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General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination

PHYSICS (SPECIFICATION A) **PHA8/W**
Unit 8 Nuclear Instability: Turning Points in Physics Option

Thursday 14 June 2007 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For this paper you must have:
- a calculator
- a pencil and a ruler.

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions
- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- Show all your working.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information
- The maximum mark for this paper is 40.
- Two of these marks will be awarded for using good English, organising information clearly and using specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- A *Data sheet* is provided on pages 3 and 4. You may wish to detach this perforated sheet at the start of the examination.
- You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
- Questions 1(a) and 3(a) should be answered in continuous prose. In these questions you will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Data Sheet

- A perforated *Data Sheet* is provided as pages 3 and 4 of this question paper.
- This sheet may be useful for answering some of the questions in the examination.
- You may wish to detach this sheet before you begin work.

Data Sheet

Fundamental constants and values

Quantity	Symbol	Value	Units
speed of light in vacuo	c	3.00×10^{8}	$m\ s^{-1}$
permeability of free space	μ_0	$4\pi \times 10^{-7}$	$H\ m^{-1}$
permittivity of free space	ε_0	8.85×10^{-12}	$F\ m^{-1}$
charge of electron	e	1.60×10^{-19}	C
the Planck constant	h	6.63×10^{-34}	J s
gravitational constant	G	6.67×10^{-11}	$N\ m^{2}\ kg^{-2}$
the Avogadro constant	N_A	6.02×10^{23}	mol^{-1}
molar gas constant	R	8.31	$J\ K^{-1}\ mol^{-1}$
the Boltzmann constant	k	1.38×10^{-23}	$J\ K^{-1}$
the Stefan constant	σ	5.67×10^{-8}	$W\ m^{-2}\ K^{-4}$
the Wien constant	α	2.90×10^{-3}	m K
electron rest mass (equivalent to 5.5×10^{-4}u)	m_e	9.11×10^{-31}	kg
electron charge/mass ratio	e/m_e	1.76×10^{11}	$C\ kg^{-1}$
proton rest mass (equivalent to 1.00728u)	m_p	1.67×10^{-27}	kg
proton charge/mass ratio	e/m_p	9.58×10^{7}	$C\ kg^{-1}$
neutron rest mass (equivalent to 1.00867u)	m_n	1.67×10^{-27}	kg
gravitational field strength	g	9.81	$N\ kg^{-1}$
acceleration due to gravity	g	9.81	$m\ s^{-2}$
atomic mass unit (1u is equivalent to 931.3 MeV)	u	1.661×10^{-27}	kg

Fundamental particles

Class	*Name*	*Symbol*	*Rest energy* /MeV
photon	photon	γ	0
lepton	neutrino	ν_e	0
		ν_μ	0
	electron	$e^{\pm}$	0.510999
	muon	$\mu^{\pm}$	105.659
mesons	pion	$\pi^{\pm}$	139.576
		π^{0}	134.972
	kaon	$K^{\pm}$	493.821
		K^{0}	497.762
baryons	proton	p	938.257
	neutron	n	939.551

Properties of quarks

Type	*Charge*	*Baryon number*	*Strangeness*
u	$+\frac{2}{3}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	0
d	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	0
s	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	−1

