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**TITLE OF PAPER:** PHYSICS FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

**COURSE NUMBER:** HSC107

**TIME ALLOWED:** THREE HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** ANSWER ANY FOUR OUT OF FIVE QUESTIONS

EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS

MARKS FOR EACH SECTION ARE IN THE RIGHT HAND MARGIN

GIVE CLEAR EXPLANATIONS AND USE CLEAR

DIAGRAMS IN YOUR SOLUTIONS. MARKS WILL BE

LOST WHERE IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE

EQUATIONS USED WERE OBTAINED

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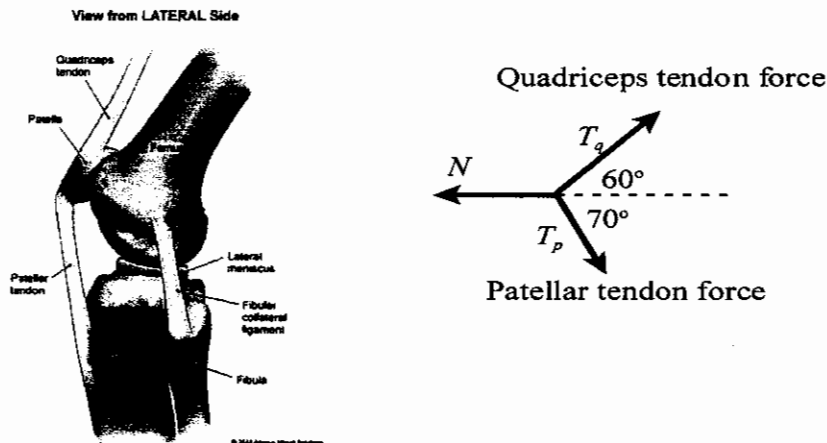
### QUESTION 1

- (a) Given two vectors  $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{B} = -5\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ , find the angle between the two vectors.
- (i) Find the magnitude of each vector. **(2 marks)**
  - (ii) Find the dot product of the two vectors. **(3 marks)**
  - (iii) Find the angle between the two vectors. **(2 marks)**
- (b) A body starts at the origin with a velocity of 3 m/s and accelerates at  $2 \text{ m/s}^2$  for 6 s, and then moves at constant velocity for 3 s after which it accelerates at  $-3 \text{ m/s}^2$  for 4 s. Sketch
- (i) the acceleration-time, **(5 marks)**
  - (ii) the velocity-time, and **(6 marks)**
  - (iii) the displacement-time graphs for this motion. **(7 marks)**

**QUESTION 2**

(a) When you bend your knee, the quadriceps muscle is stretched. This increases the tension in the quadriceps tendon attached to your kneecap (patella), which, in turn, increases the tension in the patellar tendon that attaches your kneecap to your lower leg bone (tibia). Simultaneously, the end of your upper leg bone (femur) pushes outward on the patella. Figure 1 shows how these parts of a knee joint are arranged. The tension in the quadriceps tendon is  $T_q = 60 \text{ N}$ . Assume that the force  $N$  is horizontal. Neglect gravity and the tension in the fibular collateral ligament. The tendons are oriented as in the figure on the right?

- (i) Find the force  $N$  exerted on the patella. **(8 marks)**
- (ii) What size force  $T_p$  is applied to by the patellar tendon? **(3 marks)**



**Figure 1.**

(b) A person has a heart that functions as follows:

End-diastolic volume (EDV) = 120 ml, at 120 mmHg;  
 End-systolic volume (ESD) = 50 ml, at 70 mm Hg;  
 Heart rate = 75 beats per minute; and  
 Velocity of the blood = 30 cm/s. The density of blood is  $1060 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

Find

- (i) the mean artery pressure, **(2 marks)**
- (ii) the amount of blood pumped by the heart per pulse, **(2 marks)**
- (iii) the work done by the heart to pump the blood per pulse, **(4 marks)**
- (iv) the amount of work converted to kinetic energy per pulse, **(2 marks)**
- (v) The amount of work converted to potential energy per pulse, and **(2 marks)**
- (vi) the power of the heart. **(2 marks)**

