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TIME

1 hour 15 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.
Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.
Answer **all ten** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 75.
Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.
Quality of written communication will be assessed in questions **5** and **10(a)**.

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1 The table below shows how the percentage of children wearing seat belts in a car has changed from 1995 to 2012.

	Year				
Age group	**1995**	**2000**	**2005**	**2010**	**2012**
Under 1 year	96	97	98	98	100
1–4	65	82	92	96	97
5–9	49	68	82	94	94
10–13	47	65	82	93	95
All children	**59**	**74**	**86**	**93**	**96**

(a) State **two** trends that can be seen in this data.

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2. _____

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(b) The government are still advertising the need for children to wear seat belts. Use the information in the table to suggest why this is necessary.

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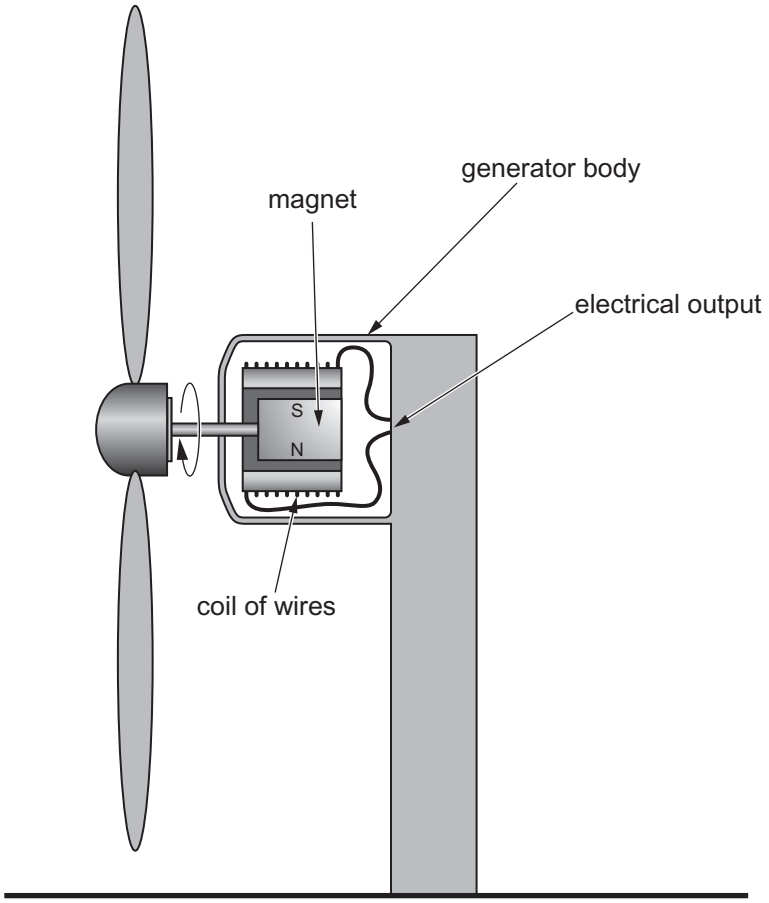
2 The diagram below shows a cross-section through a wind turbine. When the blade spins a current is produced.



(a) Suggest the effect on the amount of current produced if:

1. a weaker magnet is used.

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2. more coils of wire are used.

