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**Abbreviations**

/	Alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point.
( )	Bracketed content indicates words which do not need to be explicitly seen to gain credit but which indicate the <b>context</b> for an answer. The context does not need to be seen but if a context is given that is incorrect then the mark should not be awarded.
—	Underlined content must be present in answer to award the mark. This means either the exact word or another word that has the same technical meaning.

**Mark categories**

<b>B</b> marks	These are <u>independent</u> marks, which do not depend on other marks. For a <b>B</b> mark to be awarded, the point to which it refers must be seen specifically in the candidate's answer.
<b>M</b> marks	These are <u>method</u> marks upon which <b>A</b> marks later depend. For an <b>M</b> mark to be awarded, the point to which it refers must be seen specifically in the candidate's answer. If a candidate is not awarded an <b>M</b> mark, then the later <b>A</b> mark cannot be awarded either.
<b>C</b> marks	<p>These are <u>compensatory</u> marks which can be awarded even if the points to which they refer are not written down by the candidate, providing subsequent working gives evidence that they must have known them. For example, if an equation carries a <b>C</b> mark and the candidate does not write down the actual equation but does correct working which shows the candidate knew the equation, then the <b>C</b> mark is awarded.</p> <p>If a correct answer is given to a numerical question, all of the preceding <b>C</b> marks are awarded automatically. It is only necessary to consider each of the <b>C</b> marks in turn when the numerical answer is not correct.</p>
<b>A</b> marks	These are <u>answer</u> marks. They may depend on an <b>M</b> mark or allow a <b>C</b> mark to be awarded by implication.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	work done per unit mass	B1
	work done moving mass from infinity (to the point)	B1
1(b)(i)	potential is zero at infinity	B1
	work is done <b>by</b> (two) masses in moving them <b>closer</b> together <b>or</b> work is done <b>on</b> (two) masses in moving them <b>apart</b>	B1
1(b)(ii)	magnitude of potential shown as $4\phi$	B1
	potential negative <b>and</b> shown as a multiple of $-\phi$ [potential = $-4\phi$ if fully correct]	B1
1(b)(iii)	field strength at X: $\phi/4R$	A1
	field strength at Y: $4\phi/R$	A1
	potential energy at X: $-M\phi$	A1
	potential energy at Y: $-8M\phi$	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	0 K	<b>B1</b>
2(a)(ii)	(measurement) depends on properties of the liquid	<b>B1</b>
2(b)(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• resistivity varies with temperature</li> <li>• variation with temperature is linear</li> <li>• unique value of resistivity for each (different value of) temperature</li> </ul> <i>Any two points, 1 mark each</i>	<b>B2</b>
2(b)(ii)	thermometer has high heat capacity/specific heat capacity <b>or</b> energy transfer needed for thermometer to reach correct temperature <b>or</b> thermometer takes time to reach the correct temperature	<b>B1</b>
2(b)(iii)	thermocouple	<b>B1</b>
2(c)	(variation is) inverse <b>or</b> (variation is) non-linear	<b>B1</b>

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	gas for which $pV \propto T$	<b>M1</b>
	where $T$ is thermodynamic temperature	<b>A1</b>
3(a)(ii)	no intermolecular forces	<b>B1</b>
	(so) potential energy is zero	<b>B1</b>
3(b)(i)	$pV = NkT$	<b>C1</b>
	$N = (2.0 \times 10^5 \times 0.26) / (1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 290)$	<b>A1</b>
	$= 1.3 \times 10^{25}$	
3(b)(ii)	$E_k = (3/2) kT$	<b>C1</b>
	$E_k = (3/2) \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 290$	<b>A1</b>
	$= 6.0 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J}$	
3(b)(iii)	internal energy = total KE + PE of molecules <b>or</b> PE = 0 so internal energy = total KE of molecules	<b>B1</b>
	internal energy = $1.3 \times 10^{25} \times 6.0 \times 10^{-21}$	<b>A1</b>
	$= 7.8 \times 10^4 \text{ J}$	
3(c)	straight line with positive gradient	<b>B1</b>
	line passing through the origin	<b>B1</b>

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	oscillation (of object) at maximum amplitude	<b>B1</b>
	when driving frequency = natural frequency (of system)	<b>B1</b>
4(b)(i)	light damping	<b>B1</b>
4(b)(ii)	<u>oscillations</u> (of ball) lose energy	<b>B1</b>
	(due to) resistive forces (acting on ball)	<b>B1</b>
4(b)(iii)	frequency $= 1 / 0.25$ $= 4.0 \text{ Hz}$	<b>A1</b>
4(c)	curve showing a maximum amplitude at a single non-zero frequency	<b>B1</b>
	single maximum amplitude shown at 4.0 Hz	<b>B1</b>

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	force per unit charge	B1
	force on positive charge	B1
5(b)(i)	four straight vertical parallel lines, approximately evenly spaced	B1
	arrows downwards	B1
5(b)(ii)	$E = V/d$	C1
	$E = 430 / 0.067$	A1
	$= 6.4 \times 10^3 \text{ N C}^{-1}$	
5(b)(iii)	smooth curve within plates and straight lines outside plates	B1
	direction of deflection shown as upwards	B1
5(c)(i)	into the page	B1
5(c)(ii)	forces are in opposite directions	B1
	(undeviated) when (magnitudes of) forces are equal	B1
5(c)(iii)	$Eq = Bqv$	C1
	$B = E/v = (6.4 \times 10^3) / (2.6 \times 10^7)$	A1
	$= 2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ T}$	

