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Time 9.30 am – 11.30 am

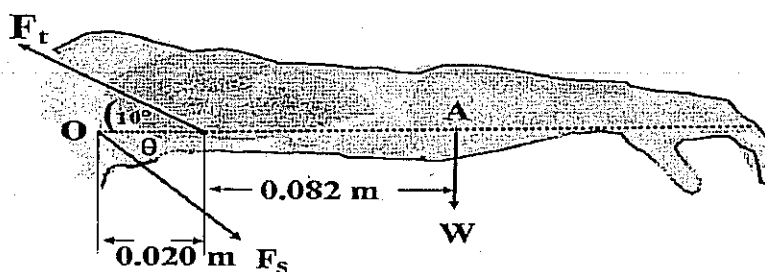
Answer Four (4) questions only

Use the following values when necessary,  
Plank's constant =  $6.63 \times 10^{-34}$  J S, charge of an electron =  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  C, mass of the electron =  $9.1 \times 10^{-31}$  kg,  $1\text{eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  J and  $1\text{J} = 1 \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$ . Universal gas constant =  $R = 8.3 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$

1.(a) What is "BMR" ?

(b) What are the factors that influence BMR ?

(c) List the types of levers and write an example of each which you can find in the human body.



(d) The arm in the figure weighs 45 N. The weight of the arm acts through point A. Determine the magnitudes of the tension force  $F_t$  in the deltoid muscle and the force  $F_s$  of the shoulder on the humerus to hold the arm in the position shown.

2. (a) Describe *Myopia* (shortsightedness) and *Hypermetropia* (longsightedness). How are they corrected?

(b). A long sighted eye has a "far point" at infinity and a "near point" which is 35 cm from the eye. State the type of lens needed to correct this defect and calculate the power of the correcting lens.

(c). (i). Write down the expression for intensity level of a sound at a given point.

(ii). What is the decibel (dB) value of a sound with the intensity  $10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2}$  ?

(iii). Intensity value of part (ii) is observed with the distance 10 m from the source. Find the distance to the point with intensity level 60 dB from the source?.



3.(a) There are different kinds of interactions that keep atoms together when forming a molecule. List three types of interactions and compare two types of them giving an example for each case.

(b) What is meant by bond energy?

(c) When water molecules are placed with non-polar molecules (such as hydrocarbons), would the water molecules experience any hydrogen bonding with the non polar molecules with each other? Why? Give your answer briefly.

(d) Why ionic solutes such as sodium chloride (NaCl) generally dissolve in polar solvents but not in non-polar solvents ?. Give brief explanation.

4. (a) State briefly 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> laws of thermodynamics with their differential forms.

(b) Explain following terms and draw the  $P$ - $V$  graphs for each

(i) An isothermal expansion

(ii) An adiabatic expansion

(iii) An isobaric compression

(c) One mole of an ideal monatomic gas, initially at a volume of  $0.05 \text{ m}^3$  and a pressure of  $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ , is taken through a reversible cycle that consists of three processes:

$a \rightarrow b$ : An isobaric compression that decreases the volume from  $0.05 \text{ m}^3$  to  $0.01 \text{ m}^3$

$b \rightarrow c$ : An isochoric process where the pressure goes from  $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$  to  $5.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$

$c \rightarrow a$ : An isothermal expansion that returns the system to its original state.

(i). Show the cycle on a  $P$ - $V$  graph, labeling all three processes. Be sure to label the axes with appropriate scales, units, etc.

(ii). Find the net work done by the gas per cycle?

(iii). Find the heat added to the gas per cycle?

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5. (a). What is Sedimentation ? Name one of the well known experiments done in the lab which tests the rate of sedimentation of *erythrocytes* in blood.

(b). A blood cell having a density  $\rho_B$  and a radius  $r$  falls with a terminal velocity,  $V_t$  through a liquid of viscosity  $\eta$  and the density  $\rho_L$ . Derive an expression for the terminal velocity  $V_t$  with the help of a Stokes formula for the drag of a blood cell in a liquid.

(c). (i). Calculate the terminal settling velocity  $V_t$  of a 70 micrometer diameter sphere of density  $2600 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$  in water ( Density of water:  $1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$  and the viscosity:  $1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Nsm}^{-2}$ .)

(ii). What is the new terminal velocity for a sphere of twice this diameter?

6. (a) An electron is accelerated through a potential difference of 64 volts. What is the *De Broglie* wavelength associated with It.? To which part of the electromagnetic spectrum does this value of wavelength corresponds?

(b) Draw a cubic unit cell indicating the locations of (011) (111) and (010). Label the axes.

(c) X-rays of wavelength 0.0153 nm are scattered from the (211) plane of a sample of protein, which has a simple cubic structure. Adjacent diffraction peaks are observed at scattering angles of  $28^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ . Calculate the lattice constant of the protein.

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