

AQA A Level Physics

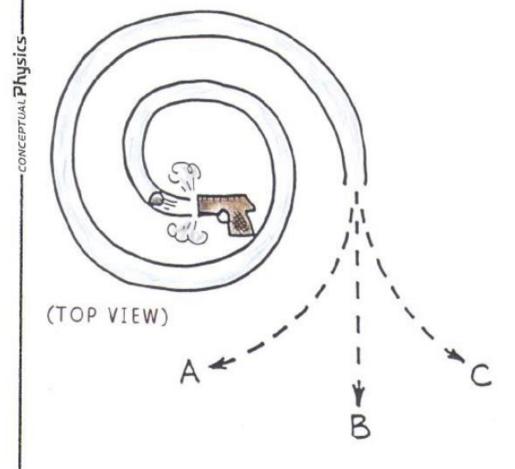
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# Physics Quiz! - 10 Questions...







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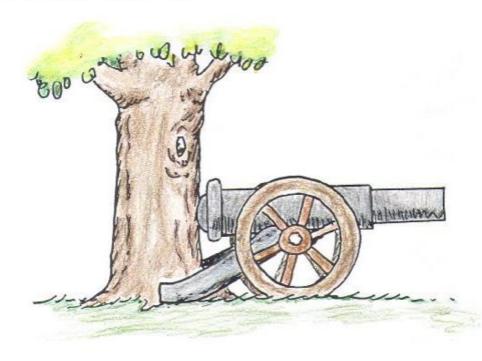






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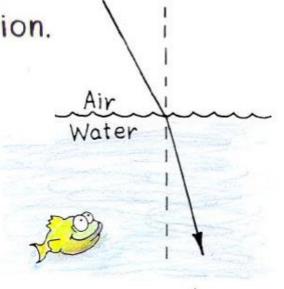
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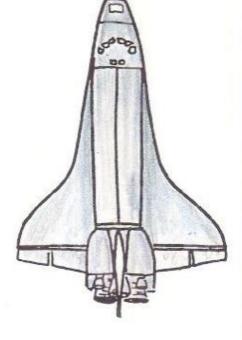
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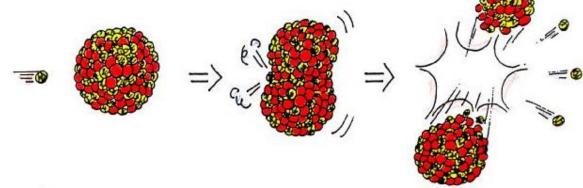
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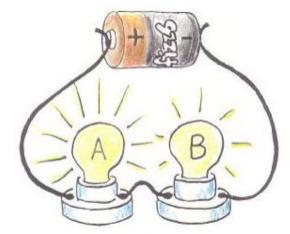
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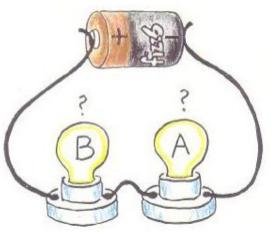
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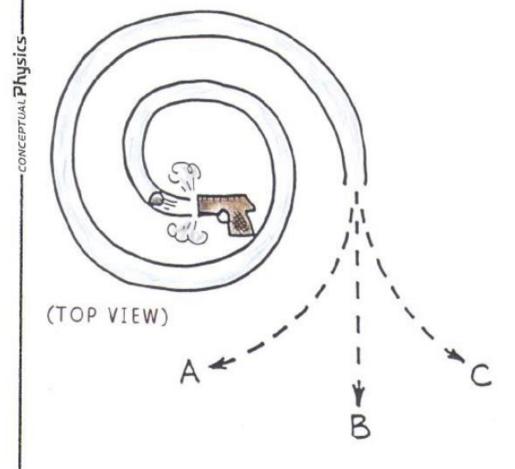
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Answer: B

While in the tube the pellet is forced to curve, but when it gets outside, no force is exerted on the pellet and (law of inertia) it follows a straight-line path...B!