### QUESTION 3

- (a) Sketch and describe a stress-strain diagram for a material with a hysteresis loop like some rubber materials and state where such can be used, and give an example of its application in everyday life. **(8 marks)**
- (b) A box shaped platform with an area of  $2 \text{ m} \times 3 \text{ m}$  and a height of  $0.5 \text{ m}$  is to be used as a floatation device to support a patient of mass  $60 \text{ kg}$  to cross a river. Before the patient is loaded the platform floats to a depth of  $10 \text{ cm}$ , i.e. from the waterline to the top of the box is  $40 \text{ cm}$ .
- (i) State Archimedes Principle. **(3 marks)**
- (ii) Determine the new depth of the platform below the waterline after the patient is loaded? **(7 marks)**
- (c) A syringe has an inner diameter of  $5.6 \text{ mm}$  and a needle inner diameter of  $0.26 \text{ mm}$ . A nurse uses the syringe to inject medicine into a patient whose blood pressure is  $140/100$ . What is the minimum force the nurse needs to apply to the syringe? **(7 marks)**

### QUESTION 4

- (a) The temperature of the normal human body temperature is  $37 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , what is this temperature in the Fahrenheit and Kelvin scales? **(4 marks)**
- (b) A  $50 \text{ kg}$  student has a fever at  $39.2 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The specific heat capacity of the human body is  $3470 \text{ J/kg} \cdot \text{K}$  and the latent heat of vapourisation for water around these temperatures is  $2.42 \times 10^6 \text{ J/kg}$ . How much water must he sweat to cool off his body to a temperature of  $37 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Give the mass in  $\text{kg}$  and the volume of the water in litres. **(6 marks)**
- (c) An industrial machine produces isotropic sound of acoustic power of  $2 \text{ W}$ .
- (i) Determine the distance where the sound level is  $85 \text{ dB}$ . **(8 marks)**
- (ii) What is significant about the sound level of  $85 \text{ dB}$ ? **(3 marks)**
- (d) The far point of a person is  $50 \text{ m}$ . What should be the focal length of the spectacle lenses for the person to watch sports up to  $500 \text{ m}$ ? **(4 marks)**

### QUESTION 5

- (a) Explain why hospital personnel must wear special conducting shoes (and not rubber shoes) while working in an oxygen enriched environment like an operating room. **(5 marks)**
- (b) The resistance of a certain worker is found to be around  $3000 \Omega$ , including the shoes he is wearing. He touches an 11 kV line while standing on the ground.
- (i) How much current flows through his body? **(2 marks)**
  - (ii) Can the worker be safe with such current going through his body? **(3 marks)**
  - (iii) Why would a bird not be electrocuted sitting on the same power line? Use a diagram and equations to illustrate your answer. **(5 marks)**
- (c) A faculty of health student uses a 15 W light bulb from 18:00 to 23:30 every day for 15 weeks while at the University. The cost of electricity is E1.09 per kWh. Find the total cost of the electricity consumed over this period? **(5 marks)**
- (d) Under the pressure of examinations, a student uses a 220 V power-strip to try to power a 120 W electric iron, a 1500 W electric kettle, a 1000 W microwave oven and a 1800 W hot plate at once. The circuit breaker is rated at 15 A. Determine whether these appliances can be use simultaneously. Find the current consumed by each of the four devices. **(5 marks)**

