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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This is a closed book examination.
2. The test package includes a test paper (this document), a formula sheet, and an OMR sheet. The test paper consists of 11 pages. **It is the responsibility of the student to check that the test paper is complete.**
3. Only Hewlett-Packard hp 10S or 30S or Texas Instruments TI-30X series calculators, or a calculator approved by your instructor, may be used.
4. Enter your name and student number on the cover of the test paper and check the appropriate box for your lecture section. Also enter your student number in the top right-hand corner of each page of the test paper.
5. Enter your name and STUDENT NUMBER on the OMR sheet.
6. The test paper, the formula sheet and the OMR sheet must all be submitted.
7. None of the test materials will be returned.

ONLY THE FIVE PART B QUESTIONS THAT YOU INDICATE WILL BE MARKED
PLEASE INDICATE WHICH FIVE PART B QUESTIONS ARE TO BE MARKED



QUESTION NUMBER	TO BE MARKED	MAXIMUM MARKS	MARKS OBTAINED
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PART A

FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN PART A, ENTER THE MOST APPROPRIATE RESPONSE ON THE OMR SHEET.

A1. Which one of the following statements concerning torque is **FALSE**?

D

- (A) Only the perpendicular component of the force produces a torque. \top
- (B) A net external torque causes a change in angular velocity. \top
- (C) The magnitude of the torque depends on where the force is applied. \top
- (D) The torque due to a force is largest when the direction of the force passes through the axis of rotation. F
- (E) A constant net torque causes a constant angular acceleration. \top

A2. Which one of the following statements is **FALSE**?

B

- (A) Gases and liquids are considered to be fluids because of their ability to flow. \top
- (B) A liquid is said to be incompressible if the volume of the liquid changes when the pressure applied to the liquid changes. F
- (C) Gases are easily compressed. \top
- (D) Gases and liquids do not have a definite shape. \top
- (E) Of the states of matter, the atomic or molecular bonds are generally strongest for solids. \top

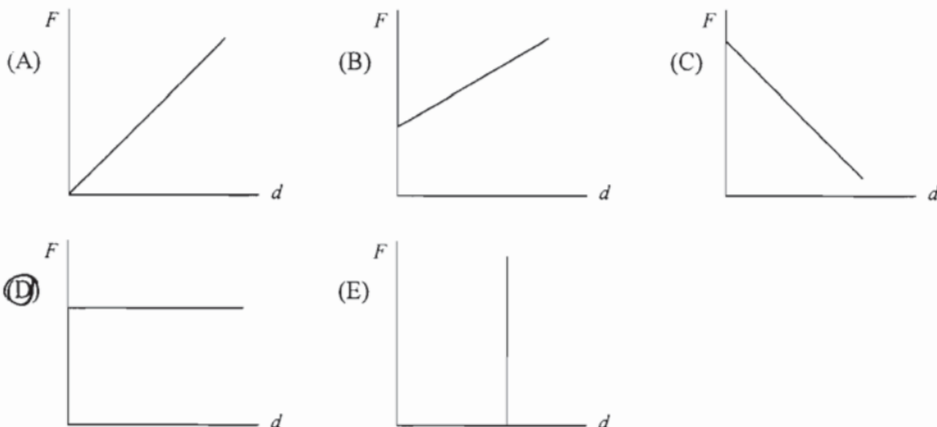
A3. Consider an object that is at rest, floating in water. Which one of the following statements is **TRUE**?

D

- (A) The magnitude of the buoyant force acting on the object is greater than the magnitude of its weight. F
- (B) The average density of the object is greater than the density of water. F
- (C) The average density of the object is exactly equal to the density of water. F
- (D) The average density of the object is less than the density of water. \top
- (E) The object cannot contain any material that has a density greater than the density of water. F

A4. Consider an object that is completely submerged in an incompressible liquid. Which one of the following graphs correctly shows the dependence of the buoyant force, F , on the object as a function of its depth, d , below the surface of the liquid?

D



A5. An object sitting on a horizontal frictionless surface is attached to a horizontal ideal spring. The object is pulled away from its equilibrium position and released. At what position of the object are its displacement from equilibrium, its velocity, and its acceleration all in the same direction?

