Practice Question Set For A-Level

Subject: Physics

Paper-3 Topic: Section A(Practical Skills Set-2)



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Max. Marks: 17 Marks Time: 17 Minutes

Mark Schemes

Q1.

(a) (i) the brightness of a star as it would appear from a distance of 10 pc √

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(ii) Betelgeuse

Bellatrix is actually a lot brighter than Betelgeuse (the absolute magnitude is a lot more negative), but only appears to be a bit brighter (the apparent magnitude is only a little smaller) so Betelgeuse must be closer  $\checkmark$ 

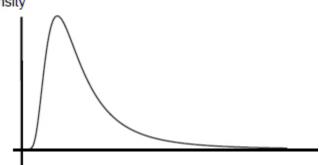
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(b) (i) use of  $\lambda_{max} T = 0.0029$ 

gives 
$$\lambda_{\text{max}} = 0.0029/22\ 000\ \checkmark$$
  
= 1.32 × 10<sup>-7</sup> (m)  $\checkmark$ 

2

intensity



(ii)

steeper LHS than RHS√

intensity goes towards zero as the wavelength goes to end of axis ✓ wavelength scale with peak near 130 nm ✓

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(c) (i) B√

1

(ii) helium√

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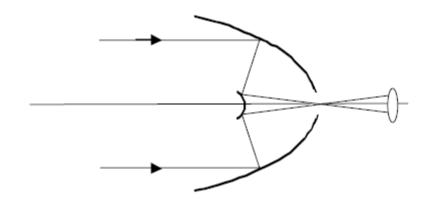
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(iii) temperature too low (for atmosphere of Betelgeuse to have hydrogen in n=2 state)  $\checkmark$ 

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## Q2.

(a)



mirrors correct – concave primary and convex secondary 🗸

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(b) (i)

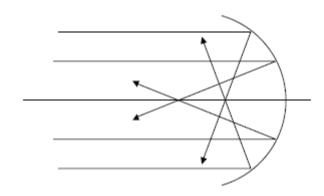


diagram to show two pairs of parallel rays being brought to a focus, those further from the axis being focused closer to the mirror  $\checkmark$ 

1

(ii) (use of  $\theta = /\lambda/D$ )

to give 
$$\theta = 630 \times 10^{-9}/0.15 = 4.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ } \checkmark$$

rad 🗸

2

(iii) use of  $s = r\theta$ 

to give 
$$\theta = 4.8 \times 10^3 / 1.4 \times 10^9 = 3.43 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}$$

(rad) 🗸

claim unlikely to be valid as this angle is smaller than the minimum angular separation calculated in (ii) 🗸

2

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