Practice Question Set For GCSE

Subject: Physics

Paper-1 Topic : 7_ Astronomy



ame of the Student:

Max. Marks: 20 Marks

Time: 20 Minutes

Mark Schemes

Q1.

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		Indicative Content	Mark
		A description including some of the following points improved QUALITY eg higher or better magnification/ detail/resolution or clearer/brighter image OR MORE INFORMATION (than with naked eye) of image/data eg new planets/stars/nebula e/pulsars (This could be extra detail for greater magnification/resoluti on only) detection of (non-visible) electromagnetic WAVES eg Xray / UV / IR/ radio TECHNOLOGY that enable collection of more data eg reflecting telescope/arrays and/or additions eg computer-aided /photographic connections or larger (objective) lens/mirror POSITION of telescopes – eg orbital/outside atmosphere/on top of mountains/away from atmosphere/rays not absorbed/obscured/s cattered by atmosphere. Ignore 'Hubble' or 'Compton'.	(6) Exp
Level	0	No rewardable content	
1	1 - 2	any one example such stars/planets" OR "disc planets/stars"	

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		using simple language and uses limited scientific terminology • spelling, punctuation and grammar
		are used with limited accuracy
2	3 - 4	 a simple description e.g. mention of either two of the improvements OR extra detail about one of the improvements eg improvement plus example (ie Magnifies planets so that craters/mountains may be seen) the answer communicates ideas showing some evidence of clarity and
		organisation and uses scientific terminology appropriately • spelling, punctuation and grammar
2	5 - 6	are used with some accuracy
3	3-6	a detailed description e.g. mention of three (or more) improvements OR two improvements plus extra detail about one of them (ie Telescopes in space can detect XRays that would be absorbed by the atmosphere)
		the answer communicates ideas alasth, and asharenth, uses a renge of
		clearly and coherently uses a range of scientific terminology accurately
		 spelling, punctuation and grammar are used with few errors

(Suitable extra detail shown in italics in examples above)

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(i)	Milky Way	Accept any spelling	(1)
(ii)	D white dwarf		(1)

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
(i)	examples:		(1)
	planets have moons (1) the Earth rotates (spins) (1) planets orbit the Sun (1) Pluto is no longer a planet (1) orbits are elliptical (not circular) (1) there are more planets than previously thought (1) ours is not the only solar system (1) Earth is {round/spherical/not flat} (1) planets are not wandering stars.	answers must be to do with the solar system	

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(ii)	smooth curve drawn on the graph (1)	accept curve up to Mars followed by a straight line	(3)
	horizontal line drawn from 4.6 Earth years to intercept the drawn line/curve (1)	plot point at year length = 4.6	
	EITHER: their reading from line / curve (1)	reading on distance axis ± half small square from their graph	
	430±30 (million km) (1)		
		award full marks for the correct answer without working	