



## Section A : Astronomy and Space Science

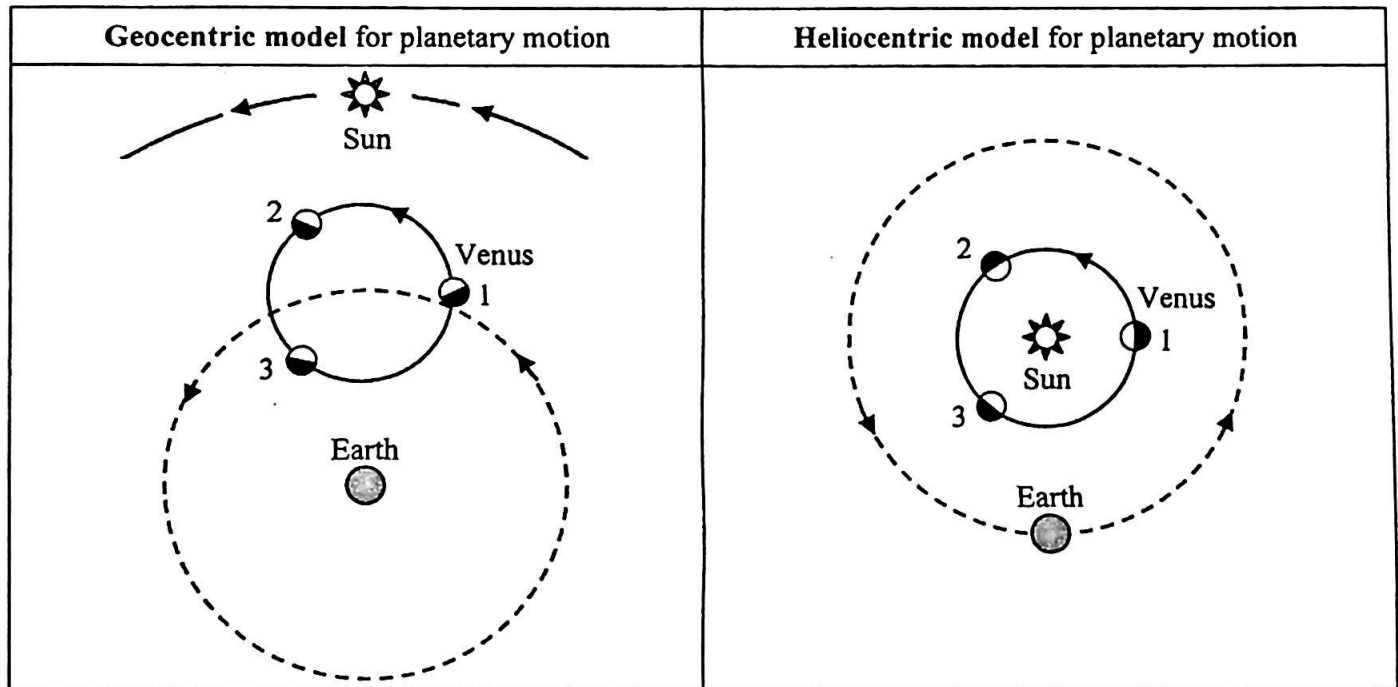
### Q.1: Multiple-choice questions

1.1 The size of atomic nucleus is of the order of  $10^{-14}$  m. The size of cluster of galaxies is of the order of  $10^6$  pc. The volume ratio of an atomic nucleus to a cluster of galaxies is about \_\_\_\_\_.

- A.  $10^{-37}$   
 B.  $10^{-60}$   
 C.  $10^{-74}$   
 D.  $10^{-111}$

- A      B      C      D

1.2 In the two models below, the numbers indicate three consecutive positions of Venus.



Which of the following is the prediction of the phases of Venus seen from the Earth according to these two models ?

