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Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)

Physics

Paper 1
Foundation Tier

Total Marks

Wednesday 20 May 2020 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes plus your additional time allowance

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YOU MUST HAVE

Calculator, ruler

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Equations Booklet

Diagram Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ALL questions.

Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

Calculators may be used.

Any diagrams may NOT be accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.

You must show all your working out with your answer clearly identified at the end of your solution.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 100.

The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

In questions marked with an asterisk (*), marks will be awarded for your ability to structure your answer logically showing how the points that you make are related or follow on from each other where appropriate.

An equations booklet is provided.

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.

Try to answer every question.

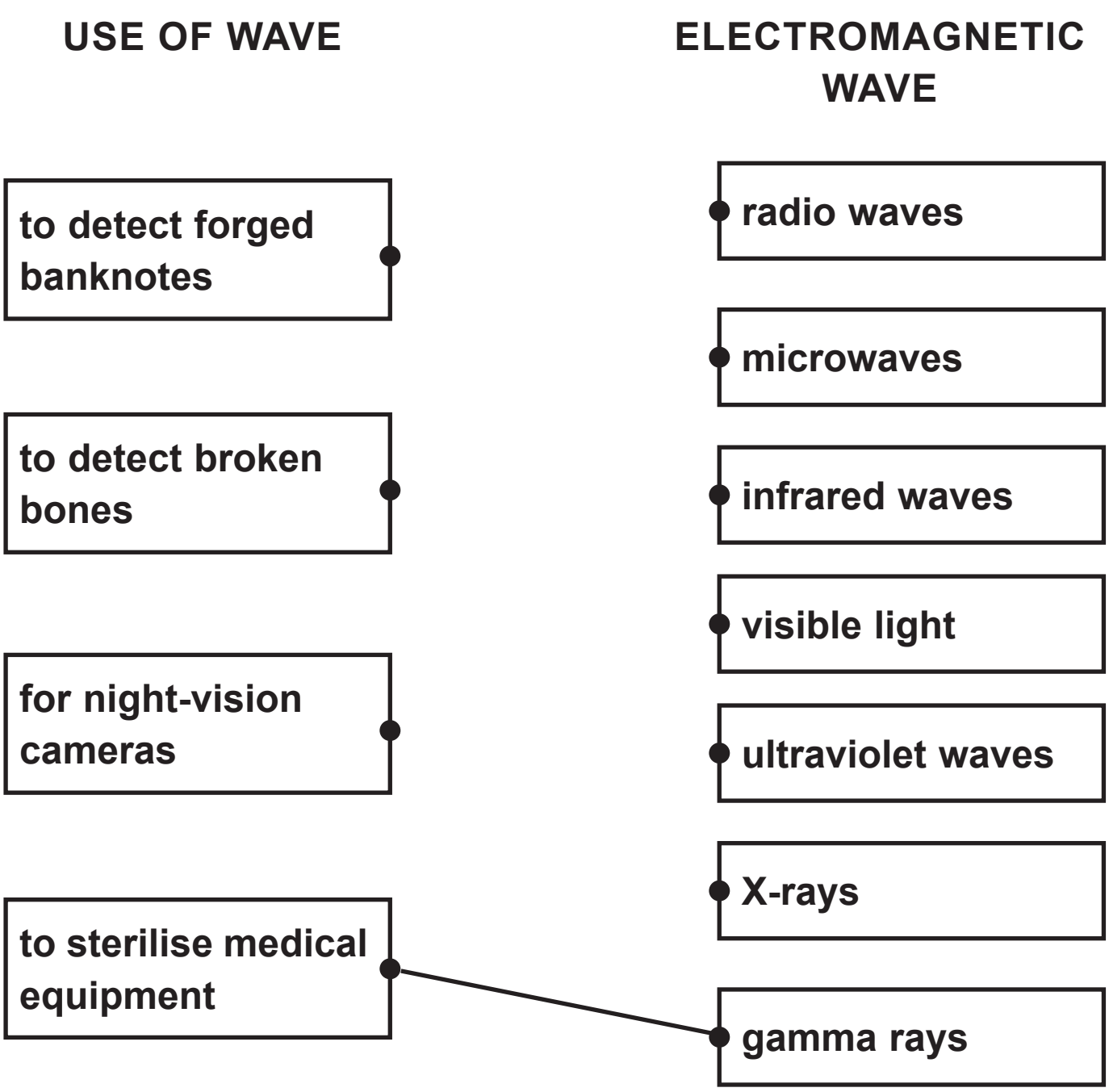
Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

1 (a) Draw one line from each USE OF WAVE to the matching ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVE.

