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Paper 3

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Subject Details: Physics SL Paper 3 Markscheme

Mark Allocation

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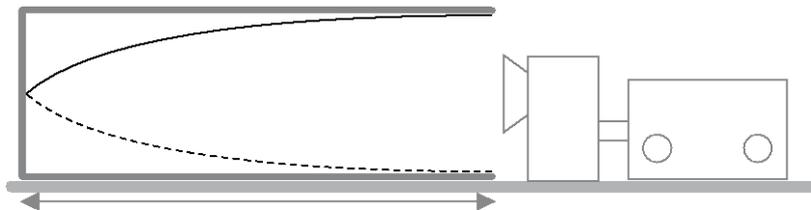
Maximum total = [**40 marks**]

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10. Do **not** penalize candidates for errors in units or significant figures, **unless** it is specifically referred to in the markscheme.

Option A — Sight and wave phenomena

- A1.** (a) (i) the range of distances from the observer / distance between near and far point;
within which objects can be clearly seen / clear images formed by the eye; [2]
- (ii) (change) the pupil diameter / (change) the brightness of light / use of
(corrective) lens; [1]
- (b) yellow is the addition of red and green;
the filter subtracts blue from white light; [2]

- A2.** (a) standing waves do not transfer energy;
standing waves do not have a constant amplitude;
points on a standing wave between consecutive nodes have a constant phase;
standing waves have permanent nodes/antinodes; [1 max]
- (b) (i) correct diagram as shown; (*dotted line not essential for the mark*) [1]

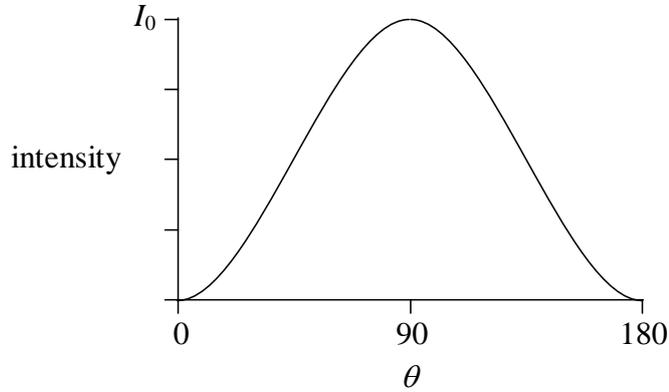


- (ii) wavelength of sound is $(4 \times 0.910) = 3.64 \text{ m}$;
speed of sound $3.64 \times 92 = 335 \text{ ms}^{-1}$; [2]
- (c) the next harmonic has wavelength $\frac{4 \times 0.910}{3} = \frac{3.64}{3} \text{ m}$;
and so frequency $3 \times 92 = 276 \text{ Hz}$; [2]

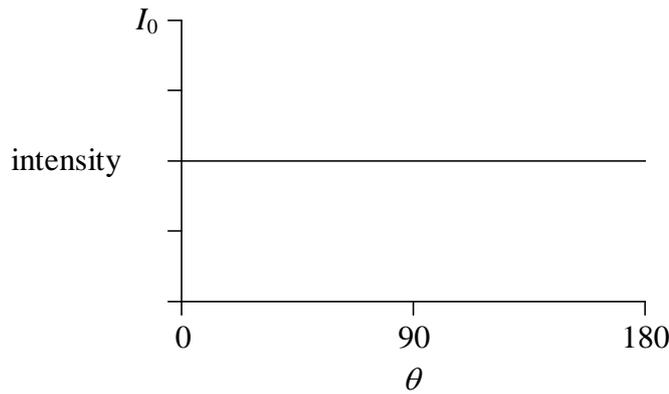
- A3.** (a) the two sources are seen as two distinct sources / two distinct images are formed /
the central maximum of one source coincides with the first minimum of the other; [1]
- (b) (i) realization that the diffraction angle of the one source diffraction pattern is
at 0.008 radians;
and so separation $(= 1.60 \times 0.008 = 1.28) \approx 0.013 \text{ m}$; [2]
- (ii) $\left(1.22 \frac{528 \times 10^{-9}}{b} = 0.008 \Rightarrow \right) b = 0.081 \text{ mm}$; [1]

A4. (a) light in which the electric field oscillates in the same plane; [1]

(b) (i) zero at 0 and 180 degrees;
peak at 90 degrees; [2]



(ii) horizontal straight-line;
through half the incident intensity; [2]