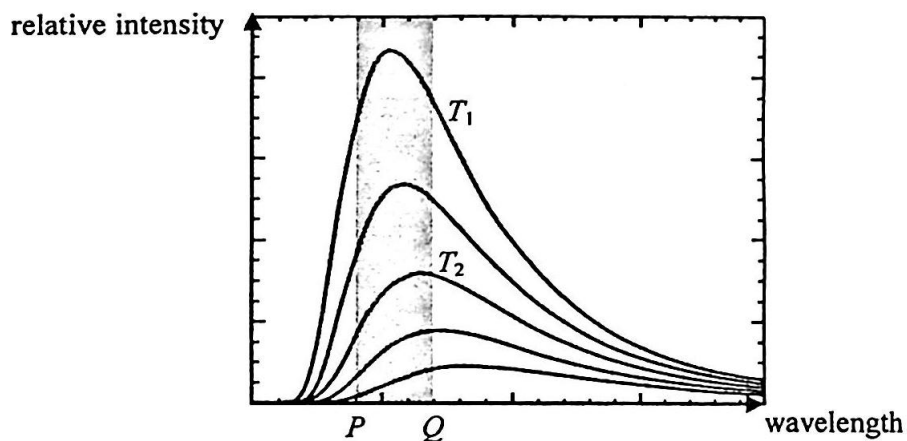
- |    | Geocentric model |       |       |
|----|------------------|-------|-------|
| A. | <br>3            | <br>2 | <br>1 |
| B. | <br>3            | <br>2 | <br>1 |
| C. | <br>3            | <br>2 | <br>1 |
| D. | <br>3            | <br>2 | <br>1 |

- |  | Heliocentric model |       |       |
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|  | <br>3              | <br>2 | <br>1 |
|  | <br>3              | <br>2 | <br>1 |
|  | <br>3              | <br>2 | <br>1 |
|  | <br>3              | <br>2 | <br>1 |

- A      B      C      D

- 1.3 Rigel is a star 260 pc from the Sun. What is the shift in angle on photographs of Rigel taken six months apart?
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|----|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | 0.0038" | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | 0.0077" | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | 130"    |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | 260"    |                       |                       |                       |                       |
- 1.4 The luminosity of star  $X$  is 256 times that of the Sun and the surface temperature of star  $X$  is 2 times that of the Sun. The radius of star  $X$  is
- |    |                           |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|----|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | 4 times that of the Sun.  | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | 8 times that of the Sun.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | 16 times that of the Sun. |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | 64 times that of the Sun. |                       |                       |                       |                       |
- 1.5 The hydrogen  $\beta$  line ( $H_{\beta}$ ,  $\lambda = 486.1$  nm) of a star observed from the Earth is 486.6 nm. What is the velocity of the star relative to the Earth?
- |    |  |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|----|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | 308.3 km s <sup>-1</sup> towards the Earth   | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | 308.3 km s <sup>-1</sup> away from the Earth | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | 308.6 km s <sup>-1</sup> towards the Earth   |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | 308.6 km s <sup>-1</sup> away from the Earth |                       |                       |                       |                       |
- 1.6 The arrangement of spectral classes of stars in order of increasing surface temperature is
- |    |        |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|----|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | KGFAO. | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | OKGFA. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | AFGKO. |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | OAFGK. |                       |                       |                       |                       |

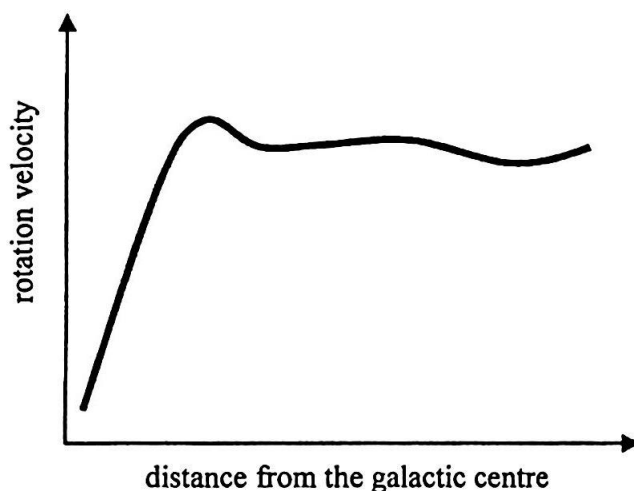
1.7 The figure below shows the radiation curves from different stars.



$P$  and  $Q$  denote the lower and upper wavelength limits of the visible spectrum respectively.  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are temperatures of the respective radiation curves with one of them belonging to the Sun. Which of the following is correct?

