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Physics

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Paper 2

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Question		Answers	Notes	Total
1.	a	correct use of kinematic equation/equations ✓ 148.5 or 149 or 150 «m» ✓	<i>Substitution(s) must be correct.</i>	2
	b	$a = \frac{27}{11}$ or 2.45 «m s ⁻² » ✓ $F - 160 = 492 \times 2.45$ ✓ 1370 «N» ✓	<i>Could be seen in part (a).</i> Award [0] for solution that uses $a = -9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$	3

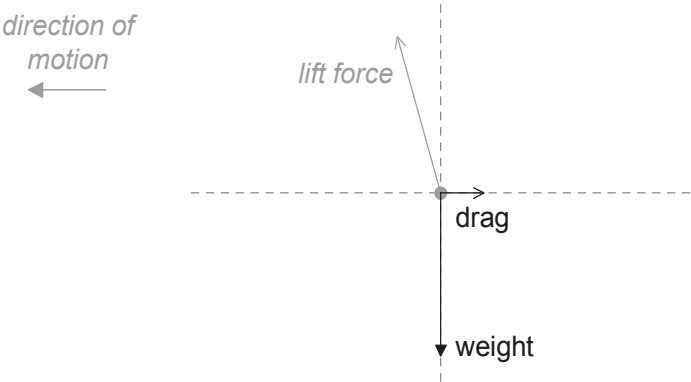
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c	<p>ALTERNATIVE 1</p> <p>«work done to launch glider» = 1370×149 « = 204 kJ » ✓</p> <p>«work done by motor» = $\frac{204 \times 100}{23}$ ✓</p> <p>«power input to motor» = $\frac{204 \times 100}{23} \times \frac{1}{11} = 80$ or 80.4 or 81 k«W» ✓</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 2</p> <p>use of average speed 13.5 m s^{-1} ✓</p> <p>«useful power output» = force \times average speed « = 1370×13.5 » ✓</p> <p>power input = « $1370 \times 13.5 \times \frac{100}{23}$ = » 80 or 80.4 or 81 k«W» ✓</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 3</p> <p>work required from motor = KE + work done against friction</p> <p>« = $0.5 \times 492 \times 27^2 + (160 \times 148.5)$ » = 204 «kJ» ✓</p> <p>«energy input» = $\frac{\text{work required from motor} \times 100}{23}$ ✓</p> <p>power input = $\frac{883000}{11} = 80.3$ k«W» ✓</p>	<p>Award [2 max] for an answer of 160 k«W».</p>	<p>3</p>

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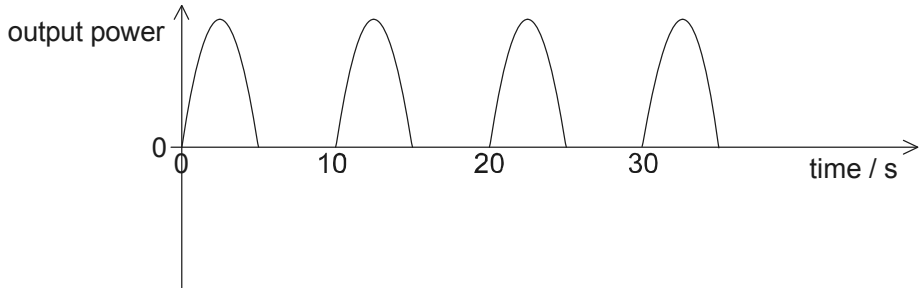
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<p>d</p>	<p><i>direction of motion</i></p>  <p>drag correctly labelled and in correct direction ✓</p> <p>weight correctly labelled and in correct direction AND no other incorrect force shown ✓</p>	<p>Award [1 max] if forces do not touch the dot, but are otherwise OK.</p>	<p>2</p>

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2.	a	<p>force/acceleration proportional to displacement «from equilibrium position» ✓</p> <p>and directed towards equilibrium position/point</p> <p>OR</p> <p>and directed in opposite direction to the displacement from equilibrium position/point ✓</p>	<p><i>Do not award marks for stating the defining equation for SHM.</i></p> <p><i>Award [1 max] for a $\omega^{-2}x$ with a and x defined.</i></p>	2
	b	i		3
		<p>frequency of buoy movement = $\frac{3.4}{35}$ or 0.097 «Hz»</p> <p>OR</p> <p>time period of buoy = $\frac{35}{3.4}$ or 10.3 «s» or 10 «s» ✓</p> <p>$v = \left\langle \frac{2\pi x_0}{T} \text{ or } 2\pi f x_0 \right\rangle = \frac{2 \times \pi \times 4.3}{10.3} \text{ or } 2 \times \pi \times 0.097 \times 4.3$ ✓</p> <p>2.6 «m s⁻¹» ✓</p>		

