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SCIENCE (SYLLABUS A)

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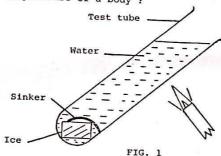
INSTRUCTIONS

(a) Answer any \underline{six} questions from this paper. (b) All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION A - PHYSICS

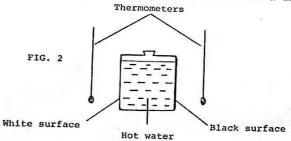
(a) What is meant by the weight of a body?
 (b) What apparatus would you use and what would you do to show that a floating body displaces its own weight of the liquid in which it floats?
 (c) Draw a labelled diagram of a hydrometer.
 (d) An ice cube floats in water with one tenth of its volume above the surface. Can be density of the ice.

2. (a) What is meant by the temperature of a body ?

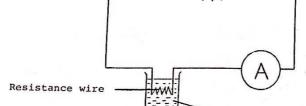


- (b) Fig. 1 illustrates an experiment to examine water as a conductor of heat.

 - (i) What happens as the water is heated ?
 (ii) What conclusions can you draw from this experiment ?
- (c) Fig. 2 illustrates an experiment to study heat radiation. Hot water is poured into a cubic vessel; one side of the vessel is painted white and the opposite side black. Two thermometers are placed equidistant from the box as shown in the diagram.



- (i) Which thermometer shows the faster rise in temperature ?
- (ii) What does the experiment prove ?
- (d) Ships which visit warm climates are usually painted in bright colours. Why is this ?
- (a) Name three forms of energy.
 (b) Fig. 3 represents an experimental circuit. Battery or Power Source



(i) Name the instrument A and state its purpose.

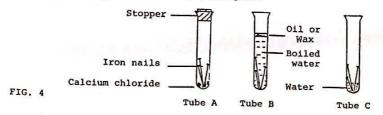
- (ii) What happens to the water as the current flows ?
- (c) How would you show that there are magnetic lines of force in the centre of a coil

Water

FIG. 3

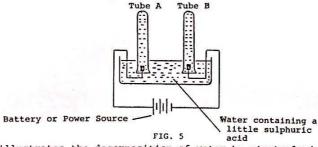
through which an electric current flows?
(d) Describe one use of such a coil.

- 4. Answer any eight of the following items. Keep your answers short. (a) State one way in which a force can affect a body.
 (b) A medicine dropper is held in an upright position but the medicine does not come out until someone squeezes the bulb. Why is this?
 (c) Why does steam at 100°C give a worse scald than water at the same temperature?
 (d) Why are gaps left between lengths of railway track?
 (e) How does a gas in a closed container exert a pressure?
 (f) What are ions? (g) How long would it take a 100-watt bulb to use one unit of electricity ? (g) How long would it take a 100-watt bulb to use one un (h) Why does a magnetic compass indicate direction ? (i) What is meant by the fixed points of a thermometer ? (j) What is meant by convection of heat ? (k) State any one use of an electroscope. (l) How would you magnetise an iron nail ? SECTION B - CHEMISTRY
- 5. (a) What is a mixture ? (b) How would you obtain a sample of pure water and of pure paraffin oil from a mixture of both? (c) A small quantity of lime-water was placed in a watch-glass and some anhydrous copper sulphate was placed in another. The watch-glasses were exposed to the air for one
 - - (i) Describe the changes you would expect to occur in each case.(ii) What conclusions concerning the composition of the air can be drawn from this
 - (d) How would you prove that air contains oxygen ?
- 6. (a) What is a compound ? Give two examples.



- (b) Fig. 4 illustrates an experiment to determine the conditions needed for rusting.

 - (i) What is the purpose of the calcium chloride in tube A ?(ii) Why has the water in tube B been boiled before the experiment? What is the purpose of the oil or wax ?
 - (iii) In which tube will rusting occur ? What conclusions can you draw from this experiment ?
- (c) Name one method of rust prevention.
- 7. (a) What is a chemical change ? (b) Write a balanced equation for the reaction which occurs when hydrogen gas burns in air.



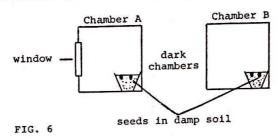
- (c) Fig. 5 illustrates the decomposition of water by electrolysis.
 - (i) Name the gases which collect in tube A and tube B.
 - (ii) Which tube will contain the greater volume of gas ?
 - (iii) How would you identify each gas ?
- 8. Answer any eight of the following. Keep your answers short.
 - (a) What is an indicator ?
 - (b) Name the substances you would use to prepare carbon dioxide.
 - (c) Name one substance which sublimes.

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 (d) What information is contained in the formula for ammonia (NH₃) ?
 (e) Name the allotropes of carbon or sulphur.
 (f) How do protons and neutrons differ from each other ?
 (g) How are the nine electrons of the element fluorine arranged around the nucleus ?
 - (h) What is distillation ?
 - What use is made of paper chromatography ? Complete the equation: HCl + NaOH = +

 - (k) Which of the following compounds are ionic ?
 - (i) Sodium chloride, (ii) carbon dioxide, (iii) paraffin wax, (iv) sodium hydroxide.
 - (1) How is yellow phosphorus stored in the laboratory ? Give a reason for your answer.

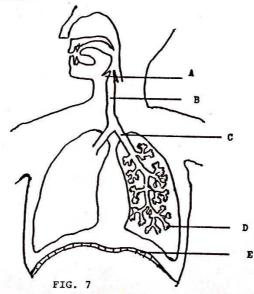
- 9. (a) Give an example of a food chain.

 - (b) Name and briefly describe the habitat in which you noticed a food chain.(c) Name two animals and two plants you found there and state how each of them is adapted to the habitat.
 - (d) How did you find out the type of food preferred by the animals of the habitat ?
- 10. (a) Name three functions of the stem of a green plant.



- (b) Fig. 6 illustrates an experiment on tropisms.
 - (i) Describe, or show by means of a sketch, the direction of growth of the seedlings
 - in each of the chambers A and B.

 (ii) Why do the stems of the plants in each chamber grow in the direction you have stated or shown ?
 - Give a reason for this. (iii) The plants in chamber B soon die.
- (c) Describe two methods by which plants are propagated vegetatively.
- 11. (a) What use does the body make of the air it breathes ?



(b) Fig. 7 represents the human respiratory system. Name the parts A, B, C, D and E from the following list:-

stomach, trachea (wind-pipe), diaphragm, bronchus, alveolus (air-sac), rib-cage, epiglottis, liver.

- Name two substances which they excrete. (c) The lungs have excretory functions.
- (d) Why do athletes breathe faster after running in a race ?
- 12. Answer any eight of the following. Keep your answers short.
 - (a) How does blood protect the body from disease ?
 - (b) What are vitamins ?
 - (c) What is meant by photosynthesis ?
 - (d) Name two natural methods by which seeds are scattered.
 - (e) What is transpiration ?
 - (f) What part does the mouth play in the process of digestion ?
 (g) Name two methods of food preservation.

 - (i) How does the root of a green plant collect minerals in the soil?
 (j) What part do coloured petals play in the life of a green plant?
 (k) State two ways in which micro-organisms (fungi, bacteria) are of benefit to mankind.