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### Answer: c

Arnold can pull no harder on the rope than Suzie. Rope tension is the same all along the rope, including the ends. Just as a wheel on ice can exert no more force on the ice than the ice exerts on the wheel, and just as one cannot punch an empty paper bag with any

more force than the bag can exert on the puncher. Arnold can exert no more force on his end of the rope than Suzie exerts on her end.

Arnold can push harder on the ground than Suzie can, so even though the pulls on the rope are the same. Arnold will likely win the tug of war!







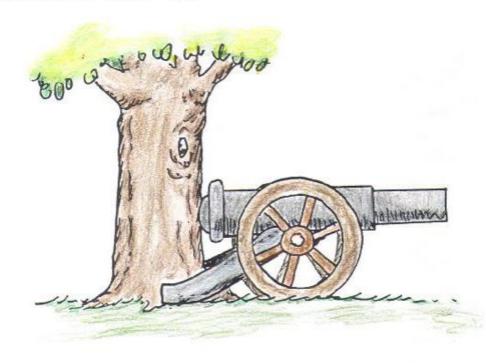
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Its range is increased. To understand why, think energy conservation. Most of the potential energy of the gunpowder is converted into kinetic energy when the gunpowder fires. That's both kinetic energy of the cannonball and kinetic energy of the recoiling cannon. Because the tree reduces recoil, the cannonball gets a greater share of kinetic energy—hence its increased range.



Think of this another way. Suppose the velocity of recoil was quite great. Then the cannon would have greater kinetic energy. What does this say about the cannonball's kinetic energy?

Going further, can you see that a very massive cannon has less recoil, resulting in a greater range for the cannonball?











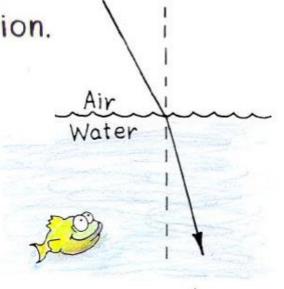
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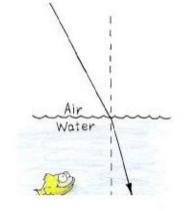




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Answer: c. frequency of light

The average speed of light in water is less than in air. Index of refraction is a quantity that changes when wave speed changes (higher index for lower speed). So we see the index of refraction is greater for water than for air.

The wave just outside the surface "drives" the wave just inside the surface, so their rates of vibration match. Hence, what doesn't change is frequency. Same frequency and reduced speed means a shorter wavelength in water—as seen by the "compressed" wavefronts in the sketch.



The key to refraction is changes in wave speed.





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Answer: a, nearly as much The gravitational force on the shuttle, whether at rest or in orbit, depends on only 3 things: its mass, the mass of Earth, and its distance from Earth's center. The only variable is distance. On the launching pad the shuttle is about 6370 km from Earth's center. When in orbit it is about 6370 + 200 km from Earth's center. In accord with  $F = GmM/R^2$ , the 200-km difference in distance means a 0.06 fractional difference in force. Discounting the changes in the fuel, the gravitational force on the shuttle in orbit is 94% as much as when on Earth's surface—nearly the same.

This force isn't sensed by astronauts because they're in continual free fall. But it's there!



If it weren't, the craft would fly away from Earth in a straight-line path.



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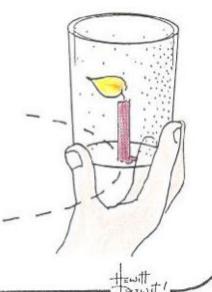
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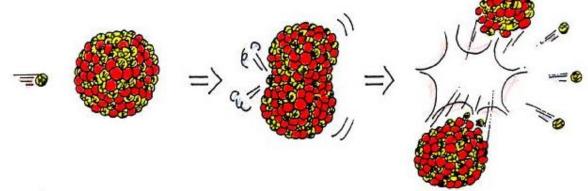
Answer: inward

The candle flame points inward, toward the center of the circular motion. This is because the air in the glass is more dense than the flame and "sloshes" to the farther part of the glass. The greater air pressure at the farther part of the inner glass then buoys the flame to the region of lesser pressure—inward.



