

**This exam is formed of three obligatory exercises in nine pages.**  
**The use of non-programmable calculators is recommended.**

## مسابقة في مادة الفيزياء

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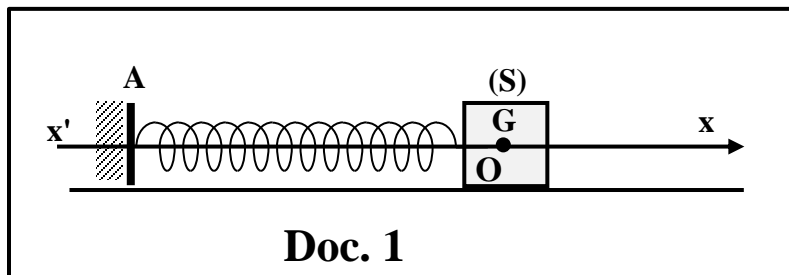
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**Exercise 1 (7 points)****Horizontal elastic pendulum**

A mechanical oscillator is formed by :

- a block **(S)** of mass **m**
- a spring of negligible mass and spring constant **k**.
- **(S)** is attached to one end of the spring.
- the other end of the spring is connected to a fixed support **A**.
- **(S)** can move without friction on a horizontal surface (Doc. 1).



**The aim** of this exercise is to determine the values of **m** and **k**.

- At equilibrium, the center of mass **G** of **(S)** coincides with the origin **O** of the **x**-axis.
- **(S)** is displaced horizontally in the positive direction.
- At the instant **t<sub>0</sub> = 0**, taken as an initial time,
  - the abscissa of **(S)** is **x<sub>0</sub>** and **(S)** is launched in the negative direction with an initial velocity  $\vec{v}_0 = v_0 \vec{1}$  ( $v_0 < 0$ ) where  $\vec{1}$  is the unit vector of the **x**-axis.
- At an instant **t**,
  - the abscissa of **G** is **x** and the algebraic value of its velocity is  $v = x' = \frac{dx}{dt}$ .

The horizontal plane containing **G** is taken as a reference level for gravitational potential energy.

Given :

$\text{KE} = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ ;	$\text{GPE} = mgh$ ;	$\text{EPE} = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$ ;	$\text{ME} = \text{KE} + \text{EPE} + \text{GPE}$
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- 1) **Write**, at an instant  $t$ , the expression of the mechanical energy of the system (Oscillator, Earth) in terms of  $x$ ,  $m$ ,  $k$  and  $v$ .
- 2) Knowing that (S) moves without friction, **deduce** that the second order differential equation in  $x$  that describes the oscillations of (S), is  $x'' + \frac{k}{m} x = 0$ .
- 3) **Deduce** the expression of the proper angular frequency  $\omega_0$  of the oscillations in terms of  $m$  and  $k$ .
- 4) The solution of the obtained differential equation is:  
 $x = X_m \sin(\omega_0 t + \varphi)$ , where  $X_m$ ,  $\omega_0$  and  $\varphi$  are constants.

