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**9702/06**

**Paper 6, maximum mark 40**

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GCE A AND AS LEVEL

**MARK SCHEME**

**MAXIMUM MARK: 40**

**SYLLABUS/COMPONENT: 9702/06**

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**Option A - Astrophysics and Cosmology**

- 1 (a) position: on a spiral arm, between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  distance from centre B1
- (b) (i) allow 80 000  $\rightarrow$  150 000 light-years B1  
(ii) allow 2  $\rightarrow$  10 light-years B1 [2]
- (c) allow  $10^7 \rightarrow 10^9$  B1 [1]
- 2 (a) allow  $10^8 \rightarrow 10^{10}$  K B1 [1]
- (b) position marked between  $10^{12}$  s and  $10^{13}$  s B1 [1]
- (c) result of X-bosons (allow 'bosons') B1  
at (very) early stages of development of the Universe B1  
(X-) boson decays into quarks M1  
(slightly) more slowly than its antiparticle decays A1 [4]
- 3 (a) (i)  $H_0 = (60 \times 10^3)/(3.1 \times 10^{16} \times 10^6)$  C1  
 $= 1.9 \times 10^{-18} \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$  C1  
age of Universe =  $1/H_0$  (or clear substitution for  $H_0$  shown) B1  
 $= 5.2 \times 10^{17}$  s C1  
 $= 1.6 \times 10^{10}$  years A1 [5]
- (ii) fraction of time =  $(12600 \times 10^6)/(1.6 \times 10^{10})$   
 $= 0.79$  or  $63/80$  A1 [1]
- (iii) light left galaxy when Universe was much younger B1  
(so) 'looking back' in time B1 [2]
- (b) limit set by how far light can travel M1  
during the lifetime of the Universe A1  
or  
galaxies at very large distances are moving very fast  
so Doppler shifted out of visible [2]

**Option F - The Physics of Fluids**

- 4 (a) pressure difference (between upper and lower surfaces) B1 [1]  
allow 'upthrust provided by displaced fluid'
- (b) (i) mass = density  $\times$  volume C1  
 $= 920 \times 6.4 \times 10^4 \times (28 + d)$  A1 [2]
- (ii) either  $920 \times 6.4 \times 10^4 \times (28 + d)$   
or  $1030 \times 6.4 \times 10^4 \times d$  A1 [1]
- (c) (i)  $920 \times 6.4 \times 10^4 \times (28 + d) = 1030 \times 6.4 \times 10^4 \times d$  C1  
 $d = 234$  m A1 [2]
- (ii) fraction =  $234/(234 + 28)$   
 $= 0.89$  A1 [1]

- 5 (a) fluid in which there is internal friction  
either resisting motion of an object through the fluid  
or resisting movement between layers of fluid
- (b) there is no single value for the speed in the pipe  
(do not allow unqualified 'constant')  
any other comment e.g. volume flow rate takes into account whole flow
- (c) (i) pressure ( $= \rho gh$ ) =  $1.0 \times 10^3 \times 9.8 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-2}$   
= 890 Pa  
some explanation as to why this is the pressure difference  
(ii)  $1.5 \times 10^{-6} = (\pi \times \{0.9 \times 10^{-3}\}^4 \times 890) / (8 \times \eta \times 13 \times 10^{-2})$   
 $\eta = 1.18 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N s m}^{-2}$
- 6 (a) (i) path taken by a particle of the fluid  
(ii) each particle can follow only one path  
(or in terms of tangent being direction of motion, and only one direction)
- (b) (in any tube of flow)  $Av = \text{constant}$   
when lines converge,  $A$  becomes smaller  
(so)  $v$  must increase