E

- (A) the equilibrium position
- (B) the positions of maximum displacement
- (C) any position such that the object is moving away from the equilibrium position
- (D) any position such that the object is moving toward the equilibrium position
- (E) no position exists where the displacement from equilibrium, the velocity, and the acceleration are all in the same direction

A6. A group of people help a friend pull his car out of a ditch by means of a Teflon rope (Young's modulus of $3.7 \times 10^8 \text{ N/m}^2$) that is 12.1 m long and has a cross-sectional area of $1.96 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$. When the car just begins to move, the tension in the rope is 1190 N. By how much has the rope stretched?

E

- (A) 1.13 m (B) 3.29 cm (C) 9.12 mm (D) 0.495 mm (E) 1.98 cm

A7. The equation of a wave is

$$\Delta L = \frac{FL}{YA}$$

C

$$y(x,t) = (3.5 \text{ cm}) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3.0 \text{ cm}} [x - (66 \text{ cm/s})t]\right) \quad k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \frac{\pi}{3.0 \text{ cm}} \Rightarrow \lambda = 6.0 \text{ cm}$$

The wavelength of this wave is

- (A) 3.0 cm. (B) 1.5 cm. (C) 6.0 cm. (D) 9.0 cm. (E) 3.5 cm.

A8. Bats emit ultrasonic waves with a frequency of $1.00 \times 10^5 \text{ Hz}$. What is the wavelength of this wave in air at a temperature of $15.0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$? The speed of sound in air at $15.0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ is 340 m/s.

A

- (A) ~~4.40~~ mm (B) 3.34 mm (C) 4.30 mm (D) ~~3.43~~ mm (E) 3.00 cm
 3.40 4.40

A9. Consider two speakers, separated by a distance d . The speakers produce sound waves of wavelength λ that are identical, coherent, and in phase. Suppose a microphone is placed at a location that is a distance r_1 from one speaker and a distance r_2 from the other speaker. Which one of the following conditions will result in the microphone detecting a large amplitude sound wave?

B

- (A) $r_1 - r_2 = d$ (B) $r_1 - r_2 = \lambda$ (C) $r_1 - r_2 = d + \lambda$
 (D) $r_1 - r_2 = d - \lambda$ (E) $r_1 - r_2 = d\lambda$

A10. Rod 1 of length L made of a material with a coefficient of linear expansion α_1 is placed in line with rod 2 of length L made of a material with a coefficient of linear expansion $\alpha_2 = 2\alpha_1$. The temperature of the composite rod of length $L_{\text{tot}} = 2L$ is now increased and its length changes by a total amount ΔL_{tot} . If ΔL_1 is the change in length of rod 1 and ΔL_2 is the change in length of rod 2, which one of the following statements is correct?

C

- (A) $\Delta L_2 = \Delta L_1$ (B) $\Delta L_2 = \frac{1}{2} \Delta L_1$ (C) $\Delta L_2 = 2 \Delta L_1$
 (D) $\Delta L_2 = \frac{1}{4} \Delta L_1$ (E) $\Delta L_2 = 4 \Delta L_1$

A11. One mole of an ideal gas with a volume of 4.00 litres (one litre is 0.001 m^3) and a temperature of $0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ is mixed with one mole of an ideal gas with a volume of 2.00 litres and a temperature of $100 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The volume of the mixture is 6.00 litres. What is the number density N/V of the mixture?

B

- (A) $1.75 \times 10^{26} \text{ m}^{-3}$ (B) $2.01 \times 10^{26} \text{ m}^{-3}$ (C) $2.66 \times 10^{26} \text{ m}^{-3}$ (D) $3.21 \times 10^{26} \text{ m}^{-3}$ (E) $3.56 \times 10^{26} \text{ m}^{-3}$
 $\frac{N}{V} = \frac{2 \times N_A}{6.00 \text{ l}}$

A12. A 100-g block of aluminum, initially at 60°C , is dropped into 100 g of water that is initially at 10°C . The final temperature of the aluminum-water system is 20°C . Assuming that no heat was lost from the aluminum-water system, it can be concluded that the specific heat of aluminum, c_{Al} , is related to the specific heat of water, c_w , by

