2021 HKDSE Physics & Combined Science (Physics)

Report on Assessment

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Marking & Grading

| On-Screen Marking (OSM) panels | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Physics | CS(Phy) | | |
| 1B-1: Q.1, 3, 4 (27M) | 1B-1: Q.1, 2, 3 (27M) | | |
| 1B-2: Q.6, 7, 8 (34M) | 1B-2: Q.4, 5, 6 (29M) | | |
| 1B-3: Q.2, 5, 9 (23M) | | | |
| 2A: Astronomy (17%) | | | |
| 2B: Atomic World (64%) | | | |
| 2C: Energy (87%) | | | |
| 2D: Medical Physics (32%) | | | |

SBA CANCELLED



Overview

| Paper | Physics | CS(Phy) |
|-------------|--|--|
| 1A (MC) | Mean: 19.1 out of 33 (i.e. 58%) (2020: 17.5 out of 33) | Mean: 9.4 out of 22 (i.e. 43%) (2020: 8.9 out of 22) |
| 1B | ~<50% (2020: ~50%) | ~<35% (2020: ~35%) |
| 2 | ~50% (2020: ~<50%) | N.A. |
| SBA | N.A. | N.A. |
| Candidature | ALL: 9 366 SCH: 8 712 | ALL: 136 SCH: 125 |



Marking & Grading

- Expert Panel (4 ~ 5 Examiners) determine level boundaries/ cut scores based on Level descriptors / Group Ability Indicator (GAI) / Viewing candidate samples.
- CS(Phy) graded by Common items & GAI / Viewing candidate samples.
- Endorsement by Senior Management/Public Exam. Board

Note: GAI is generated from Physics candidates' actual percentage awards in 4 core subjects CEML taken into consideration the correlation between Physics and CEML.

| Results Cut score difference $\Delta = 53.2$ % Level 5^{**} 5^+ 4^+ 3^+ 2^+ 1^+ Percentage 2.7% 27.7% 49.8% 72.3% 90.1% 98.0% No. of MC 29 25 $20/19$ 14 10 Cut score difference $\Delta = 48.8$ % Cut score difference $\Delta = 48.8$ % Level 5^{**} 5^+ 4^+ 3^+ 2^+ 1^+ Percentage 1.5% 5.9% 19.9% 50.7% 75.0% 91.9% | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | Pap | er 2 (MC) | |
|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| < | E a s y | | Difficult |
| Astro | >70% | 50%-70% | <50% |
| (48%) | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Atomic | >70% | 50%-70% | <50% |
| (48%) | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| Energy | >70% | 50%-70% | <50% |
| (62%) | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| Medical | >70% | 50%-70% | <50% |
| (50%) | 1 | 4 | 3 |

Paper 1A

Physics (33 MC)

| >70% | 50%-70% | <50% |
|---------|---------|-----------|
| 7 | 16 | 10 |
| E a s y | | Difficult |

CS (Phy) (22 MC)

| >70% | 50%-70% | <50% |
|---------|---------|-----------|
| 1 | 5 | 16 |
| E a s y | | Difficult |

PHYSICS MC

| Topic (No. of Qu.) | Average % correct | No. of Qu. < 50% correct |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Heat & Gases (3) | 64% | 0 |
| Force & Motion (6) | 49% | 3 |
| Wave Motion (11) | 61% | 2 |
| Electricity & Magnetism (10) | 55% | 4 |
| Radioactivity (3) | 69% | 1 |

CS(PHY) MC



| Topic (No. of Qu.) | Average % correct | No. of Qu. < 50% correct |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Heat & Gases (2) | 52% | 1 |
| Force & Motion (5) | 33% | 5 |
| Wave Motion (9) | 46% | 7 |
| Electricity & Magnetism (6) | 43% | 3 |



A block is sliding down a rough incline with constant velocity as shown. Which arrow indicates th direction of the resultant force acting on the block by the incline? Neglect air resistance.



Just over one-third of the candidates realised that the resultant force from the incline acting on the block in uniform motion should balance the block's own weight.



- 8. A stationary uranium nucleus $^{238}_{92}$ U decays to give a thorium nucleus $^{234}_{90}$ Th and an α particle $^{4}_{2}$ He.
 - $^{238}_{92}U \longrightarrow ^{234}_{90}Th + ^{4}_{2}He$

Which of the following correctly describes the situation about the $^{234}_{90}$ Th nucleus and the α particle just after the <u>decay</u>?

| ø | magnitude of momentum <i>p</i> . | kinetic energy KE | ې و |
|--------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| *A | $p(Th) = p(\alpha)$ | $KE(Th) \leq KE(\alpha)$ | <u>PHY</u> <u>CS(PHY)</u> (44%) (23%) |
| B | $p(Th) > \underline{p}(\alpha)$ | $KE(Th) > KE(\alpha)$ | (18 <u>%) (</u> 30%) |
| C. * D. * | $p(\text{Th}) = p(\alpha)$ | $\frac{\text{KE}(\text{Th}) > \text{KE}(\alpha)}{\text{KE}(\text{Th}) = \text{KE}(\alpha)}$ | (29 <u>%) (</u> 37%) * * (9%) (10%) * * |

While over 80% of the candidates indicated knowledge that the momentum of the two decay products is equal in magnitude, just over 40% of them knew that most of the kinetic energy goes to the lighter α -particle.

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| | • • | | PHY CS(PHY) |
|-----|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| Α. | wavelengths of ultrasound are shorter than | hose of microwaves. | (17%) (15%) - |
| В. | ultrasound travels faster than microwaves in | n the sea. | (24%) (42%) |
| *C. | microwaves are easily absorbed by sea wate | er. | (33%) (16%) - |
| D. | microwaves diffract too much in the sea. | favourable distractor | (26%) (27%) |

Just about one-third of the candidates knew the reason why microwaves are not used for detection in the sea. \sim



22. When a point charge +Q is placed at X as shown, the strength of the electric field at Y is E_0 .



If W and Z are each placed with a point charge of +Q, what will be the electric field strength at $\underline{Y?}$ Note: $\sin 45^\circ = \cos 45^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$.



Less than 30% of the candidates were able to compute the vector sum of the electric fields contributed by the point charges.



- When a copper rod PQ moves with a constant velocity across a uniform magnetic field as shown, an e.m.f. is induced across the rod.



Which of the following statements is/are correct ? -

- (1) The magnitude of the induced e.m.f. depends on the length of the rod.
- (2) Rod PQ acts like a cell providing an e.m.f. with P being its positive terminal.

(3) There is a force acting on the rod to oppose its motion.

| A. | (1) only | | (22%) - |
|-----|------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| В. | (3) only | favourable distractor | (21%) - |
| *C. | (1) and (2) only | | (35%) - |
| D. | (2) and (3) only | favourable distractor | (22%). |

Over 40% of the candidates wrongly held that statement (3) is correct. They were not aware that no induced current flows in the rod and therefore no opposing force results.





Candidates choosing option D suggests that they have only considered the cross-reaction of the cube and overlooked the contribution of its length.