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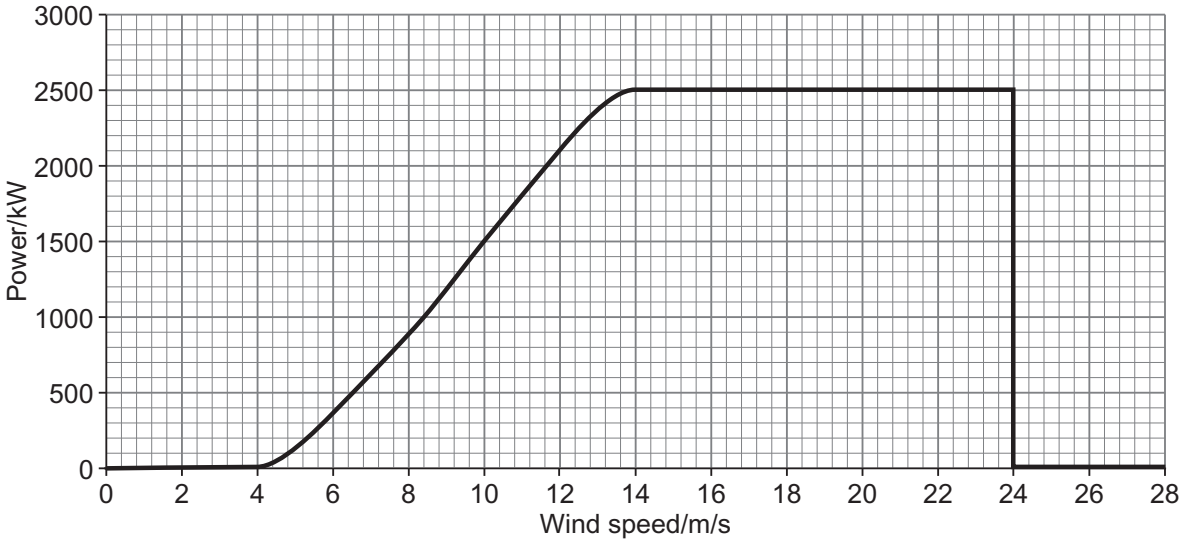
(b) The graph below shows how the wind speed affects the amount of power produced.



(i) Describe fully how the power produced by the turbine changes with wind speed.

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(ii) Suggest why the turbine is designed to stop at high wind speeds.

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(c) Explain fully why the government has introduced more wind turbines in the past ten years.

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(d) Suggest **one** reason why some people object to wind turbines near their home.

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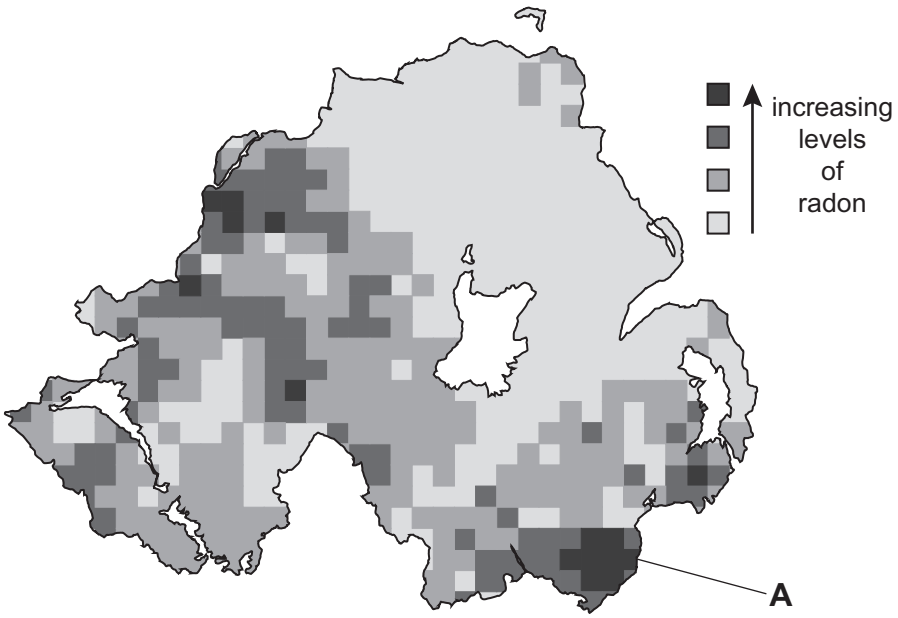
3 **(a)** The diagram below shows the amount of radon gas which occurs naturally in Northern Ireland.



(i) Radon gas is a source of background radiation. What is meant by the term background radiation?

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(ii) Explain fully why someone living in area **A** could be concerned about their health.

