AQA GCSE Physics | 8463

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.6.3.1

Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

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Question 01

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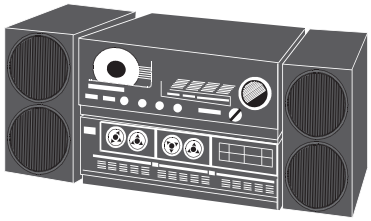
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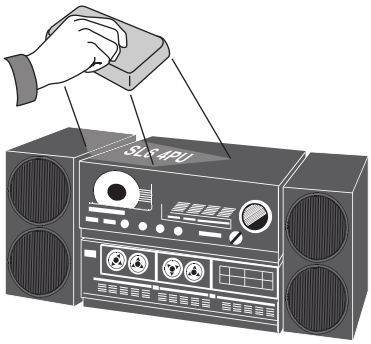
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Explain what happens to make the ink visible.

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Question 02

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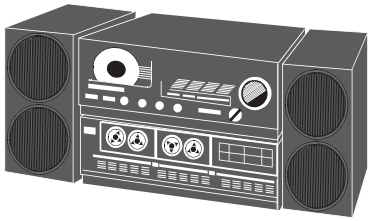
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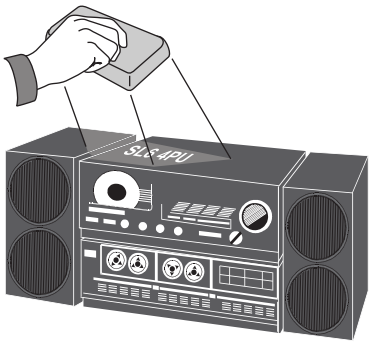
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Question 03

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QUESTION SEVEN

This question is about the transmission of light by optical fibres.

7A Optical fibres can bend light around corners without loss of signal.

This is because . . .

1 absorption of the signal occurs in the optical fibre.

2 following signals push the signals around the corners.

3 reflection of the signal occurs inside the optical fibre.

4 light signals are digital signals.

7B Infra red and visible light are used to send signals along optical fibres.

Compared with other electromagnetic radiations, infra red and visible light . . .

1 have similar frequencies and wavelengths.

2 have very high frequencies and very high wavelengths.

3 have very low frequencies and very low wavelengths.

4 travel at different speeds.

7C Communication by electromagnetic radiation may be by analogue signals.

Which row of the table correctly describes the characteristics of these analogue signals?

	Speed	Signal type
1	constant	continuously varying
2	constant	only on or off
3	varies	continuously varying
4	varies	only on or off

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wave speed (metre/second, m/s)	=	frequency (hertz, Hz)	×	wavelength (metre, m)

7D An infra red wave has a wavelength of 0.001 m and a wave speed of 300 000 000 m/s.

The frequency of this wave is:

1 3 Hz

2 30 Hz

3 30 000 Hz

4 300 000 000 000 Hz

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Question 04

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QUESTION TWO

The table gives typical frequencies for different types of electromagnetic radiation.

Match the names of the types of electromagnetic radiation, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, with the numbers **1–4** in the table.

A infra red radiation

B ultraviolet radiation

C visible light

D X-rays

Type of electromagnetic radiation	Typical frequency in Hz
1	100 000 billion
2	1 000 000 billion
3	10 000 000 billion
4	100 000 000 billion

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Question 05

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QUESTION FIVE

There are different types of electromagnetic radiation and nuclear radiation.

5A Which one of the following types of radiation is **not** used for communication?

1 infra red radiation

2 microwaves

3 visible light

4 X-rays

5B Which one of the following types of radiation has the longest wavelength?

1 infra red radiation

2 microwaves

3 visible light

4 X-rays

5C Which one of the following statements is **not** true of **both** ultraviolet radiation and infra red radiation?

1 They can be seen by the human eye.

2 They are members of the electromagnetic spectrum.

3 Each can have a range of different wavelengths and frequencies.

4 They travel at the same speed in a vacuum.

5D Which type of radiation is emitted by the nucleus of an atom of a radioactive isotope?

1 gamma radiation

2 X-rays

3 microwave radiation

4 ultraviolet radiation

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Question 06

5 (a) The wavelengths of four different types of electromagnetic wave, including visible light waves, are given in the table.

Type of wave	Wavelength
Visible light	0.0005 mm
A	1.1 km
B	100 mm
C	0.18 mm

Which of the waves, **A**, **B** or **C**, is an infra red wave? .....

(1 mark)

(b) A TV station broadcasts at 500 000 kHz. The waves travel through the air at 300 000 000 m/s.

Use the equation in the box to calculate the wavelength of the waves broadcast by this station.

wave speed = frequency × wavelength

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Wavelength = ... m

(2 marks)

(c) What happens when a metal aerial absorbs radio waves?

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(2 marks)

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Question 06 · continued

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(d) Stars emit all types of electromagnetic waves. Telescopes that monitor X-rays are mounted on satellites in space.

Why would an X-ray telescope based on Earth not be able to detect X-rays emitted from distant stars?

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(1 mark)

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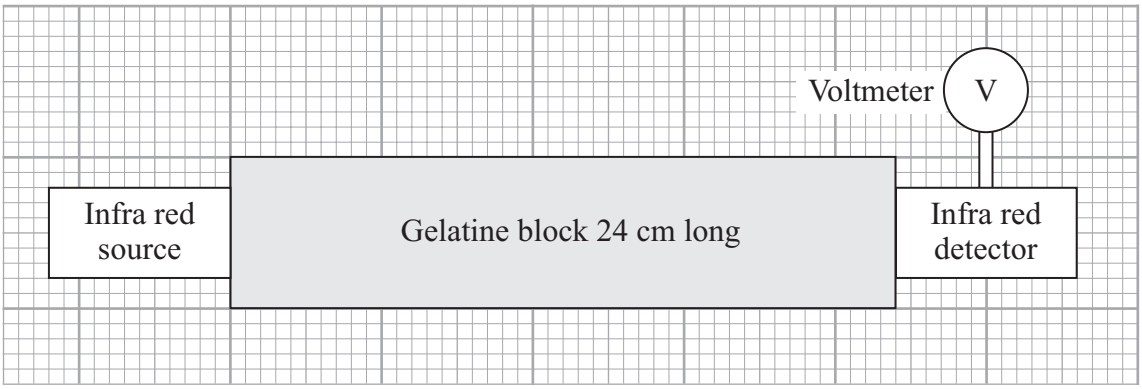
Question 07

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QUESTION THREE

A student investigated the absorption of infra red radiation by a block of gelatine.

She placed a block of gelatine on a piece of graph paper and cut the block to a length of 24 cm. She then placed an infra red source touching one end of the block and an infra red detector touching the other end as shown in the diagram.



She recorded the output potential difference (p.d.) from the infra red detector.

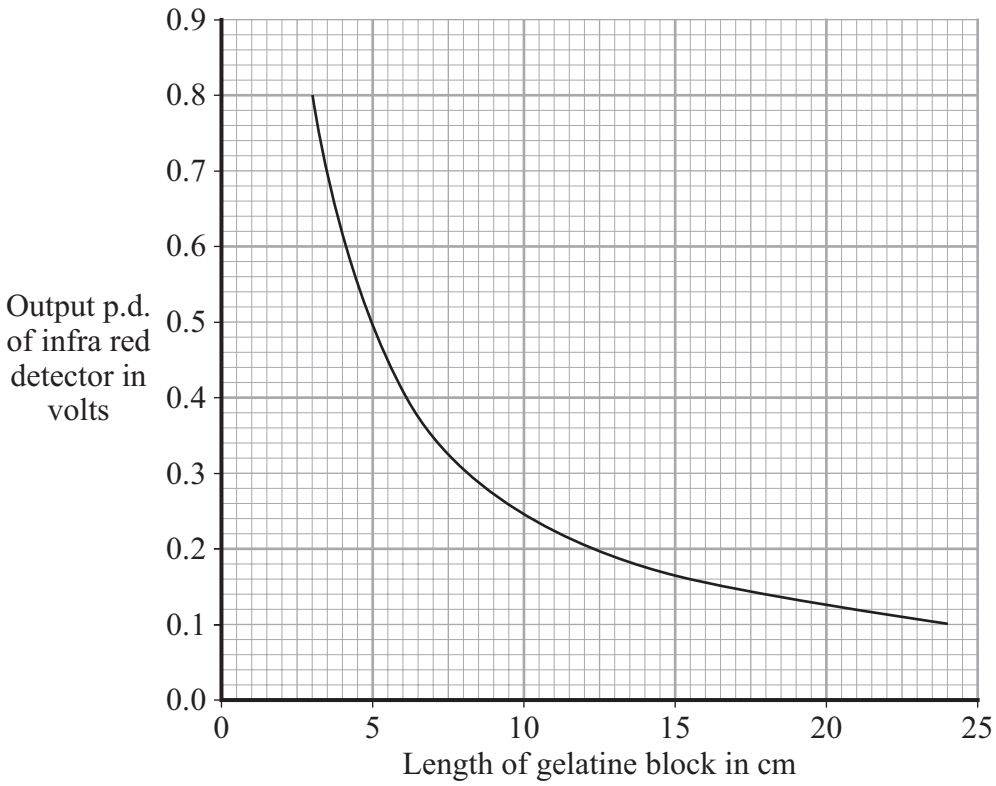
She then repeated the experiment several times. Each time, she cut 2 cm off the gelatine block and set up the apparatus as shown in the diagram.

The graph shows her results.

The higher the intensity of infra red radiation received by the detector, the greater the output p.d.

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Question 07 · continued



3A What was the dependent variable in this experiment?

1 the position of the infra red source

2 the length of the gelatine block

3 the position of the infra red detector

4 the output p.d. from the infra red detector

3B Which is the best description of the pattern shown by the graph?

