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- **1.** Each row in the "Question" column relates to the smallest subpart of the question.
- 2. The maximum mark for each question subpart is indicated in the "Total" column.
- **3.** Each marking point in the "Answers" column is shown by means of a tick  $(\checkmark)$  at the end of the marking point.
- **4.** A question subpart may have more marking points than the total allows. This will be indicated by "**max**" written after the mark in the "Total" column. The related rubric, if necessary, will be outlined in the "Notes" column.
- **5.** An alternative wording is indicated in the "Answers" column by a slash (/). Either wording can be accepted.
- **6.** An alternative answer is indicated in the "Answers" column by "**OR**". Either answer can be accepted.
- 7. An alternative markscheme is indicated in the "Answers" column under heading **ALTERNATIVE 1** etc. Either alternative can be accepted.
- **8.** Words inside chevrons **« »** in the "Answers" column are not necessary to gain the mark.
- **9.** Words that are <u>underlined</u> are essential for the mark.
- **10.** The order of marking points does not have to be as in the "Answers" column, unless stated otherwise in the "Notes" column.
- 11. If the candidate's answer has the same "meaning" or can be clearly interpreted as being of equivalent significance, detail and validity as that in the "Answers" column then award the mark. Where this point is considered to be particularly relevant in a question it is emphasized by **OWTTE** (or words to that effect) in the "Notes" column.
- **12.** Remember that many candidates are writing in a second language. Effective communication is more important than grammatical accuracy.
- 13. Occasionally, a part of a question may require an answer that is required for subsequent marking points. If an error is made in the first marking point then it should be penalized. However, if the incorrect answer is used correctly in subsequent marking points then **follow through** marks should be awarded. When marking, indicate this by adding **ECF** (error carried forward) on the script. "ECF acceptable" will be displayed in the "Notes" column.
- **14.** Do **not** penalize candidates for errors in units or significant figures, **unless** it is specifically referred to in the "Notes" column.

# **Section A**

C	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
1.	а	a straight line cannot be drawn through all error bars <i>OR</i> the graph/line of best fit is /curved/not straight/parabolic etc. <i>OR</i> graph has increasing/variable gradient ✓	Do not allow "a line cannot be drawn through all error bars" without specifying "straight".	1
1.	b	$V = 1.15 \text{ mms}^{-1} \text{ » } AND \Delta V = 0.05 \text{ mms}^{-1} \text{ » } \checkmark$ $\frac{0.05}{1.15} = \text{ » } 0.04 \checkmark$	Accept 4%	2

Q	uestior	Answers	Notes	Total
1.	С	use of 2 correct points on the line with $\Delta v^2 > 2$ $\checkmark$ $b$ in range 0.012 to 0.013 $\checkmark$ $s^3  \text{m}^{-2}  \checkmark$		3
1.	d	$a_{\text{max}} = 2.101 \text{ (s)} \pm 0.001 \text{ (s)}$ AND $a_{\text{min}} = 2.095 \text{ (s)} \pm 0.001 \text{ (s)}$ $\checkmark$ $(\frac{2.101 - 2.095}{2}) = 0.003 \text{ (s)}$		2

Question		on	Answers	Notes	Total
2.	а	i	evidence of use of $\rho$ = given gradient $\times$ wire area $OR$ substitution of values from a single data point with wire area $\checkmark$ $\rho = \ll 6.30 \times \pi \times \left(\frac{0.500 \times 10^{-3}}{2}\right)^2 = \gg 1.24 \times 10^{-6} \ll \Omega \text{ m} \gg \checkmark$	Check POT is correct.  MP2 must be correct to exactly 3 s.f.	2
2.	а	ii	measurement should be performed at a constant temperature <i>OR</i> resistance of wire changes with temperature  series resistance prevents the wire from overheating <i>OR</i> reduces power dissipated in the wire  by reducing voltage across/current through the wire		3
2.	b		ANY straight line going through the origin if extrapolated ✓ ANY straight line below existing line with smaller gradient ✓		2

