

**MKALAMA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
FORM THREE TERMINAL EXAMINATION  
MARKING SCHEME MAY 2025  
PHYSICS.**

Section A (16 marks)

**1. Multiple choice(10MARKS)**

Question	i.	ii.	iii.	iv.	v.	vi.	vii.	viii.	ix.	x.
Answer	A	B	B	B	C	B	C	D	B	A

**2. Matching items (6MARKS)**

<b>LIST A</b>	<b>i</b>	<b>ii</b>	<b>iii</b>	<b>iv</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>vi</b>
<b>LIST B</b>	F	D	G	B	A	C

**Section B (54 marks)**

**3. a) i)-it aid walking and movement**

- it causes lighting in match stick
- it uses to wear unneeded layers of some materials (Any two **2 marks**)
- it causes nail to stick on the wood
- it causes moving body to stop by applying brakes

**ii)-use ball bearing**

- use rollers between the rough surface
- use of lubricants e.g., Oil, grease, water
- use of speedy material (Teflon) which have low efficient of friction (any three =**3 marks**)
- make surface smooth or polishing

**b) Data given**

speed of the boat,  $U_b = 36\text{m/s}$   
 speed of the river,  $v_r = 12\text{m/s}$   
 velocity of the boat respect to observer,  $u_{br} = ?$

**i) From (2MARKS)**

$U_{br} = v_b - v_r$   
 $v_r = 36\text{m/s} - 12\text{m/s} = 24\text{m/s}$

The velocity of the boat result respect to an observer is 24m/s

**ii) By using graphical method**

Scale  $1\text{cm} = 6\text{m/s}$   
 $36\text{m/s} = 6\text{cm}$   
 $12\text{m/s} = 2\text{cm}$

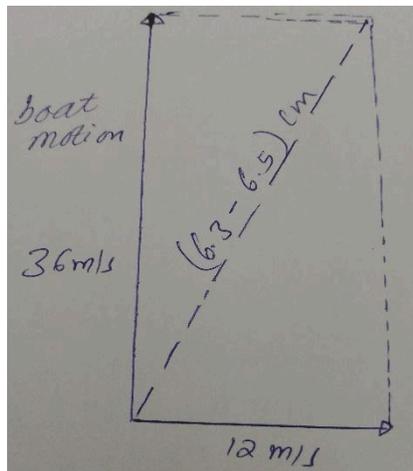
From the scale

$1\text{cm} = 6\text{m/s}$   
 $6.4\text{cm} = U_{br}?$

Cross multiplication

$U_{br} = (6.4\text{cm} \times 6\text{m/s}) / 1\text{cm}$   
 $U_{br} = 38.4\text{m/s}$

The velocity of the boat with respect to observer is 38.4m/s



(2marks)

4. a) i) .Both form real, diminished and inverted image

. Both use the convex lens. (2marks)

- ii). Data given

Wheel radius =45cm=0.45m

Sprocket radius = 4.5cm=0.045m

Effort = 160N

Efficient = 80% = 0.8

V.R = 10

M.A= VR x Efficiency

M.A = 10 x 0.8= 8

Load = M.A x Effort

Load = 8 x 160= 1280N.

The maximum Load that can be carried by bicycle system is 1280N.

(5marks)

- b) i. Crushed Can Experiment.

- ii. Inverted Glass of water. (2marks)

5. a) i) Centre of the gravity is the point at which the whole weight of the body act while Centre of mass is the point at which the whole mass of the body assumed to be concentrated. (2marks)

- ii) Principle of moment state that

”When a body is in equilibrium the sum of the clockwise moments is equals to sum anticlockwise about any points of moments” (2marks)

- b) From the principle of moment

Clockwise moments=Anticlockwise moment (5marks)

Consider reaction at P

$$P \times 100\text{cm} = 30\text{cm} \times 4\text{N}$$

$$P = 30\text{cm} \times \frac{4\text{N}}{100\text{cm}} = \frac{120\text{N}}{100} = 1.2\text{N}$$

The reaction P at the support is 1.2N

Consider

$$Q \times 100\text{cm} = 70\text{cm} \times 4\text{N}$$

$$Q = 70\text{cm} \times \frac{4\text{N}}{100\text{cm}} = \frac{280\text{N}}{100} = 2.8\text{N}$$

The reaction Q at the support is 2.8N

6. (a)(i) Ebonite rod acquires negative charge while the fur becomes positively charged (1.5 marks)  
 (ii) The glass acquires positive charge while the silk become negatively charged. (1.5mark)

(b) i **In series connection** (2 marks)

Capacitance,  $C_1 = 20F$

Capacitance  $C_2 = 25F$

Effective capacitance  $C = C_1 C_2 / (C_1 + C_2)$

$$C = (20 \times 25)F / (20 + 25)$$

Effective capacitance = 11.11F

**In parallel connection**(2marks)

$$C = C_1 + C_2$$

$$= 20F + 25F$$

Effective capacitance = 45F

ii The propagation of lightning channel follows the path of least air resistance which is not straight but zig zag since moisture in the atmosphere causes the air to ionized in different directions **2marks**

7. (a) (i) volume of liquid displaced  
 ii Density of the liquid.  
 Iii volume of immersed object.

