
PHYSICS PAPER 1

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2.2 PHYSICS (232)

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SECTION A (25 marks)

Answer all the questions in this section in the spaces provided.

- 1** **Figure 1** shows a lorry moving on an inclined section of a straight road. At the back is a chain hanging from a point on a horizontal axis through the centre of gravity of the lorry.

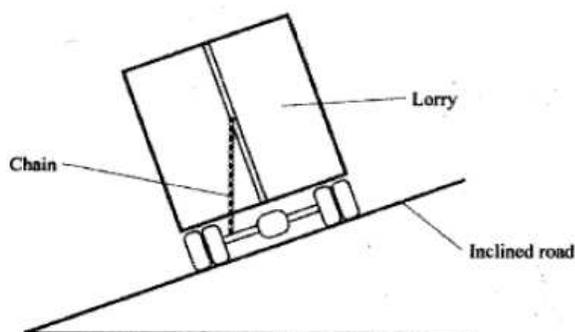


Figure 1

- State with a reason whether the lorry is stable or not stable. (1 mark)
- 2** State the constant force that opposes the motion of a stone initially at rest, as it falls through air from a tall building. (1 mark)
- 3** **Figure 2** shows a spring balance. Its spring constant is 125Nm^{-1} . The scale spreads over a distance of 20cm.

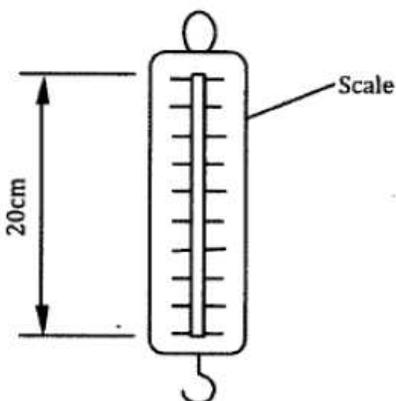


Figure 2

- Determine the maximum weight that can be measured using this spring. (3 marks)
- 4** **Figure 3** shows an aluminium tube tightly stuck in a steel tube.

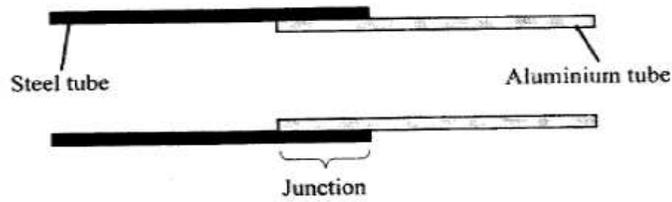


Figure 3

Explain how the two tubes can be separated by applying a temperature change at the junction given that aluminium expands more than steel for the same temperature rise.

(2 marks)

- 5 **Figure 4** shows two identical beakers P and Q full of water at 90°C. Two similar cold wet clothes are wrapped, one around the top of P and the other around the bottom of Q.

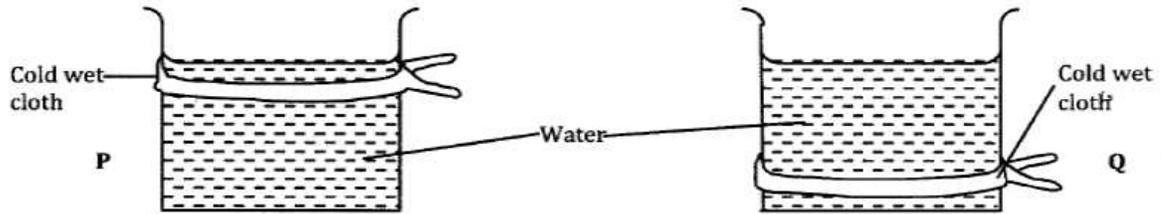


Figure 4

State with a reason, the beaker in which the water cools faster.

(2marks)

- 6 **Figure 5** is a graph of net force on a body against its velocity as it falls through a liquid.

