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**PHYSICAL SCIENCES: PAPER I**  
**MARKING GUIDELINES**

Time: 3 hours

200 marks

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**QUESTION 1**

- 1.1 D  
1.2 B  
1.3 A  
1.4 B  
1.5 D  
1.6 D  
1.7 A  
1.8 C  
1.9 B  
1.10 C

**QUESTION 2**

2.1 Acceleration is the *rate of change of velocity*.

2.2 car B

2.3  $a = \text{gradient of velocity-time graph}$

$$= \frac{0 - 30}{20 - 6}$$

$$= -2,14 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$$

$$= \mathbf{2,14 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}} \quad [\text{magnitude only so ignore sign}]$$

OR  $a = \frac{v - u}{t}$

$$= \frac{0 - 30}{14}$$

$$= -2,14 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$$

$$= \mathbf{2,14 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}} \quad [\text{magnitude only so ignore sign}]$$

2.4 Same velocity

2.5  $s = \text{area under velocity-time graph}$

$$= (30)(6) + \frac{1}{2}(14)(30)$$

$$= 180 + 210$$

$$s = \mathbf{390 \text{ m}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OR} \quad s &= vt + \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t \\ s &= (30)(6) + \frac{1}{2}(30 + 0)15 \\ s &= \mathbf{390 \text{ m}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OR} \quad s &= vt + \left[ ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \right] \\ s &= (30)(6) \left[ 30(14) + \frac{1}{2}(-2,14)(14)^2 \right] \\ s &= \mathbf{390 \text{ m}} \end{aligned}$$

2.6 displacement of B:

*s = area under velocity–time graph*

$$\begin{aligned} &= (20)(20) + \frac{1}{2}(2)(20) \\ &= 400 + 20 \\ s &= \mathbf{420 \text{ m}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OR} \quad s &= vt + \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t \\ s &= (20)(20) + \frac{1}{2}(20 + 0)2 \\ s &= \mathbf{420 \text{ m}} \end{aligned}$$

$$420 - 390 = 30 \text{ m}$$

The cars were **30 m** apart at time 0 s.

2.7 Car A.

**QUESTION 3**

$$\begin{aligned}
 3.1 \quad 3.1.1 \quad v &= u + at \\
 &= 12 + (3,2)(3) \\
 &= \mathbf{21,6 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3.1.2 \quad s &= ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \\
 &= (12)(3) + \frac{1}{2}(3,2)(3)^2 \\
 &= \mathbf{50,4 \text{ m}}
 \end{aligned}$$

**OR**

$$\begin{aligned}
 s &= \frac{1}{2}(u+v)t \\
 s &= \frac{1}{2}(12 + 21,6)3 \\
 &= \mathbf{50,4 \text{ m}}
 \end{aligned}$$

**OR**

$$\begin{aligned}
 v^2 &= u^2 + 2as \\
 21,6^2 &= (12)^2 + 2(3,2)s \\
 &= \mathbf{50,4 \text{ m}}
 \end{aligned}$$

3.2 3.2.1 The change in position.

3.2.2 0 m

$$\begin{aligned}
 3.2.3 \quad \text{average speed} &= \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} \\
 &= \frac{42,2}{3,25} \quad \text{for conversion} \\
 &= \mathbf{12,98 \text{ km}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{OR} \quad \text{average speed} &= \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} \\
 &= \frac{42200}{(180 + 15)(60)} \quad \text{for conversion} \\
 &= \mathbf{3,61 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

3.2.4 The single vector which has the same effect as the original vectors acting together.

3.2.5  $s^2 = 10^2 + 14^2$

$s = 17,20 \text{ km}$

$\tan \theta = \frac{14}{10}$  **OR**  $\tan \theta = \frac{10}{14}$

$\theta = 54,46^\circ$

$\theta = 35,54^\circ$

$s = 17,20 \text{ km}$

at  $54,46^\circ$  S of W OR  $35,54^\circ$  W of S OR bearing  $215,54^\circ$

**QUESTION 4**

4.1 
$$E_K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(0,3)(6)^2$$

$$= \mathbf{5,4 \text{ J}}$$

4.2 
$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$6^2 = 0^2 + 2(9,8)s$$

$$s = \mathbf{1,84 \text{ m}}$$

OR 
$$E_{K(\text{top})} + E_{P(\text{top})} = E_{K(\text{surface})} + E_{P(\text{surface})}$$

