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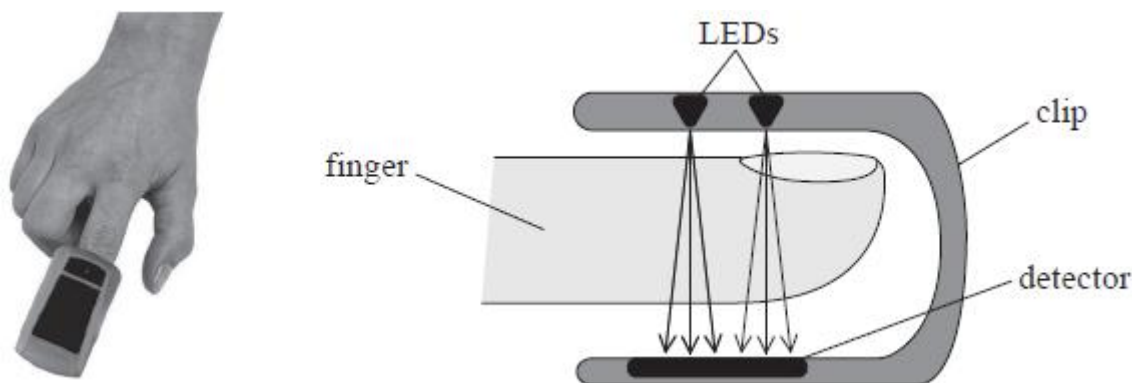
Max. Marks : 21 Marks

Time : 21 Minutes

Q1.

An oximeter is a device used in hospitals to monitor the oxygen level in a patient's blood.

In an oximeter, two light-emitting diodes (LEDs) are mounted opposite light sensors in a clip and attached to the patient's finger. One of the LEDs produces red light and the other produces infrared.



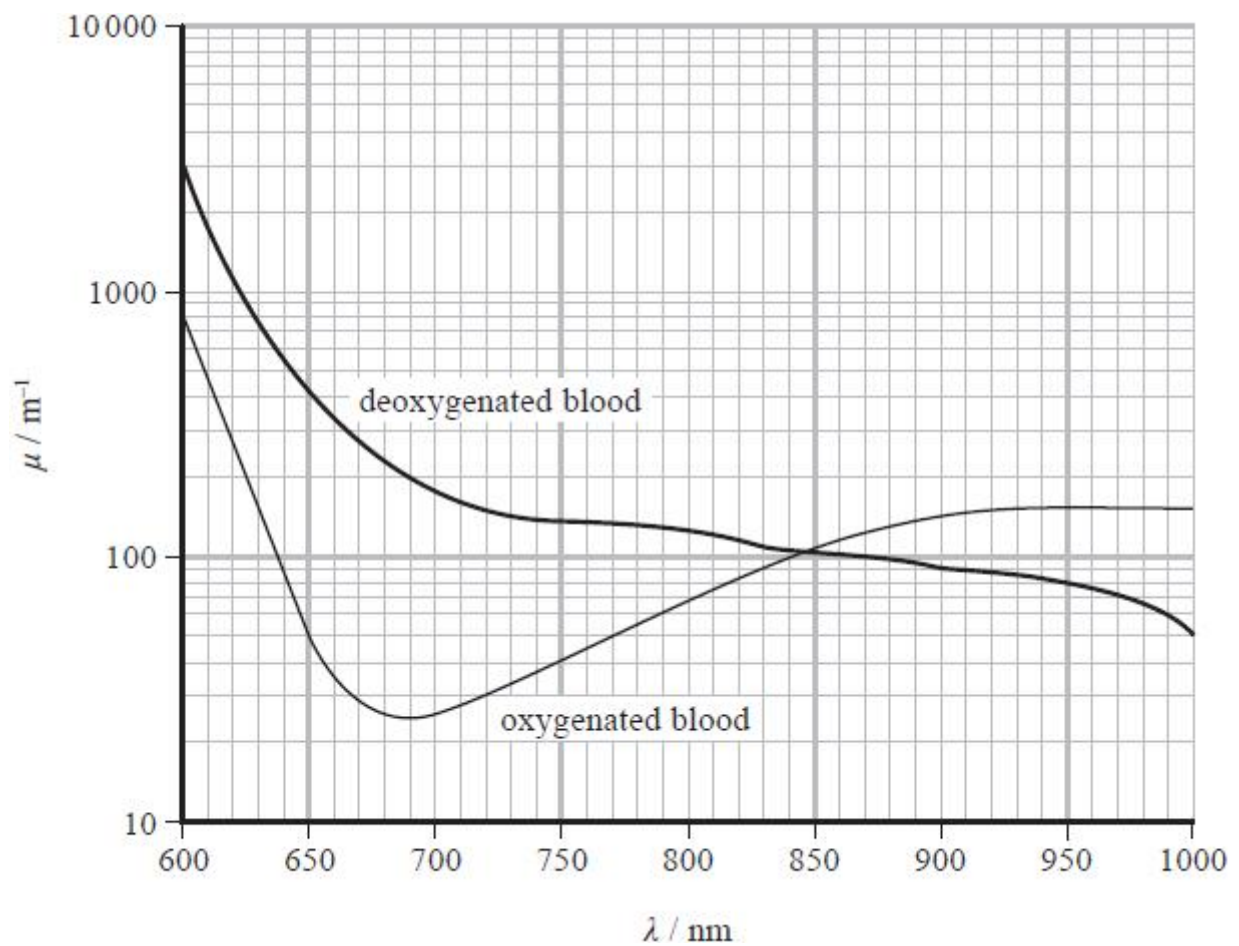
The intensity  $I$  of electromagnetic radiation received by the detector, after passing through a thickness  $x$  of blood, is given by

