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C	Questi	on	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	$E = \frac{V}{d} = \frac{2400}{9.4 \times 10^{-3}}$ E = 2.55 × 10 ⁵ (V m ⁻¹)	C1	
			force = $E \times Q = 2.55 \times 10^5 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19}$ force = 4.09×10^{-14} (N)	A1	Allow 1 mark for 4.1×10^{-n} , $n \ne 14$ Allow 2sf answer of 4.1×10^{-14} (N) Alternative: $F = \frac{Ve}{d} = \frac{2400 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19}}{9.4 \times 10^{-3}}$ C1 force = $4.08(5) \times 10^{-14}$ (N) [Allow: 4.08×10^{-14} (N)]
		(ii)	KE = $e \times V$ or KE = $F \times d$ KE = $1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 2400$ or KE = $4.09 \times 10^{-14} \times 9.4 \times 10^{-3}$ KE = 3.84×10^{-16} (J)	C1 A1	Allow 2 sf answer Possible ecf if answer from (a)(i) is used
		(iii)	KE = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$ $v = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 3.84 \times 10^{-16}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31}}}$ speed = 2.9(0) × 10 ⁷ (m s ⁻¹)	B1	Possible ecf if answer from (a)(ii) is used
	(b)		There is no change (to the gain in KE)	M1	
			work done or KE = Fd , F or E is halved <u>and</u> d is doubled or work done or KE = VQ and V is the same or work done or KE = VQ and this does not depend on distance	A1	
			Total	7	

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2	(a)		coulomb <u>per</u> volt	B1	Allow : 1 F = 1 <u>CV⁻¹</u>	
	(b)	(i)	Electrons flow 'clockwise' / negative to positive	B1		
			These are deposited on (plate) A (and hence becomes negatively charged) or These are removed from (plate) B (and hence become	B1	Not: A becomes negative / B becomes positive	
			positively charged)			
		(ii)1	$Q = C \times V = 5.4 \times 10^{-9} \times 12$ charge = 6.48×10^{-8} (C)	B1		
		(ii)2	energy = $\frac{1}{2}V^2C = \frac{1}{2} \times 12^2 \times 5.4 \times 10^{-9}$			
			energy = 3.89×10^{-7} (J)	B1	Possible ecf if Q used from (ii)1	
	(c)	(i)	$R = \frac{12}{3.24 \times 10^{-6}}$	M1	Allow : ' $R = 12/3.24\mu$ ' (= 3.7 M Ω)	
			resistance = $3.7 \times 10^6 (\Omega)$	A0		
		(ii)	time constant = CR = $5.4 \times 10^{-9} \times 3.7 \times 10^{6}$ or 0.02 (s)	C1		
			$I = I_0 e^{-t/CR} = 3.24 \times e^{-(0.080/0.020)}$			
			current = 0.059 (μA)	A1	Allow : ecf for time constant Allow : 1 mark for 5.9×10^{-n}	
	(d)		(Total) resistance of circuit <u>halved</u> / time constant is <u>halved</u>	B1		
			Rate of discharge is <u>doubled</u> / (initial) current is <u>doubled</u>	B1		
			Total	10		

Q	uestior	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
3	(a)	Perpendicular out of plane of paper	B1	Allow: 'out of paper' Not: 'up the paper'
	(b)	$\frac{mv^2}{R} = BQv$	M1	Allow : Use of <i>r</i> instead of <i>R</i> and <i>e</i> instead of Q
		hence $v = \frac{BQR}{m}$	A0	
	(c)	speed = $\frac{2\pi \times 0.18}{2.0 \times 10^{-8}}$ or 5.66×10^{7} (m s ⁻¹)	C1	
		$5.66 \times 10^7 = \frac{B \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \times 0.18}{1.67 \times 10^{-27}}$ (Any subject)	C1	Allow : ecf for incorrect value for speed <i>v</i>
		B = 3.28 (T)	A1	Alternative :
				$t = (\frac{2\pi R}{v} =) \frac{2\pi m}{BQ} $ C1
				$B = \frac{2\pi \times 1.67 \times 10^{-27}}{2.0 \times 10^{-8} \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19}}$ C1
				B = 3.28 (T) A1
	(d)	The force / acceleration is perpendicular to the motion / velocity	B1	Allow: 'speed' instead of 'velocity'
		No work is done	B1	
		Total	7	

