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Foundation Questions

Q1.

(a) When a force is applied to a spring, the spring extends by 0.12 m.
The spring has a spring constant of 25 N/m.

Calculate the force applied to the spring.

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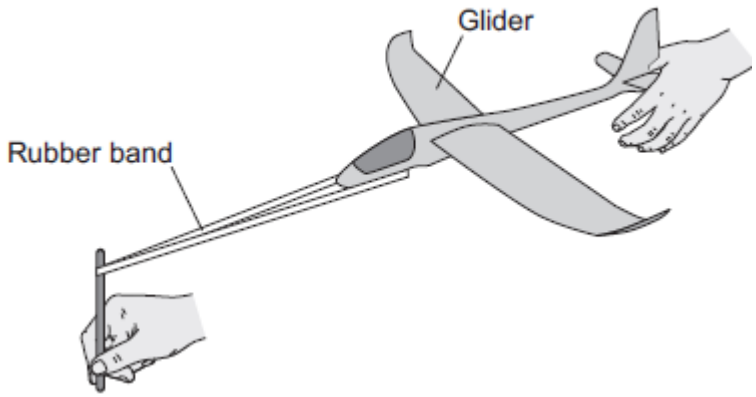
_____

Force = _____ N

(2)

(b) **Figure 1** shows a toy glider. To launch the glider into the air, the rubber band and glider are pulled back and then the glider is released.

Figure 1



(i) Use the correct answers from the box to complete the sentence.

chemical	**elastic potential**	**kinetic**	**thermal**

When the glider is released, the _____ energy

stored in the rubber band decreases and the glider gains

_____ energy.

(2)

(ii) **Figure 2** shows how the extension of the rubber band varies with the force applied to the rubber band.

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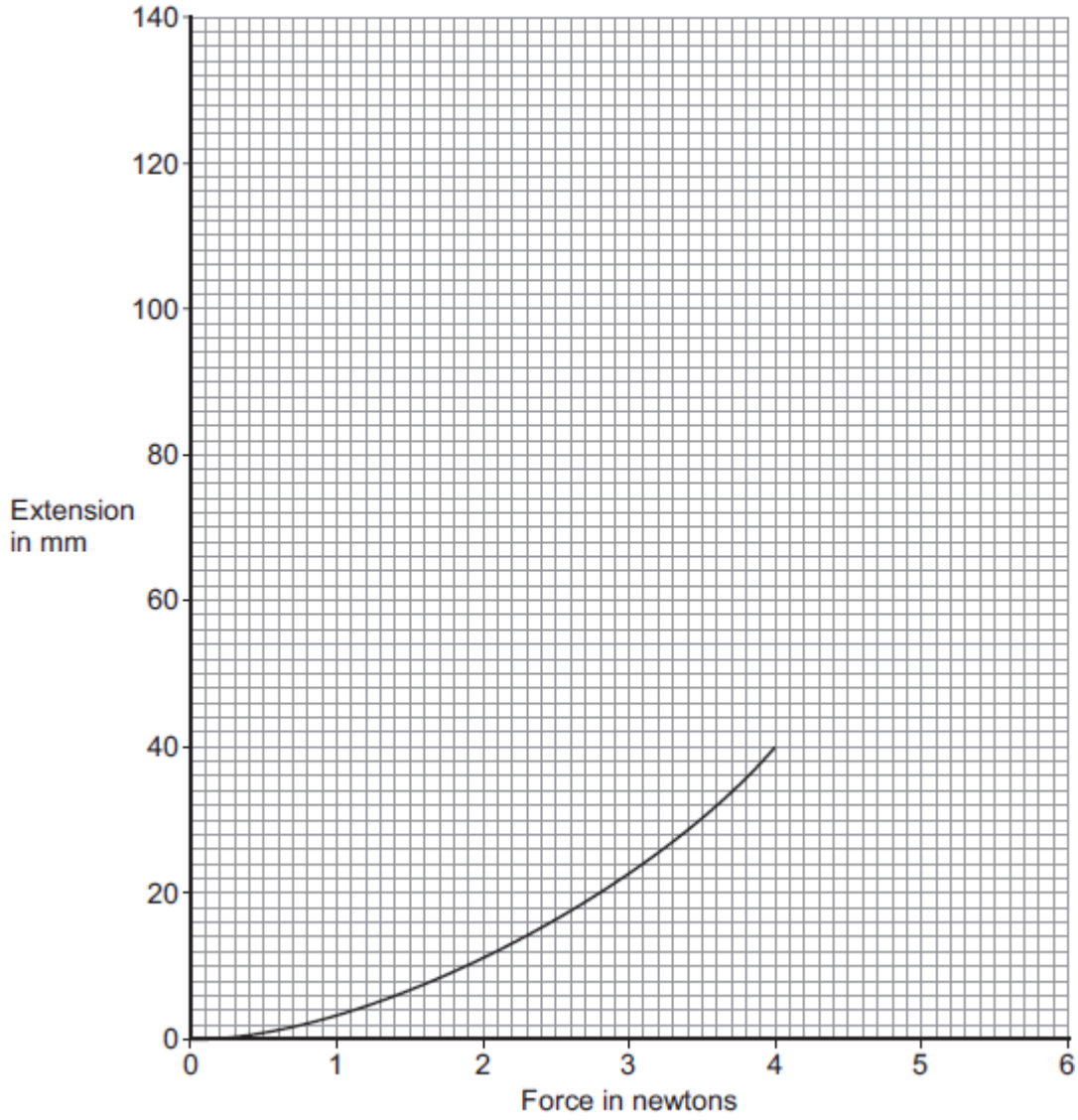
Figure 2



