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### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- ❖ Write your name and index number in the spaces provided above
  - ❖ Sign and write the date of the examination in the spaces provided
  - ❖ This paper consists of two sections, A and B.
  - ❖ Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided
  - ❖ All working must be clearly shown
  - ❖ Non programmable silent electronic calculators and KNEC Mathematical tables **may** be used except where stated otherwise.
- Take acceleration due to gravity  $g\ 10\text{ms}^{-2}$

### For Examiners Use Only

Section	Question	Maximum Score	Candidates' Score
A	1 – 14	25	
B	15	10	
	16	11	
	17	09	
	18	13	
	19	12	
	Total Score	80	

### SECTION A (25 MARKS)

Figure one below shows part of a micrometer screw gauge. use the information and the figure to answer question one and two

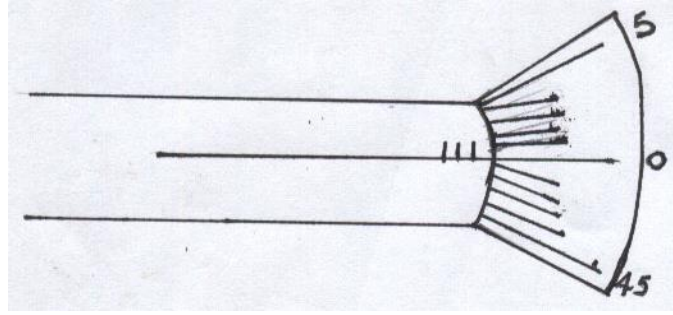


Figure 1

1. **State** the pitch of the micrometer screw gauge (1mark)

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2. **What** are the two limitation of the micromere screw gauge? (1mark)

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3. Figure 2 shows two identical springs arranged in parallel supporting a force **F**

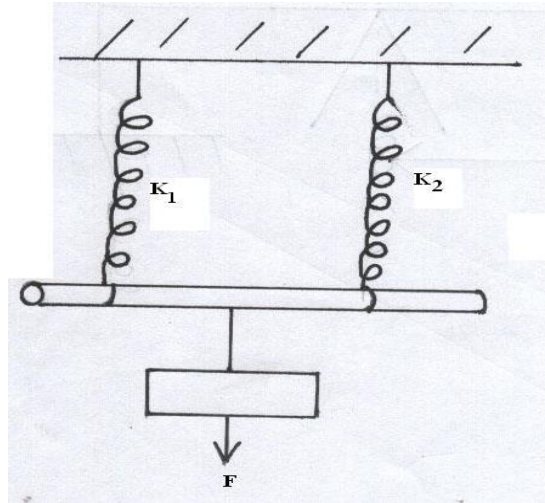


Figure 2

The spring constants for the parallel arrangement is  $K_p$  while  $K_1$  for each spring  
 Show that  $K_p=2K$  (3marks)

4. Two table tennis balls are suspended from a support by thin springs and air blown between them as shown in the figure below.

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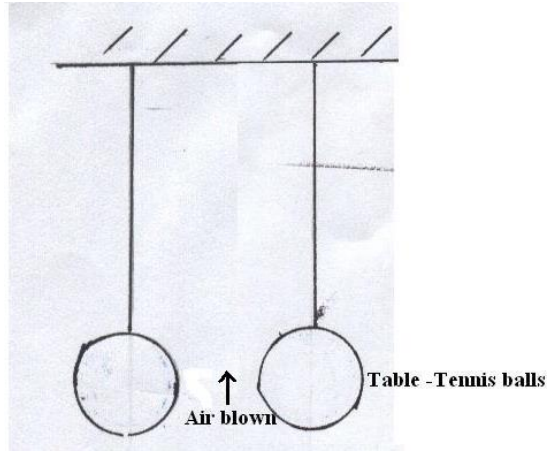


Figure 3

(i) **State** the observation (1mark)

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(ii) **Explain** the observation (2marks)

