



Physics A

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Unit A333/01: Unit 3 – Ideas in Context plus P7 (Foundation Tier)

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Qu	Question		Answer		Guidance
1	а	i	gamma, X-ray, ultraviolet, visible 🗹 (1)	1	
		ii	analogue – any continuously varying wave with more than two values (1) digital – a shape with just two values (1)	2	allow on and off, anything with two values
	b	i	300 – 310 inclusive (1)	1	
			larger/ bigger/ opposite direction (1)	1	accept reverse argument i.e driving/speeding up force is smaller
		iii	friction (1)	1	reject braking force
	С	1	 any two from: examples of benefits: racing is exciting / enjoyable owtte; get paid / employment; the risk of a serious crash is small; 	2	allow 1 mark for statement that benefit outweighs risk reject references to safety devices e.g. HANs
		ii	any two from: controls / reduces helmet movement; reduces energy absorbed by head and neck; transfers forces (from spine) to forehead; prevents driver's head from hitting steering wheel; increases slowing-down time; reduces force on the head;	2	ignore whiplash injury
	d		measure velocity/speed (1) measure mass (1) momentum = mv (1)	3	allow distance and time or how fast instead of velocity allow change in momentum = force × time [1]; measure force and measure time [1]; ignore weight but otherwise apply list principle
		ii	2,116,800 (1)	1	
			Total	[14]	

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Qı	Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
2	а		A – photosphere (1)	4	
			B – convective zone (1)		
			C – radiative zone (1)		
			D – core (1)		
	b	i	arrow points radially out from centre (1)	1	does not have to start at the centre
		ii	fusion (1)	1	
	С	i	hydrogen (1)	1	
		ii	helium (1)	1	
			Total	[8]	

Qu	Question		Answer		Guidance	
3	а		any two from: further away the dimmer; because light spreads out/some blocked by dust; more luminous looks brighter; because more luminous means more light/energy produced by star; more luminous stars can be seen from further away;	2	accept lighter for brighter	
	b		luminosity (1) colours / luminosity (1) ionisation (1) line spectra (1) elements (1)	5		
			Total	[7]		

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4	а		3 (1)		1	reject -3
	b		temperature increases (1) pressure increases (1) volume decreases (1)		3	accept hotter
	С		pressure	✓ (1)	2	correct pattern for [2] one mistake for [1]
			gravity	✓ (1)□		
			Total		[6]	

Qu	Question		Answer		Guidance
5	а	i	A (1)	1	
		ii	B (1)	1	
	b	i	1 – A (1)	3	
			2 – B (1)		
			3 – F (1)		
		ii		1	
			east to west (1)		
			Total	[6]	

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6	а	i	megaparsec (1)	1	
		ii	parsec (1)	1	
		iii	parsec (1)	1	
	b	i	B (1)	1	
		ii	B (1)	1	
	С		stars (1)	4	
			nebula / nebulae (1)		
			galaxy (1)		allow Andromeda
	4	:	cepheid / variable (1)	1	both peopled for the mark, in either order
	d	i	Australia		both needed for the mark, in either order
			Chile		
		ii	any 3 from:	3	
			use computers;		
			automatic control of telescope / tracking / pointing;		accept data for image throughout
			view images on screen; record images (in computer);		
			transmit / share images;		
			improve / process (digital) images;		
			remote access;		
			OWC Clear well ardered arower (1)		and a superior of the product of the superior
			QWC - Clear well ordered answer (1) Total	1	only award if response attempts to answer the question
			Paper Total	[14]	
			Paper I otal	[55]	

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