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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	$v = r\omega$	<b>C1</b>
	$= 0.85 \times 140$	<b>A1</b>
	$= 120 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	
1(a)(ii)	$a = r\omega^2$ <b>or</b> $a = v^2 / r$	<b>C1</b>
	$a = 0.85 \times 140^2$ <b>or</b> $120^2 / 0.85$	<b>A1</b>
	$= 1.7 \times 10^4 \text{ m s}^{-2}$	
1(b)(i)	direction of (induced) e.m.f.	<b>M1</b>
	is such as to (produce effects that) oppose the <u>change</u> that caused it	<b>A1</b>
1(b)(ii)	$T = 2\pi / \omega$	<b>A1</b>
	$= 2\pi / 140 = 0.045 \text{ s} = 45 \text{ ms}$	
1(b)(iii)	$\Phi = BA$	<b>C1</b>
	$= 0.18 \times \pi \times 0.85^2$	<b>C1</b>
	$= 0.41 \text{ Wb}$	<b>A1</b>
1(b)(iv)	$E = \Phi / t$	<b>C1</b>
	$= 0.41 / 0.045$	<b>A1</b>
	$= 9.1 \text{ V}$	
1(b)(v)	force (on spoke) must be anticlockwise, so current is from A to X (by Fleming's left hand rule), so X is at the higher potential	<b>B1</b>

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2(a)	force per unit mass	<b>B1</b>
2(b)(i)	$g = GM/x^2$	<b>C1</b>
	$= (6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 1.99 \times 10^{30}) / (1.47 \times 10^{11})^2$	<b>A1</b>
	$= 6.14 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N kg}^{-1}$	
2(b)(ii)	$E_p = -GMm/x$	<b>C1</b>
	$= - (6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 1.99 \times 10^{30} \times 2.63) / (1.47 \times 10^{11})$	
	$= - 2.37 \times 10^9 \text{ J}$	<b>A1</b>
2(c)(i)	$F = L / 4\pi x^2$	<b>C1</b>
	$(g = GM/x^2 \text{ and so } x^2 = GM/g)$ <b>and</b> $x^2 = L / 4\pi F$	<b>M1</b>
	elimination of $x$ and subsequent algebra shown leading to $g = 4\pi GMF / L$	<b>A1</b>
2(c)(ii)	correct read-off of pair of values of $g$ and $F$ and full substitution of values of $g$ , $G$ , $M$ and $F$ into equation e.g. $L = (4\pi \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 1.99 \times 10^{30} \times 1.83 \times 10^3) / (8.0 \times 10^{-3})$	<b>C1</b>
	$L = 3.8 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}$	<b>A1</b>
2(c)(iii)	$L = 4\pi\sigma r^2 T^4$	<b>C1</b>
	$3.8 \times 10^{26} = (4\pi \times 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \times 5780^4) \times r^2$	
	$r = 6.9 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$	<b>A1</b>

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3(a)	(thermal) energy per unit mass (to cause change of state)	<b>B1</b>
	(thermal) energy to change state at constant temperature	<b>B1</b>
3(b)(i)	$W = p\Delta V$	<b>C1</b>
	$= 1.0 \times 10^5 \times 0.017 = 1700 \text{ J} = 1.7 \text{ kJ}$	<b>A1</b>
3(b)(ii)	$\Delta U = Q + W$	<b>C1</b>
	$Q = 17.6 + 1.7$	<b>A1</b>
	$= 19.3 \text{ kJ}$	
3(b)(iii)	mass $= 710 \times 7.2 \times 10^{-5}$	<b>C1</b>
	( $= 0.051 \text{ kg}$ )	
	$L = 19.3 / 0.051$	<b>A1</b>
	$= 380 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1}$	
3(c)	fusion involves (much) smaller volume change (than vaporisation)	<b>B1</b>
	smaller change in intermolecular spacing so smaller change in internal energy	<b>B1</b>
	negligible work done (by substance during fusion) so $L_F$ is less (than $L_V$ )	<b>B1</b>