B

- (A) $c_{\text{Al}} = \frac{1}{2} c_w$ (B) $c_{\text{Al}} = \frac{1}{4} c_w$ (C) $c_{\text{Al}} = c_w$ (D) $c_{\text{Al}} = 2 c_w$ (E) $c_{\text{Al}} = 4 c_w$
 $Q = mc\Delta T \quad |\Delta T_w| = 10^\circ\text{C}$
 $|\Delta T_{\text{Al}}| = 40^\circ\text{C}$

A13. A window conducts power P from a house to the cold outdoors. What power is conducted through a window of half the area and half the thickness?

C

- (A) $4P$ (B) $2P$ (C) P (D) $\frac{1}{2}P$ (E) $\frac{1}{4}P$
 $P = kA \frac{\Delta T}{d}$

A14. Which one of the following statements concerning the image formed by a single diverging lens is **TRUE**?

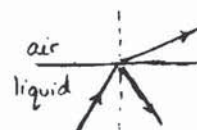
D

- (A) If the object distance is greater than the focal length then the image is virtual, upright, and enlarged. F
 (B) If the object distance is less than the focal length then the image is virtual, upright, and enlarged. F
 (C) If the object distance is greater than the focal length then the image is real and inverted. F
 (D) The image is always virtual, upright, and smaller than the object. T
 (E) If the object distance is less than the focal length then the image is real and inverted. F

- A15. Which one of the following statements concerning electromagnetic waves is **FALSE**?
- (A) The electric field is perpendicular to the direction of propagation of the wave. \top
 (B) The magnetic field is perpendicular to the direction of propagation of the wave. \top
 C (C) The electric and magnetic fields are parallel to each other. F
 (D) The propagation speed of an electromagnetic wave in a vacuum is independent of the wavelength of the wave. \top
 (E) The propagation speed of an electromagnetic wave in a vacuum is independent of the frequency of the wave. \top

- A16. The critical angle at the interface between a particular liquid and air is 48° . Which one of the following statements best describes what happens to a ray of light, initially in the liquid, that hits the liquid-air interface at an angle of incidence of 40° ?

- B (A) Some of the light reflects and some leaves the liquid – the angle of transmission into the air is less than 40° .
 (B) Some of the light reflects and some leaves the liquid – the angle of transmission into the air is greater than 40° .
 (C) All of the light reflects – none of it transmits into the air.
 (D) All of the light transmits into the air at an angle of 40° – none of it reflects.
 (E) All of the light transmits into the air at an angle of 48° – none of it reflects.



- A17. The image of a tree 10 m high and 20 m away is 1.5 cm high when photographed. What is the focal length of the lens in the camera?
- D (A) 1 m (B) 2.6 cm (C) 10 mm (D) 3.0 cm (E) not enough info.

$$\left| \frac{h}{h'} \right| = \frac{p}{q} \Rightarrow q = 3.00 \text{ cm} \quad f = \left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \right)^{-1}$$

- A18. In the He-Ne laser, the lasing transition goes from the 20.66 eV state in Ne to a lower state. The wavelength of the laser photons is 633.0 nm. What is the lower state of the lasing transition?

- D (A) the He ground state (B) the Ne ground state
 (C) the 20.61 eV excited state of He (D) the 18.70 eV excited state of Ne
 (E) the 4.660 eV excited state of Ne

$$E_\gamma = \frac{hc}{\lambda} =$$

- A19. An electron and a neutron have the same deBroglie wavelength. Which one of the following statements is **TRUE**?

- A (A) The electron has more kinetic energy and a higher speed.
 (B) The electron has less kinetic energy but a higher speed.
 (C) The electron has less kinetic energy and a lower speed.
 (D) The electron and neutron have the same kinetic energy but the electron has the higher speed.
 (E) The neutron has more kinetic energy but the two have the same speed.