Geometrical equations

arc length $= r\theta$

circumference of circle $= 2\pi r$

area of circle $= \pi r^2$

area of cylinder $= 2\pi rh$

volume of cylinder $= \pi r^2 h$

area of sphere $= 4\pi r^2$

volume of sphere $= \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

Mechanics and Applied Physics

$v = u + at$

$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t$

$s = ut + \frac{at^2}{2}$

$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$

$F = \frac{\Delta(mv)}{\Delta t}$

$P = Fv$

efficiency $= \frac{\textit{power output}}{\textit{power input}}$

$\omega = \frac{v}{r} = 2\pi f$

$a = \frac{v^2}{r} = r\omega^2$

$I = \sum mr^2$

$E_k = \frac{1}{2} I\omega^2$

$\omega_2 = \omega_1 + \alpha t$

$\theta = \omega_1 t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$

$\omega_2^2 = \omega_1^2 + 2\alpha\theta$

$\theta = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t$

$T = I\alpha$

angular momentum $= I\omega$

$W = T\theta$

$P = T\omega$

angular impulse = change of angular momentum $= Tt$

$\Delta Q = \Delta U + \Delta W$

$\Delta W = p\Delta V$

$pV^{\gamma} =$ constant

work done per cycle = area of loop

input power = calorific value × fuel flow rate

indicated power as (area of p – V loop) × (no. of cycles/s) × (no. of cylinders)

friction power = indicated power – brake power

efficiency $= \frac{W}{Q_{in}} = \frac{Q_{in} - Q_{out}}{Q_{in}}$

maximum possible efficiency $= \frac{T_H - T_C}{T_H}$

Fields, Waves, Quantum Phenomena

$g = \frac{F}{m}$

$g = -\frac{GM}{r^2}$

$g = -\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta x}$

$V = -\frac{GM}{r}$

$a = -(2\pi f)^2 x$

$v = \pm 2\pi f\sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$

$x = A\cos 2\pi ft$

$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$

$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$

$\lambda = \frac{\omega s}{D}$

$d\sin\theta = n\lambda$

$\theta \approx \frac{\lambda}{D}$

${}_1n_2 = \frac{\sin\theta_1}{\sin\theta_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$

${}_1n_2 = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$

$\sin\theta_c = \frac{1}{n}$

$E = hf$

$hf = \phi + E_k$

$hf = E_1 - E_2$

$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv}$

$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0\varepsilon_0}}$

Electricity

$\epsilon = \frac{E}{Q}$

$\epsilon = I(R + r)$

$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \cdots$

$R_T = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \cdots$

$P = I^2 R$

$E = \frac{F}{Q} = \frac{V}{d}$

$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{Q}{r^2}$

$E = \frac{1}{2}QV$

$F = BIl$

$F = BQv$

$Q = Q_0 e^{-t/RC}$

$\Phi = BA$

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magnitude of induced emf $= N\dfrac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta t}$

$I_{rms} = \dfrac{I_0}{\sqrt{2}}$

$V_{rms} = \dfrac{V_0}{\sqrt{2}}$

Mechanical and Thermal Properties

the Young modulus $= \dfrac{\textit{tensile stress}}{\textit{tensile strain}} = \dfrac{F}{A}\dfrac{l}{e}$

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

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

$\Delta Q = ml$

$pV = \frac{1}{3} Nm\overline{c^2}$

$\frac{1}{2} m\overline{c^2} = \frac{3}{2} kT = \dfrac{3RT}{2N_A}$

Nuclear Physics and Turning Points in Physics

force $= \dfrac{eV_p}{d}$

force $= Bev$

radius of curvature $= \dfrac{mv}{Be}$

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

work done $= eV$

$F = 6\pi\eta rv$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Astrophysics and Medical Physics

Body	*Mass*/kg	*Mean radius*/m
Sun	2.00×10^{30}	7.00×10^{8}
Earth	6.00×10^{24}	6.40×10^{6}

1 astronomical unit = 1.50×10^{11} m

1 parsec = 206265 AU = 3.08×10^{16} m = 3.26 ly

1 light year = 9.45×10^{15} m

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

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

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

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

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

$v = Hd$

$P = \sigma A T^4$

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

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

$R_s \approx \dfrac{2GM}{c^2}$

Medical Physics

power $= \dfrac{1}{f}$

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

intensity level $= 10 \log \dfrac{I}{I_0}$

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

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

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

$Z = \dfrac{V_{rms}}{I_{rms}}$

$\dfrac{1}{C_T} = \dfrac{1}{C_1} + \dfrac{1}{C_2} + \dfrac{1}{C_3} + \cdots$

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

$X_C = \dfrac{1}{2\pi fC}$

Alternating Currents

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

Operational amplifier

$G = \dfrac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}$ voltage gain

$G = -\dfrac{R_f}{R_1}$ inverting

$G = 1 + \dfrac{R_f}{R_1}$ non-inverting

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

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SECTION A: NUCLEAR INSTABILITY

Answer **all** of this question.

