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Physics – Marking Issues

The current in a resistor is 1.5 amperes when the potential difference across it is 7.5 volts. Calculate the resistance of the resistor.

	Answers	Mark + Comment	Issue
1.	V=IR 7.5=1.5R R=5.0 Ω	(½) (½) (1)	Ideal answer
2.	5.0 Ω	(2) Correct answer	GMI 1
3.	5.0	(1½) Unit missing	GMI 2 (a)
4.	4.0 Ω	(0) No evidence/wrong answer	GMI 1
5.	_____ Ω	(0) No final answer	GMI 1
6.	$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{7.5}{1.5} = 4.0 \Omega$	(1½) Arithmetic error	GMI 7
7.	$R = \frac{V}{I} = 4.0 \Omega$	(½) Formula only	GMI 4 and 1
8.	$R = \frac{V}{I} = \text{_____} \Omega$	(½) Formula only	GMI 4 and 1
9.	$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{7.5}{1.5} = \text{_____} \Omega$	(1) Formula + subs/No final answer	GMI 4 and 1
10.	$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{7.5}{1.5} = 4.0$	(1) Formula + substitution	GMI 2 (a) and 7
11.	$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{1.5}{7.5} = 5.0 \Omega$	(½) Formula but wrong substitution	GMI 5
12.	$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{7.5}{1.5} = 5.0 \Omega$	(½) Formula but wrong substitution	GMI 5
13.	$R = \frac{I}{V} = \frac{7.5}{1.5} = 5.0 \Omega$	(0) Wrong formula	GMI 5
14.	V = IR 7.5 = 1.5 × R R = 0.2 Ω	(1½) Arithmetic error	GMI 7
15.	V = IR $R = \frac{I}{V} = \frac{1.5}{7.5} = 0.2 \Omega$	(½) Formula only	GMI 20

DATA SHEET

Speed of light in materials

<i>Material</i>	<i>Speed in m/s</i>
Air	3.0×10^8
Carbon dioxide	3.0×10^8
Diamond	1.2×10^8
Glass	2.0×10^8
Glycerol	2.1×10^8
Water	2.3×10^8

Speed of sound in materials

<i>Material</i>	<i>Speed in m/s</i>
Aluminium	5200
Air	340
Bone	4100
Carbon dioxide	270
Glycerol	1900
Muscle	1600
Steel	5200
Tissue	1500
Water	1500

Gravitational field strengths

	<i>Gravitational field strength on the surface in N/kg</i>
Earth	10
Jupiter	26
Mars	4
Mercury	4
Moon	1.6
Neptune	12
Saturn	11
Sun	270
Venus	9

Specific heat capacity of materials

<i>Material</i>	<i>Specific heat capacity in J/kg °C</i>
Alcohol	2350
Aluminium	902
Copper	386
Glass	500
Glycerol	2400
Ice	2100
Lead	128
Silica	1033
Water	4180

Specific latent heat of fusion of materials

<i>Material</i>	<i>Specific latent heat of fusion in J/kg</i>
Alcohol	0.99×10^5
Aluminium	3.95×10^5
Carbon dioxide	1.80×10^5
Copper	2.05×10^5
Glycerol	1.81×10^5
Lead	0.25×10^5
Water	3.34×10^5

Melting and boiling points of materials

<i>Material</i>	<i>Melting point in °C</i>	<i>Boiling point in °C</i>
Alcohol	-98	65
Aluminium	660	2470
Copper	1077	2567
Glycerol	18	290
Lead	328	1737
Turpentine	-10	156

Specific latent heat of vaporisation of materials

<i>Material</i>	<i>Specific latent heat of vaporisation in J/kg</i>
Alcohol	11.2×10^5
Carbon dioxide	3.77×10^5
Glycerol	8.30×10^5
Turpentine	2.90×10^5
Water	22.6×10^5

SI Prefixes and Multiplication Factors

<i>Prefix</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Factor</i>
giga	G	1 000 000 000 = 10^9
mega	M	1 000 000 = 10^6
kilo	k	1000 = 10^3
milli	m	0.001 = 10^{-3}
micro	μ	0.000 001 = 10^{-6}
nano	n	0.000 000 001 = 10^{-9}

NOTES

(i) If wrong final answer but correct substitution deduct ($\frac{1}{2}$)

Accept: $\frac{1}{25}$ s

(ii) Look for answer connecting following two statements

- **the image is retained**
- **short time (interval) between each image OR each image is different (or phrase that suggests this)**

statements could be in different order

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2. A television company is making a programme in China.