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4(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>molecules are in (constant) random motion</li> <li>(all) collisions between molecules are (perfectly) elastic</li> <li>no forces between molecules (except during collisions)</li> <li>volume of molecules is negligible (compared with volume of gas)</li> <li>collisions involving molecules are instantaneous</li> </ul> <p><i>Any three points, 1 mark each</i></p>	<b>B3</b>
4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>molecules collide with (walls of) container</li> <li>momentum of molecule changes during collision (with walls)</li> <li>change in momentum is caused by force on molecule by wall</li> <li>molecule experiences force from wall so molecule exerts force on wall</li> <li>many molecules exerting force across the area of the wall leads to pressure (on the wall)</li> </ul> <p><i>Any three points, 1 mark each</i></p>	<b>B3</b>
4(c)	<p><i>Any three bulleted points from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>both gases are ideal</li> </ul> <p><i>Up to 2 points from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mass of one molecule of gas X is <math>3.3 \times 10^{-27}</math> kg</li> <li>mass of one molecule of gas Y is <math>6.6 \times 10^{-27}</math> kg</li> <li>mass of one molecule of gas Y is double mass of one molecule of gas X</li> </ul> <p><i>Up to 2 points from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sample of X contains 0.27 mol / <math>1.6 \times 10^{23}</math> molecules</li> <li>sample of Y contains 0.81 mol / <math>4.9 \times 10^{23}</math> molecules</li> <li>sample of Y contains treble the amount of gas / number of molecules as sample of X</li> </ul> <p><i>Up to 2 points from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mass of gas X is <math>5.4 \times 10^{-4}</math> kg</li> <li>mass of gas Y is <math>3.2 \times 10^{-3}</math> kg</li> <li>mass of gas Y is six times mass of gas X</li> </ul>	<b>B3</b>

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5(a)	arrow from sphere, perpendicular to string, pointing left and down	<b>B1</b>
5(b)(i)	amplitude = 0.016 m	<b>A1</b>
5(b)(ii)	angular frequency = $2\pi / T$	<b>C1</b>
	$= 2\pi / 0.40$ $= 16 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$	<b>A1</b>
5(b)(iii)	total energy = $\frac{1}{2}m\omega^2x_0^2$	<b>C1</b>
	$= \frac{1}{2} \times 0.15 \times 15.7^2 \times 0.016^2$ $= 4.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J}$	<b>A1</b>
5(c)	dome-shaped curve starting and ending on the x-axis, with peak at $x = 0$	<b>B1</b>
	maximum $E_K$ shown as $4.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J}$	<b>B1</b>
	minimum x shown as $-0.016 \text{ m}$ and maximum x shown as $+0.016 \text{ m}$ at the ends of the line	<b>B1</b>

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6(a)	(electric) force is (directly) proportional to product of charges	<b>B1</b>
	force (between point charges) is inversely proportional to the square of their separation	<b>B1</b>
6(b)	at least four straight, radial lines to/from surface of sphere	<b>B1</b>
	at least four straight radial lines drawn, approximately equally spaced	<b>B1</b>
	arrows pointing away from the surface of the sphere	<b>B1</b>
6(c)(i)	radius = 3.2 cm	<b>A1</b>
6(c)(ii)	$E = Q / (4\pi\epsilon_0 x^2)$	<b>C1</b>
	$Q = \text{e.g. } 2.2 \times 10^5 \times 4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 0.032^2$	<b>C1</b>
	$= 2.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}$	<b>A1</b>
6(c)(iii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the (positive) charge is all the way around the surface</li> <li>a charge placed inside the sphere is pulled equally in all directions</li> <li>if the field was not zero, the charges would move (until field is zero)</li> <li>electric field lines go from positive charge to negative charge, and there are no negative charges inside the sphere</li> </ul> <i>Any point, 1 mark</i>	<b>B1</b>