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|----|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | $P = \text{red}; Q = \text{violet}; T_1$ is the Sun's temperature | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | $P = \text{red}; Q = \text{violet}; T_2$ is the Sun's temperature | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | $P = \text{violet}; Q = \text{red}; T_1$ is the Sun's temperature |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | $P = \text{violet}; Q = \text{red}; T_2$ is the Sun's temperature |                       |                       |                       |                       |

1.8 What can we infer about the location of dark matter from the rotation curve of galaxies in the figure below?



- A. Dark matter is mainly distributed near the galactic centre.
- B. Dark matter is distributed uniformly throughout the galaxy.
- C. Dark matter is distributed more at a large distance from the galactic centre.
- D. The rotation curve suggests dark matter exists but does not give us information about its distribution.

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| A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
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**Q.1: Structured question**

Figure 1.1 shows a space station  $S$  revolving in a circular orbit at a height of 400 km above the Earth's surface.

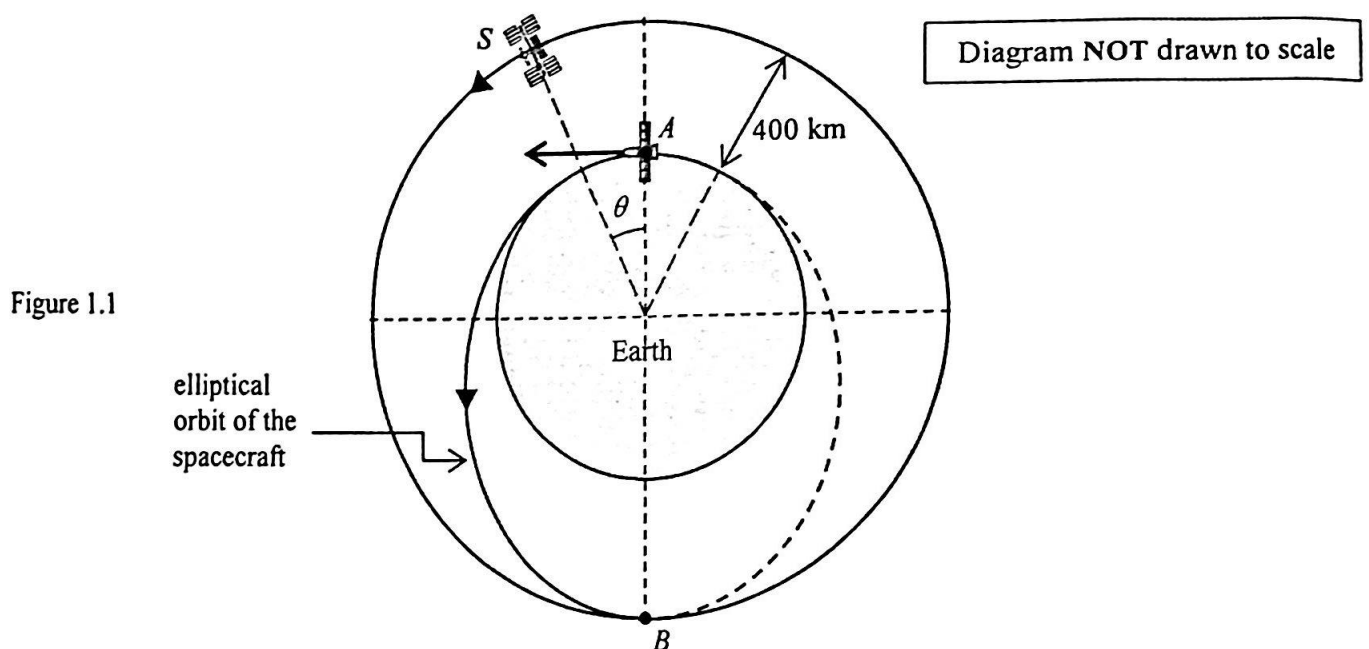


Figure 1.1

A spacecraft is launched with speed  $8.02 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  from  $A$  at the Earth's surface to meet the station  $S$  through an elliptical orbit with  $AB$  as the major axis. The spacecraft's rocket engine is shut when it coasts from  $A$  to  $B$  along the elliptical orbit. Assume that the two orbits are in the same plane.