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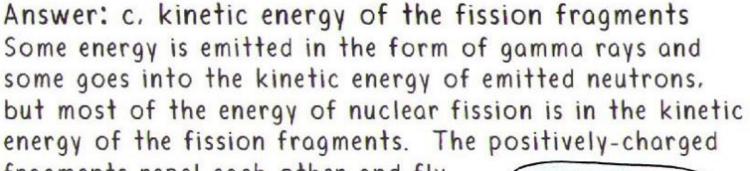




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fragments repel each other and fly apart at high speed. Soon their energy is shared among many atoms as internal energy. It then spreads as heat.

In what form is energy released in nuclear fusion?



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Answer: right away

Pour the cream in right away. In so doing, you
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is black, it is a better radiator and will cool
faster than when it is lighter in color. Perhaps
you can think of some other reasons for pouring
the cream right away.





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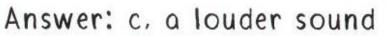




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Rosin on the bow ensures enough friction between the string and bow to tug the string sideways, where it snaps back to produce the vibration needed for sound. A faster-moving bow tugs the string farther, increasing the amplitude. This produces a louder sound.

The pitch remains the same, having only to do with the tension in the string and its length. Same pitch means (same wave velocity in the strings.



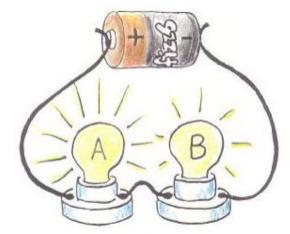




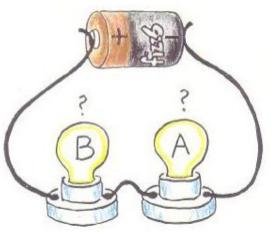




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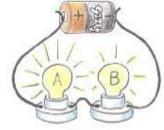


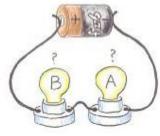


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### Answer: a

The bulbs are connected in series, so the same current passes through both of them. Different brightnesses indicate different filament resistances. Bulb A is NOT brighter because it is "first in line" for current from the battery! After all, electrons deliver the energy, and they flow from negative to positive—in the opposite direction!



In which bulb is the filament resistance higher?

Which bulb would be brighter if they were connected in parallel?











Finding Connections - the ability to use **connections** from the **previous learning** 

Big Picture Thinking - the ability to work with big ideas and generalised concepts



Hard Working:

Practice - working to a deadline to gain your best marks for coursework or homework. Respond to feedback - become better through advice and repetition.



Practice, practice... and plenty of it!

High Performance Learning - Focus for This Lesson



# Welcome to A Level Physics at CCS!



Mr D. Robson Physics Teacher Head of Physics



Mr J. Krishna Physics Teacher Head of KS3



# A Level Physics - Topics

### Core content

- •1 Measurements and their errors
- •2 Particles and radiation
- 3 Waves
- 4 Mechanics and materials
- •5 Electricity
- •6 Further mechanics and thermal physics
- 7 Fields and their consequences
- •8 Nuclear physics

### **Options**

- 9 Astrophysics
- •10 Medical physics
- •11 Engineering physics
- •12 Turning points in physics
- •13 Electronics





# A Level Physics - 12 Assessed Core Practicals

Re	Required activity						
1	Investigation into the variation of the frequency of stationary waves on a string with length, tension and mass per unit length of the string.						
2	Investigation of interference effects to include the Young's slit experiment and interference by a diffraction grating.						
3	Determination of □ by a free-fall method						
4	Determination of the Young modulus by a simple method.						
5	Determination of resistivity of a wire using a micrometer, ammeter and voltmeter.						
6	Investigation of the emf and internal resistance of electric cells and batteries by measuring the variation of the terminal pd of the cell with current in it.						
7	Investigation into simple harmonic motion using a mass-spring system and a simple pendulum.						
8	Investigation of Boyle's (constant temperature) law and Charles's (constant pressure) law for a gas.						

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- 9 Investigation of the charge and discharge of capacitors. Analysis techniques should include log-linear plotting leading to a determination of the time constant □□.
- 10 Investigate how the force on a wire varies with flux density, current and length of wire using a top pan balance.
- 11 Investigate, using a search coil and oscilloscope, the effect on magnetic flux linkage of varying the angle between a search coil and magnetic field direction.
- 12 Investigation of the inverse-square law for gamma radiation.