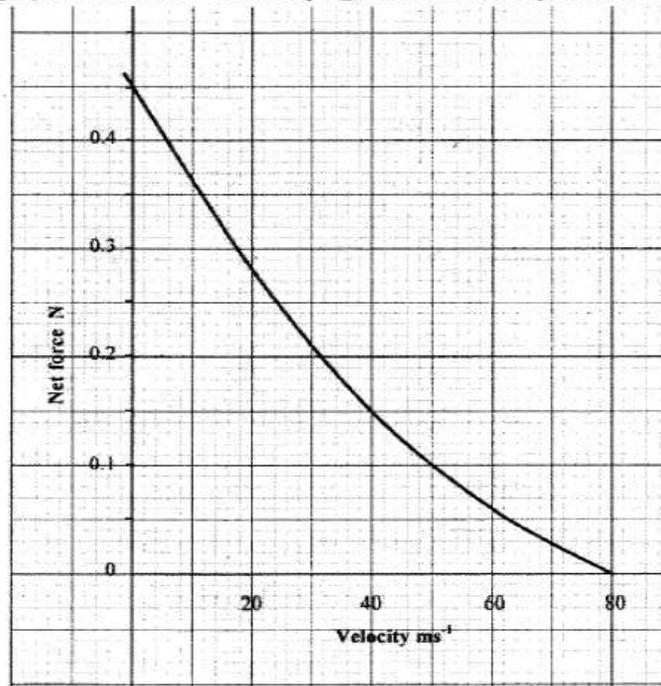


Figure 5

Determine the terminal velocity of the body.

(1 mark)

- 7 **Figure 6** shows a small toy boat floating on water in a basin. **X** and **Y** are two points near the toy.

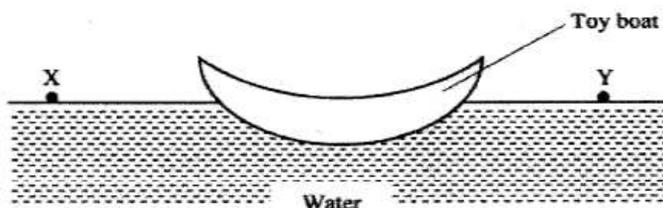


Figure 6

When a hot metal rod is dipped into the water at point **X**, the toy is observed to move towards **Y**. Explain this observation. (2 marks)

- 8 When the temperature of a gas in a closed container is raised, the pressure of the gas increases. Explain how the molecules of the gas cause the increase in pressure. (2 marks)

- 9 **Figure 7** shows part of a petrol engine, in which air flowing under atmospheric pressure passes into a constriction, where it mixes with petrol. The mixture then flows into a combustion cylinder.

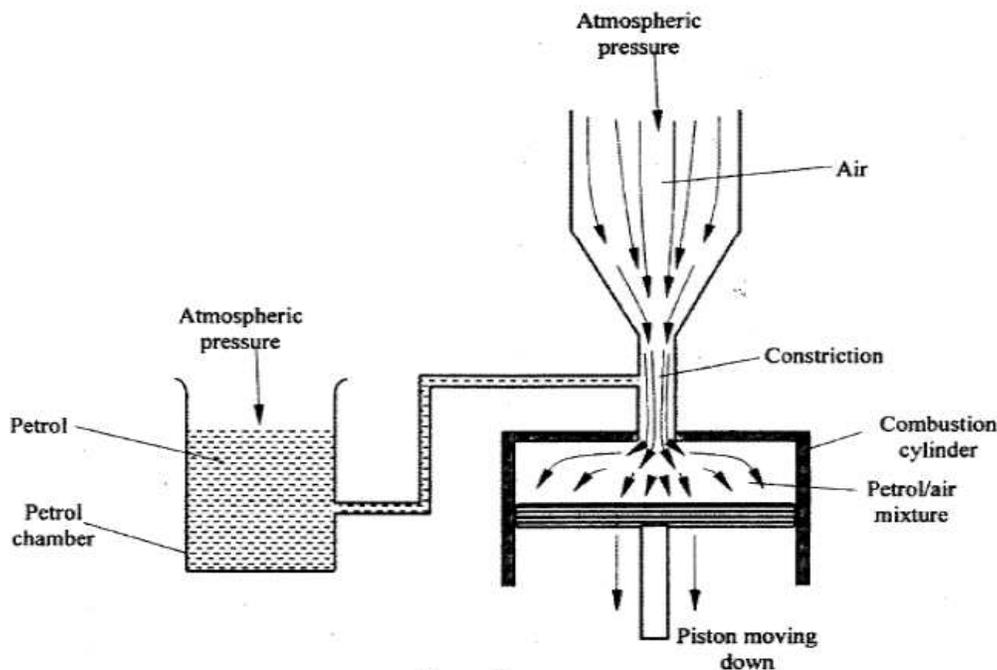


Figure 7

Explain what causes the petrol to move from the petrol chamber to the air stream in the constriction when the piston is moved downwards. (2 marks)