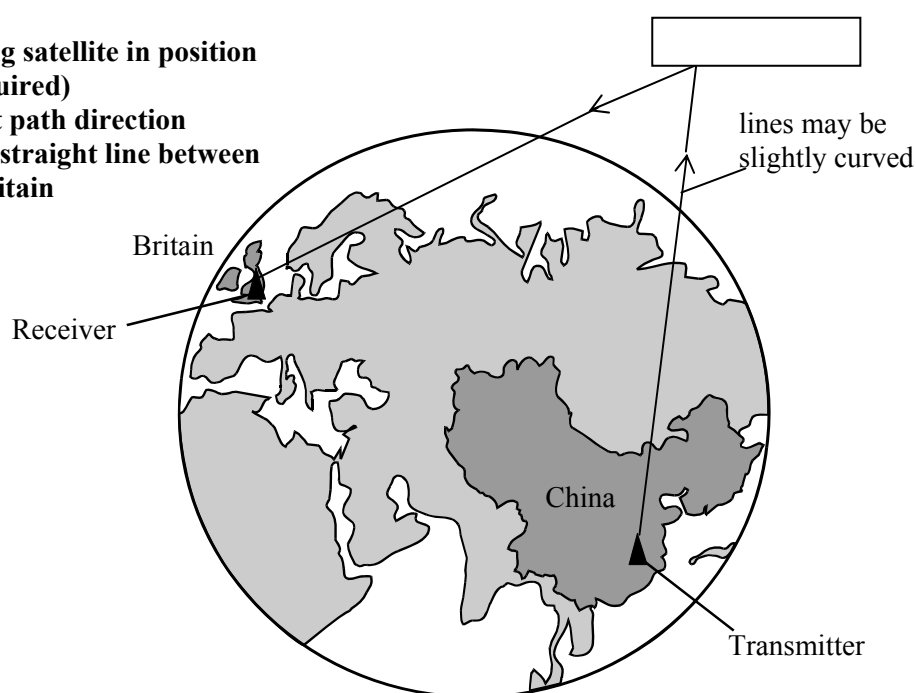
Britain receives television pictures live from China. The television signals are transmitted using microwaves. The microwave signals travel from China **via** a satellite, which is in a geostationary orbit.

(a) State what is meant by a geostationary orbit.

period is 24 hours OR always above the same point above the Earth OR period same as Earth

(b) The diagram shows the position of the transmitter and receiver. Complete the diagram to show the path of the microwave signals **from** China **to** Britain.

(1) for showing satellite in position
(label not required)
(1) for correct path direction
(0) marks for straight line between China and Britain



(c) The frequency of the microwave signals being used for transmission is 8 GHz.

(i) What is the speed of the microwaves?

3×10^8 m/s (1) or (0) unit required

(ii) Calculate the wavelength of these microwaves.

Space for working and answer

$$\lambda = \frac{v}{f} \quad (1/2)$$

$$= \frac{3 \times 10^8}{8 \times 10^9} \quad (1/2)$$

$$= 0.0375 \text{ m} \quad (1)$$

NOTES

- (a) **Accept:**
- same rate of rotation as Earth
 - 36000 km orbit

- Do not accept:**
- same speed as Earth
 - same point (in space)
 - stationary

- (b) (1) for a 'V' shape (indicates re-transmission)
(1) for direction arrow or arrows (C to B)
not necessary to show or label satellite

0 marks for straight line between China and Britain (even with arrow)

BUT may see a straight line with a box or circle between China/Britain which represents satellite – if direction arrow included (2) marks

ALSO could be 2 satellites shown with signals connecting in space

deduct ($\frac{1}{2}$) if no/wrong conversion
sig fig range: 0.04 0.038 0.0375

NOTES

(a) alternative – 2 stages (½) formula (½) both workings (1) final answer

$$\begin{aligned}d &= 3.2 \text{ m} \\t &= \frac{d}{v} \\&= \frac{3.2}{340} \\&= 0.00941(\text{s})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}d &= 10 \text{ m} \\t &= \frac{d}{v} \\&= \frac{10}{340} \\&= 0.029(\text{s})\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } t = 0.029 - 0.0094$$

$$= 0.0196$$

(accept 0.02 or 0.0196 s)

if more sig figs then deduct (½)

