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14. Do **not** penalize candidates for errors in units or significant figures, **unless** it is specifically referred to in the “Notes” column.

Section A

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
1.	a	i	error in $m_1 + m_2$ is 1% OR error in $m_1 - m_2$ is 40% OR error in a is 1% ✓ adds percentage errors ✓ so error in g is 42% OR 40% OR 41.8% ✓	Allow answer 0.42 or 0.4 or 0.418. Award [0] for comparing the average value with a known value, e.g. 9.81 m s^{-2} .	3
1.	a	ii	$g = 9.996 \text{ «ms}^{-2}\text{»}$ OR $\Delta g = 4.20 \text{ «ms}^{-2}\text{»}$ ✓ $g = (10 \pm 4) \text{ «ms}^{-2}\text{»}$ OR $g = (10.0 \pm 4.2) \text{ «ms}^{-2}\text{»}$ ✓	Award [1] max for not proper significant digits or decimals use, such as: 9.996 ± 4.178 or 10 ± 4.2 or 10.0 ± 4 or $10.0 \pm 4.18 \text{ «ms}^{-2}\text{»}$.	2
1.	b	i	the acceleration would be small/the time of fall would be large ✓ easier to measure /a longer time of fall reduces the % error in the time of fall and « hence acceleration » ✓	Do not accept ideas related to the mass/moment of inertia of the pulley.	2
1.	b	ii	the percentage error in the difference of the masses is large ✓ leading to a large percentage error/uncertainty in g /of the experiment ✓	Do not accept ideas related to the mass/moment of inertia of the pulley.	2

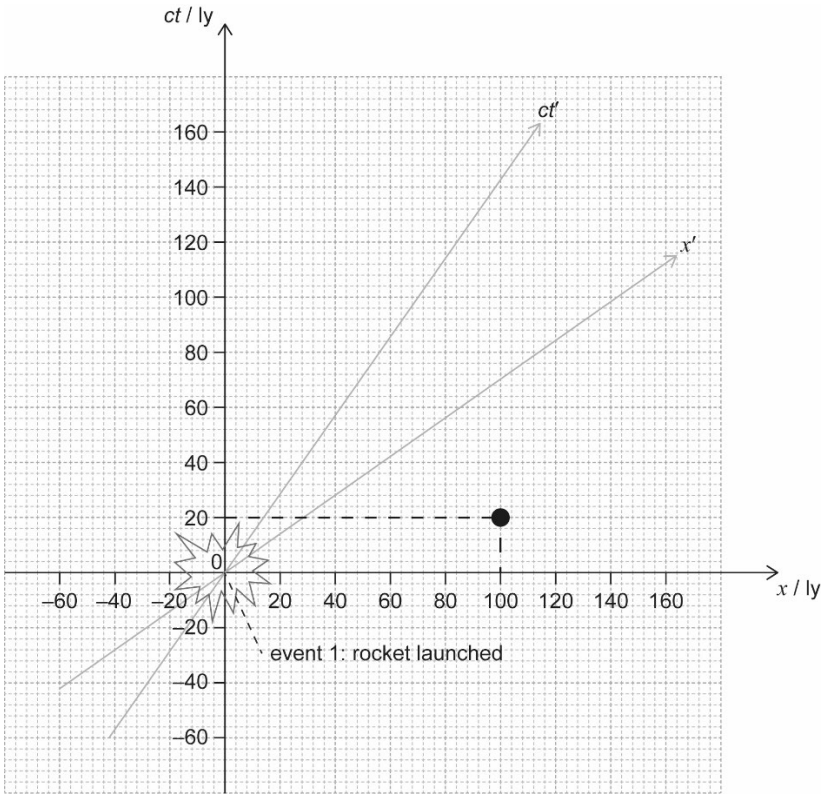
Question		Answers	Notes	Total
2.	a	<p>theory « $H = cD^{\frac{2}{3}}$ » predicts that $H^3 \propto D^2$ ✓</p> <p>graph « of H^3 vs D^2 » is a straight line through the origin/graph of proportionality ✓</p>	<p>Allow $H = cD^{\frac{2}{3}}$ gives $H^3 = c^3 D^2$ for MP1.</p> <p>Do not award MP2 for “the graph is linear” without mention of origin.</p>	2
2.	b	<p>evidence of gradient calculation to give gradient = 3.0 ✓</p> <p>$c^3 = 3.0 \Rightarrow c = 1.4$ ✓</p> <p>$m^{\frac{1}{3}}$ ✓</p>		3
2.	c	<p>the load/the thickness of paper/the type of paper/ the number of times the paper is rolled to form a cylinder ✓</p>		1