- 10 State the reason why it is easier to separate water into drops than to separate a solid into smaller pieces. (1 mark)

Figure 8 shows a uniform wooden block of mass 2kg and length 25cm lying on a bench. It hangs over the edge of the bench by 10cm. Use the figure to answer questions 11 and 12.

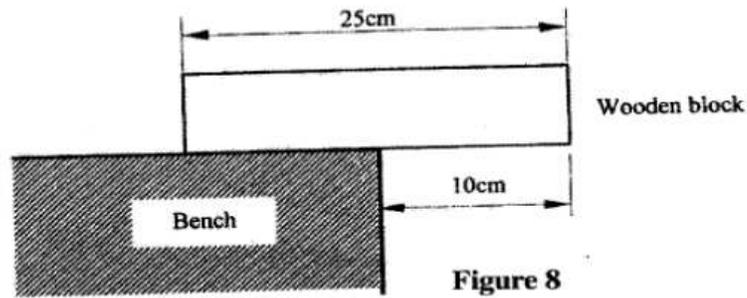


Figure 8

- 11 Indicate on the figure two forces acting on the wooden block. (1 mark)
- 12 Determine the minimum force that can be applied on the wooden block to make it turn about the edge of the bench. (2 marks)
- 13 A particle starts from rest and accelerates uniformly in a straight line. After 3 seconds it is 9m from the starting point. Determine the acceleration of the particle. (3 marks)
- 14 **Figure 9** shows a syringe full of water. It has two identical holes A and B drilled along its cylinder. The cylinder nozzle is closed.

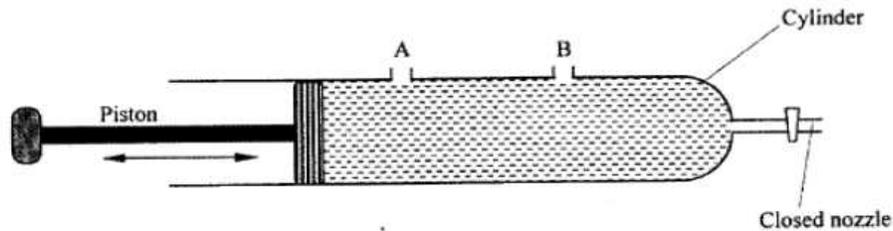


Figure 9

State with a reason how the speeds of the jets of water from A and B compare when the piston is pushed into the cylinder. (2 marks)

SECTION B: (55 marks)

Answer *all* the questions in this section

- 15 **Figure 10** shows a simple pendulum of length 80cm. The pendulum bob whose mass is 50g oscillates between points A and B, through its rest position C. A and B are both 10cm higher than C.

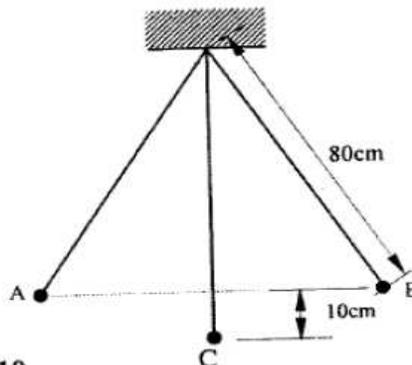


Figure 10

- (a) (i) Indicate with an arrow, on the path **ACB**, the direction of the greatest velocity of the bob as it moves from **A** to **B**. (1 mark)
- (ii) State the form of energy possessed by the pendulum bob at point **A**. (1 mark)
- (b) Determine:
- (i) the velocity of the bob at point **C**, (3 marks)
- (ii) the tension in the string as the bob passes point **C**. (3 marks)
(take acceleration due to gravity $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$)
- (c) After some time, the pendulum comes to rest at point **C**. State what happens to the energy it initially possessed. (1 mark)

- 16** **Figure 11** shows a stone attached to the end of a string moving in a horizontal circle with a uniform speed of 2ms^{-1} . When the stone reaches point **X** on the circle, the string breaks.

