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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

* *Write your name and admission number in the spaces provided above.*
* *This paper consists of two sections, A and B.*
* *Answer* ***all*** *the questions in the spaces provided*
* *All working must be clearly shown*
* *Mathematical tables and Electronic calculators* ***may*** *be used.*

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| **Section** | **Question** | **Maximum Score** | **Candidates’ Score** |
| A | 1 – 13 | 25 |  |
| B | 14  15  16  17  18 | 13  7  12  7  16 |  |
| **Total Score** | 80 |  |

**SECTION A (25 MARKS)**

***Answer All the questions in this section in the space provided.***

1. You are provided with two iron bars X and Y one is magnetized and the other is not. **Explain** how you would identify the magnetized bar. (2mks)

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1. The sketch graph below shows the relationship between the attractive force of on electromagnet and the magnetizing current. Use the domain theory to **explain** the shape of the curve as show in **fig.3** below. (2mks)

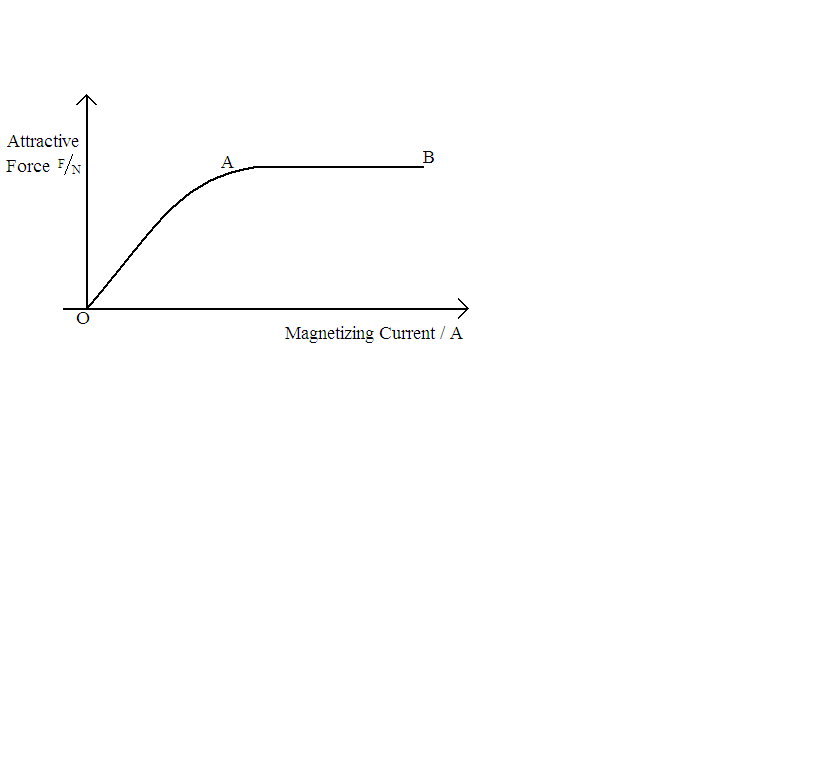


Figure 1

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1. **Calculate** the critical angle for material whose refractive index is 1.4. (2mks)

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1. **State** and **explain** the observation made on a positively charged gold leaf electroscope when a burning candle is brought near its cap. (2mks)

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1. The diagram below shows two circuits in which identical dry cells and identical bulbs are used as shown **figure.2** below.