1 As the length of the gelatine block increases, the intensity of infra red radiation received by the detector decreases.

2 As the length of the gelatine block increases, the intensity of infra red radiation received by the detector decreases by a similar amount.

3 The longer the gelatine block, the larger the effect of cutting off 2 cm on the increase in the intensity of infra red radiation received by the detector.

4 There is no relationship between the length of the gelatine block and the intensity of infra red radiation received by the detector.

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3C The table shows the student's results.

Length of gelatine block in cm	Output p.d. in V
24.0	0.1
12.0	0.2
6.0	0.4
3.0	0.8

Based on the data that the student recorded, what was the sensitivity of the voltmeter?

1 0.1 V

2 0.2 V

3 0.4 V

4 1.0 V

3D Scientists carried out a similar investigation using glass optical fibres in place of the gelatine block. They found that there was no significant reduction in the output p.d. of the infra red detector until the fibre was several kilometres long.

This shows that . . .

1 gelatine absorbs infra red radiation much more strongly than glass.

2 glass is more transparent than water.

3 infra red radiation passes through solids faster than through liquids.

4 infra red radiation can pass through bent optical fibres.

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Question 08

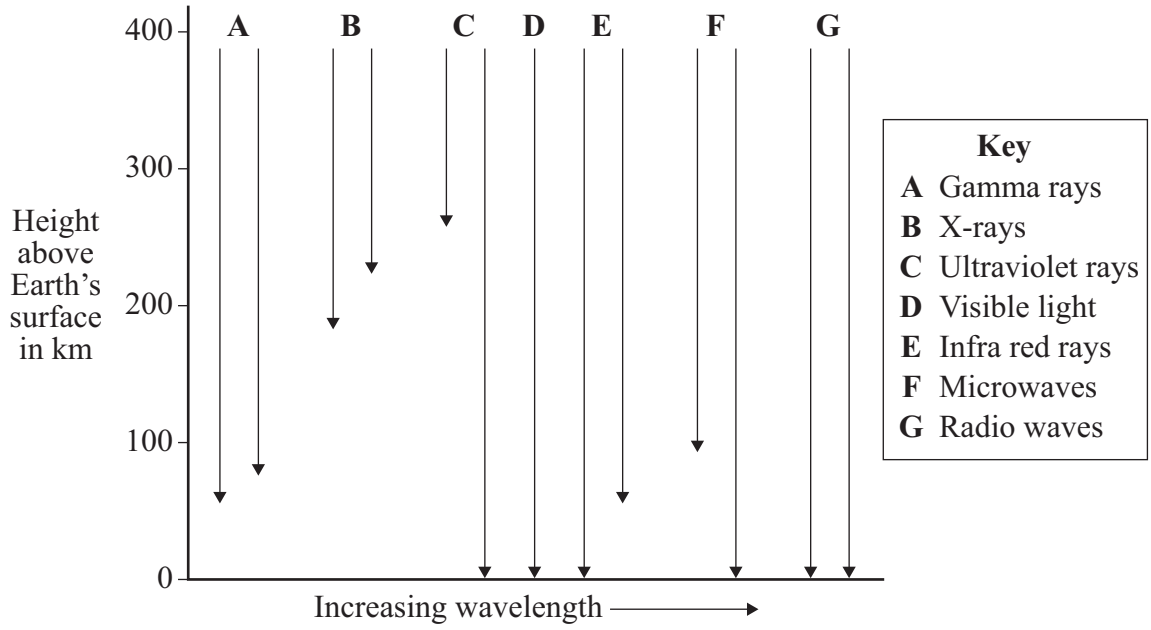
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QUESTION NINE

All forms of electromagnetic radiation from space are used by scientists to explore the Universe.

The diagram shows how far electromagnetic waves can penetrate the Earth's atmosphere.

Where two arrows are shown for a type of electromagnetic radiation, longer and shorter waves penetrate the atmosphere to different depths.



9A Which one of the following statements is true?

1 Gamma radiation penetrates the atmosphere further than all other types of electromagnetic radiation.

2 All frequencies of microwaves reach Earth's surface.

3 No frequencies of radio waves reach Earth's surface.

4 Higher frequencies of ultraviolet radiation are completely absorbed by the atmosphere.

9B What would be the minimum height above the Earth for a satellite carrying a telescope designed to detect gamma rays and X-rays of all wavelengths?

1 50 km

2 70 km

3 180 km

4 230 km

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9C Which one of the following correctly describes the data on the diagram?

1 The absorption of electromagnetic radiation by the atmosphere is directly proportional to wavelength.

2 The absorption of electromagnetic radiation by the atmosphere is inversely proportional to wavelength.

3 The shorter the wavelength of electromagnetic radiation, the greater the absorption by the atmosphere.

4 Absorption of electromagnetic radiation does **not** depend only on wavelength.

9D Electromagnetic radiation from distant galaxies is very weak and is therefore very difficult to detect.

The Spitzer space telescope uses liquid helium to keep its scientific instruments at a very low temperature.

Which type of weak electromagnetic radiation would best be detected by instruments kept at this very low temperature?

1 gamma rays

2 X-rays

3 infra red rays

4 ultraviolet rays

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Question 09

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QUESTION FIVE

The table gives information about some telescopes.

Name of telescope	Arecibo	COBE	Spitzer	Keck	Hopkins
Type of radiation detected	radio waves	microwaves	infra red	visible light	ultraviolet
Location of telescope	on the Earth's surface	in space	in space	high on the Earth's surface	in space

5A Why is the Keck telescope located high on the Earth's surface?

1 so that astronomers are not disturbed

2 it is cheaper to build in this location

3 to be closer to the stars it is observing

4 to be above clouds and dust in the Earth's atmosphere

5B The Hopkins telescope is located in space . . .

1 so that the astronomers are not exposed to ultraviolet radiation.

2 because not all ultraviolet radiation penetrates the Earth's atmosphere.

3 to be closer to the stars it is observing.

4 because there is not enough land on the Earth to build telescopes.

5C Which of the telescopes in the table might provide evidence of the red-shift of light from distant galaxies?

1 COBE

2 Spitzer

3 Keck

4 Hopkins

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5D The longer the wavelength of the radiation being absorbed, the larger the telescope needs to be.

Which telescope is the largest?

1 Arecibo

2 Spitzer

3 Keck

4 Hopkins

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Question 10

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QUESTION SIX

The tables show the types of radiation observed by different telescopes, and the types of radiation emitted by different parts of the universe.

Name of telescope	Type of radiation
Arecibo	Radio
COBE	Microwave
Hess	Gamma
Hopkins	Ultraviolet
Keck	Visible light
Spitzer	Infra red
XMM Newton	X-rays

Origin of radiation in universe	Main radiation emitted
Pulsars	Radio
Neutron stars	X-rays
Nebulae	Infra red
Stars	Visible light
Gamma ray bursts	Gamma
Big bang	Microwaves

6A Which telescope could be used to hunt for neutron stars in galaxies?

1 Arecibo

2 Spitzer

3 Hopkins

4 XMM Newton

6B Which telescope could be used to analyse the radiation of the universe left over from the 'big bang'?

1 COBE

2 Spitzer

3 Keck

4 Hopkins

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6C Which one of the following emits the longest wavelength radiation?

1 Gamma ray bursts

2 Neutron stars

3 Pulsars

4 Stars

6D Which one of the following emits radiation with the highest frequency?

1 Nebulae

2 Neutron stars

3 Pulsars

4 Stars

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Question 11

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QUESTION EIGHT

This question is about two space telescopes.

The Hubble space telescope orbits the Earth at a distance of 569 km and detects visible light.

The James Webb space telescope is planned to be launched some time after 2013 and will orbit at about 1.5 million kilometres from the Earth and will detect infra red frequencies (rays).

8A The main advantage of the Hubble telescope being so far from Earth is the improvement in image quality.

This improvement is because . . .

1 there is little atmosphere to distort the data being received.

2 there is no light pollution from cities.

3 there is no gravity to distort the mirror in the telescope.

4 there is no need for access for service or repairs to the mirror in the telescope.

8B The James Webb space telescope should be able to receive data from distant galaxies billions of light years away from the Earth. It is shielded from the Sun to keep it at a temperature of –225°C and will contain a large mirror.

The reason that it is designed to detect infra red frequencies is that . . .

1 all the radiation emitted by the galaxies is in the infra red region of the spectrum.

2 infra red radiation can be detected in the dark.

3 much of the radiation we receive from galaxies is at infra red frequencies due to a significant red-shift.

4 we receive only infra red radiation from the galaxies.

8C The major reason for keeping the mirror so cold is to . . .

1 avoid the need to carry extra fuel to heat it.

2 keep it rigid.

3 minimise the infra red radiation from it which would confuse the data being collected.

4 stop it from melting.

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8D There are also radio telescopes on Earth.
The longer the wavelength of the radiation being absorbed, the larger a telescope needs to be.

Which row in the table gives the correct order of size for the telescopes?

	Smallest ← → **Largest**		
1	James Webb telescope	Hubble telescope	Radio telescope
2	Radio telescope	James Webb telescope	Hubble telescope
3	Hubble telescope	James Webb telescope	Radio telescope
4	Hubble telescope	Radio telescope	James Webb telescope

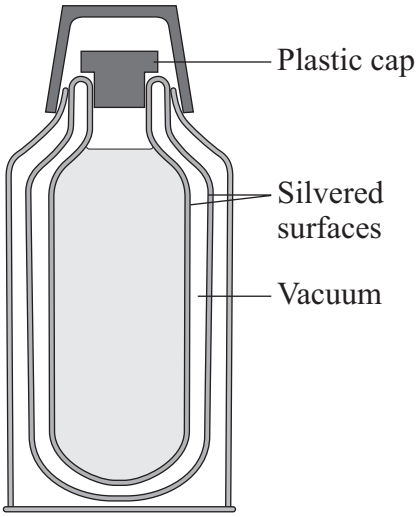
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Question 12

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1 A vacuum flask is designed to reduce the rate of heat transfer.