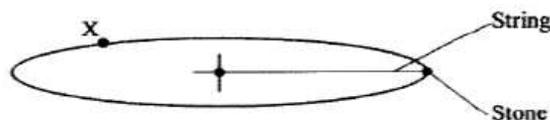


Figure 11

- (i) Indicate on the diagram with an arrow, the direction of the motion of the stone when the string breaks. (1 mark)
- (ii) State the magnitude of the velocity after the string breaks. (1 mark)
- (iii) Give a reason for your answers in (i) and (ii). (1 mark)
- (b) **Figure 12** shows a lorry towing a trailer using a rope.

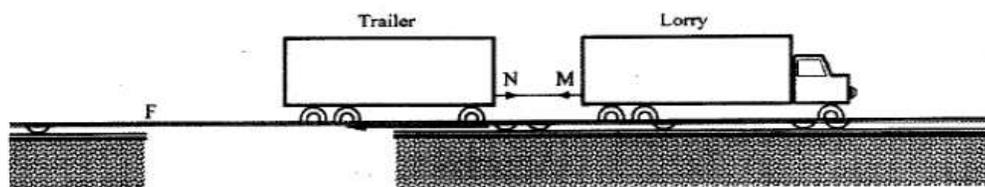


Figure 12

The lorry exerts a force **N** on the trailer and the trailer exerts an equal but opposite force **M** on the lorry. The frictional force between the trailer and the road is **F**.

Explain how the forces **N**, **M** and **F** enable the trailer to move. (2 marks)

- (c) **Figure 13** shows a frictionless trolley of mass 2kg moving with uniform velocity towards a wall. At the front of the trolley is a spring whose spring constant is 25Nm^{-1} . The trolley comes to rest momentarily after compressing the spring by 3cm and then rebounds from the wall.

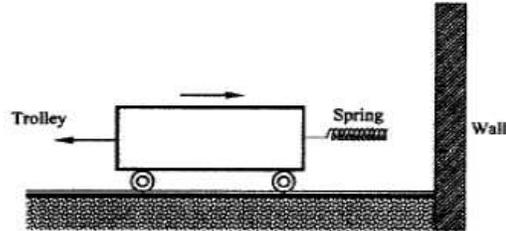


Figure 13

- (i) Determine
- (I) the force exerted on the wall by the spring. (3 marks)
 - (II) the maximum acceleration of the trolley as it rebounds from the wall. (3 marks)
- (ii) State the reason why the trolley acquires a constant velocity after it rebounds. (2 marks)
- 17 (a) When the temperature of water reaches the boiling point, bubbles rise to the surface.
- (i) State what is contained in the bubbles. (1 mark)
 - (ii) State the reason why bubbles rise to the surface only at the boiling point. (1 mark)
- (b) **Figure 14** shows a graph of vapour pressure against the temperature of water vapour, in a laboratory where a mercury barometer indicates a height of 61.8 cm.