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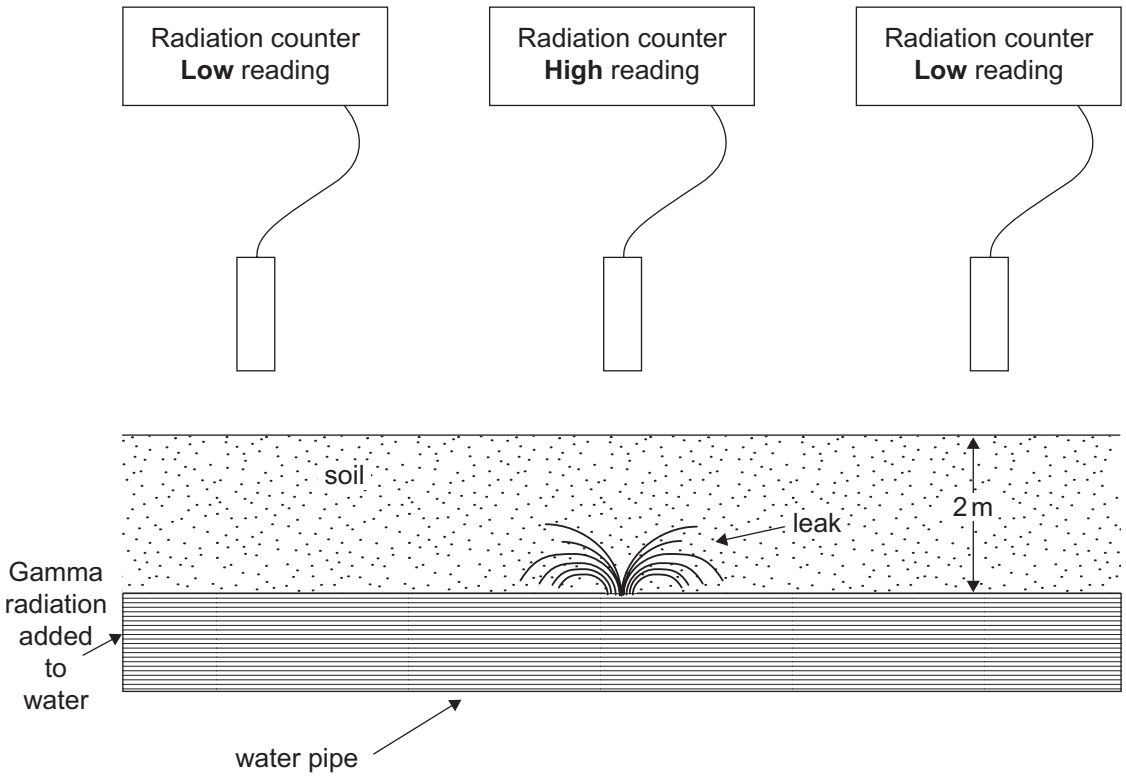
(b) Gamma radiation can be used to check for leaks in water pipes.



Explain fully why gamma radiation is the best source to use.

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4 The information below shows information about three types of bulb. Each bulb produces the **same** light power output.

	Energy saving bulb	Filament bulb	LED spotlight
	 © CCEA	 © CCEA	 © CCEA
Power input/W	11	60	7
Cost to run for 1000 hours	£1.87	£10.20	£1.19
Average life/hours	10 000	1000	20 000
Cost to buy	£3.50	£0.90	£10.00

(a) Which bulb is the most efficient?

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(b) Which bulb, including the cost to buy, would be the cheapest to run for 1000 hours?

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(c) The energy saving bulb uses 11 J of energy per second and has an efficiency of 0.6. What is its light energy output per second?

Use the equation:

light energy output = efficiency × energy input

(Show your working out.)

Answer _____ J [2]

(d) Calculate how much energy this bulb wastes per second.

Answer _____ J [1]

(e) The efficiency of a filament bulb is much less than the efficiency of an energy saving bulb. Explain fully why the government has recommended that the use of filament bulbs should be stopped.

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5 Long sight is a common eye defect. Explain fully the **cause**, the **effect** and the **correction** of long sight. Your answer should refer to the parts of the eye involved and the passage of light through the eye.

In this question you will be assessed on your written communication skills including the use of specialist scientific terms.

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6 **(a)** The photograph below shows asteroid 243 Ida. It is 56 kilometres in length.

Source: NASA / Galileo Image Library

If an asteroid like the one shown above hit the Earth, describe fully how this could affect life on Earth.