1 (a) (i) Complete the table to show which methods of heat transfer are reduced by each of the features labelled in the diagram.

The first row has been done for you.

Feature	Conduction	Convection	Radiation
vacuum	✓	✓	
silvered surfaces			
plastic cap			

(2 marks)

1 (a) (ii) Explain why the vacuum between the glass walls of the flask reduces heat transfer by conduction and convection.

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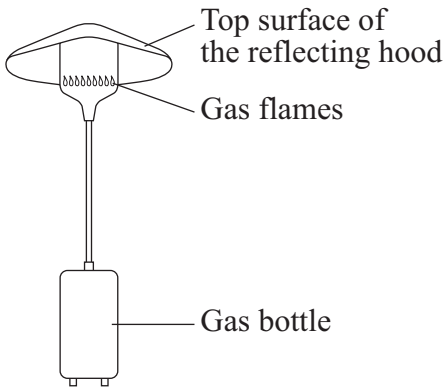
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1 (b) The diagram shows a gas flame patio heater.



1 (b) (i) Explain why the top surface of the reflecting hood should be a light, shiny surface rather than a dark, matt surface.

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(2 marks)

1 (b) (ii) Most of the chemical energy in the gas is transformed into heat. A **small** amount of chemical energy is transformed into light.

Draw and label a Sankey diagram for the patio heater.

(2 marks)

1 (b) (iii) State why the total energy supplied to the patio heater must always equal the total energy transferred by the patio heater.

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(1 mark)

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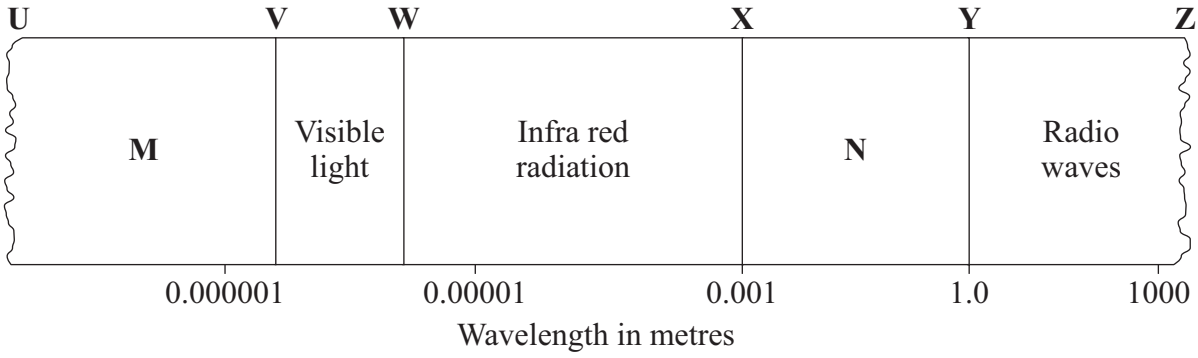
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Question 13

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QUESTION FIVE

The diagram shows part of the electromagnetic spectrum.



5A Which row of the table gives the types of electromagnetic radiation that are present in **M** and **N**?

	M	**N**
1	gamma	microwaves
2	gamma	ultraviolet
3	ultraviolet	gamma
4	ultraviolet	microwaves

5B Which section of the electromagnetic spectrum can be used for communications?

1 **U** to **Z**

2 **V** to **Z**

3 **W** to **Z**

4 **X** to **Z**

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wave speed	=	frequency	×	wavelength
(metre/second, m/s)		(hertz, Hz)		(metre, m)

All electromagnetic waves travel at a speed of 300 000 000 m/s.

5C BBC Radio 4 is carried by radio waves with a wavelength of 1500 m.

What is the frequency of these waves?

1 0.000 005 Hz

2 0.005 Hz

3 200 kHz

4 450 000 000 kHz

5D Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) emit infra red radiation. This radiation can interfere with the infra red signal emitted by remote controls for televisions.

An article about CFLs says that the infra red rays are emitted at a frequency of about 300 kHz.

This is incorrect because this frequency would mean that the wavelength is in . . .

1 the gamma ray part of the electromagnetic spectrum.

2 the microwave part of the electromagnetic spectrum.

3 the radio wave part of the electromagnetic spectrum.

4 the ultraviolet part of the electromagnetic spectrum.

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Question 14

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QUESTION ONE

Electromagnetic radiation can be grouped into types. Each type has a different range of wavelengths.

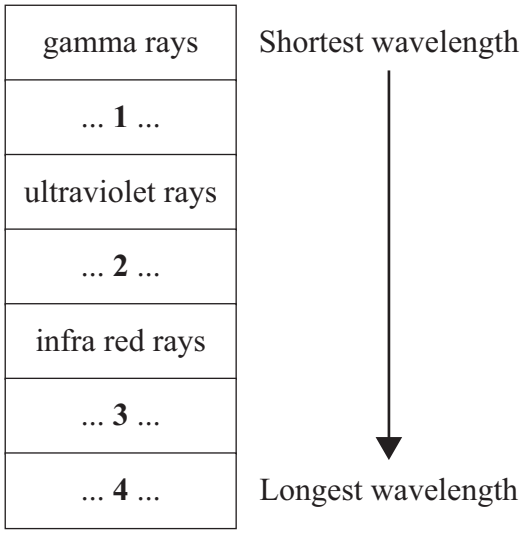
Match types of radiation, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, with the numbers **1–4** in the table.

A microwaves

B X-rays

C visible light

D radio waves



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Question 15

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QUESTION SEVEN

Some types of electromagnetic radiation from space are absorbed by the Earth's atmosphere.

	Short wavelength radio	Short wavelength microwaves	Infra red	Visible light	Ultraviolet	X-rays	Gamma rays
Percentage absorbed by atmosphere	0	95	96	5	98	100	100

Different objects or events in the universe emit different types of electromagnetic radiation.

	Gamma ray bursts	Nebulae	Pulsars	Stars	Universe background radiation
Radiation emitted	gamma rays	infra red	radio	all types	short wavelength microwaves

The planets and moons of the solar system reflect light from the Sun.

7A Early civilisations observed the sky with the naked eye.

Which objects did they see?

1 moons, nebulae and pulsars

2 gamma ray bursts, moons and planets

3 nebulae and pulsars

4 moons, planets and stars

7B Telescopes that could detect electromagnetic waves of the lowest frequency were built in the 20th century. These telescopes are on the surface of the Earth.

From the information in the tables, which of the following, which could not have been observed before, could then be easily observed from the Earth's surface?

1 pulsars

2 gamma ray bursts

3 nebulae

4 stars

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7C In 1989, the background radiation from the universe was mapped from a telescope in space.

Why was this **not** done with telescopes based on Earth?

1 Because only 2% of ultraviolet radiation penetrates Earth's atmosphere.

2 Because only 4% of infra red radiation penetrates Earth's atmosphere.

3 Because only 5% of short wavelength microwave radiation penetrates Earth's atmosphere.

4 Because only 95% of visible radiation penetrates Earth's atmosphere.

7D The first table suggests that, with the exception of . . .

1 radio, the percentage of radiation absorbed by the atmosphere, increases with increasing wavelength.

2 radio, the percentage of radiation absorbed by the atmosphere, decreases with increasing wavelength.

3 visible light, the percentage of radiation absorbed by the atmosphere, increases with increasing wavelength.

4 visible light, the percentage of radiation absorbed by the atmosphere, decreases with increasing wavelength.

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Question 16

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QUESTION FIVE

The Sun emits different types of radiation. These types of radiation travel from the Sun until they reach the Earth's atmosphere. In the atmosphere, some types of radiation are reflected, some are absorbed and some are transmitted to the Earth's surface, where they cause the Earth to warm up.

Human activity has produced large amounts of carbon dioxide gas which has increased the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. The carbon dioxide helps to trap the Earth's heat and so contributes to the 'greenhouse' effect, which results in the Earth becoming hotter.

5A On their journey from the Sun to the Earth, all the types of radiation travel with the same . . .

1 energy.

2 frequency.

3 speed.

4 wavelength.

5B The ozone layer in the Earth's atmosphere absorbs some of the Sun's ultraviolet radiation.

Ultraviolet radiation can . . .

1 be detected by your eyes.

2 give your skin a suntan.

3 cool your skin.

4 pass through flesh but not bone.

5C Most of the Sun's infra red radiation is emitted with a wavelength of about 0.5 micrometres. Most of the Earth's infra red radiation is emitted with a wavelength of about 10 micrometres.

Carbon dioxide molecules in the atmosphere can absorb infra red radiation with wavelengths between 2 micrometres and 17 micrometres.

1 micrometre = 1 millionth of a metre

Therefore, the carbon dioxide will . . .

1 absorb the Sun's infra red radiation and absorb the Earth's infra red radiation.

2 absorb the Sun's infra red radiation and transmit the Earth's infra red radiation.

3 transmit the Sun's infra red radiation and absorb the Earth's infra red radiation.

4 transmit the Sun's infra red radiation and transmit the Earth's infra red radiation.

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5D As an object gets hotter, its main infra red emission wavelength gets shorter.

If human activity continues to increase the amount of carbon dioxide gas in the atmosphere, then the Earth will emit . . .

1 more energy, with a shorter main emission wavelength.

2 more energy, with the same main emission wavelength.

3 the same energy, with a shorter main emission wavelength.

4 the same energy, with the same main emission wavelength.

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Question 17

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QUESTION NINE

Visible light from space can be gathered and focused by optical telescopes.

9A Optical telescopes used to observe objects in space are limited because they can only be used . . .

1 as ground-based telescopes.

