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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)	work done per unit mass	B1
	work (done on mass) moving mass from infinity (to the point)	B1
1(b)(i)	$-3.55 \times 10^7 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$	B1
1(b)(ii)	$\phi = -\frac{GM}{r}$ $M = -\frac{-3.55 \times 10^7 \times 4800000}{6.67 \times 10^{-11}}$ $= 2.55 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$	B1
1(b)(iii)	$g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$ or $g = -\frac{\phi}{r}$	C1
	$= \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 2.55 \times 10^{24}}{4800000^2}$ or $= \frac{3.55 \times 10^7}{4800000}$ $= 7.4 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$	A1
1(b)(iv)	r in range 2.60×10^7 to $2.65 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$	C1
	$\frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$ and $v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$ or $mr\omega^2 = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$ and $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$	C1
	$T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GM} = \frac{4\pi^2 \times (2.65 \times 10^7)^3}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 2.55 \times 10^{24}} = 4.20 \times 10^9$	C1
	$T = 64\,800 \text{ s}$ $= 18 \text{ hours}$	A1

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(c)	similarity – any one point from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> inversely proportional to distance (from point) points of equal potential lie on concentric spheres zero at infinite distance 	B1
	difference – any one point from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> gravitational potential is (always) negative electric potential can be positive or negative 	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	gas for which $pV \propto T$	M1
	where T is thermodynamic temperature	A1
2(b)(i)	evidence of two temperature conversions between °C and K	B1
	two calculations shown, one for each state e.g. $\frac{1.10 \times 10^5 \times 540 \times 10^{-6}}{(273 + 27)} = 0.198 \text{ and } \frac{6.70 \times 10^6 \times 30 \times 10^{-6}}{(273 + 742)} = 0.198$	A1
2(b)(ii)	work is done on the gas	M1
	internal energy increases (so temperature increases)	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(iii)	$pV = NkT$ e.g. $N = \frac{1.10 \times 10^5 \times 540 \times 10^{-6}}{1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 300}$ $= 1.435 \times 10^{22}$ $\Delta E_k = (3/2) k \Delta TN$	C1
	$= (3/2) \times 1.38 \times 10^{23} \times (742 - 27) \times \frac{1.10 \times 10^5 \times 540 \times 10^{-6}}{1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 300}$	C1
	$= 212 \text{ J}$	A1
2(c)	$E = mc\Delta\theta$ and $E = mL$	C1
	$\Delta\theta = (27 + 196)$ or 223	C1
	$E = 0.0240 \times 1.04 \times (27 + 196) + 0.0240 \times 199$ $= 10.3 \text{ kJ}$	A1

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	P: total energy Q: potential energy R: kinetic energy	B2
3(b)	$E = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x_0^2$ or $E = \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2$ and $v_0 = \omega x_0$	C1
	$6.4 \times 10^{-3} = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.130 \times \omega^2 \times 0.015^2$ ($\omega^2 = 438$) ($\omega = 20.9$)	C1
	$T = 2\pi / \omega$	C1
	$= 2\pi / 20.9$ $= 0.30 \text{ s}$	A1
3(c)(i)	resistive forces	B1
3(c)(ii)	0.92 ⁶	C1
	decrease in energy = $6.4 - (6.4 \times 0.92^6)$ $= 2.5 \text{ mJ}$	A1
3(c)(iii)	light damping because the amplitude of oscillations gradually reduces or light damping because the system still oscillates	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	(electric) force is (directly) proportional to product of charges	B1
	force (between point charges) is inversely proportional to the square of their separation	B1
4(b)(i)	arrows showing tension upwards in direction of string, electric force horizontally to the right and weight vertically downwards and all three labelled	B1
4(b)(ii)	$F_E = \frac{96 \times 10^{-9} \times 64 \times 10^{-9}}{4 \times \pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 0.080^2}$ (= 8.63×10^{-3} N)	C1
	either angle to vertical = $\sin^{-1} 0.080 / 1.2$ (= 3.82°)	C1
	weight = $F_E / \tan 3.82 = 8.63 \times 10^{-3} / \tan 3.82$ (= 0.129 N)	C1
	mass = $0.129 / 9.81$ = 0.013 kg	A1
	or $T \sin \theta = mg$ and $T \cos \theta = F_E$ or $\tan \theta = mg / F_E$	(C1)
	$\tan \theta = 1.2 / 0.080$	(C1)
	$m = (1.2 \times 8.63 \times 10^{-3}) / (0.080 \times 9.81)$ = 0.013 kg	(A1)

Question	Answer	Marks
4(b)(iii)	$E_p = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} = \frac{96 \times 10^{-9} \times 64 \times 10^{-9}}{4 \times \pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 0.080}$ $= 6.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J}$	A1
4(c)(i)	towards the top of the page / towards plate P	B1
4(c)(ii)	$F = QE$ and $E = V/d$	C1
	$F = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 250 / 0.018$ $= 2.2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ N}$	A1
4(c)(iii)	either the force is not (always) perpendicular to the velocity or the force is always in the same direction	B1

