

# The Motor Effect

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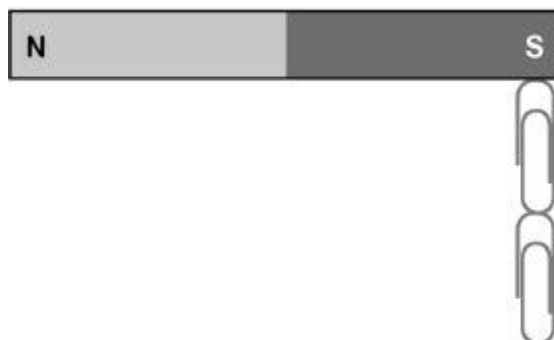
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**Q1.**

**Figure 1** shows two paper clips hanging from a bar magnet.

**Figure 1**



The paper clips have become magnetised.

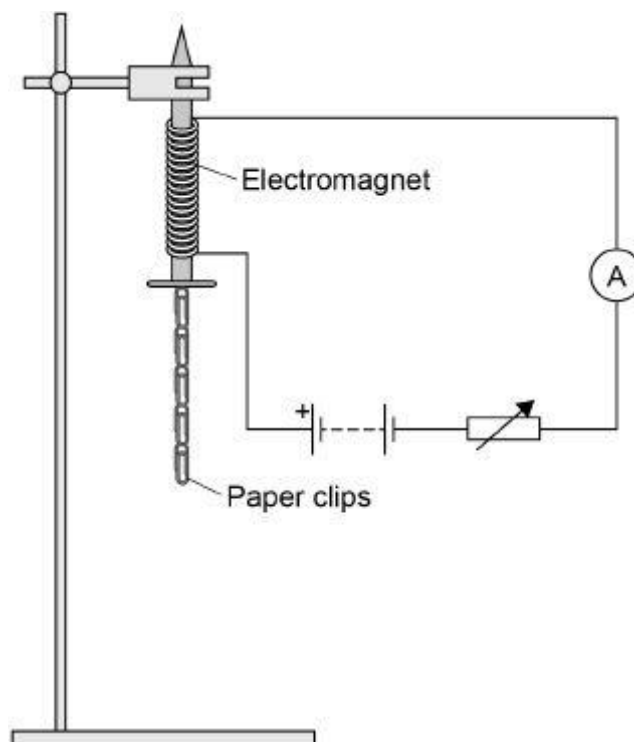
- (a) Label the north and south poles of both paper clips.

(1)

A student investigated how the number of turns of wire on an electromagnet affects the strength of the electromagnet.

**Figure 2** shows the equipment used by the student. Throughout the investigation the student kept the current through the wire constant.

**Figure 2**



- (b) The student measured the strength of the electromagnet by counting the number of

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paper clips the electromagnet could hold.

Explain why it was important that the paper clips were all the same size.

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(2)

The table below shows the student's results.

Number of turns of wire on the electromagnet	Number of paper clips held
10	3
20	6
30	9
40	12

(c) Describe the pattern shown in the table.

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(2)

(d) The student then used 50 turns of wire on the electromagnet.

The electromagnet picked up 18 paper clips. This was more paper clips than the student had expected.

Which **one** is the most likely cause of this result?

Tick **one** box.

The paper clips used with 50 turns were larger than the others.

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There were less than 50 turns of wire on the electromagnet.

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Some of the paper clips were already magnetised.



(1)

- (e) The student repeated the measurement for 50 turns of wire three more times.

This gave her the following set of results.

18      16      14      15

Explain what the student should now do with the **four** results for 50 turns of wire.

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(3)

- (f) The student wrote the hypothesis:

‘Increasing the current through the wire will make the electromagnet stronger.’

Describe how the student should change the investigation to test this hypothesis.

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(3)

(Total 12 marks)

## Q2.

The circle in **Figure 1** represents a straight wire carrying a current. The cross shows that the current is into the plane of the paper.

**Figure 1**



- (a) Complete **Figure 1** to show the magnetic field pattern around the wire.

(2)

- (b) The magnetic flux density 10 cm from the wire is 4 microtesla.

Which of the following is the same as 4 microtesla?

Tick **one** box.

$4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ T}$

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$4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ T}$

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$4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}$

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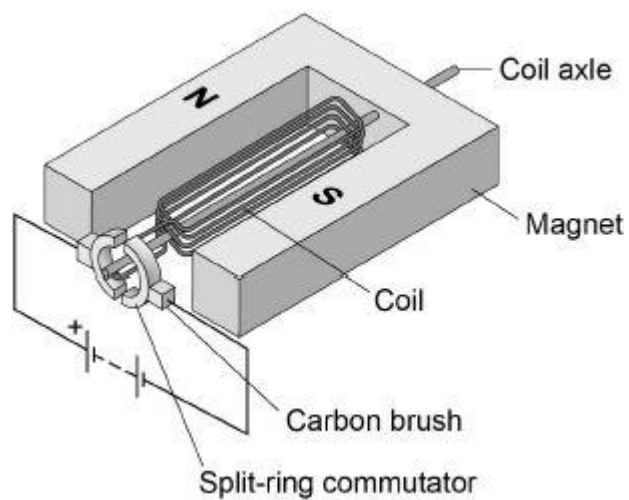
$4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ T}$

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- (c) **Figure 2** shows a simple electric motor.

**Figure 2**



When there is a current in the coil, the coil rotates continuously.

Explain why.

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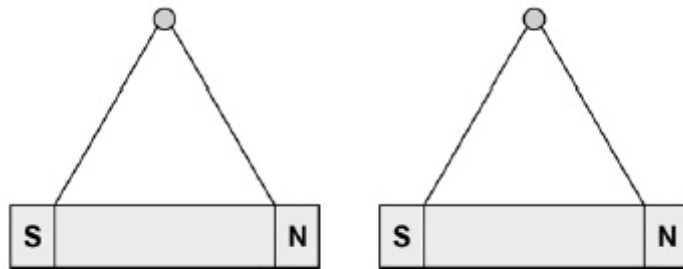
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**Q3.**

**Figure 1** shows two bar magnets suspended close to each other.

**Figure 1**



- (a) Explain what is meant by the following statement.

'A non-contact force acts on each magnet'.

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- (b) Describe how to plot the magnetic field pattern of a bar magnet.

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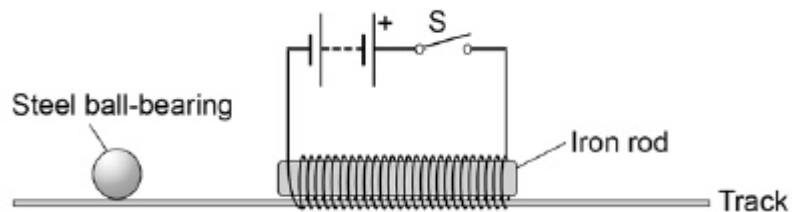
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A student has set up the apparatus shown in **Figure 2**.

The iron rod is fixed to the track and cannot move.

**Figure 2**



- (c) The student gives the steel ball bearing a gentle push in the direction of the iron rod.  
At the same time the student closes the switch **S**.

Explain the effect on the motion of the ball bearing when the switch **S** is closed.

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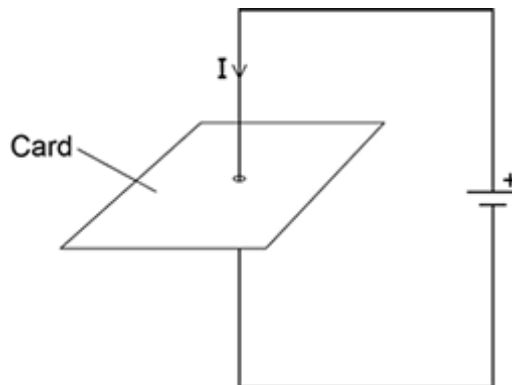
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**Q4.**

**Figure 1** shows a straight wire passing through a piece of card.

A current ( $I$ ) is passing down through the wire.

**Figure 1**



- (a) Describe how you could show that a magnetic field has been produced around the wire.

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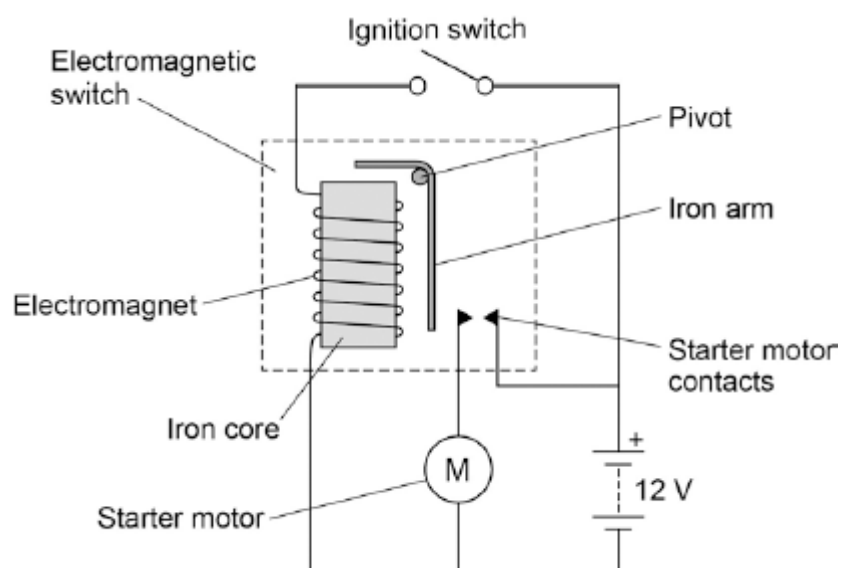
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- (b) **Figure 2** shows the ignition circuit used to switch the starter motor in a car on.

The circuit includes an electromagnetic switch.

**Figure 2**



Explain how the ignition circuit works.

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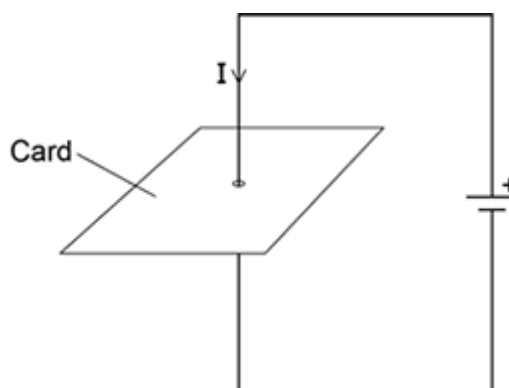
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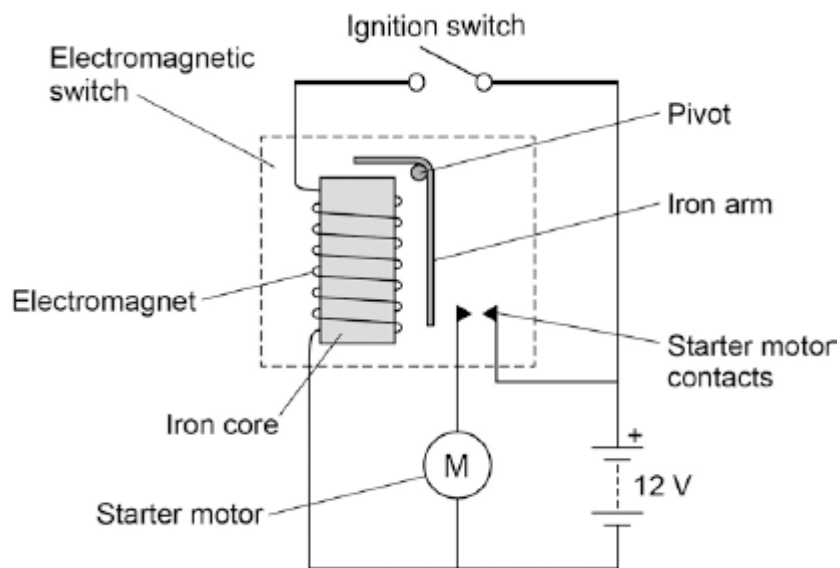
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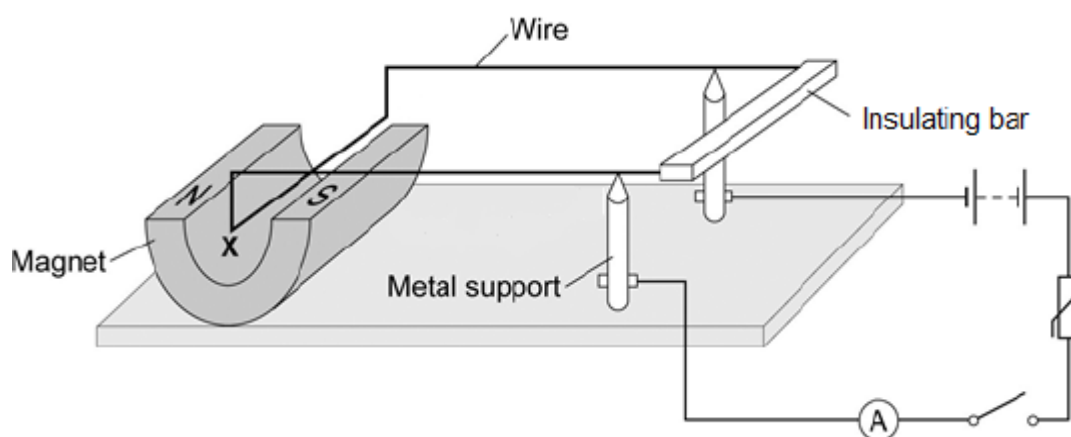
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**Q6.**

**Figure 1** shows a piece of apparatus called a current balance.

**Figure 1**



When the switch is closed, the part of the wire labelled **X** experiences a force and moves downwards.