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5. A Uniform rod of length 4m and mass of 4kg is pivoted at 3.6m mark. The rod is held horizontal with a vertical rope at the 4m marks as shown in the figure 4 below. **Calculate** the tension in the rope. (3marks)

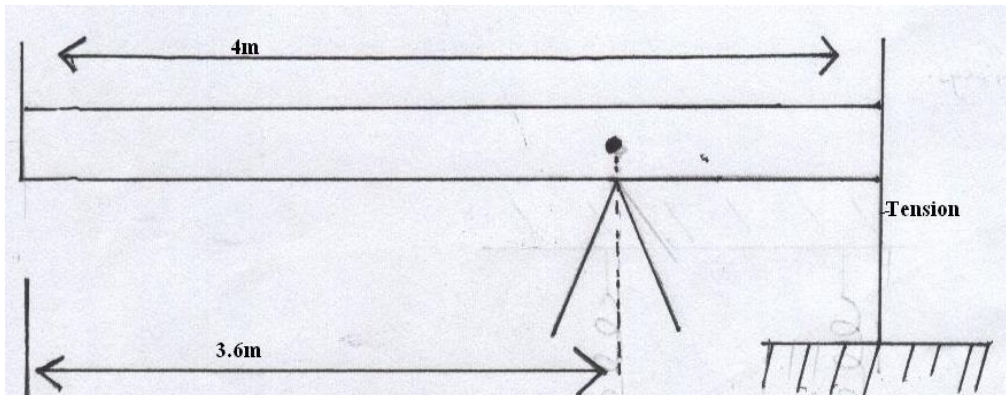


Figure 4

6. **Sketch** a velocity –time graph for a body thrown vertical upwards to a maximum height.  
(2marks)

7. A tight rope walker carries a pole to maintain stability. **Explain** how he used it to achieve it.  
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8. A small nail may pierce an inflated car tyre and remain there without pressure reduction in the tyre. **Explain** this observation (2marks)

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9. **Give** a reason why heat transfer by radiation is faster than heat transfer by conduction (1mark)

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10. **Name two** forces that determine the shape of a liquid drop on solid surface. (2marks)

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11. Equal masses of water and paraffin are heated for same length of time. The final temperature of paraffin was found to be greater than the final temperature of water. **Explain** the observation. (2marks)

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12. **State** Archimedes principle (1mark)

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13. A solid copper sphere will sink in water while a hollow copper sphere of the same size may float. **Explain** this observation. (2marks)

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14. **Explain** why pressure is more important than force when considering the damage which stiletto heels might cause to floor (2marks)

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**SECTION B (55MARKS)**

15. A balloon seller has a cylinder of helium gas which he uses to blow up his balloons .The volume of the cylinder is  $0.10\text{m}^3$  .It contains helium gas at a pressure of  $1.0 \times 10^7 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$  The balloon seller fills each balloon to a volume of  $1.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^3$  and a pressure of  $2.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$

a) **Explain** in terms of particles how the helium in the cylinder produces a pressure (1mark)

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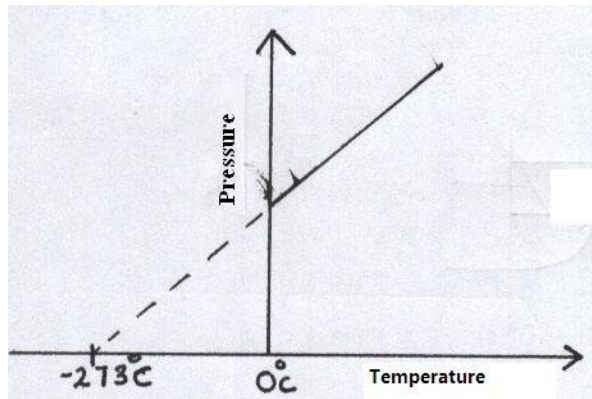
- b) **Calculate** the total volume that the helium gas occupy at a pressure of  $1.2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$ . Assume the temperature of the helium does not change. (3marks)

