

Name of the Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Max. Marks : 16 Marks

Time : 16 Minutes

Mark Schemes

**Q1.**

- (a) Use of
- $P = \sigma AT^4$
- ✓

$$\text{Ratio} = \frac{\sigma A_M T_M^4}{\sigma A_S T_S^4} =$$

$$\frac{(1.4 \times 10^{10})^2 \times 53000^4}{(7.0 \times 10^8)^2 \times 5700^4} = 3.0 \times 10^6 \quad \checkmark$$

Award mp 1 for substituting data for either the Sun or Melncik 34

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- (b) Star will undergo supernova collapse or

Star will form a neutron star/black hole ✓

which produces a gamma ray burst

and

consequence for life or reference to being highly collimated ✓

*Examples of consequence for life: kills cells / damages DNA.*

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**[4]****Q2.**

- (a) MAX 2

Uncertainty in one/each reading is 1 mm <sub>1</sub> ✓*Allow the uncertainty in (reading) the position of a spot is 1 mm. <sub>1</sub> ✓*

OR

The measurement involves making two readings / there are two uncertainties (to be considered) in this measurement <sub>1</sub> ✓*Owtte*Difficulty / uncertainty in locating (exact) position of (centre of) spot <sub>2</sub> ✓

Or

Difficulty / uncertainty in lining up the (centre of the) spot with a graduation on the ruler <sub>2</sub>

✓

Or

Difficulty / uncertainty in locating the position of A / B <sub>2</sub>✓

Do not allow:

- because the smallest division is 1 mm
- hard to see measurements to less than 1 mm (need to link to position of spot (or A or B)
- "because of both sides of the ruler" on its own
- "ruler slightly misaligned" too vague

the uncertainties from two (readings) are added <sub>3</sub>✓

insufficient includes:

- uncertainty doubles
- uncertainty is twice the smallest division
- Random error or human error or error without further detail.

However:

The uncertainty doubles because there are two readings scores MP1

Also:

The uncertainty doubles because there are two readings with identical uncertainties would score 2 marks.

Mention of range of repeated measurements  $\div 2$  is not applicable in this case.

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(b) (Adds the uncertainties =) 4 (mm) <sub>1</sub>✓

Or

Use of by substitution

(percentage uncertainty =)  $\frac{\text{uncertainty}}{\text{value}} (\times 100) (\%)$  <sub>1</sub>✓

(% uncertainty =) 0.74 **or** 0.7 (c.a.o) <sub>2</sub>✓ **(1 or 2 significant figures only)**

<sub>1<sup>st</sup> mark</sub>

Expect to see:

(percentage uncertainty =)  $\frac{4}{544} (\times 100) (\%)$

Maximum 1 mark for

Condone (in substitution):

- 2/289, 2/255, 2/272, 2/544, 4/289, 4/255, 4/272
- power of ten errors (POT errors)
- must be a recognisable uncertainty

Maximum 1 mark for

use of

(percentage uncertainty =)  $\frac{\text{uncertainty}}{\text{mean (value)}} (\text{value})(\times 100) (\%)$

along with substitutions of

- 2/289, 2/255, 2/272, 2/544, 4/289, 4/255, 4/272, 4/544
- power of ten errors

condone for 1 mark

( (2/289 + 2/255)  $\times$  100 = )

1.48% or 1.5%

2<sup>nd</sup> mark

Condone working leading to 2nd mark for:

Use of (percentage uncertainty=)  $\frac{2}{272}$

Do not allow mean of two separate % uncertainties **or** incorrect formula quoted and used in workings

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(c) MAX 2

The percentage uncertainty in c is smaller than for a or b because c has a larger value (than a or b separately)<sub>1</sub>✓

**or** % uncertainty in c is half the percentage uncertainty in a + b <sub>1</sub>✓

**or** The percentage uncertainty in c is smaller because its uncertainty is smaller for the same data value <sub>1</sub>✓

*Insufficient:*

- c has a smaller uncertainty
- a + b has a larger uncertainty
- The uncertainty of a + b is combined

c's (% uncertainty =) 0.37 or 0.4 <sub>2</sub>✓ or c's (% uncertainty =)  $\frac{2}{544} \times 100$  <sub>2</sub>✓

idea that c's measurement involves fewer readings than the sum of a and b <sub>3</sub>✓