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|-----|------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| 33. | Whic | h of the i | following may contain sources of | ionizing <u>radiations ?</u> | |
| e. | (1) | sea w | vater . | | |
| | (2) | a roc | k sample | | |
| | (3) | huma | in body - | | |
| له | | A. | (1) only | | (8%) - |
| | | В. | (2) only | favourable distractor | (32%) |
| | | С. | (2) and (3) only | | (12%) |
| | | *D. | (1), (2) and (3) | | (48%) |

- - qualitative responses far from precise
 - not paying attention to details when drawing diagrams

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Points to note

Electives (Total = 80 each) equating using Paper 1

Before equating: Mean 29 to 37 / SD 17 to 21 After equating: Mean 37 to 43 / SD 18 to 21

2A Astronomy: 2B Atomic World: 2C Energy: **2D Medical Physics:**

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Strengths & Weaknesses of Candidates

Strengths:

- competent in calculations although some employed tedious methods
- most simple questions answered well
- Weaknesses:
- quite weak in handling units

- Points to note
- Paper 1: ~70% core part

various natural sources of radiations in the environment

- Method marks 'M' and Answer marks 'A' (with tolerance range) adopted.
- Accept BOTH g = 9.81 or 10 m s⁻².

Points to note

- Samples of performance of candidates available in late October (HKEAA website).
- SBA cancelled for DSE Phy 2022, resumed for 2023 cohort (i.e. currently S5)
- 2022 DSE Phy Exam on <u>5 May 2022</u>
 Markers' Mtg: Paper 1B 13/5
 (tentative) Paper 2 12/5

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HKDSE PHYSICS SEMINAR (4 & 5 OCT 2021)

DSE PHYSICS 1B – Q1, 3, 4



1. A 150 W immersion heater is used to keep the water in a large beaker boiling under standard atmospheric pressure. In 5 minutes, 16 g of water boils away. Neglect any heat loss to surroundings.

(a) Find the specific latent heat of vaporization of water, *l*. (2 marks)

| Suggested Solutions | Students' Responses | |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| t = ml | BU E= lm, pt# pt=l.m | |
| $=\frac{150\times(5\times60)}{0.016}$ | $\frac{\left(\frac{1}{60}\right)}{10} = \frac{160}{100} \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) \left(\frac{1}{1$ | |
| 2810 kJ kg ⁻¹ | | |
| | Pt=mal | |
| | (150)(300) = ·(0,016) & V | |
| | l= 2.8125 ×10 ⁶ J 1 | |

A student puts a small metal sphere in the boiling water. After a few minutes, the sphere is quickly transferred to a polystyrene cup containing 100 g of water at a temperature of 20 °C. The cup of water is stirred gently and its highest temperature attained is 22 °C.

Given: specific heat capacity of water = $4200 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \circ \text{C}^{-1}$

(b) Estimate the heat capacity C of the metal sphere. (2 marks)

| Suggested Solutions | Students' Responses |
|---|--|
| $C(100-22) = m_{\rm w}c_{\rm w}(22-20)$ | C. (100-22)= (0.1)(4200) (22°-20°) |
| $C = \frac{0.100 \times 4200(22 - 20)}{(100 - 22)}$ | $C = 10.76 \text{ J} \text{ C}^{-1}$ 1 |
| = 10.8 J °C ⁻¹ | mcsT = CsT. 100×10-3×4200×2= Cx2 |
| | C:470j°c ⁻¹ 0 |

(d) In order to reduce the error contributed by the polystyrene cup, another student suggests repeating the measurements using a copper cup of similar shape and size. Explain whether the suggestion is justified. (2 marks)

| Suggested Solutions | Students' Responses |
|---|---|
| Not justified Copper is a good conductor so more energy is lost to the surroundings / Polystyrene is a good insulator so less energy is lost to the surroundings | It is not justified. Copper is a good conductor of heat. There will be a significant heat loss of the water in the up to the surrounding air by conduction. The error will be larger than that if polystyrene up as polystyrene up is a good insulator of heat thus heat loss to the surrounding air is reduced. 2 |

(c) In fact the sphere has carried with it some boiling water to the cup of water. Referring to this fact, explain whether the true value of *C* is higher or lower than the value calculated in (b). (2 marks)

| Suggested Solutions | Students' Responses |
|---|--|
| <i>Extra energy</i> is transferred to the cup of water by the boiling | Not all enorgy gained comer them the metal sphere, so the energy lass by the metal mhore is smaller than 840 J Since C = St, the true value of C would be smaller. |
| water. / The <i>final</i> <i>temperature</i> of the cup of water is <i>higher</i> | The actual the events related by the metal sphere is smaller The true value of BC is lower than the value in (b) |
| The true value of C is <i>smaller</i> <i>than</i> the calculated value. | The time value will " higher than the value Fait calculated in (b). It is because the chergy loss from metal poppere is larger, than therem |



3. A volleyball player serves by hitting the ball from rest at a height of 1.0 m above the end line of the court. The initial speed of the ball is 13.4 m s⁻¹ making an angle of 55° with the horizontal. It moves in a vertical plane perpendicular to the end line and finally reaches point *C* on the opposite end line as shown in Figure 3.1. Neglect the size of the ball and air resistance. $(g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2})$



(a) (i) The mass of the volleyball is 0.22 kg. Find the work done on the ball by the player. (2 marks)

| Suggested Solutions | Students' Responses | |
|--|--|--|
| Work done = K.E. gained = ½ (0.22) (13.4) ² = 19.8 J | $w.p. = kE_{suin} + PE_{suin} \times = \frac{1}{2}(0.22)(13.4)^{2} + (0.22)(18.1)(1 + 9\tan 55^{\circ}) = -49.4 J$ | |

- (b) The length of the court AC is 18 m and the net is positioned midway between A and C. It takes time t for the ball to reach point B which is vertically above the net.
- (i) State whether the ball is ascending, flying horizontally or descending at *B*. (1 mark)
 (ii) Find *t*. (2 marks)

| Suggested Solutions | Students' Responses |
|--|---|
| (i) Descending | Flying horizontally × ascendary × |
| (ii) $13.4 \cos 55^\circ \times t = 18/2$ t = 1.17 s | $\begin{array}{rcl} B_{Y} & 5x = u_{x} & t \\ & & \\ \end{array} \\ & & 18 = 13.4((0555^{\circ})(t)) \\ & & \\ t = 2.34(043457) \\ & & \\ t \approx 2.34 \\ \end{array} \\ & & \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{r} 0 \\ \end{array} \end{array}$ |

(ii) Determine the speed v with which the ball hits point C on the ground. (2 marks)



(c) Another player suggests that the volleyball can reach point *C* in a shorter time if it is served with a similar initial speed but at a smaller angle with the horizontal (e.g. 13.2 m s^{-1} at an angle of 35°). Without doing any calculation, explain whether this suggestion is justified. (2 marks)

| Suggested Solutions | Students' Responses |
|--|---|
| Justified Horizontal component of the velocity increases and hence time of flight for the whole journey is smaller for the same horizontal distance. | not correct in with a smaller angle, the horizontal speed will increase but the vertical speed will decrease, the ball may touch the net O It is justified. More conjection trevelling horizontally inter the conjection is maller. A hyper speed an is O ottained. this the suggestion is instoffeed becomese the horizontal speed & greater than betwee obvinsity. |

(d) Volleyball players have to jump and land frequently in a game. Referring to principles of mechanics, explain why volleyball courts with wood rather than concrete flooring may help to protect the players from injuries. (2 marks)



(a) (i) After the trolley is released, indicate in the figures below (1) the horizontal force(s) acting on the loaded trolley, and (2) the force(s) acting on the hanger.
 (2 marks)



4. A trolley is connected to a hanger of mass 20 g by a light inextensible string as shown in Figure 4.1. Four slotted weights, each of mass 20 g, are loaded onto the trolley. The experiment is designed to investigate the relationship between the net force acting on the system (trolley and slotted weights with hanger) and its acceleration. The acceleration *a* is measured after the trolley is released on the smooth horizontal runway.