What can you conclude, from **Figure 2**, would happen to the extension of the rubber band if the force applied to the rubber band was increased to 6 N?

The rubber band does **not** break.

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(2)

(c) **Figure 3** shows the vertical forces, **A** and **B**, acting on the glider when it is flying.

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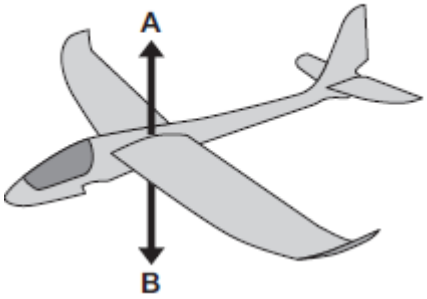
Figure 3



(i) What name is given to the force labelled **B**?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.

drag **friction** **weight**

(1)

(ii) Which **one** of the following describes the downward speed of the glider when force **B** is greater than force **A**?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Downward speed increases ☐

Downward speed is constant ☐

Downward speed decreases ☐

(1)

(Total 8 marks)

Q2.

Figure 1 shows a container filled with water.

The three holes in the side of the container are sealed with rubber stoppers.

Figure 1

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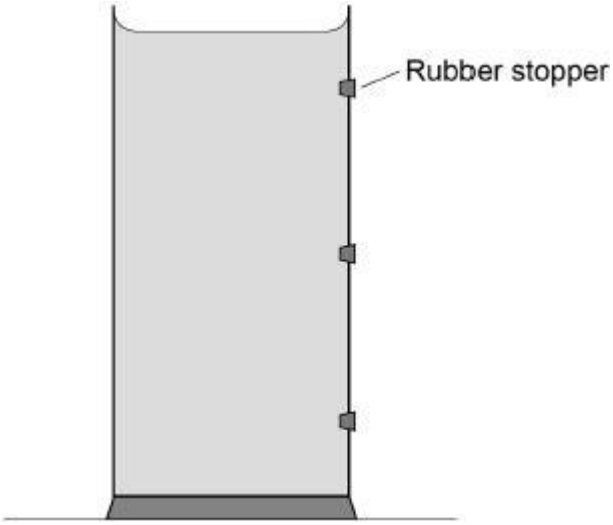

(a) The water exerts a force of 27 N on the bottom of the container.
The cross-sectional area of the bottom of the container is 0.009 m^2.

Calculate the pressure exerted by the water on the bottom of the container.

Use the equation:

$$\text{pressure} = \frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}}$$

Choose the unit.

kg/m^3	**N/m**	**Pa**

Pressure = _____ Unit = _____

(3)

The container is put under running water from a tap and the three rubber stoppers removed.

Figure 2 shows the path taken by the water escaping from the top and bottom holes.

Figure 2

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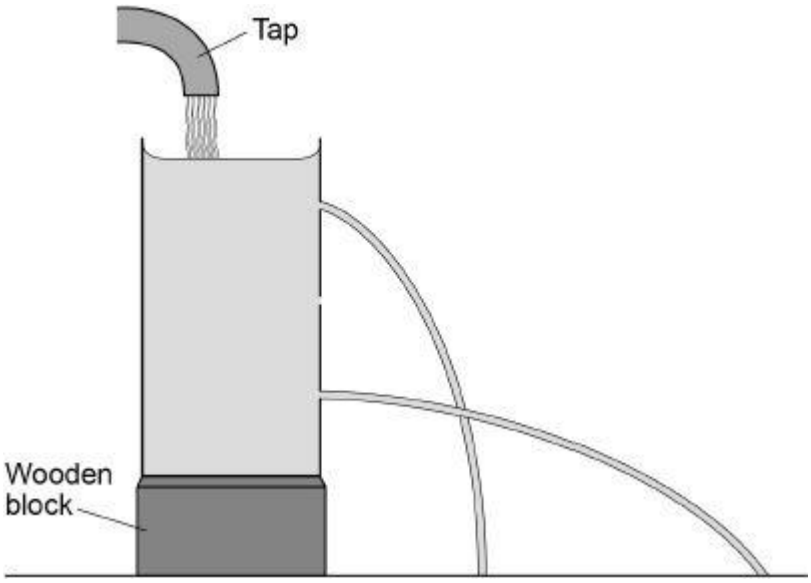

(b) Complete **Figure 2** to show the path taken by the water escaping from the centre hole.