One line has been drawn for you. (3 marks)



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(b) Ultraviolet light has a higher frequency than infrared light.

Which of these colours of visible light has the highest frequency? (1 mark)

☐ A blue

☐ B green

☐ C orange

☐ D yellow

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(c) In the Diagram Booklet Figure 1 shows how the brightness of a source of light changes with wavelength.

Describe how the brightness changes with wavelength. (2 marks)

(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 1 = 6 MARKS)

2 (a) (i) Which of these is the correct equation that relates force, mass and acceleration? (1 mark)

☐ A $F = m + a$

☐ B $F = m - a$

☐ C $F = m \times a$

☐ D $F = m \div a$

(ii) A cyclist has a mass of 70 kg.

Calculate the force needed to accelerate the cyclist at $2{\cdot}0\,m/s^2$. (2 marks)

State the unit.

force = _____ unit = _____

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(b) Another cyclist travels 1200 m in a time of 80 s.

Calculate the average speed of the cyclist.
(2 marks)

Use the equation

$$\text{average speed} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$$

average speed = _____ m/s

(c) A student wants to measure the average speed of a cyclist.

The student estimates that one of his own steps is 1 m.

He counts 100 steps between two posts on a track.

He uses a stopwatch to measure the time the cyclist takes to travel between the two posts.

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In the Diagram Booklet Figure 2 shows the set-up used to measure the average speed.

State TWO improvements the student could make to this method. (2 marks)

1 _____

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2 _____

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(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 2 = 7 MARKS)

3 (a) Which of these planets is at the greatest distance from the Sun? (1 mark)

☐ A Jupiter

☐ B Mars

☐ C Neptune

☐ D Venus

(b) Use words from below to complete the following sentences. (3 marks)

galaxy planet satellite

solar system star

(i) Saturn is a _____ .

(ii) The Moon is a _____ .

(iii) Halley's Comet orbits a _____ .

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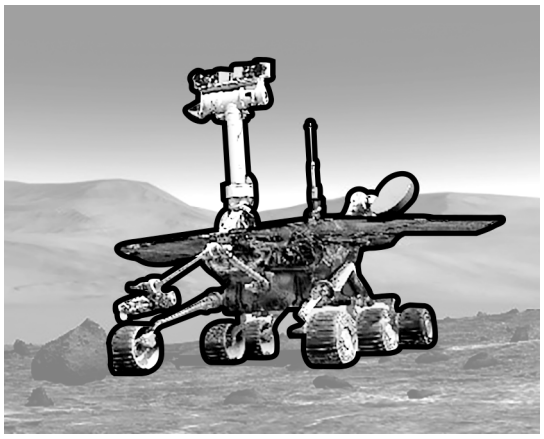
(c) Figure 3 shows a Mars Exploration Rover.

Figure 3



The mass of the rover is 190 kg.

(i) The gravitational field strength on Earth is 10 N / kg.

Calculate the weight of the rover on Earth. (1 mark)

Use the equation

weight = mass × gravitational field strength

weight on Earth = _____ N

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(ii) The weight of the rover on Mars is 700 N.

Calculate the gravitational field strength on Mars. (2 marks)

gravitational field strength on Mars = _____ N / kg

(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 3 = 7 MARKS)

4 (a) (i) In the Diagram Booklet Figure 4 shows two light rays hitting a glass lens.

On Figure 4, draw the two light rays after they leave this lens. (1 mark)

(ii) In the Diagram Booklet Figure 5 shows two light rays hitting a different glass lens.

