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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	work done per unit mass	<b>M1</b>
	bringing (small test) mass from infinity (to the point)	<b>A1</b>
1(b)(i)	$\Delta\phi = (GM/2R) - (GM/5R) = 3GM/10R$	<b>A1</b>
1(b)(ii)	change in GPE = $(3 \times 4.0 \times 10^{14} / 10R) \times 4.7 \times 10^4$	<b>C1</b>
	$(3 \times 4.0 \times 10^{14} / 10R) \times 4.7 \times 10^4 = (1.70 - 0.88) \times 10^{12}$ $R = 6.88 \times 10^6$	<b>C1</b>
	distance = $3 \times 6.88 \times 10^6$ = $2.1 \times 10^7$ m	<b>A1</b>

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	+ $\Delta U$ <u>increase</u> in internal energy + $q$ heat (energy) transferred <u>to</u> the system / heating of system + $w$ work done <u>on</u> system	<b>B2</b>
2(b)(i)	$W = p\Delta V$ = $5.2 \times 10^5 \times (5.0 - 1.6) \times 10^{-4}$ (=177 J)	<b>B1</b>
	$\Delta U = q + w$ = $442 - 177 = 265$ J	<b>A1</b>
2(b)(ii)	no (molecular) potential energy	<b>B1</b>
	internal energy decreases so (total molecular) kinetic energy decreases	<b>B1</b>
	(mean molecular) kinetic energy decreases so temperature decreases	<b>B1</b>

Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(iii)	$\Delta U + 265 - 313 = 0$ $\Delta U = 48 \text{ J}$	<b>A1</b>
2(b)(iv)	$pV = NkT$ or $pV = nRT$ <u>and</u> $N = nN_A$	<b>C1</b>
	$5.2 \times 10^5 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-4} = N \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times (273 + 227)$ or $5.2 \times 10^5 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-4} = n \times 8.31 \times (273 + 227)$ and $n = N / 6.02 \times 10^{23}$  $N = 1.2 \times 10^{22}$	<b>A1</b>

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3(a)	$m$ is constant or $k/m$ is constant <u>and</u> so acceleration / $a$ proportional to displacement / $x$	<b>B1</b>
	negative sign shows that acceleration / $a$ is in opposite direction to displacement / $x$ or negative sign shows acceleration / $a$ is towards fixed point	<b>B1</b>
3(b)	evidence of comparison to expression to $a = -\omega^2 x$	<b>B1</b>
	$\omega^2 = k/m$ or $\omega^2 = 4.0/m$ hence $\omega = 2.0/\sqrt{m}$	<b>A1</b>
3(c)	$E_K = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x_0^2$ or $E_K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ <u>and</u> $v = \omega x_0$	<b>C1</b>
	$= \frac{1}{2} m (4.0/m) (3.0 \times 10^{-2})^2$	<b>C1</b>
	$= 1.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J}$	<b>A1</b>

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3(d)	new $x_0 = \sqrt{[(1.8 \times 10^{-3} / 2) \times (2 / m \times (m / 4.0))]}$ or ( $E_K \propto x_0^2$ so) new $x_0 = \sqrt{[1/2 \times (3.0 \times 10^{-2})^2]}$	<b>C1</b>
	= $2.12 \times 10^{-2}$ m	<b>A1</b>
3(e)	flux linked to block changes / flux is cut by block which induces an e.m.f. in block	<b>B1</b>
	(eddy) currents induced in block cause heating	<b>B1</b>
	thermal / heat energy comes from (kinetic / potential) energy of oscillations / block	<b>B1</b>

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4	piezo-electric / quartz crystal / transducer	<b>B1</b>
	<u>alternating</u> p.d. applied across crystal / transducer	<b>B1</b>
	causes crystal to vibrate / resonate	<b>B1</b>
	crystal resonates at ultrasound frequencies / crystal's natural frequency is in the ultrasound range / alternating p.d. is in ultrasound frequency range	<b>B1</b>

