

Practical skills

Question Paper

Level	A Level
Subject	Physics
Exam Board	OCR
Topic	Experimental skills
Sub-Topic	Practical skills
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Time Allowed: 70 minutes

Score: / 58

Percentage: /100

Grade Boundaries:

A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
>85%	'77.5%	70%	62.5%	57.5%	45%	<45%

(b) The global positioning system (GPS) is used to locate accurately the position of cars on the Earth's surface.

(i) Name the electromagnetic waves used by GPS.

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(ii) Explain how GPS determines the distance between the car and satellite.

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(iii) Briefly describe how the distances from two or more satellites are used to locate the position of a car.

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[Total: 12]

- 4 (a) Fig. 2.1 shows a mass attached to the end of a spring. The mass is pulled down and then released. The mass performs vertical simple harmonic motion.

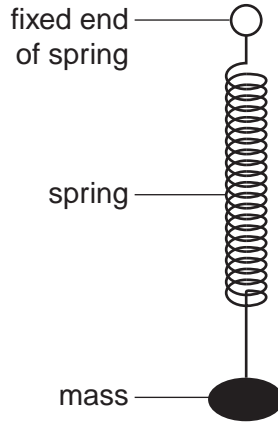


Fig. 2.1

- (i) Define *simple harmonic motion*.

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- (ii) Mark the following statements about the oscillating mass-spring system as *true* or *false*. [2]

statement	true/false
The period of oscillation is constant.	
The net force on the mass is equal to its weight.	
The acceleration of the mass is a maximum at the mid-point of the oscillations.	
The velocity of the mass is proportional to the displacement.	

(c) The radius of a ${}_{92}^{235}\text{U}$ nucleus is $8.8 \times 10^{-15}\text{ m}$. The average mass of a nucleon is $1.7 \times 10^{-27}\text{ kg}$.

(i) Estimate the average density of this nucleus.

density = kg m^{-3} [3]

(ii) State one assumption made in your calculation.

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[Total: 14]

