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A-level PHYSICS

Paper 3

Section B Astrophysics

Monday 3 June 2019

Afternoon

Time allowed: The total time for both sections of this paper is 2 hours. You are advised to spend approximately 50 minutes on this section.

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a pencil and a ruler
- a scientific calculator
- a Data and Formulae Booklet.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
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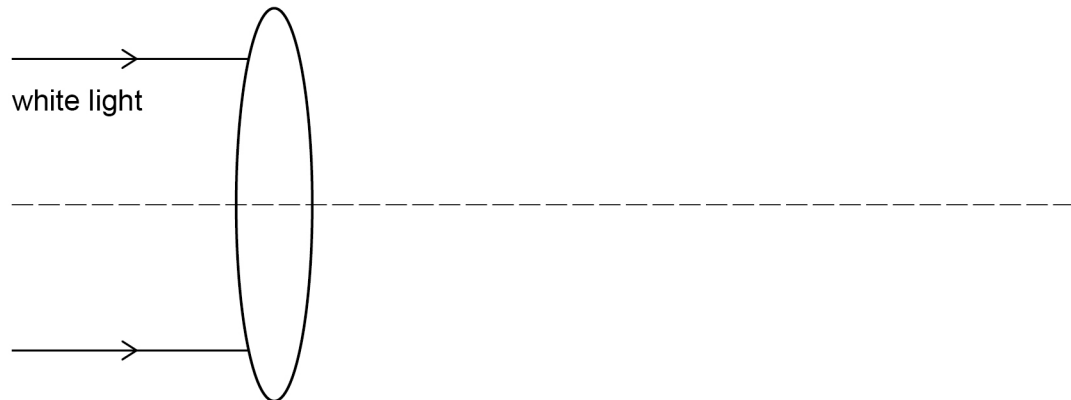
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Section BAnswer **all** questions in this section.**0 1 . 1** The lenses used in refracting telescopes can cause chromatic aberration.Complete **Figure 1** to show how a lens produces chromatic aberration.**[1 mark]****Figure 1****0 1 . 2** A Cassegrain telescope uses mirrors.

What are the shapes of the primary and secondary mirrors in a Cassegrain telescope?

Tick (✓) **one** box.**[1 mark]**

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Table 1 contains information about two telescopes, **A** and **B**. Each telescope is planned to be the biggest of its type in the world.

Table 1

Telescope	A	B
Type	Optical reflecting telescope	Radio telescope
Diameter / m	39.3	110
Range of wavelengths detected	350 nm to 1800 nm	2.5 mm to 1000 mm

Discuss the similarities and differences between optical reflecting telescopes and radio telescopes. Your answer should include references to:

- structure
- positioning
- collecting power.

Go on to discuss which telescope, **A** or **B**, will give a more detailed image of an astronomical object that emits both radio waves and visible light.

[6 marks]

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0 2

Table 2 shows some properties of the four brightest stars in the constellation Canis Minor.

Table 2

Name	Apparent magnitude	Absolute magnitude	Spectral class
Gamma A	4.46	-0.50	K
Gomeisa	2.89	-0.70	B
HD 66141	4.39	-0.13	K
Procyon	0.34	2.65	F

0 2 . 1

Discuss, with reference to the Hipparcos scale, why many star maps show only two stars in the constellation Canis Minor.

[3 marks]

0 2 . 2

State and explain which star in **Table 2** has the most prominent Hydrogen Balmer absorption lines.

[2 marks]

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0 2 . 3

Deduce which star, Gamma A or HD 66141, has the larger diameter.

[3 marks]

0 2 . 4

Astronomers recently used the radial velocity method to discover an exoplanet orbiting HD 66141.

Describe the main features of the radial velocity method in the detection of planets.

[2 marks]



0 2 . 5

Calculate the distance from the Earth to Procyon.
Give an appropriate unit for your answer.

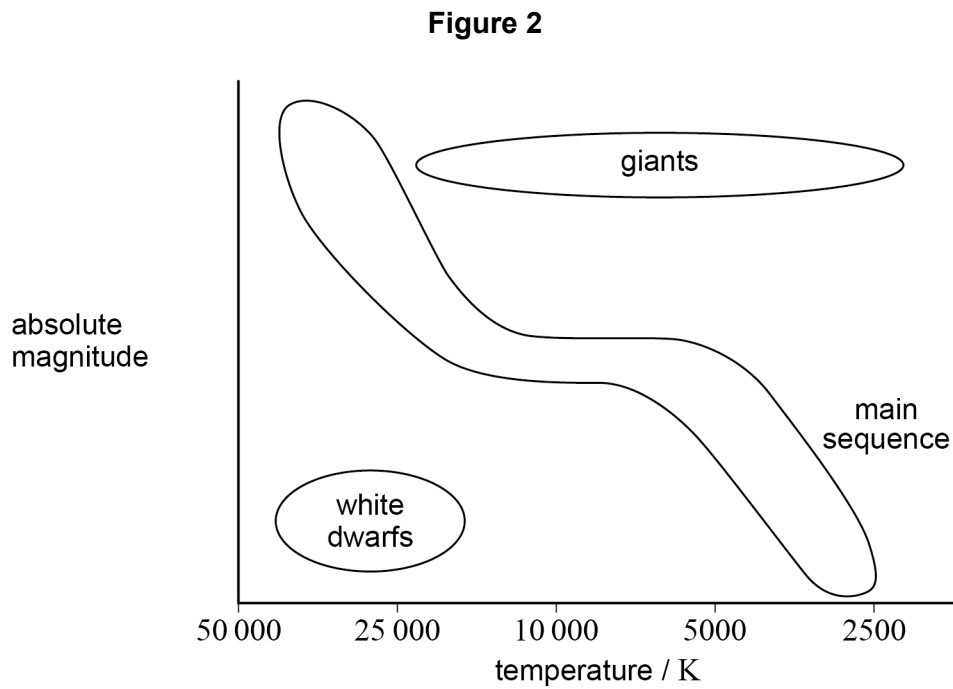
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Figure 2 is a Hertzsprung-Russell (HR) diagram.



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Label the absolute magnitude axis with a suitable scale.

[1 mark]

0 3 . 2

Label with an **S** the position of the Sun on the HR diagram.

[2 marks]

0 3 . 3

Draw a line on the HR diagram to show the evolution of a star similar to the Sun from formation to white dwarf.

[2 marks]

0 3 . 4

Label with a **P** the position on the HR diagram of a star much redder, and with a greater power output, than the Sun.

[1 mark]



0 3 . 5

A star much more massive than the Sun may become a supernova and then a black hole.

Discuss whether supernovae and black holes can be placed on the HR diagram in **Figure 2**.

[3 marks]

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0 4 . 1 Table 3 contains information about two galaxies.

Table 3

Galaxy	Red shift, z	Distance from Earth / ly
NGC 936	4.8×10^{-3}	6.8×10^7
NGC 3379	3.0×10^{-3}	3.2×10^7

Discuss whether these data are consistent with Hubble's Law.

[3 marks]



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Quasars are the most distant measurable objects.

Discuss **one** problem associated with the determination of the distance from the Earth to a quasar.

[2 marks]

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