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	from graph $\ln Q = 2.9$ (so $Q = 18.2 \mu\text{C}$)	B1
	$C = Q / V$	C1
	$= 18.2 / 12 = 1.5 \mu\text{F}$	A1
5(b)	gradient $= -0.25$	C1
	gradient $= -1 / RC$	C1
	$R = 1 / (0.25 \times 1.5 \times 10^{-6})$ $= 2.7 \times 10^6 \Omega$	A1
	or $\frac{Q}{Q_0} = e^{-t/CR}$ or $\ln Q - \ln Q_0 = \frac{-t}{CR}$	(C1)
	e.g. $\frac{4.95}{18.2} = e^{-5.2 / (1.5 \times 10^{-6} R)}$ or $1.6 - 2.9 = 5.2 / (1.5 \times 10^{-6} R)$	(C1)
	$R = 2.7 \times 10^6 \Omega$	(A1)

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(c)	$W = \frac{1}{2} QV$	C1
	$= \frac{1}{2} \times 18.2 \times 10^{-6} \times 12$	A1
	$= 1.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J}$	
	or $W = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$	(C1)
	$= \frac{1}{2} \times 1.5 \times 10^{-6} \times 12^2$	(A1)
	$= 1.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J}$	
5(d)	or $W = \frac{1}{2} Q^2 / C$	(C1)
	$= \frac{1}{2} \times (18.2 \times 10^{-6})^2 / 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$	(A1)
	$= 1.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J}$	
5(d)	straight line with different negative gradient starting from (0, 2.9)	M1
	straight line between $t = 0$ and at least $t = 5.0\text{s}$ with twice the gradient of the original line	A1

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	it is zero when (plane of) probe is parallel to the (magnetic) field (lines)	B1
	it is maximum when (plane of) probe is perpendicular to (magnetic) field (lines)	B1
6(b)(i)	number density of charge carriers	B1
6(b)(ii)	smaller value of n so greater Hall voltage / V_H	B1
6(c)	(36 mV corresponds to) 48 mT	C1
	use of 1.4 s or (8.6 – 7.2) s	C1
	$E = \Delta BAN / \Delta t$	C1
	$= \frac{48 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.018^2 \times \pi \times 780}{1.4}$ $= 0.027 \text{ V}$	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	photon absorbed (by electron) and electron excited	B1
	photon energy equal to difference in (energy of two) energy levels	B1
	photon energy relates to a single wavelength / single frequency	B1
	electron de-excites and emits photon in any direction	B1
7(b)	$\frac{hc}{\lambda} = \Delta E$	C1
	uses 658 nm	C1
	$\frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3.00 \times 10^8}{658 \times 10^{-9}} = -E_1 - (-3.40 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19})$ $E_1 = -2.42 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)	234, 92 for the uranium nucleus	B1
	4, 2 for the alpha particle	B1
8(b)(i)	$N_0 = 0.874 / (238 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27})$ $= 2.21 \times 10^{24}$	A1
8(b)(ii)	$A = \lambda N$	C1
	$= \frac{\ln 2}{87.7 \times 365 \times 24 \times 3600} \times 2.21 \times 10^{24}$ $= 5.54 \times 10^{14} \text{ Bq}$	A1
8(b)(iii)	power = $5.54 \times 10^{14} \times 5.59 \times 10^{-6} \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19}$	C1
	= 496 W	A1
8(b)(iv)	$65.3 = 100e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{87.7}t}$	C1
	$\ln 0.653 = -(\ln 2 / 87.7) t$ $t = 53.9 \text{ years}$	A1
8(c)	advantage: less mass so less energy needed to launch probe	B1
	disadvantage: half-life shorter so will not provide power for as long	B1

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Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	piezo-electric crystal	B1
	(ultrasound) wave causes shape change / vibrations (of crystal)	B1
	shape change / vibrations causes e.m.f. (which is detected)	B1
9(b)(i)	93 V	A1
9(b)(ii)	$2.7 \times 10^7 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$	A1
9(c)(i)	$\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	B1
9(c)(ii)	$\rho = Z / c = 1.7 \times 10^6 / 1600$ $= 1100 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$	A1
9(c)(iii)	intensity reflection coefficient ≈ 1 or Z_1 and Z_2 are very different	B1
	almost no / no ultrasound transmitted (into air filled cavity)	B1

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Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)	brighter star could be closer (to Earth)	B1
	brighter star could have a greater luminosity (in the visible wavelengths)	B1
10(b)	object with known luminosity	B1
10(c)(i)	$\frac{660.9 - 656.3}{656.3} \approx \frac{v}{3.0 \times 10^8}$ leading to $2.1 \times 10^6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	B1
10(c)(ii)	$v = H_0 d$	C1
	$d = 2.1 \times 10^6 / 2.3 \times 10^{-18}$ $= 9.1 \times 10^{23} \text{ m}$	A1
10(c)(iii)	wavelength has increased / light is redshifted	B1
	star within galaxy is moving away / receding (from Earth)	B1
	Universe is expanding	B1