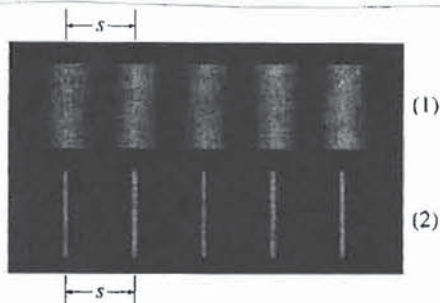
$$\lambda_e = \lambda_n \Rightarrow p_e = p_n, v_e > v_n$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m} \Rightarrow p = \sqrt{2mK}$$

$$K_e > K_n$$

- A20. Two narrow slits, of width a , separated by a distance d , are illuminated by light with a wavelength of 660 nm. The resulting interference pattern is labelled (1) in the figure. The same light source is then used to illuminate another group of slits and produces pattern (2).

A



The second slit arrangement is

- (A) many slits, spaced d apart.
 (B) many slits, spaced $2d$ apart.
 (C) two slits, each of width $2a$, spaced d apart.
 (D) two slits, each of width $\frac{1}{2}a$, spaced d apart.
 (E) two slits, each of width a , spaced $2d$ apart.

$$A \propto \sqrt{I} \quad ; \quad A_1 = 1 \quad ; \quad A_2 = \sqrt{9} = 3 \quad , \quad \text{minimum} : A_{\text{tot}} = 3 - 1 = 2 \quad ; \quad I_{\text{tot}} = 4I_0$$

- A21.** In a double slit experiment with coherent light, the intensity of the light reaching the centre of the screen from one slit alone is I_0 and the intensity of the light reaching the centre from the other slit alone is $9I_0$. When both slits are open, what is the intensity of the light at the interference minima nearest the centre? The slits are very narrow.
- E** (A) $8I_0$ (B) I_0 (C) $2I_0$ (D) $3I_0$ (E) $4I_0$
- A22.** How does the composition of the daughter nucleus compare to that of the parent nucleus following an alpha decay? $\alpha \Rightarrow 2p, 2n$
- E** (A) The atomic number has decreased by 2 and the mass number has decreased by 2.
 (B) The atomic number has decreased by 4 and the mass number has decreased by 2.
 (C) The atomic number has decreased by 2 and the neutron number has decreased by 4.
 (D) The atomic number has decreased by 4 and the neutron number has decreased by 2.
 (E) The atomic number has decreased by 2 and the neutron number has decreased by 2.
- A23.** What is the symbol for the nuclide with 46 protons and 92 neutrons? $Z + N = A = 138$
- C** (A) ${}_{46}^{96}\text{Pd}$ (B) ${}_{92}^{138}\text{U}$ (C) ${}_{46}^{138}\text{Pd}$ (D) ${}_{92}^{46}\text{U}$ (E) ${}_{138}^{46}\text{Pd}$
- A24.** Radioactive ${}_{83}^{215}\text{Bi}$ decays into ${}_{84}^{215}\text{Po}$. Which of these particles is released in the decay? $Z \uparrow 1,$
- B** (A) a proton (B) an electron (C) a positron (D) a neutron (E) an α particle A unchanged,
- A25.** The activity of a radioactive sample (with a single radioactive nuclide) decreases to one eighth its initial value in a time interval of 96 days. What is the half-life of the radioactive nuclide? $N \downarrow 1,$
- E** (A) 8 days (B) 12 days (C) 16 days (D) 24 days (E) 32 days β^-

$$\frac{1}{8} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \quad ; \quad \therefore 96 \text{ d} = 3T_{1/2}$$

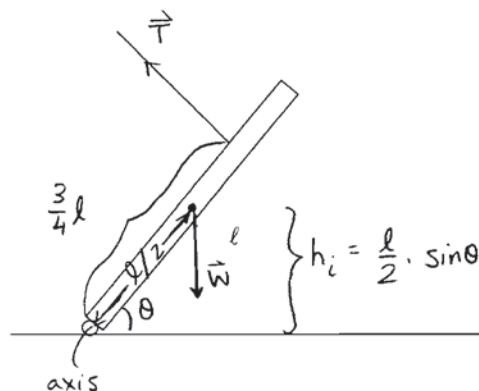
$$T_{1/2} = 32 \text{ d}$$

PART B

ANSWER FIVE PART B QUESTIONS AND INDICATE YOUR CHOICES ON THE COVER PAGE.