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5(a)	any <b>three</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>greater bandwidth</li> <li>does not suffer from (e.m.) interference / can be used in (e.m.) 'noisy' environments</li> <li>no/less power/energy radiated/better security/less cross-talk</li> <li>less attenuation/fewer repeaters/amplifiers needed</li> <li>less weight/easier to handle/cheaper/occupy less space</li> </ul>	<b>B3</b>
5(b)(i)	attenuation / gain = $10 \log P_1 / P_2$	<b>C1</b>
	$0.50 \times 57 = 10 \log (15 \times 10^{-3} / P)$ so $P = 2.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ W}$ or $-(0.50 \times 57) = 10 \log (P / 15 \times 10^{-3})$ so $P = 2.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ W}$	<b>A1</b>
5(b)(ii)	<i>either</i>	
	(calculation of S/N ratio at receiver) S/N ratio = $10 \log (2.1 \times 10^{-5} / 9.0 \times 10^{-7})$ or S/N ratio = 14	<b>M1</b>
	$14 < 24$ or S/N ratio < minimum S/N ratio	<b>A1</b>
	so not able to distinguish signal from noise	<b>A1</b>
	<i>or</i>	
	(calculation of minimum acceptable power at receiver) $24 = 10 \log (P / 9.0 \times 10^{-7})$ or $P = 2.3 \times 10^{-4}$	<b>(M1)</b>
	$2.1 \times 10^{-5} < 2.3 \times 10^{-4}$ or power < minimum power	<b>(A1)</b>
so not able to distinguish signal from noise	<b>(A1)</b>	

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	similarity: lines are radial/greater separation of lines with increased distance from the sphere	<b>B1</b>
	difference: gravitational lines directed towards sphere <u>and</u> electric lines directed away from sphere	<b>B1</b>
6(b)(i)	$E = Q / 4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2$ or $E = kQ / r^2$ with $k$ defined/substituted in	<b>C1</b>
	$4.1 \times 10^{-5} = [Q / (4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 0.025^2)] - [Q / (4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 0.075^2)]$	<b>C1</b>
	$Q = 3.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ C}$	<b>A1</b>
6(b)(ii)	smooth curve with gradient decreasing starting at $(0, 4.1 \times 10^{-5})$ to $d$ -axis at $(2.5, 0)$	<b>B1</b>
	smooth curve with gradient increasing from $(2.5, 0)$ ending at $(5, -4.1 \times 10^{-5})$	<b>B1</b>
6(b)(iii)	acceleration decreases (to zero at mid-point)	<b>B1</b>
	then acceleration increases in the opposite direction/increasing negative acceleration	<b>B1</b>

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7(a)	correct grid shape (of wire)	<b>B1</b>
	fine wire/foil strip	<b>B1</b>
	plastic/insulating envelope containing the wire	<b>B1</b>
7(b)(i)	$2.00 / 6.00 = 153.0 / (R + 153.0)$ or $4.00 / 6.00 = R / (R + 153.0)$ (so $R = 306.0$ )	<b>C1</b>
	$\Delta R = 306.0 - 300.0 = 6.0 \text{ } (\Omega)$	<b>C1</b>
	so $\Delta L = 8(.0) \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$	<b>A1</b>

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7(b)(ii)	$R$ or $\Delta R$ increases	<b>B1</b>
	$V^+ < V^-$ or $V_A < 2.00$ or $V^+ / V_A$ decreases	<b>M1</b>
	output is negative / $-5V$	<b>A1</b>
	diode X emits light / is 'on'	<b>A1</b>

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8(a)	region (of space) where there is a force	<b>M1</b>
	produced by / on a magnet / magnetic pole / <u>moving</u> charge / current-carrying conductor	<b>A1</b>
8(b)(i)	out of (the plane of) the paper / page	<b>B1</b>
8(b)(ii)	the force on the particle is (always) perpendicular to the velocity / perpendicular to the direction of travel / towards the centre of path	<b>B1</b>
	no work is done by the force on the particle / there is no acceleration in the direction of the velocity / the acceleration is (always) perpendicular to the velocity	<b>B1</b>
8(b)(iii)	$F = Bqv$ or $F = mv^2 / r$	<b>C1</b>
	$mv^2 / (d/2) = Bqv$ so $d = 2mv / Bq$	<b>A1</b>
8(b)(iv)	time = distance / speed $T_{(F)} = \pi d / 2v$	<b>C1</b>
	$T_{(F)} = (\pi / 2v) \times (2mv / Bq)$ $T_{(F)} = \pi m / Bq$ and so $T_{(F)}$ independent of $v$	<b>A1</b>