(1)

(c) What can be concluded from **Figure 2** about the pressure in a liquid?

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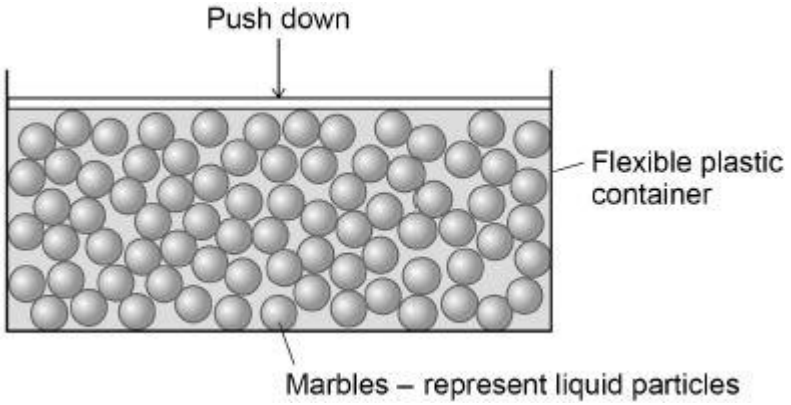
(1)

(d) **Figure 3** shows a simple model of a liquid.

When a force pushes down on the marbles, the marbles push the sides and bottom of the container outwards.

Figure 3



What can be concluded from this model about the pressure in a liquid?

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(1)

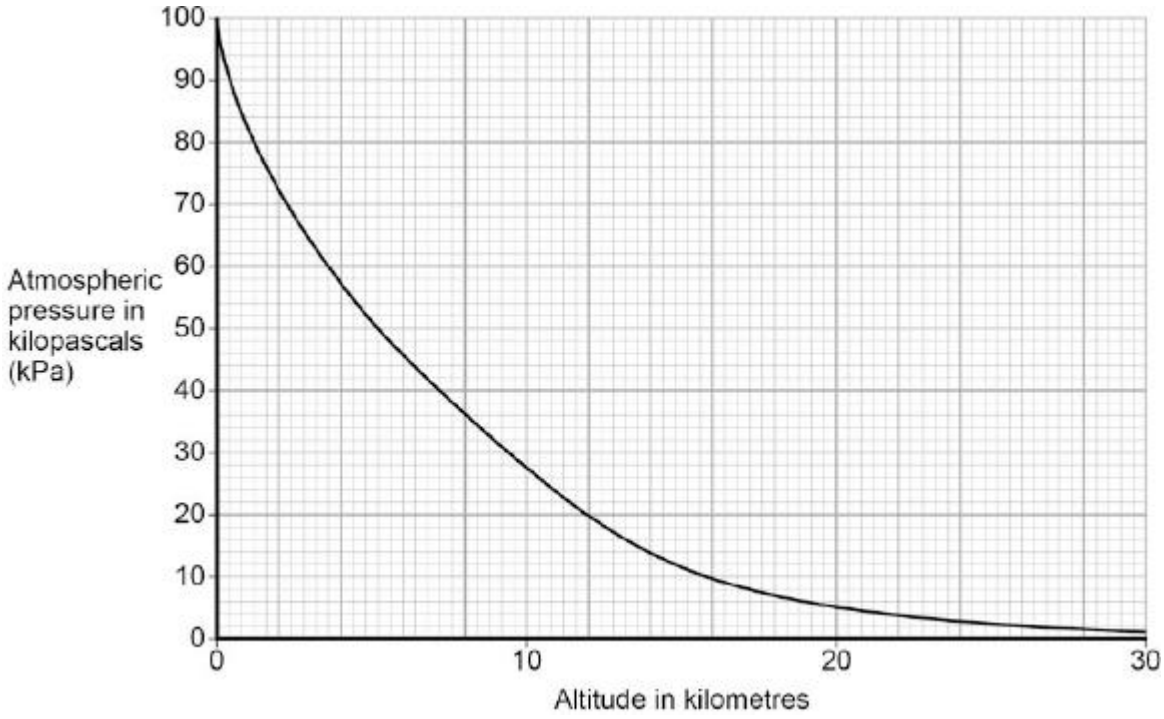
(Total 6 marks)

Higher Questions

Q3.