**Write** the expression of  $v$  in terms of  $X_m$ ,  $\omega_0$ ,  $\varphi$  and  $t$ .

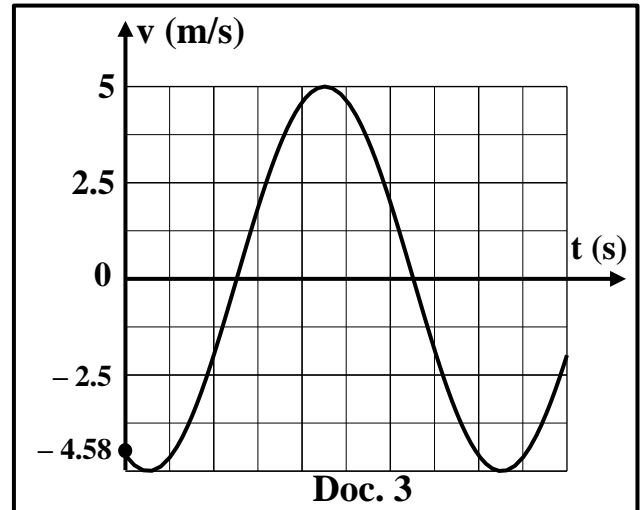
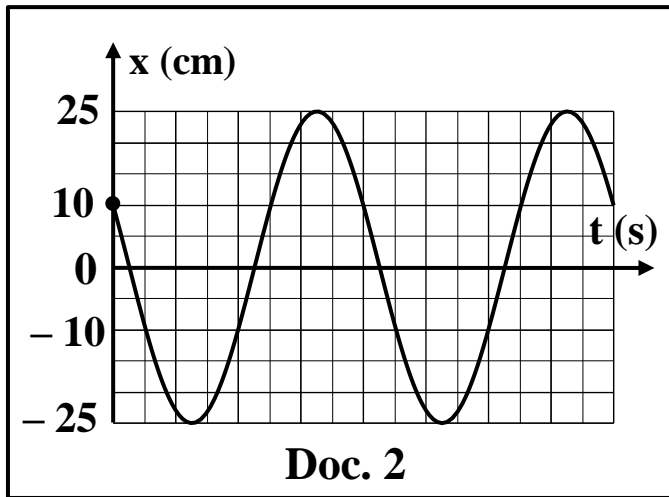
- 5) **Write** the expression of  $x_0$  in terms of  $X_m$  and  $\varphi$ .  
**Write** the expression of  $v_0$  in terms of  $X_m$ ,  $\omega_0$  and  $\varphi$ .

- 6) **Deduce that**  $X_m = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \frac{v_0^2}{\omega_0^2}}$ .

Given:

$\sin^2\varphi + \cos^2\varphi = 1$
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7) An appropriate device traces  $x$  and  $v$  as functions of time as shown in documents 2 and 3 respectively.



Referring to documents (2) :

7-1) **specify** the type of the oscillations;

7-2) **indicate** the values of  $x_0$  and  $X_m$ .

Referring to document (3):

7-3) **indicate** the values of  $v_0$  and  $V_m$  where  $V_m$  is the amplitude of  $v$ .

8) Using the relations of questions 6 ( $X_m = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \frac{v_0^2}{\omega_0^2}}$ ) :

**Show that  $\omega_0 = 20$  rad/s.**

9) We repeat the same experiment by replacing block (**S**) of mass  $m$  by another block (**S'**) of mass  $m' = 0.8$  kg. The new proper angular frequency is  $\omega' = \frac{\omega_0}{2}$

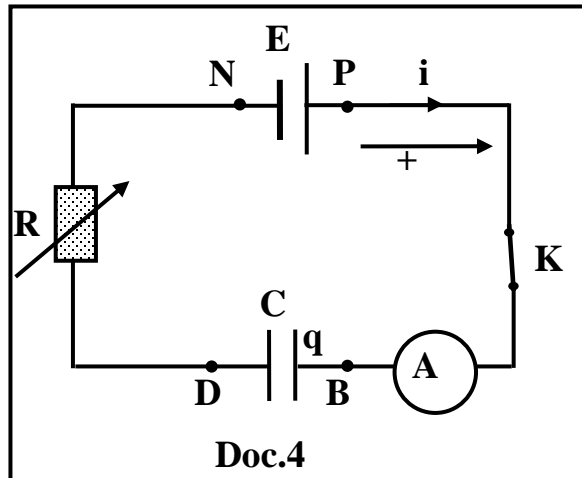
9-1) **Write** the expression of  $\omega'$  in terms of  $m'$  and  $k$ .

9-2) **Deduce** the values of  $k$  and  $m$ .

**Exercise 2 (7 points)****Capacitance of a capacitor**

The aim of this exercise is to determine the capacitance  $C$  of a capacitor.

We set-up the series circuit of document 4.