- (a) What is the name of the effect that causes the wire **X** to move downwards?

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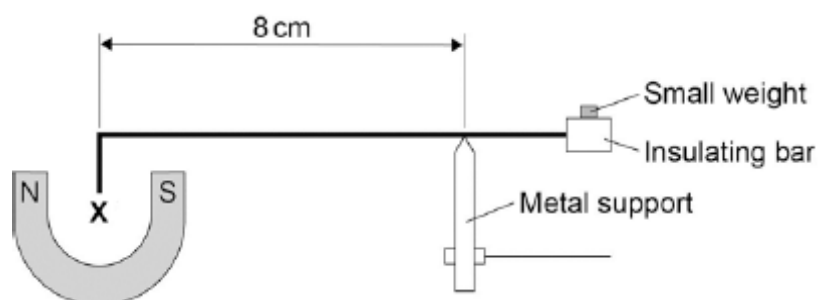
- (b) Suggest one change you could make to the apparatus in **Figure 1** that would increase the size of the force that wire **X** experiences.

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(1)

- (c) **Figure 2** shows how a small weight placed on the insulating bar makes the wire **X** go back and balance in its original position.

**Figure 2**



The wire **X** is 5 cm long and carries a current of 1.5 A.

The small weight causes a clockwise moment of  $4.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Nm}$ .

Calculate the magnetic flux density where the wire **X** is positioned

Give the unit.

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Magnetic flux density = \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

(6)

(Total 8 marks)

**Q7.**

- (a) Electromagnets are often used at recycling centres to separate some types of metals from other materials.

Give **one** reason why an electromagnet would be used rather than a permanent magnet.

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- (b) **In this question you will gain marks for using good English, organising information clearly and using scientific words correctly.**

Some students want to build an electromagnet.

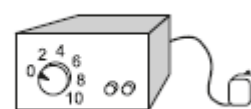
The students have the equipment shown below.



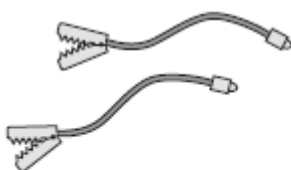
Insulated wire



Iron nail



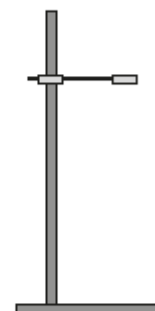
Power supply



Connecting leads



Steel paperclips



Wooden clamp and stand

Describe how the students could build an electromagnet. Include in your answer how the students should vary and test the strength of their electromagnet.

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(Total 7 marks)

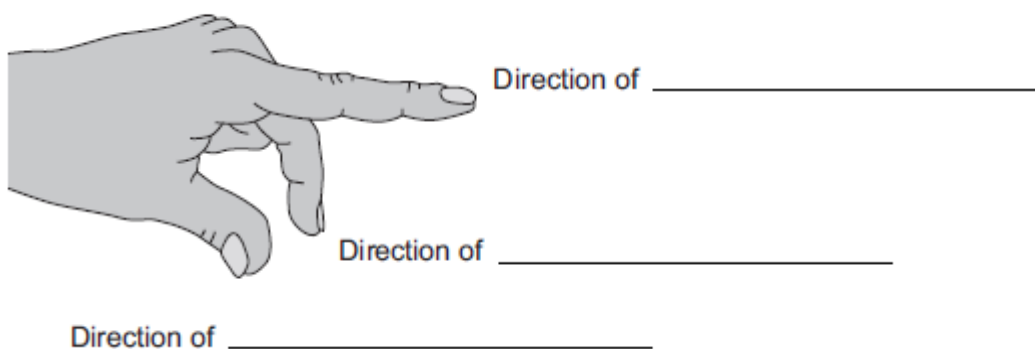
**Q8.**

The left-hand rule can be used to identify the direction of the force acting on a current-carrying conductor in a magnetic field.

- (a) Use words from the box to label **Figure 1**.

current	field	force	potential difference
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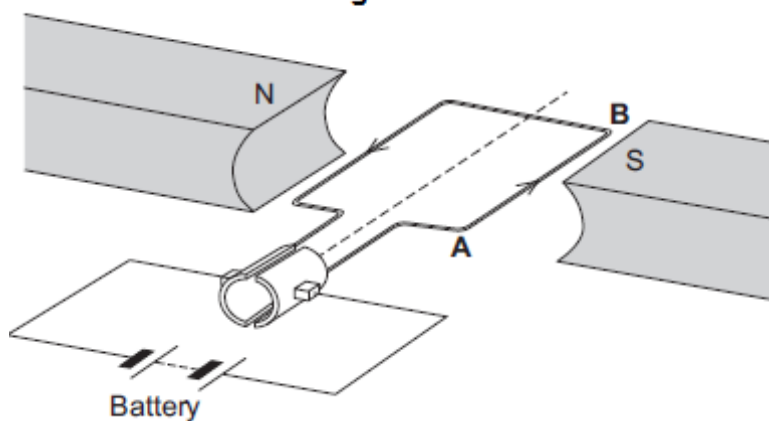
**Figure 1**



(3)

- (b) **Figure 2** shows an electric motor.

**Figure 2**



- (i) Draw an arrow on **Figure 2** to show the direction of the force acting on the wire **AB**.
- (ii) Suggest **two** changes that would increase the force acting on the wire **AB**.

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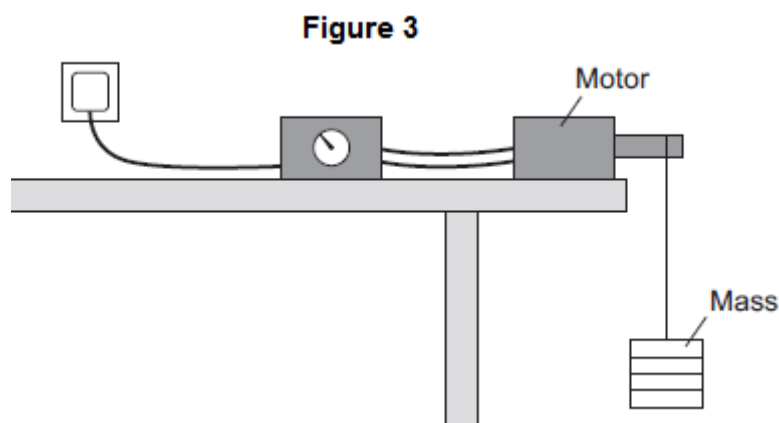
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

- (iii) Suggest **two** changes that would reverse the direction of the force acting on the wire **AB**.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

- (c) A student used an electric motor to lift a mass. This is shown in **Figure 3**.



The student varied the electrical input power to the motor. For each different electrical input power, he recorded the time taken to lift the mass and calculated the output power of the motor.

The results are shown in the table.

Test	Electrical input power in watts	Work done lifting the mass in joules	Time taken to lift the mass in seconds	Output power in watts
A	20	24	2.4	10
B	40	24	1.2	20
C	60	24	0.8	30
D	80	24	0.2	120

The result for **Test D** is anomalous.

- (i) Calculate the efficiency of the motor in **Test D**.

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Efficiency = \_\_\_\_\_

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- (ii) Comment on your answer to part (c)(i).

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- (iii) Suggest a reason for this anomalous result.

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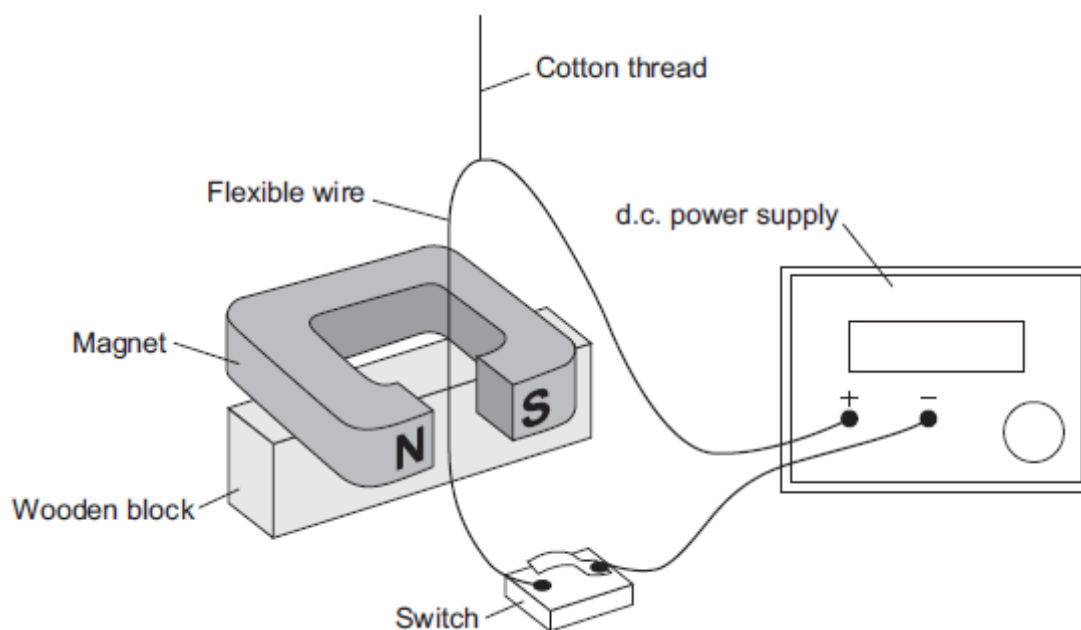
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### Q9.

The diagram shows a demonstration carried out by a teacher.



When the switch is closed, there is a current of 2 A through the wire. The wire experiences a force and moves.

- (a) Use the correct word from the box to complete the sentence.

generator	motor	transformer
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The demonstration shows the \_\_\_\_\_ effect.

(1)

- (b) State **two** changes that the teacher could make to the demonstration, each of which

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would increase the force on the wire. The teacher does not touch the wire.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(2)

- (c) State **one** change that the teacher could make to the demonstration to change the direction of the force on the wire.

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\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

- (d) With the switch closed, the teacher changes the position of the wire so that the force on the wire is zero.

What is the position of the wire?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

The wire is at  $90^\circ$  to the direction of the magnetic field.

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The wire is at  $45^\circ$  to the direction of the magnetic field.

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The wire is parallel to the direction of the magnetic field.