NOTES

(b) Candidates with Δt less than 0.015 can still get (1) out of (2) for showing correction/appreciation of times

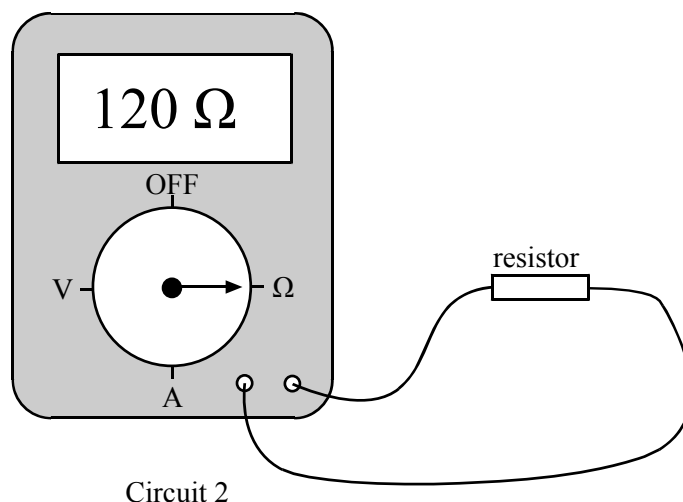
if no square at 9^2 – substitution error then $(\frac{1}{2})$ max

NOTES

**may see sequential calculations until 120 Ω is reached
ignore other calculations even if in error**

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- (ii) The student then sets up Circuit 2 to measure the resistance of each resistor.



State **one** advantage of using Circuit 2 to measure the resistance compared to using Circuit 1.

direct reading OR no need for calculation OR easier (to obtain answer) or quicker

- (b) The resistances of the other three resistors are 180 Ω, 220 Ω and 360 Ω.

The student collects all four resistors in series.

Calculate the total resistance.

Space for working and answer

$$\mathbf{R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4} \quad (\frac{1}{2})$$

$$= \mathbf{120 + 180 + 220 + 360} \quad (\frac{1}{2})$$

$$= \mathbf{880 \Omega} \quad (\mathbf{1})$$

NOTES

Do not accept:

- 'more accurate'

Accept:

- $R = R_1 + R_2$ as formula
- if only 3 resistors added then (1/2) max for (implied) formula

NOTES

- (i) **Accept:**
- convenient for adding extra sockets
 - 2 paths for current
 - less voltage drop
 - less heat
- Do not accept:**
- less wire
 - less current per ring
 - any comparison with series circuit
 - safer

NOTES

1 statement about power or current

1 conclusion about fuse size being insufficient eg 'too much current (implied >5 A (1)) so fuse 'breaks' (1)

OR there is too much current/power (1) so too big for one fuse (1)

Do not accept:

- 'too much power for lights'
- 'there is not a big enough fuse for all 20'

NOTES

rays may start converging at cornea – ok

ignore rays drawn inside dotted box



ok

NOTES

- (b) (i) (1) mark for quality
lost if:
 - not passably straight lines
 - not passably equal $<i = <r$note: arrows, normals NOT required
- (ii) look for the following principles:
X “light” “into” → are keywords
Y “light/image” “out” → are keywords
do not accept: “to let the doctor see inside the patient”
- (iii) Do not accept:
 - to stop getting jammed
 - if rigid would cause damage

NOTES

Do not accept:

- count rate
- radio activity
- radiation
- strength
- power
- 'something'

Accept abbreviations:

- hrs or h

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(iii) The initial activity of the source is 160 kBq.

Calculate the activity, in kBq, of the radioactive source after four half-lives.