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(b) The table below shows data on the asteroids most likely to hit Earth.

Name of asteroid	Possible impact year	Chance of hitting Earth/%	Impact velocity km/s	Estimated diameter m
2012 TY52	2014–2020	0.0003	14.13	180
2012 QD8	2042–2050	0.0007	20.77	18
2012 TC4	2020–2110	0.0049	6.51	16
2012 SY49	2031–2084	0.0013	15.66	23
2011 AG5	2040–2047	0.2000	9.55	140

(i) Explain fully why scientists are **not** very concerned about impact from the asteroids shown in the table opposite.

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(ii) Name the asteroid that is least likely to hit Earth.

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7 The diagram below shows a microwave oven.

(a) Explain fully how microwave rays heat food.

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(b) Microwaves have a wavelength of 0.15 m and travel at a speed of 3.0×10^8 m/s.

Use the equation:

$$\textbf{frequency} = \frac{\textbf{speed}}{\textbf{wavelength}}$$

to calculate the frequency of these waves.

(Show your working out.)

Answer _____ Hz [2]

(c) Microwaves and gamma rays are both types of electromagnetic radiation. Explain fully why gamma rays cause more damage to living cells.

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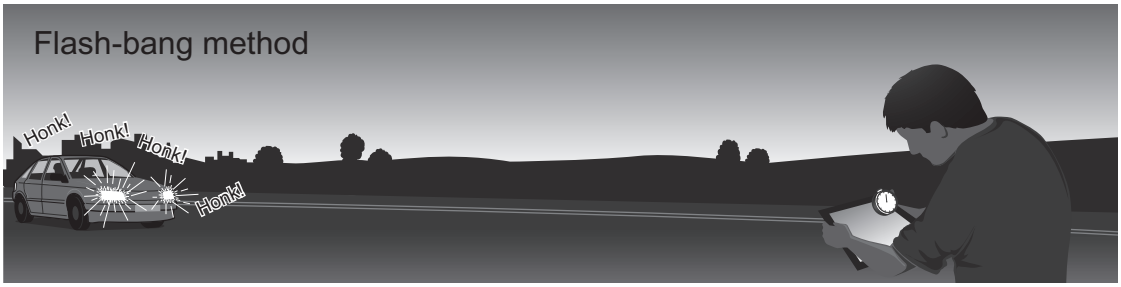
(d) Shown below are two pupils measuring the speed of sound.



(i) Describe fully how the flash-bang method can be used to measure the speed of sound in air.

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(ii) The speed of sound in air is 330 m/s. When this experiment was carried out the pupil got a result of 300 m/s. Suggest **one** reason why there is a difference.

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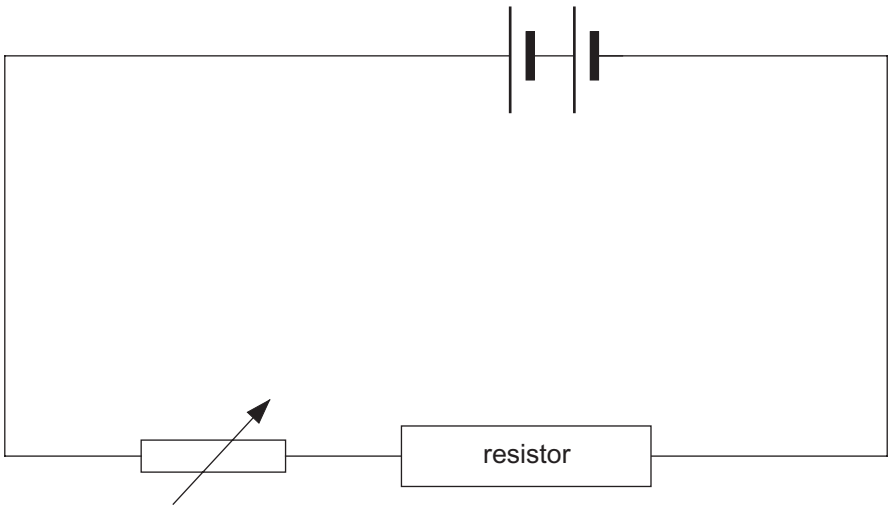
8 Colin set up the circuit below to measure the voltage across a resistor.



