

GOVERNMENT BILINGUAL HIGH SCHOOL, YAOUNDE

2020/2021 Acacdemic year

Evaluation N ^o	Subject	Class	Duration
5	PHYSICS	LSS	1 hr 30 mins

Instructions : Answer ALL questions in your answer sheets.

- a) Consider the acceleration of free fall on the moon's surface to be 1.6 ms⁻². Determine the length of a simple pendulum which will have a period of 1.0 s on the moon's surface.
 - b) A particle executing SHM has 5 times the energy of another particle but their masses and frequencies
 - are equal. Calculate the ratio of the amplitudes for the two motions. (5 Marks)
- 2. The power obtainable from a wind turbine may be given by $P = K L^2 \ell v^3$, where L = length of the blades,
 - ℓ = Air density and v = wind speed. The equation is homogeneous.
 - a) What is a homogeneous equation?
 - b) Determine the base units of the constant K.

c) State two shortcomings of using homogeneity to check the correctness of a physical equation. (6 marks

3. a) State Newton's law of universal gravitation . Give the meaning of any symbol used.

b) Define gravitational field strength, giving two alternative units in which it can be measured.

c) A satellite orbits about the earth in a circular orbit of radius r with a period, T, of one day. Show that

 $r^3 = \frac{r_E^2 T^2 g_0}{4\pi^2}$

where g_o is the acceleration of free fall at the Earth's surface and $r_E = 6.4 \times 10^6$ m is the radius of the

Earth. Hence calculate how high the satellite is above the Earth's surface .(8 marks)

4. a) State the conditions necessary for a body to in equilibrium in a plane.

b) The figure below shows a uniform bar of length *I*, in equilibrium. Determine the weight of the bar. (5 marks)

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5. A motorist moving at a uniform velocity of 45 m/s on approaching a traffic light notices that the lights turned from green to red when he is a distance 90 m away from the lights and immediately applies the brakes . Given that the driver has a reaction time of 0.5 s, find the minimum retardation that would bring the motorist to rest at the traffic lights. (5 marks)

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