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- c) **Calculate** the number of balloons of volume  $1.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}^3$  that the balloon seller can fill using the gas. (2marks)

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- d) The graph below in figures shows how the pressure of a gas trapped inside a sealed container changes with temperature. The pressure is caused by the gas particles continually hitting the sides of the container



**Figure 5**

- (i) **Write down** the name of the temperature at which the gas particles stop hitting the sides of the container (1mark)

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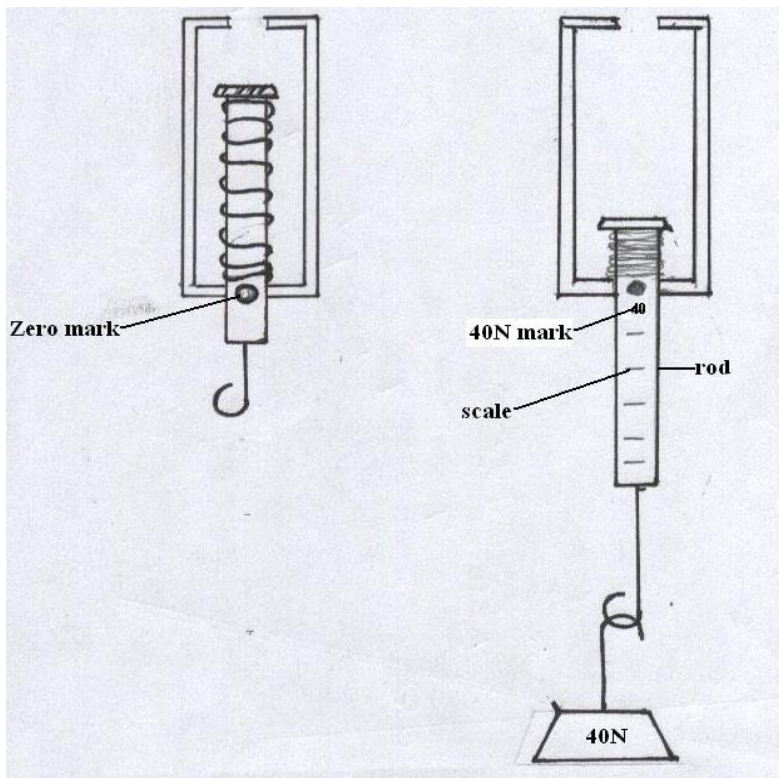
- (ii) **What** is the momentum of the gas particles at this temperature? Give reason for the answer. (2marks)

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(iii) **Give** the value of the temperature in Kelvin. (1mark)

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16. Jerry makes a spring balance (Newton-meter) for weighing fish. She uses a stiff spring and a part of a bicycle pump. She puts a scale in Newton's on the rod.



**Figure 6**

(i) **State** what happens to the spring when the 40N weight is put on the hook (1mark)

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(ii) **Suggest** why the spring balance would not be suitable for weighing up to 80N

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(b) Jerry loads the spring balance each time. She adds another 5Newtons to the weight, she makes another scale mark on the rod. The graph shown in the figure 7 shows how adding weight increases the length of the scale

## Drawn Graph paper



(i) How can you tell from the graph that the gaps between the marks on the scale are equal? (1mark)

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(ii) Using the graph **find** how far long the scale the 30N mark is (2marks)

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(iii) State the relationship between the weight and the length of the scale (1mark)

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(c) (i) From the graph **determine** the spring constant in N/cm (1mark)

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(ii) Express the value of the spring constant in SI units (1mark)

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(d) Jerry catches a real big fish. It is too heavy for the balance. Her friend Tom also has a balance. They weigh the fish using both balances as shown in figure 7