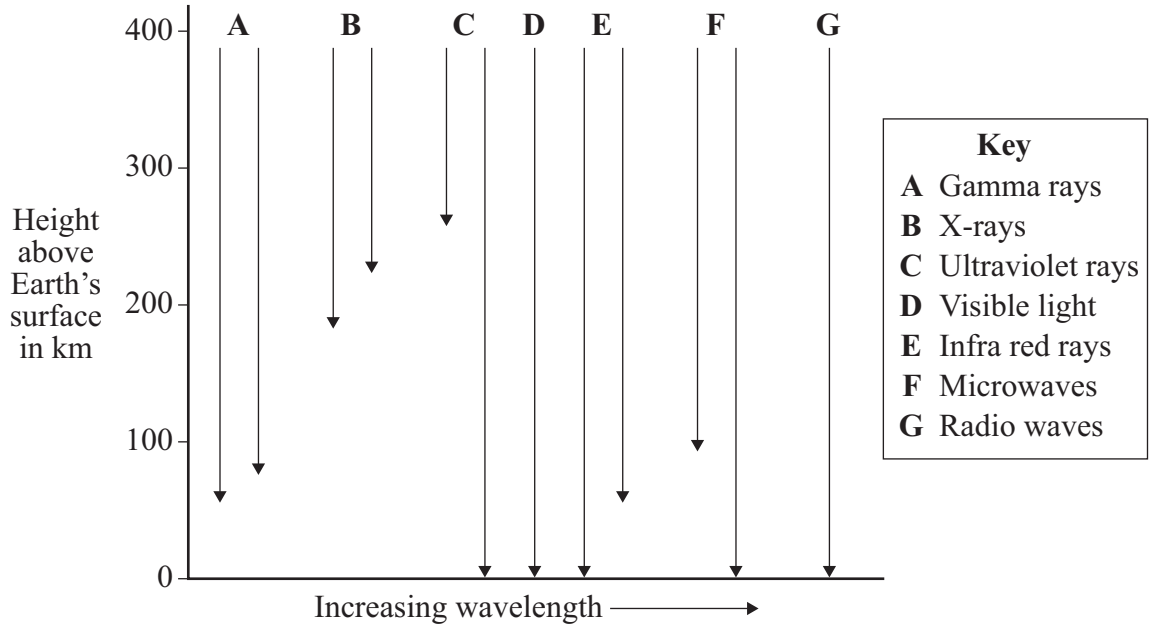
2 at night.

3 to observe a small region of the electromagnetic spectrum.

4 to observe one region of the sky.

The diagram shows how far electromagnetic waves can penetrate the Earth's atmosphere.

Where two arrows are shown for a type of electromagnetic radiation, longer and shorter waves penetrate the atmosphere to different depths.



9B Radio telescopes are sited on the ground.

This is because radio waves . . .

1 are emitted by many stars.

2 can penetrate the atmosphere.

3 have a shorter wavelength than microwaves.

4 have more energy than infra red waves.

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 17 · continued

9C The types of radiation collected by four telescopes, **M**, **N**, **P** and **Q**, are given in the table.

Telescope	Radiation collected
M	infra red waves
N	gamma rays
P	X-rays
Q	microwaves

Which telescopes could be operated from an aircraft flying at an altitude of 12 km?

1 **M** and **N**

2 **N** and **P**

3 **P** and **Q**

4 **Q** and **M**

9D What is the minimum height above the Earth for a satellite to be able to use telescope **P**?

1 50 km

2 70 km

3 180 km

4 250 km

END OF TEST

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 18

March 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q7 | Legacy

QUESTION SEVEN

Some of the world's best telescopes are placed on the tops of mountains. These telescopes detect infra red and visible light waves from distant stars and galaxies.

Some space telescopes detect X-rays from these galaxies. These telescopes are placed above the Earth's atmosphere.

7A The Hubble Space Telescope (HST) has been in orbit around the Earth since 1990. The HST is an optical telescope.

What is the advantage of placing the HST in orbit around the Earth?

1 Light, gathered by the HST, has not been distorted by the atmosphere.

2 Once the HST goes into orbit, it costs nothing to run.

3 The HST can observe the whole sky in one orbit.

4 The HST picks up clearer pictures because it is nearer to space.

7B A ground-based telescope could not detect X-rays from space because . . .

1 there are no X-rays in space.

2 the Earth's atmosphere absorbs X-rays.

3 X-rays are harmful to people.

4 X-rays are digital signals.

7C The longer the wavelength of the radiation being received, the larger the diameter of the receiving dish of the telescope needs to be.

The telescopes with the largest dishes are those detecting . . .

1 gamma rays.

2 radio waves.

3 visible light.

4 X-rays.

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

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7D Images of distant galaxies produced by the Hubble telescope provide evidence to support the idea that the universe . . .

1 has a definite edge.

2 is contracting.

3 is expanding.

4 is neither expanding nor contracting.

Turn over for the next question

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 19

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QUESTION SEVEN

In 1896, Henri Becquerel was doing an experiment with uranium. He first thought that uranium absorbed energy from the Sun and then re-emitted the energy as X-rays. Then, on a cloudy day, he found that the uranium emitted radiation even when the uranium sample was wrapped in black paper.

7A This suggests that . . .

1 his original theory was wrong and further investigation was needed.

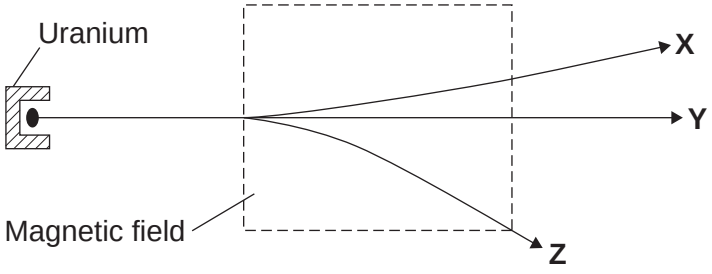
2 his test was fair but more variables needed to be controlled.

3 his original theory was correct and further investigation was needed.

4 his test was not fair and more variables needed to be controlled.

7B Becquerel passed the radiation emitted by uranium through a magnetic field. He found that there were three different types of radiation.

The diagram shows the paths of the three types of radiation, **X**, **Y** and **Z**, in the magnetic field.



Later, Ernest Rutherford called the three types of radiation alpha, beta and gamma.

Which is the correct row in the table?

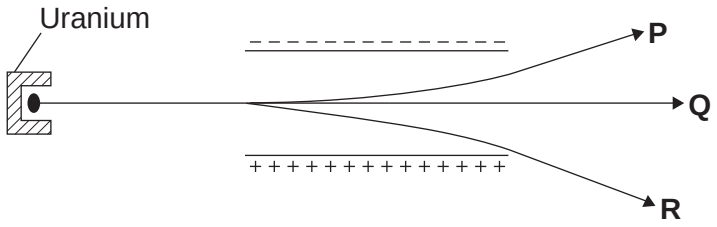
	X	Y	Z
1	alpha	beta	gamma
2	alpha	gamma	beta
3	beta	alpha	gamma
4	beta	gamma	alpha

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

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7C The radiation emitted by uranium can also be deflected in an electric field between two charged plates.

The diagram shows the paths taken by the three types of radiation, **P**, **Q** and **R**, in an electric field.



The explanation for the different paths is that . . .

1 **P** and **R** have the same electric charge and **Q** is uncharged.

2 **P** and **R** are oppositely charged and **P** has a larger mass than **R**.

3 **P** and **R** are oppositely charged and **R** has a larger charge than **P**.

4 **Q** is uncharged and has a larger mass than both **P** and **R**.

7D Rutherford measured the range in air of the three types of radiation.

Which row of the table gives the correct order of range?

	Shortest range ⟶ **Longest range**		
1	alpha	beta	gamma
2	alpha	gamma	beta
3	beta	alpha	gamma
4	beta	gamma	alpha

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 20

June 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q9 | Legacy

QUESTION NINE

Thermal imaging cameras are used by rescue workers to search for people trapped under rubble after an earthquake. Like all warm objects, the living human body emits infra red radiation. The cameras detect this infra red radiation. Electronic circuits in the camera produce a colour image in which different colours correspond to different wavelengths of infra red radiation.

The table shows the image colour, infra red wavelength and the temperature of the object.

Image colour	Infra red wavelength in micrometres	Temperature of object in °C
Red	9.51	32
Red-orange	9.45	34
Orange	9.4	36
Orange-yellow	9.32	38
Yellow	9.26	40
Yellow-white	9.2	42

9A Two of the values of wavelength in the table show a lower . . .

1 calibration.

2 precision.

3 range.

4 reliability.

9B A scientist wanted to display this data as a line graph.

Which row in the table below shows the scales which would best display the data?

	x-axis (wavelength in micrometres)	y-axis (temperature in °C)
1	0 to 10	0 to 50
2	0 to 10	30 to 50
3	9 to 10	0 to 50
4	9 to 10	30 to 50

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 20 · continued

9C A thermal image of a small boy is mainly orange.

Under identical conditions, the thermal image of a much larger man would be . . .

1 mainly yellow because the man's body has a greater mass.

2 mainly red because the man's body has a larger surface area.

3 a mixture of red, orange and yellow because the man's body has a larger mass and a larger surface area.

4 mainly orange because the man and the boy have approximately the same body temperature.

9D At night, police officers use thermal imaging cameras to track criminals running away from crime scenes.

These cameras work better at night than during the day because at night . . .

1 the criminals emit more infra red radiation.

2 the cooler surroundings emit less infra red radiation.

3 the cooler surroundings emit less visible light.

4 the criminals wear black clothes.

