# Markscheme 

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Physics

## Standard level

## Paper 3

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## Section A

| Question |  |  | Answers | Notes | Total |
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| 1. | a |  | it is not possible to draw a straight line through all the error bars <br> OR <br> the line of best-fit is curved/not a straight line $\checkmark$ | Treat as neutral any reference to the origin. Allow "linear" for "straight line". | 1 |
|  | b | i | $\begin{aligned} & d=0.35 \pm 0.01 \text { AND } \Delta d=0.05 \pm 0.01 « \mathrm{~cm} » \\ & « \frac{\Delta d}{d}=\frac{0.05}{0.35} »=0.14 \end{aligned}$ <br> OR <br> $\frac{1}{7}$ or $14 \%$ or $0.1 \checkmark$ | Allow final answers in the range of 0.11 to 0.18 . <br> Allow [1 max] for 0.03 to 0.04 if $\lambda=5 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{~m}$ is used. | 2 |
|  | b | ii | 28 to 30 \% $\checkmark$ | Allow ECF from (b)(i), but only accept answer as a \% | 1 |
|  | c | i | $\begin{aligned} & a: m^{2} \checkmark \\ & b: m \checkmark \end{aligned}$ | Allow answers in words | 2 |

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| C | ii | ALTERNATIVE 1 - if graph on page 4 is used $\begin{aligned} & d^{2}=0.040 \times 10^{-4} « \mathrm{~m}^{2} » \checkmark \\ & d=0.20 \times 10^{-2} \text { «m» } \end{aligned}$ <br> ALTERNATIVE 2 - if graph on page 2 is used any evidence that $d$ intercept has been determined $\checkmark$ $d=0.20 \pm 0.05$ «cm» $\checkmark$ | For MP1 accept answers in range of 0.020 to $0.060 « \mathrm{~cm}^{2} »$ if they fail to use given value of "a". <br> For MP2 accept answers in range 0.14 to 0.25 « cm ». | 2 |


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| 2. | a | correct labelling of both instruments $\checkmark$ |  | 1 |
|  | b | $V=E-\operatorname{Ir} \checkmark$ <br> large triangle to find gradient and correct read-offs from the line <br> OR <br> use of intercept $E=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ and another correct data point $\checkmark$ <br> internal resistance $=0.60 \Omega \checkmark$ | For MP1 - do not award if only $R=\frac{V}{I}$ is used. <br> For MP2 points at least 1A apart must be used. <br> For MP3 accept final answers in the range of $0.55 \Omega$ to $0.65 \Omega$. | 3 |

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|  | c | $\mathbf{i}$ | a non-zero reading when a zero reading is expected/no current is <br> flowing <br> OR <br> a calibration error $\checkmark$ | OWTTE <br> Do not accept just "systematic error". |
|  | c | ii | the error causes «all» measurements to be high/different/incorrect $\checkmark$ <br> effect on calculations/gradient will cancel out <br> OR <br> effect is that value for $r$ is unchanged $\checkmark$ | Award [1 max] for statement of "no effect" without <br> valid argument. <br> OWTTE |

## Section B

## Option A - Relativity

| Question |  | Answers | Notes | Total |  |
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| 3. | a | the speed of light is a universal constant/invariant <br> OR <br> c does not depend on velocity of source/observer $\checkmark$ <br> electric and magnetic fields/forces unified/frame of reference dependant $\checkmark$ | $\mathbf{1 ~ m a x ~}$ |  |  |
|  | b | observer X will measure zero «magnetic or electric» force $\checkmark$ <br> observer Y must measure both electric and magnetic forces $\checkmark$ <br> which must be equal and opposite so that observer $Y$ also measures zero force $\checkmark$ | Allow [2 max] for a comment that both <br> $X$ and Y measure zero resultant force <br> even if no valid explanation is given. | $\mathbf{3}$ |  |