(ii) Is the tension in the string equal to, greater than or smaller than the weight of the mass hanging when the system is released ? Explain. (2 marks)

| Suggested Solutions | Students' Responses | |
|--|--|--|
| Tension is smaller than weight. | should be Smaller than, the tension by the trolley is moun from the hanger. While there is no friction of the trolley as the number is smooth, this lower than the tension and be pulled by the weight | |
| By Newton's second law, there is a net downward force acting on the hanger for its <u>downward</u> | A hanger. Thus it should be smaller smaller. As the hanger will move downwards. Main means t weight is larger than tension. | |
| acceleration. | | |

(iii) By considering the motion of the whole system, or otherwise, write an equation relating *m*, *a* and mass *M* of the trolley. (1 mark)

| Suggested Solutions | Students' Responses |
|------------------------|--|
| By $F_{\rm net} = m a$ | $Mg = (M+M) \cap 0$ |
| mg = (M + 0.1) a | |
| | mg = a(0.08tMtn) 0 |
| | $\frac{4.81}{1000} = (M + \frac{20}{1000} \times 4 - (m - \frac{20}{1000} \times 4)) = (M + 21) = $ |
| | 9.81m - 497209 (11+0.1-0.) (|
| | |

(b) Calculate the slope of the graph. Hence find *M* using the result of (a)(iii). (3 marks)

| Suggested Solutions | Students' Responses |
|--|---|
| slope of the graph = $\frac{2.5}{0.1} = 25 \text{ (m s}^{-2} \text{ kg}^{-1}\text{)}$ | Slope & the graph = $\frac{2.5-0}{0.100-0}$ = 25 |
| $mg = (M + 0.1) a$ $a = \frac{g}{M + 0.1} \times m$ | $\frac{Ma = mg}{M = 9.81}$ $2x M = 4.81$ |
| $\therefore \text{ slope of the graph} = 25 = \frac{9.81}{M + 0.1}$ | M = 2.3924 kg 11 |
| <i>M</i> = 0.292 kg | \checkmark |
| | $Q_{ope} = \frac{2.5-0}{0.1-0} = 25 \text{ ms}^{-2} \log^{-1}$ $\gamma.5 = \frac{9.81}{(4.1)}$ |
| | M = 0.7924 kg 2 |

































HKDSE PHYSICS BRIEFING SESSION (4&5 Oct, 2021

PHYSICS Q. 2, 5 & 9

QUESTION 2(a)

2. A diver makes a sound by tapping a metal cylinder at sea level. Within a time of 0.04 s, the sound goes vertically to the seabed 30 m below and echoes back to the sea level.

| (a) Estimate the speed of sound in sea water. | (2 marks) |
|--|--|
| Marking Scheme | Candidates' Performance |
| $v = \frac{30 \times 2}{0.04}$ 1M = 1500 m s ⁻¹ 1A | Candidates' performance was satisfactory. Quite a number of the candidates did not realise that the sound travelled twice the water depth within the time interval. |

QUESTION 2(a) Sample



QUESTION 2(b)(i) Sample



QUESTION 2(b)(i)



The metal cylinder of volume 0.012 m³ contains compressed gas under a pressure of 18.5 atm is initially at sea level, where the pressure is 1.0 atm and the temperature is 27 °C. The diver then brings the cylinder to the seabed where the pressure is 4.0 atm and the temperature is 20 °C. Assume that the volume of the cylinder remains unchanged. Given: atmospheric pressure 1.0 atm = 1.01×10^5 Pa

Celsius.

*(b)(i) Show that at the seabed the pressure in the cylinder becomes 18.1 atm.

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|----|--|---|
| | Candidates' Per | formance |
| 1M | Most were able to apply equation to answer alth candidates forgot to ad- converting temperature | y ideal gas Iough a few d 273 in e in degree |

QUESTION 2(b)(ii)

 $\frac{\overline{p}_1}{\overline{T_1}} = \frac{\overline{p_2}}{\overline{T_2}}$

 $\frac{18.5}{273+27} = \frac{p_2}{273+20}$

Marking Scheme

 $p_2 = 18.068333$ atm ≈ 18.1 atm



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*(b)(ii) Explain the pressure drop in the cylinder using the kinetic theory.

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(1 mark)

| Marking Scheme | Candidates' Performance |
|--|--|
| As the <u>temperature decreases</u> , the <u>speed</u> / <u>kinetic energy</u> of the gas molecules <u>decreases</u> . 1A They collide <u>less frequently and/or</u> <u>violently with the wall</u> of the container/cylinder. 1A Thus, the pressure decreases | A lot of the candidates were competent in using kinetic theory to explain the pressure drop. |

QUESTION 2(b)(ii) Sample



QUESTION 2(c)(i)

*(c)The diver then inflates identical balloons each to a volume of 0.015 m³ by using the cylinder of compressed gas at the seabed. Assume that the balloons are inflated slowly so that the temperature of the gas remains unchanged and the final pressure in the balloon equals that at the seabed.



(i) Show that the gas pressure in the cylinder decreases by 5.0 atm after inflating one balloon. (2 marks)

| Marking Scheme | | Candidates' Performance |
|---|----------|--|
| $n_0 = n_1 + n_2$ $p_0 V_0 = p_1 V_1 + p_2 V_2$ $18.1 \times 0.012 = p_1 \times 0.012 + 4 \times 0.015$ $p_1 = 13.1 \text{ atm}$ (i.e. $\Delta p = 5.0 \text{ atm}$) | 1M 1M | Candidates employed different approaches including mole ratio or pressure ratio. |

QUESTION 2(b)(ii) Sample

(ii) Explain the pressure drop in the cylinder using the kinetic theory.

As the volume and mass of the cylinder stay constant, the pressure is directly proportional to the temperature in Kelvin of the cylinder. Therefore, as the temperature of the cylinder drops, the pressure drops too.

QUESTION 2(c)(i) Sample

(i) Show that the gas pressure in the cylinder decreases by 5.0 atm after inflating one balloon. (2 marks)



(2 marks)

Use gas law to explain **OA** OA

QUESTION 2(c)(i) Sample

| for 1 balloon, | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| $4 \times 1.01 \times 10^{5} \times 0.015 \div (20 + 273) = nR = 20.6826$ | Correct method |
| for the cylinder originally, | (n'V = n'RT) 1M |
| $18.5 \times 1.01 \times 10^{5} \times 0.012 \div (27+273) = n'R = 74.74$ | Correct substitution of |
| for cylinder after inflating 1 balloon, | values 1M |
| $p \times 1.01 \times 10^5 \times 0.012 = (74.74 - 20.6828)(20 + 273)$ | |
| p = 13.0683 atm | |
| decrease in gas pressure = 18.0683 - 13.0683 | |
| = 5.0 atm | |
| | Wrong equation – should |
| $p_1 v_1 = p_2 v_2$ | divide pV by RT (or 1) QR |
| $0.012(185\times1.01\times10^5)=0.012p+0.015(4\times1.01\times10^5)$ | use the initial pressure of |
| <i>p</i> 10.5 | gas in the cylinder at the |
| $\frac{1.01 \times 10^5}{1.01 \times 10^5} = 13.5$ | seabed (so that the |
| p = 13.5 atm | temperatures are the same |
| decrease in gas pressure in cylinder = $18.5 - 13.5$ | |
| = 5 atm | Substitution into wrong |
| - 5 dtm | |

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QUESTION 2(c)(ii)

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QUESTION 2(c)(i) Sample

(i) Show that the gas pressure in the cylinder decreases by 5.0 atm after inflating one balloon. (2 marks)

| ∴ gas temperature remains unchanged, by Boyle's law. Let <i>x</i> be the pressure change $(18.1 - x)(0.012) = 18.1(0.015) \times$ (0.012)(18.1 - x) = 0.2715 x = -5.0 atm | Incorrect application of Boyle's law final <i>pV</i> of cylinder is not equal to <i>pV</i> of balloon & wrong pressure of balloon OM OM |
|---|---|
| (0.012)(18.068) = (0.012+0.015)p 0.216816 = 0.027p p = 8.030 atm ∴The decrease in pressure is 18.068 - | Incorrect application of Boyle's law final pressures of gas in the cylinder and in the balloon are different OM OM |
| By Boyle's law $p_1 V_1 = p_2 V_2$ $4 \times 0.015 = p_2 \times 0.012$ $p_2 = 5$ atm | p_2 calculated is the pressure of gas in the balloon when the volume is reduced to 0.012 m ³ OM OM |

QUESTION 2(c)(ii) Sample

(ii) Hence, find the total number of balloons that the diver can inflate completely.