(b) (i) Salt water has high density than fresh water due to presence of dissolved salt in it. Therefore will experience a greater upthrust and displace low volume of salt water than in fresh water. **(2 marks)**

ii Data given

mass of object  $m = 42g$

volume of object,  $v = 6cm^3$

Density of water,  $D = 1g/cm^3$

Relative density of object,  $R D = \text{Density of substance} / \text{Density of water}$

$$RD = 42g / (6cm^3 \times 1g/cm^3)$$

Relative density of object = 7 **(4marks)**

8 (a) (i)

.store magnets in pairs

.store magnets away from heat

.use magnetic keepers

**(Any four =4marks)**

.store magnets away from mechanical vibrations and hammering

.store magnets away from strong electric and magnetic fields

.Avoid random stroking of magnets

(b) (i) The red tie will appear red while blue spots will appear black. **(2.5marks)**

(ii) The red tie with blue spots will appear black. **(2.5marks)**

### Section c (30 marks)

9.(a)i) Apparent weight – is the weight of the body when immersed either partially or totally in liquid while real weight is the weight of the body in air **(2marks)**

ii) Archimedes' principle state that "When a body is partially or totally immersed in liquid it experiences an upthrust which is equal to the weight of the fluid displaced by a body" **(1mark)**  
 The law of floatation state that "A floating body displaces its own weight in air of which it floats"

(b)(i) Data given

Weight in air  $W_a = 4.6N$

Weight in water  $W_w=3.1\text{N}$

Weight in liquid  $W_L=2.7\text{N}$

i)from

$$u=W_a-W_w$$

$$u=4.6\text{N}-3.1\text{N}=1.5\text{N}$$

the upthrust exerted on the body by the water is  $1.5\text{N}$  **(3marks)**

ii) $R.D=\text{upthrust on liquid/upthrust on water}$

$$R.D=(W_a-W_L)/(W_a-W_w)$$

$$R.D=(4.6\text{N}-2.7\text{N})/(4.6\text{N}-3.1\text{N})$$

$$R.D=1.9/1.5=1.27$$

The relative density of the body is  $1.27$  **(3marks)**

C) Data given

Maximum density  $D_{\text{max}}=1.00\text{g/cm}^3$

Minimum density  $D_{\text{min}}=0.80\text{g/cm}^3$

**(6marks)**

Cross-sectional area of the stem,  $A=0.5\text{cm}^2$

Height of the stem,  $h=16\text{cm}$

Volume of hydrometer (bulb),  $V_b=?$

From

$$V_b=(Ah \times D_{\text{min}})/(D_{\text{max}} - D_{\text{min}})$$

$$V_b=(0.5\text{cm}^2 \times 16\text{cm} \times 0.80\text{g/cm}^3)/(1.00\text{g/cm}^3 - 0.80\text{g/cm}^3)$$

$$V_b=32\text{cm}^3$$

10.(a)i)-it gives wide field of view

-it produces diminished images and erects for all object positions **(2marks)**

ii)-it causes formation of image

-it causes twinkling of stars **(2marks)**

(b) Data given

Height of object,  $H_o=20\text{cm}$

Object distance,  $U=40\text{cm}$

Focal length,  $f=15\text{cm}$

Image distance,  $V=?$

Image height,  $H_i=?$

From

$$1/f=1/u+1/v$$

$$1/v=1/u-1/f$$

$$1/v=1/40-1/15$$

$$1/v=(15-40)/600$$

$$1/v=-25/600 \text{ (reciprocate)}$$

$$V=600/25$$

$$V=24\text{cm.}$$

From

$$M=v/u=H_i/H_o$$

$$24.0\text{cm}/40\text{cm}=H_i/20\text{cm}$$

Cross multiplication

$$H_i=(20\text{cm} \times 24.0\text{cm})/40\text{cm}$$

$$H_i=12\text{cm}$$

The image formed is  $24\text{cm}$  from the concave mirror and  $12\text{cm}$  high. The image is real, inverted, and diminished **(4marks)**

(c) 1-red

- 2-orange
- 3-yellow
- 4-green
- 5-blue
- 6-indigo**
- 7.violet

**(7marks)**

11. (a) During the hot day the electrical cables appeared loose due to expansion as a result of increase in temperature but during cold day electrical appeared tight due to contraction as the result of decrease in temperature **(6marks)**

(b)i)its advisable to connect bulbs in parallel during installation so when the bulb blows out or disconnected the other bulbs will keep wincing

ii)it is advisable to connect bulbs in parallel so that all bulbs it provides the same amount of potential difference which gives sufficient light as result of low total resistance **(6marks)**

( c) When metal is heated its molecules gains kinetic energy and vibrate more vigorously.As the vibration becomes larger due to increased temperature the molecules are pushed further apart and metal slightly expands in all directions. **(3marks)**