This circuit includes:

- an ideal battery of electromotive force  $E = 10 \text{ V}$ ;
- a rheostat of resistance  $R$  ;
- a capacitor of capacitance  $C$ ;
- an ammeter ( $A$ ) of negligible resistance;
- a switch  $K$ .

Initially the capacitor is uncharged.

- We close the switch  $K$  at the instant  $t_0 = 0$ .
- At an instant  $t$ , plate  $B$  carries a charge  $q$  and the circuit carries a current  $i$  as shown in document 4.

1) Write the expression of  $i$  in terms of  $C$  and  $u_C$ , where  $u_C = u_{BD}$  is the voltage across the capacitor.

2) Prove that the differential equation that governs the variation of  $u_C$  is:

$$E = u_C + RC \frac{du_C}{dt} .$$

3) The solution of this differential equation is of the form:  $u_C = a + be^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$ .

**Determine** the expressions of the constants **a**, **b** and  $\tau$  in terms of **E**, **R** and **C**.

4) **Deduce that** the expression of the current is:  $i = \frac{E}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$ .

5) The ammeter (**A**) reads a value  $I_0 = 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A}$  at  $t_0 = 0$ .

**Deduce** the value of **R**.

6) **Write, using Ohm's law,** the expression of  $u_R = u_{DN}$  in terms of **E**, **R**, **C** and **t**.

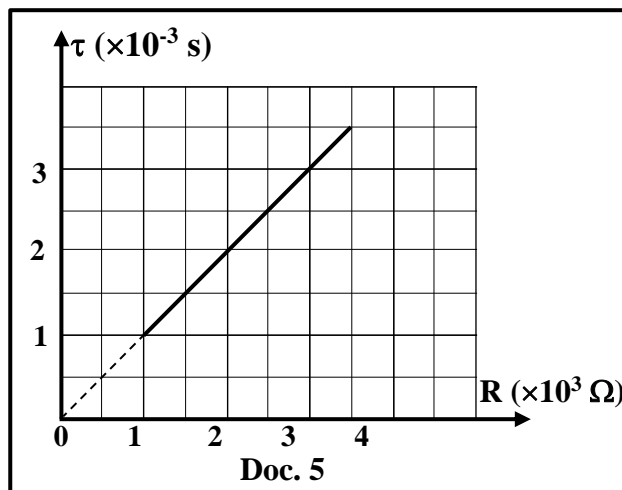
7) At an instant  $t = t_1$ , the voltage across the capacitor is  $u_C = u_R$ .

7-1) **Show that**  $t_1 = RC \ln 2$ .

7-2) **Calculate** the value of **C** knowing that  $t_1 = 1.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}$ .

8) **In order to verify the value of C,** we change the value of **R**.

Document 5 represents  $\tau$  as a function of **R**.



8-1) **Show that** the shape of the curve in document 5 is in agreement with the expression of  $\tau$  obtained in question 3.

8-2) Using the curve of document 5, **determine** again the value of **C**.

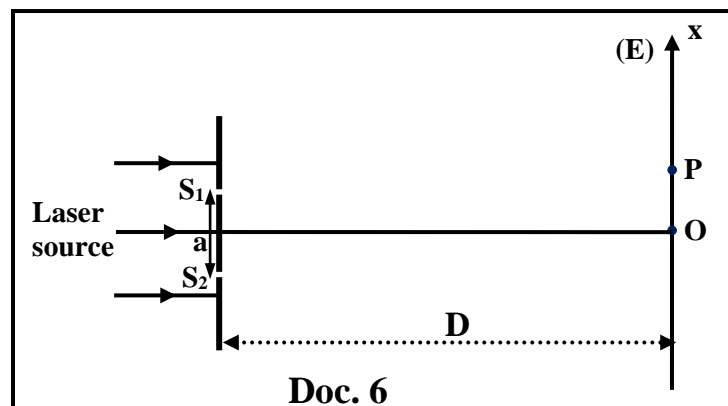
### Exercise 3 (6 points)

### Aspects of Light

The aim of this exercise is to show evidence of the two aspects of light.