C	Question		Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
4	(a)		The speed of recession of a <u>galaxy</u> is proportional to its distance (from Earth / observer)	B1	
	(b)	(i)	$v = \frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} \times c$ $v = 0.15 \times 3.0 \times 10^{8}$ speed = 4.5 × 10 ⁷ (m s ⁻¹)	M1 A0	Allow : '15% of $3.0 \times 10^8 = 4.5 \times 10^7$ (m s ⁻¹)' Not : '0.15 <i>c</i> '
		(ii)	distance = v/H_0 (Any subject) distance = $\frac{4.5 \times 10^7 \times 3.1 \times 10^{22}}{65 \times 10^3}$ distance = 2.15×10^{25} (m)	C1 A1	Possible ecf from (b)(i) Allow: 1 mark for 2.15×10^n , $n \neq 25$
		(iii)	$H_0 = \frac{65 \times 10^3}{3.1 \times 10^{22}} (= 2.10 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}^{-1})$ $age = 1/H_0 = 4.77 \times 10^{17} \text{ (s)}$	C1 A1	
	(c)		 age = 1.49 × 10¹⁰ (y) Any two from: Spectra from galaxies show shift to longer wavelengths (suggests galaxies are moving away from the Earth) The more distant galaxies are moving faster (than the ones closer to our galaxy) Existence of microwave background radiation (which is the same in all directions) / The temperature of universe is 3 K (after cooling due to expansion) / gamma (radiation) became microwaves (as the universe expanded) Existence of primordial helium (produced in the early stages of the universe) Temperature fluctuations (predicted and observed) 	B1 × 2	 Allow: 1 mark for 1.49 × 10ⁿ, n ≠ 10 Not 'red-shift' for 1. Allow: Reference to CMB (radiation) in 3. Not bald 'ripples' for 5.
			Total	8	

C	Question		Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance	
5	(a)		Diagram showing (star,) 1 AU, 1 pc and angle of 1 arc second Distance from a base length of 1 AU that subtends an angle of 1 (arc) second or Parsec is a distance that gives a (stellar) parallax of 1 second (of arc) / 1/3600°	B1 B1	Allow : 1 pc is the <u>distance</u> calculated using: 1 AU/tan(1/3600°) Not : 1 pc = 3.26 ly Not : 1 pc = 3.1 ×10 ¹⁶ m	
	(b)	(i)	distance (pc) = 1 / 0.275 distance = 3.64 (pc)	B1		
		(ii)	distance in m = $3.1 \times 10^{16} \times 3.64 = 1.127 \times 10^{17}$ (m) distance in ly = $1.127 \times 10^{17}/9.5 \times 10^{15}$ distance in ly = 11.9	C1	Possible ecf from (b)(i) Alternative: 1 pc = 3.26 ly C1 distance = 3.26 × 3.64 distance 11.9 (y) A1	
			Total	5		

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6	(a)	(i)	 Any five from: Gas / dust (cloud) drawn together by gravitational forces Loss in (gravitational) PE / KE increases / PE changes KE / temperature increase Fusion of protons / hydrogen nuclei (produces helium nuclei and energy) A stable star is formed when radiation pressure is equal to gravitational pressure When hydrogen runs out the outer layers of the star ex- pands / core shrinks Red giant formed / eventually (the core becomes) a white dwarf QWC mark for 'correct sequencing of the processes from 	B1 × 5	Allow: 'Gravitational collapse of dust cloud'
			birth to death'	B1	
		(ii)	Supernova followed by	B1	
			neutron star / black hole	B1	
	(b)		$\Delta E = \Delta mc^2$ energy = $2.0 \times 10^{30} \times 10^{-6} \times (3.0 \times 10^8)^2$ or $1.8(0) \times 10^{41}$ (J) time = $1.80 \times 10^{41}/3.8 \times 10^{26}$ (= 4.74×10^{14} s) time = $4.74 \times 10^{14}/3.2 \times 10^7$ time = 1.5×10^7 (y)	C1 C1	Alternative: rate = 4.22×10^9 (kg s ⁻¹) C1 time = $2.0 \times 10^{24}/4.22 \times 10^9$ (= 4.74×10^{14} s) C1 time = 1.5×10^7 (y) A1

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6	(c)	(i)	 Any four from: Protons / hydrogen nuclei to produce He nuclei (positrons and neutrinos) There is electrostatic repulsion (between the protons) / The protons repel (each other because of their positive charge) High temperatures / 10⁷ K needed (for fusion) (At high temperatures some of the fast moving) protons come close enough to each other for the strong (nuclear) force (to overcome the electrostatic repulsion) High density / pressure (in the core of the Sun) There is a decrease in mass, hence energy is released / products have greater binding energy 	B1 × 4	Not: 'heat' in place of temperature in 3.
		(ii)	Kinetic (energy) Electromagnetic / photons	B1 B1	Not: heat / thermal (energy) Not: 'radiation' / 'wave energy'' Allow: Gamma
		(iii)	BE = $4 \times 7.2 = 28.8$ (MeV) BE = $28.8 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-13}$ BE = 4.6×10^{-12} (J)	C1	Possible ecf if BE value is incorrect
			Total	19	

