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Mark categories

B marks	These are <u>independent</u> marks, which do not depend on other marks. For a B mark to be awarded, the point to which it refers must be seen specifically in the candidate's answer.
M marks	These are <u>method</u> marks upon which A marks later depend. For an M 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 M mark, then the later A mark cannot be awarded either.
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A marks	These are <u>answer</u> marks. They may depend on an M mark or allow a C mark to be awarded by implication.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	(gravitational) potential is zero at infinity	B1
	(gravitational force between two masses is attractive so)	
	either work is done on a mass to move it away from another mass or work is done on a mass to move it to infinity	B1
1(b)(i)	$M = (-) \text{ gradient} / G$	C1
	e.g. $M = (1.76 \times 10^8) / (3.0 \times 10^{-8} \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11}) = 8.8 \times 10^{25} \text{ kg}$	A1
1(b)(ii)	either $GMm / r^2 = m\omega^2$ and $\omega = 2\pi / T$ or $GMm / r^2 = mv^2 / r$ and $v = 2\pi r / T$ or $GMm / r^2 = 4\pi^2 mr / T^2$	C1
	$R^3 = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 8.8 \times 10^{25} \times (0.72 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60)^2 / 4\pi^2$	C1
	$R = 8.3 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$	A1
1(b)(iii)	$\Delta E = (GMm / r) - \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ kinetic energy = $(\frac{1}{2} \times 1200 \times 8400^2)$	C1
	potential energy = $(-)[(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 8.8 \times 10^{25} \times 1200) / (8.3 \times 10^7)]$	C1
	$\Delta E = [(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 8.8 \times 10^{25} \times 1200) / (8.3 \times 10^7)]$ $\quad - (\frac{1}{2} \times 1200 \times 8400^2)$ $= 4.3 \times 10^{10} \text{ J}$	A1

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	total kinetic energy associated with random motion of molecules	M1
	plus total potential energy (of molecules) but potential energy is zero	A1
2(b)(i)	$W = p\Delta V$	C1
	$= 1.01 \times 10^5 \times 5.20 \times 10^{-5}$ $= (+)5.25 \text{ J}$	A1
2(b)(ii)	$V \propto T$ or $V/T = \text{constant}$	C1
	$1.24 / (273 + 20) = (1.24 + 0.520) / T$	A1
	$T = 416 \text{ K}$	
2(b)(iii)	$c = Q / m\Delta T$	C1
	$= 960 / (0.016 \times (416 - 293))$ $= 490 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$	A1
2(c)	no change in volume so no work is done (by the gas)	B1
	(same temperature change so) same change in internal energy	B1
	less thermal energy needs to be supplied so c is less	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	$E = \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x_0^2$	C1
	$2.2 \times 10^{-4} = \frac{1}{2} \times 24 \times 10^{-3} \times (14 \times 10^{-3} / 4)^2 \times \omega^2$	C1
	$\omega = 39 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$	A1

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)(i)	use of acceleration = 9.81 m s^{-2}	C1
	$x_0 = 9.81 / 39^2$ $= 6.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$	A1
3(b)(ii)	at top of oscillation	B1
	<i>any one point from:</i> where the downward acceleration first exceeds free-fall acceleration where the greatest downwards acceleration occurs where the resultant force is the maximum downwards where the contact force is a minimum	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	combined capacitance of parallel capacitors = $30 \text{ } (\mu\text{F})$	C1
	total capacitance = $(1 / 45 + 1 / 30)^{-1}$ $= 18 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$	A1
4(b)	$E = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$	C1
	$\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} \times 45 \times 10^{-6} (9.6^2 - 8.0^2)$ $= 6.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J}$	A1
4(c)(i)	gaps in circuit closed and correct symbol for capacitor shown in parallel with load resistor	B1
4(c)(ii)	two correct pairs of values of t and V read off from within same discharge cycle, e.g. (5.0, 4.0) and (13.0, 3.2)	C1
	correct substitution of values of V , V_0 and Δt into $V = V_0 \exp(-\Delta t / \tau)$ e.g. $3.2 = 4.0 \exp(-8.0 / \tau)$	C1
	$\tau = 36 \text{ ms}$	A1

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(d)(i)	8.0 W	A1
4(d)(ii)	4.0 W	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	<i>any 2 points from:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (angular) displacement • velocity • momentum • (centripetal) acceleration • (resultant) force 	B2
5(b)(i)	$Bqv = mv^2 / r$	M1
	$v = 2\pi r / T$	M1
	completion of algebra leading to $B = 2\pi m / qT$	A1
5(b)(ii)	$B = (2\pi \times 4 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27}) / (2 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \times 2.5 \times 10^{-6})$	C1
	= 0.052 T	A1
5(b)(iii)	either the same because T is independent of r or the same because B , q and m are unchanged or the same because both radius and speed have doubled	B1
5(b)(iv)	$qE = Bqv$	C1
	$E = Bv = 0.052 \times 1.1 \times 10^6$ $= 5.7 \times 10^4 \text{ N C}^{-1}$	A1

