

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2006 question paper

9702 PHYSICS

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Paper 6

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Option A - Astrophysics and Cosmology

- 1 Planet: almost circular orbits B1
all in nearly the same plane B1
- Comet: highly elliptical orbits B1
in many different planes B1 [4]
- 2 (a) (mean) density M1
of matter in the Universe A1 [2]
- (b) (i) symmetrical curve below given line M1
touching given line at 'present time' A1 [2]
- (ii) H_0 not known with any certainty B1
mass of matter in the Universe not known B1
extent of Universe unknown B1 [3]
(allow 1 of the last 2 marks for ρ_0 not known)
- 3 1 light-year = 0.306 pc (allow 0.3 pc) C1
 1.3×10^{10} light-years = 3.98×10^3 Mpc C1
 $v = H_0 d$ C1
speed = $60 \times 3.98 \times 10^3 = 2.39 \times 10^5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
ratio = $(2.39 \times 10^5 \times 10^3) / (3.0 \times 10^8)$
= 0.8 A1 [4]
- 4 e.g. vast expense (M1)
money could be spent on humanitarian aid (A1)
- observations possible that cannot be made on Earth (M1)
since atmosphere limits observations (A1)
- technological/scientific developments on Earth (M1)
greater understanding of Universe (M1)
leads to 'spin off' benefits for individuals (A1)
- Any sensible comments, 1 each to max 5 B5 [5]

Option F - The Physics of Fluids

- 5 (a) conservation of volume/mass/density or incompressible B1 [1]
- (b) conservation of energy B1 [1]
- 6 (a) air near jet is moving at speed OR water in jet is moving at speed B1
higher speed air has a lower OR high-speed water has lower pressure B1
pressure
(because) air is dragged along by OR air is drawn into water jet B1
water jet
air (outside pump) is not moving OR loss of air reduces pressure B1 [4]
- (b) (i) air/water in pump has a higher speed M1
so greater pressure difference A1 [2]

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- (ii) no change in speed of air OR reference to greater ρ in Bernoulli eqn **M1**
so no change in pressure OR greater pressure difference **A1** [2]
difference

(allow any logical argument based on liquid causing more/less drag on air)

- 7 (a) eddy currents have kinetic energy OR cause extra drag **M1**
eddy currents caused by OR energy required to overcome drag **A1**
movement of the car **A1** [3]
extra energy (of eddy currents) is derived from car's fuel
- (b) (i) power = force \times speed **B1**
so power = $\frac{1}{2}C_D A \rho v^2 \times v$ and A and ρ are constants **B1** [2]
- (ii) $84 \times 10^3 = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.34 \times 1.8 \times 1.1 \times v_{\max}^3$ **C1**
 $v_{\max} = 63 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ **A1** [2]
- (iii) $P = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.34 \times 1.8 \times 1.1 \times (63 + 9)^3$ **C1**
 $P = 126 \text{ kW}$ **C1**
ratio = $126 / 84 = 1.5$ **A1** [3]

Option M - Medical Physics

- 8 (a) alternating voltage **B1**
applied across (piezo-electric) crystal **B1**
causes crystal to vibrate **B1**
crystal dimensions such as to give resonance (in US range) **B1** [4]
- (b) wavelength at 1 MHz is shorter **B1**
so greater detail is possible **B1** [2]
- 9 e.g. used as a scalpel (1)
further detail: causes (explosive) vaporisation of intracellular water (1)
CO₂ laser (1)
IR radiation strongly absorbed by water (1)
laser beam focused to give high power density (1)
no/very little bleeding (1)
accurate guidance (1)
- e.g. repair of retina (1)
further detail: focused laser beam onto retina (1)
melts tissue and forms a weld (1)
(pulsed) ruby or argon laser (1)
- any two examples: named (1) plus further detail (2)* **B6** [6]
- (allow up to two marks for each diagnostic technique)*
- 10 (a) minimum intensity (of sound) detected **M1**
where intensity = (sound) power per unit area at a stated frequency **A1**
value is $1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ **B1**
at 3 kHz (*allow 2 kHz \rightarrow 3 kHz*) **B1** [4]

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- (b) (i) intensity = $(0.14 \times 10^{-6}) / (54 \times 10^{-6}) = 2.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W m}^{-2}$
 $IL = 10 \lg (2.6 \times 10^{-3}) / (1 \times 10^{-12})$
 $= 94 \text{ dB}$
C1
C1
A1 [3]
- (ii) comment e.g. would be perceived as being loud
could cause tinnitus over a short period of time
could cause deafness over a long period of time
higher level than is acceptable in the workplace
- any appropriate comment, 1 mark* B1 [1]

Option P - Environmental Physics

- 11 (a) at times of low usage of electrical power B1
water pumped from low-level to high-level reservoir B1
at times of high/sudden demand for electrical power B1
water released to pass through turbines B1 [4]
- (b) electrical energy generated = $78 \times 10^6 \times 4.0 \times 3600 = 1.12 \times 10^{12} \text{ J}$ C1
energy to be stored = $(1.12 \times 10^{12}) / 0.75 = 1.5 \times 10^{12} \text{ J}$ C1
 $1.5 \times 10^{12} = \rho Vgh$ C1
 $= 1.0 \times 10^3 \times V \times 9.8 \times 95$
 $V = 1.6 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$ A1 [4]
- 12 (a) law: it is impossible to convert all of a given amount of thermal energy into work B1
(that is) $W < Q_H$ B1
 $(Q_H - W)$ is energy rejected at temperature T_L B1 [3]
- (b) $W/Q_H = 1 - T_L/T_H$ B1 [1]
- (c) efficiency = $1 - 313/393$ C1
 $= 0.20$ A1 [2]
- 13 (a) (i) e.g. industry setting up
people preparing to go to work
starting to cook breakfast
- (allow any two sensible suggestions, 1 each)* B2 [2]
- (ii) e.g. change in temperature with use of heaters/air conditioning
holiday or workday with more power used by industry when not on holiday
- (allow any two sensible suggestions, 1 each)* B2 [2]

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- (b) (i) sudden increase in demand (as appliances are used) B1
- (ii) increased demand in the afternoon B1 [2]
- (allow any two sensible suggestions in (i) and (ii))*

Option T - Telecommunications

- 14 (a) (instantaneous) displacement of information signal determines the frequency of the carrier wave M1
A1 [2]
- (b) (i) 12 V B1 [1]
- (ii) 650 kHz B1 [1]
- (iii) 550 kHz B1 [1]
- (iv) 3000 B1 [1]
- 15 (a) analogue-to-digital converter (*do not allow ADC*) B1 [1]
- (b) controls the time at which samples are taken B1 [1]
- (c) enables higher frequency components in signal to be 'detected' B1 [1]
- 16 (a) electromagnetic shielding for the inner conductor
the braid is earthed B1
B1 [2]
- (b) increased bandwidth means more information can be carried
so more calls can be transmitted simultaneously
fewer links are required B1
B1
B1 [3]
- 17 (a) e.g. cross-talk/cross-linking
interference/picking up atmospherics/picking up man-made radiation
white noise associated with vibrating atoms

(any two, 1 each) B2 [2]
- (b) (i) number of dB = $10 \lg (P_2/P_1)$
 $35 = 10 \lg (P/\{7.6 \times 10^{-6}\})$
 $P = 0.024 \text{ W}$ C1
A1 [2]
- (ii) number of dB = $10 \lg (2.6/0.024) = 20.3$
length = $20.3/5.8 = 3.5 \text{ km}$ C1
A1 [2]