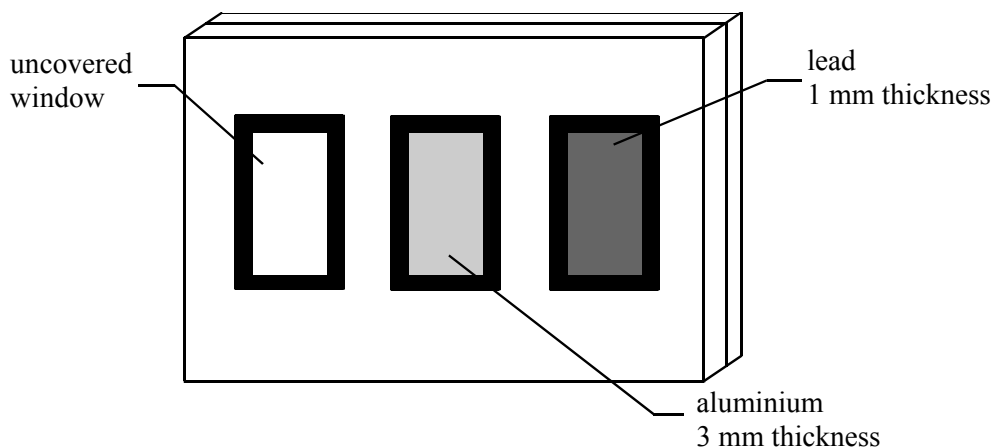
Space for working and answer

160 → 80 → 40 → 20 → 10 (½) for halving
 1 2 3 4

So activity is 10 (kBq) (½) (unit not required)

if wrong unit given deduct (½)

(b) As a safety precaution the technician wears a film badge when working with radioactive sources. The film badge contains photographic film. Light cannot enter the badge.



Describe how the film badge indicates the **type** and **amount** of radiation received.

windows allow different radiations to pass through (1)

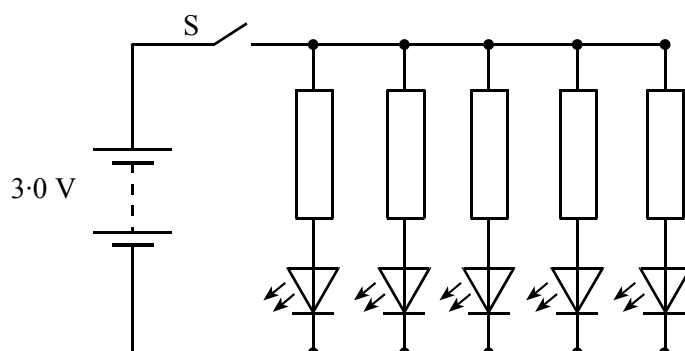
film becomes fogged/blackened/darkened (1)

NOTES

look for:
answer relating to type of radiation
answer relating to amount of radiation

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8. A torch contains five identical LEDs connected to a 3.0 V battery as shown.



- (a) State the purpose of the resistor connected in series with each LED.
- to limit current (flowing through LED) OR prevent damage to LED**
- (b) When lit, each LED operates at a voltage of 1.8 V and a current of 30 mA.
- (i) Calculate the value of the resistor in series with each LED.

Space for working and answer

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_R &= 3 - 1.8 = 1.2 \text{ (V)} && (1) \\
 R &= \frac{V}{I} && (1/2) \\
 &= \frac{1.2}{0.03} && (1/2) \\
 &= 40 \Omega && (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

(1/2) max if 3 V or 1.8 V used

- (ii) Calculate the total current from the supply when all five LEDs are lit.

Space for working and answer

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= 5 \times 30 \\
 &= 150 \text{ mA (1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

deduct (1/2) if no/wrong unit

NOTES

- (a) **Accept:**
- protect the LED
 - reduce voltage across LED

- Do not accept:**
- to reduce voltage alone
 - the voltage 'through'
 - to stop LED blowing
 - to reduce charge/power to LED
 - to prevent LED overheating

- (b) (i) if error in subtraction for V can still get (2) marks

- (ii) if there is a clear arith error then deduct ($\frac{1}{2}$) eg
- $$\begin{aligned} I &= 5 \times 30 \\ &= 160 \text{ mA } (\frac{1}{2}) \end{aligned}$$
- if wrong conversion then ($\frac{1}{2}$) for correct arith

NOTES

Accept:

- less current
- lasts longer

Do not accept:

- brighter
- less fragile

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(ii) if no conversion from 4·9 mW then unit penalty

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- (b) Calculate the height gained by the train during the journey.