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)(i)	non-zero horizontal straight line from X to Y	B1
6(a)(ii)	constant flux density (inside coil)	B1
	either (magnetic) flux linkage proportional to flux density or $\Phi = BAN$ and B , A and N are all constant	B1
6(a)(iii)	$\Phi = BAN$	C1
	$= 0.080 \times 0.71 \times 10^{-4} \times 64$ $= 3.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Wb}$	A1
6(a)(iv)	<i>sketch showing:</i> E is zero from time 0 to time t and non-zero after time t	B1
	E has constant non-zero magnitude between time t and time $4t$	B1
	E has non-zero value of one sign between time t and time $2t$, and non-zero value of the opposite sign between time $2t$ and time $4t$	B1
6(b)	current in spring creates a magnetic field around the spring	B1
	either (magnetic) fields around adjacent turns interact to cause a force to be exerted (between the turns) or current in one turn interacts with (magnetic) field due to adjacent turns to cause force to be exerted (between the turns)	B1
	(magnetic force) is attractive so distance (between turns) decreases	B1

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Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	$p = E / c$	C1
	$= (3.11 \times 10^{-19}) / (3.00 \times 10^8)$ $= 1.04 \times 10^{-27} \text{ N s}$	A1
7(b)(i)	$E = hf$ and $c = f\lambda$ so energy of one photon $= hc / \lambda$ $350 \times 10^{-3} = N \times (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3.00 \times 10^8) / (640 \times 10^{-9})$	C1
	$N = 1.1 \times 10^{18}$	A1
7(b)(ii)	$F = (\text{change in}) \text{ momentum} / \text{time}$	M1
	Clear use of $p = E/c$ and $t = E/P$ to complete the algebra and arrive at the final equation: e.g. $F = [E/c] / [E/P] = P/c$	A1
7(c)(i)	maximum wavelength (of electromagnetic radiation) that causes electrons to be emitted (from surface of metal)	B1
7(c)(ii)	work function $= 2.26 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ (J)}$ $E = hc / \lambda$ so $(2.26 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19}) = (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3.00 \times 10^8) / \lambda_0$	C1
	$\lambda_0 = 5.50 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)	(minimum) energy required to separate the nucleons (of a nucleus)	M1
	to infinity	A1
8(b)(i)	4	A1

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Question	Answer	Marks
8(b)(ii)	energy = $(142 \times 8.37) + (90 \times 8.72) - (235 \times 7.59)$	C1
	= 190 MeV	A1
8(b)(iii)	either it has too many neutrons (for the number of protons) or its neutron to proton ratio is too high	B1
8(b)(iv)	(when $t = 6.0$ s), $N / N_0 = 1 / 32$	C1
	either $(1 / 32) = \exp(-\ln 2 \times 6.0 / t_{1/2})$	C1
	$t_{1/2} = 1.2$ s	A1
	or $32 / 2^n = 1$ so $n = 5$ (half-lives)	(C1)
	$t_{1/2} = 6.0 / 5$ = 1.2 s	(A1)

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)(i)	$eV = hc / \lambda$	C1
	$\lambda = (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3.00 \times 10^8) / (84 \times 10^3 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19})$	A1
	= 1.5×10^{-11} m	
9(a)(ii)	either (some) kinetic energy (of electrons) is converted to thermal energy at target or some X-rays are absorbed by the target so its temperature increases	B1
	(tungsten) has higher melting point so does not melt quickly / easily	B1

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Question	Answer	Marks
9(b)	$I = I_0 \exp(-\mu t)$	C1
	$0.13 = [\exp(-3.0x)] \times [\exp(-0.22x)]$ $= \exp(-3.22x)$	C1
	$x = 0.63 \text{ cm}$	A1
9(c)(i)	product of density and speed	M1
	speed of ultrasound in medium	A1
9(c)(ii)	$I_R / I_0 = (7.8 - 1.7)^2 / (7.8 + 1.7)^2$ $= 0.41$ fraction transmitted = $1.00 - 0.41 = 0.59$	C1
	percentage transmitted = 59%	A1
9(c)(iii)	more than one <u>boundary</u> so more reflections	B1
	some ultrasound is attenuated in matter	B1

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10(a)(i)	$L = 4\pi\sigma r^2 T^4$	C1
	$3.85 \times 10^{26} = 4\pi \times 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \times r^2 \times 5780^4$	
	$r = 6.96 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$	A1

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Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)(ii)	$F = L / 4\pi d^2$ $= (3.85 \times 10^{26}) / (4\pi \times (1.50 \times 10^{11})^2)$	C1
	$= 1.36 \times 10^3 \text{ W m}^{-2}$	A1
10(a)(iii)	line of same shape showing peak intensity at greater wavelength	B1
	line of same shape showing lower peak intensity	B1
10(b)(i)	5 lines in same pattern shifted to longer wavelengths	B1
10(b)(ii)	$\Delta\lambda / \lambda = v / c$ $\Delta\lambda = (21400 / 300000) \times 656$ $= 46.8 \text{ nm}$	C1
	wavelength = $656 + 46.8$ $= 703 \text{ nm}$	A1
10(b)(iii)	(peak) wavelength too high so temperature too low	B1