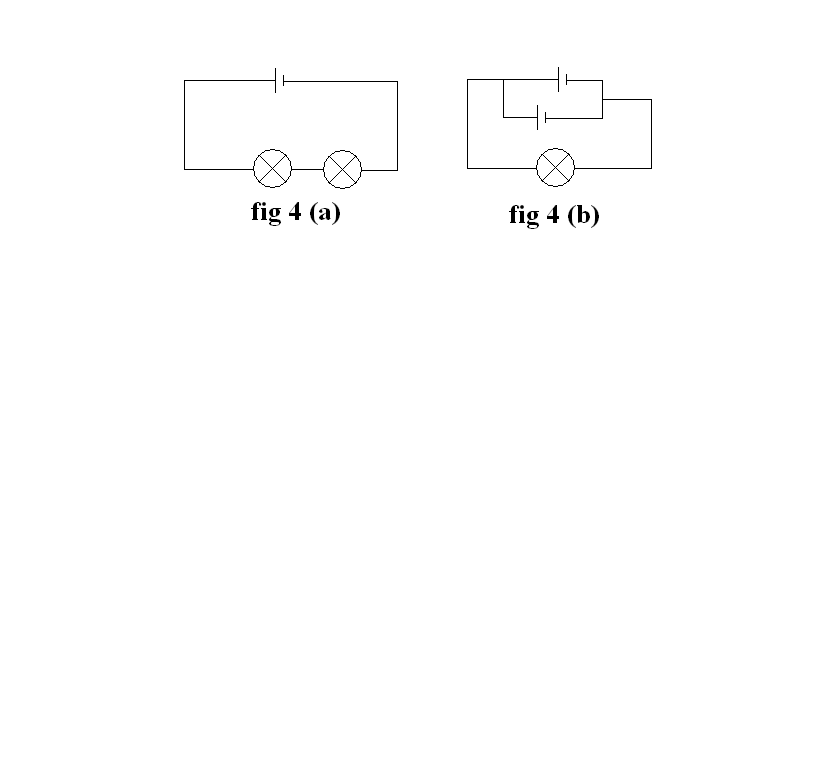


Figure 2(a) Figure 2(b)

**Explain** why the cells in (b) can be used for a longer period than in (a) (2mks)

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1. An electric filament lamp used to light a room is replaced by a long fluorescent tube. **State** the effect this will have on the shadow formed by object in the room. (2mks)

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1. **Figure. 3** below shows a displacement time graph for a wave

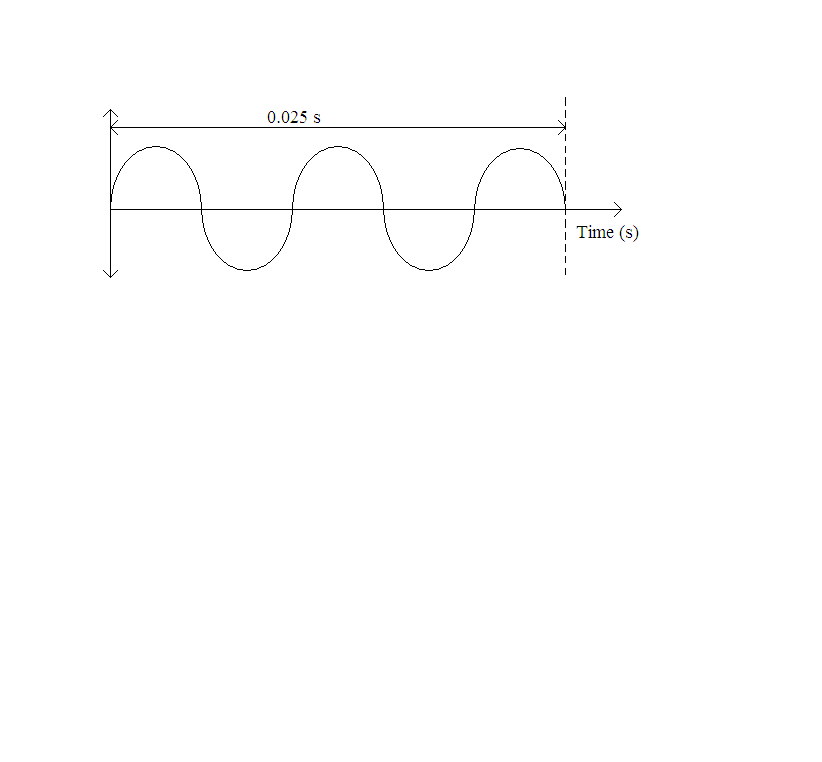


Figure 3

**Determine** the frequency of the wave. (3mks)

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1. **Figure. 4** below shows wave front before and after passing through an opening as shown in **fig.5**