Section B

Option A — Relativity

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
3.	a		$c-v \checkmark$		1
3.	b		$c \checkmark$		1
3.	c		$c \checkmark$		1

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
4.	a	i	<p>time of travel is $\left\langle \frac{3230}{0.98 \times 3.0 \times 10^8} \right\rangle = 1.10 \times 10^{-5}$ «s» ✓</p> <p>which is $\left\langle \frac{1.10 \times 10^{-5}}{2.20 \times 10^{-6}} \right\rangle = 5.0$ half-lives ✓</p> <p>so fraction arriving as muons is $\left\langle \frac{1}{2^5} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{32}$</p> <p>OR</p> <p>3% ✓</p>	Award [3] for a bald correct answer.	3
4.	a	ii	<p>time of travel corresponds to $\left\langle \frac{1.10 \times 10^{-5}}{5.0 \times 2.20 \times 10^{-6}} \right\rangle = 1.0$ half-life ✓</p> <p>so fraction arriving as muons is $\frac{1}{2}$</p> <p>OR</p> <p>50% ✓</p>	Award [2] for a bald correct answer.	2
4.	b		<p>observer measures the distance to the surface to be shorter « by a factor of 5.0 » / length contraction occurs ✓</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> $\left(\frac{\frac{3230}{5.0}}{0.98 \times 3.0 \times 10^8} \right)$ </p> <p>so time of travel again corresponds to $\left\langle \frac{\left(\frac{\frac{3230}{5.0}}{0.98 \times 3.0 \times 10^8} \right)}{(2.20 \times 10^{-6})} \right\rangle = 1.0$ half-life ✓</p>		2

Question	Answers	Notes	Total
<p>5. a</p>	 <p>point as shown ✓</p>		<p>1</p>

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(Question 5 continued)

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
5.	b		<p>ALTERNATIVE 1 the rocket would have to travel faster than the speed of light ✓ so impossible ✓</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 2 drawing of future lightcone at origin ✓ and seeing that the asteroid explodes outside the lightcone so impossible ✓</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 3 the event was observed at +20 years, but its distance (stationary) is 100 ly ✓ so the asteroid event happened 80 years before $t = 0$ for the galactic observer ✓</p>		2
5.	c		$100^2 - 20^2 = 9600 \text{ «ly}^2\text{» } \checkmark$	<p>Also accept 98 (the square root of 9600). Allow negative value.</p>	1
5.	d	i	$9600 = 120^2 - c^2t^2 \checkmark$ $ct = \text{«-» } 69.3 \text{ «ly»} / t = \text{«-» } 69.3 \text{ «y» } \checkmark$	<p>Allow approach with Lorentz transformation.</p>	2

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Question			Answers	Notes	Total
5.	d	ii	line from event 2 parallel to x' axis intersects ct' axis at a negative value ✓ event 2 occurred first ✓		2
5.	e		use of $\tan \theta = \frac{v}{c}$ with the angle between the time axes ✓ to get $(0.70 \pm 0.02)c$ ✓		2

Question		Answers	Notes	Total
6.	a	<p>momentum of xi baryon is also $289.7 \text{ «MeV c}^{-1}\text{»} \checkmark$</p> <p>total energy of xi baryon and pion is $\sqrt{289.7^2 + 1321^2} + \sqrt{289.7^2 + 135.0^2} = 1672 \text{ «MeV»} \checkmark$</p> <p>which equals the rest energy of the omega \checkmark</p>	<p><i>Allow a backwards argument, assuming the energy is equal.</i></p>	3
6.	b	$\gamma \text{ «} = \frac{\sqrt{289.7^2 + 135.0^2}}{135.0} \text{»} = 2.367 \checkmark$ $v \text{ «} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{2.367^2}} c \text{»} = 0.906c \checkmark$	<p><i>Award [2] for bald correct answer.</i></p>	2