1 (a) X and Y are two different β emitting sources. Initially they contain the same number of unstable nuclei. Both sources have their emissions recorded over a period of time. The *decay constant* of source X is greater than that of Y. State what is meant by decay constant and describe **two** differences in the recordings from the two sources.

You may be awarded additional marks to those shown in brackets for the quality of written communication in your answer.

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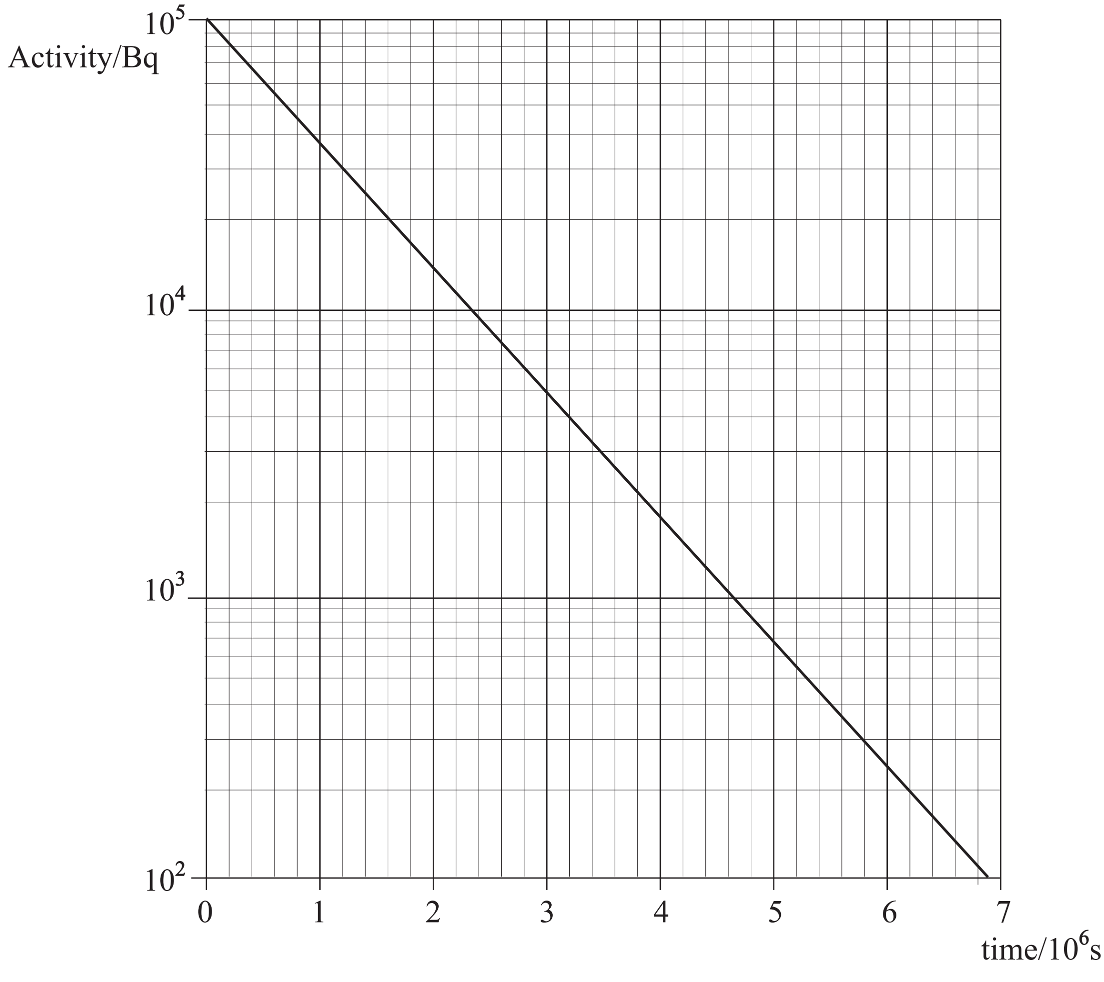
(b) The activity of a sample of radioactive iodine, $^{131}_{53}I$, is presented in the following graph.