Option B — Quantum physics and nuclear physics

- B1.** (a) light consists of discrete packets/quanta/bundles of energy/particle;
each photon has an energy of hf (where h is the Planck constant and f is the frequency of light); [2]
- (b) (i) the energy of a (em) wave depends on amplitude (not frequency);
so increasing the intensity should have resulted in electrons being emitted (at any frequency) / *OWTTE*; [2]
- (ii) the work function is the minimum energy required to eject an electron from a metal surface;
if the photon energy (hf) is less than the work function then no emission will take place; [2]
- (c) (i) recognizes that work function = $h \times$ threshold frequency;
 $f_0 = \left(\frac{2.0 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{6.6 \times 10^{-34}} \right) = 4.8 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz};$ [2]
- (ii) recognize that maximum KE = $hf - hf_0$ **or** $hf - \phi$;
 $f = \left(\frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3.0 \times 10^8}{4.2 \times 10^{-7}} \right) = 7.14 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz};$
 $hf \text{ (eV)} = \left(\frac{6.6 \times 10^{-34} \times 7.14 \times 10^{14}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \right) = 2.96 \text{ eV};$
max KE = $(2.96 - 2.0) = 0.96 \text{ eV};$ [4]
- B2.** (a) (i) the α particles produced have discrete energies;
the gamma rays produced have discrete energies;
since the energies of the α particles and of the photons are determined by the difference in nuclear energy levels this implies that nuclear energy levels are also discrete; [3]
- (ii) the β^+ spectrum is continuous;
the neutrino was postulated to account for those β^+ with less energy than the maximum; [2]
- (b) recognize that $\frac{N}{N_0} = 0.23$;
 $0.23 = e^{-5.3 \times 10^{-10} t};$
 $t = 2.8 \times 10^9 \text{ yr};$ [3]

Option C — Digital technology

- C1.** (a) information stored digitally on the CD and in analogue form on the LP;
CD: the sound is first encoded/converted to a series of binary numbers;
the binary numbers are then converted to a series of pits and lands on the surface of the CD;
LP: the shape of the groove corresponds to the musical sound; **[3 max]**
To award [3] candidates must obtain the first marking point plus two others.
- (b) for destructive interference the path difference between light reflected from a pit and a land is $\frac{\lambda}{2}$ *or* 360 nm;
the path difference is $2d$;
therefore $2d = 360\text{ nm}$ such that $d = 180\text{ nm}$; **[3]**
Award [2 max] for a clearly labelled diagram and [1 max] for calculation.
- (c) (i) the ratio of charge stored to potential difference / use of the formula with symbols explained; **[1]**
- (ii) charge liberated $(CV = 20 \times 10^{-12} \times 1.8 \times 10^{-4}) = 3.6 \times 10^{-15}\text{ C}$;
number of photoelectrons $= \left(\frac{3.6 \times 10^{-15}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \right) = 2.25 \times 10^4$;
number of photons $= \left(\frac{2.25 \times 10^4}{0.8} \right) = 2.8 \times 10^4$; **[3]**
- C2.** (a) $1 + \frac{800}{100}$;
9; **[2]**
- (b) (i) op-amp has a (very) large gain;
since output is finite;
the pd between X and Y has to be very small, essentially zero; **[3 max]**
- (ii) op-amp has a very high input resistance so no charge/current flows into inverting input/the two resistances are (essentially) in series; **[1]**

- C3.** (a) communicates with base stations;
monitors signal strength from base stations;
selects base station with strongest signal;
allocates frequencies to cells;
connects to Internet/PSTN; *[3 max]*
- (b) any sensible environmental issue related to cellular exchange itself *e.g.* antenna
attached to exchange gives visual pollution/electromagnetic pollution to people
living near cellular exchanges; *[1]*

Option D — Relativity and particle physics

- D1.** (a) the speed of light in a vacuum is the same for all inertial observers/observers in uniform motion; [1]
- (b) (i) ground observer measures a zero proper time interval for the two arrivals; all other observers measure a time interval of $\gamma \times 0 = 0$; hence the arrivals are simultaneous for all observers, including rocket [2]
Award [1] for statement that “events that are simultaneous for one observer and occur at the same place are simultaneous for all observers”.
- (ii) according to the rocket observer, the ground observer moves towards the signal from tree L and away from the signal from tree R; since the signals move at the same speed and they arrive at the same time according to the rocket observer; signal from tree R must have been emitted first [2]
- D2.** (a) (i) 9.1×10^{-7} s; [1]
- (ii) the gamma factor is $\gamma = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-0.920^2}} \right) = 2.55$;
 and so $t' = \left(\frac{9.1 \times 10^{-7}}{2.55} \right) = 3.5 \times 10^{-7}$ s; [2]
Award [2] for bald correct answer.
- (b) 98 m; [1]
- (c) equal; [1]