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b	ii	<p>peaks separated by gaps equal to width of each pulse «shape of peak roughly as shown» ✓</p> <p>one cycle taking 10 s shown on graph ✓</p> 	<p><i>Judge by eye.</i></p> <p><i>Do not accept \cos_2 or \sin_2 graph</i></p> <p><i>At least two peaks needed.</i></p> <p><i>Do not allow square waves or asymmetrical shapes.</i></p> <p><i>Allow ECF from (b)(i) value of period if calculated.</i></p>	2
c	i	<p>PE of water is converted to KE of moving water/turbine to electrical energy «in generator/turbine/dynamo» ✓</p> <p>idea of pumped storage, <i>ie</i>: pump water back during night/when energy cheap to buy/when energy not in demand/when there is a surplus of energy ✓</p>		2

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c	ii	specific energy available = « gh » 9.81×270 « = 2650 J kg^{-1} » OR $mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ OR $v^2 = 2gh$ ✓ $v = 73$ « ms^{-1} » ✓	Do not allow 72 as round from 72.8	2
c	iii	total energy = « $mgh = 1.5 \times 10^{10} \times 9.81 \times 270$ » 4.0×10^{13} « J » OR total energy = « $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 1.5 \times 10^{10} \times (\text{answer (c)(ii)})^2$ » 4.0×10^{13} « J » time = « $\frac{4.0 \times 10^{13}}{4 \times 2.5 \times 10^8}$ » 11.1h or 4.0×10^4 s ✓	Use of 3.97×10^{13} « J » gives 11 h. For MP2 the unit must be present.	2
c	iv	friction/resistive losses in pipe/fluid resistance/turbulence/turbine or generator «bearings» OR sound energy losses from turbine/water in pipe ✓ thermal energy/heat losses in wires/components ✓ water requires kinetic energy to leave system so not all can be transferred ✓	Must see “seat of friction” to award the mark. Do not allow “friction” bald.	2 max

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3.	a	$\ll \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.022 \times 24^2 \gg = 6.3 \ll \text{J} \gg \checkmark$		1
	b	$\frac{1}{100} = e^{-\frac{t}{8.0 \times 0.022}} \checkmark$ $\ln 0.01 = -\frac{t}{8.0 \times 0.022} \checkmark$ 0.81 «s» ✓		3
	c	i $c = \frac{Q}{m \times \Delta T}$ OR $\frac{6.3}{0.00061 \times 28} \checkmark$ $370 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \checkmark$	Allow ECF from 3(a) for energy transferred. Correct answer only to include correct unit that matches answer power of ten. Allow use of g and kJ in unit but must match numerical answer, eg: 0.37 J kg ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ receives [1]	2

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c	ii	<p>ALTERNATIVE 1</p> <p>some thermal energy will be transferred to surroundings/along connecting wires/to thermometer ✓</p> <p>estimate «of specific heat capacity by student» will be larger «than accepted value» ✓</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 2</p> <p>not all energy transferred as capacitor did not fully discharge ✓</p> <p>so estimate «of specific heat capacity by student» will be larger «than accepted value» ✓</p>		2 max

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4.	a	<p>«light» superposes/interferes ✓</p> <p>pattern consists of «intensity» maxima and minima</p> <p>OR</p> <p>consisting of constructive and destructive «interference» ✓</p> <p>voltage peaks correspond to interference maxima ✓</p>		3	
	b	i	$s = \frac{\lambda D}{d} = \frac{6.3 \times 10^{-7} \times 5.0}{1.5 \times 10^{-3}} = 2.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ «m» } \checkmark$	<p><i>If no unit assume m.</i></p> <p><i>Correct answer only.</i></p>	1
	b	ii	<p>correct read-off from graph of 25 m s ✓</p> $v = \frac{x}{t} = \frac{2.1 \times 10^{-3}}{25 \times 10^{-3}} = 8.4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ «m s}^{-1}\text{» } \checkmark$	<p><i>Allow ECF from (b)(i)</i></p>	2
	c	i	<p>angular width of diffraction minimum = $\frac{0.13}{5.0}$ «= 0.026 rad» ✓</p> <p>slit width = $\frac{\lambda}{d} = \frac{6.3 \times 10^{-7}}{0.026}$ «= 2.4×10^{-5} «m»» ✓</p>	<p><i>Award [1 max] for solution using 1.22 factor.</i></p>	2
	c	ii	<p>«beyond the first diffraction minimum» average voltage is smaller ✓</p> <p>«voltage minimum» spacing is «approximately» same</p> <p>OR</p> <p>rate of variation of voltage is unchanged ✓</p>	<p><i>OWTTE</i></p>	2