On Figure 5, draw the two light rays after they leave this lens. (1 mark)

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(iii) A lens has a focal length of 25 cm.

Calculate the power of the lens. (2 marks)

Use the equation

$$\text{power in dioptres} = \frac{1}{\text{focal length in metres}}$$

power of the lens = _____ dioptres

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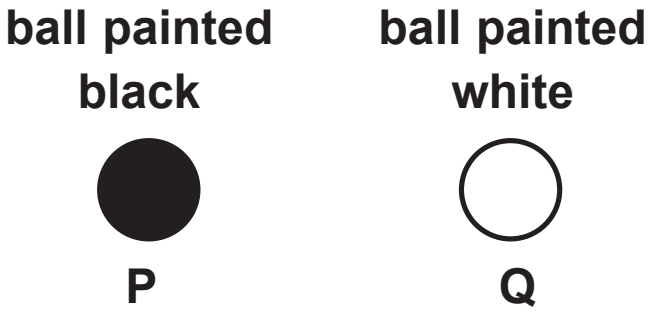
(b) Figure 6 shows two solid metal balls, P and Q.

Figure 6



P and Q are made from the same metal and have the same radius.

P is painted black and Q is painted white.

Each ball is heated to a different temperature.

The balls then cool in the same room.

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In the Diagram Booklet the graph in Figure 7 shows how the temperature of each ball changes with time.

(i) Use the graph in Figure 7 to determine the time when P and Q were at the same temperature.

Show your working on the graph. (2 marks)

time = _____ minutes

(ii) Which of these temperatures is most likely to be room temperature, as shown by the graph in Figure 7? (1 mark)

☐ A 100 °C

☐ B 70 °C

☐ C 10 °C

☐ D 0 °C

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(iii) Explain why the curve for P is different from the curve of Q. Use information from Figure 6 and Figure 7 to help your answer. (2 marks)

(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 4 = 9 MARKS)

5 (a) Figure 8 shows the symbol for the nucleus of an atom of strontium-90.

Figure 8

$^{90}_{38}Sr$

(i) How many protons are in the nucleus of an atom of strontium-90? (1 mark)

☐ A 38

☐ B 52

☐ C 90

☐ D 128

(ii) How many neutrons are in the nucleus of an atom of strontium-90? (1 mark)

☐ A 38

☐ B 52

☐ C 90

☐ D 128

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(b) The half-life of strontium-90 is 29 years.

In the Diagram Booklet the table in Figure 9 gives some information about how the mass of a sample of strontium-90 changes with time.

Complete the table in Figure 9. (2 marks)

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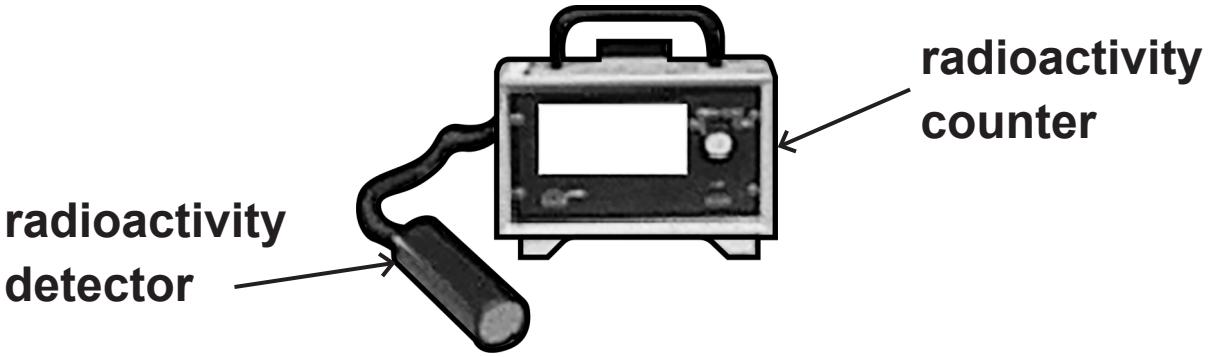
(c) A teacher sets up an experiment to show some students how far beta particles travel in air.