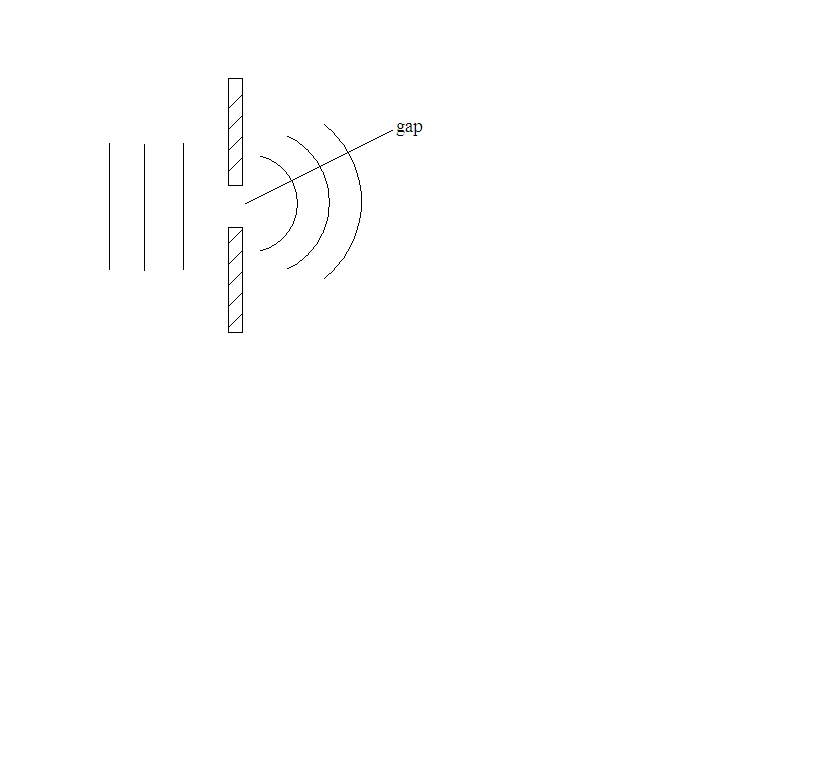


Figure 1

**State** what would be observed on the pattern after passing the opening if

1. wave length is increased (2mk)

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1. Gap is increased (2mk)

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1. Why is topping of an accumulator done with distilled water and not sulphuric acid? (1mk)

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1. Figure 6 below shows a ray of light being incident on a mirror.