 $\frac{18.1}{5} = 3.62$ ¥

Accept neglecting the final pressure of cylinder. 1M Wrong answer OA

(2 marks)

inflate completely. 🗴

Total 3 balloons (including the balloon in (i)) can

Let n be total number of balloons diver can inflate completely,

5*n*≤18.5 **★**

completely is 3. 🗶

 $n \le 3.7$ \therefore total number of balloons diver can inflate

 $\frac{(18.1)(0.012)}{8.31(273+20)} \approx 2.896$

🕂 total number is 2. 🗶

Wrong initial pressure of cylinder & neglecting the final pressure of cylinder. OM Wrong answer OA

Wrong pressure of balloons & neglecting the final pressure of cylinder. OM Answer from wrong equation OA

QUESTION 5(a)(i)

5. A rocket carrying an artificial satellite is launched vertically from the Earth. When the rocket is at a certain height from the Earth's surface, it expels 2.60×10^3 kg of gas per second with a certain speed v towards the Earth's centre. As a result, an average thrust of 5.20×10^6 N is produced. Neglect air resistance.

| (a) (1) Assuming that the speed of the focket is neglig | gible, estimate v. (2 marks) |
|--|---|
| Marking Scheme | Candidates' Performance |
| $F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} = \frac{2.60 \times 10^3 \times v}{1} = 5.20 \times 10^6 1M$ $v = 2000 \text{ m s}^{-1} 1A$ | Candidates' performance was fair in general. Some candidates failed to relate the average thrust to the rate of change of momentum of the exhaust gas |

QUESTION 5(a)(i) Sample

(a) (i) Assuming that the speed of the rocket is negligible, estimate v.





QUESTION 5(a)(i) Sample

(a) (i) Assuming that the speed of the rocket is negligible, estimate v. (2 marks)



QUESTION 5(a)(ii)

- 5. A rocket carrying an artificial satellite is launched vertically from the Earth. When the rocket is at a certain height from the Earth's surface, it expels 2.60×10^3 kg of gas per second with a certain speed v towards the Earth's centre. As a result, an average thrust of 5.20×10^6 N is produced. Neglect air resistance.
 - (a) (ii) At a certain instant, the total mass of the rocket and the artificial satellite is 3.60×10^5 kg while the acceleration due to gravity at the rocket's position is 8.56 m s^{-2} . Estimate the acceleration *a* of the rocket at this position. (2 marks)

| Marking Scheme | Candidates' Performance |
|--|--|
| F - mg = ma $a = \frac{F}{m} - g = \frac{5.2 \times 10^6}{3.6 \times 10^5} - 8.56$ 1M = 5.884444 m s ⁻² ≈ 5.88 m s ⁻² 1A | In applying Newton's laws of motion to find the rocket's acceleration, weaker candidates omitted the weight mg or wrongly took the net force as $F_{\text{thrust}} + mg$. |

QUESTION 5(a)(ii) Sample

(ii) At a certain instant, the total mass of the rocket and the artificial satellite is 3.60×10^5 kg while the acceleration due to gravity at the rocket's position is 8.56 m s⁻². Estimate the acceleration *a* of the rocket at this position. (2 marks)



QUESTION 5(a)(iii) Sample

(iii) Suppose the rocket keeps expelling gas at the same rate for a few seconds. Would the rocket's acceleration increase, decrease or remain unchanged in that duration ? Explain. (2 marks)

As the rocket keeps expelling gas, the mass of it will decrease. The gas is kept expelling at a constant rate, the thrust will be constant. By Newton's 2^{nd} law of motion, the acceleration will increase.

Increase as the acceleration due to gravity is lower as the rocket goes further, the weight of the rocket will decrease and so the acceleration of the rocket increase.

Increase, when the distance between the rocket and the Earth increase, the gravitational force act on the rocket decrease, so the acceleration will increase.

Increase 1A Constant thrust & mass decreases (without "g decreases" accepted) 1A

Increase 1A Constant thrust not mentioned 0A

Increase 1A Constant thrust not mentioned 0A

QUESTION 5(a)(iii)

- 5. A rocket carrying an artificial satellite is launched vertically from the Earth. When the rocket is at a certain height from the Earth's surface, it expels 2.60×10^3 kg of gas per second with a certain speed v towards the Earth's centre. As a result, an average thrust of 5.20×10^6 N is produced. Neglect air resistance.
 - (a) (iii) Suppose the rocket keeps expelling gas at the same rate for a few seconds. Would the rocket's acceleration increase, decrease or remain unchanged in that duration ? Explain. (2 marks)

| Marking Scheme | Candidates' Performance |
|--|--|
| The acceleration would <u>increase</u> . 1A Although the <u>thrust remains the same</u> , the <u>mass of the rocket and/or <i>g</i> decreases</u> . 1A | Candidates performed poorly. Not many were able to point out that the average thrust remained the same while the rocket's mass decreased. |

QUESTION 5(a)(iii) Sample

(iii) Suppose the rocket keeps expelling gas at the same rate for a few seconds. Would the rocket's acceleration increase, decrease or remain unchanged in that duration ? Explain. (2 marks)

Acceleration will increase. As it moves away from the earth, the acceleration due to gravity decrease while acceleration due to expelling gas is the same. The resultant acceleration will increase.

Increase 1A Acceleration due to expelling gas is the same 0A

The rockets acceleration increase as rocket keeps expelling gas and by newton 3^{rd} law of motion, the gas provide a force to put the rocket and accelerate

Increase Since the mass of rocket decreases and the net force remains unchanged, a = F/m increases.