$$0 + mgh_{(\text{top})} = 5,4 + 0$$

$$(0,3)(9,8)h_{(\text{top})} = 5,4$$

$$h_{(\text{top})} = \mathbf{1,84 \text{ m}}$$

4.3 
$$v = u + at$$

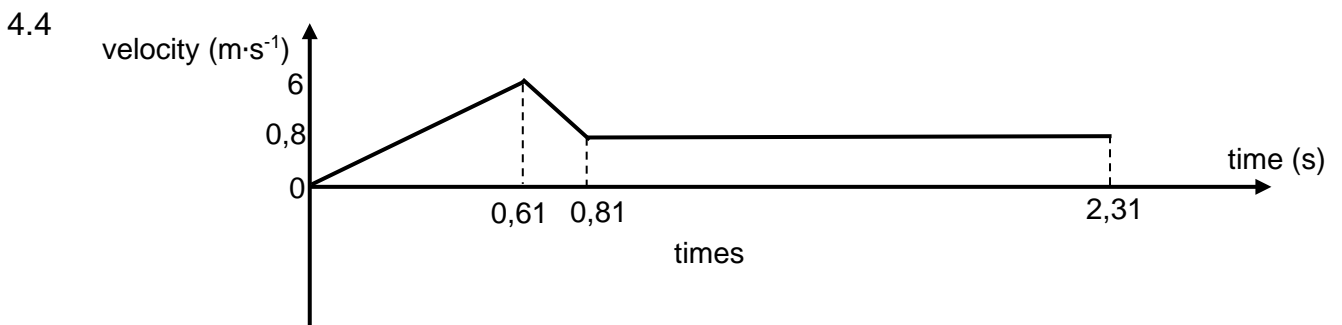
$$6 = 0 + (9,8)t$$

$$t = \mathbf{0,61 \text{ s}}$$

OR 
$$s = \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t$$

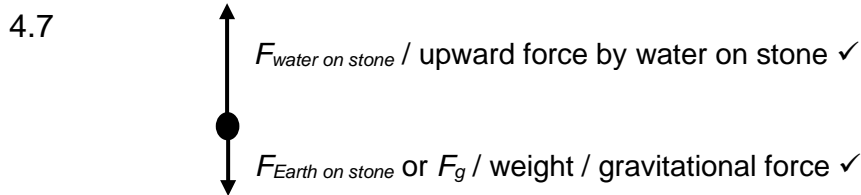
$$1,8 = \frac{1}{2}(0 + 6)t$$

$$t = \mathbf{0,61 \text{ s}}$$



4.5 Impulse is the product of the net force and the time for which it acts.

4.6  $F_{net} = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$   
 $F_{net} = \frac{(0,3)(0,8) - (0,3)(6)}{0,2}$   
 $F_{net} = -7,8$   
 $F_{net} = 7,8 \text{ N upwards}$



<p>Lose one of these marks if <math>F_{water}</math> not <math>&gt; F_g</math></p>
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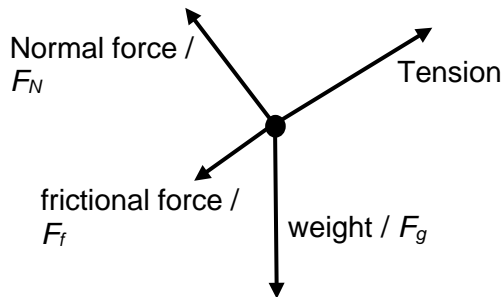
4.8  $F_{net} = F_{water} - mg$  OR  $\vec{F}_{water} + \vec{F}_g = \vec{F}_{net}$   
 $7,8 = F_{water} - (0,3)(-9,8)$   
 $F_{water} = 7,8 + 2,94$   
 $F_{water} = 10,74 \text{ N}$

4.9 The upward force by the water is equal in magnitude to the downward pull of the Earth and so the stone experiences no net force and no longer accelerates.

**QUESTION 5**

5.1 The force that opposes the motion of an object.

5.2



5.3  $F_N = F_{g(\text{perp})} = mg \cdot \cos \theta$   
 $= (2)(9,8) \cdot \cos 20^\circ$   
 $= \mathbf{18,42 \text{ N}}$

5.4  $F_f = \mu F_N$   
 $= (0,4)18,42$   
 $= \mathbf{7,37 \text{ N}}$

5.5  $F_T - (F_f + mg \cdot \sin 20^\circ) = ma$   
**OR**  $F_T + (-7,37) + (2)(-9,8) \cdot \sin 20^\circ = (2)a$   
**OR**  $-F_T + 7,37 + 2(-9,8) \cdot \sin 20^\circ = (2)(-a)$