Space for working and answer

$$h = \frac{E_p}{mg} \quad (1/2)$$

$$= \frac{1.8 \times 10^7}{20000 \times 10} \quad (1/2)$$

$$= 90 \text{ m} \quad (1)$$

- (c) Suggest why the actual height gained by the train is less than the value calculated in part (b).

energy is lost as heat energy OR frictional heat losses OR energy is lost because of friction

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- Do not accept:**
- 'air resistance' alone
 - 'energy losses' alone
 - 'friction'

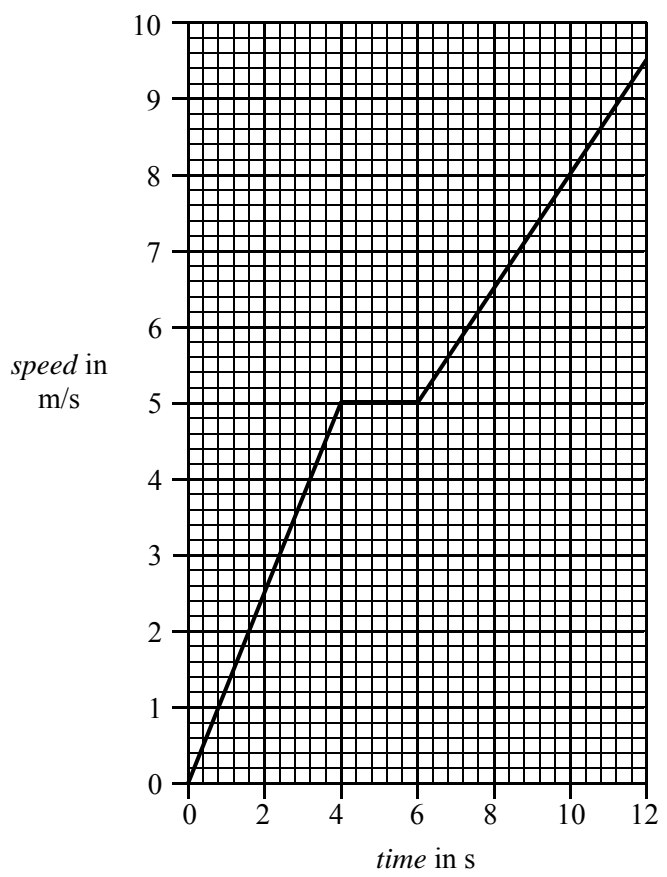
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11. A windsurfer takes part in a race. The windsurfer takes 120 seconds to complete the race. The total mass of the windsurfer and the board is 90 kg.



The graph shows how the speed of the windsurfer and board changes with the time during part of the race.



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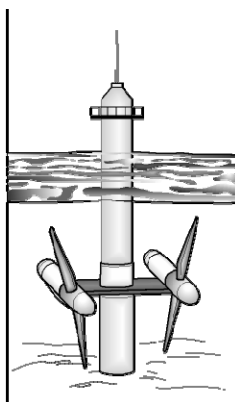
Accept units: m/s/s ms^{-2}