- D3.** (a) the spin number of a boson is an integer value;
the spin of the kaon can be $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$ *or* $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$; [2]
- (b) (i) X: anti-strange quark / \bar{s} ;
Y: antimuon / μ^+ ; [2]
- (ii) the process violates strangeness number conservation;
only the weak interaction allows this violation; [2]
- or*
the decay of the kaon involves a neutrino;
any decay involving the neutrino must take place by the weak interaction;
- (iii) *name*: W (boson);
sign: positive; [2]
- (iv) $R = \frac{h}{4\pi mc} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{4\pi(1.4 \times 10^{-25}) \times 3 \times 10^8}$;
 $R = 1.3 \times 10^{-18}$ m; [2]

Option E — Astrophysics

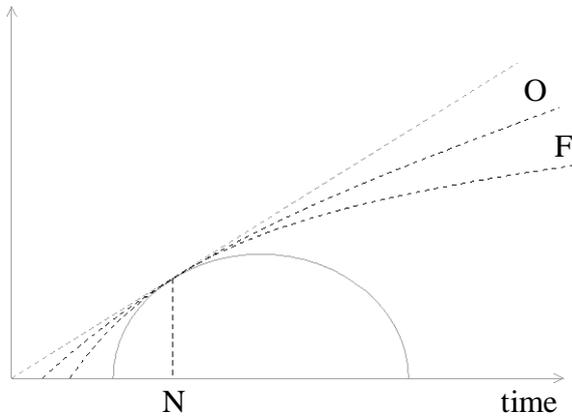
- E1.** (a) (i) a constellation is a collection of stars that form a (recognizable) pattern (as viewed from Earth);
the distances between the stars may be very large;
a stellar cluster is a group of stars held together by (mutual) gravitational attraction/gravity/are physically relatively close;
there can be many thousands of stars in the cluster;
all stars in the cluster were created about the same time; *[3 max]*
- (ii) the (total) power radiated/emitted/produced (by the star); *[1]*
- (iii) luminosity of Aldebaran = $370 \times 3.9 \times 10^{26} = 1.44 \times 10^{29} \text{ W}$;

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1.44 \times 10^{29}}{4\pi \times 3.3 \times 10^{-8}}} = 5.9 \times 10^{17} ;$$

$$= \frac{5.9 \times 10^{17}}{3.1 \times 10^{16}} = 19 \text{ pc};$$
 [3]
- (b) (i) a measure of how bright a star appears / a (logarithmic) measure of apparent brightness; *[1]*
- (ii) expressing d in pc;
 $M = -0.64$; *[2]*
- (c) the (outer layers of the star) undergo a (periodic) expansion and contraction;
which produces a (periodic) variation in its luminosity/apparent brightness;
the (average) luminosity depends on the period of variation;
by measuring the period, the luminosity can be found;
by then measuring its apparent brightness, its distance from Earth can be found; *[5]*

E2. (a) critical density is the density for which the universe stops expanding; after an infinite amount of time; [2]

(b) radius of the universe



(i) the time corresponding to where the two lines touch; [1]
{ (labelled *N* on the time axis or the graph)

(ii) a slightly curved line between the dotted line and the closed universe line; [1]
(labelled *F*)

(iii) a slightly curved line between the dotted line and the flat universe line; [1]
(labelled *O*)

Allow an accelerating universe graph labelled either For O.

Option F — Communications

- F1.** (a) change of carrier frequency depends on amplitude of signal;
the (carrier) frequency increases as the signal displacement/amplitude increases /
vice versa; [2]
- (b) (i) 185 and 195 kHz;
190 kHz; [2]
- (ii) difference on frequencies 135 kHz;
division by bandwidth to get 13/14; [2]
- (c) *block B*: tuning circuit;
explanation: wide range of em radiation arrives at aerial;
tuning circuit selects frequency of station required;
- block C*: demodulator;
explanation: separates carrier from signal wave / strips negative-going signal
away / rectifies signal; [5]

- F2.** (a) signals (A to C) are sampled sequentially;
Sample time much less than time inbetween samples;
each sample transmitted (in series) along fibre in gaps between other samples;
re-combined in correct order at end of fibre; [3 max]

(b)
$$\frac{I}{I_0} = 10 \lg \left[\frac{25 \times 10^{-3}}{4 \times 10^{-19}} \right] (= 168);$$

$$\frac{168}{1.8};$$

93 km; [3]

(c) time between samples = $\frac{1}{32000}$ (= 3.125×10^{-5} s);
so as each sample takes 5×10^{-8} s there will be space for
$$\left(\frac{3.125 \times 10^{-5} - 50 \times 10^{-9}}{5 \times 10^{-8}} \right) = \frac{3.12 \times 10^{-5}}{5 \times 10^{-8}};$$