Given:  $GM = 4 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^3 \text{ s}^{-2}$ , where  $G$  is the universal gravitational constant and  $M$  is the mass of the Earth.

Radius of the Earth = 6400 km

- (a)
  - (i) Using conservation of total mechanical energy, or otherwise, find the speed  $v_B$  of the spacecraft when it reaches  $B$ . Neglect the effects of the atmosphere. (2 marks)
  - (ii) Show that the spacecraft takes about 2663 s to travel from  $A$  to  $B$ . (2 marks)
  - (iii) Explain why an astronaut in the orbiting spacecraft would experience 'weightlessness'. (1 mark)
  
- (b) The space station  $S$  travels at a constant speed of  $7.67 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  in the circular orbit with a period of 5570 s.
  - (i) If the spacecraft is to meet the station  $S$  exactly when it reaches  $B$ , use the result in (a)(ii) to show that their angular separation  $\theta$  (shown in Figure 1.1) when the spacecraft has just launched at  $A$  should be slightly less than  $8^\circ$ . (2 marks)
  - (ii) In order to make the spacecraft's speed  $v_B$  found in (a)(i) exactly the same as that of the station  $S$  when they meet at  $B$ , a student suggests to slightly adjust the launching speed of the spacecraft at  $A$ . Comment on the feasibility of the suggestion. (2 marks)
  - (iii) Suggest one simple way for the spacecraft at  $B$  to travel with the same speed as station  $S$ . (1 mark)

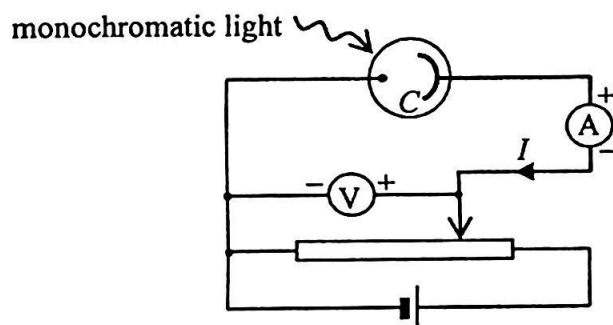
## Section B : Atomic World

### Q.2: Multiple-choice questions

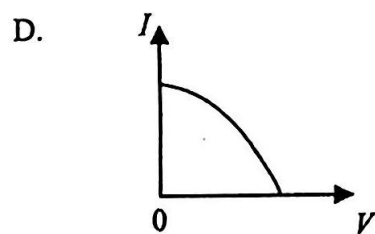
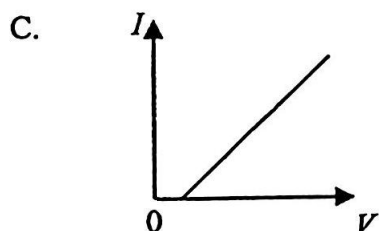
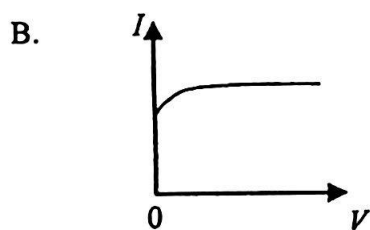
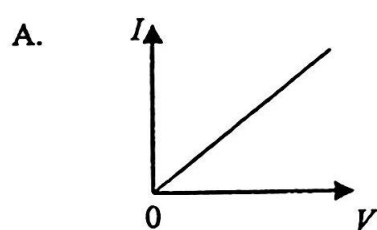
2.1 There are dark lines in the Sun's spectrum because lights at certain wavelengths emitted by the Sun are

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|----|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | completely absorbed by the Sun's atmosphere.   | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | completely absorbed by the Earth's atmosphere. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | partly absorbed by the Sun's atmosphere.       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | partly absorbed by the Earth's atmosphere.     |                       |                       |                       |                       |

2.2 The set-up below is for investigating the maximum kinetic energy of photoelectrons in photoelectric effect.



Monochromatic light of fixed intensity is shone on the cathode C of a photocell. The p.d.  $V$  applied across the photocell is adjusted and the corresponding current  $I$  is measured. What will be the graph of  $I$  against  $V$ ?