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	d	«reflection at barrier» leads to two waves travelling in opposite directions ✓ mention of formation of standing wave ✓ maximum corresponds to antinode/maximum displacement «of air molecules» OR complete cancellation at node position ✓		2 max

5.	a	${}^4_2\alpha$ OR ${}^4_2\text{He}$ ✓ ${}^{222}_{86}\text{Rn}$ ✓	<i>These must be seen on the right-hand side of the equation.</i>	2
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b	i	<p>ALTERNATIVE 1</p> <p>6 days is 5.18×10^5 s ✓</p> <p>activity after 6 days is $A_0 e^{-1.4 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.18 \times 10^5} \approx A_0$</p> <p>OR</p> <p>$A = 0.9999927 A_0$ or $0.9999927 \lambda N_0$</p> <p>OR</p> <p>states that index of e is so small that $\frac{A}{A_0}$ is ≈ 1</p> <p>OR</p> <p>$A - A_0 \approx 10^{-15}$ «s⁻¹» ✓</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 2</p> <p>shows half-life of the order of 10^{11} s or 5.0×10^{10} s ✓</p> <p>converts this to year «1600 y» or days and states half-life much longer than experiment compared to experiment ✓</p>	<p><i>Award [1 max] if calculations/substitutions have numerical slips but would lead to correct deduction.</i></p> <p><i>eg: failure to convert 6 days to seconds but correct substitution into equation will give MP2.</i></p> <p><i>Allow working in days, but for MP1 must see conversion of λ or half-life to day⁻¹.</i></p>	2

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b	ii	<p>ALTERNATIVE 1</p> <p>use of $A = \lambda N_0$ ✓</p> <p>conversion to number of molecules = $nN_A = 3.7 \times 10^{20}$</p> <p>OR</p> <p>initial activity = 5.2×10^9 «s⁻¹» ✓</p> <p>number emitted = $(6 \times 24 \times 3600) \times 1.4 \times 10^{-11} \times 3.7 \times 10^{20}$ or 2.7×10^{15} alpha particles ✓</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 2</p> <p>use of $N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$ ✓</p> <p>$N_0 = n \times N_A = 3.7 \times 10^{20}$ ✓</p> <p>alpha particles emitted « = number of atoms disintegrated = $N - N_0 = N_0(1 - e^{-\lambda \times 6 \times 24 \times 3600})$</p> <p>or 2.7×10^{15} alpha particles ✓</p>	<p>Must see correct substitution or answer to 2+ sf for MP3</p>	<p>3</p>

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c	i	alpha particles highly ionizing OR alpha particles have a low penetration power OR thin glass increases probability of alpha crossing glass OR decreases probability of alpha striking atom/nucleus/molecule ✓	<i>Do not allow reference to tunnelling.</i>	1
c	ii	conversion of temperature to 291 K ✓ $p = 4.5 \times 10^{-9} \times 8.31 \times \left\langle \frac{291}{1.3 \times 10^{-5}} \right\rangle$ OR $p = 2.7 \times 10^{15} \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times \left\langle \frac{291}{1.3 \times 10^{-5}} \right\rangle \checkmark$ 0.83 or 0.84 «Pa» ✓	<i>Allow ECF for 2.7×10^{15} from (b)(ii).</i>	3

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Question		Answers	Notes	Total
	d	electron/atom drops from high energy state/level to low state ✓ energy levels are discrete ✓ wavelength/frequency of photon is related to energy change or quotes $E = hf$ or $E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$ and is therefore also discrete ✓		3
	e	peer review guarantees the validity of the work OR means that readers have confidence in the validity of work ✓		1

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6.	a	<p>when an electric field is applied to any material «using a cell etc» it acts to accelerate any free electrons ✓</p> <p>electrons are the charge carriers «in copper» ✓</p> <p>metals/copper have many free electrons whereas insulators have few/no free electrons/charge carriers ✓</p>		3	
	b	i	$\text{area} = \frac{1.7 \times 10^{-8} \times 35 \times 10^3}{64} \llcorner = 9.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \llcorner \checkmark$ $\text{radius} = \llcorner \sqrt{\frac{9.3 \times 10^{-6}}{\pi}} = \llcorner 0.00172 \text{ m} \llcorner \checkmark$		2
	b	ii	$I_{\text{peak}} \llcorner = \frac{P_{\text{peak}}}{V_{\text{peak}}} \llcorner = 730 \llcorner \text{ A} \llcorner \checkmark$		1

