

2009 VCAA Physics Exam 2 Solutions

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Area of study 1 – Electric power

Q1 Alternator because slip-rings are used to connect to the output.

Q2
$$\phi = BA$$
, $B = \frac{\phi}{A} = \frac{7.2 \times 10^{-6}}{9.0 \times 10^{-4}} = 8.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ T}$

Q3
$$\left| \xi_{av} \right| = \left| \frac{7.2 \times 10^{-6} - 0}{0.020} \right| = 3.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ V}$$

Q4



Q5



Q6 $F = BI\ell = 0.25 \times 2.0 \times 0.0090 = 0.0045$ N

Q7 0 N

Q8 Reverses the current direction every half-turn, makes the torque on the square loop to stay in the same direction every half-turn, so that the square loop keeps on rotating in the same direction.

Q9 $P = VI = 500 \times 20.0 = 1.00 \times 10^4 \text{ W}$

Q10
$$P_{loss} = I^2 R = 20.0^2 \times 10.00 = 4.00 \times 10^3 W$$

Q11 $V_{drop} = IR = 20.0 \times 10.00 = 200 \text{ V}$ $\therefore V_{PQ} = 500 - 200 = 300 \text{ V}$

Q12 Step-up voltage $V_{XY} = 500 \times 10 = 5000 \text{ V}_{\text{RMS}}$

Q13 Step-down transformer: $\frac{N_s}{4800} = \frac{1}{10}$, $N_s = 480$ turns

Q14 Step-up transformer:
$$I_s = \frac{20.0}{10} = 2.00 \text{ A}_{\text{RMS}}$$

 $P_{loss} = I^2 R = 2.00^2 \times 10.00 = 40.0 \text{ W}$

Q15 $V_{drop} = IR = 2.00 \times 10.00 = 20 V_{RMS}$

Voltage at step-down transformer input = 5000 - 20 = 4980 V_{RMS}

$$V_{PQ} = \frac{4980}{10} = 498 \text{ V}_{\text{RMS}}$$



Area of study 2 - Interactions of light and matter

Q1 In Young's experiment an interference pattern was produced when light passed through the two slits. Interference is one of the properties of waves. : the experiment supported the wave model.

Q2 Some of the results of the photoelectric effect experiment were: Maximum current flow depended on the light intensity, not on the frequency; existence of a threshold frequency for a particular metal; existence of a stopping voltage for a particular frequency of light, not its intensity. These could not be explained by the wave model. Einstein was able to explain these by means of Planck's photon model, a particle model of light. Hence the photoelectric effect experiment supported the particle model.

Q3 Thelma is correct. Same distance from the central band to S_1 and S_2 . \therefore constructive interference gives rise to a bright band.

Q4 At A, path difference is $2\frac{1}{2}\lambda$; at B path difference is $1\frac{1}{2}\lambda$. The difference = $1\lambda = 496$ nm. \therefore the laser wavelength is 496 nm.

Q5 $E_{K \max}$ is the maximum kinetic energy of the electrons emitted, and it is given by qV, where q is the electron charge and V the stopping voltage.

f is the frequency of the light used depending on which filter is placed between the light source and the tube.

W is the work function of the metal, which indicates the minimum photon energy required for photoelectrons to be emitted.

Q6 $h = \frac{2}{4 \times 10^{14}} = 5.0 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eVs}$ (Gradient of the straight line). W = 1.5 eV

Q7i Maximum kinetic energy will not be affected.

Q7ii The number of electrons emitted will be doubled.

Q8
$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = \frac{(4.14 \times 10^{-15})(3.0 \times 10^8)}{1.4 \times 10^{-10}} = 8.9 \times 10^3 \,\text{eV}$$



Q10



Q11 The first excited state is the initial state. From the 1st to the 2nd, 2.36-1.85 = 0.51 eV. From the 1st to the 3rd, 3.01-1.85 = 1.16 eV.

Q12 Only those standing waves of circumference equal to a whole number of wavelength can be sustained, each corresponds to a particular energy, hence quantised energy states.

Detailed study 1 – Synchrotron and its applications

Q3
$$F = qE = (1.6 \times 10^{-19})(200 \times 10^3) = 3.2 \times 10^{-14} \text{ N}$$
 C

Q4
$$Fd = E_K$$
, $3.2 \times 10^{-14} d = \frac{1}{2} (9.1 \times 10^{-31}) (8.4 \times 10^7)^2$,
 $d = 0.1 \text{ m}$ B

Q5
$$F = qvB = (1.6 \times 10^{-19})(8.4 \times 10^{7})(2.4 \times 10^{-4})$$

= 3.2×10^{-15} N C

Q6
$$r = \frac{mv^2}{F} = \frac{(9.1 \times 10^{-31})(8.4 \times 10^7)^2}{3.2 \times 10^{-15}} = 2.0 \text{ m}$$
 D

Q10
$$n\lambda = 2d\sin\theta$$

$$1 \times 0.150 \times 10^{-9} = 2d \sin 15^\circ$$
, $d = 0.29 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 0.29 \text{ nm}$ B

Q11 $\sin \theta = \frac{n\lambda}{2d} = \frac{nc}{2df}$. When the frequency is decreased, the incident angle increases.

Q12 Elastic scattering. Same energy after scattering.

Q13 Inelastic scattering. Less energy after scattering. B

Detailed study 2 – Photonics

Q1	С
Q2	С
Q3	А
Q4	D
Q5 $\lambda = \frac{hc}{E} = \frac{(4.14 \times 10^{-15})(3.0 \times 10^8)}{2.30}$	
$= 5.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 540 \text{ nm}$	В
Q6	C
Q7 $n_{cladding} = 1.36 \sin 80^\circ = 1.34$	В
Q8 Snell's law: $1.00 \sin \alpha = 1.36 \sin 10^{\circ}$, $\alpha = 13.7^{\circ}$	В
Q9	В

Q10
$$\sin \alpha = \frac{1.36 \sin 10^{\circ}}{1.33}, \ \alpha = 10.2^{\circ}$$

Detailed study 3 – Sound

Q4

С

В

Q3
$$f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{333}{2} \approx 167 \text{ Hz}$$
 C

Q5 Intensity becomes a quarter of the original, : distance is doubled, i.e. 40.0 m. С

Q6
$$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$$
, intensity level drops by 6 dB. D

Q8
$$I = 10^{\frac{L}{10}-12} = 10^{\frac{40}{10}-12} = 10^{-8} \text{ Wm}^{-2}$$
 C

Q10
$$\lambda = \frac{v}{f_1} = \frac{333}{385} = 0.8649, \ L = \frac{\lambda}{2} \approx 0.432 \,\mathrm{m}$$
 C

Q11
$$T = \frac{1}{f} = 0.0026 \text{ s} = 2.6 \text{ ms}$$
 A

Q12
$$f_1 = 385$$
, $f_2 = 770$, $f_3 = 1155$, $f_4 = 1540$ A

Q13
$$\lambda = 4L \approx 4 \times 0.432 = 1.728 \text{ m}$$

 $f = \frac{v}{\lambda} \approx \frac{333}{1.728} \approx 193 \text{ Hz}$ A

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