Increase 1A Force does not cause acceleration to increase 0A

Increase 1A Net force increases NOT remains unchanged 0A

QUESTION 5(b)(i)

(b) The artificial satellite is put in the geostationary orbit of radius r around the Earth. It appears to be always stationary above an observer at the equator.

| (i) State the period of this satellite. | (1 mark) |
|---|---|
| Marking Scheme | Candidates' Performance |
| 24 hours / 1 day / 86400 s 1A | A few candidates mistook the period of the satellite around the Earth as 1 year or 365 days |
| | |

QUESTION 5(b)(ii)

*(b) The artificial satellite is put in the geostationary orbit of radius r around the Earth. It appears to be always stationary above an observer at the equator.

| (ii) Show that r is approximately 42000 km. ($g = 9.8$ Given: radius of the Earth = 6.37×10^6 m | 1 m s ⁻²) (2 marks) |
|---|---|
| Marking Scheme | Candidates' Performance |
| $(m\omega^{2}r = \frac{GMm}{r^{2}} \text{ or } \frac{mv^{2}}{r} = \frac{GMm}{r^{2}}) \text{ and}$ $(\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} \text{ or } v = \frac{2\pi r}{T})$ OR $gR^{2} = v^{2}r = \left(\frac{2\pi r}{T}\right)^{2}r$ | Only the more able ones knew how to make use of $\frac{GM}{R^2} = g$ to tackle this part. |
| $r^{3} = \frac{GM}{R^{2}} \times R^{2} \times \frac{1}{\omega^{2}}$ = 9.81 × (6.37 × 10 ⁶) ² × $\left(\frac{24 \times 60 \times 60}{2\pi}\right)^{2}$ 1M r = 4.222197 × 10 ⁷ m ≈ 42000 km | |

QUESTION 5(b)(i) Sample



QUESTION 5(b)(ii) Sample

(ii) Show that r is approximately 42000 km. $(g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2})$ Given: radius of the Earth = $6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ (2 marks)



QUESTION 5(b)(ii) Sample



QUESTION 9(a)(i)

9. Potassium-40 $\binom{40}{19}$ K) is a natural radioisotope of potassium.

(a) (i) What kind of decay does ${}^{40}_{19}$ K undergo if it decays to ${}^{40}_{20}$ Ca ?

| Marking Scheme | Candidates' Performance |
|--|---|
| β decay / beta decay 1A OR ${}^{40}_{19}K \rightarrow {}^{40}_{20}Ca + {}^{0}_{-1}\beta$ | The performance of candidates was good, most candidates knew that β decay occurred. |
| | |



QUESTION 9(a)(i) Sample

(1 mark)



QUESTION 9(a)(ii)

- 9. Potassium-40 (⁴⁰₁₉K) is a natural radioisotope of potassium.
 - (a) (ii) As banana is rich in potassium, a student claims that the radiation emitted by ${}^{40}_{19}$ K after eating a few bananas can be detected outside the human body. Explain whether this claim is justified. (1 mark)

| Marking Scheme | Candidates' Performance |
|--|--|
| Justified: the penetrating power of beta radiation enables it to penetrate body's organ/skin. 1A OR Not justified: the <u>activity is low</u> and is comparable to background radiation / β radiation is (largely) shielded by the human body | Candidates' performance was fair. Some explained in terms of ionizing power or range of β particles instead of penetrating power. |

QUESTION 9(a)(ii) Sample

(ii) As banana is rich in potassium, a student claims that the radiation emitted by $\frac{40}{10}$ K after eating a few bananas can be detected outside the human body. Explain whether this claim is justified. (1 mark)



QUESTION 9(a)(ii) Sample

(ii) As banana is rich in potassium, a student claims that the radiation emitted by $\frac{40}{10}$ K after eating a few bananas can be detected outside the human body. Explain whether this claim is justified. (1 mark)

No. β particle is blocked by 5 mm aluminiun ***** "blocked by aluminium" does** Thus β particle cannot be detected outside the human body.

not imply "blocked by human body" OA

"decay is slow" not accepted OA

No, as occurrence of decay is slow, radiation would not be detected even after the potassium in banana is ?? the human body.

As potassium-40 undergoes β decay, β particle Is emitted. As β particle is too large to pass through human body, radiation emitted will not be detected outside the human body. The claim is not justified.

^Bparticle too large" not accepted **OA**

QUESTION 9(b)(i)

*(b) A banana typically contains 0.45 g potassium in which 0.012% by mass is $^{40}_{19}$ K while the rest is $^{39}_{19}$ K. Given: half-life of ${}^{40}_{19}$ K = 1.25 × 10⁹ years $1 \text{ year} = 3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ seconds}$ molar mass of ${}^{40}_{19}$ K = 40.0 g

| (i) Estimate the number of moles of $^{40}_{19}$ K in a bana | ana. (1 mark) |
|--|---|
| Marking Scheme | Candidates' Performance |
| $\frac{0.45 \times 0.012\%}{40.0} = 1.35 \times 10^{-6} \text{ (mole)} \mathbf{1A}$ | Well answered. Some candidates forgot to multiply 0.012% or multiplied 0.012 instead of 0.012% |



QUESTION 9(b)(ii)

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*(b) A banana typically contains 0.45 g potassium in which 0.012% by mass is $\frac{40}{19}$ K while the rest is $\frac{39}{19}$ K. Given: half-life of $\frac{40}{10}$ K = 1.25 × 10⁹ vears 1 year = 3.16×10^7 seconds molar mass of ${}^{40}_{19}$ K = 40.0 g

| (ii) Deduce the activity, in Bq, of a banana. | (2 marks) |
|---|--|
| Marking Scheme | Candidates' Performance |
| $\frac{\ln 2}{1.25 \times 10^{9} (3.16 \times 10^{7})}$ 1M/1A 1.754803 × 10 ⁻¹⁷ s ⁻¹ ity = <i>kN</i> .754803 × 10 ⁻¹⁷ × (1.35 × 10 ⁻⁶ × 6.02 × 10 ²³) 4.261284 (Bq) ≈ 14.3 Bq 1A | Many candidates knew how to tackle this part. However, quite a number of them made mistakes in units conversion or mistook <i>N</i> as the number of moles of radioactive nuclides. |

QUESTION 9(b)(ii) Sample



Thank you!

Q.1 Multiple-choice questions

| | А | В | С | D |
|-----|-------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| 1.1 | 8.6 | 54.3* | 17.5 | <u>19.6</u> |
| 1.2 | 13.9 | 52.6* | 15.2 | <u>18.3</u> |
| 1.3 | <u>18.9</u> | 14.4 | 13.8 | 52.9* |
| 1.4 | 8.0 | 8.7 | 62.7* | <u>20.6</u> |
| 1.5 | 46.2* | 14.0 | 13.1 | <u>26.7</u> |
| 1.6 | 17.8 | 14.7 | 22.5 | (45.0*) |
| 1.7 | 39.2* | 22.6 | 21.0 | 17.2 |
| 1.8 | 16.9 | 19.4 | 28.6 | 35.1* |

*: key; Red colour : most favourable distractor

Paper 2

Section A: Astronomy and Space Science

MCQ 1.5

Stars *X* and *Y* are of equal apparent brightness. Parallax of star *X* is twice that of star *Y*. What is the ratio $\lim_{x \to 0} \log \frac{x}{2}$

luminosity of star Y?



distance of a star $\propto \frac{1}{\mathrm{parallax}}$, Luminosity = $4\pi R^2\,\sigma T^4$,

Twice of parallax
$$\Rightarrow$$
 distance / 2
 $\frac{L_X}{L_Y} = \frac{1}{4}$

MCQ 1.6

The figure shows a snapshot of a group of galaxies.



Which of the following statements is/are correct?

(1) For observers in Galaxy 1, the absorption lines of Galaxy 4 shows a greater red shift than those of Galaxy 2.

(2) For observers in Galaxy 2, Galaxy 4 is moving away at a higher speed than Galaxy 1 is.

(3) For observers in Galaxy 3, Galaxy 1 and Galaxy 4 are moving away at roughly the same speed.

Hubble's law: the recession velocity of a galaxy is directly proportional to its distance

MCQ 1.7

What information of a star can be deduced from its absorption spectrum ?

- (1) its spectral class
- (2) its radial velocity
- (3) the chemical composition of its core

*A. (1) and (2) only 39.2%

B. (1) and (3) only favourable distractor 22.6%

C. (2) and (3) only

D. (1), (2) and (3)

The chemical composition of the surface of the star.

