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### 9702 PHYSICS

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Paper 6 (Options), maximum raw mark 40

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### Option A – Astrophysics and Cosmology

- 1 (a)** gaseous/rocky/icy/approx. spherical object that orbits the Sun / a star B1  
B1 [2]
- (b)** Venus must have passed between Sun and Earth  
1 AU is (mean) distance between Earth and Sun B1  
B1 [2]
- 2 (a)** (light of a particular wavelength as observed) when source is moving away (from observer) M1  
has a longer wavelength A1  
than when source is stationary (with respect to observer) B1 [3]
- (b)** (extent of) redshift depends on  $v/c$  B1  
can only be observed when  $v$  is significant when compared to  $c$  B1 [2]
- 3 (a)**  $v$  is speed of separation of (any two) galaxies B1  
 $d$  is the separation of the galaxies B1 [2]  
(*max 1 mark if refers to Earth*)
- (b)**  $1 \text{ Mpc} = 3.09 \times 10^{19} \text{ km}$  (*allow 3.0  $\rightarrow$  3.2*) C1  
age =  $1 / H_0$  C1  
age =  $(3.09 \times 10^{19}) / 60$   
=  $5.2 \times 10^{17} \text{ s}$  A1 [3]
- 4 (a)** e.g. dark matter does not emit light  
dark matter does not reflect light  
(*any two sensible suggestions, 1 each*) B2 [2]
- (b)** e.g. estimate of mass unreliable M1  
because there are neutrinos A1  
e.g. do not know extent of Universe M1  
due to redshift / intensity of light A1 [4]  
(*any sensible suggestion (M1) with reason (A1)*)

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### Option F – The Physics of Fluids

- 5 (a)** symmetrical pattern 'above' and 'below' B1  
lines closest together at widest part of object B1  
smooth lines tending towards initial separation B1 **[3]**
- (b)** *either* separation of lines is not constant *or* path lengths differ B1 **[1]**
- 6 (a)** centre of buoyancy is above the centre of mass B1  
(if displaced sideways) weight and upthrust provide couple to keep tube upright B1 **[2]**  
*(do not allow argument in terms of metacentre)*
- (b)** *either* force on base =  $L\rho g \times A$  *or* weight of liquid displaced =  $\rho LA g$  M1  
this equals weight  $Mg$  this equals weight  $Mg$  A1  
hence  $L = M/A\rho$  hence  $L = M/A\rho$  A0 **[2]**
- (c)**  $M/A = L\rho = \text{constant}$  C1  
new length =  $12.1 \times (0.99/1.11) = 10.8 \text{ cm}$  C1  
change in length = 1.3 cm A1 **[3]**
- 7 (a)** (apparent) weight acts downwards B1  
drag force acts upwards B1  
resultant force = weight -  $kv$  OR drag  $\propto v$  B1  
as speed increases, resultant force / acceleration becomes less B1  
(so) speed increases to a constant value B1 **[5]**
- (b)** fluid is dragged along by the surface of the (spinning) sphere B1  
on one 'side' speed of fluid is greater than on other M1  
this difference in speed creates a pressure difference / difference in drag / turbulence A1  
so sphere moves sideways (in direction of lower pressure) A1 **[4]**

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### Option M – Medical Physics

- 8 (a) pulse of ultrasound B1  
reflected at boundary (between any two media) B1  
reflected pulse detected by (piezo-electric) crystal B1  
signal from crystal amplified / processed and displayed B1 [4]
- (b) crystals are at different orientations B1  
signals from all crystals are combined B1  
to build up a (2D) image B1 [3]
- 9 (a) (i) process by which objects at different distances from the eye M1  
are brought to a focus (on the retina) A1 [2]  
(ii) ciliary muscles alter shape of lens B1  
this alters the power/focal length of the lens B1 [2]
- (b) pupil varies in diameter C1  
power (intensity) admitted is proportional to diameter<sup>2</sup> B1  
*either* variation of diameter is small / small factor  
*or* variation of light intensity is large / (very) large factor B1 [3]
- 10 (a)  $IL = 10 \lg(I/I_0)$   
 $= 10 \lg(\{1.6 \times 10^{-10}\} / \{1 \times 10^{-12}\})$  C1  
 $= 22 \text{ dB}$  A1  
range is from 100 Hz B1  
to 10 kHz B1 [4]
- (b) e.g. threshold intensity rises  
upper frequency (limit) decreases  
lower frequency (limit) rises  
*(any two suggestions, 1 each, max 2)* B2 [2]  
*(allow 1 mark for 'line closes up' / smaller frequency range)*

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### Option P – Environmental Physics

- 11 (a)** (i) slows down neutrons M1  
to enable further fission reactions A1 [2]  
(ii) absorbs neutrons M1  
to control rate of reaction / power A1 [2]  
(iii) acts as a biological shield B1  
maintains coolant around the core / containment vessel B1 [2]
- (b) kinetic energy of fission fragments B1  
causes heating of the core / fuel rods B1  
this thermal energy is carried away by the coolant B1 [3]
- (c) e.g. *either* minimal / no release of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere  
or minimal / no release of gases causing global warming  
no huge storage areas required at the power station  
maintenance possible whilst on full load  
(any two suggestions, 1 each, max 2) B2 [2]
- 12 (a)** incident power =  $960 \times 2.5 \times 10^{-4} = 0.24 \text{ W}$  C1  
efficiency =  $(30 \times 10^{-3}) / 0.24 = 0.13$  A1 [2]
- (b) (i) large (surface) area required B1  
(ii) connect many cells in series for higher voltage B1  
connect many cells in parallel for larger current B1 [3]
- 13 (a)** 30% delivered to motor C1  
cost =  $5.4 \times (100/30) \times 5$   
= 90 cents A1 [2]  
(allow 1 mark for answer 100 cents)
- (b) (for both,) there is a need to heat water / for heat energy B1  
this energy provided from 'production losses' (so reducing overall costs) B1 [2]

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### Option T – Telecommunications

- 14 (a)** satellite with orbit having period 24 hours  
orbits above the Equator  
from west to east / orbits in same sense  
B1  
B1  
B1 **[3]**
- (b)**  $\text{loss} = 10 \lg(P_2 / P_1)$   
 $-170 = 10 \lg(P_2 / 2400)$   
 $P_2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-14} \text{ W}$   
C1  
C1  
A1 **[3]**
- (c)** amplified otherwise power too low to be picked up on Earth  
*either* frequency changed to prevent swamping / interference of signal received (from Earth)  
or prevent feedback  
B1  
B1 **[2]**
- 15 (a)** variations in either amplitude or frequency of a wave  
*either* in synchrony with displacement of information signal  
or in order to carry information on the wave  
B1  
B1 **[2]**
- (b) (i)** 9 kHz  
B1 **[1]**
- (ii)** LW frequency range is 30 kHz  $\rightarrow$  300 kHz  
number =  $270 / 9$   
= 30  
C1  
C1  
A1 **[3]**
- (c)** sketch: carrier frequency as vertical line and two sidebands  
reasonable symmetry  
sideband indicating approx. 4500 Hz range  
(if sidebands shown as vertical lines, allow max. 1 mark)  
M1  
A1  
B1 **[3]**
- 16 (a)** e.g. link between house and exchange for a telephone  
(any one suggestion, 1 mark)  
B1 **[1]**
- (b)** e.g. greater bandwidth  
less noise  
less attenuation  
(any two suggestions, 1 each, max 2)  
B2 **[2]**