IN EACH OF THE PART B QUESTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES, GIVE THE COMPLETE SOLUTION AND ENTER THE FINAL ANSWER IN THE BOX PROVIDED. THE ANSWERS MUST CONTAIN THREE SIGNIFICANT FIGURES AND THE UNITS MUST BE GIVEN. SHOW AND EXPLAIN YOUR WORK – NO CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR ANSWERS ONLY. EQUATIONS NOT PROVIDED ON THE FORMULAE SHEET MUST BE DERIVED. USE THE BACK OF THE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR YOUR ROUGH WORK.

- B1. A uniform trap door, mass 5.00 kg, is being held at an angle of 60.0° with the horizontal by a cable, as shown in the diagram. The cable is perpendicular to the door and is attached at a distance of $\frac{3}{4}\ell$ from the frictionless hinge, where ℓ is the length of the trap door.



- (a) Calculate the tension in the cable. (5 marks)

Equilibrium $\Rightarrow \Sigma \tau = 0$

16.3 N

$$\tau_T + \tau_W = 0 ; T\left(\frac{3}{4}\ell\right) - mg\left(\frac{\ell}{2}\right)\cos\theta = 0$$

$$T = \left(\frac{mg}{2}\cos\theta\right)\frac{4}{3} = \frac{2}{3}mg\cos\theta$$

$$T = \frac{2}{3}(5.00\text{ kg})(9.80\text{ m/s}^2)\cos 60.0^\circ$$

$$T = 16.3\text{ N}$$

- (b) If the cable breaks, calculate the angular velocity of the trap door, in terms of ℓ , just before it is horizontal. (5 marks)

$\sqrt{\frac{3g\sin\theta}{\ell}}$

Mechanical Energy is conserved.

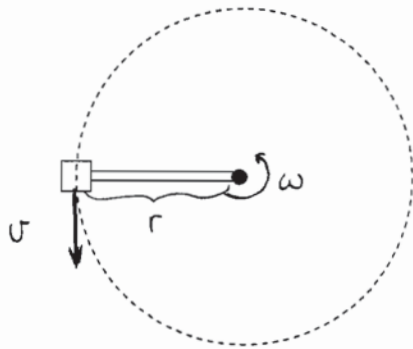
$$K_i + U_i = K_f + U_f$$

$$\frac{1}{2}I\omega_i^2 + mgh_i = \frac{1}{2}I\omega_f^2 + mgh_f$$

$$0 + mg\frac{\ell}{2}\sin\theta = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}m\ell^2\right)\omega_f^2 + 0$$

$$\omega_f = \sqrt{\frac{3g\sin\theta}{\ell}} = \frac{5.05}{\sqrt{\ell}}$$

- B2. In a classroom demonstration, a speaker was mounted on the end of a 50-cm-long arm and rotated in a horizontal circle at a constant angular speed of 75.0 rpm. The speaker emitted sound at a constant frequency of 441 Hz. The speed of sound was 343 m/s.



$$r = 50.0 \text{ cm}$$

$$\omega = 75.0 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times \frac{2\pi \text{ rad}}{1 \text{ rev}}$$

$$\omega = 7.85 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$v = r\omega = 3.927 \text{ m/s}$$

- (a) Calculate the range of sound frequencies heard by the students in the classroom. (6 marks)

436 to 446 Hz

speaker is a moving source.

