

Name of the Student: _____

Max. Marks : 18 Marks

Time : 18 Minutes

Q1.

In 1929, the astronomer Edwin Hubble observed that the light from galaxies moving away from the Earth had longer wavelengths than expected.

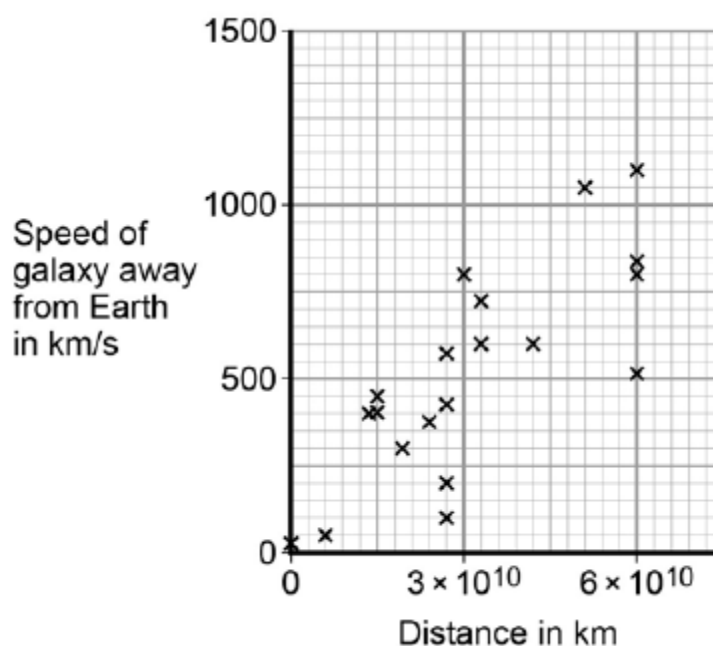
- (a) What name is given to this effect?

(1)

- (b) From his observations, Hubble was able to calculate the speed of a galaxy and the distance of the galaxy from the Earth.

Figure 1 shows the results of Hubble's calculations.

Figure 1



What relationship between the speed of a galaxy and the distance is suggested by Hubble's results?

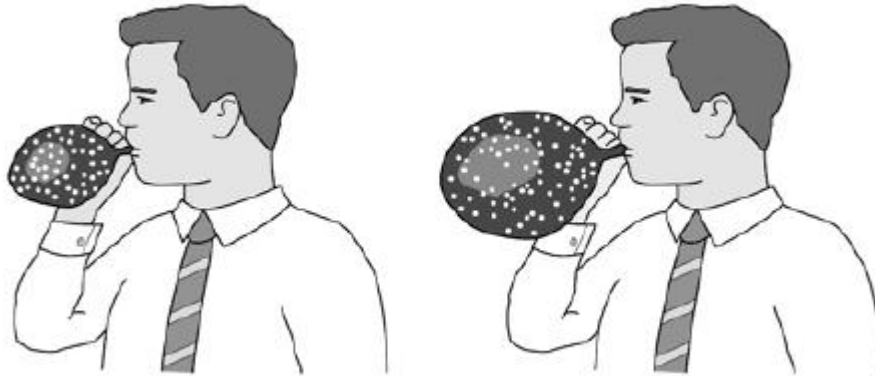
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The observations made by Hubble support the idea that the Universe is expanding. This means that galaxies are continually moving away from each other and from the Earth.

Figure 2 shows a student using a balloon to model the idea of an expanding Universe.

Some dots, which represent galaxies, were marked on the balloon.
The balloon was then inflated.

Figure 2



- (c) Give **one** strength and **one** weakness of this model in representing the idea of an expanding Universe.

Strength _____

Weakness _____

(2)

In the 1950s there were two main theories to explain how the Universe began.

Theory 1

The Universe has always existed, it is continually expanding. New galaxies are formed as older galaxies die out.

Theory 2

The Universe began from a very small region that was extremely hot and dense. The Universe has been expanding ever since.

- (d) In what way do the observations made by Hubble support both Theory 1 and Theory 2?

(1)

- (e) Most scientists now believe that Theory 2 is correct.
Suggest what is likely to have caused scientists to start thinking Theory 1 is wrong.

(1)
(Total 6 marks)

Q2.

The early Universe contained only the lightest element.

- (a) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

hydrogen	iron	uranium
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The early Universe contained only _____ .

(1)

- (b) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

main sequence star	protostar	supernova
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The heaviest elements are formed only in a _____ .

(1)

- (c) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

red giant	red super giant	white dwarf
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Only a star much bigger than the Sun can become a _____ .

(1)

- (d) The Universe now contains a large variety of different elements.

Describe how this happened.

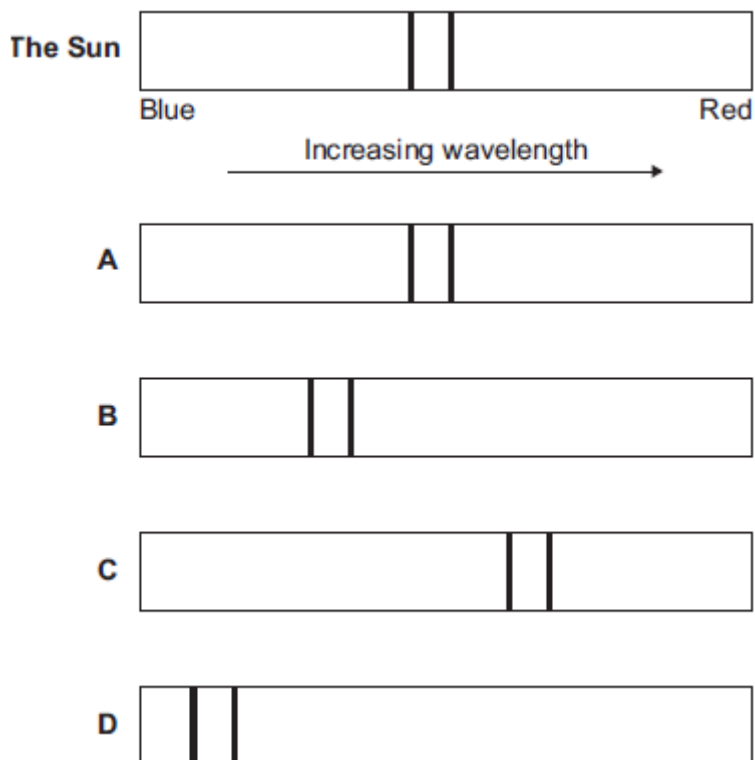
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Q3.

Scientists can use the visible light spectrum from distant stars to determine whether the stars are moving.

The visible light spectrum from stars includes dark lines at specific wavelengths.

- (a) The diagram shows the visible light spectrum from the Sun and from four other stars, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**.



- (i) Which star, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**, is moving away from the Earth?

(1)

- (ii) How does the speed of star **B** compare with the speed of star **D**?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

	Tick (✓)
The speed of star B is greater than the speed of star D .	
The speed of star B is less than the speed of star D .	
The speed of star B is the same as the speed of star D .	

(1)

- (b) A radio wave is emitted by a star.
The radio wave has a wavelength of 1500 m and a frequency of 200 000 Hz.

Calculate the speed of this radio wave.

Choose the correct unit from the list below.

m m/s m/s²

Speed = _____ unit _____

(3)
(Total 5 marks)