Figure 10 shows some of the equipment she uses.

Figure 10



(i) State the scientific name for the radioactivity detector shown in Figure 10. (1 mark)

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The teacher also has:

- a radioactive source that emits only beta particles
- a metre rule.

(ii) State TWO precautions the teacher must take to protect herself from the effects of radioactivity. (2 marks)

1 _____

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2 _____

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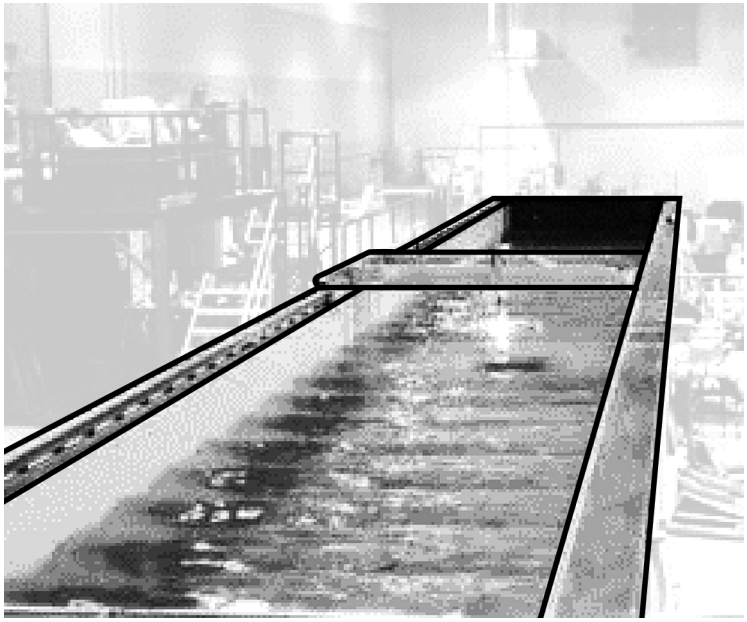
(iii) Describe how the teacher could show how far beta particles travel in air. (4 marks)

(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 5 = 11 MARKS)

6 (a) Figure 11 shows a large tank of water.

Figure 11



The tank of water is used to study water waves.

(i) Water waves are transverse waves.

Give another example of a transverse wave.
(1 mark)

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(ii) In the Diagram Booklet Figure 12 shows a side view of part of the tank.

A water wave is moving from L to M.

Calculate the wavelength of the wave.
(2 marks)

wavelength = _____ m

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6 continued.

(iii) A technician stands at the side of the tank.

He counts the peaks of the waves as they pass him.

12 peaks pass the technician in a time of 15 s.

Calculate the frequency of the wave.
(2 marks)

frequency = _____ Hz

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6 continued.

(b) In the Diagram Booklet Figure 13 shows part of the inside of the Earth below the surface.

An earthquake starts at Q.

A seismic wave travels from Q to S.

The seismic wave is a longitudinal wave.

(i) Draw arrows on Figure 13 to show how the rock at R moves when the seismic wave passes through R. (2 marks)

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(ii) The frequency of the seismic wave is 12 Hz.

The wave speed of the seismic wave is 7 km/s.

Calculate the wavelength of the seismic wave, in metres. (3 marks)

Use the equation

$$\text{wavelength} = \frac{\text{wave speed}}{\text{frequency}}$$

wavelength = _____ m

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(c) A technician measured the frequency of the water wave in part (a) by counting how many waves passed him in 15 s.

Explain why this would NOT be a suitable method for measuring the frequency of the seismic wave in part (b)(ii). (2 marks)

(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 6 = 12 MARKS)

7 (a) Use words from below to complete the sentences about nuclear fission of uranium-235 (U-235). (3 marks)

chain	chemical	fuse
neutrons	protons	split

A neutron hits a nucleus of U-235 and causes the nucleus to _____ .

Each fission releases energy, two daughter nuclei and some _____ .

In a nuclear reactor, one fission can set off a controlled _____ reaction.