5.6  $T + (-7,37) + 2(-9,8) \cdot \sin 20^\circ = (2)a$  for 2 kg block (up slope is +)

$-T + 3(9,8) = (3)a$  for 3 kg block (down is +)

$3(9,8) - (3)a + (-7,37) + 2(-9,8) \cdot \sin 20^\circ = 2a$   
 $29,4 - 3 - 7,37 - 6,70 = 2a$

$5a = 15,33$   
 $a = \mathbf{3,07 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}}$

$T = 3(3,98) - 3a$   
 $T = 3(3,98) - 3(3,07)$   
 $T = \mathbf{20,19 \text{ N}}$

5.7 The product of the displacement and the component of the force parallel to the displacement.

$$\begin{aligned} 5.8 \quad \Delta E_{th} &= F_f \cdot s \\ &= 7,37(0,3) \\ &= \mathbf{2,21 \text{ J}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5.9 \quad F_{net} \cdot s &= \Delta E_k \\ (20,19 - 6,70 - 7,37)(0,3) &= \Delta E_k \\ \Delta E_k &= \mathbf{1,84 \text{ J}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OR} \quad F_{net} \cdot s &= \Delta E_k \\ mas &= \Delta E_k \\ 2(3,07)(0,3) &= \Delta E_k \\ \Delta E_k &= \mathbf{1,84 \text{ J}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5.10 \quad mg \cdot \sin \theta + F_f &= F_{net} \\ 6,70 + 7,37 &= (2)a \quad (\text{down is positive}) \\ a &= \mathbf{7,04 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}} \quad \text{down the slope} \end{aligned}$$

**QUESTION 6**

6.1 6.1.1 Two point charges in free space or air exert forces on each other. The force is directly proportional to the product of the charges and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between the charges.

$$\begin{aligned}
 6.1.2 \quad F_g &= mg \\
 &= (2 \times 10^{-3})(9,8) \\
 &= \mathbf{0,0196 \text{ N}} \quad (19,6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 6.1.3 \quad F &= \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2} \\
 19,6 \times 10^{-3} &= \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(5 \times 10^{-9})(q)}{(3 \times 10^{-3})^2} \\
 q &= \mathbf{3,92 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}} \quad (3,92 \text{ nC})
 \end{aligned}$$

6.2 6.2.1 Force acting per unit mass.

$$\begin{aligned}
 6.2.2 \quad g &= G \frac{M}{r^2} \\
 g &= (6,7 \times 10^{-11}) \frac{6,4 \times 10^{23}}{(3,4 \times 10^6)^2} \\
 &= \mathbf{3,71 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}} \quad \text{or } \text{N} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 6.2.3 \quad F &= \frac{GM_1M_2}{r^2} \\
 &= \frac{(6,7 \times 10^{-11})(550)(6,4 \times 10^{23})}{(3,4 \times 10^6 + 31,6 \times 10^6)^2} \\
 &= \mathbf{19,25 \text{ N}}
 \end{aligned}$$

**QUESTION 7**

7.1 Current through a conductor is directly proportional to the potential difference across the conductor at constant temperature.

$$\begin{aligned} 7.2 \quad V &= IR \\ &= (0,6)(7) \\ &= \mathbf{4,2 \text{ V}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7.3 \quad \frac{1}{R_p} &= \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \\ \frac{1}{R_p} &= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{7} \\ \mathbf{R_p} &= \mathbf{2,10 \text{ } \bullet} \end{aligned}$$

7.4 The rate of flow of charge.

$$7.5 \quad I_{bulb} = \frac{V_{bulb}}{R_{bulb}} = \frac{4,2}{3} = 1,4 \text{ A}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{total} &= I_{bulb} + I_{10\Omega} \\ &= 1,4 + 0,6 \\ &= 2 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7.6 \quad P &= I^2 R \\ &= 2^2 \cdot 12 \\ &= \mathbf{48 \text{ W}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7.7 \quad emf &= I(R + r) \\ 30 &= 2(2,1 + 12 + r) \\ r &= \mathbf{0,9 \text{ } \bullet} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OR} \quad V_{12\Omega} &= (2)(12) = 24V \\ V_{load} &= 24 + 4,2 = 28,2V \\ V_{load} &= emf - Ir \\ 28,2 &= 30 - 2r \\ r &= \mathbf{0,9 \text{ } \bullet} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7.8 \quad W &= \frac{v^2 t}{R} = \frac{4,2^2}{3} (3 \times 60) = \mathbf{1058,4 \text{ J}} \\ W &= VIt = (4,2)(1,4) (3 \times 60) = \mathbf{1058,4 \text{ J}} \\ W &= I^2 Rt = (1,4)^2 (3) (3 \times 60) = \mathbf{1058,4 \text{ J}} \end{aligned}$$