END OF TEST

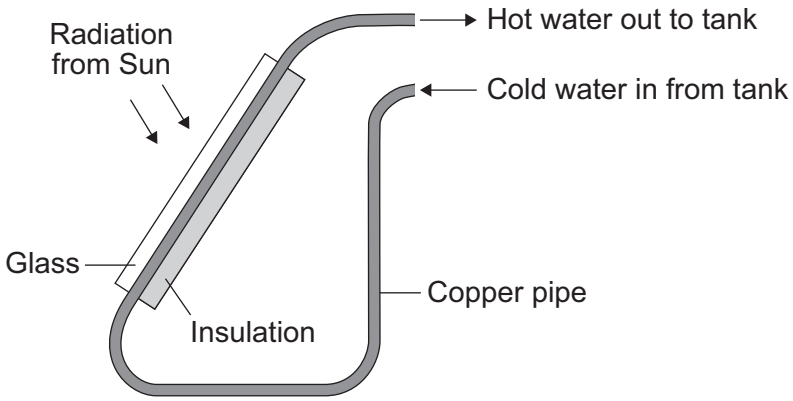
4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 21

November 2010 | PHY1AP | Original Q8 | Legacy

QUESTION EIGHT

The diagram shows a solar panel fitted to the roof of a house.
The solar panel is used for heating water.



- The panel is 5 m long and 2 m wide.
- Each square metre of panel receives 0.6 kJ of solar energy each second when the Sun is shining.

8A The solar panel collects . . .

1 infra red radiation from the Sun and transforms it into electricity.

2 infra red radiation from the Sun and uses it to heat water.

3 light energy from the Sun and transforms it into electricity.

4 ultraviolet radiation from the Sun and uses it to heat water.

8B The total amount of solar energy, in kJ, collected by the panel in 5 hours when the Sun is shining is . . .

1 1 800

2 10 800

3 21 600

4 108 000

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

8C The pipe inside the solar panel has a black surface because . . .

1 black surfaces are good reflectors of radiation.

2 black surfaces are good absorbers of radiation.

3 black surfaces are good emitters of radiation.

4 black surfaces stay hot for longer.

8D The hot water tank is placed higher than the solar panel.

This is because . . .

1 heated water contracts, and sinks.

2 heated water contracts, and rises.

3 heated water expands, and rises.

4 heated water expands, and sinks.

Turn over for the next question

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

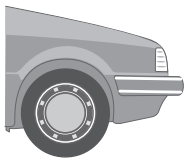
Question 22

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QUESTION TWO

This question is about controlling some forms of radiation.

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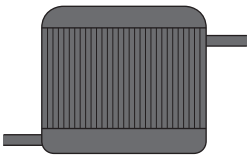
Car headlight has a shiny coating inside

2



Camera is matt black inside

3



Car radiator is painted matt black

4



Soil is covered with black plastic

Match statements, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, with diagrams **1**–**4**.

A is designed to increase the rate at which infra red radiation is absorbed

B is designed to increase the rate at which infra red radiation is emitted

C is designed to improve the ability to reflect visible light

D is designed to prevent the reflection of visible light

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 23

March 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q7 | Legacy

QUESTION SEVEN

In 2009, the European Space Agency launched two space telescopes: the Herschel and the Planck.

Also in 2009, the US space shuttle Atlantis was launched. Atlantis carried seven astronauts to service the Hubble space telescope.

The table gives information about the three space telescopes.

	Hubble	Herschel	Planck
Distance from Earth	560 km	1.5 million km	1.5 million km
Radiation detected	Visible light, ultraviolet	Infra red	Microwaves
Cost of 2009 launch	£1 billion (for servicing)	Total for the 2 telescopes - £1.7 billion	
Objects observed	Distant stars and galaxies	Early development of galaxies	Radiation left over from the 'Big Bang'

7A The Hubble and Herschel telescopes both contain mirrors. The diameter of the mirror in the Herschel telescope is 50 % larger than the diameter of the main mirror in the Hubble telescope.

This means that the . . .

1 Herschel mirror is capable of collecting more energy each second than the Hubble mirror.

2 cost of the Herschel telescope is higher than the cost of the Hubble servicing mission.

3 Herschel telescope is much lighter than the Hubble telescope.

4 orbit of the Herschel telescope is much larger than the orbit of the Hubble telescope.

7B The larger the diameter of a telescope mirror, the longer the wavelength of radiation it can detect.

The order of increasing diameters for the space telescopes in the table is . . .

1 Herschel; Hubble; Planck.

2 Hubble; Herschel; Planck.

3 Planck; Herschel; Hubble.

4 Planck; Hubble; Herschel.

7C The table refers to radiation left over from the ‘Big Bang’.

What is the ‘Big Bang’?

1 a theory that the light from distant galaxies shows a red-shift

2 an observation that the universe is expanding

3 a theory that the universe began from a very small initial point

4 evidence that distant galaxies are moving away from the Earth

7D A survey showed that a lot of people living in the UK think that the money spent on the launches in 2009 would have been better spent on feeding starving people in the developing world.

The people in the survey are concerned about . . .

1 political and scientific issues.

2 political and environmental issues.

3 economic and environmental issues.

4 economic and ethical issues.

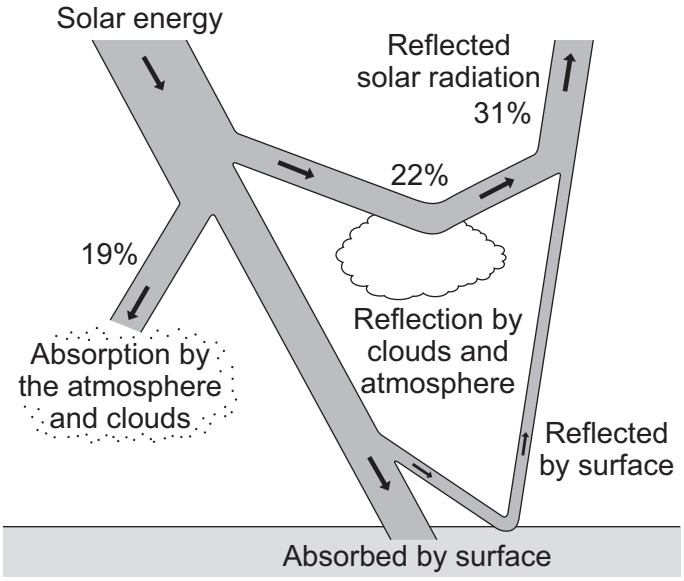
4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 24

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QUESTION NINE

The diagram shows what happens to solar energy as it enters the Earth's atmosphere on one day.



9A What percentage of the energy is absorbed by the Earth's surface?

1 28 %

2 50%

3 72 %

4 78 %

9B Solar radiation consists of different groups from the electromagnetic spectrum. In the ultraviolet region there are three main types, as shown in the diagram below.

Gamma	X-ray	Ultraviolet **UVC UVB UVA**	Visible	Infra red	Microwave	Radio

Which of the following statements is correct?

1 UVA rays have the same frequency, longer wavelength and travel at a faster speed than UVB rays.

2 UVB rays have a lower frequency, the same wavelength and travel at the same speed as UVC rays.

3 UVB rays have a lower frequency, a longer wavelength and travel at the same speed as UVC rays.

4 UVB rays have a higher frequency, a shorter wavelength and travel at a slower speed than UVC rays.

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 24 · continued

A measure of the ability of a surface to reflect sunlight is called the 'albedo' of the surface.

The *albedo* has a range of values from 0 (no reflection) to 1 (total reflection).

The table below gives the *albedo* values for some surfaces on the Earth.

Surface	Albedo
forest	0.06 – 0.14
crops	0.15 – 0.25
dry soil	0.24 – 0.35
ice	0.33 – 0.38
dry sand	0.36 – 0.44
old snow	0.42 – 0.60
new concrete	0.50 – 0.60
fresh snow	0.80 – 0.90

9C From the table, which of the following surfaces has the biggest range of *albedo* values?

1 crops

2 dry sand

3 dry soil

4 old snow

9D The average *albedo* of the Earth – atmosphere system is currently about 0.30. Scientists think that this value may rise over the next 50 years.

Which one of the following statements supports their idea?

1 More crops are being produced.

2 The Earth is getting further away from the Sun.

3 There is a decrease in forest area and an increase in urban areas.

4 Less fresh snow is being deposited because of climate change.

END OF TEST

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

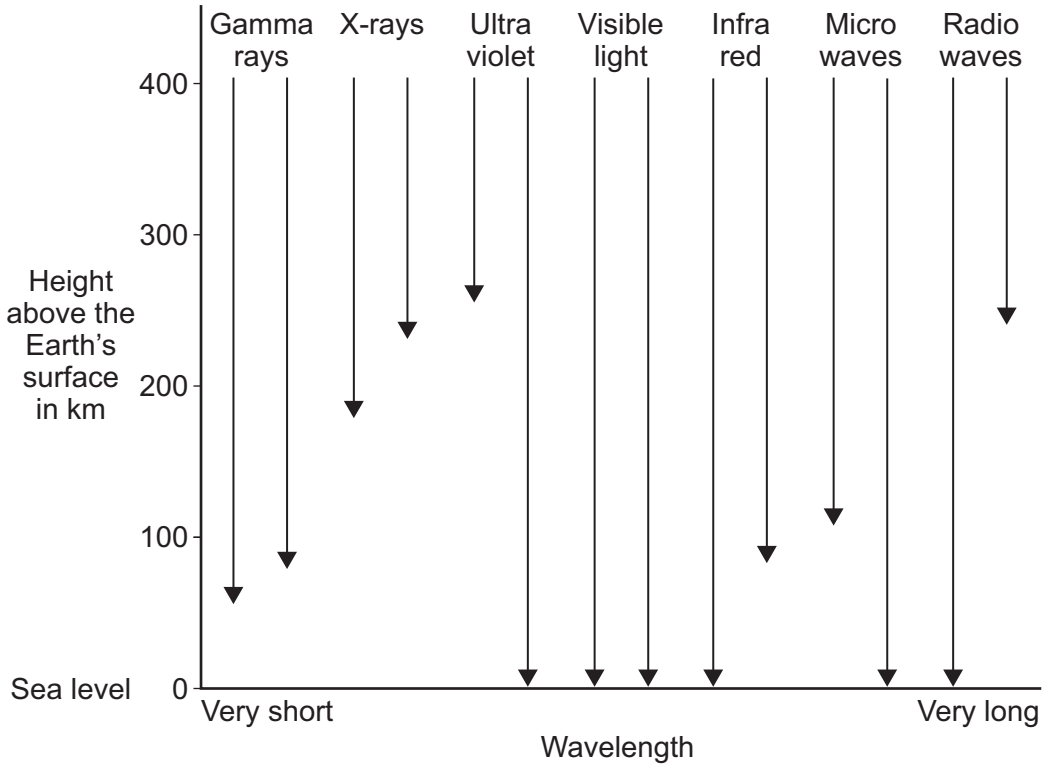
Question 25

June 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q4 | Legacy

QUESTION FOUR

Telescopes can be based on the Earth's surface or put into orbit in space.