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| 5. | a | i | the gamma factor is $\frac{5}{3}$ or $1.67 \checkmark$ $L=\frac{450}{\frac{5}{3}}=270 « m » \checkmark$ | Allow ECF from MP1 to MP2. | 2 |
|  | a | ii | $u^{\prime}=« \frac{u-v}{1-\frac{u v}{c^{2}}}=» \frac{0.20 c-0.80 c}{1-0.20 \times 0.80}$ <br> OR $\begin{aligned} & 0.2 c=\frac{0.80 c+u^{\prime}}{1+0.80 u^{\prime}} \\ & u^{\prime}=«-» 0.71 c \quad \end{aligned}$ | Check signs and values carefully. | 2 |
|  | b | i | $\begin{aligned} & \Delta t^{\prime}=« \gamma\left(\Delta t-\frac{v \Delta x}{c^{2}}\right)=» \frac{5}{3} \times\left(0-\frac{(0.80 c \times 9000)}{c^{2}}\right) \checkmark \\ & \Delta t^{\prime}=«-» 4.0 \times 10^{-5} « s » \checkmark \end{aligned}$ | Allow ECF for use of wrong $\gamma$ from (a)(i). | 2 |
|  | b | ii | lamp 2 turns on first $\checkmark$ | Ignore any explanation | 1 |

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|  | C | i | $x$ coordinate as shown $\checkmark$ ct coordinate as shown $\checkmark$ | Labels must be clear and unambiguous. Construction lines are optional. | 2 |
|  | c | ii | «in any other frame» ct is greater $\checkmark$ the interval $c t^{\prime}=1.0$ « m » is proper time OR $c t$ is a dilated time <br> OR $c t=\gamma c t^{\prime} «=\gamma » \checkmark$ | MP1 is a statement <br> MP2 is an explanation | 2 |
|  | C | iii | use of $c^{2} t^{2}-x^{2}=c^{2} t^{\prime 2}-x^{\prime 2}$ $c^{2} t^{2}-x^{2}=1^{2}-0^{2}=1 « m^{2} »$ | for MP1 equation must be used. <br> Award [2] for correct answer that first finds $x(1.33 \mathrm{~m})$ and ct ( 1.66 m ) | 2 |

Option B — Engineering physics

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| 6. | a | i | zero $\checkmark$ |  | 1 |
|  | a | ii | the torque of each force is $9.60 \times 10^{3} \times 6.0=5.76 \times 10^{4}$ «Nm» $\checkmark$ so the net torque is $2 \times 5.76 \times 10^{4}=1.15 \times 10^{5}$ «Nm» $\checkmark$ | Allow a one-step solution. | 2 |
|  | b |  | the angular acceleration is given by $\frac{1.15 \times 10^{5}}{1.44 \times 10^{4}} «=8.0 \mathrm{~s}^{-2}$ » $\downarrow$ $\omega=« \alpha t=8.0 \times 2.00=» 16 « \mathrm{~s}^{-1} » \checkmark$ |  | 2 |
|  | c | i | $\begin{aligned} & 1.44 \times 10^{4} \times 16.0=\left(1.44 \times 10^{4}+4.80 \times 10^{3}\right) \times \omega \checkmark \\ & \omega=12.0 « \mathrm{~s}^{-1} » \checkmark \end{aligned}$ | Allow ECF from (b). | 2 |
|  | c | ii | $\begin{aligned} & \text { initial KE } \frac{1}{2} \times 1.44 \times 10^{4} \times 16.0^{2}=1.843 \times 10^{6} \text { «J» } \\ & \text { final KE } \frac{1}{2} \times\left(1.44 \times 10^{4}+4.80 \times 10^{3}\right) \times 12.0^{2}=1.382 \times 10^{6} \text { «J» } \\ & \text { loss of KE }=4.6 \times 10^{5} \text { «J» } \end{aligned}$ | Allow ECF from part (c)(i). | 3 |