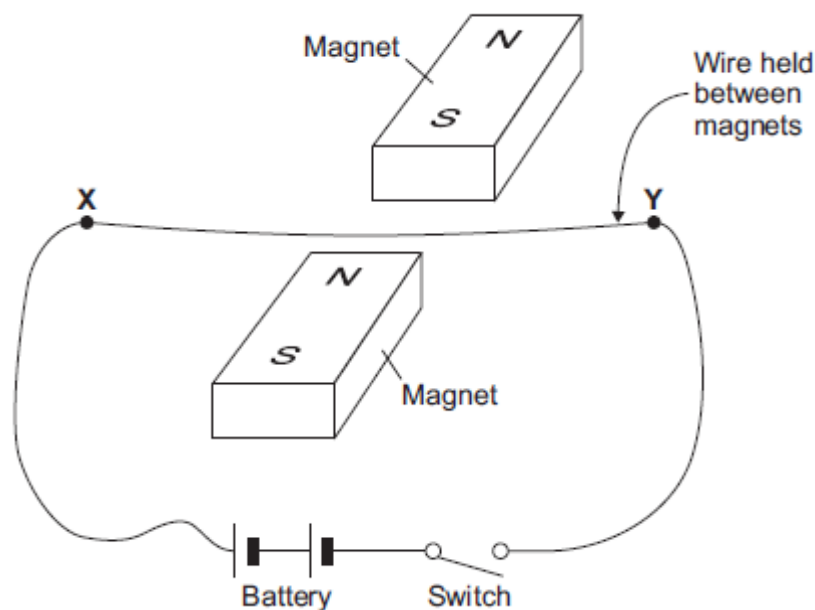
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**Q10.**

The diagram shows apparatus set up by a student.



Closing the switch creates a force that acts on the wire **XY**.

- (a) (i) Explain why a force acts on the wire **XY** when the switch is closed.

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(3)

- (ii) The force causes the wire **XY** to move.  
Draw an arrow on the diagram above to show the direction in which the wire **XY** will move.

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- (iii) State the effect that this experiment demonstrates.

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(1)

- (b) The student replaced the battery with a low frequency alternating current (a.c.) power supply.

The student closed the switch.

- (i) Describe the movement of the wire.

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- (ii) Give a reason for your answer to part (i).

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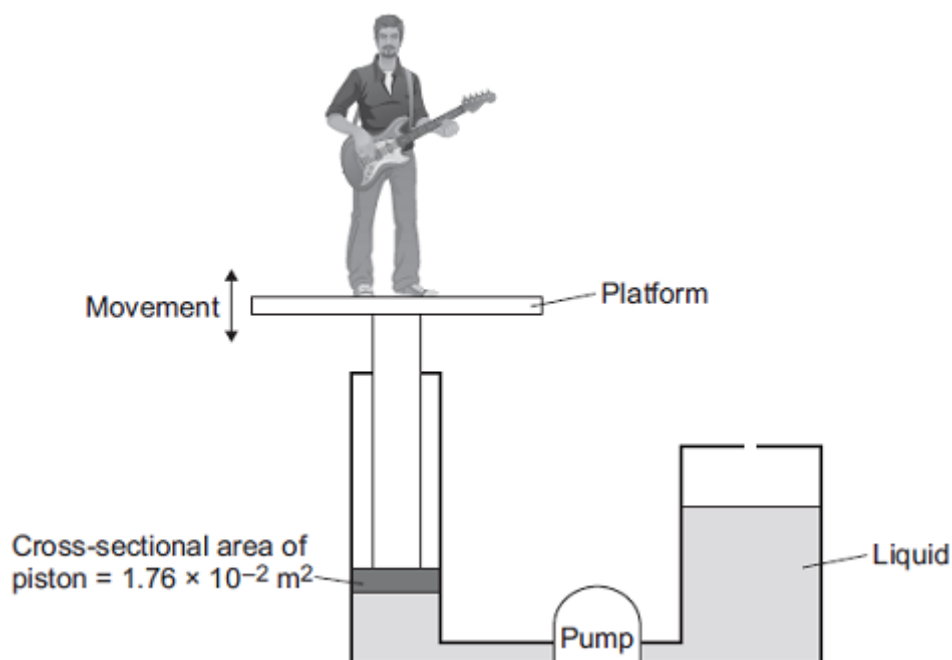
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**Q11.**

Musicians sometimes perform on a moving platform.

**Figure 1** shows the parts of the lifting machine used to move the platform up and down.

**Figure 1**



- (a) What type of system uses a liquid to transmit a force?

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(1)

- (b) The pump creates a pressure in the liquid of  $8.75 \times 10^4$  Pa to move the platform upwards.

Calculate the force that the liquid applies to the piston.

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Force = \_\_\_\_\_ N

(2)

- (c) The liquid usually used in the machine is made by processing oil from underground wells. A new development is to use plant oil as the liquid.

Extracting plant oil requires less energy than extracting oil from underground wells.

Suggest an environmental advantage of using plant oil.

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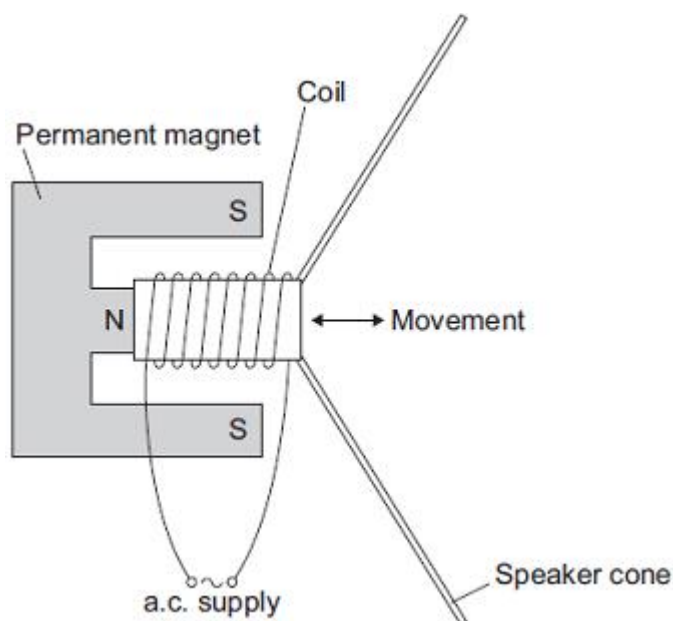
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(1)

- (d) Musicians often use loudspeakers.

**Figure 2** shows how a loudspeaker is constructed.

**Figure 2**



The loudspeaker cone vibrates when an alternating current flows through the coil.

Explain why.

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**Q12.**

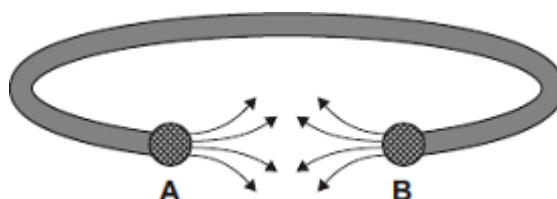
- (a) Some people wear magnetic bracelets to relieve pain.

**Figure 1** shows a magnetic bracelet.

There are magnetic poles at both **A** and **B**.

Part of the magnetic field pattern between **A** and **B** is shown.

**Figure 1**



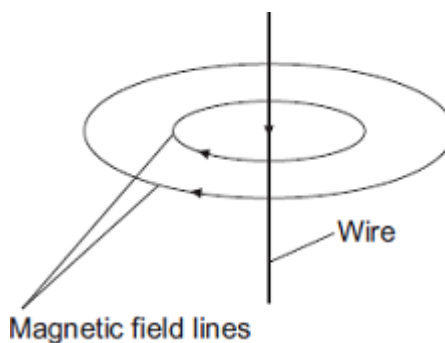
What is the pole at **A**? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the pole at **B**? \_\_\_\_\_

(1)

- (b) **Figure 2** shows two of the lines of the magnetic field pattern of a current-carrying wire.

**Figure 2**



The direction of the current is reversed.

What happens to the direction of the lines in the magnetic field pattern?

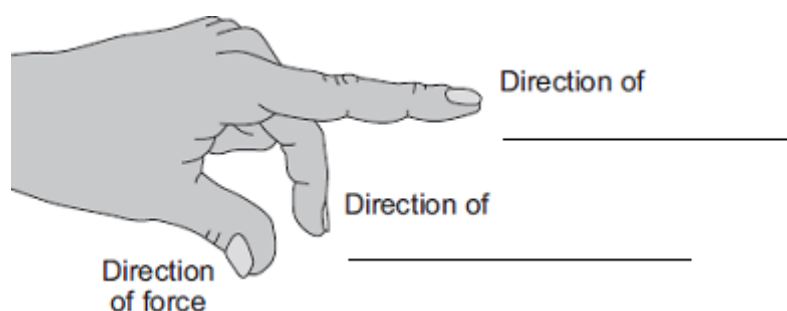
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- (c) Fleming's left-hand rule can be used to identify the direction of a force acting on a current-carrying wire in a magnetic field.

- (i) Complete the labels in **Figure 3**.

**Figure 3**

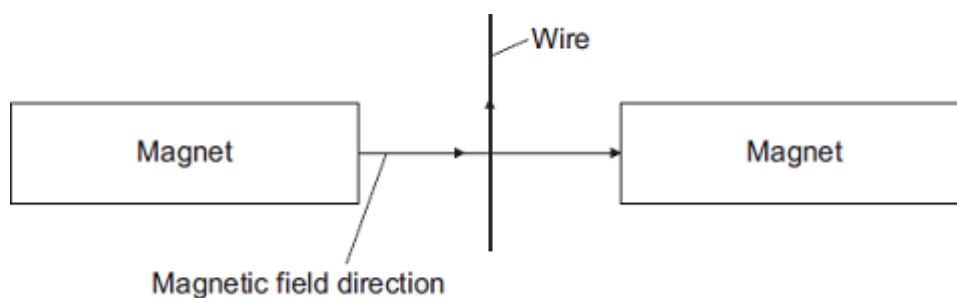


(2)

- (ii) **Figure 4** shows:

- the direction of the magnetic field between a pair of magnets
- the direction of the current in a wire in the magnetic field.

**Figure 4**



In which direction does the force on the wire act?

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(1)

- (iii) Suggest **three** changes that would **decrease** the force acting on the wire.

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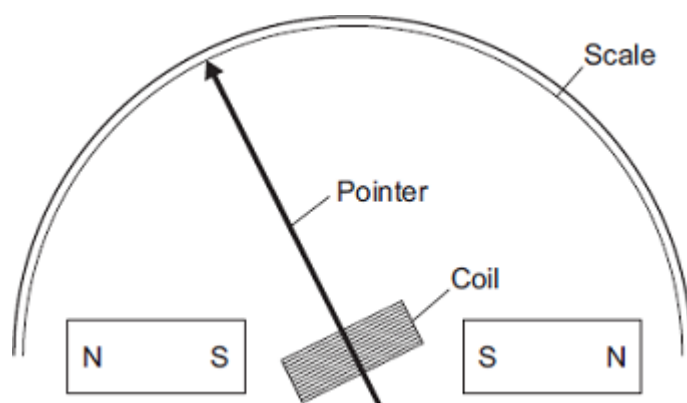
3. \_\_\_\_\_

(3)

- (d) **Figure 5** shows part of a moving-coil ammeter as drawn by a student.

The ammeter consists of a coil placed in a uniform magnetic field. When there is a current in the coil, the force acting on the coil causes the coil to rotate and the pointer moves across the scale.

**Figure 5**



- (i) The equipment has **not** been set up correctly.

What change would make it work?

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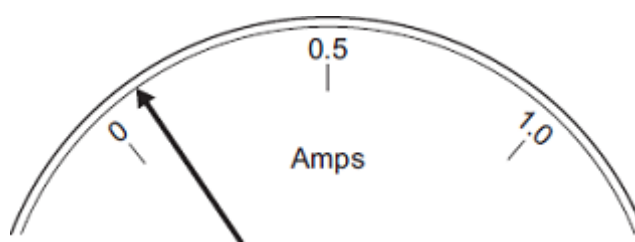


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- (ii) **Figure 6** shows the pointer in an ammeter when there is no current.

**Figure 6**



What type of error does the ammeter have?

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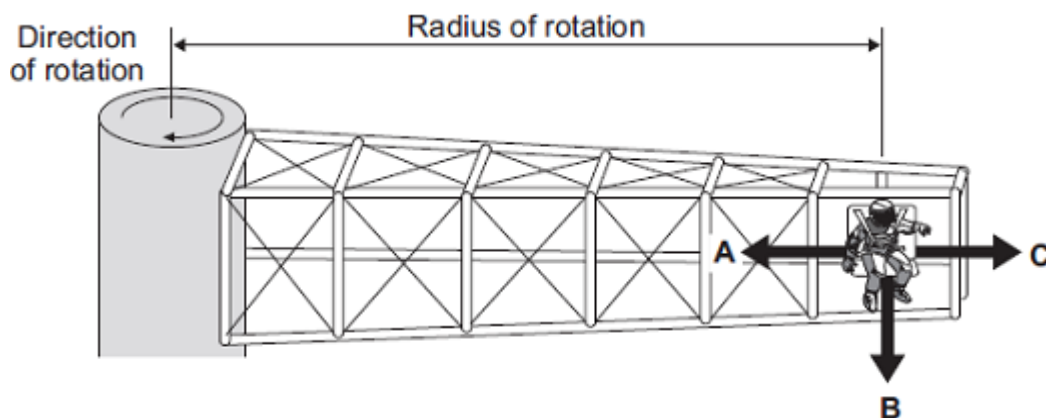
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### Q13.