Figure 1 shows how atmospheric pressure varies with altitude.

Figure 1



(a) Explain why atmospheric pressure decreases with increasing altitude.

_____

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_____

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_____

(3)

(b) When flying, the pressure inside the cabin of an aircraft is kept at 70 kPa.

The aircraft window has an area of 810 cm^2.

Use data from **Figure 1** to calculate the resultant force acting on an aircraft window

when the aircraft is flying at an altitude of 12 km.

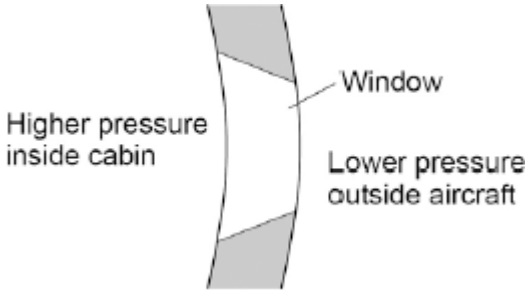
Give your answer to two significant figures

Resultant force = _____ N

(5)

(c) **Figure 2** shows the cross-section of one type of aircraft window.

Figure 2



Explain why the window has been designed to have this shape.

(2)

(Total 10 marks)

Q4.

A paintball gun is used to fire a small ball of paint, called a paintball, at a target.

The figure below shows someone just about to fire a paintball gun.

The paintball is inside the gun.

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(a) What is the momentum of the paintball before the gun is fired?

_____

Give a reason for your answer.

_____

_____

(2)

(b) The gun fires the paintball forwards at a velocity of 90 m / s.

The paintball has a mass of 0.0030 kg.

Calculate the momentum of the paintball just after the gun is fired.

_____

_____

_____

Momentum = _____ kg m / s

(2)

(c) The momentum of the gun and paintball is conserved.

Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

equal to	**greater than**	**less than**

The total momentum of the gun and paintball just after the gun is fired

will be _____ the total momentum of the gun and

paintball before the gun is fired.

(1)

(Total 5 marks)

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Mark schemes

Q1.

(a) 3 (.0)

*allow **1** mark for correct substitution i.e. 25 × 0.12 provided no subsequent step*

2

(b) (i) elastic potential

correct order only

1

kinetic

1

(ii) increases

1

to 80 (mm) (or more)

accept any number greater than 75

an answer 'it (more than) doubles' gains both marks

1

(c) (i) weight

1

(ii) downward speed increases

1

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Q2.

(a) $p = \frac{27}{0.009}$

1

p = 3000

1

Pa

1

*an answer of 3000 scores **2** marks*

(b)

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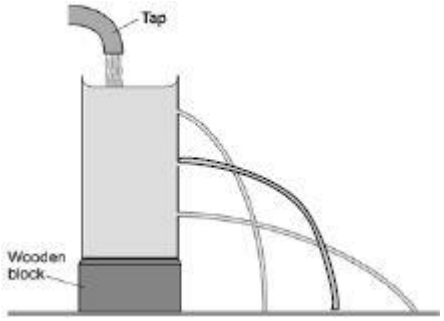

the water path hits the surface somewhere between the other two paths

1

(c) pressure increases with depth

allow when the pressure is higher, the water travels further

1

(d) pressure acts in all directions
or
pressure causes a force on (all) the surfaces

ignore liquids cannot be compressed

1

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Q3.

(a) air molecules colliding with a surface create pressure

1

at increasing altitude distance between molecules increases

or

at increasing altitude fewer molecules (above a surface)

1

so number of collisions with a surface decreases

or

or so always less weight of air than below (the surface)

1

(b) atmospheric pressure = 20 kPa from graph **and** conversion of 810 cm^2 to 0.081 m^2

allow ecf for an incorrect value clearly obtained from the graph

1

$5 \times 10^4 = \frac{F}{0.081}$

1

$F = 5 \times 10^4 \times 0.081$

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1

4050

1

4100 (N)

1

*allow 4100 (N) with no working shown for **5** marks*
*allow 4050 with no working shown for **4** marks*

(c) force from air pressure acting from inside to outside bigger than force acting inwards

1

so keeps the window in position

1

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Q4.

(a) Zero / 0

Accept none
Nothing is insufficent

1

velocity / speed = 0

accept it is not moving
paintball has not been fired is insufficient

1

(b) 0.27

*allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie p = 0.003(0) × 90*
provided no subsequent step

2

(c) equal to

1

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