# **Section B**

# Option A — Relativity

C	Questi	on	Answers	Notes	Total
3.	а		laws of physics are the same for all observers  OR  laws of physics are the same in all «inertial» frames ✓	OWTTE	1
3.	b	i	magnetic ✓		1
3.	b	ii	«from 3a» force must still be repulsive ✓ for P there is no magnetic force AND force is electric/electrostatic OR since P is at rest the force is electric/electrostatic ✓		2
3.	b	iii	protons and electrons in the wire move with different velocities «relative to P» <i>OR</i> speed of electrons is greater ✓  «for P» the density of protons and electrons in wire will be different «due to length contraction» <i>OR</i> «for P» the wire appears to have negative charge «due to length contraction» ✓  «hence electric force arises»	Do not award mark for mention of length contraction without details.	2

(	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
3.	b	iv	$u' = \frac{0.80 + 0.30}{1 + 0.80 \times 0.30} c \checkmark$ $= 0.89c \checkmark$	Accept 0.89c if all negative values used.  Accept – 0.89c even though speed is required.	2

4.	а	i	γ = 1.09 <b>√</b>	2
			$L_{\rm A} = \frac{2.0}{1.09} = 1.8  \text{km}  \text{m}$	
4.	a		ALTERNATIVE 1 time = $\frac{1.8 \times 10^{3}}{1.2 \times 10^{8}}$ 1.5 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> «s» ALTERNATIVE 2 $t_{\rm B} = \frac{2 \times 10^{3}}{1.2 \times 10^{8}} = 1.66 \times 10^{-5}$ «s» $t_{\rm A} = \frac{t_{\rm B}}{\gamma} = 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$ «s» $t_{\rm A} = \frac{t_{\rm B}}{\gamma} = 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$ «s» $t_{\rm A} = \frac{t_{\rm B}}{\gamma} = 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$ «s»	2

	Questi	ion	Answers	Notes	Total
4.	b		$L_{\rm B}$ is the length/measurement «by observer B» made in the reference frame in which the bridge is at rest $\checkmark$	Idea of rest frame or frame in which bridge is not moving is required.	1
4.	С	i	ct / km ↑ 3 2 1 X' axis drawn with correct gradient of 0.4 ✓	Line must be 1 square below Y, allow ±0.5 square.  Allow line drawn without a ruler.	1

Question	Answers	Notes	Total
4. c ii	lines parallel to the x' axis through X and Y intersecting the worldline ct' at points shown ✓ so Y/lamp at the end of the bridge turned on first ✓	Allow lines drawn without a ruler  Do not allow MP2 without supporting argument or correct diagram.	2

(	Questi	ion	Answers	Notes	Total
4.	С	iii	2 2 3 x/km	Allow lines drawn without a ruler.	2
			light worldlines at 45° from X <b>AND</b> Y intersecting the worldline <i>ct'</i> ✓ so light from lamp X is observed first ✓	Do not allow MP2 without supporting argument or correct diagram.	

Question		on	Answers	Notes	Total
4.	С	iv	ALTERNATIVE 1 $\Delta t' = 1.09 \times \left(0 - \frac{0.4 \times 2.0 \times 10^3}{3.0 \times 10^8}\right) \checkmark$ $= \text{$\leftarrow -$\sim 2.9 \times 10^{-6} $ $\sim $\sim $\sim $\sim $\left$} $ ALTERNATIVE 2		
			equating spacetime intervals between X and Y relies on realization that $\Delta x' = \gamma(\Delta x - 0)$ eg: $ (c\Delta t')^2 - (1.09 \times 2000)^2 = 0^2 - 2000^2 \checkmark $ $ \Delta t' = \ll \pm \gg \frac{\sqrt{(1.09 \times 2000)^2 - 2000^2}}{3.0 \times 10^8} = \ll \pm \gg 2.9 \times 10^{-6} \ll s \gg \checkmark $		2
			alternative 3 use of diagram from answer to 4(c)(ii) (1 small square = 200 m) counts 4.5 to 5 small squares (allow 900 − 1000 m) between events for A seen on B's $ct$ axis $\checkmark$ $\frac{950}{\gamma c} = 2.9 \times 10^{-6} \pm 0.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ «s.»} \checkmark$		

