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Option A - Astrophysics and Cosmology

1 Planet: almost circular orbits **B1**
all in nearly the same plane **B1**

Comet: highly elliptical orbits **B1**
in many different planes **B1** **[4]**

2 **(a)** (mean) density **M1**
of matter in the Universe **A1** **[2]**

(b) **(i)** symmetrical curve below given line **M1**
touching given line at 'present time' **A1** **[2]**

(ii) H_0 not known with any certainty **B1**
mass of matter in the Universe not known **B1**
extent of Universe unknown **B1** **[3]**
(*allow 1 of the last 2 marks for ρ_0 not known*)

3 1 light-year = 0.306 pc (allow 0.3 pc) **C1**
1.3×10^{10} light-years = 3.98×10^3 Mpc **C1**
$v = H_0 d$ **C1**
speed = $60 \times 3.98 \times 10^3 = 2.39 \times 10^5$ km s^{-1}
ratio = $(2.39 \times 10^5 \text{ x } 10^3)/(3.0 \times 10^8)$
= 0.8 **A1** **[4]**

4 e.g. vast expense **(M1)**
money could be spent on humanitarian aid **(A1)**

observations possible that cannot be made on Earth **(M1)**
since atmosphere limits observations **(A1)**

technological/scientific developments on Earth **(M1)**
greater understanding of Universe **(M1)**
leads to 'spin off' benefits for individuals **(A1)**

Any sensible comments, 1 each to max 5 **B5** **[5]**

Option F - The Physics of Fluids

5 **(a)** conservation of volume/mass/density or incompressible **B1** **[1]**

(b) conservation of energy **B1** **[1]**

6 **(a)** air near jet is moving at speed OR water in jet is moving at speed **B1**
higher speed air has a lower pressure OR high-speed water has lower pressure **B1**
(because) air is dragged along by water jet OR air is drawn into water jet **B1**
air (outside pump) is not moving OR loss of air reduces pressure **B1** **[4]**

(b) **(i)** air/water in pump has a higher speed **M1**
so greater pressure difference **A1** **[2]**

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(ii) no change in speed of air OR reference to greater ρ in Bernoulli eqn **M1**
so no change in pressure difference OR greater pressure difference **A1** **[2]**

(*allow any logical argument based on liquid causing more/less drag on air*)

7 **(a)** eddy currents have kinetic energy OR cause extra drag **M1**
eddy currents caused by movement of the car OR energy required to overcome drag **A1**
extra energy (of eddy currents) is derived from car's fuel **A1** **[3]**

(b) **(i)** power = force × speed **B1**
so power = $\frac{1}{2}C_D A\rho v^2 \times v$ and A and ρ are constants **B1** **[2]**

(ii) $84 \times 10^3 = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.34 \times 1.8 \times 1.1 \times v_{max}^3$ **C1**
v_{max} = 63 m s^{-1} **A1** **[2]**

(iii) $P = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.34 \times 1.8 \times 1.1 \times (63 + 9)^3$ **C1**
P = 126 kW **C1**
ratio = 126 / 84 = 1.5 **A1** **[3]**

Option M - Medical Physics

8 **(a)** alternating voltage **B1**
applied across (piezo-electric) crystal **B1**
causes crystal to vibrate **B1**
crystal dimensions such as to give resonance (in US range) **B1** **[4]**

(b) wavelength at 1 MHz is shorter **B1**
so greater detail is possible **B1** **[2]**

9 e.g. used as a scalpel (1)
further detail: causes (explosive) vaporisation of intracellular water (1)
CO_2 laser (1)
IR radiation strongly absorbed by water (1)
laser beam focused to give high power density (1)
no/very little bleeding (1)
accurate guidance (1)

e.g. repair of retina (1)
further detail: focused laser beam onto retina (1)
melts tissue and forms a weld (1)
(pulsed) ruby or argon laser (1)

any two examples: named (1) plus further detail (2) **B6** **[6]**

(*allow up to two marks for each diagnostic technique*)

