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9702 PHYSICS

9702/06

Paper 6, maximum mark 40

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GCE A AND AS LEVEL

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Option A – Astrophysics and Cosmology

- 1** diameter of the Sun B1
nearest (neighbour) star/Proxima Centauri B1
diameter of (Milky Way) galaxy B1
extent of (visible) Universe (allow diameter/radius) B1 [4]
- 2** e.g. Atmospheric absorption/scattering M1
means light is too faint A1
Light pollution M1
means light cannot be distinguished against background A1 [4]
Irregular atmospheric refraction/thermal currents (M1)
means small objects blurred/not seen (A1)
(any two sensible suggestions {M1 x 2} plus some further detail of each {A1 x 2})
- 3 (a)(i)** *either* density such that Universe will not collapse or expand indefinitely B1
greater density than ρ_0 means collapse (OR vice versa) B1
or determines whether Universe is 'open' or 'closed' (B1)
greater density than ρ_0 means 'closed'
OR smaller density than ρ_0 means 'open' (B1) [2]
- (ii)** (if Universe is closed eventually all) kinetic energy of galaxies will be converted to B1
(gravitational) potential energy B1 [2]
(gravitational) potential energy involves the gravitational constant G
- (b)(i)1** (sensible straight line and) one or two points chosen with attempt at antilogs B1
 $H_0 = 100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ (allow $80 \rightarrow 125 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$) A1
 $1 \text{ Mpc} = 3.1 \times 10^{19} \text{ km}$ C1
 $H_0 = 100 / (3.1 \times 10^{19}) = 3.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}^{-1}$
Age = $1/H_0 = 3.1 \times 10^{17} \text{ s}$ A1 [4]
- (i)2** $\rho_0 = (3 \times 10^{-18})^2 / (8 \times \pi \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11})$ C1
 $= 1.86 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ A1 [2]
- (ii)** number density = $(1.86 \times 10^{-26}) / (1.66 \times 10^{-27})$ C1
 ≈ 10 A1 [2]

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Option F – The Physics of Fluids

- 4 (a)** M shown near base of stem B1 [1]
- (b)(i)** density = mass/volume C1
volume submerged in liquid of density $1.0 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = 165 \text{ cm}^3$ C1
volume submerged in liquid of density $1.1 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = 150 \text{ cm}^3$ C1
change in volume = 15 cm^3 A1
- (ii)** distance (= $15/0.75$) = 20 cm A1 [5]
- 5 (a)** arrows longer at centre than edges M1
arrows parallel and correct relative lengths A1 [2]
- (b)(i)** no unique value of (linear) speed B1 [1]
(ii)1 volume flow rate doubles A1
(ii)2 new radius = $1.05 r$
new flow rate = 1.054×2 C1
= 2.4(3) times greater A1 [3]
- 6 (a)** (fluid) flow/movement B1
that is erratic/has eddies B1
i.e. speed varies continuously (in magnitude and direction) with time B1 [3]
- (b)(i)** for turbulent flow, F_D/v^2 C1
 $v = 58 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ A1 [2]

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Option M – Medical Physics

- 7 (a)** pulse of ultrasound B1
reflected from boundaries B1
received (at surface) and processed B1
time for pulse to return gives depth of boundary B1
reflected intensity gives information on nature of boundary B1 [5]
- (b)** fraction = $e^{-23 \times 0.055}$ C1
= 0.28 A1 [2]
- (c)** fraction = $0.28 \times 0.35 \times 0.28$ C1
= 0.027 A1 [2]
(or $0.35e^{-23 \times 0.11} = 0.028$)
- 8 (a)(i)** rays from S converge to point behind retina B1
- (ii)** range of image distances B1
such that image is tolerably in focus B1 [3]
- (b)** for the same size of patch on the retina M1
focused image is further from the retina A1
(so) depth of focus is increased B1 [3]
- 9 (a)** intensity = $(0.33 \times 10^{-6}) / (65 \times 10^{-6})$ C1
= $5.1 \text{ (5.08)} \times 10^{-3} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ C1
I.L. = $10 \lg (5.08 \times 10^{-3}) / (1.0 \times 10^{-12})$ C1
= 97 dB A1 [4]
- (b)** (long-term exposure) could cause deafness OR
(short-term exposure) could cause tinnitus B1 [1]

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Option P – Environmental Physics

- 10 (a)** massive nucleus/named appropriate nucleus splits into two approximately equal parts/named components with the release of neutrons and energy
B1
B1
B1 [3]
- (b)** moderator: slows down (high speed) neutrons so that further fissions are more likely/will take place
M1
A1
control rods absorb neutrons
M1
to provide control over the rate of fission
A1 [4]
- 11 (a)(i)** water moved from (area of) trough to crest to form wave
B1
potential energy = mgh
M1
 $= \frac{1}{2} \lambda A w \rho \times g \times A$
(must be laid out so that substitutions are obvious)
M1
 $= \frac{1}{2} w A^2 \lambda \rho g$
A0 [3]
- (ii)** there are V/λ wavecrests passing a point per unit time
M1
power = $\frac{1}{2} w A^2 \lambda \rho g \times V/\lambda$
A1
 $= \frac{1}{2} w A^2 \rho g V$
A0 [2]
- (b)** e.g hazard to shipping, unsightly, upset to shoaling fish etc. (any sensible suggestion)
B1 [1]
- 12 (a)** input shown clearly as 1140 W
B1
four outputs labeled correctly
M1
arrows having approximately correct ratio of widths
A1 [3]
- (b)** electrical heating more efficient at transferring energy to water
B1
very little thermal energy escapes because plastic is an insulator
B1
gas ring much less efficient because of thermal energy losses to the air
B1
thermal energy losses due to conduction as kettle is metal
B1 [4]

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Option T – Telecommunications

- 13 (a)** box for 1 m – 10 cm labeled T B1
- (b)** box for 10 cm – 1 cm labeled S B1 [2]
- 14 (a)** frequency of carrier wave varies (in synchrony) with information signal B1
constant amplitude OR carrier frequency \gg signal frequency B1
change in frequency measures displacement of information signal B1
rate at which carrier frequency varies gives frequency of information signal B1 [4]
- (b)(i)** period = 0.8 μ s C1
frequency = 1.25 MHz A1
- (ii)** 125 kHz A1 [3]
- (c)** advantage: e.g. better quality/less interference B1
disadvantage: e.g. more transmitters/more expensive B1 [2]
(any sensible suggestions, 1 each)
- 15 (a)(i)** sampled every 0.5 ms C1
frequency = 2.0 kHz A1
- (ii)** at 1.0 V intervals B1
- (iii)** 4 bits B1 [4]
- (b)** needs sampling time shorter than smallest peak-trough interval B1
any suggestion of about (0.2 ms or about) 5 kHz (*allow 5 kHz \rightarrow 10 kHz*) A1
needs voltage interval less than peak-trough height B1
any suggestion at about 0.3 V (*allow 0.1 V \rightarrow 0.4 V*) C1
so either $12/0.3 = 40$ OR $11/0.3 = 37$ OR $10/0.3 = 34$ etc. A1
(ignore binary nature of the ADC and the DAC)