The diagram shows a 'G-machine'. The G-machine is used in astronaut training.

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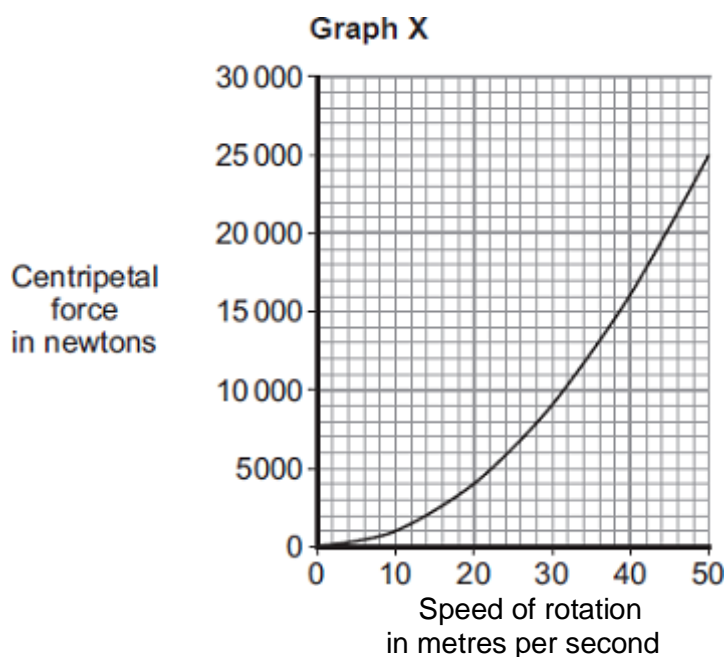


The G-machine moves the astronaut in a horizontal circle.

Force A is known as the **centripetal** force acting on the astronaut

- (a) The centripetal force on the astronaut is measured.

**Graph X** shows how the centripetal force is affected by the speed of rotation. The radius of rotation is kept the same.



- (i) Use **Graph X** to determine the centripetal force on the astronaut when rotating at a speed of 30 metres per second.

Centripetal force = \_\_\_\_\_ newtons

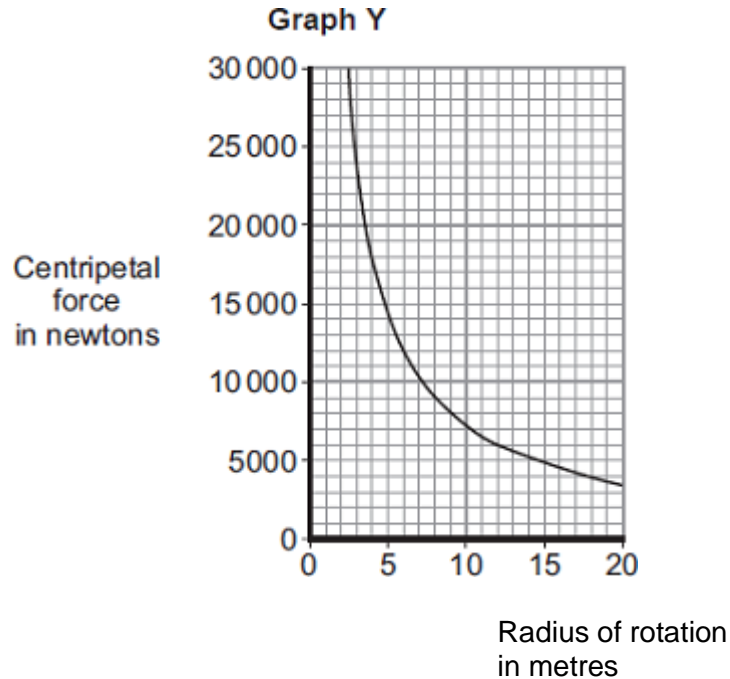
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- (ii) Complete the following sentence to give the conclusion that can be made from **Graph X**.

Increasing the speed of rotation of a G-machine will \_\_\_\_\_  
the centripetal force on the astronaut.

(1)

- (iii) **Graph Y** shows how the centripetal force is affected by the radius of rotation, when the speed of rotation is kept the same.

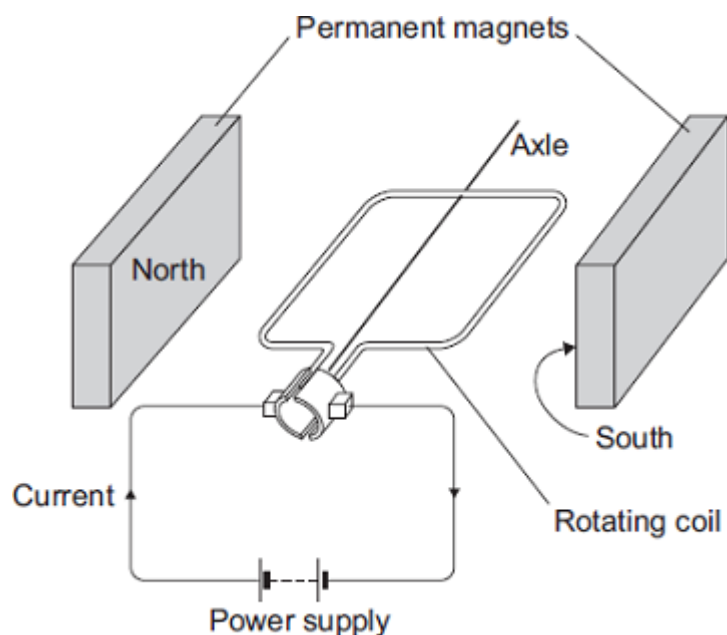


Complete the following sentence to give the conclusion that can be made from **Graph Y**.

The greater the radius of rotation, the \_\_\_\_\_ the centripetal force on the astronaut.

(1)

- (b) The G-machine is rotated by an electric motor. The diagram shows a simple electric motor.



The following statements explain how the motor creates a turning force. The statements are in the wrong order.

- M** – The magnetic field interacts with the magnetic field of the permanent magnets.
- N** – A magnetic field is created around the coil.
- O** – The power supply applies a potential difference across the coil.
- P** – This creates a force that makes the coil spin.
- Q** – A current flows through the coil.

Arrange the statements in the correct order. Two of them have been done for you.



(2)

- (c) The electric motor produces a turning force.

Give **two** ways of increasing the turning force.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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(2)

- (d) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete the sentence.

It costs a lot of money to send astronauts into space.

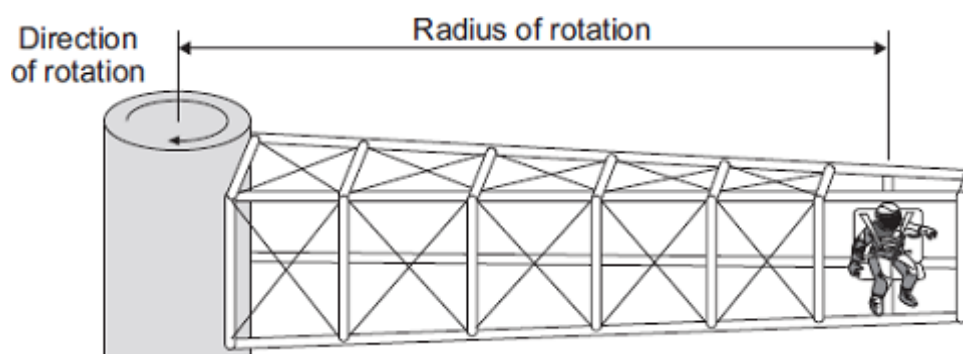
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This is 
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  issue.

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**Q14.**

The diagram shows a 'G-machine'. The G-machine is used in astronaut training.

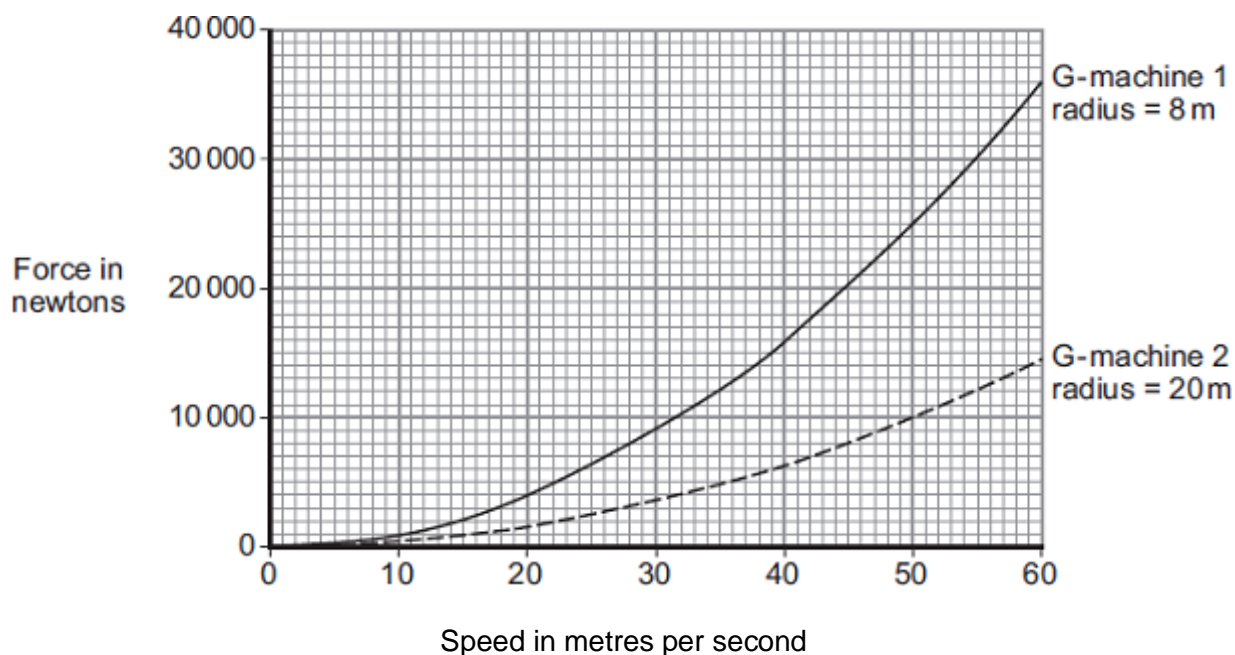


The G-machine moves the astronaut in a horizontal circle.

- (a) The force causing the astronaut to move in a circle is measured.

The graph shows how the speed of the astronaut affects the force causing the astronaut to move in a circle for two different G-machines.

The radius of rotation of the astronaut is different for each G-machine.



- (i) State **three** conclusions that can be made from the graph.

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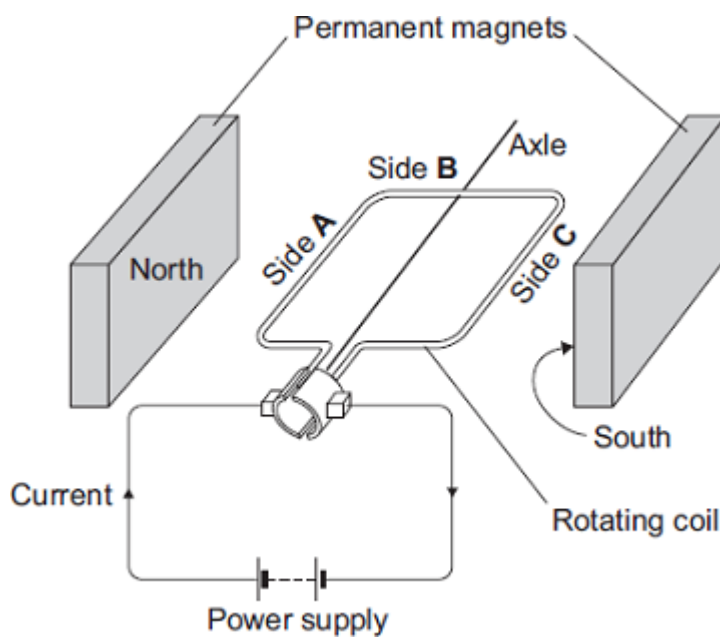
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- (ii) The speed of rotation of G-machine 1 is increased from 20 m/s to 40 m/s.  
Determine the change in force on the astronaut.