# A Level Physics - Assessment

### Assessments

### Paper 1

### What's assessed

Sections 1-5 and 6.1 (Periodic motion)

### Assessed

- written exam: 2 hours
- 85 marks
- 34% of A-level

### Questions

60 marks of short and long answer questions and 25 multiple choice questions on content.

### Paper 2

### What's assessed

Sections 6.2 (Thermal Physics), 7 and 8

Assumed knowledge from sections 1 to 6.1

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### Paper 3

### What's assessed

Section A: Compulsory section: Practical skills and data analysis

Section B: Students enter for one of sections 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13

### Assessed

- written exam: 2 hours
- 80 marks
- 32% of A-level

### Questions

45 marks of short and long answer questions on practical experiments and data analysis.

35 marks of short and long answer questions on optional topic.



Full Information is on line, of course.
Search the AQA A-level physics website...



# AS AND A-LEVEL PHYSICS

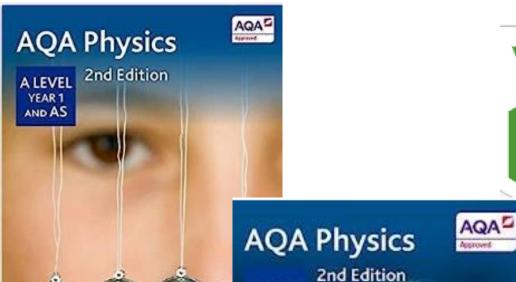
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### Specifications

For teaching from September 2015 onwards For AS exams in May/June 2016 onwards For A-level exams in May/June 2017 onwards



# Resources



A LEVEL YEAR 2









# Summer Task

## Requirement - All students - Learning how to learn

You will all be required to complete the following course:



Learning how to learn - OpenLearn - Open University

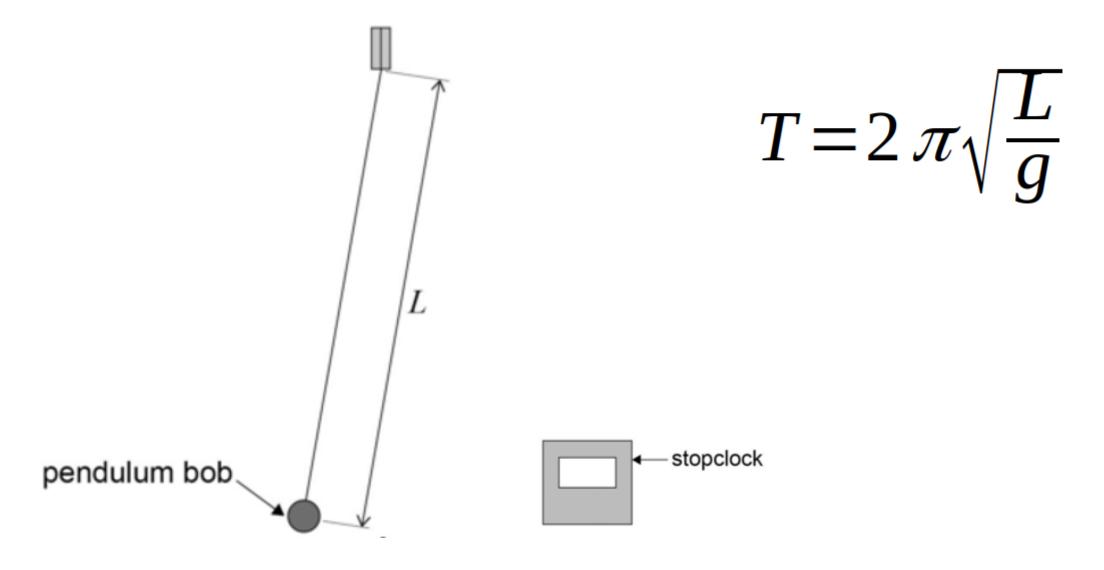


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# A brief experiment to estimate g, the strength of the Earth's gravitational field









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# Thank you for participating.

Any questions?



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