#### Option M - Medical Physics

- 7 (a) large/uniform magnetic field applied (to patient) (1)  
pulse of radio-frequency waves (1)  
Causes H-atoms in patient to resonate or vibrate at Larmour frequency (1)  
H-atoms give off radio-frequency waves (1)  
RF detected and processed (1)  
to give positions of H-atoms (1)  
non-uniform magnetic field enables  
positions of resonating atoms to be defined (1)  
[1 each, any five] B5 [5]
- (b) e.g. cost, portability of equipment, time taken  
[any sensible suggestions, 1 each, max 2] B2 [2]
- 8 (a) (i) energy deposited in body  
per unit mass of (body) tissue M1  
A1 [2]  
(ii) effects depend on density of deposition of energy/ionisation B1  
some radiations cause greater density of ionisation than others B1 [2]
- (b) Radiation has long-term effects M1  
any other relevant point e.g. life shortening, hereditary, cancer inducing A1 [2]
- 9 (a) (i) convex/converging B1 [1]  
(ii) focal length ( $= 100/2.5$ ) = 40 cm B1 [1]
- (b) (i) long sight (hypermetropia) B1 [1]  
(ii) far point is at infinity B1  
normal nearpoint is distance 25 cm from eye B1  
 $1/25 - 1/v = 1/40$  C1  
 $v = 67 \text{ cm}$   
nearpoint is 67 cm in front of the eye A1 [4]

**Option P - Environmental Physics**

- 10 (a)** resources: total energy available/stored in Earth **B1**  
reserves: total energy that can be extracted (economically) **B1**  
reserves less than resources because some fossil fuels not  
recoverable/too expensive **B1** [3]
- (b)** formation takes place over millions/thousands of years **B1**  
fossil fuels will be exhausted in much less time than this **B1** [2]
- 11 (a)** induction                  compression                  power                  *EXHAUST*  
open                                  *CLOSED*                                  *CLOSED*                  closed  
*CLOSED*                                  *CLOSED*                                  *CLOSED*                  open  
[each column 1 mark, max 4] **B4** [4]
- (b) (i)** power is delivered (by a cylinder) on every stroke **M1**  
(so) smoother power output/torque **A1** [2]
- (ii)** improved flow of gases (in and out of cylinder) **M1**  
increases efficiency of engine **A1** [2]
- 12 (a) (i)** any agent/substance/waste that is detrimental to health **B1**  
or the environment **B1** [2]
- (ii)** 1 man-made: e.g. exhaust gases from cars (anything sensible) **B1**  
2 natural: e.g. volcanic emissions (anything sensible) **B1** [2]
- (b)** carbon dioxide absorbed (by plants) with release of oxygen **B1**  
(transpiration) replaces water vapour (in atmosphere) **B1**  
either increasing CO<sub>2</sub> levels would cause temperature changes  
or anything sensible e.g. reference to biodiversity, weather patterns **B1** [3]

**Option T - Telecommunications**

- 13 (a)** signal sampled at regular intervals **B1**  
signal voltage converted to a digital number **B1**  
transmitted as a series of groups of pulses **B1**  
pulses could be IR pulses in optic fibre (allow any sensible example) **B1**  
any other relevant physics  
(e.g. sample at twice max frequency, use parallel to series converter) **B1** [5]
- (b)** e.g. can be regenerated to remove noise  
data can be added to check for/correct errors  
[anything sensible, 1 each, max 2] **B2** [2]
- 14 (a) (i)** loss of energy/power (in the signal) **B1** [1]  
(ii) unwanted (random) signal **B1** [1]
- (b) (i)** power/dB = 10 lg( $P_1/P_2$ ) **C1**  
25 = 10 lg ( $P/(6.0 \times 10^{-19})$ ) **M1**  
 $P = 1.9 \times 10^{-16}$  W **A0** [2]
- (ii)** allowable loss = 10 lg( $(7.0 \times 10^{-3})/(1.9 \times 10^{-16})$ ) **C1**  
= 136 dB **C1**  
length = 136/1.7 = 80 km **A1** [3]
- (c)** signal amplifier/re-shaper at intervals along the fibre **B1** [1]

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- (d) (i) remains at one point above the Earth (1)  
 orbits Earth above the Equator (1)  
 period of orbit is 24 hours (1)  
 rotates from west to east (1)  
 [any two, 1 each] B2 [2]
- (ii) for satellite, time to travel ( $2 \times 3.6 \times 10^4$  km) = 0.24 s B1  
 for fibre, time to travel 18000 km = 0.06 s  $\rightarrow$  0.09 s B1  
 advantage: less built-in delay for conversation B1 [3]