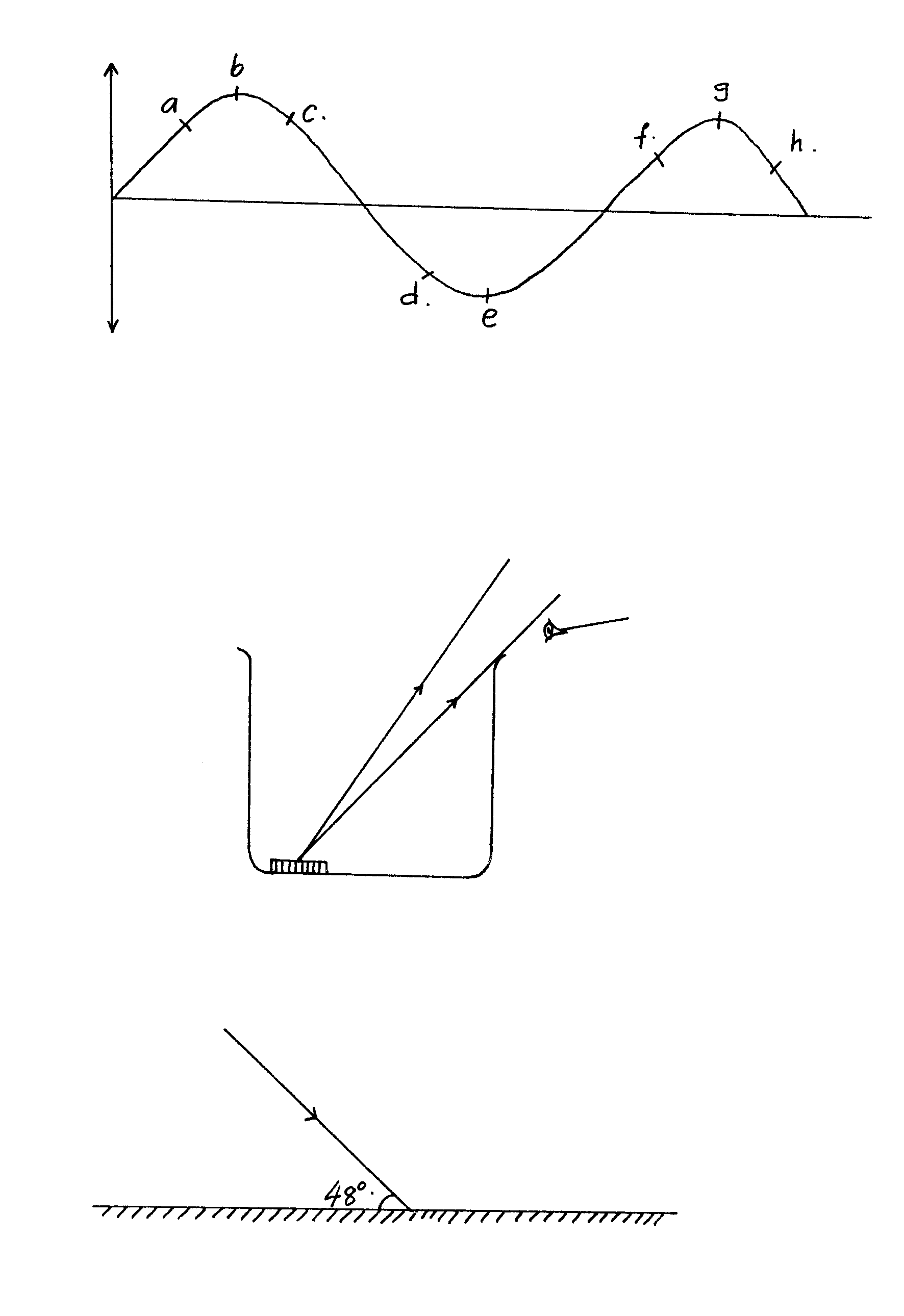


Fig 6

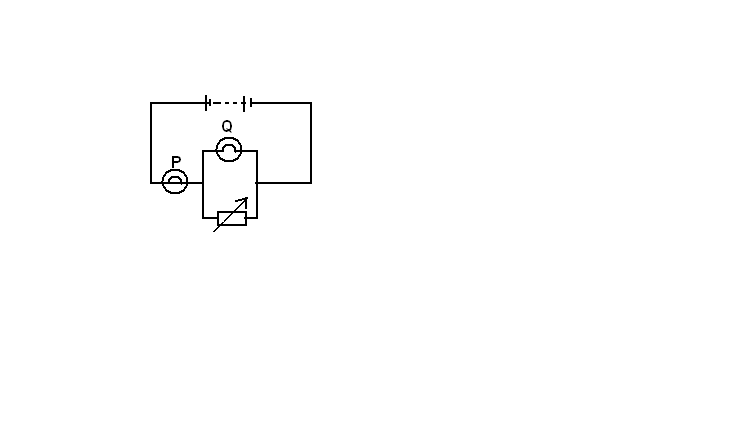
What is the angle of reflection? (1mk)

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1. Why is a concave mirror suitable for use as a shaving mirror? (2mks)

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1. **Figure 7** below shows a circuit which contains a battery, a rheostat and two identical lamps. **State** and **explain** what will be observed to the brightness of the lamps if the resistance of the rheostat is increased. (1mk)

**Figure 7**

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1. State ONE factor which does not change as water waves move from shallow to deep end. (1 mark)

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**SECTION B (55 Marks)**

**Answer all questions in this section in the spaces provided**

1. (a) (i) State Ohm’s law (1mk)

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1. State factors that affect the resistance of a metallic conductor (2mks). …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

(b). Two resistors of 4Ω and 2Ω in parallel are connected in series to a 3Ω resistor and a cell of 2.0V. Calculate

* + 1. Equivalent resistance of the circuit (2mks).

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(ii). Current through each resistor. (4 marks) ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………................

(c) (i) Name the electrolyte and cathode used in the lead acid accumulator. (2mks)

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(ii) A battery is rated at 42 Ah. For how long will it work if it steadily supplies a current of 6 A (2mks) ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

1. (a). State two methods of charging an electroscope (2mks). ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

(b). What is an electric field? (1mks)

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(c). State three characteristics of electric field (3mks).