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7(a)	charge / potential (difference)	<b>M1</b>							
	charge is charge on one plate, <u>and</u> potential is p.d. between the plates	<b>A1</b>							
7(b)(i)	straight line starting at the origin	<b>B1</b>							
	line with positive gradient ending at ( V, Q)	<b>B1</b>							
7(b)(ii)	work done is the area under the graph	<b>B1</b>							
	$W = \frac{1}{2}QV$	<b>A1</b>							
7(c)(i)	final p.d. shown as $V/4$ for both capacitors	<b>B1</b>							
	final charges add together to give Q	<b>B1</b>							
	charge on Y = $3 \times$ charge on X (and both charges shown as a multiple of Q)	<b>B1</b>							
	Fully correct answer: <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td>X</td><td>Y</td></tr> <tr> <td>final p.d.</td><td><math>V/4</math></td><td><math>V/4</math></td></tr> <tr> <td>final charge</td><td><math>Q/4</math></td><td><math>3Q/4</math></td></tr> </table>			X	Y	final p.d.	$V/4$	$V/4$	final charge
	X	Y							
final p.d.	$V/4$	$V/4$							
final charge	$Q/4$	$3Q/4$							
7(c)(ii)	less than	<b>B1</b>							



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8(a)	number of cycles per unit time	<b>B1</b>
8(b)(i)	period = $2\pi / 40\pi = 0.050 \text{ s} = 50 \text{ ms}$	<b>A1</b>
8(b)(ii)	sinusoidal curve, starting at (0, 0) and initially increasing from there	<b>B1</b>
	periodic line showing 2 cycles with period 50 ms from $t = 0$ to $t = 100 \text{ ms}$	<b>B1</b>
	all peaks shown at $I = +3.5 \text{ A}$ and all troughs shown at $I = -3.5 \text{ A}$	<b>B1</b>
8(b)(iii)	$I_{\text{r.m.s}} = 3.5 / \sqrt{2}$ $= 2.5 \text{ A}$	<b>A1</b>
8(c)	$P = I^2 R$	<b>C1</b>
	peak power = $3.5^2 \times 680 (= 8330 \text{ W})$ <b>or</b> mean power = $2.47^2 \times 680 (= 4170 \text{ W})$	<b>M1</b>
	peak and mean powers both calculated correctly, with supporting working, and compared leading to conclusion that mean power is half the peak power	<b>A1</b>

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9(a)	diffraction is characteristic of wave behaviour so shows that electrons can behave like waves	<b>B1</b>
9(b)	$qV = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$	<b>C1</b>
	$p = mv$	<b>C1</b>
	$p = m \times \sqrt{(2qV/m)}$ $= \sqrt{(2qVm)}$	<b>A1</b>
9(c)	(electrons have) greater momentum <u>so</u> smaller (de Broglie) wavelength	<b>B1</b>
	fringes become closer together	<b>B1</b>
9(d)(i)	straight line with positive gradient	<b>B1</b>
	line with positive gradient passing through the origin	<b>B1</b>
9(d)(ii)	Planck constant	<b>B1</b>

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10(a)(i)	cannot predict when a particular <u>nucleus</u> will decay <b>or</b> cannot predict which <u>nucleus</u> will decay next	<b>B1</b>
10(a)(ii)	(decay is) not affected by external (environmental) factors	<b>B1</b>
10(a)(iii)	fluctuations in (measured) count rate	<b>B1</b>
10(b)(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>large nuclei undergo fission whereas small nuclei undergo fusion</li> <li>fission involves one nucleus splitting into two (or more) (smaller) nuclei</li> <li>fusion involves two nuclei joining together to form one (larger) nucleus</li> <li>fission is (usually) initiated by neutron bombardment</li> <li>fusion is (usually) initiated by (very) high temperatures</li> </ul> <i>Any three points, 1 mark each</i>	<b>B3</b>
10(b)(ii)	binding energy <u>per nucleon</u> is greatest for intermediate nucleon numbers (may be shown on sketch graph with axes labelled 'binding energy <u>per nucleon</u> ' and 'nucleon number')	<b>B1</b>
	both fusion and fission involve an increase in binding energy (per nucleon)	<b>B1</b>