$$f_o = \left(\frac{v - v_o}{v - v_s} \right) f_s ; v_o = 0 ; v_{s_{\text{max}}} = +3.927 \text{ m/s} ; v_{s_{\text{min}}} = -3.927 \text{ m/s}$$

$$f_{o_{\text{max}}} = \left(\frac{343 \text{ m/s}}{343 \text{ m/s} - 3.927 \text{ m/s}} \right) 441 \text{ Hz} = 446 \text{ Hz}$$

$$f_{o_{\text{min}}} = \left(\frac{343 \text{ m/s}}{343 \text{ m/s} - (-3.927 \text{ m/s})} \right) 441 \text{ Hz} = 436 \text{ Hz}$$

range of frequencies is 436 to 446 Hz

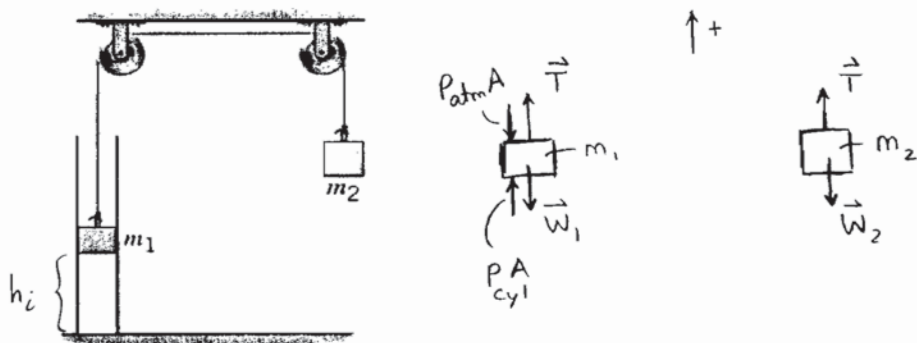
- (b) If the speaker produced sound energy at a rate of 4.25 J/s, calculate the sound intensity level (in dB) at a distance of 6.50 m from the speaker. (4 marks)

$$I = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{4.25 \text{ W}}{4\pi (6.50 \text{ m})^2} = 8.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W/m}^2$$

99.0 dB

$$\beta = 10 \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right) = 10 \log \left(\frac{8.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W/m}^2}{1.00 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2} \right) = \textcircled{99.0 \text{ dB}}$$

- B3.** The drawing shows a cylinder fitted with a piston that has a mass m_1 of 0.500 kg and a radius of 2.50×10^{-2} m. The top of the piston is open to the atmosphere. A rope of negligible mass is attached to the piston and passes over two massless pulleys. The other end of the rope is attached to a block of mass m_2 of 9.50 kg. m_2 is initially held at rest and the pressure in the cylinder beneath the piston is initially atmospheric pressure. The pressure is allowed to change through compression (or expansion) when m_2 is released.



- (a) In the space beside the diagram above, draw free body diagrams for the masses after m_2 has been released from rest. (3 marks)
- (b) When the masses have reached their equilibrium positions, use the fact that the tension in the rope is constant to determine the pressure below mass m_1 , i.e. the pressure inside the cylinder below the piston. (4 marks)

At equilibrium, $\sum \vec{F} = 0$

For m_1 : $T + P_{cyl}A - P_{atm}A - m_1g = 0$

For m_2 : $T - m_2g = 0 \Rightarrow T = m_2g$

$$\therefore P_{cyl} = \frac{m_1g + P_{atm}A - m_2g}{A}$$

$5.64 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$

$$P_{cyl} = \frac{(0.500 \text{ kg})(9.80 \text{ m/s}^2) + (1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa})(\pi(2.50 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})^2) - 9.50 \text{ kg}(9.80 \text{ m/s}^2)}{\pi(2.50 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})^2}$$

$P_{cyl} = 5.64 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$

- (c) If the bottom of mass m_1 was 10.0 cm above the floor of the cylinder before the masses started to move, how high will the bottom of the mass be after the masses have stopped moving? Assume that the temperature in the cylinder has been held equal to the outside temperature. (3 marks)

Use the ideal gas law, $PV = nRT$

PV is constant

$$P_i V_i = P_f V_f$$

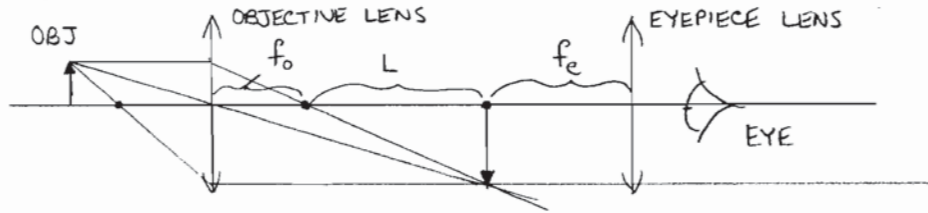
$$P_{atm} A \cdot h_i = P_{cyl} A \cdot h_f \Rightarrow h_f = \frac{P_{atm} \cdot h_i}{P_{cyl}}$$

$$h_f = \left(\frac{1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}}{5.64 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}} \right) 10.0 \text{ cm} = 18.0 \text{ cm}$$