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• p.d. across capacitor proportional to charge on capacitor</li> <li>• p.d. across capacitor = p.d. across resistor</li> <li>• current in resistor proportional to p.d. across resistor</li> <li>• current in resistor = rate of decrease of charge on capacitor</li> </ul> <p><i>Any two points, 1 mark each</i></p>	B2
	charge proportional to current so rate of decrease of current decreases as current decreases (therefore exponential shape)	B1
6(b)(i)	$R = V/I$ $= 12 / (0.13 \times 10^{-3})$	C1
	$= 9.2 \times 10^4 \Omega$	A1
	<p>correct read-off of at least one pair of values for <math>I</math> and <math>t</math></p> <p>attempted read-off of <math>t</math> when <math>I = 0.048 \text{ mA}</math></p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>substitution of a correct pair of values of <math>I</math> and <math>t</math> into <math>I = 0.13 \exp(-t/\tau)</math></p>	C1
6(c)	$\tau = 4.3 \text{ s}$	A1
	$\tau = RC$	C1
	$C = \tau/R = 4.3 / (9.2 \times 10^4)$ $= 4.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ F}$	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	rectification (of the input voltage)	<b>M1</b>
	full-wave	<b>A1</b>
7(b)(i)	$P = V^2 / R$	<b>C1</b>
	or	
	maximum $V = 9.0 \text{ V}$	
7(b)(ii)	$P_{\text{MAX}} = 9.0^2 / 370 = 0.22 \text{ W}$	<b>A1</b>
	sinusoidal shape with minima sitting on the time axis	<b>B1</b>
	correct frequency and phase, with minima at 0, 0.02, 0.04, 0.06 and 0.08 s and maxima at 0.01, 0.03, 0.05 and 0.07 s	<b>B1</b>
7(b)(iii)	all maxima shown at 0.22 W	<b>B1</b>
	mean power = peak power / 2 = $0.22 / 2$	<b>A1</b>
	$= 0.11 \text{ W}$	
7(c)	power–time graph is identical	<b>B1</b>
	(so) mean powers are equal	<b>B1</b>

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)	packet / quantum of <u>energy</u>	<b>M1</b>
	of electromagnetic radiation	<b>A1</b>
8(b)(i)	electron(s)	<b>B1</b>
8(b)(ii)	X labelled – <b>and</b> Y labelled +	<b>B1</b>
8(c)(i)	0.032 MeV	<b>A1</b>
8(c)(ii)	momentum = $E/c$	<b>C1</b>
	momentum = $(0.032 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-13}) / (3.00 \times 10^8)$ = $1.7 \times 10^{-23} \text{ N s}$	<b>A1</b>
	$E = hf$ <b>and</b> $\lambda = c/f$	<b>C1</b>
8(c)(iii)	$\lambda = hc/E$ = $(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3.00 \times 10^8) / (0.032 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-13})$	<b>C1</b>
	$\lambda = 3.9 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$	<b>A1</b>
	discussion of bone and soft tissue	<b>B1</b>
8(d)	discussion of different attenuation (coefficients) <b>or</b> discussion differences in penetration / transmission / absorption	<b>B1</b>
	<u>transmitted intensities</u> (by bone and tissue) are very different (leading to good contrast images)	<b>B1</b>

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	time for activity (of sample) to halve	<b>B1</b>
9(b)(i)	activity (of X at time $t$ )	<b>B1</b>
9(b)(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y is a stable isotope</li> <li>total number of nuclei is constant</li> <li>half-life (of X) is 13.6 s</li> <li>decay constant (of X) is <math>0.051 \text{ s}^{-1}</math></li> <li>amount (of X) at <math>t = 0</math> is 0.066 mol</li> <li>activity (of X) at <math>t = 0</math> is <math>2.0 \times 10^{21} \text{ Bq}</math></li> </ul> <p><i>Any three points, 1 mark each</i></p>	<b>B3</b>
9(c)	mass of 1 nucleus = $(7.3 \times 10^{-4}) / (4.0 \times 10^{22})$	<b>C1</b>
	nucleon number = mass of nucleus / $(1.66 \times 10^{-27})$	<b>C1</b>
	$= (7.3 \times 10^{-4}) / (4.0 \times 10^{22} \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27})$	<b>A1</b>
	= 11 <b>and</b> given as an integer	

Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)(i)	<u>total power</u>	<b>B1</b>
	power radiated (by the star)	<b>B1</b>
10(a)(ii)	standard candle has known luminosity	<b>B1</b>
	radiant flux intensity measured by observer	<b>B1</b>
	(distance calculated using) $F = L / 4\pi d^2$	<b>B1</b>
10(b)(i)	$\text{luminosity} = 4\pi\sigma r^2 T^4$ $= 4\pi \times 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \times (6.96 \times 10^8)^2 \times 5780^4$ $= 3.85 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}$	<b>C1</b>
		<b>A1</b>
	$\lambda_{\text{MAX}} T = \text{constant}$ $\text{temperature} = (5780 \times 501) / 624$ $= 4640 \text{ K}$	<b>C1</b>
10(b)(ii)		<b>A1</b>