(i) Show that the decay constant of ${}^{131}_{53}\text{I}$ is about $1 \times 10^{-6}\ \text{s}^{-1}$.

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(ii) Calculate the half-life of ${}^{131}_{53}\text{I}$ in days.

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(iii) Calculate the initial number of ${}^{131}_{53}\text{I}$ atoms in the sample.

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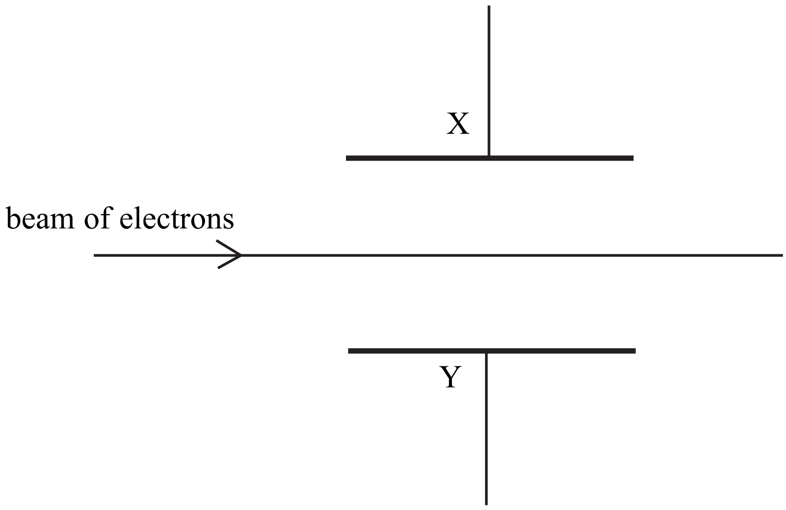
SECTION B: TURNING POINTS

Answer **all** questions.

2 A narrow beam of electrons, all with the same kinetic energy, is directed between two horizontal deflecting plates, X and Y, in a vacuum tube, as shown in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1



(a) State and explain the effect on the electron beam of applying a constant pd between X and Y, with X negative relative to Y.

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(b) With a constant pd, V, between X and Y, a uniform magnetic field is applied perpendicular to the plane of the diagram between the plates. The magnetic flux density is adjusted to a certain value B_0, so that the beam is undeflected.

(i) Explain why the beam is undeflected at this value of the magnetic flux density.

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(ii) Show that the speed, v, of the electrons in the beam is given by

$$v = \frac{V}{B_0 d},$$

where d is the perpendicular distance between plates X and Y.

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(c) Electrons are accelerated from rest through a pd of 3800 V to a speed of $3.7 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$. Use this information to calculate the specific charge e/m of the electron.

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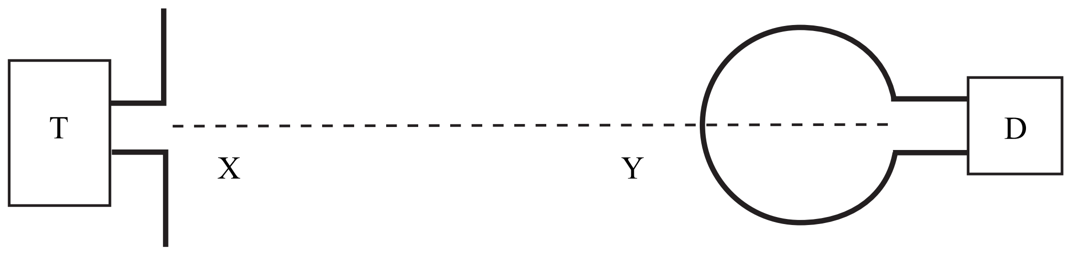
3 **Figure 2** shows a radio wave transmitter T and a detector D. The detector consists of a metal loop connected to a suitable meter.