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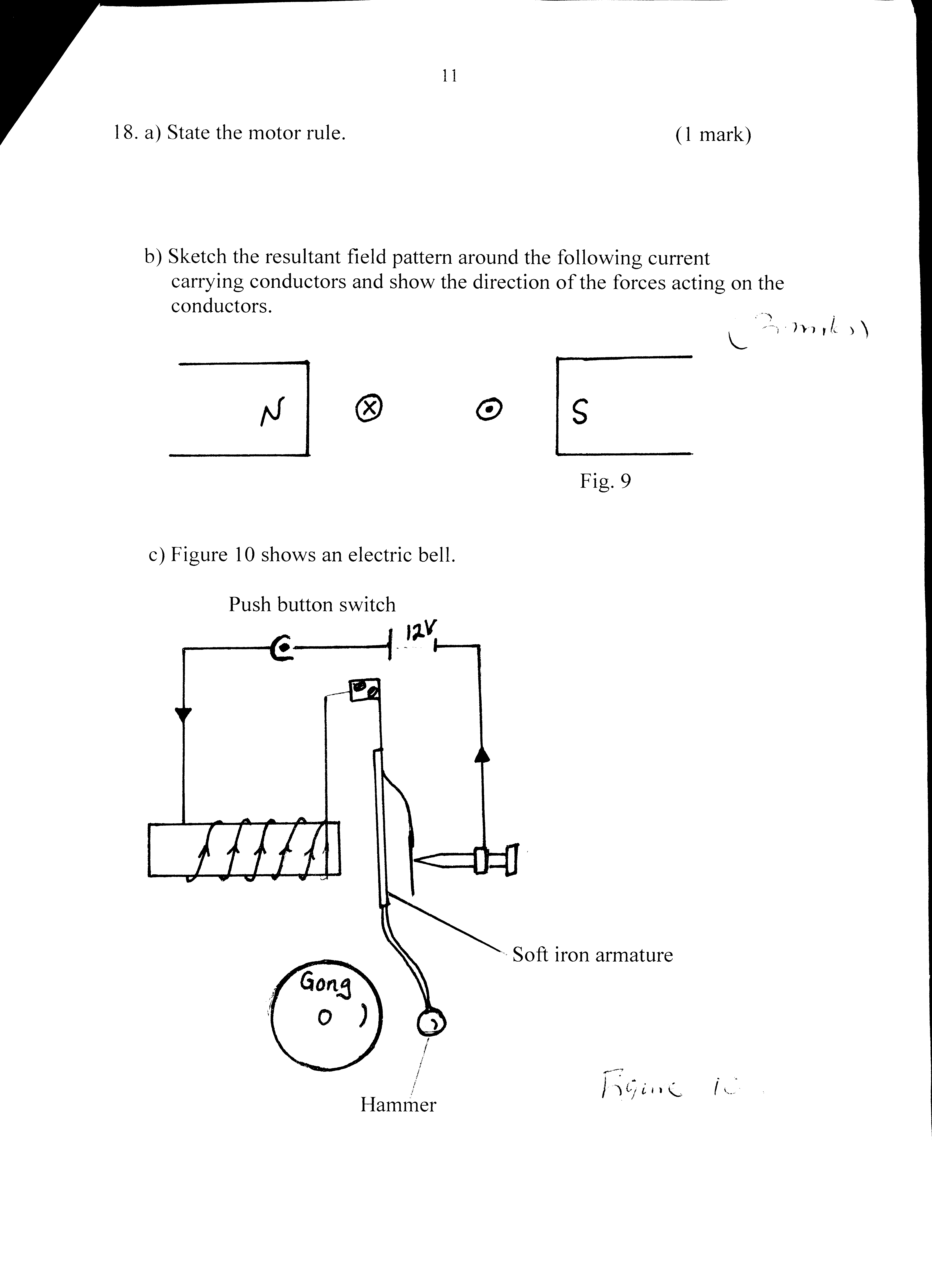
(d) Explain why repulsion is the surest way of testing for polarity (1mk)

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1. a). State the motor rule. (2 marks)

