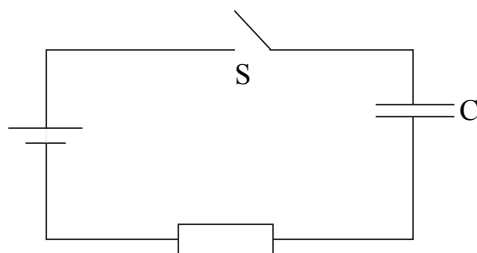
When the receiver is moved to **P** from **O**, which is equidistant from  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , the signal received decreases from a maximum to a minimum. Which one of the following statements is a correct deduction from this observation?

- A** The path difference  $S_1O - S_2O = 0.5\lambda$   
**B** The path difference  $S_1O - S_2O = \lambda$   
**C** The path difference  $S_1P - S_2P = 0.5\lambda$   
**D** The path difference  $S_1P - S_2P = \lambda$

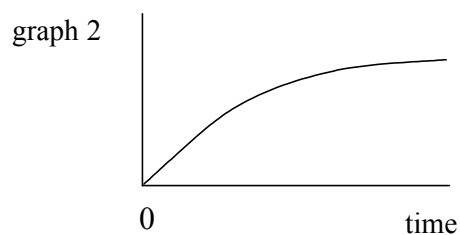
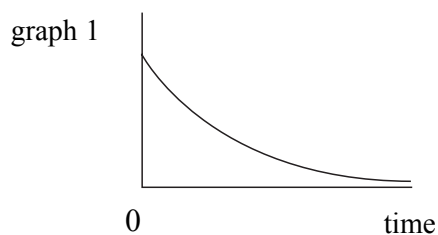
- 6 A  $1.0\ \mu\text{F}$  capacitor is charged by means of a **constant** current of  $10\ \mu\text{A}$  for 20s. What is the energy finally stored in the capacitor?

- A  $4.0 \times 10^{-4}\ \text{J}$   
 B  $2.0 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{J}$   
 C  $2.0 \times 10^{-2}\ \text{J}$   
 D  $4.0 \times 10^{-2}\ \text{J}$

- 7 In the circuit shown, the capacitor C is charged to a potential difference  $V$  when the switch S is closed.



Which line, **A** to **D**, in the table gives a correct pair of graphs showing how the charge and current change with time after S is closed?

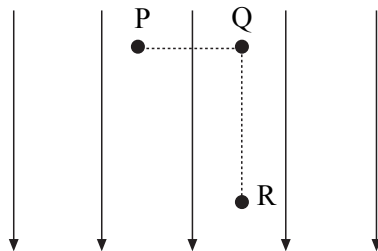


|          | charge  | current |
|----------|---------|---------|
| <b>A</b> | graph 1 | graph 1 |
| <b>B</b> | graph 1 | graph 2 |
| <b>C</b> | graph 2 | graph 2 |
| <b>D</b> | graph 2 | graph 1 |

Turn over ►

- 8 A mass on the end of a string is whirled round in a horizontal circle at increasing speed until the string breaks. The subsequent path taken by the mass is
- A a straight line along a radius of the circle.
  - B a horizontal circle.
  - C a parabola in a horizontal plane.
  - D a parabola in a vertical plane.
- 9 A particle of mass  $m$  moves in a circle of radius  $r$  at a uniform speed with frequency  $f$ . What is the kinetic energy of the particle?
- A  $\frac{mf^2r^2}{4\pi^2}$
  - B  $\frac{mf^2r}{2}$
  - C  $2\pi^2mf^2r^2$
  - D  $4\pi^2mf^2r^2$
- 10 Two isolated point charges are separated by 0.04 m and attract each other with a force of  $20\ \mu\text{N}$ . If the distance between them is increased by 0.04 m, what is the new force of attraction?
- A  $40\ \mu\text{N}$
  - B  $20\ \mu\text{N}$
  - C  $10\ \mu\text{N}$
  - D  $5\ \mu\text{N}$

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The diagram shows a uniform electric field of strength  $10\ \text{Vm}^{-1}$

A charge of  $4\ \mu\text{C}$  is moved from P to Q and then from Q to R. If the distance PQ is 2 m and QR is 3 m, what is the change in potential energy of the charge when it is moved from P to R?

- A  $40\ \mu\text{J}$
- B  $50\ \mu\text{J}$
- C  $120\ \mu\text{J}$
- D  $200\ \mu\text{J}$



- 12 The path followed by an electron of momentum  $p$ , carrying charge  $-e$ , which enters a magnetic field at right angles, is a circular arc of radius  $r$ .  
What would be the radius of the circular arc followed by an  $\alpha$  particle of momentum  $2p$ , carrying charge  $+2e$ , which entered the same field at right angles?

A  $\frac{r}{2}$

B  $r$

C  $2r$

D  $4r$

- 13 The mass of the beryllium nucleus,  ${}^7_4\text{Be}$ , is 7.01473 u. What is the binding energy **per nucleon** of this nucleus?

Use the following data:

$$\text{mass of proton} = 1.00728 \text{ u}$$

$$\text{mass of neutron} = 1.00867 \text{ u}$$

$$1 \text{ u} = 931.3 \text{ MeV}$$

A  $1.6 \text{ MeV nucleon}^{-1}$

B  $5.4 \text{ MeV nucleon}^{-1}$

C  $9.4 \text{ MeV nucleon}^{-1}$

D  $12.5 \text{ MeV nucleon}^{-1}$

- 14 The fusion of two deuterium nuclei produces a nuclide of helium plus a neutron and liberates 3.27 MeV of energy. How does the mass of the two deuterium nuclei compare with the combined mass of the helium nucleus and neutron?

A It is  $5.8 \times 10^{-30} \text{ kg}$  greater before fusion.

B It is  $5.8 \times 10^{-30} \text{ kg}$  greater after fusion.

C It is  $5.8 \times 10^{-36} \text{ kg}$  greater before fusion.

D It is  $5.8 \times 10^{-36} \text{ kg}$  greater after fusion.

- 15 The fission of one nucleus of uranium 235 releases 200 MeV of energy. What is the value of this energy in J?

A  $3.2 \times 10^{-25} \text{ J}$

B  $3.2 \times 10^{-17} \text{ J}$

C  $3.2 \times 10^{-11} \text{ J}$

D  $2.0 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$

**END OF SECTION A**