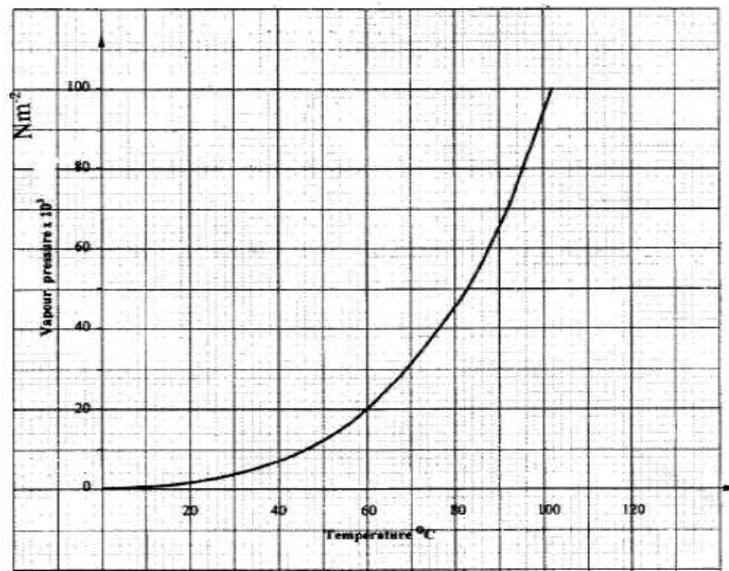


Figure 14

- (b) (i) Determine the atmospheric pressure in the laboratory in Nm^{-2} .
(Take $g = 10\text{m/s}^2$ and density of mercury = 13600 kg/m^3). (3 marks)
- (ii) Use the graph to determine the boiling point of water in the laboratory. (1 mark)
- (c) In an experiment to determine the specific heat capacity of a metal, a 100g of the metal was transferred from boiling water to a lagged copper calorimeter containing cold water. The water was stirred and a final steady temperature was realized. The following data was recorded.
- Initial temperature of cold water and calorimeter = 20°C .
 Temperature of boiling water = 99°C .
 Final temperature of water, calorimeter and the metal = 27.7°C .
 Mass of cold water and calorimeter = 130g.
 Mass of calorimeter = 50g.
 (Take specific heat capacity of water as $4200\text{Jkg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$)
 (Specific heat capacity of copper as $400\text{Jkg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$).
- Use the data to determine:
- (i) the heat gained by the water and the calorimeter; (3 marks)
- (ii) the specific heat capacity of the metal. (3 marks)
- (d) State **one** possible source of error in the value of the specific heat capacity obtained in the experiment. (1 mark)

- 18 (a) **Figure 15** shows a metal bolt which is threaded.

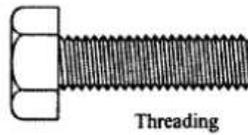


Figure 15

Explain how a metre rule can be used to measure the pitch (distance between adjacent peaks) of the threading. (2 marks)

- (b) **Figure 16** shows a screw jack whose screw has a pitch of 1 mm, and has a handle of 25 cm long.

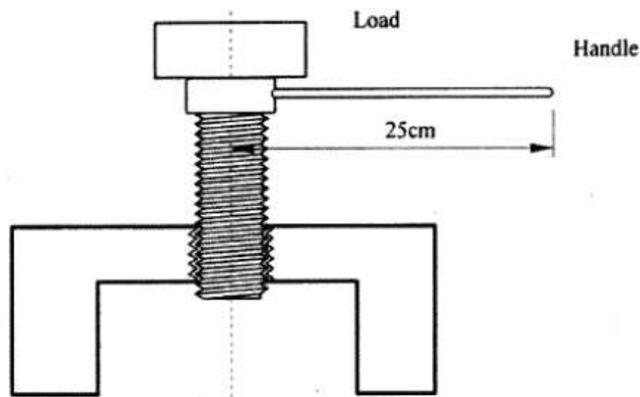


Figure 16

Determine the velocity ratio of the jack. (3 marks)

- (c) A bullet of mass 60g travelling at 800ms^{-1} hits a tree and penetrates a depth of 15 cm before coming to rest.
- (i) Explain how the energy of the bullet changes as it penetrates the tree. (1 mark)
 - (ii) determine the average retarding force on the bullet. (3 marks)
- 19**
- (a) State the condition necessary for a body to float in a fluid. (1 mark)
 - (b) A ship made of steel is observed to float on water yet the density of steel is approximately eight times that of water. Explain this observation. (2 marks)
 - (c) **Figure 17** shows three stages of an experiment to determine relative density of cork which normally floats on water. To make it sink, a sinker is hung below the cork.