C	Questi	on	Answers	Notes	Total
5.	а	i	neutron energy = $\sqrt{185^2 + 940^2} = 958 \text{ «MeV » } \checkmark$	Allow 1.5×10 <sup>-10</sup> «J»	1
5.	a	ii	ALTERNATIVE 1 « use of $E = \gamma E_0$ » « $958 = 940\gamma$ so» $\gamma = 1.019$ $\checkmark$ $v = 0.193c$ $\checkmark$ ALTERNATIVE 2 « use of $p = \gamma mv$ » $185 = 940 \frac{\frac{v}{c}}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}}$ $\checkmark$ $V = 0.193c$ $\checkmark$ ALTERNATIVE 3 « use of $p = \gamma mv$ » $V = \frac{pc}{E}$ $\checkmark$ $V = \frac{185}{958} = 0.193c$	Allow $v = 5.8 \times 10^7 \text{ cms}^{-1}$ »	2
5.	b		momentum of X = 185 «MeV c <sup>-1</sup> » $\checkmark$ energy of X = 1190 – 958 = 232 «MeV» $\checkmark$ $m_0 = «\sqrt{232^2 - 185^2} = » 140 «MeV c-2» \checkmark$	Allow mass in kg - gives 2.5×10 <sup>-28</sup> «kg»	3

C	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
6.	a	as the photons move away from the black hole, they lose energy in the gravitational field $\checkmark$ since $E = hf$ «the detected frequency is lower than the emitted frequency» $\checkmark$ ALTERNATIVE 2 if the observer was accelerating away from the probe, radio waves would undergo Doppler shift towards lower frequency $\checkmark$ by the equivalence principle, the gravitational field has the same effect as acceleration $\checkmark$ ALTERNATIVE 3 due to gravitational time dilation, time between arrivals of wavefronts is greater for the observer $\checkmark$ since $f = \frac{1}{T}$ , «the detected frequency is lower than the emitted frequency» $\checkmark$	The question states that received frequency is lower so take care not to award a mark for simply re-stating this, a valid explanation must be given.	2
6.	b	time between pulses=3s according to the probe $\checkmark$ $\Delta t = \ll \frac{3}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{1.5}}} = 3.2 \ll 3.2 \ll$		2

# Option B — Engineering physics

C	uesti	ion	Answers	Notes	Total
7.	а		zero <b>√</b>		1
7.	b	i	«change in» angular momentum ✓	Allow angular impulse.	1
7.	b	ii	use of $L = I\omega$ = area under graph = 1.80 «kg m² s⁻¹» $\checkmark$ rearranges «to give $\omega$ = area/I» 1.80 = 0.5×5.00×0.060²× $\omega$ $\checkmark$ « to get $\omega$ = 200 rad s⁻¹»		2
7.	b	iii	$ \frac{0.40}{0.012} = 33.3 \text{N} $		1
7.	С	i	translational equilibrium is when the sum of all the forces on a body is zero ✓ rotational equilibrium is when the sum of all the torques on a body is zero ✓		2
7.	С	ii	ALTERNATIVE 1 0 = 200 <sup>2</sup> + 2×α×2π×8000 ✓ α = «-» 0.398 «rad s <sup>-2</sup> » ✓ torque = αI = 0.398×(0.5×5.00×0.060 <sup>2</sup> ) = 3.58×10 <sup>-3</sup> «N m» ✓ ALTERNATIVE 2 change in kinetic energy = «-» 0.5×(0.5×5.00×0.060 <sup>2</sup> )×200 <sup>2</sup> = «-» 180 «J» ✓ identifies work done = change in KE ✓ torque = $\frac{W}{\theta} = \frac{180}{2\pi \times 8000} = 3.58 \times 10^{-3}$ «N m» ✓		3