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9(a)(i)	increase flux linkage (with secondary coil) / to reduce flux loss	<b>B1</b>
9(a)(ii)	e.m.f. (induced only) when flux (in core/coil) is changing	<b>B1</b>
	constant / direct voltage gives constant flux / field	<b>B1</b>
9(b)(i)	$N_S / N_P = V_S / V_P$	<b>C1</b>
	$N_S = (52 / 150) \times 1200$ = 416 turns	<b>A1</b>
9(b)(ii)	0 ms or 7.5 ms or 15.0 ms or 22.5 ms	<b>A1</b>
9(c)(i)	<i>either</i>	
	mean power = $V^2 / 2R$ and $V = 52$ (V)	<b>C1</b>
	$R = 52^2 / (2 \times 1.2)$ = 1100 (1127) $\Omega$	<b>A1</b>
	<i>or</i>	
	mean power = $V^2 / R$ and $V = 52 / \sqrt{2}$ (= 36.8 V)	<b>(C1)</b>
	$R = 36.8^2 / 1.2$ = 1100 $\Omega$	<b>(A1)</b>
9(c)(ii)	sinusoidal shape with troughs at zero power	<b>B1</b>
	only 3 'cycles'	<b>B1</b>
	each 'cycle' is 2.4 W high and zero power at correct times	<b>B1</b>



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10(a)	packet/ quantum of energy	<b>M1</b>
	of electromagnetic radiation	<b>A1</b>
10(b)(i)	light is re-emitted in all directions / only part of the re-emitted light is in the direction of the beam	<b>B1</b>
10(b)(ii)	an arrow between $-3.40$ eV and $-1.51$ eV <u>and</u> an arrow between $-3.40$ eV and $-0.85$ eV	<b>B1</b>
	all arrows shown point 'upwards'	<b>B1</b>
10(b)(iii)	$E = hc / \lambda$ or $E = hf$ <u>and</u> $c = f\lambda$	<b>C1</b>
	$2.60 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19} = (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3.00 \times 10^8) / \lambda$	<b>C1</b>
	$\lambda = 4.8 \times 10^{-7}$ m	<b>A1</b>

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<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Marks</b>
11	any <b>five</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• electrons need energy to enter conduction band (from valence band)</li><li>• (positively-charged) holes are left in valence band</li><li>• moving charge carriers/holes/electrons are current</li><li>• (increase of temperature leads to) more (positive and negative) charge carriers/more holes/more electrons so more current</li><li>• more charge carriers/holes/electrons gives rise to less resistance</li><li>• (increase of temperature causes) greater (amplitude of) vibrations of atoms/ions/lattice</li><li>• effect of more charge carriers/holes/electrons is greater than effect of greater vibrations (and so resistance decreases)</li></ul>	<b>B5</b>

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12(a)	<i>either</i>	
	(minimum) energy required / work done to separate the nucleons (in a nucleus)	<b>M1</b>
	to infinity	<b>A1</b>
	<i>or</i>	
	energy released when nucleons come together (to form a nucleus)	<b>(M1)</b>
	from infinity	<b>(A1)</b>
12(b)(i)	(total) binding energy of thorium and helium (nuclei) greater than binding energy of uranium (nucleus)	<b>B1</b>
12(b)(ii)1	change in mass = $238.05076 - (234.04357 + 4.00260)$ = $4.59 \times 10^{-3} \text{ u}$	<b>A1</b>
12(b)(ii)2	<i>either</i>	
	$E = mc^2$	<b>C1</b>
	$= 4.59 \times 10^{-3} \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \times (3.00 \times 10^8)^2$	
	$= 6.9 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$	<b>A1</b>
	<i>or</i>	
	$1 \text{ u} = 931 \text{ MeV}$ $E = 4.59 \times 10^{-3} \times 931 \times 10^6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$	<b>(C1)</b>
	$= 6.8 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$	<b>(A1)</b>
12(b)(iii)	Th nucleus / He nucleus / product nucleus has kinetic energy	<b>M1</b>
	energy of gamma photon must be less than energy released	<b>A1</b>