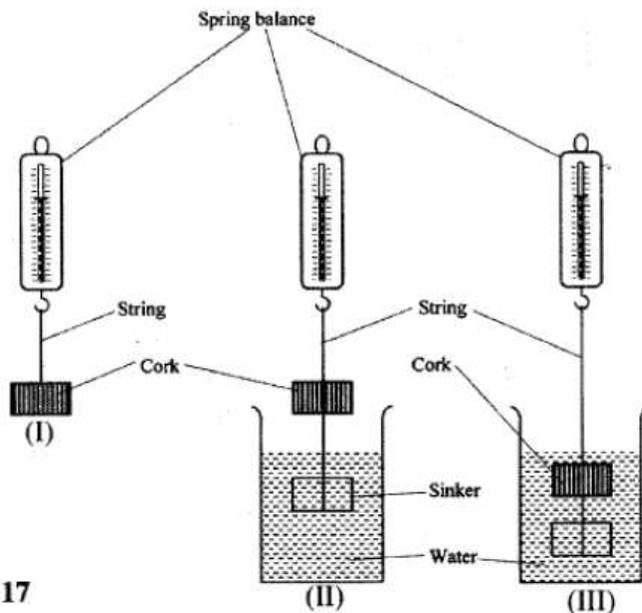


Figure 17

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In (II) the spring balance is used to measure the apparent weight W_1 , when only the sinker is submerged in water.

In (III) the spring balance is used to measure the apparent weight W_2 when both the cork and the sinker are submerged.

The following observations were made.

$$\begin{aligned} W &= 0.08\text{N} \\ W_1 &= 0.60\text{N} \\ W_2 &= 0.28\text{N} \end{aligned}$$

Use this information to determine the:

- (i) upthrust on cork. (2 marks)
 - (ii) relative density of cork. (3 marks)
- d) **Figure 18** shows parts of a simple submarine, a ship that can travel both on water and under water. To do this water is pumped in or out of the ballast tanks.

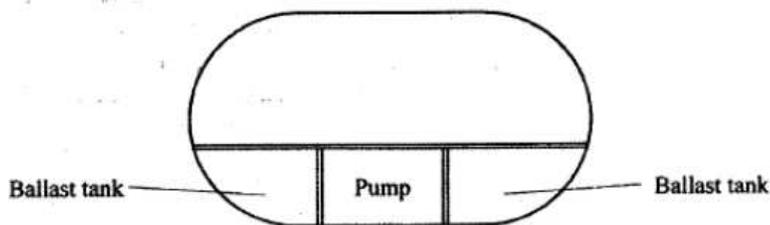


Figure 18

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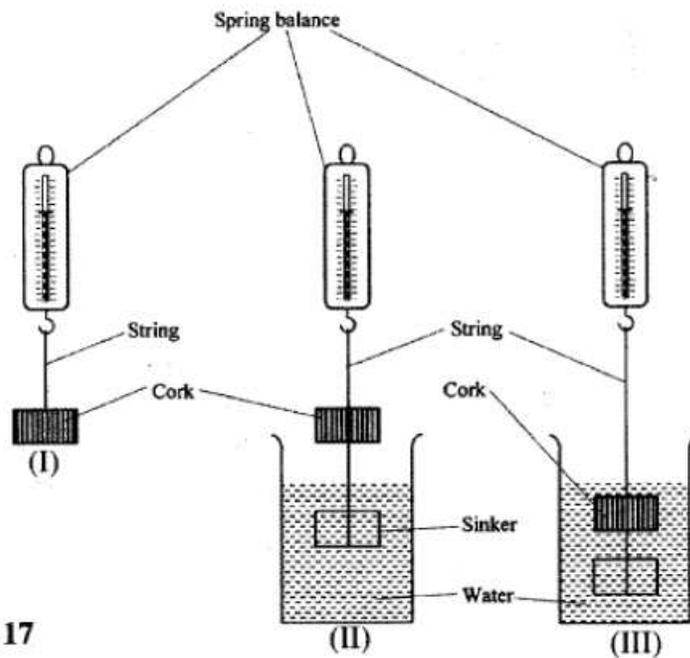


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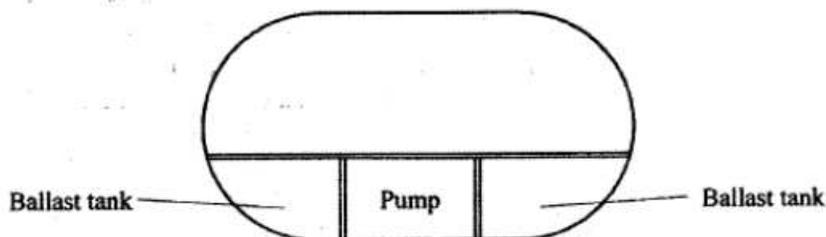


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