624 channels \approx 620 channels; [3]

allow

$$\frac{3.125 \times 10^{-5}}{5 \times 10^{-8}} \text{ or } \frac{3.13 \times 10^{-5}}{5 \times 10^{-8}}$$

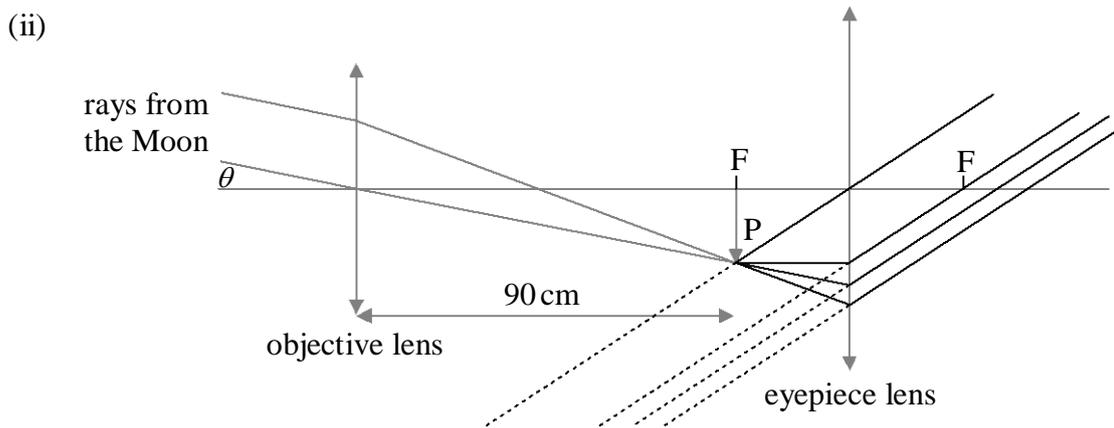
= 625 \approx 620 channels or = 626 \approx 630 channels;

Option G — Electromagnetic waves

G1. (a) oscillating/vibrating electric and magnetic fields;
 at right angles to each other;
 at right angles to the direction of propagation/energy transfer of the wave/
 velocity/transverse;
 can travel through vacuum; [2 max]
*Award [2] for a clearly drawn, correctly labelled diagram i.e. E and B fields at
 right angles to each other and at right angles to the direction of propagation.*

(b) electrons that oscillate/accelerate/move on curved paths;
 electrons making transitions between energy levels; [2]
*Accept two specific instances of electrons being accelerated/decelerated
 e.g. electrons hitting metal target or electrons moving in magnetic fields.*

G2. (a) (i) F at P and second F at the same distance to the right of the eyepiece; *(judge by eye)* [1]



first construction line or ray; *(judge by eye)*
 second construction line or ray;
 extension of these to the left as parallel lines; [3]

(b) (i) $d = f_0 \tan \theta \approx f_0 \theta$;
 $d = 90 \times \tan(8.7 \times 10^{-3}) = 0.78 \text{ cm}$; [2]

(ii) angular magnification is $M = \left(-\frac{f_0}{f_e} \right) (-)3$;
 hence $\theta' = -3\theta = (-)0.026 \text{ rad}$; [2]

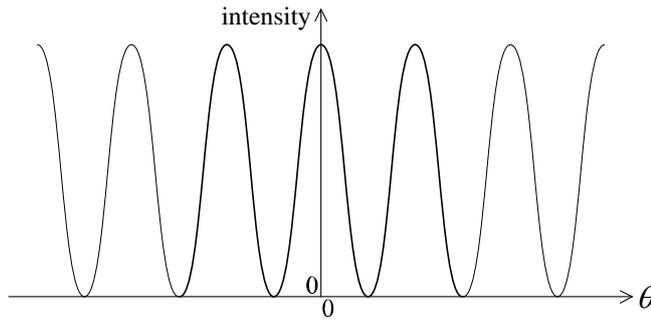
or

$$\theta' = \frac{0.78}{30};$$

$$\theta' = (-)0.026 \text{ rad};$$

G3. (a) (i) diffraction; [1]

(ii) correct general shape ($\cos^2 \theta$) touching the horizontal axis;
 constant amplitude;
 equally spaced maxima; [3]
Diagram must have at least three fringes.
Award [0] for single slit diffraction pattern.



Award [3] for correct graph that shows modulation by single slit diffraction.

(iii) $MQ = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda D}{d}$;
 $MQ = \left(\frac{650 \times 10^{-9} \times 1.80}{2 \times 0.12 \times 10^{-3}} \right) 4.9 \text{ mm};$ [2]

(b) the energy gets redistributed/the total energy in the pattern is the same as the total emitted energy;
 the energy that would have appeared at minima now appears at the maxima; [2]
