



Kasarani Campus
Off Thika Road
Tel. 2042692 / 3
P. O. Box 49274, 00100
NAIROBI
Westlands Campus
Pamstech House
Woodvale Grove
Tel. 4442212
Fax: 4444175

KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
(COMPUTER SCIENCE)

Date: 14th April, 2022
Time: 8.30am –10.30am

KPH 101 - PHYSICS 1

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Differentiate the following terms as used in kinematics?
- i) Distance and Displacement
 - ii) Speed and Velocity
 - iii) Acceleration and Velocity. (6 marks)
- b) A train is accelerating steadily from 10 ms^{-1} to 15 ms^{-1} in 10 second, calculate the uniform acceleration of the train. (4 marks)
- c) State the three equations for constant acceleration (3 marks)
- d) A car accelerates uniformly from rest. If it travels a distance D in time t then how far will it travel in a time 2t? (4 marks)
- e) If the car in b above has speed v at time t then what is the speed at time 2t? (3 marks)
- f) Differentiate scalar quantity from vector quantity, give two examples of each quantity (4 marks)
- g) Express the following quantities using fundamental dimensions: force, voltage and work. (6 marks)

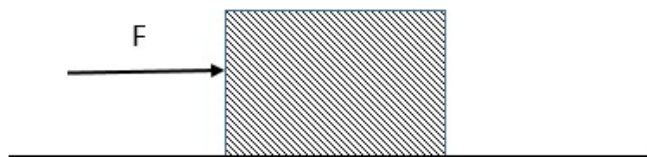
QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Tarzan ($m=65$ kg) swings from a vine that is 3.0 meters long. His speed at the bottom of the swing is 5.0 m/s. Calculate
- i) Centripetal acceleration? (4 marks)
 - ii) NET force acting on him? (3 marks)
 - iii) The tension in the vine? (3 marks)
- b) State Hooke's law (2 marks)
- c) Discuss the difference between strain and stress? (2 marks)
- d) With the aid of a diagram, differentiate between tensile and compressive stress. (3 marks)
- e) A 10 m steel wire stretches 3.08 mm due to the 200 N load. What is the longitudinal strain? (3 marks)



QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) State the three laws of solid friction (3 marks)
- b) Give the differences between kinetic and static friction? (4 marks)
- c) Briefly describe the coefficient (μ) of static friction (4 marks)
- d) A block of mass $M = 15$ kg rests on a table. A force of $F = 7$ N is applied in the horizontal direction, as shown. The block continues to remain at rest due to friction.



- i) Calculate the magnitude of the force opposing the motion in the object? (5 marks)
- ii) Now the applied force is increased to $F = 29.4$ N and this is the maximum force that can be applied before the block begins to move. Find coefficient of the static friction (μ_s). (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) An acrobat of mass 55 kg is going to hang by her teeth from a steel wire and she does not want the wire to stretch beyond its elastic limit. The elastic limit for the wire is 2.5×10^8 Pa. What is the minimum diameter the wire should have to support her?
(6 marks)
- b) Briefly describe the following terms;
- i) Tensile stress
 - ii) Compressive stress
 - iii) Elastic limit
(6 marks)
- c) A steel wire 10m and 2mm in diameter is attached to the ceiling and a 200N weight is attached to the end. What is the applied stress?
(4 marks)
- d) If the above steel wire stretches 3.08mm due to the 200N load. What is the longitudinal strain?
(4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Define calorimetry
(2 marks)
- b) A large paraffin candle has a mass of 96.83 gram. A metal cup with 100.0 mL of water at 16.2°C absorbs the heat from the burning candle and increases its temperature to 35.7°C . Once the burning is ceased, the temperature of the water was 35.7°C and the paraffin had a mass of 96.14 gram. Determine the heat of combustion of paraffin in kJ/gram. GIVEN: density of water = 1.0 g/mL
(6 marks)
- c) State the two laws of reflection.
(4 marks)
- d) With the help of a diagram, illustrate what we mean by total internal reflection.
(4 marks)
- e) Describe the differences between concave and convex mirrors
(4 marks)