# Secondary School Mathematics \＆Science Competition 

## Physics

## Sample Past Paper 2011

Assume：Gravitational acceleration on the surface of earth is $10 \mathrm{~ms}^{-2}$
Specific heat capacity of water $4200 \mathrm{Jkg}^{-10} \mathrm{C}^{-1}$
Specific latent heat of fusion of the ice is $3.34 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{Jkg}^{-1}$
Specific latent heat of vaporization of the water is $2.26 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{Jkg}^{-1}$
Universal gas constant is $8.31 \mathrm{JK}^{-1} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$

Q． 1 Which of the following best illustrates the net force of a pendulum bob at points a through e？
A．

B．

C．

D．

E．

Q. 2 A stone is thrown vertically upwards with a velocity $20 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$, at the same instant, another stone is released from rest at height 20m vertically above the first stone. The stones will collide when the first is at height of
A. 5 m
B. 7.5 m
C. 10 m
D. 12.5 m
E. 15 m
Q. 3 A 1.25 kg block is dropped on a nail and drives the nail 25 cm into a piece of wood. If the stone is moving at $20 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ when it hits the nail, the average force exerted on the nail while the nail is going into the wood is most nearly
A. 10 N
B. 12.5 N
C. 25 N
D. 625 N
E. 1000 N
Q. 4 An image is formed on a screen by a thin converging lens. By moving the lens towards to the screen, a second image is formed. Which of the following properties about the second image is/are correct?
(1) Laterally inverted.
(2) Inverted.
(3) Diminished.
A. (2) only
B. (3) only
C. (1) and (2) only
D. (2) and (3) only
E. None of above
Q. 5 Two objects have same temperature. Which of the following statements is/are true?
(1) They have the same amount of internal energy.
(2) They have the same amount of total kinetic energy of the molecules in the object.
(3) No net energy is transferred from one object to another when they are in contact.
A. (2) only
B. (3) only
C. (1) and (2) only
D. (2) and (3) only
E. None of above
Q. 6 An ideal gas is enclosed in a container at temperature $T^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The temperature is now raised to $27^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, whilst the volume is kept constant. Which of the following statements is correct?
(1) The average separation of the molecules is reduced by a factor of $\sqrt{2}$.
(2) The average speed of the molecules is doubled.
(3) The average kinetic energy of the molecules is doubled.
A. (2) only
B. (3) only
C. (1) and (2) only
D. (2) and (3) only
E. None of above
Q. 7


String $X Y$ is fixed at both ends. The distance between $X$ and $Y$ is 45 cm . Two identical sinusoidal waves travel along $X Y$ in opposite directions and form a stationary wave with an antinode at point $P$. The figure shows the string when $P$ is 2 mm , its maximum displacement, from the equilibrium position.
What is the amplitude and wavelength of each of the travelling waves on the string?

|  | Amplitude | Wavelength |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| A. | 4 mm | 30 mm |
| B. | 4 mm | 15 mm |
| C. | 1 mm | 45 mm |
| D. | 2 mm | 30 mm |
| E. | 2 mm | 15 mm |

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## Answer

| 1. | C | 2. | E | 3. | E | 4. | D | 5. | B |
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| 6. | B | 7. | D |  |  |  |  |  |  |

