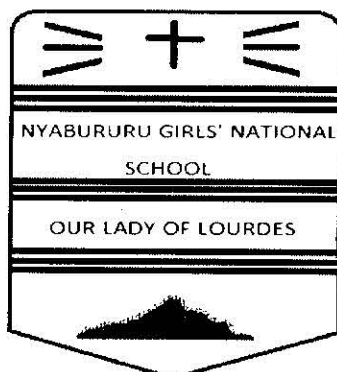


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**FORM 2 PHYSICS**  
**CAT 2 TERM 1 2016**  
**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions:**

- Write your name, class and class number in the spaces provided above.
- This paper consists of two sections: Section A and B.
- Answer **all** questions in sections A and B in the spaces provided.
- All working must be clearly shown on the spaces provided.
- This paper has 9 printed pages.

**SECTION A (25MARKS)**

1. Define the term force and state its SI unit. (2mks)

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2. Give two advantages of frictional force. (2mks)

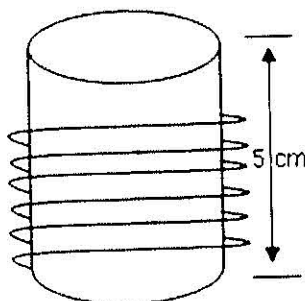
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3. The figure below shows a cylindrical object of uniform cross section and height 5cm. A thread is wound on it five times.



Given that the thread is 132cm, find the radius. (3mks)

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4. Name two defects of a simple cell and suggest how to minimize each of them. (4mks)

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5. Complete the table below for a rod brought near an electroscope and the effect on the leaf. (3mks)

| Charge on electroscope | Charge on rod | Effect on leaf       |
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| Neutral                | Positive      | Leaf diverges        |
| Neutral                | Negative      |                      |
| Positive               |               | Divergence increases |
| Negative               |               | Divergence decrease  |

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6. Explain why a needle dropped on water sinks and yet if it is placed gently, it floats. (2mks)

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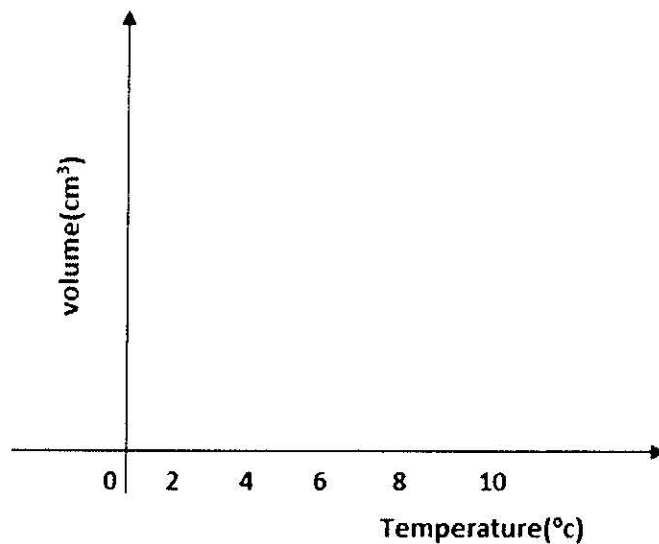
7. State the law of electrostatic charges. (1mk)

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8. Give a reason why concrete beam reinforced with steel does not crack when subjected to changes in temperature. (1mk)

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9. Equal volumes of water and paraffin at  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  are subjected to heat up to  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ . On the same axes below, sketch their volumes against temperature. (2mks)



10. State the kinetic theory of matter. (1mk)

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11.  $1\,800\text{ cm}^3$  of fresh water of density  $1\,000\text{kgm}^{-3}$  is mixed with  $2\,200\text{ cm}^3$  of sea water of density  $1\,025\text{ kgm}^{-3}$ . Calculate the density of the mixture. (3mks)

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12. Define a vector quantity. (1mk)

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**SECTION B (55MARKS)**

13. (a) Define current and state its S.I. units (2mks)

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- (b) Distinguish between primary and secondary cell. (2mks)

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- (b) State one advantage and two disadvantages of a lead acid accumulator over the alkaline accumulators. (1mk)