7.	a	<p>a freely falling frame in a gravitational field is equivalent to an inertial frame</p> <p>OR</p> <p>a frame accelerating in free space is equivalent to a frame at rest in a gravitational field \checkmark</p>		1
7.	b	i	<p>X is in an inertial frame \checkmark</p> <p>so light will follow a straight line path « parallel to the floor of the box » \checkmark</p>	2
7.	b	ii	<p>ALTERNATIVE 1</p> <p>light must hit right wall of box at same place as determined by X \checkmark</p> <p>« but box is accelerating » so path must be curved downward \checkmark</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 2</p> <p>light is affected by gravity « for the observer at rest to the ground » \checkmark</p> <p>so the path is curved downward/toward the ground \checkmark</p>	2

Option B — Engineering physics

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
8.	a	i	<p>equations of motion are: $TR = \frac{1}{2}MR^2\alpha$ and $\frac{Mg}{4} - T = \frac{M}{4}a$</p> <p>OR</p> $\frac{M}{4}gR = \frac{1}{2}MR^2\alpha + \frac{M}{4}Ra \quad \checkmark$ <p>use of $a = \alpha R \quad \checkmark$</p> <p>combine equations to get result \checkmark</p>	<p>Allow energy conservation use.</p> <p>This is a show that question, so look for correct working.</p> <p>Do not allow direct use of tension from a ii).</p>	3
8.	a	ii	<p>use of $T = \frac{1}{2}MR\alpha$ to find $T = \frac{1}{2}MR \times \frac{g}{3R} \quad \checkmark$</p> <p>« cancelling to show final answer »</p>		1
8.	b		<p>$a = 3.27 \text{ «ms}^{-2}\text{»} / a = g/3 \quad \checkmark$</p> $t = \sqrt{\frac{2s}{a}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 0.50}{3.27}} \quad \checkmark$ <p>= 0.55 «s»</p>	<p>Do not apply ECF from MP1 to MP2 if for $a=g$, giving answer 0.32 s.</p>	2

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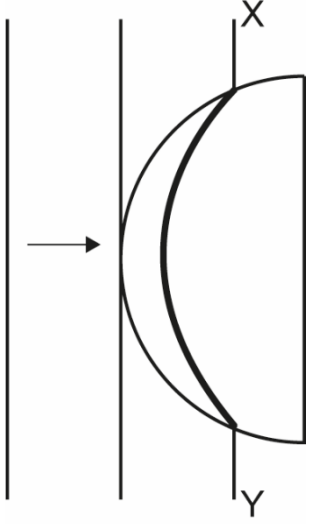
Question			Answers	Notes	Total
8.	c	i	<p>ALTERNATIVE 1</p> $\Delta L \llcorner = \Gamma \Delta t = TR \Delta t \llcorner = \frac{12 \times 9.81 \times 0.20 \times 0.55}{6} \checkmark$ $\Delta L = 2.2 \llcorner \text{Js} \llcorner \checkmark$ <p>ALTERNATIVE 2</p> $\omega = \llcorner \alpha \Delta t = \frac{g}{3R} \Delta t = \frac{9.81 \times 0.55}{3 \times 0.20} \Rightarrow 8.99 \llcorner \text{rads}^{-1} \llcorner \checkmark$ $\Delta L \llcorner = I \omega \llcorner = \frac{1}{2} \times 12 \times 0.20^2 \times 8.99 = 2.2 \llcorner \text{Js} \llcorner \checkmark$	Award [2] for a bald correct answer.	2
8.	c	ii	$\omega = \llcorner \alpha \Delta t = \frac{g}{3R} \Delta t = \frac{9.81 \times 0.55}{3 \times 0.20} \Rightarrow 8.99 \llcorner \text{rads}^{-1} \llcorner \checkmark$ $E_k = \llcorner \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2 = \frac{1}{4} MR^2 \omega^2 = \frac{1}{4} \times 12 \times 0.20^2 \times 8.99^2 \Rightarrow 9.7 \llcorner \text{J} \llcorner \checkmark$	Award [2] for a bald correct answer.	2