Q.1 Structured question

In our galaxy, there is a strong radio wave emitting source known as Sgr A* which is located at a distance 7940 pc away from the Earth. A star X is found orbiting around Sgr A* in an elliptical orbit with a period of 16.0 years.

(a) (i) The semi-major axis of the orbit, *a*, of star *X* is known to have an angular size of 0.125". Determine the value of *a* in units of AU.
 (1 mark)

angular size $\theta = 0.125'' = \frac{0.125}{60 \times 60} \times \frac{\pi}{180^{\circ}} = 6.06 \times 10^{-7} \text{ rad}$ $a = d \times \theta = 7940 \times 206265 \times 6.06 \times 10^{-7} = 992.5 \text{ AU}$

Or By definition: 1'' = 1 AU/1 pcHence, the semi-major axis $a = 0.125'' \times 7940 \text{ pc} = 992.5 \text{ AU} \approx 993 \text{ AU} (991 \sim 994)$



Which of the following statements about the Doppler shift of the blackbody radiation from a source moving away from the Earth is/are correct ?

(1) The peak of the blackbody radiation curve observed shifts to the right.

(2) The temperature of the source inferred from the observation is cooler than the actual value.

(3) The colour of the source observed looks different from that of a stationary source.

The star moving away from Earth shows red shift \Rightarrow longer wavelength The colour of the source inferred from observation is more red, i.e. cooler than the actual situation.

Revealed that many candidates did not fully understand the concepts of parsec and angular size. Quite a number of them were not aware that the angle must be in radian when calculating the angular size.



(ii) Hence use Kepler's third law for elliptical orbits, $T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 a^3}{GM}$, to show that the mass of Sgr A* is about 3.82×10^6 times the mass of the Sun. (2 marks)

Consider the Earth and the Sun, we have

$$a = 1 \text{ AU}, M = M_{\text{S}} \text{ and } T = 1 \text{ year}$$

$$\frac{M_{\text{SgrA}*}}{M_{\text{S}}} = \frac{(\frac{993 \text{ AU}}{1 \text{ AU}})^3}{(\frac{16.0 \text{ yr}}{1 \text{ yr}})^2} = 3.819017 \times 10^6 \approx 3.82 \times 10^6$$

- 1 M : Compare the two systems using Kepler's third law.
- 1M : Correct substitution (0 M if a(i) is incorrect)
- b. As shown in Figure 1.1, an observer on Earth is aligned with the semi-major axis of the elliptical orbit *ABCD* of star *X*. The variation of the radial velocity v_r of *X* along the line of sight is shown in the graph below: v_r is taken to be positive for an object receding from the observer while a negative v_r implies an approaching object. The possible locations of Sgr A* are positions 1 or 2.



In (a)(ii), most candidates were able to start with Kepler's third law but less able ones failed to compare the Sgr A*-X and Sun-Earth systems in order to find the mass of Sgr A*.





(i) Give one method to determine v_r . State the difference in observation for positive and negative values of v_r in your proposed method. (2 marks)

Radial velocity v_r : measured by Doppler shift of spectral lines (emission / absorption lines) of star X.

For positive v_r , the observed wavelength of the spectral features will be redshifted (larger wavelength or lower frequency) or blue shift (shorter wavelength or higher frequency) for negative v_r .

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In (b)(i), candidates knew that the radial velocity could be deduced using the Doppler effect.

(1)的洲重从相差发发出的光角的多差新事任专事订算、 Vr, 为Vr为已时 资源的含发生了工作, 革用的 @ 波比文K 而为 Vr 由灾船, 傍伤气喜好, 泥比之轻

b)(1) Measure Doppler shift. V Difference between putlive and negative values of un reprosent opposite direction.

In (b)(ii), most knew that star X was at D around the year 2002. However, few could correctly explain the fact that Sgr A* is at position 2.

Some candidates confused radial velocity and orbital speed.

Since x located at position 2. It is because the velocity A. Sqr At is is decreasing when star X more from A to

b(ii) State where star X is located, A, B, C or D, around the year 2002. Hence determine the location of Sgr A* (position 1 or position 2). Explain your choice. (2 marks)

At position *D* (around 2002). 1A

Sgr*A at position 2

In 2002, v_r of X changed from a large positive value to a large negative value, indicating that it was affected by a great gravitational force.

Accept: X moves faster when it is closer to the Sgr A*. 1A

(c) For a spherical celestial body of mass *M* and radius *R*, the escape velocity from its surface is given by $v = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$

where *G* is the universal gravitational constant. Scientists believe that Sgr A* is a black hole, which is supposed to have an extremely strong gravitational field on its surface that even light cannot escape. Using the above equation and the result of (a)(ii), estimate the radius of this black hole (assume spherical mass distribution) in units of AU. Given: $GM_S = 1.33 \times 10^{20}$ N m² kg⁻¹, where M_S is the mass of the Sun. (3 marks)



In (c), a considerable number of candidates mistakenly used the radial velocity as the escape velocity to calculate the radius of the black hole.



Q.3 Multiple-choice questions

| | А | В | С | D |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 3.1 | 4.7 | <u>19.0</u> | 72.8* | 3.2 |
| 3.2 | 9.4 | 5.3 | <u>23.8</u> | 61.4* |
| 3.3 | <u>25.4</u> | 65.8* | 5.8 | 2.9 |
| 3.4 | 10.1 | <u>21.2</u> | (48.5*) | 19.2 |
| 3.5 | 55.0* | 14.4 | 14.0 | <u>16.5</u> |
| 3.6 | 6.7 | <u>13.8</u> | 73.5* | 5.8 |
| 3.7 | 5.4 | (50.3*) | 5.0 | <u>39.2</u> |
| 3.8 | 63.6* | 6.3 | <u>25.1</u> | 5.1 |

*: key ; Red colour : most favourable distractor

Paper 2

Section C : Energy and Use of Energy

MCQ 3.4



Q.3 Structured question

Some information of electric vehicles A and B is tabulated below:

| electric vehicle | battery capacity / kW h | maximum driving range / km | mass / kg |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| A | 95 | 326 | 2500 |
| В | 66 | 414 | 1620 |

| | A | 95 | 326 | | 2500 | |
|------------|---|---|---|-------------|--|---|
| | В | 66 | 414 | | 1620 | |
| (a) (a) | Although the possible reaso The size of A is resistance / fricti OR The mass of A is and/or deceleratii (Accept reasonal | battery capacity of A is h <u>n</u> and explain why. s larger, more energy is on. s larger, more energy is di ng the vehicle. ble factors relating to com | nigher, its maximum dr used to overcome air ssipated in accelerating version efficiency) 1A for state & o | iving range | is shorter than that of A Accept: The mass/weight of A therefore the friction is The efficiency of the U lower and more energy energy conversion. Mass of A is larger and greater force is needed decelerate. NOT accept: Mass of A is larger and required for A to mainta | B. State a (1 mark) is larger at larger. pattery in A is lost durin more energy to accelerate more energy in the speed |

MCQ 3.7

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| Whie | ch factors belo | w can affect t | the maximum po | ower output of t | he plant ? | | | | |
| (1) (2) (3) | The height The distance The rate of | difference be the between the water flowing | tween the water e turbine and the g through the tur | levels in the up water level of rbine. | oper and lo the lower | ower reservoi | ervoirs, h r, d. | 1. | |
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maintaining the speed of a more massive vehicle.





Paper 2

Section B: Atomic World



Qn. 2.2

2.2 The figure shows an electron diffraction tube that can reveal the nature of electrons.



Electrons liberated from a heated filament F are accelerated by a high voltage V_s between F and anode A. The electrons then pass through a thin graphite film G and form bright and dark concentric rings on a fluorescent screen as shown. Which descriptions about this experiment are correct?