(a) Complete the circuit to show where he would place a voltmeter to measure the voltage across the resistor. [1]

(b) Colin obtained the following results.

Voltage/V	Current/A
0.5	0.2
1.0	0.4
1.5	0.6
3.0	1.25

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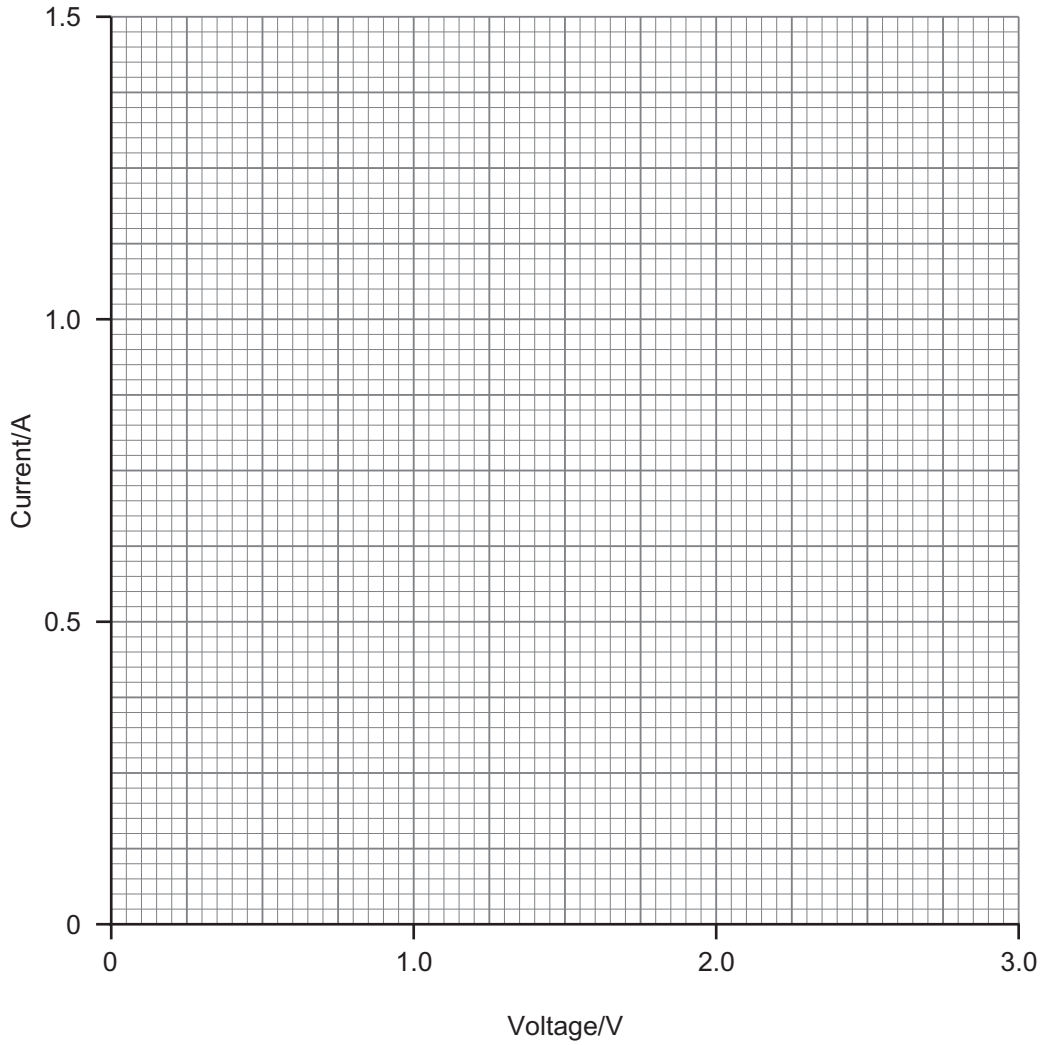
(i) On the grid below plot and draw a line graph of these results.



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(ii) What conclusion can be drawn from these results?

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(iii) From the graph what current flows when the voltage is 2.0 V?