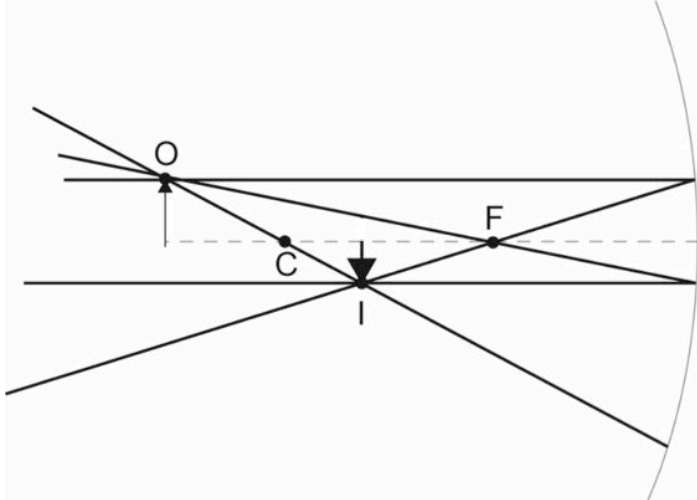
Question			Answers	Notes	Total
9.	a		substitution of $P = \frac{nRT}{V}$ in $P_X V_X^{\frac{5}{3}} = P_Y V_Y^{\frac{5}{3}}$ ✓ manipulation to get result ✓		2
9.	b	i	$e \llcorner = 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_h} = 1 - \frac{340}{620} \llcorner = 0.45$ ✓		1
9.	b	ii	heat into gas « is along AB » and equals $Q_{in} \llcorner = \Delta U + W = 0 + 540 \llcorner = 540 \llcorner \text{J} \llcorner$ ✓ heat out is $(1 - e)Q_{in} = (1 - 0.45) \times 540 = 297 \llcorner \text{J} \llcorner \approx 3.0 \times 10^2 \llcorner \text{J} \llcorner$ ✓	Award [2] for bald correct answer.	2
9.	b	iii	$T_B V_B^{\frac{2}{3}} = T_C V_C^{\frac{2}{3}} \Rightarrow \frac{V_C}{V_B} = \left(\frac{T_B}{T_C} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ ✓ $\frac{V_C}{V_B} = \left(\frac{620}{340} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 2.5$ ✓	Award [2] for bald correct answer.	2
9.	c	i	$\Delta S \llcorner = \frac{Q}{T} = \frac{540}{620} \llcorner = 0.87 \llcorner \text{JK}^{-1} \llcorner$ ✓		1
9.	c	ii	the Carnot cycle has the maximum efficiency « for heat engines operating between two given temperatures » ✓ real engine can not work at Carnot cycle/ideal cycle ✓ the second law of thermodynamics says that it is impossible to convert all the input heat into mechanical work ✓ a real engine would have additional losses due to friction <i>etc</i> ✓		2 max

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
10.	a		flow must be laminar/steady/not turbulent ✓ fluid must be incompressible/have constant density ✓ fluid must be non viscous ✓		1 max
10.	b	i	« continuity equation says » $Av = \text{constant}$ « and the areas are the same » ✓		1
10.	b	ii	Bernoulli: « $\frac{1}{2}\rho v_x^2 + 0 + P_x = \frac{1}{2}\rho v_y^2 + \rho gH + P_y$ » gives $P_x - P_y = \rho gH$ ✓ $P_x - P_y = 720 \times 9.81 \times 1.2 = 8.5$ «kPa» ✓	Award [2] for bald correct answer. Watch for POT mistakes.	2
10.	b	iii	the fluid speed at Y will be greater « than that at X » ✓ reducing the pressure at Y OR the formula used to show that the difference is increased ✓		2

Question		Answers	Notes	Total
11.	a	<p>ALTERNATIVE 1</p> $\llcorner Q = 2\pi \frac{E_0}{E_0 - E_1} \llcorner \Rightarrow E_1 = \left(1 - \frac{2\pi}{Q}\right) E_0 \checkmark$ $E_1 \llcorner = \left(1 - \frac{2\pi}{25}\right) \times 12 \llcorner = 9.0 \llcorner \text{mJ} \llcorner \checkmark$ <p>reading off the graph, period is 0.48 « s » ✓</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 2</p> <p>use of $Q = 2\pi f \frac{\text{energy stored}}{\text{power loss}} \checkmark$</p> <p>energy stored = 12 « mJ » AND power loss = 5.6 « mJ/s » ✓</p> <p>« $f = 1.86 \text{ s}$ so » period is 0.54 « s » ✓</p>	<p>Award [3] for bald correct answer.</p> <p>Allow correct use of any value of E_0, not only at the time = 0.</p> <p>Allow answer from interval 0.42–0.55 s</p> <p>Allow answer from interval 0.42–0.55 s.</p>	3
11.	b	similar shape graph starting at 12 mJ and above the original ✓		1

