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2022 Canadian Association of Physicists Highschool/Cegep Prize Exam

This is a three-hour exam. National ranking and prizes will be based on students' performance on sections A and B of the exam. Performance on questions in section A will be used to determine whose written work in section B will be marked for prize consideration by the CAP Exam National Committee. Section A consists of 25 multiple-choice questions. The questions in section B span a range of difficulty, and may require graphing and/or measurement on the graph. Be careful to gather as many of the easier marks as possible before venturing into more difficult territory. When you are unable to solve any part of a question, you may assume a likely answer to that part and attempt the rest of the question anyway.

Non-programmable calculators may be used. Answer the multiple-choice questions *on the answer sheet* provided. Most importantly: write your solutions to the three long problems on *three separate sheets* as they will be marked by people in different parts of Canada. Good luck.

Notice: Full marks will be given to students who provide full correct solutions to problems in Section B. Partial marks will be given for partial solutions. There are no penalties for incorrect answers. The questions are not of equal difficulty. Remember that we are challenging the best physics students in Canada; it is possible that even

This Exam is meant to be challenging!

Data

Speed of light $c = 3.00 \times 10^8$ m/s
Speed of sound in air = 343 m/s
Gravitational constant $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$ N·m²/kg²
Acceleration due to gravity $g = 9.81$ m/s²
Standard atmospheric pressure $P_0 = 1.01 \times 10^5$ Pa
Density of fresh water $\rho = 1.00 \times 10^3$ kg/m³
Density of ice $\rho_i = 916$ kg/m³
Specific heat of water $C_w = 4186$ J/(kg·K)
Specific heat of ice $C_i = 2050$ J/(kg·K)
Latent heat of water $L_w = 2260$ kJ/kg
Latent heat of ice $L_i = 334$ kJ/kg
Fundamental charge $e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19}$ C
Mass of an electron $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31}$ kg
Mass of a proton $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}$ kg
Planck's constant $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34}$ J·s

1 eV $\approx 1.602 \times 10^{-19}$ J
Electrostatic constant $k = 1/4\pi\epsilon_0 = 8.99 \times 10^9$ N·m²/C²
Permittivity of free space $\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12}$ C²/N·m²
Boltzmann's constant $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$ J/K
Stefan-Boltzmann constant $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8}$ W/m²·K⁴
Astronomical Unit (approximate distance from the Sun to the Earth) 1 AU = 1.49598×10^{11} m
Radius of the Earth $R_E = 6.371 \times 10^6$ m
Radius of the Sun $R_S = 6.96 \times 10^8$ m
Mass of the Earth 5.97×10^{24} kg
Mass of the Sun 1.99×10^{30} kg
H₂ Molar mass 2.016 g/mol
O₂ Molar mass 31.998 g/mol
N₂ Molar mass 28.013 g/mol

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