7.9 Decrease

7.10 The total resistance decreases, so the current increases ( $V = IR$ ), so lost volts increase and so  $V_{term}$  decreases ( $V_{term} = emf - Ir$ ) *equation used in context*

**QUESTION 8**

8.1 Slip rings

8.2 The magnetic flux changes as the coil is rotated which induces an *emf* which causes a current.

8.3 Y to X

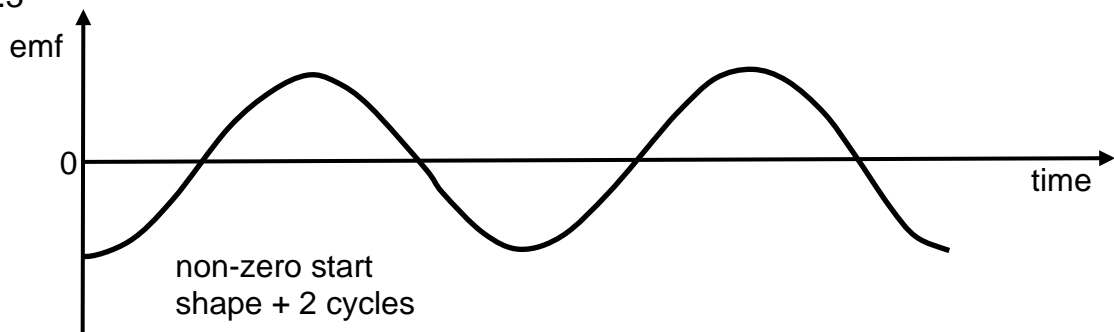
8.4 8.4.1 horizontal position

8.4.2 When the angle between the magnetic flux density and the normal to the loop of the area of the coil is  $90^\circ$ , then  $\Phi = 0$ .

OR

The flux through the coil is 0.

