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**PHYSICS**

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**Paper 3**

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**Option A — Mechanics Extension**

**A1.** (a) total =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 0.44 \times 22^2$  ;  
 +  $0.44 \times 9.8 \times 32$  ;  
 = 240 (244) J ; [3]  
*Award only 2 out of 3 if  $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .*

(b) energy at sea level =  $244 \times 0.66 = 160$  (161) J ;  
 $v^2 = \frac{(2 \times 161)}{0.44}$   
 $v = 27 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  ; [2]

**A2.** (a) gravitation / gravity; [1]

(b) gravitational force =  $\frac{GM_1M_2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2}$  ;  
 centripetal force =  $\frac{M_1R_1 \times 4\pi^2}{T^2}$  ;  
 gravitational force provides centripetal force  
 $\frac{GM_1M_2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2} = \frac{M_1R_1 \times 4\pi^2}{T^2}$  ;  
 $T^2 = \frac{R_1(R_1 + R_2)^2 \times 4\pi^2}{GM_2}$  [3]

(c) from formula,  $\frac{R_1}{M_2}$  is a constant;  
 (so if  $R_1$  is smaller) then  $M_2$  is smaller /  $M_1$  is larger; [2]  
*Do not award second mark if no reasoning given or argument is fallacious.*

**A3.** (a) e.g. weight of object or reaction force (not mass);  
 nature of surfaces;  
 whether stationary / moving (velocity arguments must include zero); [3]  
*Award any other sensible suggestions.*

(b) (i) R shown acting upwards and normal to slope; [1]

(ii) F shown acting upwards and parallel to slope; [1]  
*Lines of action not important as long as they pass through block.*

(c) (i) (resolving normal to slope)  $W \cos \theta = R$  ;  
 (resolving along to slope)  $W \sin \theta = \mu R$  ;  
working to show  $\tan \theta = \mu$  ; [3]

(ii) maximum value of  $\mu$  is 1.0 and  $\tan^{-1} 1.0 = 45^\circ$  ; [1]

**Option B — Quantum Physics and Nuclear Physics**

**B1.** (a)  $V_s$  gives a measure of (maximum) kinetic energy of electrons;  
intensity determines rate of production / emission (not energy); [2]

(b) photon energy = work function + maximum kinetic energy of electron;

$$V_s = \frac{hc}{\lambda e} - \frac{\phi}{e};$$

gradient is  $\frac{hc}{e}$ ;

gradient is  $1.24(\pm 0.02) \times 10^{-6}$ ;

$$h = \frac{(1.24 \times 10^{-6} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19})}{(3 \times 10^8)}; \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Award mark for final answer only} \\ \text{if this marking point is clear.} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= 6.6(\pm 0.1) \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}; \quad [6]$$

**B2.** (a) used to compare / measure nuclear / atomic masses; [1]

(b) Bainbridge type collimated beam; velocity selector; region of magnetic field and vacuum; suitably placed detector;	<b>Or</b>	Aston type collimated beam; region of electric field; region of magnetic field and vacuum; suitably placed detector;
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[4]

(c) fraction  $x$  of mass  $35u$ ; (i.e. some clear explanation of working)  
 $35x + 37(1 - x) = 35.5$ ;  
 $x = 0.75$ ;  
 ratio is  $\frac{0.75}{0.25} = 3.0$ ; [4]

**B3.** (a) baryon numbers    +1    +1    0    0;  
lepton numbers        0    0    +1    -1; [2]

(b) mass-energy / charge / spin / momentum / parity / time conjugation; [1]  
Do not allow either “mass” or “energy”.

**Option C — Energy Extension**

- C1.** (a) (i) CA; [1]
- (ii)  $V \propto T$  and  $T = 290\text{ K}$ ;  
 temperature =  $3 \times 290 = 870\text{ K}$ ; [2]  
*Award [0] for 51C.*
- (iii)  $p \propto T$  ;  
 temperature =  $\left(\frac{12.5}{2}\right) \times 290 = 1800\text{ K}$ ; [2]  
*102C scores [1] out of [2].*
- (b) external work done =  $p\Delta V$  ;  
 $= 2.0 \times 10^5 \times 6.0 \times 10^{-4}$   
 $= 120\text{ J}$  ;  
 change in internal energy ( $= 300 - 120$ ) =  $180\text{ J}$ ; [3]
- (c) energy supplied to gas ( $= A \rightarrow B + B \rightarrow C$ ) =  $550\text{ J}$  ;  
 work done going through cycle =  $120\text{ J}$  / representing the area under the pressure  
 volume graph;  
 transfer in stage  $C \rightarrow A$  ( $= 550 - 120$ ) =  $430\text{ J}$ ; [3]
- C2.** (a) organic/living matter;  
 (partial) decomposition;  
 under conditions of “high”(temperature) and pressure; [3]
- (b) (i) e.g. renewable energy source;  
 no  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions; [2]  
*Do not allow “pollution free”/cost.*  
*Award [1] each for any two sensible suggestions.*
- (ii) e.g. large number of turbines required;  
 covering large area of land;  
  