10 **(a)** minimum intensity (of sound) detected **M1**
where intensity = (sound) power per unit area at a stated frequency **A1**
value is 1×10^{-12} W m^{-2} **B1**
at 3 kHz (*allow 2 kHz → 3 kHz*) **B1** **[4]**

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(b) (i) intensity = $(0.14 \times 10^{-6})/(54 \times 10^{-6}) = 2.6 \times 10^{-3}$ W m^{-2} **C1**

$IL = 10 \lg (2.6 \times 10^{-3})/(1 \times 10^{-12})$ **C1**

$= 94$ dB **A1** **[3]**

(ii) comment e.g. would be perceived as being loud
could cause tinnitus over a short period of time
could cause deafness over a long period of time
higher level than is acceptable in the workplace

any appropriate comment, 1 mark **B1** **[1]**

Option P - Environmental Physics

11 (a) at times of low usage of electrical power **B1**
water pumped from low-level to high-level reservoir **B1**
at times of high/sudden demand for electrical power **B1**
water released to pass through turbines **B1** **[4]**

(b) electrical energy generated = $78 \times 10^6 \times 4.0 \times 3600 = 1.12 \times 10^{12}$ J **C1**

energy to be stored = $(1.12 \times 10^{12})/0.75 = 1.5 \times 10^{12}$ J **C1**

$1.5 \times 10^{12} = \rho Vgh$ **C1**

$= 1.0 \times 10^3 \times V \times 9.8 \times 95$

$V = 1.6 \times 10^6$ m^3 **A1** **[4]**

12 (a) law: it is impossible to convert all of a given amount of thermal energy into work **B1**
(that is) $W < Q_H$ **B1**
($Q_H - W$) is energy rejected at temperature T_L **B1** **[3]**

(b) $W/Q_H = 1 - T_L/T_H$ **B1** **[1]**

(c) efficiency $= 1 - 313/393$ **C1**

$= 0.20$ **A1** **[2]**

13 (a) (i) e.g. industry setting up
people preparing to go to work
starting to cook breakfast

(*allow any two sensible suggestions, 1 each*) **B2** **[2]**

(ii) e.g. change in temperature with use of heaters/air conditioning
holiday or workday with more power used by industry when not on holiday

(*allow any two sensible suggestions, 1 each*) **B2** **[2]**

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(b) (i) sudden increase in demand (as appliances are used) **B1**

(ii) increased demand in the afternoon **B1** **[2]**

(*allow any two sensible suggestions in **(i)** and **(ii)***)

Option T - Telecommunications

14 (a) (instantaneous) displacement of information signal **M1**
determines the frequency of the carrier wave **A1** **[2]**

(b) (i) 12 V **B1** **[1]**

(ii) 650 kHz **B1** **[1]**

(iii) 550 kHz **B1** **[1]**

(iv) 3000 **B1** **[1]**

15 (a) analogue-to-digital converter (*do not allow ADC*) **B1** **[1]**

(b) controls the time at which samples are taken **B1** **[1]**

(c) enables higher frequency components in signal to be 'detected' **B1** **[1]**

16 (a) electromagnetic shielding for the inner conductor **B1**
the braid is earthed **B1** **[2]**

(b) increased bandwidth means more information can be carried **B1**
so more calls can be transmitted simultaneously **B1**
fewer links are required **B1** **[3]**

17 (a) e.g. cross-talk/cross-linking
interference/picking up atmospherics/picking up man-made radiation
white noise associated with vibrating atoms

(*any two, 1 each*) **B2** **[2]**

(b) (i) number of dB = 10 lg (P_2/P_1)
35 = 10 lg (P/{7.6×10^{-6}}) **C1**
P = 0.024 W **A1** **[2]**

(ii) number of dB = 10 lg (2.6/0.024) = 20.3 **C1**
length = 20.3/5.8 = 3.5 km **A1** **[2]**

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