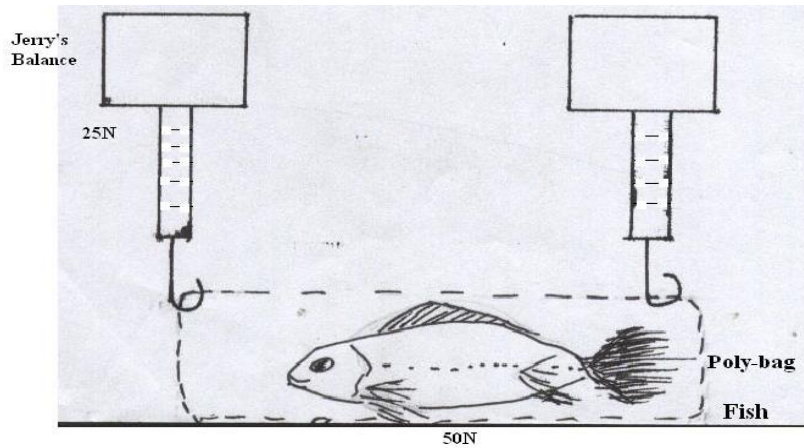


Figure 7

(i) **State** the reading of the Tom's balance (1mark)

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(ii) **Explain** the answer in d (i) above (1mark)

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17. (a) (i) **Why** must a liquid and not a gas be used as the ‘fluid’ in a hydraulic machine. (1mark)

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(ii) **State** the other important property of a liquid to hydraulic machine depends on (1mark)

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(b) The diagram below shows the principle of the hydraulic car jack

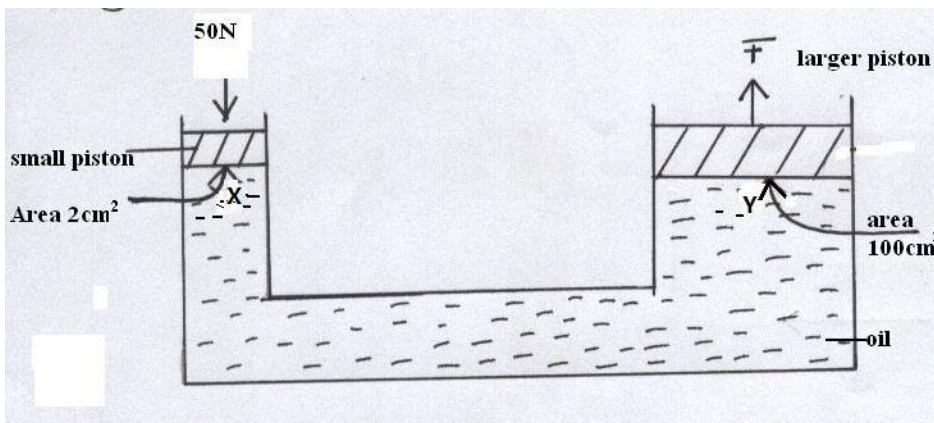


Figure 8

(i) If a force of 50N is applied to the smaller piston ;**calculate** the pressure produced in the oil at X (2marks)

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(ii) **Determine** the pressure exerted by oil at Y (1mark)

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- (iii) If the small piston moves down a distance of 5cm, **determine** how far upwards the larger piston moves. (2marks)

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- (iv) Using the information in the figures determine the velocity ratio  $v_2$  of the hydraulic jack

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18. Ian has a mass of 70kgs.he dives from a high board .his vertical velocity at different times is shown in the graph in figure 9

# Drawn graph paper

a) From the graph **calculate**

(i) The time he took to reach the water.

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(ii) The height of the diving board (3marks)

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(iii) Ian's deceleration in the water.  
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(iv) The retarding force on Ian in the water (3marks)

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(v) The depth in the water that Ian reached (3marks)

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19. (a) **Define** angular velocity and state its SI unit (2marks)

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(b) What provides for the centripetal force the following cases of circular motion?

(i) The moon moving around the earth (1mark)

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(ii) A cyclist negotiating a curve (1mark)

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(c) A fun fair ride of diameter 12m makes 0.5 revolutions per second .determine

(i) Its angular velocity (2marks)

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(ii) The linear speed of a child ride in it (3marks)

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(iii) The centripetal acceleration experienced by the child if his mass was 40kg(3marks)

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