C	)uesti	on	Answers	Notes	Total
8.	а	i	$P_{\rm B} = \frac{250 \times 10^3}{1.5^{\frac{5}{3}}} \text{ « from } P_{\rm B} (1.5 V_{\rm A})^{\frac{5}{3}} = 250 \times 10^3 \times V_{\rm A}^{\frac{5}{3}} \text{ » } \checkmark$ $= 127 \text{ kPa } \checkmark$		2
8.	а	ii			1
8.	b	i	ALTERNATIVE 1 work done $\Delta W = \text{<} \times 250 \times 10^3 \times 1.5 \times 10^{-3} = \text{<} \times 375 \text{ «J} \text{»} \checkmark$ change in internal energy $\Delta U = \frac{3}{2} \times 0.300 \times 8.31 \times (-150) = \text{<} \times 561 \text{ «J} \text{»}$ OR $\Delta U = \frac{3}{2} P \Delta V = \frac{3}{2} \times 375 = \text{<} \times 563 \text{ «J} \text{»} \checkmark$ thermal energy removed $\Delta Q = 375 + 561 = 936 \text{ «J} \text{»}$ OR $\Delta Q = 375 + 563 = 938 \text{ «J} \text{»} \checkmark$ ALTERNATIVE 2 $\Delta Q = \text{«} nCp\Delta T = \text{»} \frac{5}{2} \times nRT \checkmark$ thermal energy removed $\Delta Q = 0.300 \times 2.5 \times 8.31 \times 150 \checkmark$ $= 935 \text{ «J} \text{»} \checkmark$		3

C	uesti	on	Answers	Notes	Total
8.	b	ii	ALTERNATIVE 1  «from (b)(i)» $\Delta Q$ is negative ✓ $\Delta S = \frac{\Delta Q}{T}  \text{AND}  \text{so } \Delta S  \text{is negative } \checkmark$ ALTERNATIVE 2  T and/or V decreases ✓  less disorder/more order «so S decreases» ✓  ALTERNATIVE 3  T decreases ✓ $\Delta S = K \times \ln\left(\frac{T2}{T1}\right) < 0  \checkmark$	Answer given, look for a valid reason that S decreases.	2
8.	b	iii	not violated ✓  the entropy of the surroundings must have increased  OR  the overall entropy of the system and the surroundings is the same or increased ✓		2

C	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
9.	а	air speed at A greater than at B/speed at B is zero $OR$ total/stagnation pressure $P_B$ – static pressure $P_A$ = dynamic pressure $P_A$ so $P_A$ is less than at $P_B$ (or <i>vice versa</i> ) «by Bernoulli effect» $P_A$ height of the liquid column is related to «dynamic» pressure difference $P_A$ height in arm $P_A$ $P_A$		3
9.	b	« $\rho_{\text{liquid}}$ $gh = 0.5 \times \rho_{\text{air}}$ $v^2$ »  difference in pressure $P_{\text{B}} - P_{\text{A}} = 8.7 \times 10^2 \times 9.8 \times 0.06 = 510$ «Pa» ✓  correct substitution into the Bernoulli equation, $eg$ : $\frac{1}{2} \times 1.2$ $v^2 = 510$ ✓ $v = 29$ « ms <sup>-1</sup> » ✓		3

10.	а	a situation in which a resistive force opposes the motion <i>OR</i> amplitude/energy decreases with time ✓	1
10.	b	$Q = 2\pi \times \frac{30}{30 - 28} = 94.25 \approx 94 $	1
10.	С	$94 = 2\pi \times 0.80 \times \frac{0.020}{\text{power loss}} \checkmark$ Power added = 1.1×10 <sup>-3</sup> «W» $\checkmark$	2

# Option C — Imaging

C	uesti	on	Answers	Notes	Total
11.	а	i	correctly draws any 2 of the 4 conventional rays from the object tip ✓ correctly extends reflections to form virtual upright image I in approximate position shown ✓	No ECF for incorrect rays in MP1.  Award [0] for rays of converging lens or diverging mirror.	2
11.	а	ii	1.5 ✓	For "correct" image position in (a)(i) allow 1.3 to 1.7.	1

Q	uesti	on	Answers	Notes	Total
11.	а	iii	Any two of: virtual <b>OR</b> upright <b>OR</b> larger than the object <b>✓</b>		1
11.	b	i	A R B  "circular" wave front through P: symmetric about the principal axis <b>AND</b> of greater radius than B ✓		1
11.	b	ii	red and blue wave fronts have different curvature/radius  OR  red and blue waves are refracted differently/have different speeds ✓  so different colors have different foci/do not focus to one point  OR  so image is multi-coloured/blurred ✓	MP1 is for the reason for the aberration, MP2 is for the effect.	2