## DATA SHEET

### General Data

Avogadro's number  $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$   
Boltzmann's constant  $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$   
Density of mercury =  $1.36 \times 10^4 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
Gas constant  $R = 8.314 \text{ J/(mol}\cdot\text{K)}$   
Gravitational acceleration  $g = 9.80 \text{ m/s}^2$   
Refractive index of air  $n_{\text{air}} = 1$   
Standard atmospheric pressure =  $1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$   
Speed of light in vacuum  $c = 2.9978 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$   
Speed of sound in air  $v_s = 343 \text{ m/s}$   
Stefan-Boltzmann constant  $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/(m}^2\cdot\text{K}^4)$   
Threshold of hearing  $I_0 = 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$   
Universal gravitational constant  $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2$   
1 calorie = 1 c = 4.186 J  
1 food calorie = 1 Calorie = 1C =  $10^3$  calories =  $4.186 \times 10^3 \text{ J}$

### Water data

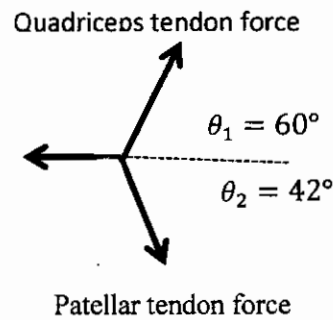
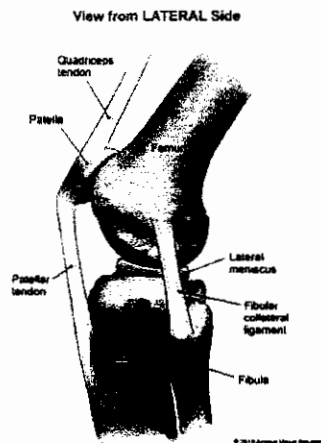
$c(\text{water}) = 4186 \text{ J/(kg}\cdot\text{K)}$        $c(\text{ice}) = 2090 \text{ J/(kg}\cdot\text{K)}$        $c(\text{steam}) = 2079 \text{ J/(kg}\cdot\text{K)}$   
 $L_f(\text{ice}) = 3.33 \times 10^5 \text{ J/kg}$        $L_v(\text{water}) = 2.260 \times 10^6 \text{ J/kg}$   
 $\rho(\text{water}) = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$       refractive index  $n_w = 1.333$

### Electricity and nuclear data

Alpha particle mass =  $6.644657 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$   
Charge of an electron =  $-1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$   
Charge of a proton =  $+1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$   
Coulomb's constant  $k_e = 8.9875 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}^2$   
Deuteron mass =  $3.343583 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$   
Electron mass,  $m_e = 9.109 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$   
Neutron mass  $m_n = 1.675 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$   
Proton mass,  $m_p = 1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$   
1 atomic mass unit = 1 amu = 1 u =  $1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$   
 $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2(\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2)$   
1 Ci =  $3.7 \times 10^{10}$  decays/s  
1Bq = 1 decay/s

$$MAP = P_{\text{dia}} + \frac{(P_{\text{sys}} - P_{\text{dia}})}{3}$$

$$P + \rho gy + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 = \text{constant}$$



- (c) Three people are hired to paint the top part of a roof. Two of them are asked to stand up straight facing each other. Two planks are placed on their shoulder such that each one is straight from one person to the other. The other person climbs on the planks and starts painting. It is found that the average force used by the third person to paint the wall is 20 N, and the brush moves a total distance of 200 m during the painting period.

- (i) What is the work done by each of the workers holding the planks? Justify your answer.
- (ii) How much work is done by the third person doing the actual painting? Neglect the angle the brush makes with the wall. **(3 marks)**
- (iii) Each system shown in Figure 1 is to maintain a fractured leg in equilibrium. The required horizontal tension on the leg is  $T' = 50 \text{ N}$ . Find the tension  $T$  in the cord and the mass  $m$  required. Neglect the masses and the friction of the pulleys.

**(13 marks)**

- (a) From your understanding of work, explain why you consider firewood to possess some energy. **(6 marks)**
- (b) A glass vessel of mass  $m = 300 \text{ g}$  falls from a cupboard shelf a height  $h = 2 \text{ m}$  from the ground and the impact with ground lasts for 0.02 s. Find the force on of impact the glass and compare it with the weight of the glass. **(6 marks)**