

Practice Question Set For A-Level  
**Subject : Physics**  
**Paper-1 Topic : 3\_ElectricCircuits**

Name of the Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Max. Marks : 22 Marks

Time : 22 Minutes

Mark Schemes

Q1.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(a)	<p><b>When illuminated:</b>  Use of the word <u>photon</u> (1)  photons/light cause emission of (photo)electrons (1)  Idea that (photo) electrons form a current (1)  photon energy greater than or equal to work function. (1)</p> <p><b>In darkness:</b>  No photons so no photoelectrons released (1)</p>	5
(b)	<p>Use of <math>E = hf</math> (1)  Conversion of eV to J (1)  One of the 4 values below correct  <math>f = 5.2 \times 10^{14}</math> Hz or <math>\lambda = 5.8 \times 10^{-7}</math> m for caesium  <math>f = 8.8 \times 10^{14}</math> Hz or <math>\lambda = 3.4 \times 10^{-7}</math> m for zinc (1)  Comment that Cs is in the visible range or Zn is ultraviolet – allow even without supporting calculation (1)</p> <p><b>Alternative method</b>  Allow assumed max freq/min wavelength for visible light then, calculation of work function, quoted in eV, comparison with given work functions, conclusion:  Use of (1); work fn (1), in eV (1), comparison (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u>  <math>f = \phi \div h = (2.14 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}) \text{ J} \div 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}</math>  <math>= 5.2 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz for caesium}</math>  <math>f = \phi \div h = (3.63 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}) \text{ J} \div 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}</math>  <math>= 8.8 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz for zinc}</math></p>	4
(ci)	<p>Maximum displacement of the wave <b>Or</b> maximum displacement from the mean  <b>Or</b> maximum displacement from equilibrium (1)</p>	1

(cii)	Max 3	
	Size of the gap (in the soundtrack) determines the amount of light	(1)
	Amount of light determines number of photons	(1)
	Number of photons determines number of (photo) electrons (released by phototube)	(1)
	Number of electrons determines size of current (in the circuit)	(1)
	(Combining MP 1 and 2 by writing “size of the gap determines number of photons” scores 1 mark. Combining MP 2 and 3 by writing “the amount of light determines number of (photo) electrons” also scores 1 mark)	3
<b>Total for question</b>		<b>13</b>

Q2.

Question Number	Acceptable answers	Additional guidance	Mark
(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of cross-sectional area = <math>\pi r^2</math> Or <math>\frac{\pi d^2}{4}</math> (1)</li> <li>• Use of <math>R = \frac{\rho l}{A}</math> (1)</li> <li>• Correct use of factor of 14 (1)</li> <li>• Use of <math>P = \frac{V^2}{R}</math> (1)</li> <li>• <math>P = 52 \text{ W}</math> (1)</li> </ul>	<p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> $A = \pi(1.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m})^2 = 1.134 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2$ $R = \frac{(5.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ } \Omega\text{m})(1.6 \text{ m})}{1.134 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2} = 79.01 \text{ } \Omega$ $R_{\text{max}} = 14 \times 79.01 \text{ } \Omega = 1106.2 \text{ } \Omega$ $P = \frac{(240 \text{ V})^2}{1106.2 \text{ } \Omega} = 52.1 \text{ W}$	5

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(ii)	<p><b>Either</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initially( the resistance is low so) current will be the greatest (1)</li> <li>• As <math>P = I^2R</math>, the greatest power is transferred (1)</li> <li>• Change in current has more effect as it is squared (1)</li> <li>• Heating effect greatest when R is lowest, so breaks when switched on. (1)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• p.d. is constant (1)</li> <li>• <math>P = V^2/R</math> (1)</li> <li>• Power is greatest when R is lowest (1)</li> <li>• Heating effect is greatest when R is lowest, so breaks when switched on (1)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• p.d. is constant (1)</li> <li>• Initially (resistance is low so) current will be the greatest (1)</li> <li>• As <math>P=IV</math> the greatest power is transferred</li> <li>• Heating effect is greatest when R is lowest, so breaks when switched on</li> </ul>		4