Change in force = \_\_\_\_\_ N

(1)

- (b) Each G-machine is rotated by an electric motor. The diagram shows a simple electric motor.



- (i) A current flows through the coil of the motor.  
Explain why side **A** of the coil experiences a force.

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(2)

- (ii) Draw arrows on the diagram to show the direction of the forces acting on side **A** of the coil and side **C** of the coil.

(1)

- (iii) When horizontal, side **B** experiences no force.

Give the reason why.

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(1)

- (c) While a G-machine is rotating, the operators want to increase its speed.

What can the operators do to make the G-machine rotate faster?

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(1)

- (d) The exploration of space has cost a lot of money.

Do you think spending lots of money on space exploration has been a good thing?

Draw a ring around your answer.

**Yes                  No**

Give a reason for your answer.

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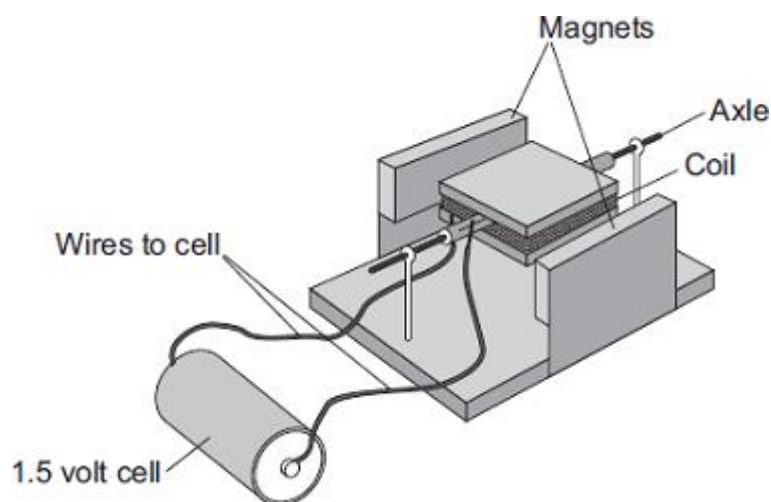
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(Total 10 marks)

### Q15.

A student has made a simple electric motor. The diagram shows the electric motor.



- (a) Complete the following sentence by drawing a ring around the correct line in the box.

Once the coil is spinning, one side of the coil is pushed by

the cell
the coil
a force

and

the other side is pulled, so the coil continues to spin.

(1)

- (b) Suggest **two** changes to the electric motor, each one of which would make the coil spin faster.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(2)

- (c) Suggest **two** changes to the electric motor, each one of which would make the coil spin in the opposite direction.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

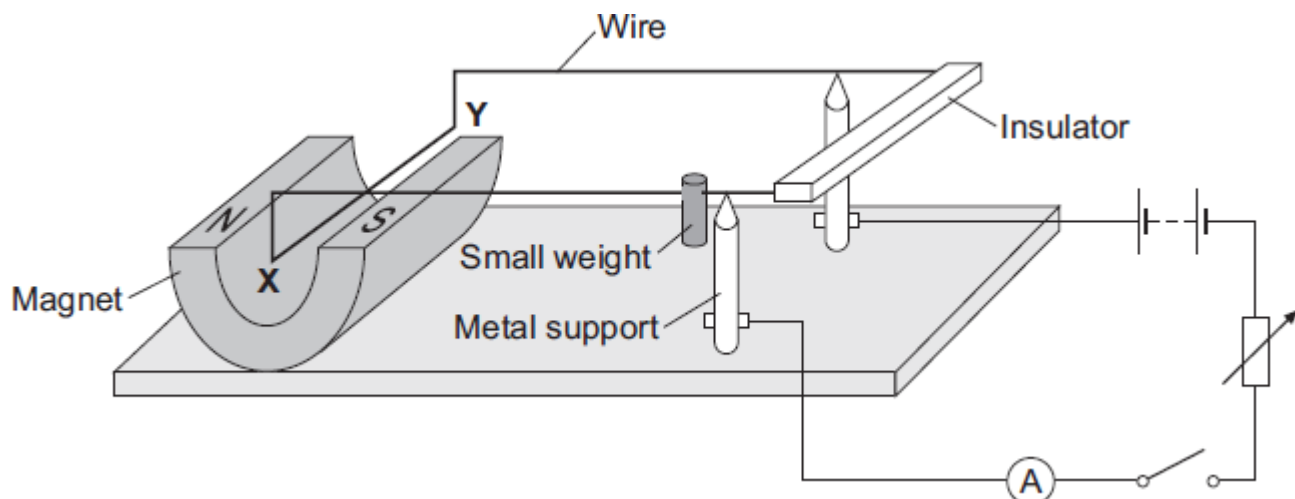
(2)

(Total 5 marks)

**Q16.**

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The diagram shows a device called a current balance.



- (a) (i) When the switch is closed, the part of the wire labelled **XY** moves upwards.

Explain why.

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(2)

- (ii) What is the name of the effect that causes the wire **XY** to move?

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(1)

- (iii) An alternating current (a.c.) is a current which reverses direction. How many times the current reverses direction in one second depends on the frequency of the alternating supply.

Describe the effect on the wire **XY** if the battery is replaced by an a.c. supply having a frequency of 5 hertz.

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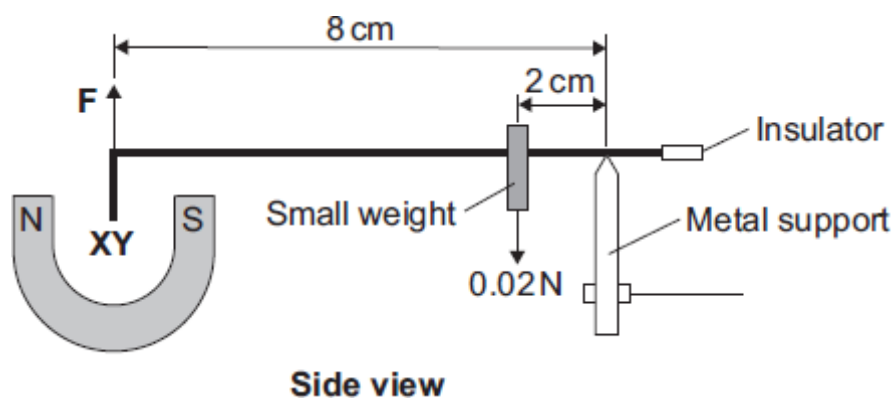
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(2)

- (b) The diagram shows how a small weight can be used to make the wire **XY** balance horizontally.



Use the data in the diagram and the equation in the box to calculate the force, **F**, acting on the wire **XY**.

$\text{moment} = \text{force} \times \text{perpendicular distance from the line of action of the force to the axis of rotation}$
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Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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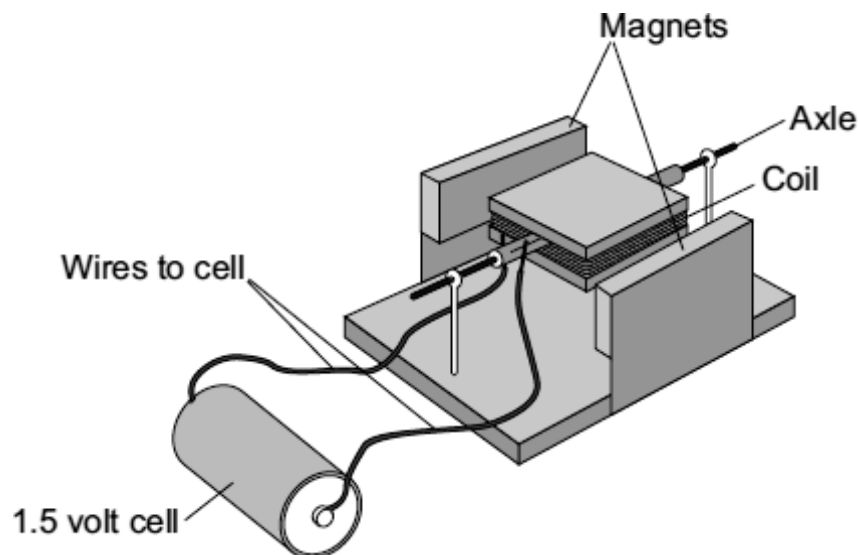
Force = \_\_\_\_\_ N

(3)

(Total 8 marks)

**Q17.**

- (a) Complete the description of the device shown below by drawing a ring around the correct line in each box.



- (i) The device is being used as

an electric motor.  
a generator.  
a transformer.

(1)

- (ii) The coil needs a flick to get started. Then one side of the coil is pushed by the

cell  
coil  
force

and the other side is pulled, so that the coil spins.

(1)

- (b) Suggest **two** changes to the device, each one of which would make the coil spin faster.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(2)

- (c) Suggest **two** changes to the device, each one of which would make the coil spin in the opposite direction.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

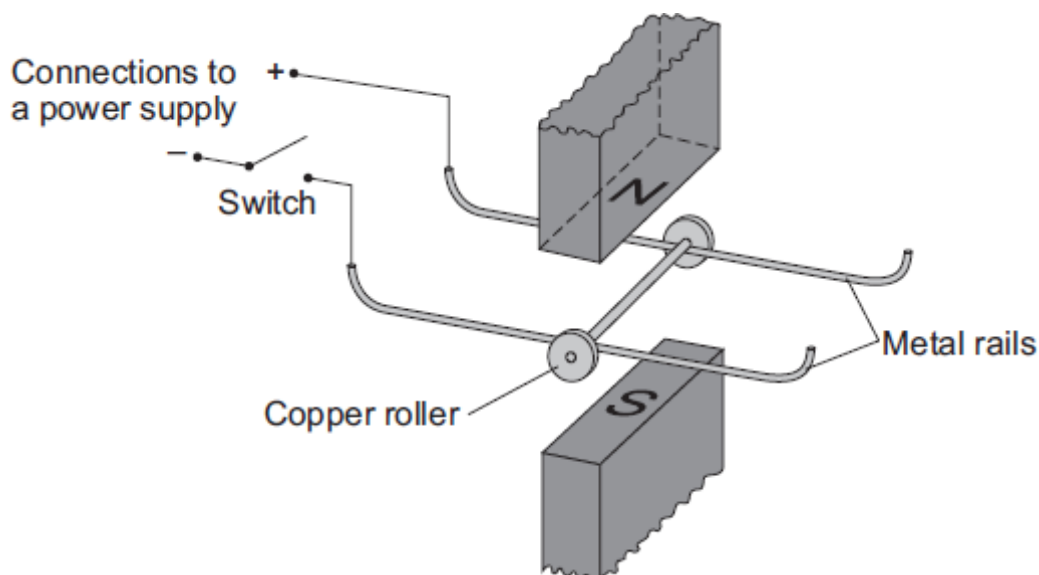
2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(2)  
(Total 6 marks)

**Q18.**

- (a) A science technician sets up the apparatus shown below to demonstrate the motor effect. He uses a powerful permanent magnet.



The copper roller is placed across the metal rails. When the switch is closed, the copper roller moves to the right.

- (i) Complete the sentence by drawing a ring around the correct line in the box.

This happens because copper is

an electrical conductor. an electrical insulator. a magnetic material.
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(1)

- (ii) Suggest **one** change that the technician can make which will cause the copper roller to move faster.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

- (iii) Suggest **two** changes which the technician can make, each of which will separately cause the copper roller to move to the left.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(2)

- (b) Many electrical appliances, such as vacuum cleaners, drills and CD players, contain electric motors. As more electrical appliances are developed, more electricity needs to be generated. Generating electricity often produces pollutant gases.

- (i) Complete the sentence by drawing a ring around the correct line in the box.

Generating more electricity to power the increasing number of electrical

appliances used raises

an ethical

an environmental

a political

issue.

(1)

- (ii) The number of electrical appliances used in the world's richest countries is increasing yet many people in the world's poorest countries have no access to electricity.

What type of issue does this inequality between people in different countries raise?