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| 7. | a | i | $\Delta U=0$ so $Q=\Delta U+W=0+416=416 巛 \mathrm{~J}$ » $\checkmark$ | Answer given, mark is for the proof. | 1 |
|  | a | ii | ALTERNATIVE 1 use $p V^{\frac{5}{3}}=c$ to get $T V^{\frac{2}{3}}=c$ hence $T_{\mathrm{C}}=T_{\mathrm{A}}\left(\frac{V_{\mathrm{A}}}{V_{\mathrm{C}}}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}=612 \times 0.5^{\frac{2}{3}}=385.54$ « $T_{\mathrm{C}} \approx 386 \mathrm{~K} »$ <br> ALTERNATIVE 2 $\begin{aligned} & P_{\mathrm{C}} V_{\mathrm{C}}^{\gamma}=P_{\mathrm{A}} V_{\mathrm{A}}^{\gamma} \text { giving } P_{\mathrm{C}}=1.26 \times 10^{6} « \mathrm{~Pa} » \checkmark \\ & \frac{P_{\mathrm{C}} V_{\mathrm{C}}}{T_{\mathrm{C}}}=\frac{P_{\mathrm{A}} V_{\mathrm{A}}}{T_{\mathrm{A}}} \text { giving } T_{\mathrm{C}}=1.26 \times \frac{612}{2}=385.54 « \mathrm{~K} » \checkmark \\ & « T_{\mathrm{C}} \approx 386 \mathrm{~K} » \end{aligned}$ | Answer of 386K is given. Look carefully for correct working if answers are to $3 S F$. <br> There are other methods: <br> Allow use of $P_{\mathrm{B}}=2 \times 10^{6}$ «Pa» and $\frac{P}{T}$ is constant for $B C$. <br> Allow use of $n=0.118$ and $T_{\mathrm{C}}=\frac{P_{\mathrm{C}} V_{\mathrm{C}}}{n R}$. | 2 |
|  | a | iii | $\begin{aligned} & Q=\Delta U+W=\frac{3}{2} \frac{P_{\mathrm{A}} V_{\mathrm{A}}}{T_{\mathrm{A}}} \Delta T+0 \checkmark \\ & Q=\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{4.00 \times 10^{6} \times 1.50 \times 10^{-4}}{612} \times(386-612) \\ & \text { «-332 J» } \end{aligned}$ | Answer of 330 J given in the question. <br> Look for correct working or more than 2 SF. | 2 |

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|  | a | iv | $\begin{aligned} & e=\frac{Q_{\text {in }}-Q_{\text {out }}}{Q_{\text {in }}}=\frac{416-332}{416} \\ & e=0.20 \checkmark \end{aligned}$ | Allow $\frac{416-330}{416}$. <br> Allow $e=0.21$. | 2 |
|  | b |  | entropy is largest at $B \checkmark$ <br> entropy increases from A to B because $T=$ constant but volume increases so more disorder or $\Delta S=\frac{Q}{T}$ and $Q>0$ so $\Delta S>0 \checkmark$ <br> entropy is constant along CA because it is adiabatic, $Q=0$ and so $\Delta S=0$ <br> OR <br> entropy decreases along BC since energy has been removed, $\Delta Q<0$ so $\Delta S<0 \checkmark$ |  | 3 |

## Option C - Imaging

| Question |  |  | Answers | Notes |
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| 8. | a | line of correct curvature as shown $\checkmark$ |  |  |

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|  | b | wave travels slower in glass than in air <br> OR <br> RI greater for glass $\checkmark$ <br> wavelength less in glass than air $\checkmark$ <br> hence wave from $Q$ will cover a shorter distance «than in air» causing the curvature shown $\checkmark$ | OWTTE | 2 max |
|  | c | realization that the two lenses must have a common focal point $\checkmark$ distance is $12-4.0=8.0$ «cm» $\checkmark$ | Accept MP1 from a separate diagram or a sketch on the original diagram. <br> A valid reason from MP1 is expected. <br> Award [1 max] for a bald answer of 12-4=8 «cm». | 2 |



