

# UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

**PROGRAMMES: ALL YEAR ONE PROGRAMES** 

COURSE CODE : ABE 101

TITLE OF PAPER: PHYSICS

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTIONS ONE AND ANY TWO

OTHER QUESTIONS.

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## PHYSICS FINAL EXAMINATION

#### Question 1: Compulsory

(a) A 6000 watts security light operates between 6.00 pm and 6.00 am everyday. The cost of electricity is E 1.20 per kwh. Calculate the amount paid towards electricity every three months when there are four security lights operating simultaneously.

[15 marks]

(b) Concrete roads are laid in sections with pitch between them, explain why this is done.

[5 marks]

(c) Describe four possible uses of reflection in our day to day life.

[10 marks]

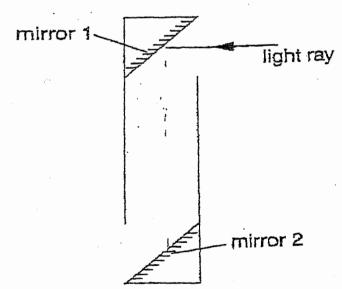
(d) You are required to calculate the mass and kinetic energy at half the height of an object which has a potential energy of 1500 joules at 50 metres height. [10 marks]

## **Question 2**

(a) State the third Newton's Law and explain what it means.

[10 marks]

(b) The figure below shows the design of a periscope.



(a) Draw the figure and complete the path of the light after it strikes the mirror.

[5 marks]

(b) Draw the normal to surface of the mirror. Mark the angle of incidence and label it i.

[5 marks]

(c) State the relationship between the angle of incidence and he angle of reflection.

[5 marks]

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- (d) The main reason for the vacuum in a flask is to reduce heat transfer due to;
  - (i) Conduction only
  - (ii) Convection only
  - (iii) Radiation only
  - (iv) Conduction and Convection
  - (v) Convection and Radiation

[5 marks]

#### **Question 3**

- (a) You are required to design a transformer for your client who wants to operate a music system which labeled 12 volts, 0.8 amps. The transformer should be connected to 240 volts mains supply. There are 8600 urns on the primary coil of the transformer. Calculate,
  - (i) The number of urns on the secondary coil and current which flows in the primary coil.

    [10 marks]
  - (ii) Power output of the secondary transformer.

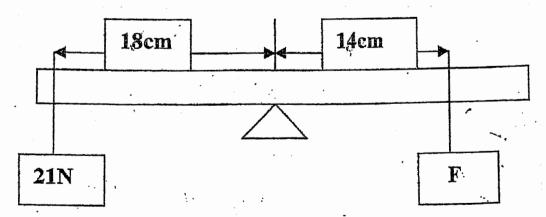
[5 marks]

(b) With the aid of diagrams describe three laws of reflection

[15 marks]

### **Question 4**

- (a) Describe the three characteristics of sound, if possible you may add diagrams to assist your description. [15 marks]
- (b) The diagram below shows a uniform beam balanced as shown in the diagram. Calculate the force F which must be hung in order for the beam to balance. [7.5 marks]



(c) Define the following terms as used in physics, and give one example for each term where it is applicable, i.e. Conduction, Convection and Radiation. [7.5 marks]