Option C — Imaging

Question	Answers	Notes	Total
12.	smooth curve of correct curvature continuous at the boundary as shown ✓ wavelength must be half the one in air; judge by eye ✓	 A diagram showing a semi-circular lens with its flat surface on the right. An incident wavefront, represented by a vertical line, moves from left to right, as indicated by an arrow. The wavefront is shown as a curved line that is tangent to the curved surface of the lens at its top and bottom points, labeled X and Y respectively. The wavefront is shown as a solid line in the air and a dashed line inside the lens, indicating refraction.	2

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
13.	a	i	F half-way between C and mirror vertex and on the principal axis ✓		1
13.	a	ii	 <p>one correct ray ✓</p> <p>second correct ray that allows the image to be located ✓</p> <p>image drawn ✓</p>		3
13.	a	iii	image will be less bright / dimmer ✓		1

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Question		Answers	Notes	Total
13.	b	<p>«image distance is $\frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{1.5} - \frac{1}{3.8 \times 10^8}$ ie» $v = 1.5$ «m» ✓</p> <p>$m = -\frac{1.5}{3.8 \times 10^8}$ ✓</p> <p>image diameter is $\frac{1.5}{3.8 \times 10^8} \times 3.5 \times 10^6 = 1.4$ «cm» ✓</p>	Award [3] for bald correct answer.	3

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
14.	a	i	$\ll \sin \theta_c = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \gg \sin \theta_c = \frac{1.276}{1.620} \checkmark$ $\theta_c = 51.97^\circ \checkmark$	<i>Award [2] for bald correct answer.</i>	2
14.	a	ii	angle of refraction at air-core boundary is $90^\circ - \theta_c$ $\ll = 90.00^\circ - 51.97^\circ = 38.03^\circ \gg \checkmark$ $1.000 \times \sin \theta_{\max} = 1.620 \times \sin 38.03^\circ \checkmark$ $\theta_{\max} = 86.41^\circ \checkmark$		3
14.	a	iii	$\ll \theta_{\max}$ is almost 90° which means that \gg a ray entering the core almost at any angle will be totally internally reflected/will not escape \checkmark		1
14.	a	iv	rays will follow very different paths in the core \checkmark leading to waveguide dispersion/different arrival times/pulse overlap \checkmark		2
14.	b		<i>Reference to 2 of:</i> secure/encrypted transfer of data \checkmark high bandwidth/volume of data transferred \checkmark high quality/minimal noise in transmission \checkmark free from cross talk \checkmark low \ll specific \gg attenuation \checkmark		2 max

Question		Answers	Notes	Total
15.	a	mention of AC voltage OR to piezo-electric crystal ✓ crystal vibrates « at its resonant frequency » ✓		2
15.	b	1 MHz waves have shorter wavelength than 0.1 MHz ✓ can probe smaller size areas of organs/have higher resolution ✓		2
15.	c	a B scan is a computer generated combination of a large number of A scans ✓ allowing a measurement in different directions/two dimensional image ✓		2
16.	a	$I_0 e^{-0.24 \times 7.8}$ ✓ $0.15 I_0$ ✓	<i>Award [2] for bald correct answer.</i>	2
16.	b	to produce an X-ray image there must be contrast/a difference in the intensity of the beam transmitted through tissue and the bowel ✓ introduction of air will produce contrast ✓		2

Option D — Astrophysics

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
17.	a	i	$L_X = 5.0^{3.5} L_\odot = 279.5 L_\odot \checkmark$	<i>Correct working or answer to 4 sig figs required.</i>	1
17.	a	ii	$\frac{L_X}{L_\odot} = 280 = \frac{R_X^2 T_X^4}{R_\odot^2 T_\odot^4} \checkmark$ $\frac{T_X}{T_\odot} \llcorner = \sqrt[4]{\frac{280}{3.2^2}} \llcorner = 2.3 \checkmark$	<i>Award [2] for bald correct answer.</i>	2
17.	b	i	the position of the star is recorded 6 months apart OR the radius/diameter of the Earth orbit clearly labelled on a diagram \checkmark the parallax is measured from the shift of the star relative to the background of the distant stars \checkmark	<i>For MP2 accept a correctly labelled parallax angle on a diagram.</i> <i>Award MP2 only if background distance stars are mentioned.</i>	2
17.	b	ii	$d = \frac{1}{0.125} = 8.0 \llcorner \text{pc} \llcorner \checkmark$ $d = 8.0 \times 3.26 \times \frac{9.46 \times 10^{15}}{1.5 \times 10^{11}} \llcorner \text{AU} \llcorner \checkmark$ $\llcorner = 1.64 \times 10^6 \text{ AU} \llcorner$		2