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

where  $I_0$  is the intensity that would have been received if the blood were not present and  $\mu$  is the attenuation coefficient of blood.

The red LED emits visible light of wavelength 650 nm and the infrared LED emits infrared of wavelength 950 nm.

The graph shows how  $\mu$  varies with wavelength  $\lambda$  for oxygenated blood and deoxygenated blood.



$I_0$  for the infrared LED is  $1.8 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ .

Calculate  $I$  for the infrared after passing through 1.4 mm of oxygenated blood.

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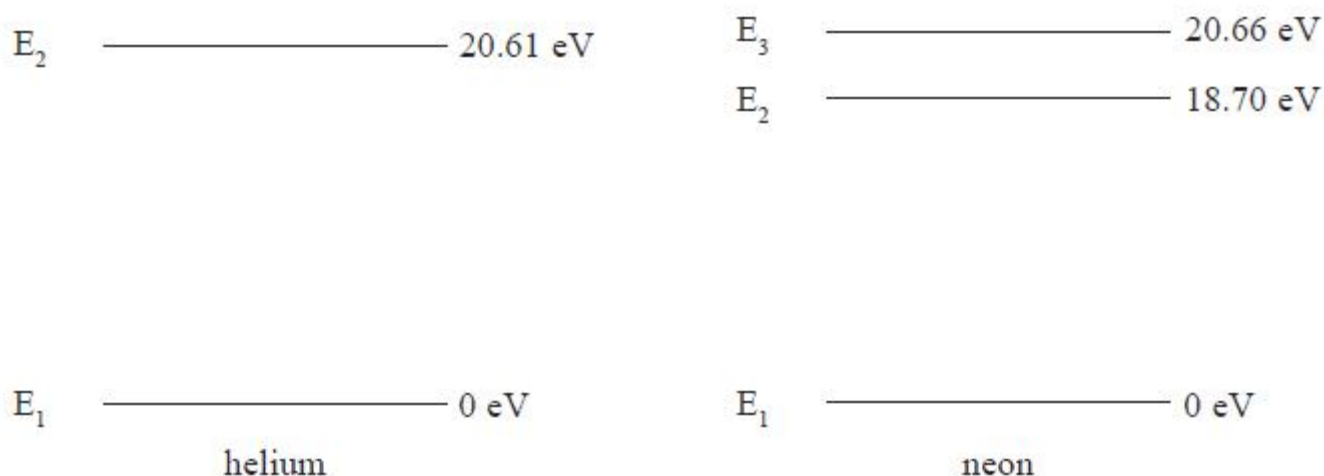
$I =$  .....

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**Q2.**

A helium-neon gas laser is often used in the laboratory as a source of high intensity, coherent, monochromatic light.

The diagram shows some of the energy levels above the ground level  $E_3$  for helium atoms and for neon atoms. The highest shown levels for helium atoms and neon atoms are almost identical.



Helium atoms in the gas are excited to level  $E_2$  by the current passing through the laser. They collide at high speed with neon atoms. Because the energies are so similar, the energy is transferred from the helium atoms to the neon atoms. The neon atoms become excited in turn to level  $E_3$ . As the neon atoms subsequently drop to level  $E_2$  they emit photons.

(a) Explain what is meant by a photon.

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(b) Calculate the frequency of the photons produced as the neon atoms drop from level  $E_3$  to level  $E_2$ .

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Frequency = .....

(c) An electron in level  $E_3$  of neon has 0.05 eV more energy than an electron in level  $E_2$  of helium.

Suggest the source of the energy to make up this difference.