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b	iii	resistance of cable identified as $\ll \frac{64}{32} = \gg 2 \Omega \checkmark$ $\frac{\text{a power}}{35000}$ seen in solution \checkmark plausible answer calculated using $\frac{2I^2}{35000}$ «plausible if in range 10 W m^{-1} to 150 W m^{-1} when quoted answers in (b)(ii) used» $31 \ll \text{W m}^{-1} \gg \checkmark$	Allow [3] for a solution where the resistance per unit metre is calculated using resistivity and answer to (a) (resistance per unit length of cable $= 5.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$) Award [2 max] if 64Ω used for resistance (answer $\times 32$). An approach from $\frac{V^2}{R}$ or VI using 150 kV is incorrect (award [0]), however allow this approach if the pd across the cable has been calculated (pd dropped across cable is 1.47 kV).	3
c		$\ll \frac{\text{response to (b)(ii)}}{2\sqrt{2}} \gg = 260 \ll \text{A} \gg \checkmark$		1

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	d	wires/cable attract whenever current is in same direction ✓ charge flow/current direction in both wires is always same «but reverses every half cycle» ✓ force varies from 0 to maximum ✓ force is a maximum twice in each cycle ✓	<i>Award [1 max] if response suggests that there is repulsion between cables at any stage in cycle.</i>	2 max
	e i	higher voltage gives lower current ✓ «energy losses depend on current» hence thermal/heating/power losses reduced ✓		2
	e ii	laminated core ✓	<i>Do not allow “wires are laminated”.</i>	1

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7.	a	i	wavelength = $\llcorner \frac{hc}{E} = \frac{1.99 \times 10^{-25}}{3.5 \times 10^{-19}} = \llcorner 5.7 \times 10^{-7} \llcorner \llcorner \text{m} \llcorner \llcorner \checkmark$	<i>If no unit assume m.</i>	1
	a	ii	«potential» energy is required to leave surface \checkmark all/most energy given to potential «so none left for kinetic energy» \checkmark	<i>Do not allow reference to “binding energy”. Ignore statements of conservation of energy.</i>	2
	b		energy surplus = $1.7 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \checkmark$ $v_{\text{max}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 1.7 \times 10^{-19}}{9.1 \times 10^{-31}}} = 6.1 \times 10^5 \llcorner \text{m s}^{-1} \llcorner \checkmark$	<i>Award [1 max] if surplus of $5.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ used (answer: $1.1 \times 10^6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$)</i>	2
	c	i	«same intensity of radiation so same total energy delivered per square metre per second» light has higher photon energy so fewer photons incident per second \checkmark	<i>Reason is required</i>	1
	c	ii	1:1 correspondence between photon and electron \checkmark so fewer electrons per second \checkmark current smaller \checkmark	<i>Allow ECF from (c)(i) Allow ECF from MP2 to MP3.</i>	3

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8.	a	<p>potential is defined to be zero at infinity ✓</p> <p>so a positive amount of work needs to be supplied for a mass to reach infinity ✓</p>		2	
	b	i	$V_S = -\frac{GM}{r}$ so $r \times V_S \llcorner -GM \llcorner = \text{constant because } G \text{ and } M \text{ are constants } \checkmark$	1	
	b	ii	<p>$GM = 1.33 \times 10^{20} \llcorner \text{J m kg}^{-1} \llcorner \checkmark$</p> <p>GPE at Earth orbit $\llcorner = -\frac{1.33 \times 10^{20} \times 6.0 \times 10^{24}}{1.5 \times 10^{11}} \llcorner = \llcorner - \llcorner 5.3 \times 10^{33} \llcorner \llcorner \text{J} \llcorner \checkmark$</p>	<p><i>Award [1 max] unless answer is to 2 sf.</i></p> <p><i>Ignore addition of Sun radius to radius of Earth orbit.</i></p>	2

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b	iii	<p>ALTERNATIVE 1</p> <p>work leading to statement that kinetic energy = $\frac{GMm}{2r}$, AND kinetic energy evaluated to be «+» 2.7×10^{33} «J» ✓</p> <p>energy «= PE + KE = answer to (b)(ii) + 2.7×10^{33} » = «-» 2.7×10^{33} «J» ✓</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 2</p> <p>statement that kinetic energy is = $-\frac{1}{2}$ gravitational potential energy in orbit ✓</p> <p>so energy «= $\frac{\text{answer to (b)(ii)}}{2}$ » = «-» 2.7×10^{33} «J» ✓</p>	Various approaches possible.	2
b	iv	<p>«KE will initially decrease so» total energy decreases</p> <p>OR</p> <p>«KE will initially decrease so» total energy becomes more negative ✓</p> <p>Earth moves closer to Sun ✓</p> <p>new orbit with greater speed «but lower total energy» ✓</p> <p>changes ellipticity of orbit ✓</p>		2 max

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	c	centripetal force is required ✓ and is provided by gravitational force between Earth and Sun ✓	<i>Award [1 max] for statement that there is a “centripetal force of gravity” without further qualification.</i>	2