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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

2.3 What is the maximum kinetic energy of the photoelectrons emitted if gold is illuminated by electromagnetic radiation of wavelength 200 nm? The work function of gold is 5.30 eV.

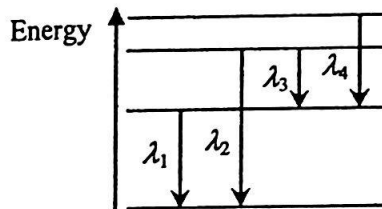
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|----|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | 0.916 eV | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | 5.30 eV  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | 6.22 eV  |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | 11.3 eV  |                       |                       |                       |                       |

2.4 Which microscope(s) below can be used to manipulate individual atoms on conductive surfaces?

- (1) optical microscope
- (2) scanning tunneling microscope
- (3) transmission electron microscope

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|----|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | (1) only         | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | (2) only         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | (1) and (3) only |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | (2) and (3) only |                       |                       |                       |                       |

2.5 The energy diagram for an atom is shown below.



The electron transitions shown give rise to emission lines of wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ ,  $\lambda_3$  and  $\lambda_4$  respectively. Which of the following is/are correct ?

- (1)  $\frac{1}{\lambda_3} < \frac{1}{\lambda_4}$
- (2)  $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2$
- (3)  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 = \lambda_2$

- A. (1) only
- B. (2) only
- C. (1) and (2) only
- D. (2) and (3) only

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| A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
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2.6 The de Broglie wavelength of a neutron with kinetic energy 1 keV is  $\lambda$ . If the kinetic energy of the neutron becomes 2 keV, what is its de Broglie wavelength ?

- A.  $\sqrt{2} \lambda$
- B.  $\lambda$
- C.  $\frac{\lambda}{2}$
- D.  $\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}$

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

2.7 Two point sources of red light at a distance of 160 m from an observer can just be resolved by the naked eyes. If they are replaced by point sources of violet light, how should the observer move from the original position such that the two sources can just be resolved ?

- A. move about 280 m further away from the sources
- B. move about 120 m further away from the sources
- C. move about 120 m towards the sources
- D. move about 70 m towards the sources

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
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2.8 A metal is broken up into nano-sized particles which are then closely packed. Which of the following statements is/are correct ?

- (1) The total volume remains more or less unchanged but the total surface area increases.
- (2) The shape changes but the arrangement of atoms remains unchanged.
- (3) The chemical properties change but the physical properties remain unchanged.

- A. (1) only
- B. (3) only
- C. (2) and (3) only
- D. (1), (2) and (3)

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| A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
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**Q.2: Structured question**

- (a) In Thomson's 'plum-pudding' model of atoms, an atom consists of a lump of positive material embedded with negatively-charged electrons distributed throughout.
- (i) In order to test this atomic model, an experiment was performed such that a beam of  $\alpha$  particles was shot at a gold foil and the deflections of the  $\alpha$  particles were measured. State the result(s) of this scattering experiment. (2 marks)
- (ii) Thomson's atomic model cannot account for the results of the scattering experiment in (a)(i). Why? (1 mark)
- (b) The diagram below represents some energy levels of a hydrogen atom. The ground state energy  $E_0$  of hydrogen atom is  $-13.6$  eV.

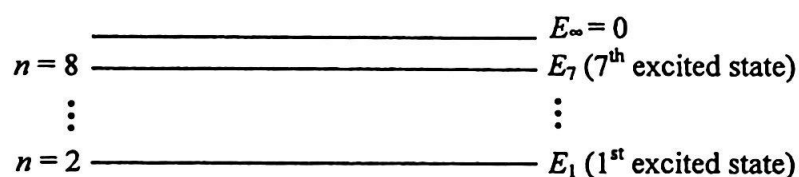
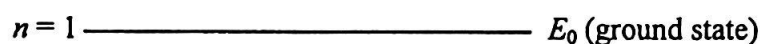