18.0 cm

B4. You are tasked with making a microscope with a magnification of -200 using a converging lens with a focal distance of 1.50 cm for the objective. The tube length (that is, the distance between the focal points of the two lenses) is 30.0 cm. *The microscope will be used for relaxed-eye*

- (a) Draw a diagram of the microscope showing the position of the object, the position of the viewing objective lens, the tube length, and the position of the eyepiece. Use the symbols f_o for the focal distance of the objective, f_e for the focal distance of the eyepiece, and L for the tube length. Also show where the eye of the observer will be located. (3 marks)



- (b) Determine the position p of the object and from it the lateral magnification of the objective lens if the objective image is to be located at the focus of the eyepiece. (4 marks)

Want $q_o = f_o + L = 31.5$ cm

$p = 1.58$ cm

$$p_o = \left(\frac{1}{f_o} - \frac{1}{q_o} \right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{1.50 \text{ cm}} - \frac{1}{31.5 \text{ cm}} \right)^{-1} = 1.575 \text{ cm} = \textcircled{1.58 \text{ cm}}$$

$$m_o = -\frac{q_o}{p_o} = -\frac{31.5 \text{ cm}}{1.575 \text{ cm}} = \textcircled{-20.0}$$

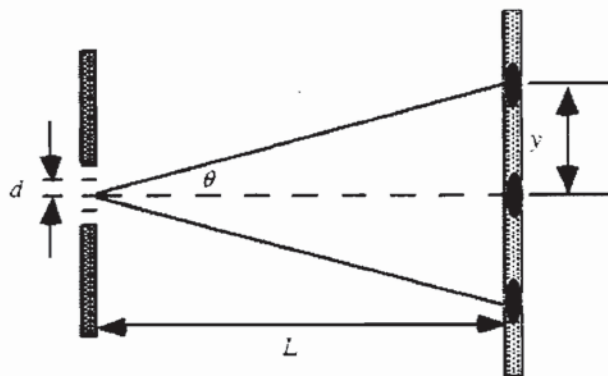
- (c) From the requirement that the total angular magnification is -200 , determine what the focal distance of the eyepiece will have to be. Assume the near point of the observer to be 25.0 cm. (3 marks)

$$M_{\text{tot}} = m_o M_e = -\frac{L}{f_o} \times \frac{N}{f_e}$$

2.50 cm

$$f_e = -\frac{LN}{f_o M_{\text{tot}}} = -\frac{(30.0 \text{ cm})(25.0 \text{ cm})}{(1.50 \text{ cm})(-200)} = \textcircled{2.50 \text{ cm}}$$

- B5.** The wavelength of the laser beam used in a compact disc player is 580 nm. Suppose that a diffraction grating produces a first-order tracking beam that is a distance $y = 0.625$ mm from the central bright fringe at a distance of $L = 3.00$ mm from the grating as shown in the diagram below.



- (a) Calculate the angle θ . (3 marks)

$$\tan\theta = \frac{y}{L}$$

$$\theta = \text{invtan}\left(\frac{y}{L}\right) = \text{invtan}\left(\frac{0.625 \text{ mm}}{3.00 \text{ mm}}\right) = 11.8^\circ$$

(At upper limit of validity of small angle approximation.)