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(d) The photograph shows a device for making a vertical slit with variable width.



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When the slit is fully open a laser beam is shone through it and a single point of light is seen on a screen. As the slit is reduced in width the point of light becomes a horizontal line that gets longer as the slit gets narrower.

Explain this observation

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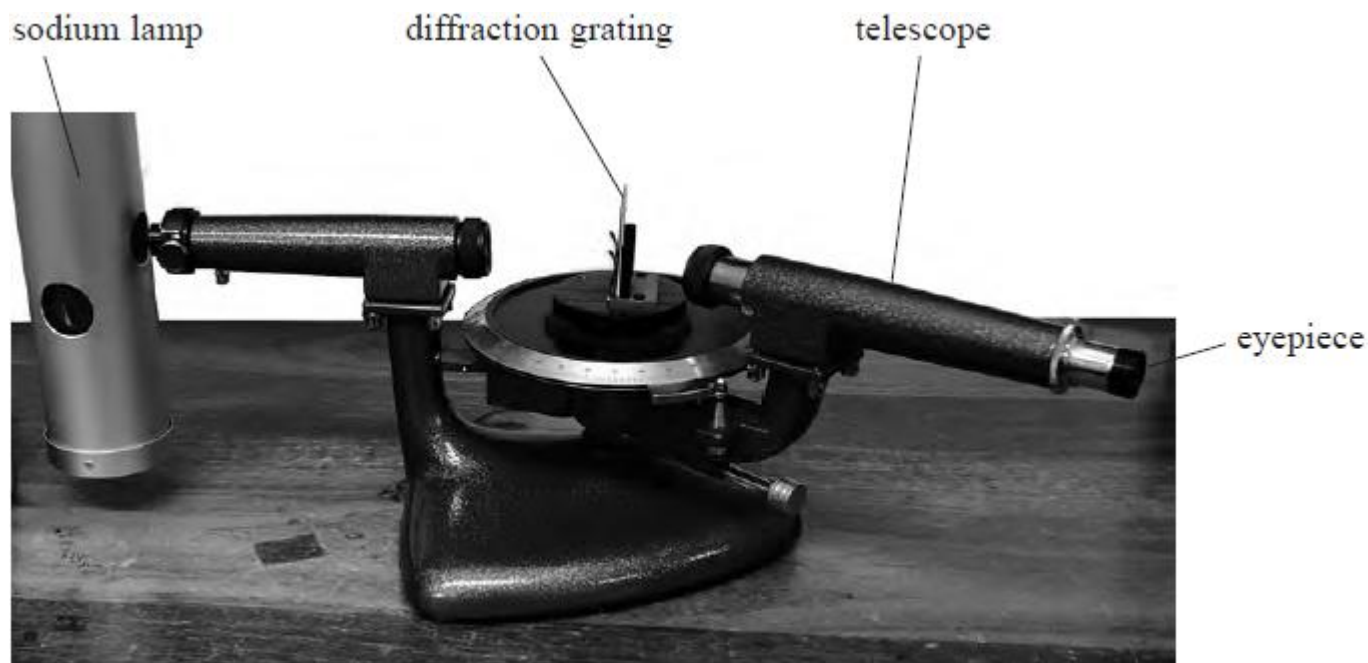
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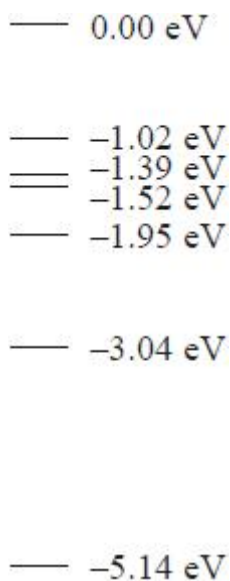
Q3.

The photograph shows a school spectrometer.



The spectrometer allows parallel rays of light to be passed through a diffraction grating and the resulting angles of diffraction to be measured.

The diagram shows some of the energy levels in a sodium atom.



Add an arrow to the diagram to show the transition involved in the emission of yellow light of wavelength 589 nm.  
Show your working below.

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**Q4.**

Phosphogypsum is a by-product in the manufacture of fertiliser. It is slightly radioactive because of the presence of radium-226, a radioisotope with a half-life of 1600 years.

It must be stored securely as long as the activity of the radium-226 it contains is greater than 0.4 Bq per gram of phosphogypsum.

Radium-226 decays to radon-222 by alpha emission.

Determine the energy released in MeV in the decay of a single nucleus of radium-226.

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mass of radium-226 nucleus = 225.97713 u  
mass of radon-222 nucleus = 221.97040 u  
mass of  $\alpha$  particle = 4.00151 u

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Energy released = ..... MeV

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