 e.g. output dependent on wind speed;  
 so unreliable;  
  
 e.g. change in local climate;  
 as a result of turbulence; [4 max]  
*Award [1] each for any two sensible suggestions and [1] for each explanation.*

**Option D — Biomedical Physics**

- D1.** (a) area scales as *dimension*<sup>2</sup> Or  $L^2$ ;  
volume scales as *dimension*<sup>3</sup> Or  $L^3$ ; [2]
- (b) surface area of cylinder > surface area of sphere (for same mass);  
rate of energy absorption greater for cylinder;  
hence {temperature rises more rapidly} for the same mass; [3]
- D2.** (a) *conductive*: loss occurs in middle ear / damage to membranes / ossicles;  
*sensory*: loss occurs in inner ear / damage within cochlea / auditory nerve; [2]
- (b) (i) (changes in) loudness are response of ear to (changes in) sound intensity;  
response is (approximately) logarithmic with intensity; [2]
- (ii) loss of hearing is selective;  
so it is sensory; [2]  
*Do not award mark if fallacious or no argument.*
- (iii)  $60 = 10 \lg \left( \frac{I}{(1.0 \times 10^{-12})} \right)$ ;  
 $I = 1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ ; [2]
- D3.** (a) *e.g.* simple scattering;  
photoelectric effect;  
Compton scattering;  
pair production; [2 max]  
*Allow [1] each for any two mechanisms.*
- (b) (i) thickness of material required to reduce intensity / photon flux by one half; [1]
- (ii) ratio =  $0.5^8$ ;  
=  $\frac{1}{256}$  or  $3.9 \times 10^{-3}$ ; [2]
- (c) ultrasound (nearly all) reflected by bone (boundary) but X-rays can penetrate;  
X-rays show up internal structures; [2]

**Option E — The History and Development of Physics**

- E1.** (a) (precise) positions and times/movements for the (known) planets; [1]
- (b) planetary orbits are elliptical rather than circular;  
with Sun at one focus; [2]
- (c) Newton developed (universal) law of gravitation;  
law was used to derive Kepler’s laws; [2]
- E2.** (a) wire carrying a current;  
causes deflection of a compass needle / suspended magnet; [2]
- (b) used two (parallel) current-carrying conductors;  
(mutual) forces when current in wires; [2]
- E3.** (a) phlogiston / caloric is a fluid;  
this flows between bodies when they are at different temperatures; [2]
- (b) *e.g.* thermal energy produced as a result of friction / cannot explain change of  
phase;  
further detail regarding stated phenomenon *e.g.* fluid endless / does not cause  
temp change; [2]
- E4.** (a) wax blocks placed in neutron beam;  
protons ejected from wax blocks;  
emergent radiation examined in cloud chamber; [3]
- (b) energy / speed of protons measured;  
in a cloud chamber / by absorption in aluminium;  
momentum of protons measured;  
by collision with nitrogen atoms; [4]