**or**

idea that c requires fewer measurements than the sum of a and b <sub>3</sub>✓

*Accept converse*

*Where numbers are quoted, these must be consistent with terms used.*

*4 readings, 2 readings*

*2 measurements, 1 measurement*

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(d) (when laser is switched on) always stand behind the laser (unless taking readings) ✓

Or

if in front of laser (when switched on) look away from the laser (eg when taking readings) ✓

Or

if in front of laser (when switched on) don't look at/towards the laser (eg when taking readings) ✓

Or

don't look directly into the laser (beam)✓

Or

direct laser towards nearest wall ✓

Or

switch off laser when not in use ✓

Or

ensure (glass) reflective surfaces are covered (prevent reflections) ✓

Or  
Do not shine the laser onto a reflective surface ✓

Or  
place safety notices outside the laboratory [room] ✓

Or  
don't shine laser at eye level ✓

Or  
mark positions with pen/pencil and measure after laser switched off ✓

Or  
laboratory is normally illuminated (not darkened) ✓

*Where a list of safety measures has been given:*

- *Treat more than one correct as neutral*
- *Penalise incorrect safety measure in a list that may include correct safety measures.*

*Do not credit weak statements:*

- *Do not look at the laser*
- *Don't point the laser anywhere except at the grating*
- *Don't look directly at the laser*

*Beware of references to "the light".*

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(e)  $(\tan \theta = \frac{0.544}{1.280} = \theta =) 23.0(^{\circ})$  ✓

*allow 2 or more significant figure answer*

*acceptable common answers:*

23, 23.0, 23.03, 23.025, 23.0255

*Where more than 3 sf quoted, the number must be correct.*

*alternative method*

*(valid attempt to determine distance from grating to spot E, eg*

*(distance =  $(\sqrt{0.544^2 + 1.280^2}) = 1.391$ )*

*(sin  $\theta = \frac{0.544}{1.391} = 0.391$ )*

*( $\theta =$ ) 23.0(^{\circ})* ✓

*allow 2 or more significant figure answer*

*acceptable common answers:*

23, 23.0, 23.03, 23.025, 23.0255

*Condone mid-calculation rounding leading to errors in 4th sf where quoted.*

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(f) use of  $n\lambda = d\sin\theta$  ✓

or  
(if nothing else seen)  $d = 3.3 \times 10^{-6}\text{m}$  ✓

*Use of:*

*Correct rearrangement where subject would be  $\lambda$*

*or correct substitution of n, d and  $\theta$*

*Expect to see  $n = 2$ ,  $d = 3.3(3) \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\theta = 23(.0)$*

Condone **one** error in substitution for  $n$  or  $d$  in a correctly rearranged equation where subject would be  $\lambda$   
 (or where answer indicates the correct working for incorrect numbers,  $d$  error leads to  $5.86 \times 10^4$ )  
 Condone power of ten errors in working

$$\lambda = 6.5(2) \times 10^{-7} \text{ (m)} \quad {}_2\checkmark \text{ ecf}$$

2 or 3 sf only

where 3 sf quoted answer must be in range 651 to 652 nm (or ecf)

Common ecf ( $\sin \theta$  error in 1.5):

Expect to see an answer that rounds to  $7.1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$  to 2 sf

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- (g) The second mark ( ${}_2\checkmark$ ) is contingent on the award of the first mark ( ${}_1\checkmark$ ).

Increase distance from grating to screen / increase  $y \quad {}_1\checkmark$

(This will increase distance  $y$  (and/or  $c$ ) therefore) decreasing the percentage uncertainty in  $y / c / \text{fringe spacing} / \theta / \sin \theta \quad {}_2\checkmark$

Do not accept:

- darkened room
- use a (vernier) caliper
- use a travelling microscope
- Repeat
- Repeat and average
- Computer / data logger / camera
- Ruler with smaller divisions
- Make the maxima further apart (details on how this is achieved are required)
- Increase distance between laser and screen.

Decreases the percentage uncertainty in  $y \quad {}_2\checkmark$

Or

Use a higher-order spot  ${}_1\checkmark$

(This will increase distance from centre spot to higher-order spot therefore) decreasing the percentage uncertainty in the fringe spacing/ $\theta$  /  $\sin \theta \quad {}_2\checkmark$

Condone reference to this distance as  $c$

Or

Measure distance between A and E  ${}_1\checkmark$

(This increases the distance therefore) decreasing the percentage uncertainty in  $c \quad {}_2\checkmark$

No details of determination of  $c$  are required.

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