## Interpreting Graphs

A few students are lacking in confidence in their ability to interpret graphs so here are a few questions from the SG Credit Papers for you to practice. You can always do the past paper questions, but here are a few questions to do. I will upload the answers as soon as I've done them! Papers found at the link here https://www.mrsphysics.co.uk/usefullinks/category/sgpp/

| Paper | Year | Question | Look at the graph and answer the work below. |
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| SG Credit | 2000 | Q3 | - Describe, in detail what happens to the resistance of the filament lamp as the lamp is left on? <br> - Suggest why the resistance remains constant after 0.5 s |
| SG Credit | 2000 | Q6c | - Describe, in detail what happens to the output voltage of the thermocouple as its temperature increases? <br> - What voltage is produced by the thermocouple at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> - How could the thermocouple and this graph be used to tell if someone was ill? |
| SG Credit | 2000 | Q9c (try the whole question) | - Explain in detail the motion of both the police car and the sports car. <br> - Calculate the acceleration of the police car when it moves off. <br> - Determine the distance travelled by both the police car and the sports car at 50s. <br> - Which car will be in front? |
| SG Credit | 2000 | Q12b | - Explain what happens to the gravitational field strength the higher you go from the surface of the Earth. <br> - Over the height of 2800 km does the gravitational field strength halve? <br> - What is the gravitational field strength on the surface of the Earth according to the graph? <br> - The ISS orbits approximately 360 km above the surface of Earth. Determine the gravitational field strength at this height. |
| SG Credit | 2001 | Q7a | - From the graph of Resistance against temperature what can you conclude about how the resistance changes with temperature? <br> - Determine the temperature at which the thermistor has a resistance of $2.0 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |
| SG Credit | 2001 | Q10 | - Is the acceleration greater in the first 10 s or from 10-40 s? Explain how you know this <br> - Determine the distance the aircraft move in the first 10 s? <br> - Determine the distance travelled by the aircraft after 40 s |
| SG Credit | 2002 | Q3a | - Determine the resistance of the component under test. <br> - State the voltage across the component when the current is 1.2 A through it. |
| SG Credit | 2002 | Q3b | $\bullet$ Does the resistance of the component in part b remain constant? Explain how you know this. <br> - State the voltage across the component when the current is 1.2 A through it. <br> - State the current through the component when the voltage across it is 12 V |
| SG Credit | 2002 | Q10 | - Describe the motion of the hare over the 25 s . <br> - Describe the motion of the greyhound over the first 25 s <br> - Calculate the acceleration of the greyhound <br> - Calculate the distance travelled by the hare in the first 20s <br> - Calculate the distance travelled by the greyhound in the first 20s |


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| SG Credit | 2003 | Q17 | - State the time when the activity of the source is 1600 MBq <br> - Determine the time taken for the activity of the source to drop to 400 MBq <br> - Determine the half-life of the source from the graph. |
| SG Credit | 2003 | Q10 | - Describe the motion of the cyclist from the graph. <br> - Calculate the accelerations for each part of the journey <br> - Determine the distance travelled by the cyclist over the 20 s . <br> - State the time(s) when the cyclist was travelling at $6 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ <br> - State the speed of the cyclist 2 s onto the journey. |
| SG Credit | 2003 | Q11 | - Describe how the force of friction on the model boat changes over the 10 s. <br> - State the force of friction acting on the boat $2 s$ after the motor was switched on. <br> - Describe and explain the motion of the boat after 7s. <br> - Looking just at the graph, explain how you could determine the force provided by the motor. |
| SG Credit | 2004 | Q9 | - Describe the motion of the vehicle for the 150 s described in the graph. <br> - Determine the distance travelled by the vehicle in 150 s <br> - Calculate the acceleration of the vehicle over the 150 s <br> - If the mass of the vehicle is 3000 kg , calculate the unbalanced force on the vehicle. |
| SG Credit | 2004 | Q11 | - Explain what is shown in the graph from time 0 to 350 s <br> - Explain what occurs between $P$ and $Q$ <br> - Determine the time between $P$ and $Q$ <br> - If the mass of the substance is 500 g and the heater has a power rating of 30 W , determine the specific latent heat of fusion of the substance. |
| SG Credit | 2005 | Q4 | - State what happens to the current in the vacuum cleaner during the first 4.5 s after switch on. <br> - State the current when the motor has reached full speed. <br> - Estimate the current through the motor 1 s after switch on. <br> - Why is this graph not suitable for full marks in an assignment (check the marking instructions) |
| SG Credit | 2005 | Q8 | - State how the current changes as the voltage across the resistor changes. <br> - State the voltage at which the transistor starts to conduct. |
| SG Credit | 2005 | Q11 | - Calculate the acceleration of the train during the first 200s <br> - Calculate the length of the journey <br> - If possible draw out the graph for part c and answer part c of this question. |
| SG Credit | 2006 | Q3b | - Plot a graph of the results of voltage against current. <br> - Explain which result should be retaken. <br> - Determine the resistance from the graph. |
| SG Credit | 2006 | Q5 | - Determine the half-life of the radioactive source from the graph. |
| SG Credit | 2006 | Q9a | - State the driver's reaction time. <br> - Calculate the braking distance. <br> - Calculate the thinking distance <br> - Calculate the overall stopping distance. |
| SG Credit | 2006 | Q11 | - The wind blows at a speed of $10 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$, state the charging current at this wind speed. <br> - State the wind speed required to produce a charging current of 13 A . |


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| SG Credit | 2007 | Q7aii | - Why is the received sound at a lower sound level? <br> - Does the length of the pulse change between the transmitted and received sound? <br> - Determine the reduction in sound level between the transmitted and received pulse? <br> - Determine the time between the transmitted pulse being detected and the received sound being detected. <br> - If the sound travels at $1500 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ in the ear. Calculate the distance between the device and the inner ear. |