The diagram shows how far electromagnetic waves penetrate the Earth's atmosphere. For some types of electromagnetic radiation, longer and shorter waves penetrate the atmosphere to different depths.



4A Telescopes on Earth detect **all** wavelengths of . . .

1 radio waves only.

2 visible light only.

3 radio waves and visible light.

4 visible light and X-rays.

4B Which of the following statements about the use of telescopes in space is true?

1 The atmosphere distorts the image produced by the telescope.

2 The telescopes are affected by light pollution from the Earth.

3 The telescopes can detect electromagnetic waves that cannot reach the Earth's surface.

4 The telescopes are easy to repair and maintain.

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 25 · continued

The table gives information about some space telescopes. Each telescope detects a different type of electromagnetic radiation.

Telescope	Wavelength detected in nanometres
INTEGRAL	less than 0.01
Chandra	0.01 – 20
FUSE	20 – 400
Hubble	400 – 700
Spitzer	1000 – 1 000 000

4C The Hubble telescope detects visible light.

Which telescope detects infra red radiation?

1 Chandra

2 FUSE

3 INTEGRAL

4 Spitzer

4D Which telescope detects X-rays?

1 Chandra

2 FUSE

3 INTEGRAL

4 Spitzer

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

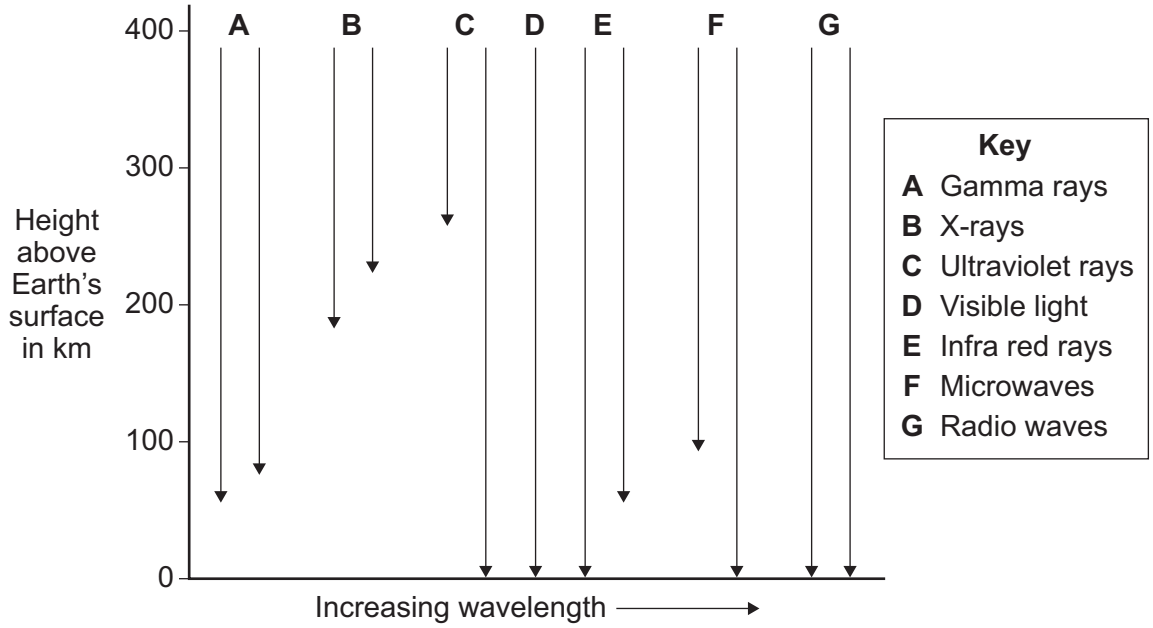
Question 26

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QUESTION NINE

The diagram shows how far electromagnetic waves can penetrate the Earth's atmosphere.

Where two arrows are shown for a particular type of electromagnetic radiation, longer and shorter waves penetrate the atmosphere to different depths.



9A Which one of the following statements is true?

1 Gamma rays penetrate the atmosphere further than all other types of electromagnetic radiation.

2 All frequencies of ultraviolet radiation reach the Earth's surface.

3 No frequencies of radio waves reach the Earth's surface.

4 Higher frequencies of microwaves are completely absorbed by the atmosphere.

9B What would be the minimum height above the Earth for a satellite carrying telescopes designed to detect gamma rays, X-rays and ultraviolet radiation of all wavelengths?

1 50 km

2 70 km

3 180 km

4 260 km

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 26 · continued

9C Optical telescopes used to observe objects in space are limited because they can be used only . . .

1 as ground-based telescopes.

2 at night.

3 to observe a small region of the electromagnetic spectrum.

4 to observe one region of the sky.

9D Electromagnetic radiation from distant galaxies is very weak and is therefore very difficult to detect.

Some space telescopes use liquid helium to keep scientific instruments at a very low temperature.

Which type of weak electromagnetic radiation would best be detected by instruments kept at a very low temperature?

1 gamma rays

2 X-rays

3 infra red rays

4 ultraviolet rays

END OF TEST

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 27

June 2012 | PH1HP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 A wood burning stove is used to heat a room.



The fire in the stove uses wood as a fuel. The fire heats the matt black metal case of the stove.

1 (a) The air next to the stove is warmed by infrared radiation.

How does the design of the stove help to improve the rate of energy transfer by infrared radiation?

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(2 marks)

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 27 · continued

1 (b) Burning 1 kg of wood transfers 15 MJ of energy to the stove. The stove then transfers 13.5 MJ of energy to the room.

Calculate the efficiency of the stove.

Use the correct equation from the Physics Equations Sheet.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Efficiency = ...

(2 marks)

1 (c) Some of the energy from the burning wood is wasted as the hot gases leave the chimney and warm the air outside the house.

Name **one** other way energy is wasted by the stove.

.....

(1 mark)

1 (d) Some people heat their homes using electric heaters. Other people heat their homes using a wood burning stove.

Give **two** environmental advantages of using a wood burning stove to heat a home rather than heaters that use electricity generated from fossil fuels.

1 .....

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2 .....

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(2 marks)

Question 1 continues on the next page

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 27 · continued

1 (e) The metal case of the stove gets hot when the fire is lit.

Here is some information about the stove.

Mass of metal case	100 kg
Starting temperature of metal case	20 °C
Final temperature of metal case	70 °C
Specific heat capacity of metal case	510 J/kg °C

Calculate the energy required to raise the temperature of the metal case to 70 °C.

Use the correct equation from the Physics Equations Sheet.

Show clearly how you work out your answer and give the unit.

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Energy required = ...

(3 marks)

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4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 28

June 2013 | PH1HP | Original Q7 | Legacy

7 (a) Electromagnetic waves form a continuous spectrum with a range of wavelengths.

What is the approximate range of wavelengths of electromagnetic waves?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

10^{-15} metres to 10^{4} metres ☐

10^{-4} metres to 10^{15} metres ☐

10^{-6} metres to 10^{6} metres ☐

(1 mark)

7 (b) Infrared waves and microwaves are used for communications.

7 (b) (i) Give **one** example of infrared waves being used for communication.

.....

.....

(1 mark)

7 (b) (ii) A mobile phone network uses microwaves to transmit signals through the air. The microwaves have a frequency of 1.8×10^{9} Hz and travel at a speed of 3.0×10^{8} m/s.

Calculate the wavelength of the microwaves.

Use the correct equation from the Physics Equations Sheet.

Give your answer to **two** significant figures.

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Wavelength = ... m

(3 marks)

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 28 · continued

7 (c) Some scientists suggest there is a possible link between using a mobile phone and male fertility.

The results of their study are given in the table.

Mobile phone use in hours per day	Sperm count in millions of sperm cells per cm^3 of semen
0	86
less than 2	69
2 – 4	59
more than 4	50

The results show a negative correlation: the more hours a mobile phone is used each day, the lower the sperm count. However, the results do **not** necessarily mean using a mobile phone causes the reduced sperm count.

Suggest **one** reason why.

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(1 mark)

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4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 29

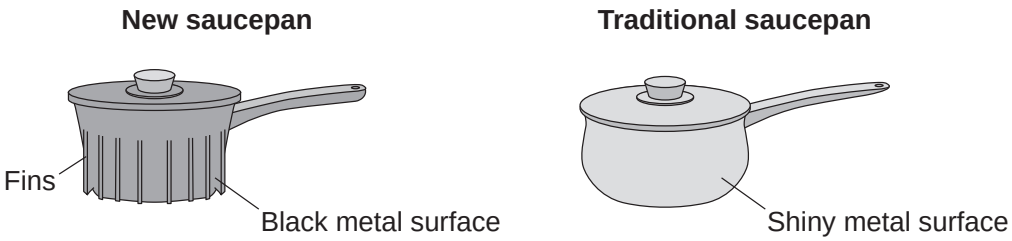
June 2016 | PH1HP | Original Q3 | Legacy

3 (a) Heating food in a saucepan over a gas flame is inefficient.
Suggest why.