Do not accept units: mpsps

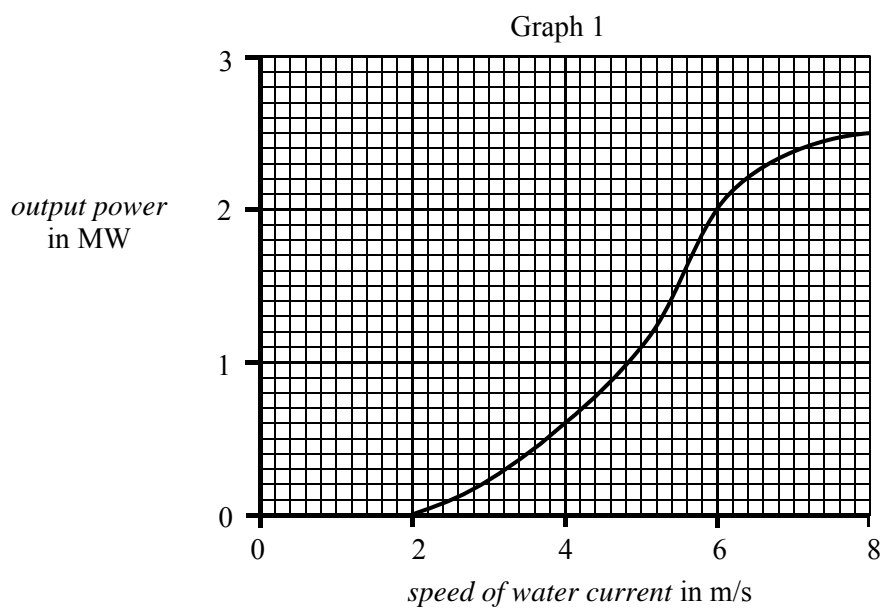
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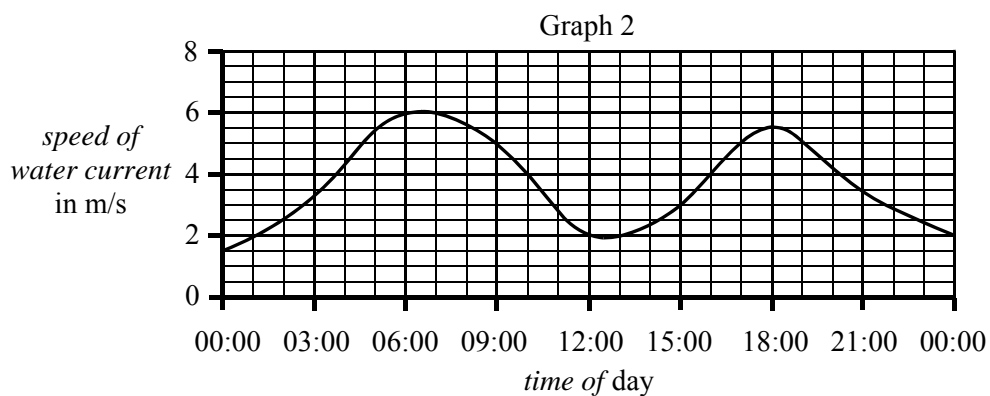
12. An underwater generator is designed to produce electricity from water currents in the sea.



The output power of the generator depends on the speed of the water current as shown in Graph 1.



The speed of the water current is recorded at different times of the day shown in Graph 2.



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- (a) (ii) **Accept:**
- current varies
 - variable output
 - water speed changeable
 - hazard to shipping/wildlife
 - input power variable
 - no output at times
- Do not accept:**
- waves vary (ie not 'calm sea')

- (b) (i) **must calculate 96% of power ie not 96% of I or V**

- (b) (ii) **look for answer giving 'loss' and 'location' eg:**
- transformer hum
 - heat loss in core/windings
 - energy loss in wires
 - magnetisation of core

Accept:

- hysteresis

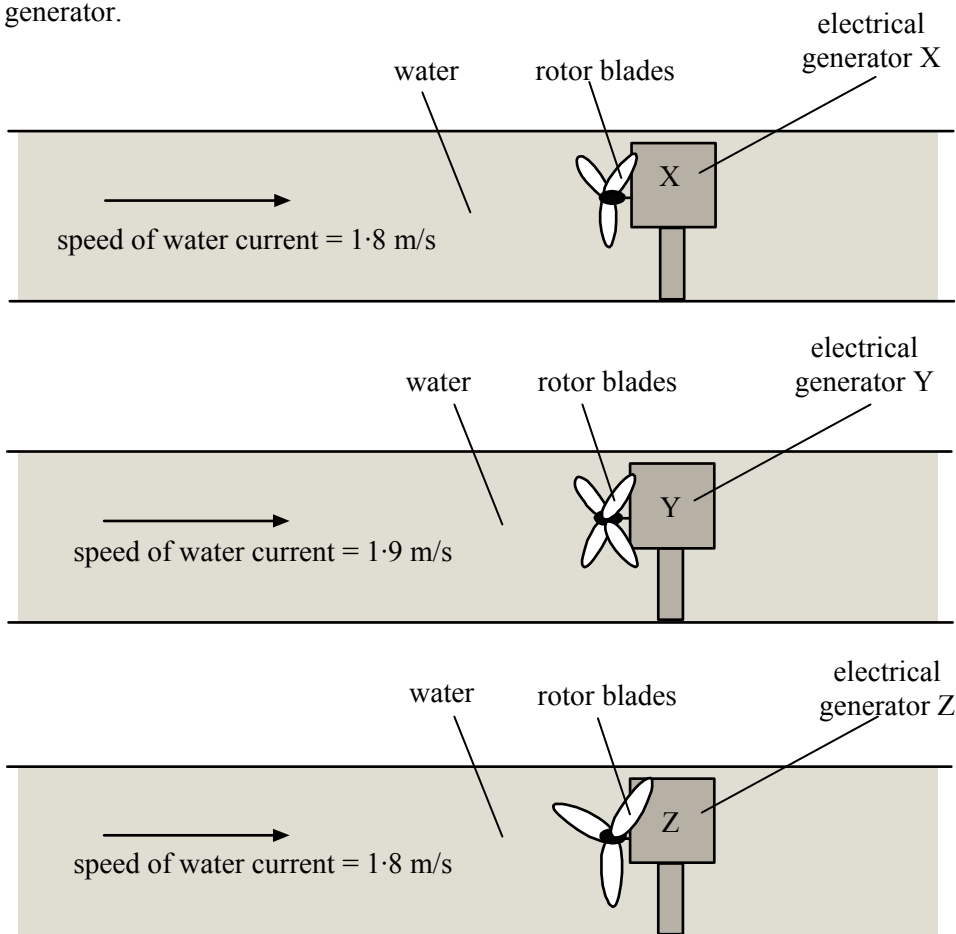
Do not accept:

- 'friction and heat'

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(c) Three different types of electrical generator X, Y and Z are tested in a special tank with a current of water as shown to find out the efficiency of each generator.



Give **two** reasons why this is not a fair test.

different water speeds OR different sizes of rotor blades OR different

number of rotor blades (½) each correct

if one reason is 'different types of rotor blades' (½)

then the other reason must be 'different water speeds' (½)

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NOTES

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13. In the reactor of a nuclear power station, neutrons split uranium nuclei to produce heat in what is known as a “chain reaction”.

(a) Explain what is meant by the term “chain reaction”.

in each reaction more neutrons are released (1) these cause further reactions (1)

(b) In the nuclear power station, 1 kg of uranium fuel produces 4 200 000 MJ of heat. In a coal-fired power station 1 kg of coal produces 28 MJ of heat.

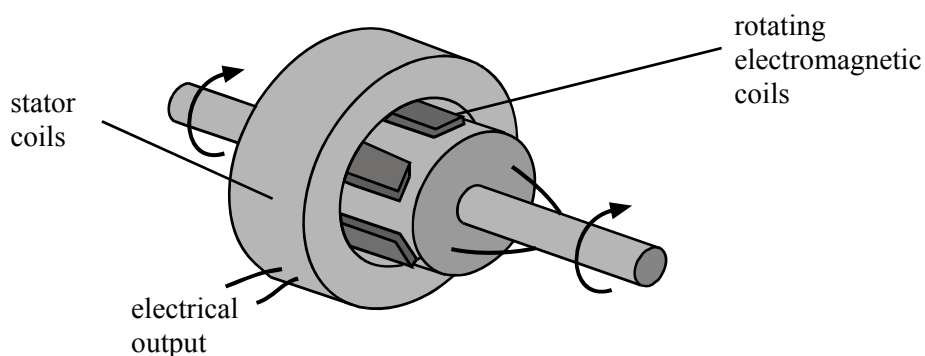
Calculate how many kilograms of coal are required to produce the same amount of heat as 1 kg of uranium.

Space for working and answer

No of kg = $\frac{4200000}{28}$

= 150 000 (kg) (1) unit not required if wrong unit given deduct (½)

(c) A power station uses an a.c. generator to convert kinetic energy from a turbine into electrical energy. A diagram of an a.c. generator is shown.



(i) Explain how the a.c. generator works.

(electromagnetic) coils produce moving/changing magnetic field (1)
voltage/current is induced in the (stator) coils (1)

(ii) State **two** changes that can be made to the generator to increase the output power.