8.4.3

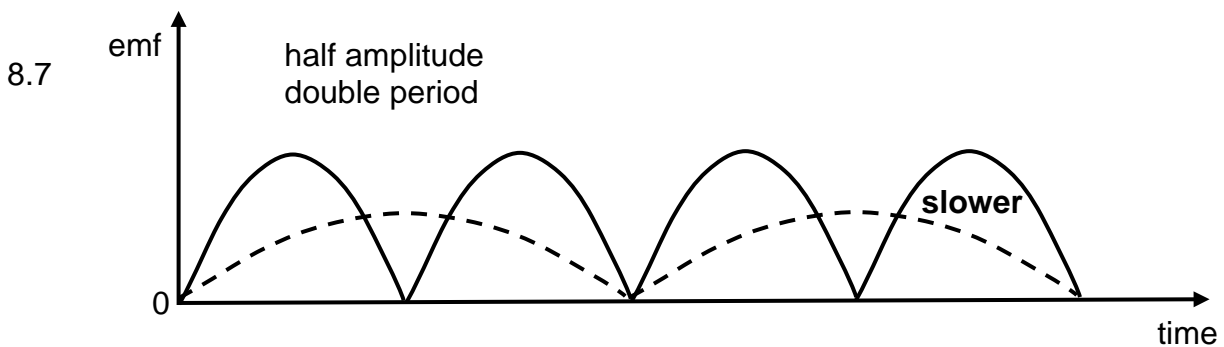


8.5 
$$\frac{N_S}{N_P} = \frac{V_S}{V_P}$$
  

$$\frac{N_S}{20} = \frac{240}{8}$$
  

$$N_S = \mathbf{600 \text{ turns}}$$

8.6 An alternating current produces a changing magnetic flux, while a direct current does not.

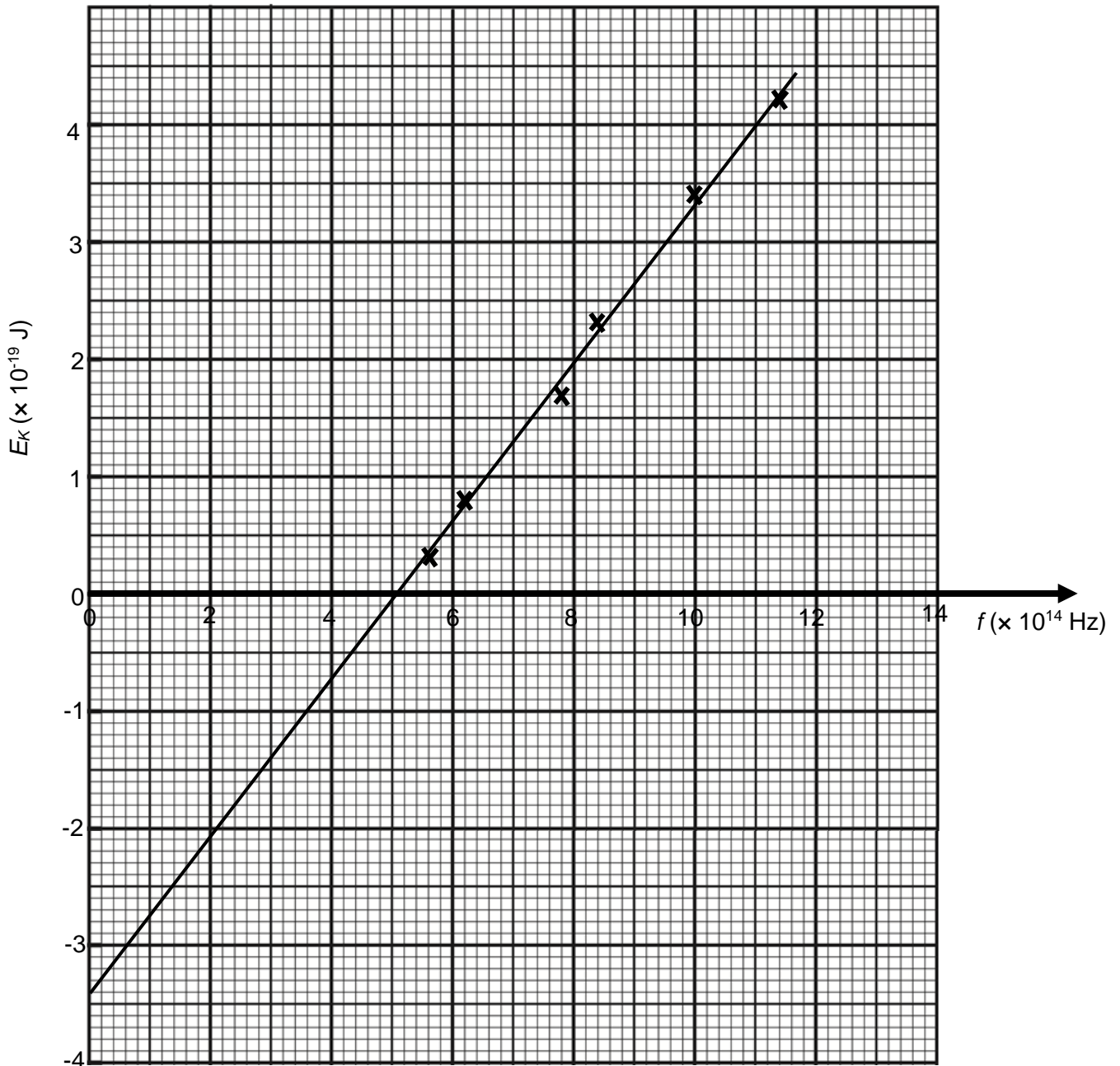


8.8 change slip rings for a split-ring commutator  
 OR connect a bridge rectifier

**QUESTION 9**

- 9.1 Heading  
 y-axis title and unit  
 y-axis scale (plotted points  $> \frac{1}{2}$  graph paper)  
 plotted points  
 line of best fit

**Graph showing the frequency of incident light vs the kinetic energy of the ejected electrons.**



- 9.2 Minimum frequency of incident radiation at which electrons will be emitted from a particular metal.
- 9.3  $5,1 \times 10^{14}$  Hz (accept  $5,0 \times 10^{14}$  to  $5,2 \times 10^{14}$ )

9.4  $\text{gradient} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$

$$\text{gradient} = \frac{\text{values from y-axis}}{\text{values from x-axis}}$$

(values must be from LOBF on graph – not data points)

**gradient =  $6,6 \times 10^{-34}$  J·s (accept  $6,4 \times 10^{-34}$  to  $6,8 \times 10^{-34}$ )**

9.5  $E_k = hf - W_o$

$h$  = gradient

$h$  = as above

9.6 work function

**Total: 200 marks**