PRESSURE

- 1. Define pressure and state its unit.
- 2. Calculate the pressure exerted on the road by a car of mass 1200 kg and area of contact between the road and each of the four tyres is 50 cm².
- 3. A brick of mass 5 kg measures 20 cm x 10 cm x 5 cm. Calculate:
- (i) The minimum pressure it exerts.
- (ii) The maximum pressure it exerts.
- 4. Explain the following observations:
- (i) A pin penetrates deeper than a nail if someone steps on them.
- (ii) The rear tyres of a tractor are made wider than the front ones.
- 5. Explain factors that affect pressure in liquids.
- 6. A flask is filled to a depth of 16 cm with a liquid of density 800 kgm⁻³. Find the pressure exerted by the liquid on the base.
- 7. (i) Describe a simple experiment to show that pressure in a liquid depends on depth.
 - (ii) What is the pressure 100 m below the surface of sea water of density 1150 kgm⁻³?
- 8. On a certain day, atmospheric pressure as read from a mercury barometer is 750 mmHg. What is the pressure in pascals if the density of mercury is 136000 kgm^{-3} .
- 9. Describe an experiment to show that pressure in a liquid does not depend on the shape of a container.
- 10. (i) State Pascal's principle of transmission of pressure in fluids.
 - (ii) Give any three applications of the Pascal's principle.
 - (iii) Explain why a liquid is used in hydraulic machines and not gases.
- 11. A hydraulic jack is used to lift a car by applying a force of 120 N at the pump. If the area of the ram and pump piston is 100 cm² and 1 m² respectively. Calculate the force that is applied to the ram.
- 12. (i) Define the term atmospheric pressure.

(ii) Describe a simple experiment to demonstrate the existence of atmospheric pressure.

- 13. Explain why mountain climbers may suffer from nose bleeding at the top of a mountain.
- 14. (i) Describe how a mercury barometer can be constructed to measure atmospheric pressure.

(ii) A mercury barometer reads 760 mmHg at the foot of a mountain 440 m high. What is the barometric reading at the top of the mountain? (Density of air = 1.2 kgm⁻³, density of mercury = 13600 kgm⁻³).

- 15. With the aid of a diagram describe how you can measure gas pressure using a manometer.
- 16. Fig.1 shows a column of air trapped in a tube using mercury. Given that the atmospheric pressure is 76 cmHg. Calculate the pressure of the enclosed air.



Fig. 1

- 17. An open U-tube manometer containing mercury shows a difference in levels of 12 cm when connected to a gas supply. Find the excess pressure of the gas above atmospheric pressure if the density of mercury is 13600 kg/m^3 .
- 18. A television tube has a flat rectangular screen of size 50 cm \times 30 cm. Calculate the force exerted by the atmosphere on the screen, if the atmosphere pressure is 1.02×10^5 Pa.
- 19. (i)Using a diagram explain the action of a force pump

(ii) State all the other applications of atmospheric pressure.

20. An open U-tube contains columns of water and a liquid X and mercury as shown in Fig. 2. Calculate the density of the liquid.



Fig. 2