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(b) Both U-235 and oil can be used as energy sources for generating electricity.

1 kg of natural uranium can result in the generation of 45 000 units of electricity.

1 kg of oil can result in the generation of 5·0 units of electricity.

Calculate the mass of oil needed to generate the same amount of electricity as 1 kg of natural uranium. (2 marks)

mass of oil = _____ kg

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7 continued.

(c) Both using nuclear fuel and burning oil produce harmful waste products.

State ONE harmful waste product from each process. (2 marks)

using nuclear fuel _____

_____

_____

burning oil _____

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7 continued.

*(d) Figure 14 shows a household smoke alarm that uses radioactivity to detect smoke.

Figure 14

The radioactive source in the smoke detector is americium-241.

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In the Diagram Booklet the table in Figure 15 shows some information about americium-241 and two other radioactive sources.

Explain why americium-241 is the best of these three sources to use in this smoke detector.

Use information from Figure 15 and your own knowledge about radiation. (6 marks)

Your answer should refer to

- properties of alpha and gamma radiation
- half-life.

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(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 7 = 13 MARKS)

8 A student lifts a toy car from a bench and places the toy car at the top of a slope as shown in Figure 16 in the Diagram Booklet.

(a) Describe an energy transfer that occurs when the student lifts the toy car from the bench and places the toy car at the top of the slope. (2 marks)

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(b) The student lets the toy car roll down the slope.

Describe how the student could find, by experiment, the speed of the toy car at the bottom of the slope. (4 marks)

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(c) The student needs to develop the experiment to determine the loss in potential energy and the gain in kinetic energy as the toy car is rolling down the slope.

State the other measurements the student must make. (2 marks)

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(d) When the toy car rolls down the slope, some energy is transferred to the surroundings as thermal energy.

State how the student could calculate the amount of energy transferred to the surroundings.
(1 mark)

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(e) Explain ONE way the student could reduce the amount of thermal energy transferred to the surroundings as the toy car rolls down the slope. (2 marks)

(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 8 = 11 MARKS)

9 (a) Which of these is a vector? (1 mark)

☐ A energy

☐ B force

☐ C mass

☐ D work

(b) (i) State the equation that relates acceleration to change in velocity and time taken. (1 mark)

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(ii) A van accelerates from a velocity of 2 m/s to a velocity of 20 m/s in 12 s.

Calculate the acceleration of the van.
(2 marks)

acceleration = _____ m/s^2

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(c) In the Diagram Booklet Figure 17 is a velocity / time graph for 15 s of a cyclist's journey.

Calculate the distance the cyclist travels in the 15 s. (3 marks)

distance = _____ m

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9 continued.

*(d) Many factors can affect the stopping distance of a car.

Some of these factors involve the driver and some of these factors involve the car or the road.

Explain how the stopping distance of a car is affected by

- factors involving the driver
- factors involving the car or the road.

You should include examples in your explanations. (6 marks)

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(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 9 = 13 MARKS)

10 (a) The Sun has a mass of $2{\cdot}0 \times 10^{30}$ kg.

A white dwarf has a mass of $3{\cdot}4 \times 10^{29}$ kg.

Calculate the value of

$$\frac{\text{mass of this white dwarf}}{\text{mass of the Sun}}$$

(2 marks)

value = _____

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10 continued.

(b) In the Diagram Booklet Figure 18 is a diagram giving some information about main sequence stars. Luminosity is a measure of how bright something is. An increase in luminosity means an increase in brightness.

(i) Estimate the temperature of the Sun. (1 mark)

temperature of the Sun = _____ K

(ii) State how the brightness of a main sequence star changes with its temperature. (1 mark)

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(iii) State how the brightness of a main sequence star changes with its mass. (1 mark)

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(c) Nuclear fusion provides the energy source for stars including the Sun.

Describe what happens during nuclear fusion. (3 marks)

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(d) A nebula may evolve into a main sequence star, such as the Sun.

Explain how a nebula may evolve into a main sequence star. (3 marks)

(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 10 = 11 MARKS)

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