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| 10. | a |  | calculation of critical angle at core-cladding boundary $« 1.52 \times \sin \theta_{C}=1.48 » \theta_{C}=76.8^{\circ}$ <br> refraction angle at air-core boundary $90^{\circ}-76.8^{\circ}=13.2^{\circ} \checkmark$ $« 1.52 \times \sin 13.2^{\circ}=\sin A » A=20.3^{\circ}$ | Allow ECF from MP1 to MP2 to MP3. | 3 |
|  | b | i | attenuation: output signal has smaller area <br> dispersion: output signal is wider than input signal | OWTTE <br> OWTTE | 2 |
|  | b | ii | $\begin{aligned} & \text { attenuation }=« 10 \log \frac{I}{I_{0}}=10 \log \frac{77}{320}=» «-» 6.2 « \mathrm{~dB} » \\ & \frac{-6.2}{5.1}=«-» 1.2 « \mathrm{~dB} \mathrm{~km}^{-1} » \checkmark \end{aligned}$ | Allow intensity ratio to be inverted. <br> Allow ECF from MP1 to MP2. | 2 |

## Option D - Astrophysics

| Question |  |  | Answers | Notes | Total |
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| 11. | a |  | core: helium <br> outer layer: hydrogen $\checkmark$ | Accept no other elements. | 2 |
|  | b |  | ratio of masses is $\left(\frac{10^{4}}{10^{-3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3.5}}=10^{2} \checkmark$ ratio of volumes is $\left(\frac{10}{10^{-1}}\right)^{3}=10^{6}$ so ratio of densities is $\frac{10^{2}}{10^{6}}=10^{-4} \checkmark$ | Allow ECF for MP3 from earlier MPs | 3 |
|  | C | i | line to the right of $X$, possibly undulating, very roughly horizontal $\checkmark$ | Ignore any paths beyond this as the star disappears from diagram. | 1 |
|  | C | ii | gravitation is balanced by a pressure/force due to neutrons/neutron degeneracy/pauli exclusion principle $\checkmark$ | Do not accept electron degeneracy. | 1 |
|  | C | iii | $L=\sigma A T^{4}=5.67 \times 10^{-8} \times 4 \pi \times\left(2.0 \times 10^{4}\right)^{2} \times\left(10^{6}\right)^{4} \quad \checkmark$ $L=3 \times 10^{26} \text { «W» }$ <br> OR $L=2.85 \times 10^{26} \text { «W» }$ | Allow ECF for [1 max] if $\pi r^{2}$ used (gives $7 \times 10^{25}$ « $W$ ») Allow ECF for a POT error in MP1. | 2 |
|  | c | iv | $\lambda=\frac{2.9 \times 10^{-3}}{10^{6}}=2.9 \times 10^{-9} \text { «m» }$ <br> this is an X-ray wavelength $\checkmark$ |  | 2 |


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| 12. | a |  | theory in which all space/time/energy/matter were created at a point/singularity at enormous temperature <br> with the volume of the universe increasing ever since or the universe expanding $\checkmark$ | OWTTE | 2 max |
|  | b |  | CMB has a black-body spectrum $\checkmark$ wavelength stretched by expansion $\checkmark$ is highly isotropic/homogenous $\checkmark$ but has minor anisotropies predicted by BB model $\checkmark$ $T «=2.7 \mathrm{~K} »$ is close to predicted value $\checkmark$ | For MP4 and MP5 idea of "prediction" is needed | 2 max |
|  | C | i | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{v}{c}=z \Rightarrow v=0.084 \times 3 \times 10^{5}=2.52 \times 10^{4} « \mathrm{kms}^{-1} » \\ & d=\frac{v}{H_{0}}=\frac{2.52 \times 10^{4}}{68}=370.6 \approx 370 « \mathrm{Mpc} » \end{aligned}$ | Allow ECF from MP1 to MP2. | 2 |
|  | C | ii | type la have a known luminosity/are standard candles $\checkmark$ <br> measure apparent brightness $\checkmark$ <br> determine distance from $d=\sqrt{\frac{L}{4 \pi b}} \checkmark$ | Must refer to type la. Do not accept other methods (parallax, Cepheids) | 3 |