Figure 2.1

Diagram NOT drawn to scale



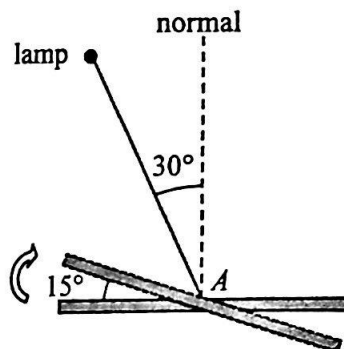
- (i) All energy levels of a hydrogen atom take negative values except  $E_\infty$ . State the physical significance of energy levels having 'negative values' and the implication of an electron being at  $E_\infty$ . (2 marks)
- (ii) What is the wavelength of electromagnetic wave emitted from a hydrogen atom which undergoes a transition from its 7<sup>th</sup> excited state ( $n = 8$ ) to the 1<sup>st</sup> excited state ( $n = 2$ ). (3 marks)
- (iii) Find the minimum energy required to ionize a hydrogen atom from its 3<sup>rd</sup> excited state (not shown). (2 marks)



### Section C : Energy and Use of Energy

#### Q.3: Multiple-choice questions

- 3.1 A book in a horizontal position is underneath a lamp positioned at an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the normal to the book as shown. The illuminance on the book around point  $A$  is  $10 \text{ lx}$ . Estimate the illuminance around  $A$  when the book is tilted about  $A$  by  $15^\circ$ .



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|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. 5.44 lx | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. 8.16 lx | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. 9.66 lx |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. 12.2 lx |                       |                       |                       |                       |

- 3.2 The battery pack of an electric vehicle can store  $25 \text{ kW h}$  of energy when fully charged. The output mechanical power of the vehicle is  $12.5 \text{ kW}$  and its end-use energy efficiency is  $80\%$ . Estimate the maximum duration of travel of the vehicle at this output power.

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|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. 1.3 hours | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. 1.6 hours | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. 2 hours   |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. 2.5 hours |                       |                       |                       |                       |

- 3.3 Which of the following descriptions about a hybrid car is/are correct ?

- (1) The motor and the combustion engine of a hybrid car can be turned on at the same time to drive the car.
- (2) A hybrid car is said to be environmental friendly as it does not emit pollutants directly.
- (3) If the battery of a hybrid car cannot be charged via a wall socket, it can only be charged through the regenerative braking system during deceleration.

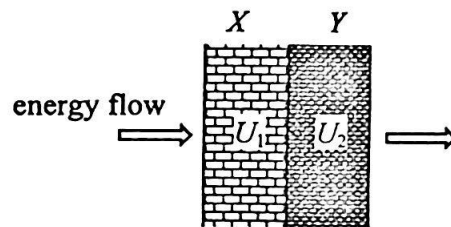
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| A. (1) only         | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. (2) only         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. (1) and (3) only |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. (2) and (3) only |                       |                       |                       |                       |

- 3.4 Air-conditioners  $P$  and  $Q$  below are used respectively for cooling two identical rooms under the same environmental conditions. Which statement is **INCORRECT** ?

air-conditioner	cooling capacity / kW	coefficient of performance (COP)
$P$	3.2	2.2
$Q$	3.0	1.9

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|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. The room with air-conditioner $P$ cools down quicker.                                   | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. $P$ is more energy efficient.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. The rate of releasing total amount of thermal energy to the outside is larger for $P$ . |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. $P$ consumes more power.  |                       |                       |                       |                       |

3.5



A wall is composed of layers  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $U$ -values  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  respectively. Both layers have the same thickness and dimensions, and there is no air gap between them. Which expression gives the  $U$ -value of the wall?

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|----|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | $U_1 + U_2$                 | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | $\frac{1}{2}(U_1 + U_2)$    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | $\frac{2U_1U_2}{U_1 + U_2}$ |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | $\frac{U_1U_2}{U_1 + U_2}$  |                       |                       |                       |                       |