Q	uesti	on	Answers	Notes	Total
11.	b	iii	mention combination of converging and diverging lenses ✓ of different refractive index/material ✓	Achromatic doublet is in the question, so no marks for mentioning this.	2
12.	а		«the final» image is formed at the near point of the eye ✓		1
12.	b		«image is virtual so» $v = -24$ «cm» ✓ $ \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{3.0} + \frac{1}{24} \text{ so } u = 2.7 \text{ «cm» } \checkmark $		2
12.	С		$M_{\rm e} = \frac{v}{u} = \frac{24}{2.66} = 9.0$ <b>AND</b> $M_{\rm o} = \frac{70}{9.0} = 7.8$ $\checkmark$ $v_0 = 2.0 \times 7.8 = 15.6$ «cm» $\checkmark$ $\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{16}$ » so $f_0 = 1.8$ «cm» $\checkmark$	MP1 allow $M_e = \frac{D}{f} + 1 = 9$	3

Q	uesti	on	Answers	Notes	Total
13.	а		fibres have broader bandwidth than cables  therefore can carry multiple signals simultaneously		2
13.	b	i	absorption/scattering of light  OR  impurities in the «glass core of the» fibre ✓		1
13.	b	ii	attenuation = $10 \log (2 \times 10^{-4}) = -37 \text{ «dB» } \checkmark$ amplification required after $\frac{37}{0.4} = 92 \text{ or } 93 \text{ «km» } \checkmark$	Allow ECF from mp1 for wrong dB value.(eg: 42 km if % symbol ignored).	2

C	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
14.	а	i	$\mu_{\rm t} = 0.379 \times 1.1 \times 10^3 \times \frac{10^3}{10^6} = 0.417 \text{ «cm}^{-1} \text{»} \text{ AND } \mu_{\rm b} = 0.408 \text{ «cm}^{-1} \text{»} \text{ \checkmark}$		
			$\frac{I_{b}}{I_{t}} = \frac{I_{0}e^{-\mu_{b}x}}{I_{0}e^{-\mu_{t}x}} = e^{-(0.408 - 0.417) \times 0.5} $		3
			$\frac{I_{\rm b}}{I_{\rm t}} = 1.004  \checkmark$		

Q	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
14.	а	ii the difference between intensities is negligible so no contrast ✓ modifying the blood is easier than modifying the soft tissue ✓ increase absorption of X-rays in the blood ✓			4 may
			by injecting/introducing a liquid/chemical/contrast medium ✓ with large mass absorption coefficient/nontoxic/higher density ✓		4 max
14.	b		«a uniform» magnetic field is applied to align proton spins ✔		
			proton spins are excited by an «external» radio frequency signal/field <b>OR</b>		3
			protons change from spin-up to spin-down state due to «external» RF signal/field ✓	For MP3 do not allow simplistic "protons emit RF radiation" as this is	
			«radio frequency» radiation is emitted as the protons relax ✓	given in the question	

# Option D — Astrophysics

Q	uesti	on	Answers	Notes	Total
15.	а		stars in a cluster are gravitationally bound <i>OR</i> in constellation are not $\checkmark$ stars in a cluster are the same/similar age <i>OR</i> in constellation are not $\checkmark$ stars in a cluster are close in space/the same distance away <i>OR</i> in constellation are not $\checkmark$ stars in a cluster originate from same gas cloud <i>OR</i> in constellation do not $\checkmark$ stars in a cluster-appear much closer in night sky than in a constellation $\checkmark$	Take care to reward only 1 comment from a given marking point for MP1 to MP5.	2 max
15.	b	i		Answer 6000 K is given in the question.  Answer must be to at least 2 s.f. <b>OR</b> correct working.	1
15.	b	ii	wfrom $b \propto L \propto R^2 T^4$ write realization that $R^2 \propto \frac{b}{T^4}$ wfor binary stars which are same distance aways $\checkmark$ $\frac{R_A}{R_B} = \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{1.1 \times 10^{-9}}{5.4 \times 10^{-11}}\right)}{\left(\frac{5900}{4100}\right)^4}} \checkmark$ $\frac{R_A}{R_B} = 2.2 \checkmark$	Award [2] for answer 0.46 from inverted ratio.	3