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Question			Answers	Notes	Total
17.	b	iii	<p>ALTERNATIVE 1</p> $\frac{b_x}{1400} = \frac{\frac{280}{4\pi(1.6 \times 10^6)^2}}{\frac{1}{4\pi(1)^2}}$ <p>OR</p> $b_x = \frac{279.5}{4\pi \times (1.6 \times 10^6 \times 1.5 \times 10^{11})^2} \text{ and } b_{\odot} = \frac{L_{\odot}}{4\pi \times (1.5 \times 10^{11})^2} \checkmark$ <p>$b_x = 1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ «W m}^{-2}\text{» } \checkmark$</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 2</p> $\frac{b_x}{b_{\odot}} = \frac{L_x}{L_{\odot}} \times \left(\frac{d_{\odot}^2}{d_x^2}\right) \text{ OR } \frac{b_x}{b_{\odot}} = \frac{280}{(1.6 \times 10^6)^2} \text{ OR } \frac{b_x}{b_{\odot}} = 1.094 \times 10^{-10} \text{ Wm}^{-2} \checkmark$ <p>$b_x = 1.09375 \times 10^{-10} \times 1400 \quad b_x = 1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ Wm}^{-2} \checkmark$</p>	<p>Award [2] for bald correct answer.</p> <p>Allow ECF from MP1 to MP2</p>	2

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Question			Answers	Notes	Total
17.	c	i		<p>Allow any region with L below Sun and left to the main sequence.</p>	1
17.	c	ii	<p>an electron degeneracy « pressure develops that opposes gravitation » /reference to Pauli principle ✓</p>		1
17.	c	iii	<p>thermal energy/internal energy ✓</p>		1
17.	c	iv	<p>« temperature decreases so » luminosity decreases ✓</p>		1

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
18.	a	i	« the received » wavelength is longer than that emitted ✓	<i>Allow context of Doppler redshift as well as cosmological redshift.</i>	1
18.	a	ii	$v = zc = 0.15 \times 3.0 \times 10^5 = 4.5 \times 10^4 \text{ «kms}^{-1}\text{» ✓}$ $d = \frac{v}{H_0} = \frac{4.5 \times 10^4}{72} = 625 \text{ «Mpc» ✓}$	<i>Award [2] for bald correct answer.</i> <i>Accept in other units, eg, $1.95 \times 10^{25} \text{m}$.</i>	2
18.	b	i	the radiation has a black body spectrum/it is black body radiation ✓ the radiation is highly isotropic/uniform ✓ matched the « predicted » wavelength/temperature if the Big Bang had increased/cooled by expansion ✓		2 max
18.	b	ii	peak wavelength read off graph as $(1.1 \pm 0.05) \text{ «mm» ✓}$ substitution into Wien's law to get $T = (2.5 \text{ to } 2.8) \text{ «K» ✓}$		2

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19.	a	i	<p>ALTERNATIVE 1</p> <p>a white dwarf star in a binary system accretes mass from the companion star ✓</p> <p>when the white dwarf star mass reaches the Chandrasekhar limit the star explodes « due to fusion reactions » ✓</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 2</p> <p>it can be formed in the collision of two white dwarf stars ✓</p> <p>where shock waves from the collision rip both stars apart ✓</p>		2
19.	a	ii	<p>a red supergiant star explodes when its core collapses ✓</p>		1
19.	b		<p>« it was necessary » to measure the distance « of very distant objects more accurately » ✓</p> <p>type I a are standard candles/objects of known luminosity ✓</p>		2

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20.	a		<p>« according to general relativity » space expands stretching distances between far away objects ✓</p> <p>wavelengths of photons « received a long time after they were emitted » are thus longer leading to the observed redshift ✓</p>	<p><i>Do not accept references to the Doppler effect.</i></p>	2
20.	b	i			1
20.	b	ii	<p>« since $T \propto \frac{1}{R}$ » the temperature drops for both models ✓</p> <p>but in the accelerating model R increases faster and so the temperature drops faster ✓</p>		2