[2 marks]

3 (b) A new saucepan has been designed that heats up food much faster than a traditional saucepan. **Figure 4** shows the two saucepans.

Figure 4



Describe how the features of the new saucepan cause the food to heat up faster than when the food is heated in the traditional saucepan.

[2 marks]

Fins

Black metal surface

3 (c) State the relationship between the temperature of the saucepan and the rate at which the saucepan emits infrared radiation.

[1 mark]

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4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 30

June 2016 | PH1HP | Original Q4 | Legacy

4 Infrared and microwaves are two types of electromagnetic radiation.

4 (a) (i) State **one** example of the use of each type of radiation for communication.

[2 marks]

Infrared: _____

Microwaves: _____

4 (a) (ii) Some of the properties of infrared and microwaves are the same.

State **two** of these properties.

[2 marks]

1 _____

_____

2 _____

_____

4 (b) In 1964, physicists discovered microwave radiation that filled the universe.

4 (b) (i) Name this type of radiation.

[1 mark]

_____

4 (b) (ii) State the importance of this discovery made by the physicists.

[1 mark]

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4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 31

June 2016 | PH2HP | Original Q6 | Legacy

6 (a) Brown dwarf stars are thought to have been formed in the same way as other stars.
They are too small for nuclear fusion reactions to take place in them.
Brown dwarf stars emit infrared radiation but are not hot enough to emit visible light.

6 (a) (i) Describe how a star is formed.

[2 marks]

6 (a) (ii) Describe the process of nuclear fusion.

[1 mark]

6 (a) (iii) Scientists predicted that brown dwarf stars existed before the first one was discovered in 1995.

Suggest **one** reason why scientists are now able to observe and identify brown dwarf stars.

[1 mark]

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 31 · continued

6 (b) In the 18th century some scientists suggested a theory about how the planets formed in the Solar System. The theory was that after the Sun formed, there were cool discs of matter rotating around the Sun. These cool discs of matter formed the planets. The scientists thought this must have happened around other stars too.

6 (b) (i) Thinking about this theory, what would the scientists have predicted to have been formed in other parts of the Universe?

[1 mark]

_____

_____

6 (b) (ii) Since the 1980s scientists studying young stars have shown the stars to be surrounded by cool discs of rotating matter.

What was the importance of these observations to the theory the scientists suggested in the 18th century?

[1 mark]

_____

_____

6 (c) The Earth contains elements heavier than iron.

Why is the presence of elements heavier than iron in the Earth evidence that the Solar System was formed from material produced after a massive star exploded?

[1 mark]

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4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 32

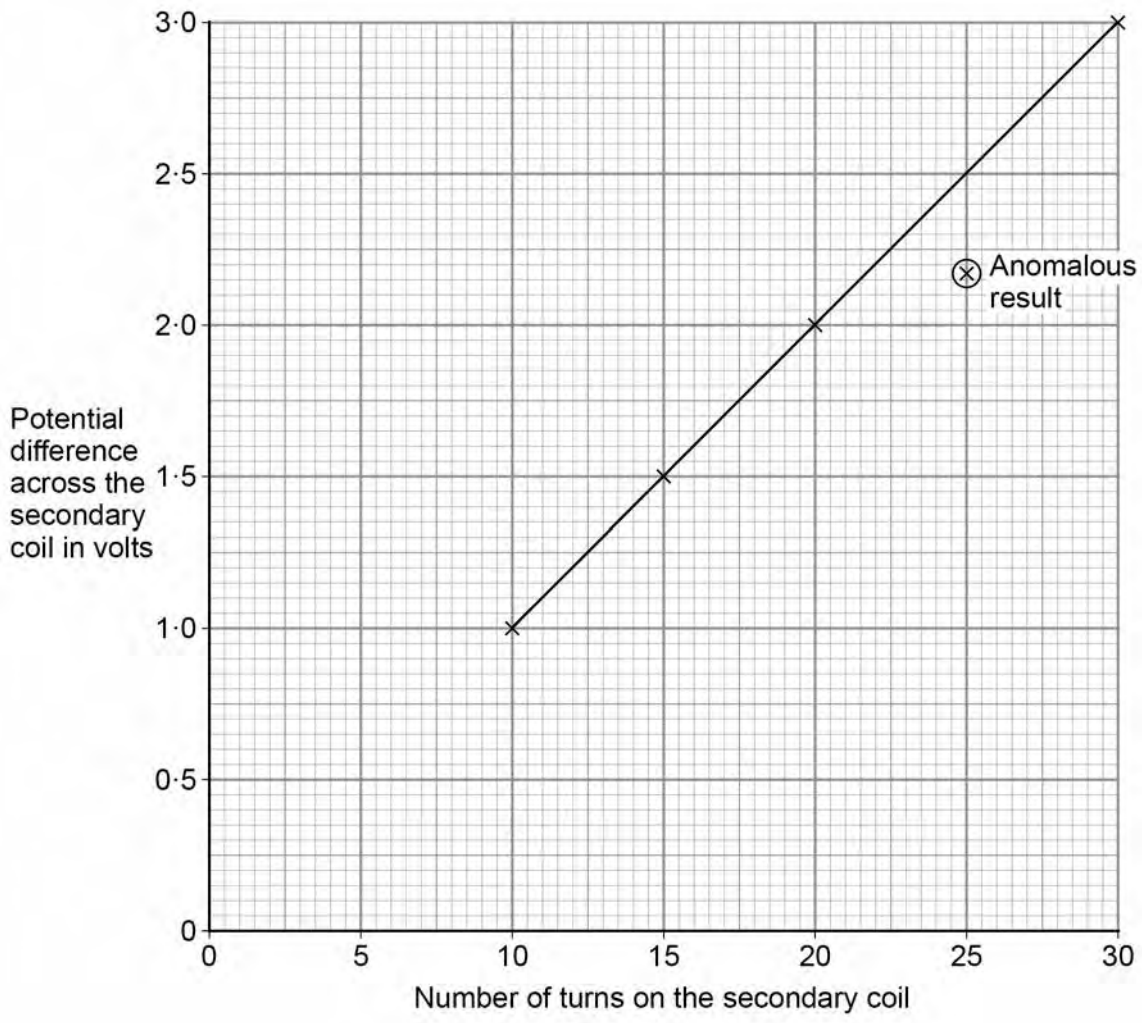
June 2018 | 8463/2H | Original Q7

0 7 A student used a simple transformer to investigate how the number of turns on the secondary coil affects the potential difference (p.d.) across the secondary coil.

The student kept the p.d. across the primary coil fixed at 2V.

Figure 12 shows the results collected by the student.

Figure 12



0 7 . 1 **Figure 12** contains one anomalous result.

Suggest **one** possible reason why this anomalous result occurred.

[1 mark]

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 32 · continued

0 7 . 2 The transformer changes from being a step-down to a step-up transformer.

How can you tell from **Figure 12** that this happens?

[1 mark]

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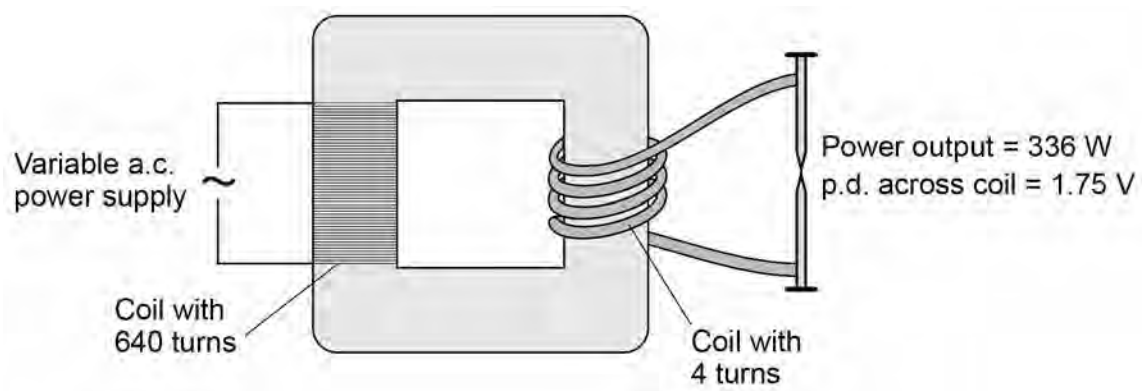
4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 32 · continued

A spot-welder is a device that uses a transformer to produce a large current to join sheets of metal together.

Figure 13 shows a transformer demonstrating how a large current can heat and join two nails together.

Figure 13



0 7 . 3 How does the amount of infrared radiation emitted by the nails change when the power supply is switched on?

[1 mark]

0 7 . 4 Calculate the current from the power supply needed to provide a power output of 336 W.

Use the data in **Figure 13**.

The transformer is 100% efficient.

[5 marks]

Current = _____ A

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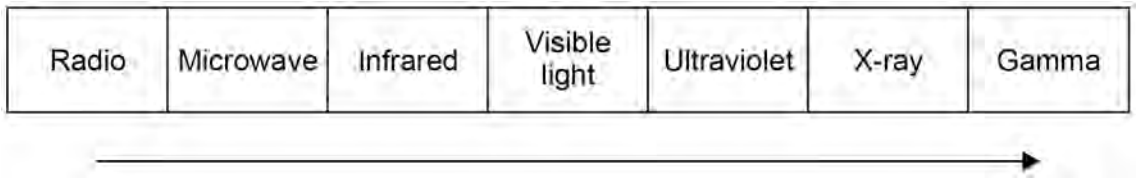
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Question 33

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0 7 . 1 **Figure 12** shows the electromagnetic spectrum.