Q	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
15.	b	iii	«use of $L = 4\pi d^2 b$ » $L = 4\pi \times (1.8 \times 10^{17})^2 \times 1.1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ «} = 4.48 \times 10^{26} \text{ W » } \checkmark$ $L = 1.2 L_{\odot} \checkmark$		2
15.	C	i	$\begin{array}{c} 1000000L_{\odot} \\ 1000L_{\odot} \\ \hline \\ \frac{1}{1000}L_{\odot} \\ \hline \\ \frac{1}{10000}L_{\odot} \\ \hline \\ 2500010000$		1

C	Question		Answers	Notes	Total
15.	С	ii	main sequence star  OR  type F or G star ✓		1
15.	С	iii	$\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} = 1.2^{\frac{1}{3.5}} = 1.05 \checkmark$		1
15.	С	iv	mass of the «remnant» star < 1.4 $M_{\odot}$ <i>OR</i> Chandrasekhar limit <i>OR</i> mass <i>OR</i> luminosity similar to the Sun $\checkmark$ the final stage is white dwarf $\checkmark$		2

Question		on	Answers	Notes	Total
16.	а	i	spectra of galaxies are redshifted «compared to spectra on Earth» ✓ redshift/longer wavelength implies galaxies recede/ move away from us  OR redshift is interpreted as cosmological expansion of space ✓ «hence universe expands»	Universe expansion is given, so no mark for repeating this.  Do not accept answers based on CMB radiation.	2
16.	a	ii	ALTERNATIVE 1 $z = \frac{392 - 122}{122} = 2.21 \checkmark$ $\frac{R}{R_0} = \ll 2.21 + 1 = \gg 3.21 \checkmark$ ALTERNATIVE 2 $\frac{R}{R_0} = \frac{392}{122} \checkmark$ $= 3.21 \checkmark$		2
16.	b	i	density of flat/Euclidean universe  OR  density for which universe has zero curvature  OR  density resulting in universe expansion rate tending to zero✓		1

Question		on	Answers	Notes	Total
16.	b	ii	$H = \frac{70 \times 10^{3}}{(10^{6} \times 3.26 \times 9.46 \times 10^{15})} = 2.27 \times 10^{-18} \text{ « s}^{-1} \text{ » } \checkmark$ $\rho = 0.32 \times \frac{3 \times (2.27 \times 10^{-18})^{2}}{8\pi \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11}} \checkmark$ $3.0 \times 10^{-27} \text{ «kg m}^{-3} \text{ » } \checkmark$	MP1 for conversion of H to base units.  Allow ECF from MP1, but NOT if H is left as 70.	3
16.	b	iii	rotation speed of galaxies is larger than expected away from the centre ✓ there must be more mass «at the edges» than is visually observable «indicating the presence of dark matter» ✓		2

C	uestion	Answers	Notes	Total
17.	а	realization that lifetime $T \propto \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{luminosity}}$ $\frac{T}{T_{\odot}} = \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{-2.5} = 0.12^{-2.5} = 200  \checkmark$		2
17.	b	the binding energy per nucleon is a maximum for iron ✓ formation of heavier elements than iron by fusion is not energetically possible ✓	For MP2 some reference to energy is needed	2
17.	C	alternative 1 — s-process s-process involves «slow» neutron capture ✓ in s-process beta decay occurs before another neutron is captured ✓ s-process occurs in giant stars «AGB stars» ✓ s-process terminates at bismuth/lead/polonium ✓  Alternative 2 — r-process r-process involves «rapid» neutron capture ✓ in r-process further neutrons are captured before the beta decay occurs ✓ r-process occurs in type II supernovae ✓ r-process can lead to elements heavier than bismuth/lead/polonium ✓	If the type of the process (r or s/rapid or slow) is not mentioned, award [2 max].	3 max