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Section A

1 (a) gravitational force provides the centripetal force	B1	
$GMm/r^2 = mr\omega^2$ (*must be in terms of* ω)	B1	
$r^3\omega^2 = GM$ and GM is a constant	B1	[3]
(b) (i) 1. for Phobos, $\omega = 2\pi/(7.65 \times 3600)$	C1	
$= 2.28 \times 10^{\ 4}$ rad s $^{\ 1}$		
$(9.39 \times 10^6)^3 \times (2.28 \times 10^{\ 4})^2 = 6.67 \times 10^{\ 11} \times M$	C1	
$M = 6.46 \times 10^{23}$ kg	A1	[3]
2. $(9.39 \times 10^6)^3 \times (2.28 \times 10^{\ 4})^2 = (1.99 \times 10^7)^3 \times \omega^2$	C1	
$\omega = 7.30 \times 10^{\ 5}$ rad s $^{\ 1}$	C1	
$T = 2\pi/\omega = 2\pi/(7.30 \times 10^{\ 5})$		
$= 8.6 \times 10^4$ s		
$=$ 23.6 hours	A1	[3]
(ii) *either* almost 'geostationary'		
or satellite would take a long time to cross the sky	B1	[1]
2 (a) e.g. moving in random (rapid) motion of molecules/atoms/particles		
no intermolecular forces of attraction/repulsion		
volume of molecules/atoms/particles negligible compared to volume of container		
time of collision negligible to time between collisions		
(1 each, max 2)	B2	[2]
(b) (i) 1. number of (gas) molecules	B1	[1]
2. mean square speed/velocity (of gas molecules)	B1	[1]
(ii) either $pV = NkT$ *or* $pV = nRT$ and links n and k		
and $\langle E_K \rangle = ½m\langle c^2 \rangle$	M1	
clear algebra leading to $\langle E_K \rangle = \frac{3}{2}kT$	A1	[2]
(c) (i) sum of potential energy and kinetic energy of molecules/atoms/particles	M1	
reference to random (distribution)	A1	[2]
(ii) no intermolecular forces so no potential energy	B1	
(change in) internal energy is (change in) kinetic energy and this is proportional to (change in) T	B1	[2]

3	**(a)**	**(i)**	amplitude remains constant	B1	[1]
		(ii)	amplitude decreases gradually	M1	
			light damping	A1	[2]
		(iii)	period = 0.80 s	C1	
			frequency = 1.25 Hz *(period not 0.8 s, then 0/2)*	A1	[2]
	(b)	**(i)**	(induced) e.m.f. is proportional to	M1	
			rate of change/cutting of (magnetic) flux (linkage)	A1	[2]
		(ii)	a current is induced in the coil	M1	
			as magnet moves in coil	A1	
			current in resistor gives rise to a heating effect	M1	
			thermal energy is derived from energy of oscillation of the magnet	A1	[4]
4	**(a)**	**(i)**	zero field (strength) inside spheres	B1	[1]
		(ii)	*either* field strength is zero		
			or the fields are in opposite directions	M1	
			at a point between the spheres	A1	[2]
	(b)	**(i)**	field strength is (–) potential gradient *(not V/x)*	B1	[1]
		(ii)	**1.** field strength has maximum value	B1	
			at x = 11.4 cm	B1	[2]
			2. field strength is zero	B1	
			either at x = 7.9 cm *(allow ±0.3 cm)*		
			or at 0 to 1.4 cm *or* 11.4 cm to 12 cm	B1	[2]
5	**(a)**	**(i)**	$Bqv(\sin\theta)$ or $Bqv(\cos\theta)$	B1	[1]
		(ii)	qE	B1	[1]
	(b)		F_B must be opposite in direction to F_E	B1	
			so magnetic field into plane of paper	B1	[2]