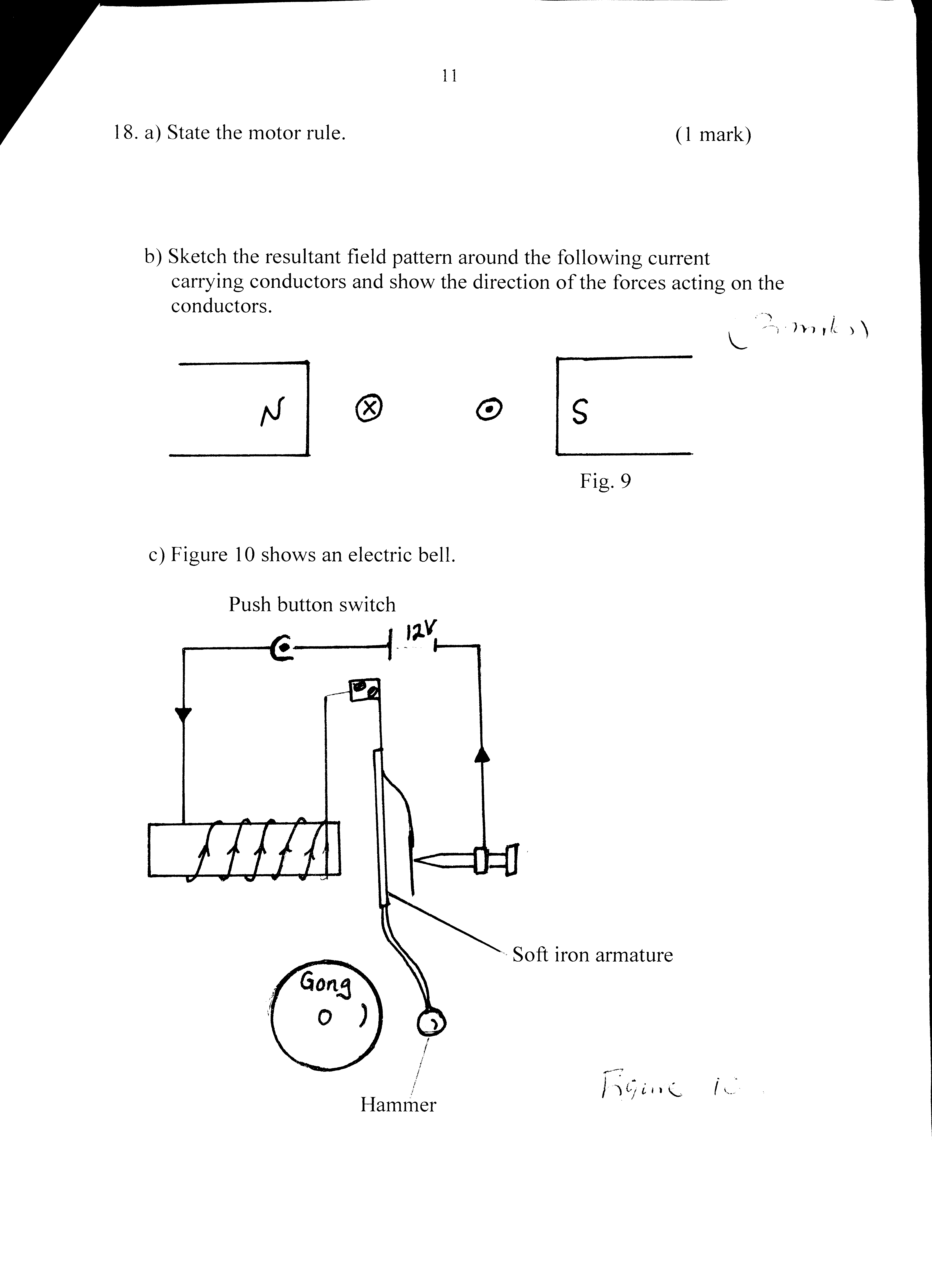
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b) Sketch the resultant field pattern around the following currentcarrying conductors . (2 marks)



c). Figure below shows an electric bell.

Push button switch



i) Describe how the electric bell works (5 marks)

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ii) Explain what would happen if the armature is made of steel (2 marks)

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iii) What adjustment should be done to the system to make it operate effectively with a lower voltage battery? (1 mark)

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1. Light passes from a prism made of flint glass of refractive index 1.89 to a second prism made of crown glass of refractive index 1.52 as shown in the diagram below.

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Flint glass

Crown glass

Given that the angle between the interface and the incident ray is 300 ,

(a) Determine the critical angle for the pair of media. (3mks)

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(b)(i) State Snell's law. (2mk)

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(ii) Give **two** advantages of totally internally reflecting prisms over plane mirrors. (2mks). ………………………………………………………………………………………………...

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1. (a) State **three** factors that affect the strength of an electromagnet. (3marks)

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(b) In **Figure 12**; the suspended metre rule is balanced by the magnet and the weight shown. The iron core is fixed to the bench.

**Figure 12**

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**Magnet**

**Soft iron**

**Coil**

**Weight**

Bench

**String**

**Metre rule**

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1. State and explain the effect on the metre rule when the switch is closed. (3marks)

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1. State and explain the effect on the metre rule on reversing the direction of current (3mks) …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
2. Name two advantages of an electromagnet compared to a permanent magnet (2mks). …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
3. State three applications of electromagnets (3mks)

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1. State clock rule (2mks).

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