Figure 12



Which statement is correct for the direction of the arrow in **Figure 12**?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- The wavelength decreases and the wave speed in air increases. ☐
- The frequency increases and the wavelength increases. ☐
- The frequency increases and the wave speed in air stays the same. ☐
- The wavelength increases and the wave speed in air increases. ☐

0 7 . 2 Explain how the properties of X-rays make them suitable for the medical imaging of bones.

[2 marks]

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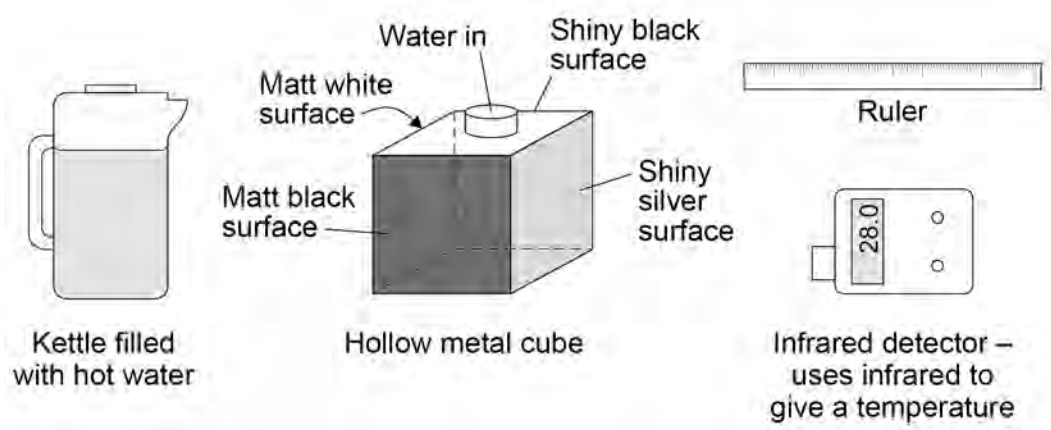
Question 33 · continued

A student investigated the infrared radiation emitted from the sides of a hollow metal cube.

The sides of the cube are different colours or textures.

Figure 13 shows the equipment used.

Figure 13



Boiling water was poured into the cube. The amount of infrared radiation emitted from each vertical surface was then measured.

0 7 . 3 Boiling water is a hazard in this investigation.

Suggest how the risk of harm could be reduced in this investigation.

[1 mark]

0 7 . 4 What is the control variable in this investigation?

[1 mark]

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 33 · continued

Table 2 shows the results.

Table 2

Type of surface	Temperature in °C
Matt black	68.0
Matt white	65.5
Shiny black	66.3
Shiny silver	28.0

0 7 . 5 The four temperature values in **Table 2** cannot be used to show that the infrared detector gives precise readings.

Give the reason why.

[1 mark]

0 7 . 6 The student looked at the data in **Table 2** and concluded:

'A black surface always emits more infrared radiation than a white surface.'

Explain how using an infrared detector with a resolution of 1 °C would have affected the student's conclusion.

[2 marks]

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 33 · continued

Albedo is a measure of the amount of solar radiation reflected by an object compared to the total solar radiation incident on the object.

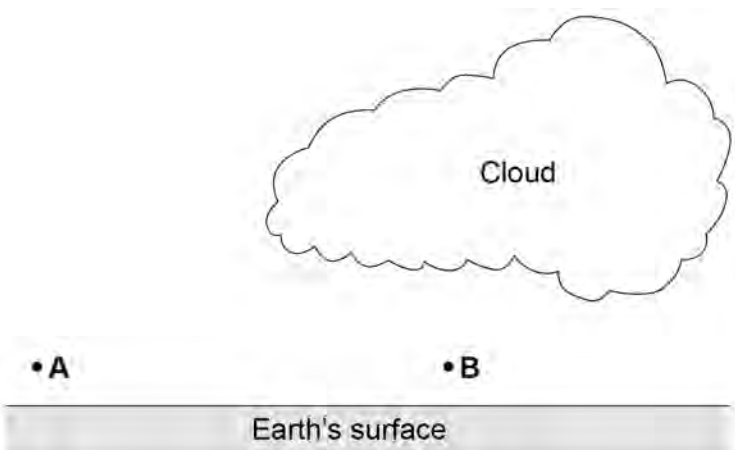
A perfect reflector has an Albedo value of 1.0
A perfect absorber has an Albedo value of 0.0

0 7 . 7 What is the Albedo value of a perfect black body?

[1 mark]

0 7 . 8 **Figure 14** shows two points, **A** and **B**, just above the Earth's surface.

Figure 14



The average Albedo value of the Earth's surface is 0.3
The Albedo value of thick cloud varies between 0.6 and 0.9

At night the air at point **A** cools faster than the air at point **B**.

Explain why.

[3 marks]

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4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 34

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0 5 Ultraviolet is a type of electromagnetic wave.

0 5 . 1 Give **one** use of ultraviolet.

[1 mark]

_____

0 5 . 2 An ultraviolet wave has a wavelength of 300 nanometres.

Which of the following is equal to 300 nanometres?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

3×10^{7} m ☐

3×10^{-7} m ☐

3×10^{9} m ☐

3×10^{-9} m ☐

0 5 . 3 The speed of ultraviolet waves is 3×10^{8} m/s.

Calculate the frequency of the ultraviolet wave.

Use your answer to Question **05.2**

[3 marks]

_____

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_____

Frequency = _____ Hz

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 34 · continued

0 5 . 4 **Table 1** gives the wavelength of an ultraviolet wave and three other electromagnetic waves.

Table 1

	Ultraviolet	Wave E	Wave F	Wave G
Wavelength in nanometres	300	0.1	600	100 000

Draw **one** line from each wave to the name of the wave.

[1 mark]

Wave	Name
Wave E	Infrared
Wave F	Visible light
Wave G	X-rays

0 5 . 5 Electromagnetic waves are transverse.

Some other types of wave are longitudinal.

Describe the difference between transverse and longitudinal waves.

[2 marks]

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Question 35

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0 1 Infrared waves are transverse waves.

0 1 . 1 Complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

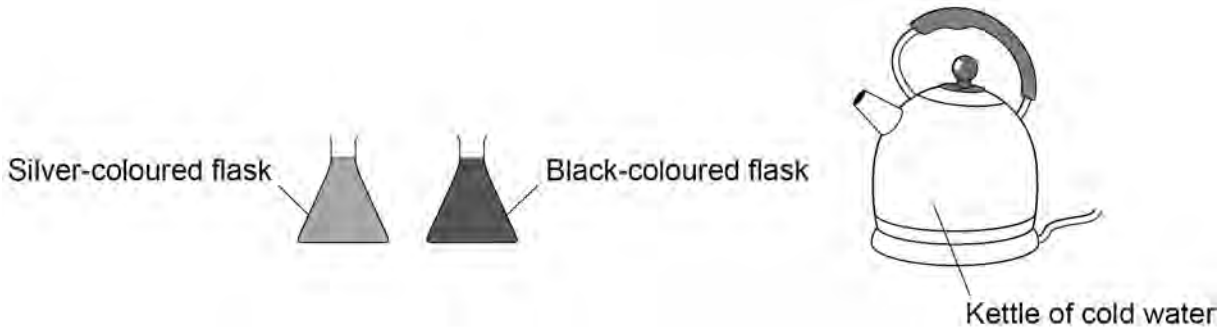
In a transverse wave, the direction of oscillation is _____

to the direction of energy transfer by the wave.

A student investigated how the colour of a surface affects the rate at which the surface emits infrared radiation.

Figure 1 shows some of the equipment used.

Figure 1



4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 35 · continued

0 1 . 2 The student wrote the following hypothesis:

‘The black-coloured flask will emit more infrared radiation than the silver-coloured flask during 10 minutes of cooling.’

Describe a method to test this hypothesis.

[6 marks]

Question 1 continues on the next page

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 35 · continued

0 1 . 3 When will the flasks emit infrared radiation at the greatest rate?

Give a reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

During the 1st minute ☐

During the 5th minute ☐

During the 9th minute ☐

Reason _____

_____

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 35 · continued

Another student investigated the absorption of infrared radiation by different surface colours.

The student filled four hollow metal cubes with cold water.

Each cube was the same size but had a different surface colour.

The cubes were then placed the same distance from an infrared heater.

After 10 minutes, the student measured the temperature increase of the water inside each cube.

0 1 . 4 What was the dependent variable in this investigation?

[1 mark]

0 1 . 5 **Table 1** shows the results.

Table 1

Surface colour of the cube	Temperature increase after 10 minutes in °C
Matt white	3.0
Shiny white	2.0
Matt black	6.5
Shiny black	4.0

Give **two** conclusions that can be made from the results in **Table 1**.

[2 marks]

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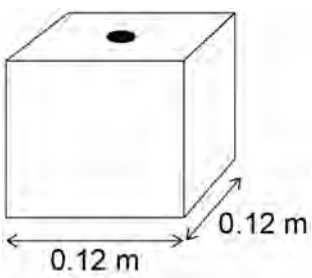
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Question 35 · continued

Figure 2 shows one of the cubes. The cube is filled with water.

The weight of the water exerts a pressure on the bottom of the cube.

Figure 2



Use the Physics Equations Sheet to answer questions **01.6** and **01.7**.

0 1 . 6 Which equation correctly links area, force and pressure?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

pressure = force × area^2 ☐

pressure = force × area ☐

pressure = $\frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}}$ ☐

pressure = $\frac{\text{area}}{\text{force}}$ ☐

4.6.3.1 Emission and absorption of infrared radiation

Question 35 · continued

0 1 . 7 The water pressure at the bottom of the cube is 1500 Pa.

Calculate the force of the water on the bottom of the cube.

[4 marks]

Force = _____ N

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Turn over for the next question