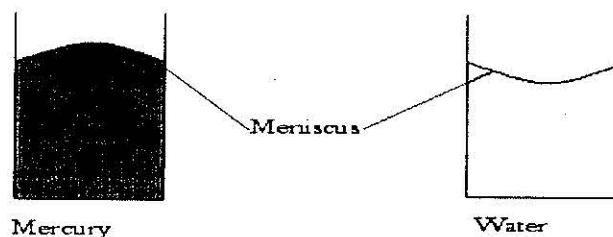
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- (c) A charge of 180 coulombs flows through a lamp every minute. Calculate the current flowing through the lamp. (3mks)

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14. (a) Explain briefly the nature of the meniscuses of mercury and water in the glass tubes below. (2marks)



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- (b) Give two differences between mass and weight. (2mks)

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- (c) Determine the density in  $\text{kg/m}^3$  of a solid whose mass is 400g and whose dimensions are 30cm x 40cm x 30cm. (3mks)

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- (d) The mass of an object on earth is 50kg. If its weight is 1000N in a certain planet, calculate the gravitational field strength of the planet. (3mks)

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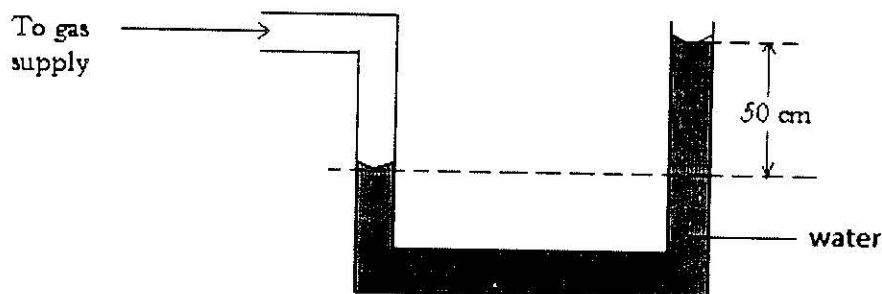
15. (a) State two factors that affect pressure in liquids. (2mks)

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- (b) The figure below shows a u-tube manometer used to measure lung pressure



Determine the lung pressure given that the atmospheric pressure is  $100000 \text{ N/m}^2$  and the density of water is  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . (Take  $g = 10 \text{ N/kg}$ ). (3mks)

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(c) A block of copper of density  $10\text{g/cm}^3$  measures  $5\text{cm} \times 3\text{cm} \times 2\text{cm}$ . Given that the force of gravity is  $10\text{N/kg}$ , determine:

(i) The weight of the block. (3mks)

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(ii) The maximum pressure (2mks)

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(iii) The minimum pressure (2mks)

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16. (a) A girl stands  $3.0\text{m}$  in front of a plane mirror.

(i) Calculate the distance between the girl and her image. (2mks)

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(ii) If the mirror is moved  $0.6\text{m}$  closer to the girl, what will be the distance between her and the image? (2mks)

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(b) State three characteristics of images formed by plane mirrors. (3mks)

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(c) Two plane mirrors are inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$ , find the number of images formed. (2mks)

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17. (a) Liquids expand more than solid when heated. Explain. (2mks)

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(b) By which method does heat travel through:

(i) Water? (1mk)

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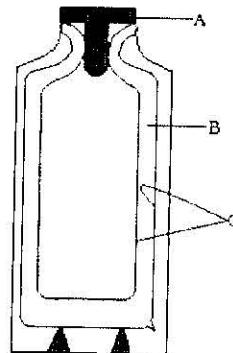
(ii) Vacuum? (1mk)

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(c) The figure below shows a section of a vacuum flask.



(i) Name the parts labeled A, B and C. (3mks)

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18. (a) Give three reasons why water is not used as a thermometric liquid. (3mks)

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(b) Two thin blankets are warmer than a single thick one. Explain. (2mks)

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(c) State the function of constriction in a clinical thermometer. (2mks)

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(d) Why does the doctor shake the clinical thermometer before taking readings from the patient? (1mk)

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