The most common mistake comes from (3). Some candidates did not realise an increase in $V_a \Rightarrow$ decrease in $\lambda \Rightarrow$ smaller degree of diffraction \Rightarrow smaller circles.

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Multiple Choice



KEY: Circled and underlined

Qn. 2.3

2.3 When monochromatic lights of wavelengths λ and 2λ are incident on a metal surface, the maximum kinetic energies of the photoelectrons emitted are in the ratio of 3:1. Find the longest wavelength of monochromatic light that can trigger photoemission for such metal.



This question requires setting up a pair of simultaneous equations using $KE_{max} = hc/\lambda - \Phi$. Also the longest wavelength is corresponding to $KE_{max} = 0$. Most candidates cannot handle this and the outcome is rather random.

Qn. 2.6

2.6 When an electron of mass *m* and charge *e* is accelerated from rest by a voltage *V*, its de Broglie wavelength λ is given by $\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2meV}}$, where *h* is the Planck constant. If λ is expressed in nanometre (nm) and *V* in kilovolt (kV), then λ is approximately equal to



The performance in this question was surprisingly poor. Candidates failed to understand that the formula is correct only if the unknowns are in SI units. The easiest way is to replace λ by $\lambda \times 10^{-9}$; *V* by $V \times 10^3$ in the formula and then substitute the standard values of *h*, *m* and *e* to get the answer.

Qn. 2.8

2.8 A nano material

- (1) has a higher volume to surface area ratio than the same substance in bulk form.
- (2) has at least one dimension less than 1 nm.
- (3) is chemically more reactive than the same substance in bulk form.



Option (1) - Candidates may be careless as the opposite of this statement is correct. Option (2) - Nano material has dimensions of order of nm, not necessarily smaller than 1 nm.

Q.2 Structural question

(a) Rutherford's planetary model of the atom failed to account for the stability of atoms. Why?

(1 mark)

(a) In the model the orbital electron gradually loses its energy (via radiation) and spirals inwards until it finally crashes into the nucleus, i.e. the atom collapses.

Performance: Satisfactory

Common mistakes:

- The atom will collapse/is unstable according to Rutherford's model (no reason).
- The electron is attracted by the nucleus and hits the nucleus finally.

Q.2 Structural question

(b) The emission spectrum of hydrogen atoms only has four visible spectral lines (A to D) as shown in Figure 2.1.

Figure 2.1



All these lines belong to a series that corresponds to transitions to the first excited state (n = 2). In this series there are no spectral lines beyond A. The wavelengths λ (in nm) of all the spectral lines in the series are given empirically by the formula below.

$$\lambda = 364.6 \left(\frac{n^2}{n^2 - 2^2} \right)$$
 where $n = 3, 4, 5, \cdots$

(i) Which spectral line (A, B, C or D) comes from the electron transition between energy levels n = 5 and n = 2?

(b) (i) Line C (from n = 5 to n = 2)

Performance: Not satisfactory

• All four options (A, B, C and D) are commonly found. Answers are quite random.

Q.2 Structural question

(ii) Find the wavelength of the spectral line in (b)(i) and state the colour of this line.

(2 marks)

(ii) $\lambda = 364.6 \left(\frac{5^2}{5^2 - 2^2} \right)$ $= 434.047619 \text{ (nm)} \approx 434 \text{ (nm) or } 435 \text{ (nm)}$

Colour – violet / blue / indigo

Performance: Good

Common mistakes:

- Wrong colour (e.g. red)
- Use wrong *n* (e.g. 4).

Remark:

• A few candidates did not use the provided formula and employed $13.6/n^2$ to find the answer.

1A

1A

Q.2 Structural Question

- (iii) The remaining numerous invisible spectral lines in the series beyond line *D* are getting closer and closer until they finally converge to a limit of 364.6 nm. Suppose a photon of wavelength shorter than 364.6 nm collides with a hydrogen atom in the first excited state (*n* = 2). State what would happen to **the incident photon**. (3 marks)
- (iii) The incident photon is <u>absorbed</u>.
 The hydrogen atom is <u>ionized/becomes a hydrogen ion</u>.
 The orbital electron becomes a <u>free electron</u>,
 (i.e. liberated with some kinetic energy)
 1A

Performance: Fair

Common mistakes:

- Did not mention all three things happen to the atom, the electron and the photon (which is required by the question).
- *The photon loses some energy to the atom and left. The atom is excited. The electron jumps to a higher energy level.*
- The atom can only absorb certain amounts of energy. As the energy of the photon is not those amounts, the photon leaves and nothing happens.

Q.2 Structural question



- Only showed the transitions among 2, 3 and 4.
- Failed to mark the 'V' for transitions of visible spectra correctly.
- Did not show arrows or arrows are reversed.
- Did not draw the spectra in groups or spectral lines are duplicated. (Mark is not deducted here for this year.)

The End

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Elective: Medical Physics

Multiple Choice Questions



MCQ 4.1



MCQ 4.2

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(2) The core-cladding boundary gives a smaller critical angle compared to a core-air boundary.

(3) Without cladding, some of the light rays would pass between optical fibres at points of contact.



https://www.savemyexams.co.uk/notes/a-level-physics-aqa/3-waves/3-5-refraction/3-5-3-fibre-optics/



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| Α | 15% | (1) and (2) only | |
|----|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| B* | 39 % | (1) and (3) only | |
| С | 20% | (2) and (3) only | |
| D | 26% | (1), (2) and (3) | favourable distractor |
| | | | |

MCQ 4.3

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Focused ultrasound in ophthalmology, Ronald H Silverman, Clinical Ophthalmology 2016:10 1865–1875

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|----|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| В | 21% | (1) and (3) only | |
| С | 23% | (2) and (3) only | |
| D | 29% | (1), (2) and (3) | favourable distractor |

MCQ 4.4

When diagnosing brain injuries, doctors use computed tomography (CT) scans to locate positions of internal bleeding. With reference to this context, which reasons given below for NOT using the respective imaging methods are correct?

(1) X-ray radiography: due to its insufficient resolution.

(2) Ultrasound scanning: as ultrasound cannot penetrate through the skull.

(3) Endoscopy: as there is no cavity in the brain for inserting an endoscope

| C^ D | 49% | (2) and (3) only (1) (2) and (3) | favourable distractor |
|---------|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| B | 18% | (1) and (3) only | |
| А | 11% | (1) and (2) only | |

MCQ 4.5

A narrow beam of ultrasound of intensity I_0 travels through three media of different acoustic impedances Z_1 , Z_2 and Z_3 as shown. A* **51%**

В

D

favourable distractor C

18%

21%

10%

$$Z_1$$
 Z_2 Z_3

Assume that attenuation and absorption of ultrasound are negligible. What is the intensity of the ultrasound reflected from the interface between the media of acoustic impedances Z_2 and Z_3 ?