Change 1: **increase rate/speed of rotation (1)**

Change 2: **increase number of coils in (stator) OR (field) coils (1)**

NOTES

- (a) look for:
- neutrons causing fission
 - further reactions resulting

accept labelled diagram

- (b) if there is a clear arith error then deduct ($\frac{1}{2}$)

- (c) (i) look for:
- indication of changing magnetic field
 - indication of voltage induced

beware of simply a repeat of information given in question/diagram

- (ii) accept:
- increase current in rotating electromagnetic coils
 - increase magnetic field
 - use stronger electromagnet
 - if use bigger, stronger magnet use \pm rule

do not accept:

- 'bigger/larger coils'
- 'bigger magnets'

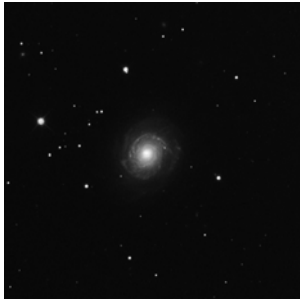
apply \pm rule if more than 2 answers

14. A team of astronomers observes a star 200 light-years away.

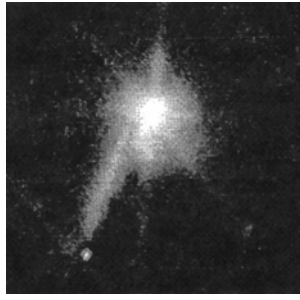
(a) State what is meant by the term “light-year”.

distance travelled by light in one year

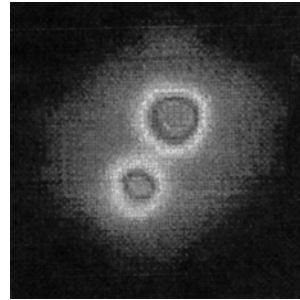
(b) Images of the star are taken with three different types of telescope as shown.



Telescope A
visible light



Telescope B
infrared



Telescope C
X-ray

(i) Explain why different types of telescope are used to detect signals from space.

**different detectors (1) are required for different radiations/
frequencies/wavelengths (1)**

(ii) Place the telescopes in order of the increasing wavelength of the radiation which they detect.

C A B (1) or (0)

accept: X-ray Visible Infrared

(iii) State a detector that could be used in telescope C.

G-M tube OR photographic film

(c) Telescope A is a refracting telescope with an objective lens of focal length 400 mm and diameter 80 mm.

(i) Calculate the power of the objective lens.

Space for working and answer

$$P = \frac{1}{f} \quad (1/2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{0.4} \quad (1/2)$$

$$= 2.5 \text{ D} \quad (1)$$

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NOTES

- (i) look for:
- an indication of different radiations
 - so different detectors are needed
- eg 'some radiations are invisible so we need something other than the eye to detect it'

Accept: Charge Coupled Device

if no conversion to metres ($P = 0.0025 D$ then unit error)
accept D or d
ignore \pm signs

- (ii) One of the astronomers suggests replacing the objective lens in this telescope with one of larger diameter.

State an advantage of doing this.

fainter objects can be observed OR telescope gathers more light

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NOTES

Accept:

- more detail
- clearer
- brighter image

Do not accept:

- bigger picture
- the more you can see
- more focussed
- sharper

15. (a) A spacecraft is used to transport astronauts and equipment to a space station. On its return from space the spacecraft must re-enter the Earth’s atmosphere. The spacecraft has a heat shield made from special silica tiles to prevent the inside from becoming too hot.



- (i) Why does the spacecraft increase in temperature when it re-enters the atmosphere?

friction (between craft and atmosphere causes heat production)

- (ii) The mass of the heat shield is 3.5×10^3 kg and the gain in heat energy of the silica tiles is 4.7 GJ.

Calculate the increase in temperature of the silica tiles.

<i>Space for working and answer</i>		
ΔT	=	$\frac{E_H}{mc}$ (1) for selection of 1033 (J/Kg °C)
	=	$\frac{4.7 \times 10^9}{3.5 \times 10^3 \times 1033}$ if wrong value for c selected from
	=	1300°C ‘Specific heat capacity of materials’ table then can continue with this value (2 max)
		any other value of c then (½) max

- (iii) Explain why the actual temperature rise of the silica tiles is less than the value calculated in (a) (ii).

some heat (generated) is lost to surroundings OR some heat energy reached the rest of the spacecraft

- (b) When a piece of equipment was loaded on to the spacecraft on Earth, two people were required to lift it.

One person was able to lift the same piece of equipment in the Space Station.

Explain why one person was able to lift the equipment in the Space Station.

weighs less (in space)

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				1
				1

NOTES

- (i) **Accept:**
- **because of the friction**
 - **air resistance**

- (b) **Accept:**
- **the force of gravity is less**

- Do not accept:**
- **no gravity**
 - **less gravity**
 - **lighter**