#### 1) First aspect

- Consider Young's double-slit experiment.
- The two thin parallel horizontal slits  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are separated by a distance  $a = 0.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ .
- The screen (E) is placed parallel to the plane of the slits at a distance  $D = 2 \text{ m}$ .
- A laser source illuminates the two slits by a monochromatic light of wavelength  $\lambda = 600 \text{ nm}$  ( $1 \text{ nm} = 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$ ), in air, under normal incidence.
- O is the point of intersection between the perpendicular bisector of  $[S_1S_2]$  and the screen (E).
- P is a point on the screen having an abscissa  $x_P = \overline{OP} = 9.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$  (Doc. 6).

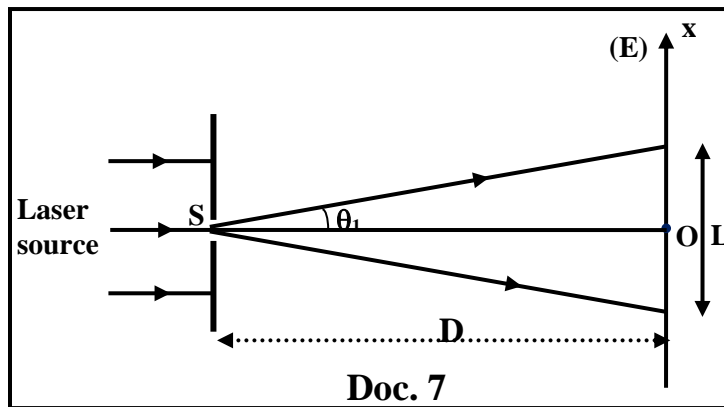


1-1) Prove that the value of the inter-fringe distance  $i$  is  $2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ .

1-2) P is the center of a bright fringe, why?

1-3) Slits  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are replaced by a horizontal slit  $S$  of width  $a_1 = 0.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ .

$O$  is the center of the central bright fringe and  $\alpha = 2 \theta_1$  where  $\alpha$  is the angular width of the central bright fringe ( $\theta_1$  is a small angle) Doc. 7.



1-3-1) Choose the right answer:

The phenomenon that takes place at the slit  $S$  is:

- a- Interference
- b- Diffraction
- c- Refraction

1-3-2) Show, using document 7, that the width  $L$  of the central bright fringe is given

by the expression:  $L = \frac{2 \lambda D}{a_1}$ .

1-3-3) Deduce the distance  $d$  between  $O$  and the center of the first dark fringe.

1-3-4) Knowing that  $x_P = 9.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ , deduce that  $P$  is neither the center of a bright fringe, nor the center of a dark fringe.

1-4) The previous two experiments show evidence of an aspect of light.

Name this aspect.



## 2) Second aspect

The monochromatic radiation, of wavelength  $\lambda = 600 \text{ nm}$  in air, emitted by the laser source, illuminates now the surface of a lithium metal of work function  $W_0 = 2.39 \text{ eV}$ .

Given:

- Planck's constant  $h = 6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s}$  ;
- $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$  ;

Take: The speed of light in air  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ .

2-1) **Complete** the following sentence:

The work function (extraction energy) of a metal is the ..... of a ..... to extract an electron from the surface of a metal.

2-2) **Write**, the expression of the energy of the photon in terms of  $h$ ,  $c$  and  $\lambda$ .

**Prove** that its value is  $E_{\text{ph}} = 2.0625 \text{ eV}$ .

2-3) **Compare**  $E_{\text{ph}}$  and  $W_0$ .

**Deduce that** there is no photoelectric emission from the surface of the lithium metal.

2-4) In order to extract electrons from the surface of the lithium metal, the laser source is replaced by another one emitting a radiation of wavelength  $\lambda' = 500 \text{ nm}$  in air.

**Determine**, using the relation  $E_{\text{ph}} = W_0 + \text{KE}$ , the maximum kinetic energy of the liberated electrons.

2-5) This experiment shows evidence of an aspect of light.

**Name** this aspect.