11.8°

- (b) Calculate the slit separation, d , for the grating. (4 marks)

$$m\lambda = d \sin\theta$$

$$d = \frac{m\lambda}{\sin\theta} = \frac{580 \text{ nm}}{\sin(11.8^\circ)} = 2.84 \times 10^3 \text{ nm}$$

$2.84 \times 10^3 \text{ nm}$

- (c) Calculate the number of lines per mm for the diffraction grating. (3 marks).

$$N = \frac{1}{d} = \frac{1}{2.84 \times 10^3 \text{ nm}} = 3.52 \times 10^{-4} / \text{nm}$$

352 lines/mm

$$3.52 \times 10^{-4} \frac{1}{\text{nm}} \times \frac{10^6 \text{ nm}}{\text{mm}} = 352 \text{ lines/mm}$$

B6. One possible fission reaction for ^{235}U is $n + ^{235}_{92}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{141}_{56}\text{Ba} + ^{92}_{36}\text{Kr} + ?n$

where ? represents one or more neutrons.

(a) How many neutrons are released in the fission reaction? (2 marks)

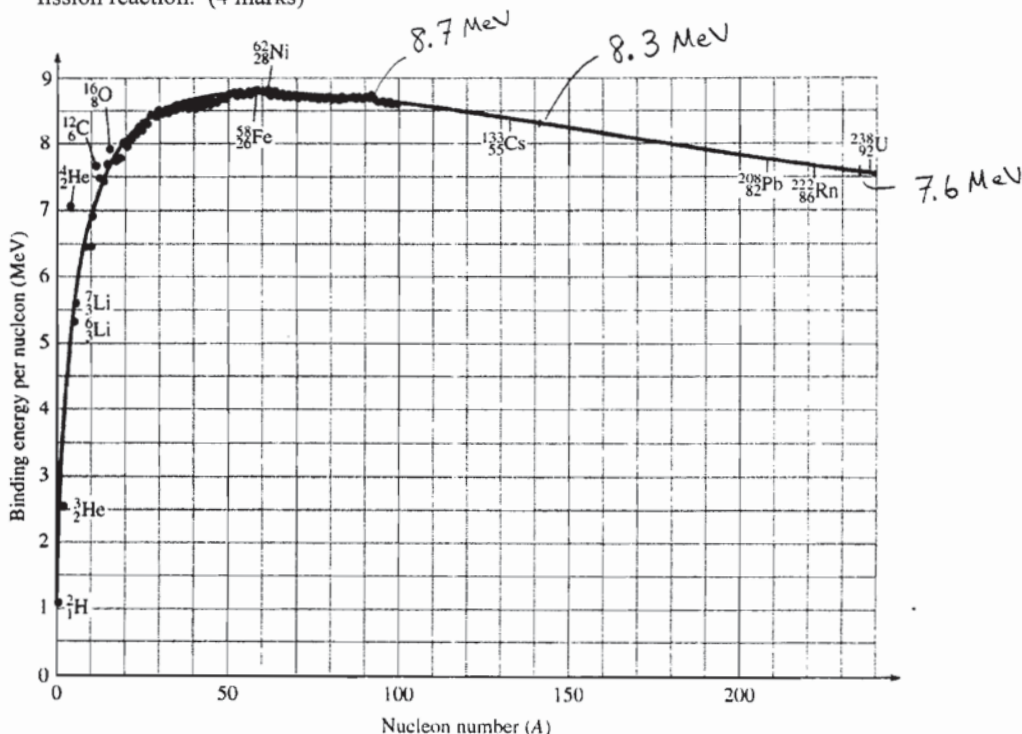
equating nucleon numbers:

$$1 + 235 = 141 + 92 + ? \Rightarrow ? = 3$$

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(b) From the graph shown below, you can read the approximate binding energies per nucleon for the three nuclides involved. Use that information to estimate the total energy released by the fission reaction. (4 marks)

185 MeV



$$\Delta E = 92(8.7 \text{ MeV}) + 141(8.3 \text{ MeV}) - 235(7.6 \text{ MeV})$$

$\Delta E = 185 \text{ MeV}$

(c) Using your answer from (b), approximately what fraction of the rest energy of the ^{235}U nucleus is released by this reaction? (4 marks)

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{185 \text{ MeV}}{235 \times 931.5 \frac{\text{MeV}}{u}} = 8.45 \times 10^{-4} = 0.0845\%$$