3.6 Which of the following arrangements can reduce the Overall Thermal Transfer Value (OTTV) of a building?

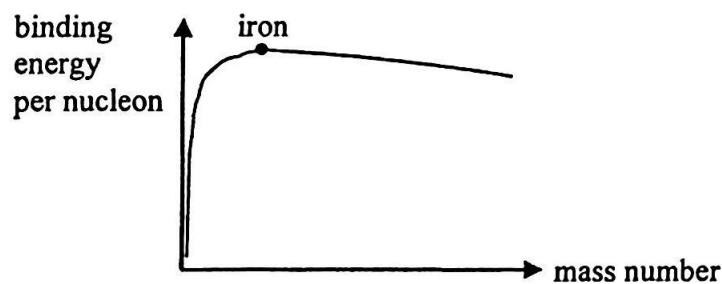
- (1) adding heat insulating materials onto the building envelope
- (2) introducing air space in walls
- (3) replacing concrete walls with glass windows

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| A. | (1) and (2) only | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | (1) and (3) only | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | (2) and (3) only |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | (1), (2) and (3) |                       |                       |                       |                       |

3.7 A wind turbine delivers a power of 800 W at a wind speed of  $4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  blowing normal to its blades. Estimate the power delivered by the turbine if the wind speed increases to  $6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  blowing in the same direction.

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|----|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | 1200 W | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | 1800 W | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | 2700 W |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | 3200 W |                       |                       |                       |                       |

3.8



Which of the following can be directly inferred from the above binding energy curve?

- (1) The negative slope of the curve indicates that the total mass of the nuclides produced after fission is larger than the mass of the heavy nucleus before fission.
- (2) The positive steep slope of the curve characterises that nuclear fusion in general produces much more energy per nucleon than nuclear fission.
- (3) Iron being at the peak of the curve indicates that this element has the most stable atomic nucleus.

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| A. | (1) and (2) only | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | (1) and (3) only | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | (2) and (3) only |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | (1), (2) and (3) |                       |                       |                       |                       |

**Q.3: Structured question**

- (a) The total power of the Sun is about  $3.86 \times 10^{26}$  W, which radiates evenly in all directions. The Earth is at a mean distance of  $1.50 \times 10^{11}$  m from the Sun.
- (i) Estimate the solar radiation power per unit area that can be obtained at the same distance of the Earth from the Sun. (2 marks)
- (ii) State a reason why the maximum solar radiation power per unit area received on the Earth's surface normal to the Sun is only around 70% of that found in (a)(i). (1 mark)
- (b) In the domestic energy storage system shown in the simplified schematic diagram below, energy from the Sun reaching a solar panel can be stored in a battery.

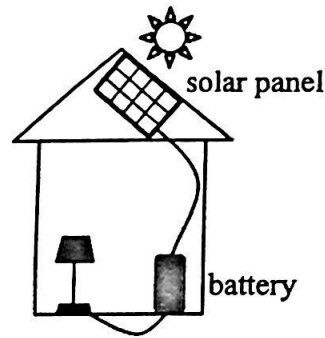


Figure 3.1

The solar panel of area  $1.65 \text{ m}^2$  is connected to the battery via a charger controller (not shown in Figure 3.1). The solar panel delivers 300 W when it is normal to the Sun on a sunny day. Given: solar radiation power per unit area received on the Earth's surface =  $1000 \text{ W m}^{-2}$

- (i) Describe the energy conversions during charging in this domestic energy storage system. (2 marks)
- (ii) Find the efficiency of the solar panel. (2 marks)
- (iii) The capacity of the storage battery is '100 Ah 12 V'. How long would it take for the solar panel to fully charge the battery, which is completely discharged initially, if 20% energy loss occurs during charging? State one assumption in your calculation. (3 marks)

## Section D : Medical Physics

### Q.4: Multiple-choice questions

4.1 John suffers from long-sightedness. After wearing suitable corrective spectacles, how would his near-point distance and far-point distance be affected ?

	near-point distance	far-point distance	A	B	C	D
A.	increased	increased	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B.	increased	unchanged	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C.	decreased	decreased	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D.	decreased	unchanged	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4.2 An object is placed 20 cm in front of a concave lens. The magnification of the image is 0.5. Find the power of the lens.

A.	+20 D	A	B	C	D
B.	-5 D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C.	-10 D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D.	-20 D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4.3 The maximum sensitivity of human ear to sound of frequency 3 kHz is about 0.5 dB, which is the minimum change in sound intensity level that can be detected by the ear. This corresponds to a change of sound intensity of approximately

A.	12%.	A	B	C	D
B.	6%.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C.	3%.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D.	1%.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4.4 Which of the following is/are non-invasive medical imaging method(s) ?