C	Question		Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
7	(a)		The application of a p.d. across a material / crystal causes an expansion / contraction / vibration (ora)	B1	Allow: reference to 'current' instead of p.d / e.m.f
	(b)		 Any two from: Pulses of ultrasound (sent into the body) Wave / ultrasound / pulse / signal is reflected (at boundary of tissue) Time of delay used to determine depth / thickness The fraction of reflected signal is used to identify the tissue 	B1 × 2	Allow: The <u>reflected</u> signal / ultrasound /amplitude / intensity is used to identify the tissue
			A-scan in one direction only / range or distance or depth finding B-scan uses a number of sensors or a sensor in different	B1 B1	Not: 'B-scan is many A-scans'
	(-)	(:)	positions / angles (to build up a 2D/3D image)	N44	
	(c)	(i)	$Z = \rho c$; density \rightarrow kg m ⁻³ and speed \rightarrow m s ⁻¹ (Hence $Z \rightarrow$ kg m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	M1 A0	
		(ii)	fraction = $\frac{(7.14 - 1.72)^2}{(7.14 + 1.72)^2}$	C1	
			fraction = 0.37(4)	A1	Allow: 37 %
		(iii)	(Acoustic) impedances of media are similar / identical No / reduced reflection (at boundary) Or The gel allows maximum transmission of ultrasound (into the body)	B1 B1	Allow: 'The Zs are the same'
		(iv)	$v = f\lambda$ wavelength = $\frac{1590}{1.2 \times 10^6}$ (= 1.33×10^{-3} m) (Any subject) wavelength = 1.33 (mm)	C1 A1	Allow : 1 mark for '4080/1.2 × 10^6 = 3.4 mm'
		(v)	Small wavelength means finer detail can be seen / greater resolution	B1	
			Total	13	

Q	Question		Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
8	(a)		 Any five from: Intensifier used as X-ray would pass through film Intensifier converts X-ray photon to many visible (light) photons (which are absorbed by film) *Lower exposure / fewer X-rays needed lodine / barium (used as contrast material) *High Z number / large attenuation coefficient / large absorption coefficient (used to improve image contrast) Contrast media are ingested / injected into the body *Scan shows outline / shape of soft tissue QWC mark is acquired from clear expression of any of the marking points 3, 5 or 7 	B1 × 5	
	(b)		X-rays produce visible light or In photoelectric effect electrons are emitted	B1	
	(c)	(i)	 Any two from: Simple X-ray is one directional / produces single image CT image(s) taken at different angles / X-ray tube is rotated Computer processes data / image constructed from many slices 	B1 × 2	
		(ii)	Any two from: 1. X-ray image is 2D / CT scan produces 3D image 2. Greater detail / definition / contrast with CT scan / 'soft tissues can be seen' 3. Image can be rotated Total	B1 × 2	

(Question		Expected Answer		Additional Guidance
9	(a)	(i)	composition for n and p: u d d & u u d	B1	
			charge for n and p: 0 & +1	B1	Allow: charge 'e' instead of '+1' or '1'
		(ii)	up +2/3 (+1/3) 0 down -1/3 +1/3 (0)	B1	Allow: charges in terms of 'e'
	(b)	(i)	${}^{1}_{0} \text{N} \rightarrow {}^{1}_{1} \text{p} + {}^{0}_{-1} \text{e} + \overline{\nu}$	A2	Allow: '→ proton + electron + <u>anti</u> neutrino' Note: -1 for any omission or error. Score = 0 if more than one error
		(ii)	weak (nuclear)	B1	
		(iii)	lepton(s) and hadron(s) / baryons(s)	B1	Not: Neutrons are mesons
			Total	8	

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10	(a)		Spontaneous: the decay cannot be induced / occurs without external influence Random: cannot predict when / which (nucleus) will decay	B1	
			next	B1	
	(b)		The probability of decay of a <u>nucleus</u>	M1	Allow:
			per unit time	A1	$\lambda = A / N$ (Any subject) C1
					A = activity and N = number of nuclei A1
	(c)		Living plants / animals absorb carbon(-14)	B1	
			Once dead, the plant does not take in any more carbon(-14)	B1	
			The fraction of C-14 to C-12 (nuclei) or number of C-14 (nuclei) or activity of C-14 (nuclei) measured in dead <u>and</u> living (sample)	M1	
			$x = x_0 e^{-\lambda t}$ used with data above to estimate the age	A1	
	(d)	(i)1	$\lambda = \ln 2 / T_{1/2}$ decay constant = 1.24 x 10 ⁻⁴ (y ⁻¹)	B1	
		(i)2	$A = A_0 e^{-\lambda t}$		
		(-)_	$0.194 = 0.249 \times e^{-(1.24 \times 10^{-4} \times t)}$ $\ln(0.194/0.249) = -1.24 \times 10^{-4} t$	C1	
			time = 2.0×10^3 (y)	A1	
		(ii)	The activity is (very) small / decay is random	B1	
		(iii)	Activity so low that it cannot be differentiated from the background	B1	
			Total	13	

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