Figure 2



(a) Explain why radio waves from the transmitter induce an alternating emf in the metal loop.

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(b) When the metal loop is rotated through 90° about the line XY, the detector signal falls to zero. Explain why the signal decreases and why it falls to zero.

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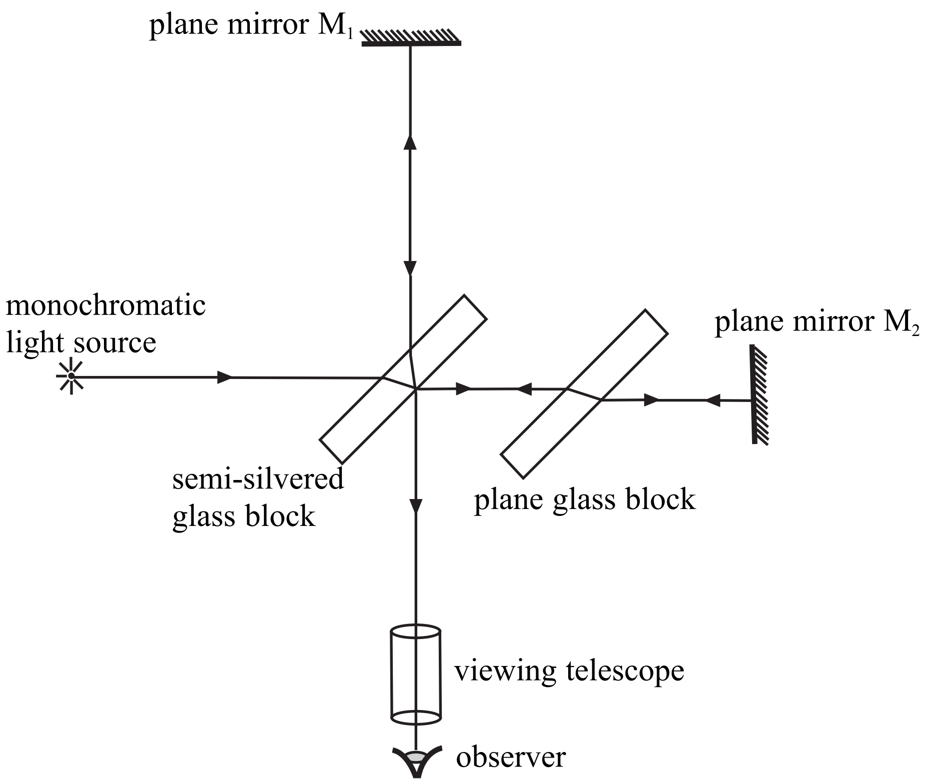
4 **Figure 3** represents the Michelson–Morley interferometer.

Figure 3



(a) (i) What was the principal purpose for which Michelson and Morley designed this apparatus?

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(ii) Explain why interference fringes are observed through the telescope.

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(b) Michelson and Morley expected the interference fringes would shift when the apparatus was rotated through 90°.

(i) Why was it thought that a fringe shift would be observed?

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(ii) What conclusion did Michelson and Morley draw from the observation that the fringes did not shift?

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5 (a) In each case, describe **one** piece of evidence which shows that

(i) matter has a wave-like nature,

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(ii) light has a particle-like nature.

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(b) Calculate the de Broglie wavelength of an electron that has a speed of 0.90 c, where c is the speed of light in a vacuum.

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Quality of Written Communication *(2 marks)*

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