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(1)

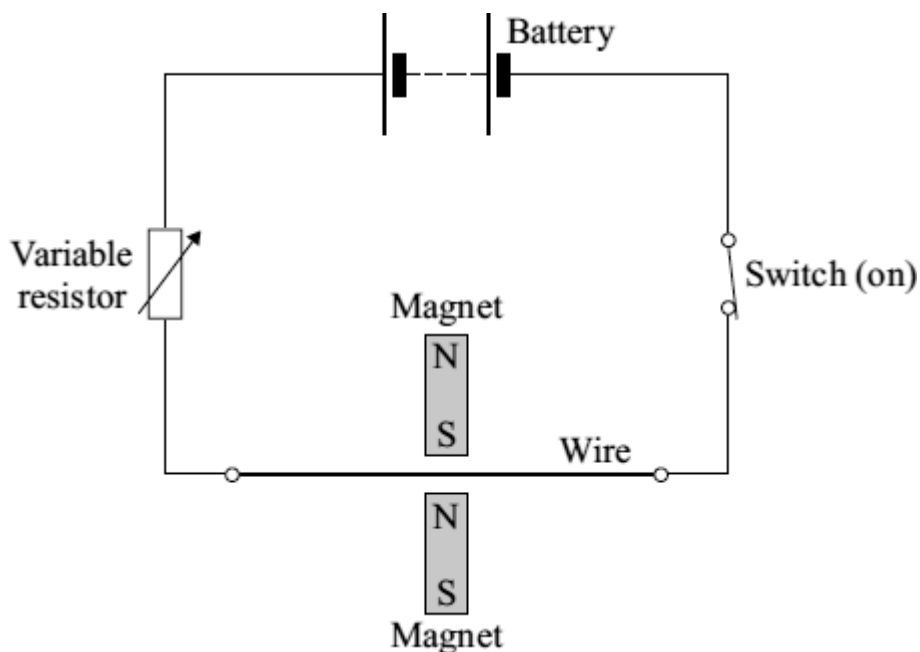
(Total 6 marks)

### Q19.

A student investigates the electromagnetic force acting on a wire which carries an electric current. The wire is in a magnetic field.

The diagram shows the circuit which the student uses.

- (a) Draw an **X** on the diagram, with the centre of the **X** in the most strongest part of the magnetic field.



(1)

- (b) Give **one** change that she can make to the magnets to **decrease** the electromagnetic force on the wire.

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(1)

- (c) The student wants to change the electromagnetic force on the wire without changing the magnets or moving their position.

- (i) Give **one** way in which she can **increase** the electromagnetic force.

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(1)

- (ii) Give **one** way in which she can **reverse** the direction of the electromagnetic force.

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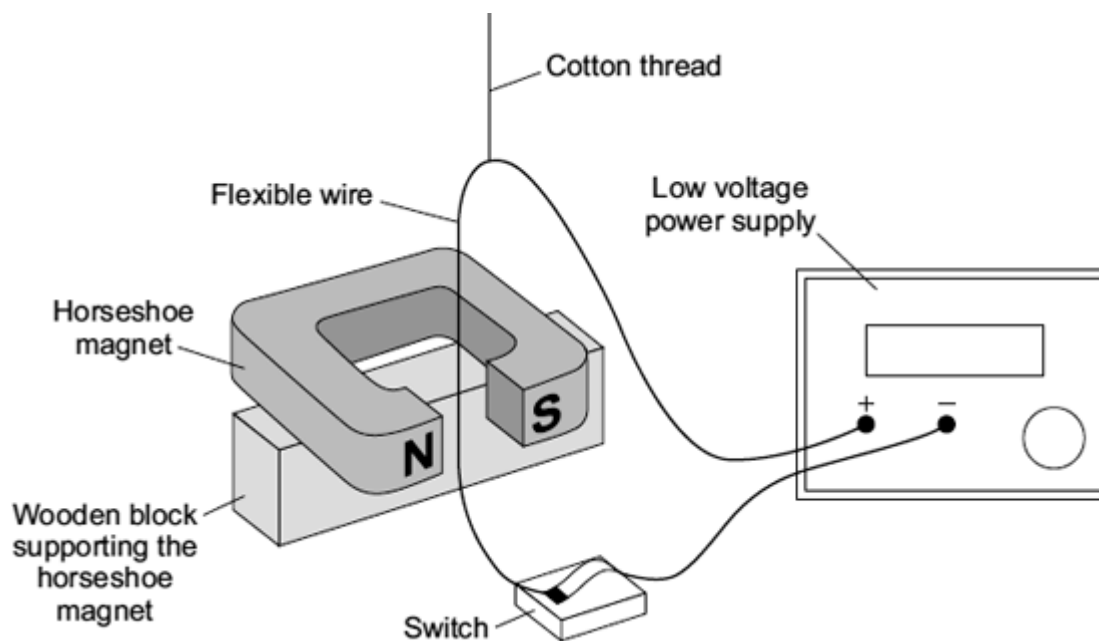
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(1)

(Total 4 marks)

## Q20.

- (a) A laboratory technician sets up a demonstration.



A flexible wire is suspended between the ends of a horseshoe magnet. The flexible wire hangs from a cotton thread. When the switch is closed, the wire kicks forward.

Identify the effect which is being demonstrated.

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

- (b) A teacher makes some changes to the set-up of the demonstration.

What effect, if any, will each of the following changes have?

- (i) more powerful horseshoe magnet is used.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

- (ii) The connections to the power supply are reversed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

(1)  
(Total 3 marks)

### Q21.

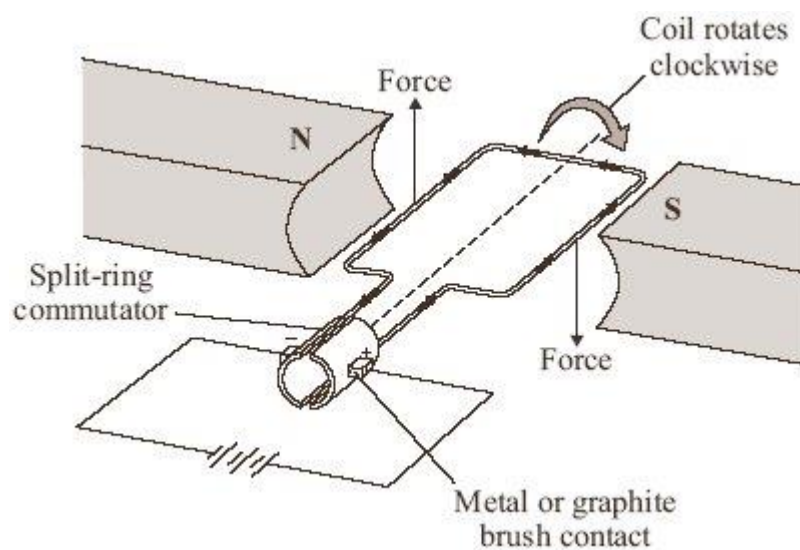
Many electrical appliances use the circular motion produced by their electric motor.

- (a) Put ticks (✓) in the boxes next to **all** the appliances in the list which have an electric motor.

electric drill	<input type="checkbox"/>
electric fan	<input type="checkbox"/>
electric food mixer	<input type="checkbox"/>
electric iron	<input type="checkbox"/>
electric kettle	<input type="checkbox"/>
electric screwdriver	<input type="checkbox"/>

(2)

- (b) One simple design of an electric motor is shown in the diagram. It has a coil which spins between the ends of a magnet.



- (i) Give **two** ways of reversing the direction of the forces on the coil in the electric motor.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(2)

- (ii) Give **two** ways of increasing the forces on the coil in the electric motor.

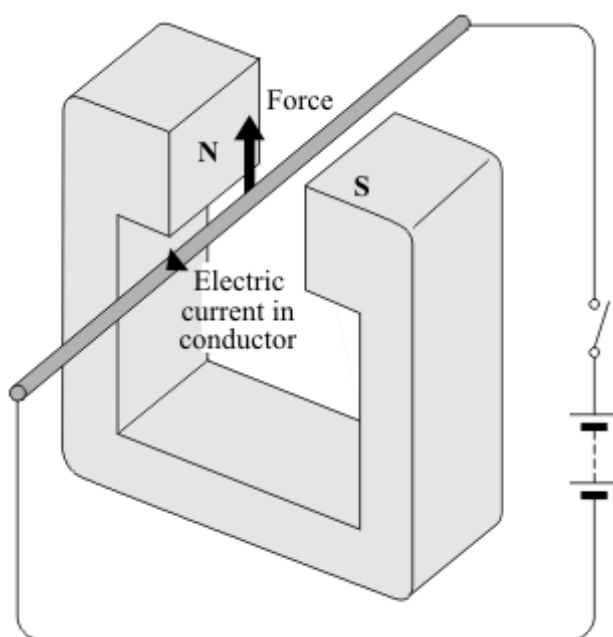
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1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(2)  
(Total 6 marks)

**Q22.**

When a conductor carrying an electric current is placed in a magnetic field a force may act on it.



- (a) State **two** ways in which this force can be increased.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

(2)

- (b) State **two** ways in which this force can be made to act in the opposite direction.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

(2)

- (c) In what circumstance will **no** force act on a conductor carrying an electric current and in a magnetic field?

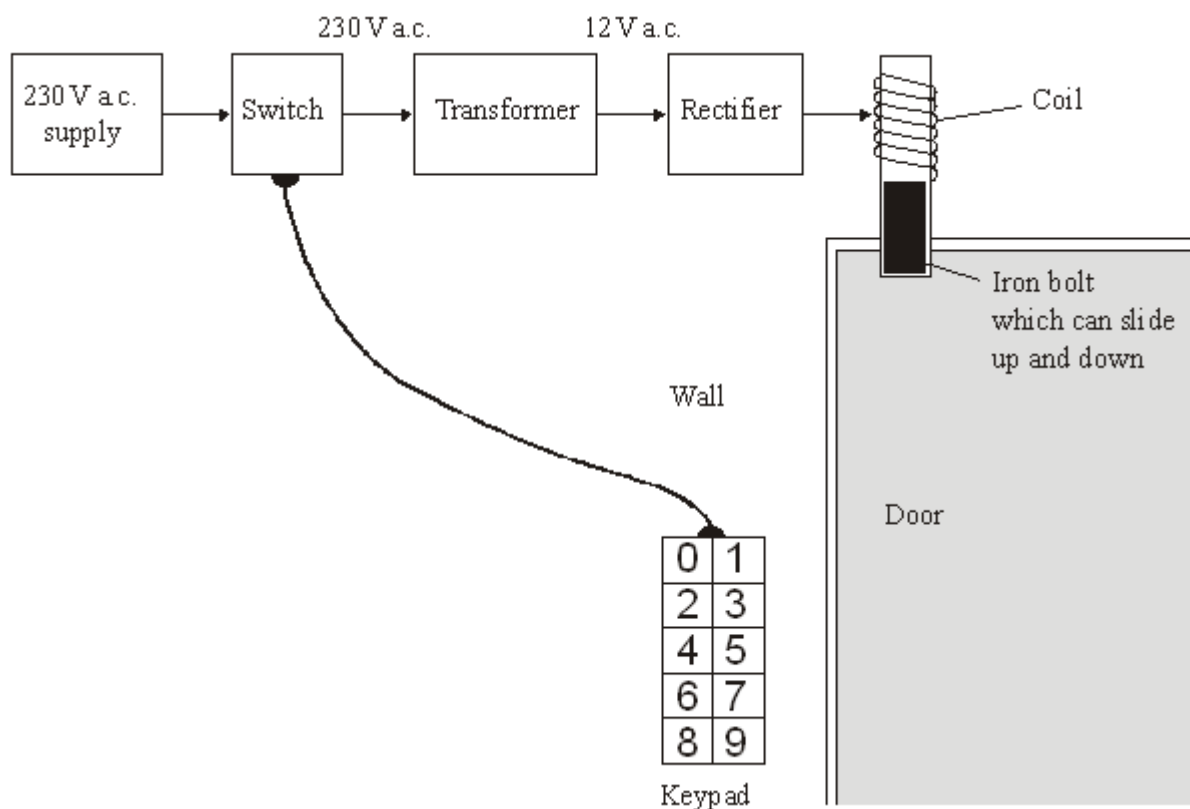
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(1)  
(Total 5 marks)

**Q23.**

The diagram shows the design for a remotely controlled door bolt.