A.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{(Z_2 - Z_1)^2}{(Z_2 + Z_1)^2} \end{bmatrix} \frac{(Z_3 - Z_2)^2}{(Z_3 + Z_2)^2} I_0 \qquad C. \qquad \frac{(Z_2 - Z_1)^2}{(Z_2 + Z_1)^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{(Z_3 - Z_2)^2}{(Z_3 + Z_2)^2} \end{bmatrix} I_0$$

B.
$$\frac{(Z_2 - Z_1)^2}{(Z_2 + Z_1)^2} \frac{(Z_3 - Z_2)^2}{(Z_3 + Z_2)^2} I_0 \qquad D. \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{(Z_2 - Z_1)^2}{(Z_2 + Z_1)^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{(Z_3 - Z_2)^2}{(Z_3 + Z_2)^2} \end{bmatrix} I_0$$

MCQ 4.6

The intensity of an X-ray beam is decreased by 25% after passing through a metal plate of thickness 0.01 m. Find the corresponding half-value thickness for this X-ray beam.

$$\frac{\ln 2 = \mu T_{1/2}}{\ln\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = -0.01 \,\mu} \int T_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)} \left(-0.01\right)$$

| A | 15% | 0.005 m | |
|----|-------------------|---|---|
| В | 23% | 0.020 m | favourable distracto |
| C* | 54% | 0.024 m | |
| D | 8% | 0.042 m | |
| | A B C* D | A 15% B 23% C* 54% D 8% | A 15% 0.005 m B 23% 0.020 m C* 54% 0.024 m D 8% 0.042 m |

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| different acoustic impedances Z_1 , Z_2 and Z_3 as shown. | A* | 51% | |
| | R | 10% | |



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$$I_t^{12} = (1 - \alpha_R^{12})I_o \qquad A. \qquad \left[1 - \frac{(Z_2 - Z_1)^2}{(Z_2 + Z_1)^2}\right] \frac{(Z_3 - Z_2)^2}{(Z_3 + Z_2)^2} I_o$$

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MCQ 4.7

Radionuclide imaging uses only γ radiations as

(1) $\gamma\,$ can be deflected by a magnetic field to incident on the patient at any angle.

- (2) γ has low ionizing power and causes less harm to cells.
- (3) γ has high penetrating power and is detectable outside the body.

| А | 3% | (1) only | |
|----|-----|------------------|-----------------------|
| В | 17% | (3) only | favourable distractor |
| С | 7% | (1) and (2) only | |
| D* | 73% | (2) and (3) only | |

MCQ 4.8

The radiation weighting factor of different radiations for calculating the effective dose are listed below:

| α radiation | 20 | |
|--------------------|----|--|
| β radiation | 1 | |
| γ radiation | 1 | |
| X-rays | 1 | |

 α is given a much larger radiation weighting factor because it

| А | 17% | has a low penetrating power. | |
|----|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| B* | 59% | has a strong ionizing power. | |
| С | 19% | has a relatively larger mass since | e it is a helium nucleus. |
| D | 5% | is particle in nature. | favourable distractor |

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Q4(a)

(ii) Figure 4.2 shows a point object *O* placed at 25 cm in front of the corrective lens which is represented by a dotted line.

Figure 4.2



(1) Copy Figure 4.2 to your answer book and complete the path of the ray from O to show how it reaches the retina. Indicate the near point N of Roger's unaided eyes in your diagram. Assume that refraction in the eye is due to the eye lens only. (2 marks)

(2) Calculate the distance of N from his eyes. (2 marks)

Q.4(a)

Roger is suffering from eye defects and he has to wear the spectacles shown in Figure 4.1. The upper and lower halves of each lens are of powers -1.0 D and +2.0 D respectively.

Figure 4.1



With the spectacles, Roger's near point can be corrected to 25 cm from his eyes while his far point is corrected to infinity. Assume that the lenses are very close to his eyes.

(i) State which half of the lens enables Roger to see distant objects clearly. Find the far point distance of his unaided eyes. (2 marks)

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Q.4(b)

(b)An ultrasound transducer is used to scan an eye as shown in Figure 4.3. The pulses reflected from interfaces *A*, *B*, *C* and *D* are recorded in the A-scan display below.

Figure 4.3



(i) Estimate the thickness of the eye lens along the optic axis.

Given: velocity of ultrasound in the eye lens = 1520 m s^{-1} . (2 marks)

- (ii)Explain which frequency of ultrasound, 3 MHz or 15 MHz, is preferred for scanning the eye. (1 mark)
- (iii)Apart from forming images in a diagnostic scan, name ONE medical application of ultrasound. (1 mark)



MS-Q4(a)(i)

(a)(i) upper half

Power = -1.0 D

$$f = \frac{1}{Power} = -1.0 \text{ m}$$

Far point distance = 1.0 m = 100 cm (correct unit)

Alternative method 1:

$$P = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{\infty} + \frac{1}{v}$$

$$-1.0 = \frac{1}{-\nu} + \frac{1}{\infty}$$

where *v* refers to the far point (virtual image) of the unaided eyes

MS-Q4(a)(i)

Alternative method 2:

$$P_{eye} = \frac{1}{d} + \frac{1}{D_{eyeball}} \qquad (1) \qquad d = \text{Far point of unaided eyes}$$

$$P_{eye} - 1 = \frac{1}{\infty} + \frac{1}{D_{eyeball}} \qquad (2) \qquad D_{eyeball} = \text{Diameter of eyeball}$$

$$(2) - (1) \text{ gives}$$

$$-1 = \frac{1}{\infty} - \frac{1}{d}$$

$$d = 1.0 \text{ m}$$

MS-Q4(a)(ii)The converging / corrective lens brings the near point to 25 cm So cm So

Near point distance d of the unaided eyes = 0.5 m = 50 cm

MS-Q4(a)(ii)

Alternative method 2:

$$P_{eye} = \frac{1}{d} + \frac{1}{D_{eyeball}}$$
(1)
$$P_{eye} + 2 = \frac{1}{0.25} + \frac{1}{D_{eyeball}}$$
(2)

d = Near point of unaided eyes $D_{eyehall} =$ Diameter of eyeball

(2) - (1) gives $2 = \frac{1}{0.25} + \frac{1}{-d}$ d = 0.5 m

MS-Q4(b)(i)

Accept: $t_B = 3.0 \text{ or } 3.5 \text{ } \mu\text{s}$ $t_C = 7.5 \text{ or } 8.0 \text{ } \mu\text{s}$ $\Delta t = 4 \text{ } \mu\text{s} \text{ to } 5 \text{ } \mu\text{s}$

Speed of ultrasound = vThickness of eye lens $(d) = \frac{v\Delta t}{2}$ $d = \frac{1}{2}(1520 \text{ m s}^{-1})(5\times10^{-6} \text{ m}) = 3.8 \text{ mm} / 0.38 \text{ cm} / 3.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ OR: $d = \frac{1}{2}(1520 \text{ m s}^{-1})(4\times10^{-6} \text{ m}) = 3.04 \text{ mm} / 0.304 \text{ cm} / 3.04 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$

MS-Q4(b)(i)



MS-Q4(b)(ii & iii)

(ii) 15 MHz should be chosen for **higher (axial) resolution**, OR 15 MHz gives a shorter wavelength (\sim 0.023 mm) than 3 MHz (\sim 0.11 mm) for **higher (axial) resolution**.

The ultrasound pulses detect structures near surface, absorption and attenuation are small.

(iii) Any ONE of the applications:

-Break up stones in kidney, gall bladder etc.

-Break down crystalline eye lens in cataract surgery

-To remove calculus from surface of teeth in dentistry.

-High intensity ultrasound to destroy tumours (surgery).

-Speed up bone healing after a fracture.

-Therapeutic uses:

reduce pain, increase circulation and increase mobility of soft tissues, reduce inflammation and healing of injuries and wounds







| 0 (I) | $= 3.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ | - | 1A |
|--------|---|---------|--------|
| (ii) | 15 MHz, as high frequency ultrasound com | hove a | higher |
| | | | |
| | revolution. Besides, the eye is now the surface | of budy | , SD |
| | the penetration over no need to be too high. | of budy | 1A |