6	**(a)**	**(i)**	period = 1/50	C1	
			t_1 = 0.03 s	A1	[2]
		(ii)	peak voltage = 17.0 V	A1	[1]
		(iii)	r.m.s. voltage = 17.0/√2		
			= 12.0 V	A1	[1]
		(iv)	mean voltage = 0	A1	[1]
	(b)		power = V^2/R	C1	
			= $12^2/2.4$		
			= 60 W	A1	[2]
7	**(a)**		each line represents photon of specific energy	M1	
			photon emitted as a result of energy change of electron	M1	
			specific energy changes so discrete levels	A1	[3]
	(b)	**(i)**	arrow from –0.85 eV level to –1.5 eV level	B1	[1]
		(ii)	$\Delta E = hc/\lambda$	C1	
			= $(1.5 - 0.85) \times 1.6 \times 10^{19}$	C1	
			= 1.04×10^{19} J		
			$\lambda = (6.63 \times 10^{34} \times 3.0 \times 10^8)/(1.04 \times 10^{19})$		
			= 1.9×10^{6} m	A1	[3]
	(c)		spectrum appears as continuous spectrum crossed by dark lines	B1	
			two dark lines	B1	
			electrons in gas absorb photons with energies equal to the excitation energies	M1	
			light photons re-emitted in all directions	A1	[4]
8	**(a)**	**(i)**	time for initial number of nuclei/activity	M1	
			to reduce to one half of its initial value	A1	[2]
		(ii)	λ = ln 2/(24.8 × 24 × 3600)	M1	
			= 3.23×10^{7} s^{1}	A0	[1]
	(b)	**(i)**	$A = \lambda N$	C1	
			$3.76 \times 10^6 = 3.23 \times 10^{7} \times N$		
			$N = 1.15 \times 10^{13}$	A1	[2]
		(ii)	$N = N_0 e^{\lambda t}$		
			= $1.15 \times 10^{13} \times \exp(-\{\ln 2 \times 30\}/24.8)$	C1	
			= 4.97×10^{12}	A1	[2]
	(c)		ratio = $(4.97 \times 10^{12})/(1.15 \times 10^{13} - 4.97 \times 10^{12})$	C1	
			= 0.76	A1	[2]

Section B

9	**(a)**	e.g. reduced gain increased stability greater bandwidth or less distortion *(allow any two sensible suggestions, 1 each, max 2)*	B2	[2]
	(b) (i)	V connected to midpoint between resistors	B1	
		V_{OUT} clear and input to V^+ clear	B1	[2]
	(ii)	gain = $1 + R_F/R$		
		$15 = 1 + 12000/R$	C1	
		$R = 860\ \Omega$	A1	[2]
	(c)	graph: straight line from (0,0) to (0.6,9.0)	B1	
		straight line from (0.6,9.0) to (1.0,9.0)	B1	[2]
	(d)	*either* relay can be used to switch a large current/voltage	M1	
		output current of op-amp is a few mA/very small	A1	[2]
		or relay can be used as a remote switch	(M1)	
		for inhospitable region/avoids using long heavy cables	(A1)	
10	**(a)**	e.g. large bandwidth/carries more information low attenuation of signal low cost smaller diameter, easier handling, easier storage, less weight high security/no crosstalk low noise/no EM interference *(allow any four sensible suggestions, 1 each, max 4)*	B4	[4]
	(b) (i)	infra-red	B1	[1]
	(ii)	lower attenuation than for visible light	B1	[1]
	(c) (i)	gain/dB = $10\lg(P_2/P_1)$	C1	
		$26 = 10\lg(P_2/9.3 \times 10^{6})$		
		$P_2 = 3.7 \times 10^{3}$ W	A1	[2]
	(ii)	power loss along fibre = 30 × 0.2 = 6.0 dB	C1	
		either $6 = 10\lg(P/3.7 \times 10^{3})$ *or* 6 dB = $4 \times 3.7 \times 10^{3}$		
		or $32 = 10\lg(P/9.3 \times 10^{6})$		
		input power = 1.5×10^{2} W	A1	[2]