When the correct numbers are entered into the keypad the transformer switches on. Then the door can be opened.



(a) What kind of transformer is shown in the diagram?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

(b) What does the abbreviation a.c. stand for?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

(c) Complete the sentences using the correct words from the box.

attracts	downwards	magnet	reflects	repels
sideways	switch	transformer	upwards	

(i) When a current flows in the coil, the coil becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ .

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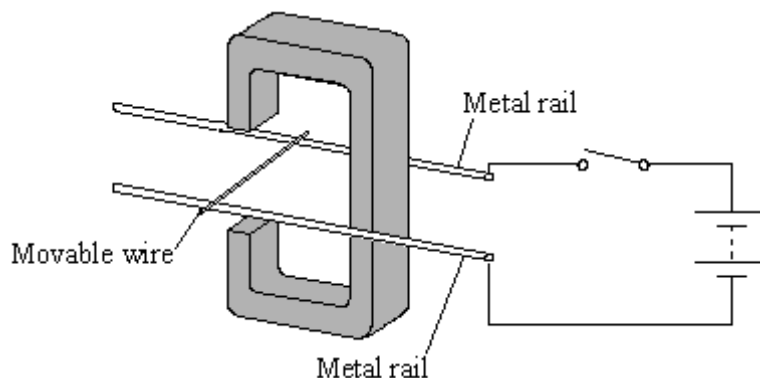
(ii) The coil \_\_\_\_\_ the iron bolt which moves \_\_\_\_\_

(3)

(Total 5 marks)

**Q24.**

The diagram shows apparatus used to demonstrate the electric motor effect. When the switch is closed the wire moves.



(i) Draw an arrow on the diagram to show the direction the wire moves.

(1)

(ii) Explain why the wire moves.

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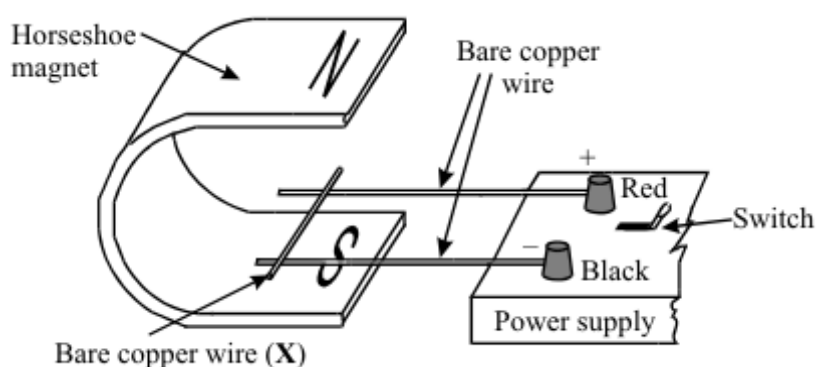
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(2)

(Total 3 marks)

**Q25.**

The diagram shows apparatus used to demonstrate the motor effect. X is a short length of bare copper wire resting on two other wires.



- (a) (i) Describe what happens to wire **X** when the current is switched on.

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- (ii) What difference do you notice if the following changes are made?

A The magnetic field is reversed.

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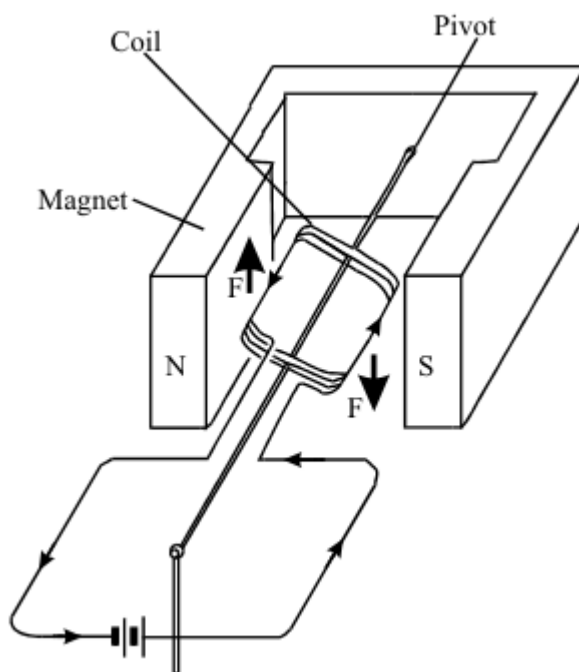
B The current is increased.

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(3)

- (b) The diagram shows a coil placed between the poles of a magnet. The arrows on the sides of the coil itself show the direction of the conventional current.



The arrows labelled **F** show the direction of the forces acting on the sides of the coil. Describe the motion of the coil until it comes to rest.

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(3)

- (c) Most electric motors use electromagnets instead of permanent magnets. State three of the features of an electromagnet which control the strength of the magnetic field obtained.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

(3)

(Total 9 marks)

## Mark schemes

### Q1.

- (a) top of each paper clip labelled N / north  
*both parts required*
- and**  
bottom of each paper clip labelled S / south 1
- (b) so the paper clips have the same weight / mass 1
- which allows the results for different numbers of turns to be compared (fairly)  
*allow fair test*  
*allow the control variable (is the weight / mass of a paper clip)*  
*allow to obtain valid results*  
*ignore accurate results* 1
- (c) as the number of turns increases so does the number of paper clips (held)  
*allow positive correlation* 1
- in a linear pattern  
*directly proportional scores 2 marks*  
*allow a correct description of directly proportional for 2 marks* 1
- (d) some of the paper clips were already magnetised 1
- (e) discount the result of 18  
*ignore repeat experiment / measurements* 1
- as the three new results are similar (and not close to 18) 1
- and use 15 (the mean of the new results)  
*allow find the mean of the remaining results (16, 14 and 15)*  
*if no other marks have been awarded: calculate the mean (of all four results) (1)*  
*round down to 15 (1) – this mark only scores if the mean of 15.75 has been calculated* 1
- (f) keep number of turns constant  
*allow a specific number of turns* 1
- (use the variable resistor to) change the current (several times)  
*change the p.d. is insufficient*  
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1

(for each current value) count how many paper clips the electromagnet will hold

1

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## Q2.

- (a) at least three circles drawn

1

clockwise arrows on circles

*allow 1 mark for one or two circles with clockwise arrows*

1

- (b)  $4 \times 10^{-6}$

1

- (c) the sides of the coil (parallel to the magnet) experience a force (in opposite directions)

*allow the current creates a magnetic field  
ignore Fleming's Left Hand Rule*

1

the forces cause moments that act in the same (clockwise / anticlockwise) direction

**or**

the moments cause the coil to rotate (clockwise / anticlockwise)

*allow the magnetic fields interact to create a pair of forces (acting in opposite directions)*

**or**

*allow the magnetic fields interact causing the coil to rotate*

1

(each half-revolution) the two halves of the (rotating) commutator swap from one (carbon) brush to the other

1

(each half-revolution) the commutator reverses the current (in the coil)

**or**

keeping the forces in the same direction (keeping the coil rotating)

*allow keeps the current in the same direction relative to the (permanent) magnetic field*

1

[7]

## Q3.

- (a) the magnets are not touching

1

but (each) experiences a force

*allow but there is a force of attraction between them*

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- 1
- (b) place a (plotting) compass near the (north / south) pole of the magnet and mark the direction that the compass points 1
- move the (plotting) compass around the bar magnet (to the other pole) marking at (regular) intervals the direction the compass points 1
- join the points up and add an arrow pointing from the north pole to the south pole 1
- (c) (closing switch S) causes a current in the coil 1
- allow switches on the electromagnet*
- a magnetic field is created 1
- a force of attraction acts on the ball bearing 1
- so the ball bearing accelerates (towards the iron rod) 1

[9]

#### Q4.

- (a) move a (magnetic / plotting) compass around the wire 1
- the changing direction of the compass needle shows a magnetic field has been produced
- OR**
- sprinkle iron filings onto the card (1)
- tapping the card will move the filings to show the magnetic field (pattern) (1) 1
- (b) **Level 2 (3–4 marks):**  
A detailed and coherent explanation is provided. The response makes logical links between clearly identified, relevant points that explain how the ignition circuit works.
- Level 1 (1–2 marks):**  
Simple statements are made. The response may fail to make logical links between the points raised.
- 0 marks:**  
No relevant content.

#### Indicative content

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- closing the (ignition) switch causes a current to pass through the electromagnet
- the iron core (of the electromagnet) becomes magnetised
- the electromagnet / iron core attracts the (short side of the ) iron arm
- the iron arm pushes the (starter motor) contacts (inside the electromagnetic switch) together
- the starter motor circuit is complete
- a current flows through the starter motor (which then turns)

4

[6]

### Q5.

- (a) move a (magnetic / plotting) compass around the wire

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the changing direction of the compass needle shows a magnetic field has been produced

**OR**

sprinkle iron filings onto the card (1)

tapping the card will move the filings to show the magnetic field (pattern) (1)

1

- (b) **Level 2 (3–4 marks):**

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**0 marks:**

No relevant content

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- a current flows through the starter motor (which then turns)

4

[6]

### Q6.

- (a) motor effect

1

- (b) increase the strength of the magnet

or

increase the current

1

(c)  $4.8 \times 10^{-4} = F \times 8 \times 10^{-2}$

1

$F = 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (N)}$

1

$6 \times 10^{-3} = B \times 1.5 \times 5 \times 10^{-2}$

1

$B = \frac{6 \times 10^{-3}}{7.5 \times 10^{-2}}$

1

$B = 8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ or } 0.08$

1

*allow  $8 \times 10^{-2}$  or 0.08 with no working shown for 5 marks  
a correct method with correct calculation using an incorrect  
value of  $F$  gains 3 marks*

Tesla

*accept  $T$*

1

*do not accept  $t$*

[8]

**Q8.**

(a) field

*correct order only*

1

current

1

force

*accept motion*

*accept thrust*

1

(b) (i) arrow pointing vertically downwards

1

(ii) increase current / p.d.

*accept voltage for p.d.*

1

increase strength of magnetic field

*accept move poles closer together*

1

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- (iii) reverse (poles of) magnets 1
- reverse battery / current 1
- (c) (i) 1.5 or 150%  
*efficiency = 120 / 80 (× 100)*  
*gains 1 mark*  
*an answer of 1.5 % or 150*  
*gains 1 mark* 2
- (ii) efficiency greater than 100%  
**or**  
 output is greater than input  
**or**  
 output should be 40 (W) 1
- (iii) recorded time much shorter than actual time  
*accept timer started too late*  
*accept timer stopped too soon* 1
- [12]**

### Q9.

- (a) motor 1
- (b) increase the strength of the magnetic field  
*accept use a stronger magnet*  
*use a larger / bigger magnet is insufficient*  
*do **not** accept move magnets closer* 1
- increase the (size of the) current  
*accept use a current greater than 2 (A)*  
*accept increase the p.d. / voltage (of the power supply)*  
*increase the power supply is insufficient* 1
- (c) any **one** from:
- (reverse the) direction of the current  
*accept swap the wires at the power supply connections*  
*swap the wires around is insufficient*
  - (change the) direction of the magnetic field  
*accept turn the magnet around*  
*do **not** accept use an a.c. supply* 1

- (d) The wire is parallel to the direction of the magnetic field.

1

[5]

**Q10.**

- (a) (i) (closing the switch makes) a current (through the wire)

1

(the current flowing) creates a magnetic field (around the wire)

1

this field interacts with the permanent magnetic field

*accept links / crosses attracts / repels is insufficient*

1

- (ii) arrow drawn showing upwards force on XY

*judge vertical by eye the arrow must be on or close to the wire  
XY*

1

- (iii) motor

*accept catapult*

1

- (b) (i) the wire moves up and down  
or  
the wire vibrates

*back and forth or side to side is insufficient for vibrate*

1

- (ii) the force (continually) changes direction (from upwards to downwards, on the wire)

*accept the direction of the magnetic field (of the wire) changes*

1

[7]

**Q11.**

- (a) hydraulic (system)

1

- (b)  $15.40 \times 10^2$   
or  
1540

*allow 1 mark for correct substitution, ie*

$$8.75 \times 10^4 = \frac{F}{1.76 \times 10^{-2}}$$

**or**

$$87\,500 = \frac{F}{0.0176}$$

**or**

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$$F = 8.75 \times 10^4 \times 1.76 \times 10^{-2}$$

**or**

$$F = 87\,500 \times 0.0176$$

2

- (c) any **one** environmental **advantage**:

*stating a converse statement is insufficient, or a disadvantage of the usual oil, ie the usual oil is non-renewable*

plant oil is renewable

using plant oil will conserve (limited) supplies **or** extend lifetime of the usual / crude oil.

plant oil releases less carbon dioxide (when it is being produced / processed)

plant oil will add less carbon dioxide to the atmosphere (when it is being produced / processed, than the usual oil)

plant oil removes carbon dioxide from **or** adds oxygen to the air when it is growing

*stating that plant oil is carbon neutral is insufficient*

1

- (d) (the current flowing through the coil) creates a magnetic field (around the coil)

1

(this magnetic field) interacts with the permanent magnetic field

**or**

current carrying conductor is in a (permanent) magnetic field

*it must be clear which magnetic field is which*

1

this produces a (resultant) force (and coil / cone moves)

1

when the direction of the current changes, the direction of the force changes to the opposite direction

*accept for 2 marks the magnetic field of the coil interacts with the permanent magnetic field*

1

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## Q12.

