

- 5 (a) Electrons are accelerated through a potential difference of 15 kV. The electrons collide with a metal target and a spectrum of X-rays is produced. The variation with wavelength  $\lambda$  of the intensity  $I$  of the emitted X-ray radiation is shown in Fig. 5.1.

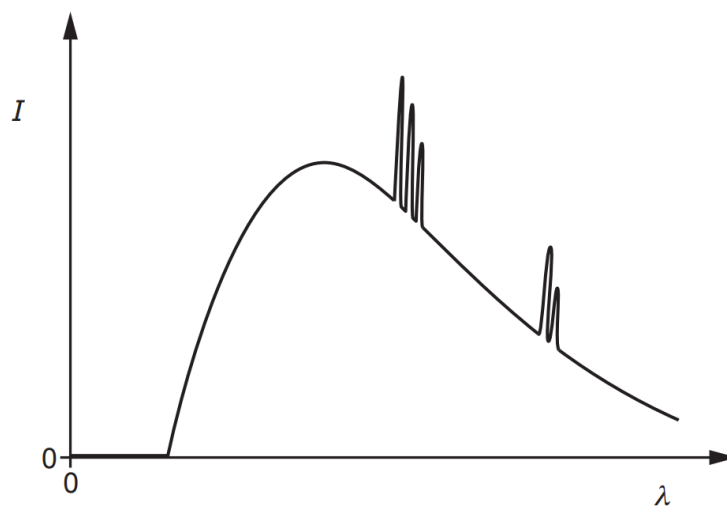


Fig. 5.1

- (i) Explain why there is a continuous distribution of wavelengths.
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- (ii) Explain why at certain wavelengths, there are narrow peaks of increased intensity.
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- (iii) Calculate the wavelength of the highest energy X-ray photon produced.

wavelength = ..... m [2]

- (iv) Draw, on Fig. 5.1, the spectrum of X-ray produced if the potential difference is increased. [2]

- (b) An electron of mass  $9.11 \times 10^{-31}$  kg travelling at  $3.00 \times 10^7$  m s<sup>-1</sup> passes through a narrow slit of width  $1.00 \times 10^{-10}$  m (comparable to the spacing of atoms in a crystal).

- (i) Calculate the uncertainty in momentum of the electron along the slit as it passes through the slit.

uncertainty in momentum = ..... kg m s<sup>-1</sup> [2]

- (ii) Suggest the significance of this uncertainty.

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- (c) Explain how Einstein's photon model of light differs from the classical description of light as an electromagnetic wave in the way it explains

- (i) light intensity,

classical explanation: .....

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quantum explanation: .....

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- (ii) the absorption of light energy by a metal surface.

classical explanation: .....

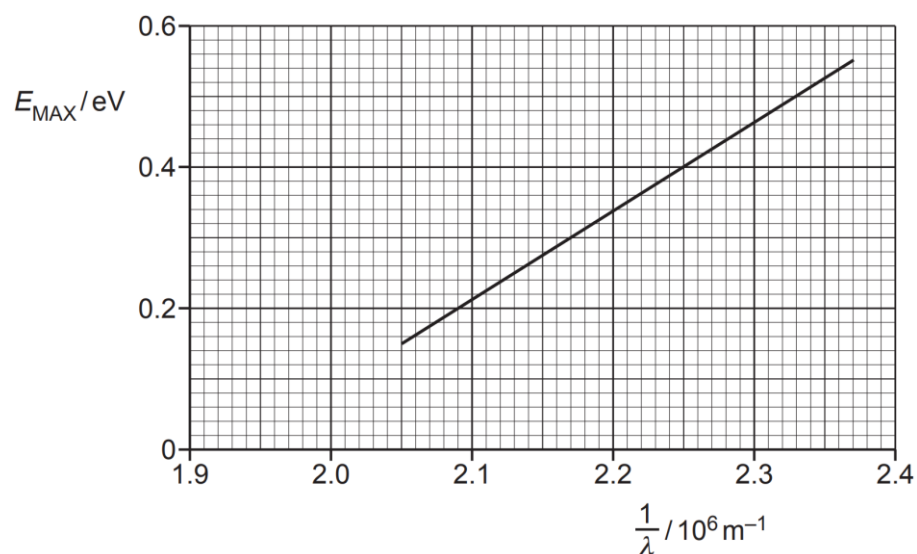
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quantum explanation: .....

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- (d) The maximum kinetic energy  $E_{\text{MAX}}$  of electrons emitted from a metal surface is determined for different wavelengths  $\lambda$  of the electromagnetic radiation incident on the surface.

The variation with  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  of  $E_{\text{MAX}}$  is shown in Fig. 5.2.



**Fig. 5.2**

- (i) Use Fig. 5.2 to determine the threshold frequency  $f_0$ .

$f_0 = \dots\dots\dots \text{ Hz [2]}$

- (ii) The electromagnetic radiation is now incident on a metal with a larger work function energy than the metal in (d)(i).

On Fig. 5.2, sketch the variation with  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  of  $E_{\text{MAX}}$ .

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## Section B

Answer **all** question from this Section in the spaces provided.