- (1) endoscopy
- (2) computed tomography (CT) scan
- (3) radioactive tracers

A.	(1) only	A	B	C	D
B.	(3) only	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C.	(1) and (2) only	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D.	(2) and (3) only	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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4.5 Which statement about radiographic imaging and computed tomography (CT) scan is correct ?

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|----|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | Both make use of the different degree of attenuation of the radiation beam through various body tissues.       | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | The X-rays used in radiographic imaging are ionizing radiations while CT scans employ non-ionizing radiations. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | CT scans produce images of relatively higher resolution because gamma radiation is used.                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | CT scans cannot be used for organs with cavity.  |                       |                       |                       |                       |

4.6 Which statement about a 'hot spot' and a 'cold spot' in a radionuclide image is correct ?

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|----|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | A cold spot indicates the degree of abnormality of a particular organ but a hot spot does not. | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | Both indicate the concentration of artificial contrast medium in a particular organ.           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | Both indicate the concentration of the radioactive tracer in a particular organ.               |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | Both indicate the degree of reflection of the radiation by the abnormal part of an organ.      |                       |                       |                       |                       |

4.7 The effective half-life of a certain radioactive tracer  $X$  is 6.9 hours. If the biological half-life of  $X$  is 2 days, find its physical half-life.

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|----|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | 2.8 hours | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | 6.0 hours | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | 7.3 hours |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | 8.1 hours |                       |                       |                       |                       |

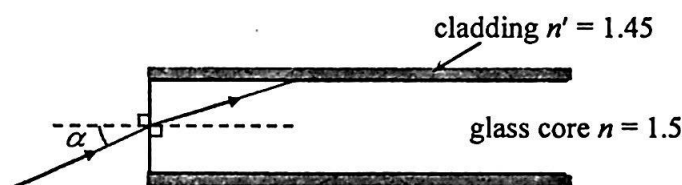
4.8 A gamma source  $Y$  is used externally for treatment of cancer. At a certain point from source  $Y$  the equivalent dose rate is  $24 \mu\text{Sv}$  per hour. It is found that 242 mm of concrete shielding is needed to reduce the equivalent dose rate to  $1.5 \mu\text{Sv}$  per hour at the same point. The half-value thickness of concrete for gamma radiation is

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|----|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | 48.4 mm.  | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     |
| B. | 60.5 mm.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C. | 80.6 mm.  |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D. | 121.0 mm. |                       |                       |                       |                       |

#### Q.4: Structured question

- (a) An endoscope is made of a bundle of optical fibres with each optical fibre having a glass core surrounded with a cladding as shown in Figure 4.1. The endoscope can be inserted through natural openings of a patient in order to view internal organs. The refractive index of the glass core and that of the surrounding cladding are 1.5 and 1.45 respectively.

Figure 4.1



- (i) Find the critical angle  $c$  for the core-cladding boundary. (1 mark)
- (ii) Explain why a light ray entering the glass core at an angle  $\alpha$  as shown can be guided through the core without leakage only if  $\alpha$  is less than a certain angle  $\alpha_{\max}$ . (2 marks)
- (iii) A patient suffers from stomach ulcer (i.e. a wound on the stomach lining). State ONE advantage and ONE disadvantage of examining the stomach using endoscopy over radiographic imaging using X-rays. (2 marks)
- (b) The table shows information relating to the transmission of sound through different types of body tissues.

Tissue	Speed of sound / $\text{m s}^{-1}$	Acoustic impedance / $\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
Bone	3780	$7.15 \times 10^6$
Muscle	1590	$1.65 \times 10^6$
Fat	1450	$1.37 \times 10^6$

- (i) Estimate the density of bone. (1 mark)
- (ii) When ultrasound is incident to a 'muscle-bone' boundary, find the ratio of the intensity of ultrasound reflected from the boundary to that incident to the boundary. (2 marks)
- (iii) Explain why in an ultrasound scan a 'muscle-bone' boundary is easier to be distinguished compared to a 'muscle-fat' boundary. (2 marks)

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