- (a) north (pole)

*accept N*

north (pole)

*both needed for mark*

1

- (b) reverses

*accept changes direction*

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|     |  | 1    |
| (c) | (i) first finger:<br>(direction of) (magnetic) field   | 1    |
|     | second finger:<br>(direction of) (conventional) current  | 1    |
|     | (ii) into (plane of the) paper   | 1    |
|     | (iii) less current in wire<br><i>accept less current / voltage / more resistance / thinner wire</i>  | 1    |
|     | weaker field<br><i>allow weaker magnets / magnets further apart</i><br><i>do <b>not</b> accept smaller magnets</i>   | 1    |
|     | rotation of magnets (so) field is no longer perpendicular to wire  | 1    |
| (d) | (i) reverse one of the magnets<br><i>do <b>not</b> accept there are no numbers on the scale</i>  | 1    |
|     | (ii) systematic or zero error<br><i>accept all current values will be too big</i><br><i>accept it does not return to zero</i><br><i>accept it does not start at zero</i> | 1    |
|     |  | [10] |

**Q13.**

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|-----|---|---|
|     | (a) (i) 9000<br><i>an answer of 9 k(N) gains 1 mark</i>   | 1 |
|     | (ii) increase<br><i>accept other comparative terms, eg give a bigger affect / change is insufficient</i>  | 1 |
|     | (iii) <u>smaller</u><br><i>accept other comparative terms, eg less</i>  | 1 |
| (b) | Q N M<br><i>all three in correct boxes</i><br><i>one statement in correct box gains 1 mark</i><br><b>For more help, please visit <a href="http://exampaperspractice.co.uk">exampaperspractice.co.uk</a></b> |   |

(c) any **two** from:

- increase the current / p.d. (supplied to the coil)  
*accept reduce the resistance of the coil **or** increase cross sectional area of wire*  
*accept more cells / batteries **or** turn up the power supply*  
*increase power is insufficient*
- increase number of turns (on the coil)
- increase the area (of the coil)  
*accept increase the width of the coil*  
*increase width / size is insufficient*
- increase the (strength of the permanent) magnetic field  
*accept move the magnets closer to the coil*  
*accept use stronger magnets*  
*do **not** accept use larger magnets*

2

(d) an economic

1

[8]

#### Q14.

- (a) (i) the greater the speed (of a centrifuge), the greater the force  
*answers must be comparative*  
*accept velocity for speed*  
*accept positive correlation between speed and force*  
*speed and force are not proportional – treat as neutral*

1

the smaller the radius, the greater the force (at a given speed)  
*allow (**G machine**) 1 has / produces a greater force (than **G machine 2**) at the same speed*  
*must be comparative, eg a small radius produces a large force*  
*= 0 marks on own*

1

as the speed increases the rate of change in force increases  
*accept force is proportional to the square of the speed*  
**or**  
*doubling speed, quadruples the force*  
*accept any clearly correct conclusion*

1

- (ii) 12000 (N)

or

12 k(N)

1

- (b) (i) the current (in the coil) creates a magnetic field (around the coil)  
accept the coil is an electromagnet

1

so the magnetic field of the coil interacts with the (permanent) magnetic field of the magnets (producing a force)

accept the two magnetic fields interact (producing a force)

if no marks scored an answer in terms of current is

perpendicular to the (permanent) magnetic field is worth max

1 mark

1

- (ii) vertically downwards arrow on side A  
one arrow insufficient

and

vertically upwards arrow on side C

1

- (iii) the current is parallel to the magnetic field  
allow the current and magnetic field are in the same direction  
allow it / the wire is parallel to the magnetic field

1

- (c) increase the current / p.d. (of the coil)  
accept decrease resistance  
accept voltage for p.d.  
accept increase strength of magnetic field / electromagnet

1

- (d) yes with suitable reason

or

no with suitable reason

eg

**yes** – it has increased our knowledge

**yes** – It has led to more (rapid) developments / discoveries (in technology / materials / transport) accept specific examples

**no** – the money would have been better spent elsewhere on such things as hospitals (must quote where, other things not enough)

**no** mark for just **yes** / **no**

reason must match **yes** / **no**

1

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**Q15.**

(a) a force

1

(b) any **two** from:

- more powerful magnet  
*do **not** allow 'bigger magnet'*
- reduce the gap (between magnet and coil)
- increase the area of the coil
- more powerful cell  
*do **not** allow 'bigger cell'*  
*accept battery for cell*  
*accept add a cell*  
*accept increase current / potential difference*
- more turns (on the coil)  
*allow 'more coils on the coil'*  
*do **not** allow 'bigger coil'*

2

(c) reverse the (polarity) of the cell

*allow 'turn the cell the other way round'*  
*accept battery for cell*

1

reverse the (polarity) of the magnet

*allow 'turn the magnet the other way up'*

1

**[5]**

**Q16.**

(a) (i) current produces a magnetic field (around XY)

*accept current (in XY) is perpendicular to the (permanent) magnetic field*

1

(creating) a force (acting) on XY / wire / upwards

*reference to Fleming's left hand rule is insufficient*

1

(ii) motor (effect)

1

(iii) vibrate / move up and down

1

5 times a second

*only scores if first mark point scores*

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allow for **1** mark only an answer 'changes direction 5 times a second'

1

(b) 0.005

allow **1** mark for calculating moment of the weight as 0.04 (Ncm)

and

allow **1** mark for correctly stating principle of moments

**or**

allow **2** marks for correct substitution

ie  $F \times 8 = 2 \times 0.02$  **or**  $F \times 8 = 0.04$

3

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### Q17.

(a) (i) an electric motor

1

(ii) force

1

(b) any **two** from:

- more powerful magnet  
do **not** allow 'bigger magnet'
- reduce the gap (between magnet and coil)
- increase the area of the coil
- more powerful cell  
do **not** allow 'bigger cell'  
accept battery for cell  
accept add a cell  
accept increase current / potential difference
- more turns (on the coil)  
allow 'more coils on the coil'  
do **not** allow 'bigger coil'

2

(c) reverse the (polarity) of the cell  
allow 'turn the cell the other way round'  
accept battery for cell

1

reverse the (polarity) of the magnet  
allow 'turn the magnet the other way up'

1

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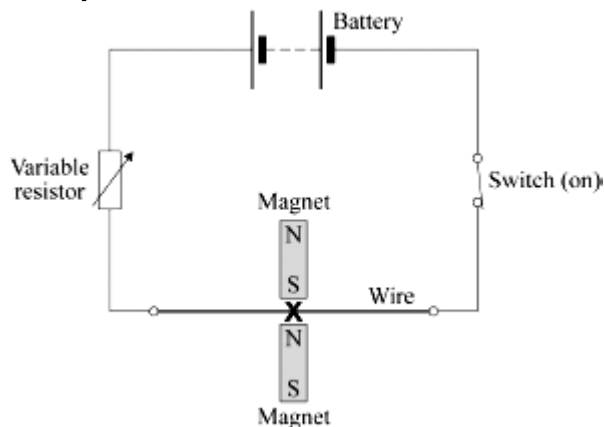
**Q18.**

- (a) (i) an electrical conductor 1
- (ii) increase current  
*accept increase p.d. / voltage*  
**or**  
 use stronger magnets  
*accept move magnets closer*  
*do **not** accept use larger magnets* 1
- (iii) reverse the poles / ends (of the magnet)  
*either order* 1
- reverse the connections (to the power supply) 1
- (b) (i) environmental 1
- (ii) ethical  
*allow political (instability)*  
*allow economic (migration)* 1

**[6]**

**Q19.**

- (a) centre of the **X** midway between the poles  
*intention correct as judged by eye*  
**example**



- (b) move the poles further apart  
*accept turn for move*  
*accept ends / magnets for poles*  
*accept use weaker magnets*  
*do **not** accept use smaller magnets*  
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1

- (c) (i) add more cells (to the battery)  
*do **not** accept 'use a bigger battery'*  
*accept increase the potential difference / voltage*  
*accept increase the current*

**or**

reduce the resistance (of the variable resistor)

*do **not** accept any changes to the magnets, to the wire or to their relative positions*

1

- (ii) reverse (the polarity of) the battery  
*accept turn the battery / cells round*  
*accept swap the connections to the battery*  
*do **not** accept any changes to the magnets, to the wire or to their relative positions*

1

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## Q20.

- (a) motor (effect)

1

- (b) (i) wire kicks further (forward)  
*accept moves for kicks*  
*accept moves more*  
*accept 'force (on the wire) increased'*

1

- (ii) wire kicks back(wards) / into (the space in) the (horseshoe) magnet  
*accept moves for kicks*  
*accept 'direction of force reversed'*

1

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## Q21.

- (a) electric drill, electric fan, electric food mixer and electric screwdriver  
*all four ticked and no others (2)*  
***either** all four of these ticked and only one other (1)*  
***or** any three of these ticked and none/one/two of the others (1)*

2

- (b) (i) reverse (the direction of the) current (1)  
**or** reverse the connections (to the battery)

reverse (the direction of the) magnetic field (1)

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**or** reverse the (magnetic) poles /ends  
do **not** credit 'swap the magnets (around)'

2

(ii) any **two** from:

- increase the strength of the magnet(s)/(magnetic) field  
do **not** credit 'use a bigger magnet'
- increase the current  
allow 'increase the voltage/p.d.'  
allow add cells/batteries  
allow increase the (electrical) energy  
allow increase the power supply  
allow 'decrease the resistance'  
allow 'increase charge'  
allow 'increase the electricity'  
do **not** credit 'use a bigger battery'
- reduce the gap (between coil/armature and poles/magnets)  
allow increase the (number of) coils
- increase the turns (on the coil/armature)  
do **not** credit 'use a bigger coil'

2

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## Q22.

(a) increase the current (1)

credit increase the p.d./voltage  
credit reduce the resistance  
credit have thicker wiring  
credit add extra / more cells

1

increase the magnetic field (strength) (1)

credit 'have stronger magnet(s)'  
do **not** credit 'bigger magnets' either order

1

(b) **either** reverse polarity

**or** connect the battery the other way round

1

**either** reverse direction of the magnetic field

**or** put the magnet the other way round / reverse the magnet

do **not** give any credit to a response in which both are done at the same time  
either order

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1

(c) **either**

conductor parallel to the magnetic field

**or** lines of magnetic force and path of electricity do not cross

1

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**Q23.**

(a) step-down (transformer)

1

(b) alternating current

*accept minor misspellings but  
do **not** credit 'alternative current'*

1

(c) (i)(ii) magnet

attracts

upwards

*correct order essential  
accept 'up'*

3

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**Q24.**

(i) away from magnet

*arrow should be perpendicular to field lines and current as  
judged by eye*

1

(ii) current in wire creates magnetic field around wire

1

two fields interact **or** combine giving a resultant force (on the wire)

1

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**Q25.**

(a) (i) it moves or experiences a force horizontally to the right  
*for 1 mark*

1

(ii) A – moves in opposite direction or force reversed e.c.f.  
B – faster movement or larger force  
(**not** move further)

*for 1 mark each*

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2

- (b) turns clockwise  
oscillates/reverses  
comes to rest facing field/at  $90^\circ$  to field/vertically  
*for 1 mark each*

3

- (c) number of turns or linear number density of turns current core  
*for 1 mark each*

3

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