**Option F — Astrophysics**

- F1.** (a) *constellation*: Pattern of stars;  
*Candidate must indicate that stars are not close together.*  
*stellar cluster*: group of stars bound by gravitation / in same region of space; [2]
- (b)  $d = \frac{1}{0.0077}$ ;  
 = 130 pc [1]
- (c) no atmospheric turbulence / irregular refraction; [1]
- (d) (i) red/red-orange; (not orange)  
 blue / blue-white / white; [2]
- (ii) Betelgeuse looks brighter; [1]
- (iii)  $L = 4\pi bd^2$ ;  
*Rearrangement of formula on data sheet required.*  
 $d = 4.0 \times 10^{18}$  m;  
 $L = 4\pi \times 2.0 \times 10^{-7} \times (4.0 \times 10^{18})^2$ ;  
 $L = 4.0 \times 10^{31}$  W; [4]
- (iv)  $L = 4\pi bd^2$   
 luminosity of Rigel is about half that of Betelgeuse (or ecf from (iii));  
 brightness of Rigel is about 0.1 times that of Betelgeuse;  
 so Rigel is more distant (must be a consistent conclusion from statements  
 about luminosity and brightness); [3]  
*Do not allow mark for fallacious or no argument.*  
*Mere statement that luminosity and brightness are less so Rigel is more  
 distant scores [1 mark] only.*
- F2.** (a) universe is infinite; [1]
- (b) number of stars in shell increases as  $R^2$  ;  
 intensity decreases as  $\frac{1}{R^2}$  ;  
 brightness of shell is constant;  
 adding all shells to infinity;  
 sky would be as bright as Sun / uniformly bright; [5]  
*Award [2 max] for argument based on any line of sight lands on a star.*

**Option G — Relativity**

**G1.** (a) means of locating an object in space; [1]

(b) (i) *observer O*: light from flashes arrives simultaneously at O;  
 because takes same time, as measured by O, to reach O / because  
 O is at  
 rest with respect to A and B;

*observer C*: flash from A reaches C before flash from B;  
 because speed of light independent of reference frame; [4]

(ii)  $\gamma = \frac{9.0}{7.2} = 1.25$  ;  
 $\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{-0.5} = 1.25$  ;  
 $v = 0.6c$  ; [3]  
*Award [0] if use of  $\gamma = 0.8$ .*

**G2.** (a) (i)  $1.8c$ ; [1]

(ii) recognize use of  $u'_x = \frac{(u_x - v)}{\left(1 - \frac{u_x v}{c^2}\right)}$  ;  
*Allow equation with + in numerator and denominator.*  
 $u'_x = \frac{(c + 0.8c)}{\left(1 - \left\{\frac{-0.8c^2}{c^2}\right\}\right)}$  ;  
 $u'_x = c$  ; [3]

*Award [1 max] if substitution gives – sign in numerator or denominator.*  
*Award [2 max] for a statement “c is same in all frames so  $u'_x = c$ ”.*

(b) (according to Maxwell), speed of light independent of speed of source / depends  
 on permittivity and permeability which are constants;  
 this is shown by answer in (a)(ii); [2]

**G3.** (a) *rest mass energy*:  $E = m_0 c^2$  where  $m_0$  is the rest mass;

*total energy*: sum of rest mass energy and kinetic energy; [2]

(b) energy =  $2 \times 0.51 = 1.02$  MeV ;  
 estimate because only rest-mass energy considered / k.e. not considered; [2]

(c) curved line through origin always “above” given line after about  $0.4c$  ;  
 asymptotic at  $v = c$  ; [2]

**Option H — Optics**

- H1.** (a) (i) correct position by eye but within  $\pm 5$  mm; [1]
- (ii) ray parallel to principal axis through  $F_2$  ;  
ray undeviated through pole of lens;  
correct extrapolation to marked image; [3]  
*Do not allow unless image lies between  $L_1$  and right-hand  $F_1$ .*
- (b) virtual because rays only appear to come from it; [1]
- (c) (compound) microscope; [1]
- (d) (i)  $L_1$  unchanged;  
 $L_2$  moved (to right) so that  $I_1$  is at  $F_2$  ; [2]
- (ii) angle (subtended) at eye by image is larger than that (subtended) by object; [1]
- H2.** (a) light must be incident on boundary from the more (optically) dense medium;  
angle of incidence must be greater than the critical angle; [2]
- (b) (i)  $i = 22^\circ$  ;  
 $\sin r = 1.5 \times \sin 22$   
 $r = 34^\circ$  ; [2]
- (ii) ray at correct angle (by eye); [1]
- (c) e.g. refractive index between core and covering constant;  
so that refraction in fibre independent of medium in which fibre is placed;  
  
e.g. core of fibre would not become scratched;  
(so that) light would not be scattered out of fibre; [2 max]  
*Award [1] for a sensible reason and [1] for the explanation.*
- (d) e.g. monochromatic;  
so that all light has same speed in fibre;  
  
e.g. can be switched very rapidly;  
so that more information can be carried;  
  
e.g. light can be directed;  
so that less light losses / less need for amplification; [4 max]  
*Award [1] each for two sensible reasons and [1] for each explanation.  
Do not allow coherence without explanation.*
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