An α particle and a β^{-} particle both enter the same uniform magnetic field, which is perpendicular to their direction of motion. If the β^- particle has a speed 15 times that of the α particle, what is the value of the ratio

magnitude of force on β -particle? magnitude of force on α particle

Α 3.7

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- В 7.5
- С 60
- D 112.5

(Total 1 mark)



A wire lies perpendicularly across a horizontal uniform magnetic field of flux density 20 x 10⁻³ T so that 0.30 m of the wire is effectively subjected to the field. If the force exerted on this length of wire due to a current in it is 30×10^{-3} N downward, what is the current in the wire?

- 0.45 A from P to Q Α
- В 0.45 A from Q to P
- С 5.0 A from P to Q
- D 5.0 A from Q to P

(Total 1 mark)

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An electron moves due North in a horizontal plane with uniform speed. It enters a uniform magnetic field directed due South in the same plane. Which one of the following statements concerning the motion of the electron in the magnetic field is correct?

- Α It continues to move North with its original speed.
- It slows down to zero speed and then accelerates due South. В
- С It is accelerated due West.
- D It is accelerated due North.

Which line, A to D, gives correct units for both magnetic flux and magnetic flux density?

	magnetic flux	magnetic flux density
Α	Wb m ⁻²	Wb
В	Wb	Т
С	Wb m ⁻²	T m ⁻²
D	T m ^{−2}	Wb m ⁻²

(Total 1 mark)

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A coil, mounted on an axle, has its plane parallel to the flux lines of a uniform magnetic field B, as shown. When a current I is switched on, and before the coil is allowed to move,

- A there are no forces due to *B* on the sides SP and QR.
- **B** there are no forces due to *B* on the sides PQ and RS.
- **C** sides SP and QR tend to attract each other.
- **D** sides PQ and RS tend to attract each other.



Three identical magnets P, Q and R are released simultaneously from rest and fall to the ground from the same height. P falls directly to the ground, Q falls through the centre of a thick conducting ring and R falls through a ring which is identical except for a gap cut into it. Which one of the statements below correctly describes the sequence in which the magnets reach the ground?

- A P and R arrive together followed by Q.
- **B** P and Q arrive together followed by R.
- **C** P arrives first, followed by Q which is followed by R.
- **D** All three magnets arrive simultaneously.

(Total 1 mark)

The magnetic flux threading a coil of 100 turns drops from 5 × 10^{-3} Wb to zero in 0.1 s. The average induced e.m.f., in V, is

A 0.05

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- **B** 0.5
- **C** 5
- **D** 20



The diagram shows a wire carrying a current, I, in the plane of the paper and in the south direction. A magnetic field is applied perpendicularly to the paper and acts into the paper. What is the direction of the force acting on the wire?

- A north
- B south
- **C** east
- D west

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(Total 1 mark)

A rectangular conducting loop is pulled horizontally through the gap between two vertical magnets as shown in the diagram.



Which one of the graphs best represents the variation of loop current I with time t as the loop moves at a constant speed from **JKLM** to **J'K'L'M'**?



The diagram shows a metal rod suspended in a magnetic field by two vertical conducting springs. The cell and rod have negligible resistance. When the switch **S** is closed the effect of the magnetic field is to displace the rod vertically a distance y.



When both the spring constant and electrical resistance of **each** spring is doubled, closing the switch would now cause the rod to be displaced a distance



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An electron moves into a region of uniform magnetic flux density between the poles of a magnet as shown in the diagram.



electron



The deflection of the electron will be

- A towards the pole marked S
- B towards the pole marked N
- **C** perpendicular to the plane of the paper towards you
- **D** perpendicular to the plane of the paper away from you

(Total 1 mark)

The diagram below shows the waveform obtained when the output of an alternator is connected to a cathode ray oscilloscope.



Which one of the following best represents the output when the speed of rotation of the generator is doubled and no adjustment is made to the oscilloscope?



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An alpha particle moves at one-tenth the velocity of a beta particle. They both move through the same uniform magnetic field at right angles to their motion.

The magnitude of the ratio		force on the alpha particle is
		force on the beta particle
Α	$\frac{1}{4}$	
В	1 5	
С	1 10	
D	$\frac{1}{20}$	

Mark schemes



Examiner reports



This question required candidates to recall the charges of α and β -particles, as well as to be familiar with F = BQv. Both the facility (54%) and the discrimination were an improvement on the pre-examination values. 24% of the candidates chose distractor C (presumably because 15 x 4 = 60). This suggests these candidates had difficulty with the physics as well as the arithmetic.