Answer _____ A [1]

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(iv) The resistor was found to have a value of 2.5 ohms.

Use the equation:

$$\textbf{resistance} = \frac{\textbf{voltage}}{\textbf{current}}$$

to calculate the current that flows when the voltage is 4 V.

(Show your working out.)

Answer _____ A [2]

(c) The photograph below shows a step-down transformer that is part of the National Grid system.

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Describe fully what changes, if any, the step-down transformer makes to the current and voltage. Explain why transformers are used in the National Grid.

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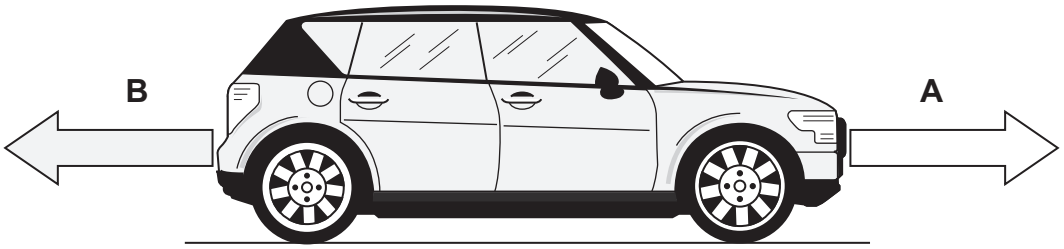
9 **(a)** The diagram below shows a car on a straight road. The forces **A** and **B** are equal.



(i) What is the value of the resultant force on the car?

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(ii) What are the **two** possible states of motion of this car?

1. _____

2. _____ [2]

(b) Force **A** is now decreased. What effect, if any, will this have on the movement of the car?

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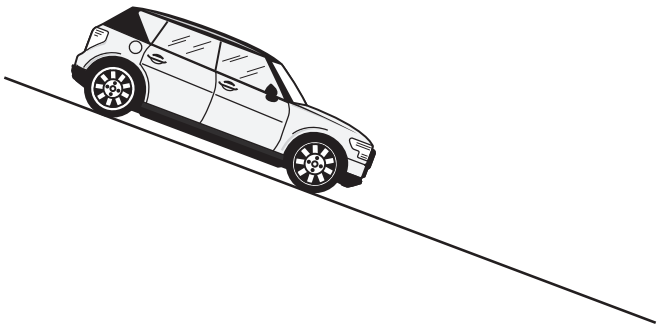
(c) The car below is at rest on a slope.



The handbrake is released and the car begins to accelerate. Explain fully in terms of forces, why it accelerates.

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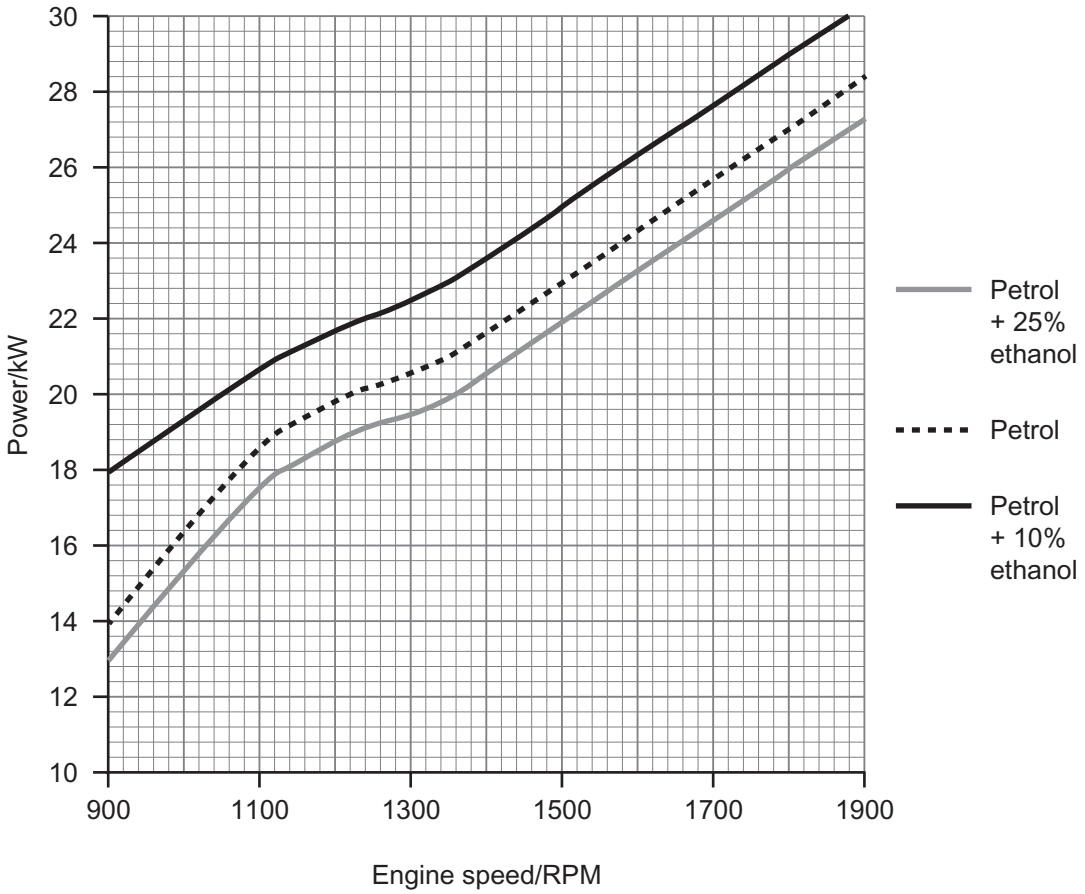
(d) The graph below shows how extenders affect the power produced by an engine.



To save fossil fuels, manufacturers are designing cars to use petrol which contains an extender (ethanol). Use the graph to fully describe the effect of the extenders.

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(e) Name **one** substitute fuel that can be used instead of fossil fuels.

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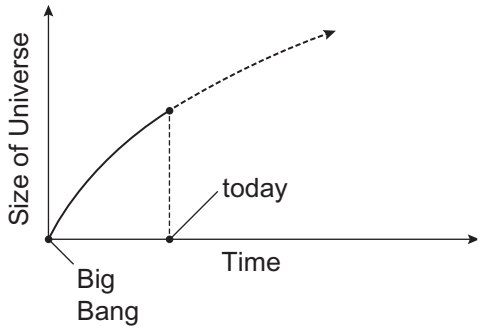
10 (a) The graph below shows how the size of the Universe changes with time.



Describe fully the Big Bang theory. Explain how the graph above supports this theory.

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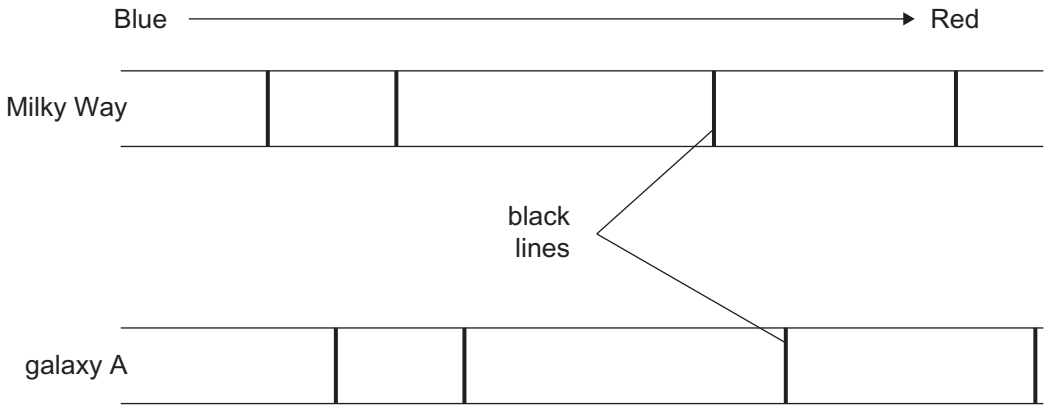
(b) When scientists analyse light from the Milky Way and galaxy A they see the following black lines in the spectrum.



(i) Name the phenomenon shown in these diagrams.

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(ii) What do these diagrams tell us about galaxy A?

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