

# Astronomy

## Question Paper 5

<b>Level</b>	Edexcel
<b>Subject</b>	Physics
<b>Exam Board</b>	GCSE(9-1)
<b>Topic</b>	Astronomy
<b>Sub Topic</b>	
<b>Booklet</b>	Question Paper 5

**Time Allowed:** 42 minutes

**Score:** /35

**Percentage:** /100

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Explain why the evidence available at the time supported the geocentric model.

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- (b) The Big Bang theory and the Steady State theory are two theories about the origin of the universe.

The discovery of CMB led scientists to accept only one of the theories.

Explain why redshift supports both theories but CMB supports only one of them.

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(c) (i) A star with a mass very much larger than the Sun

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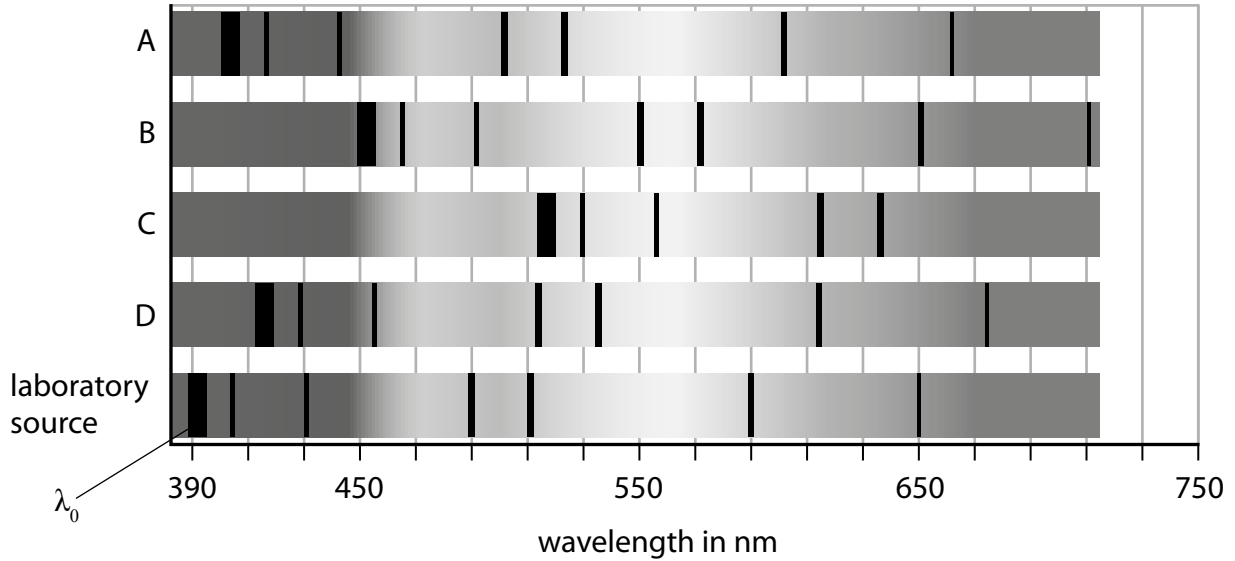
(ii) Which row has two correct statements about black holes?

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(d) Figure 9 shows some lines in the absorption spectra from four different galaxies (A, B, C, and D) and from a laboratory source.

All the spectra are aligned and to the same scale.



**Figure 9**

Explain, using Figure 9, which galaxy is furthest away from us.

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**(Total for Question 7 = 11 marks)**

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**(Total for Question 2 = 8 marks)**

- 3 (a) Figure 2 shows some lines in the absorption spectra from four different galaxies (A, B, C, and D) and from a laboratory source.

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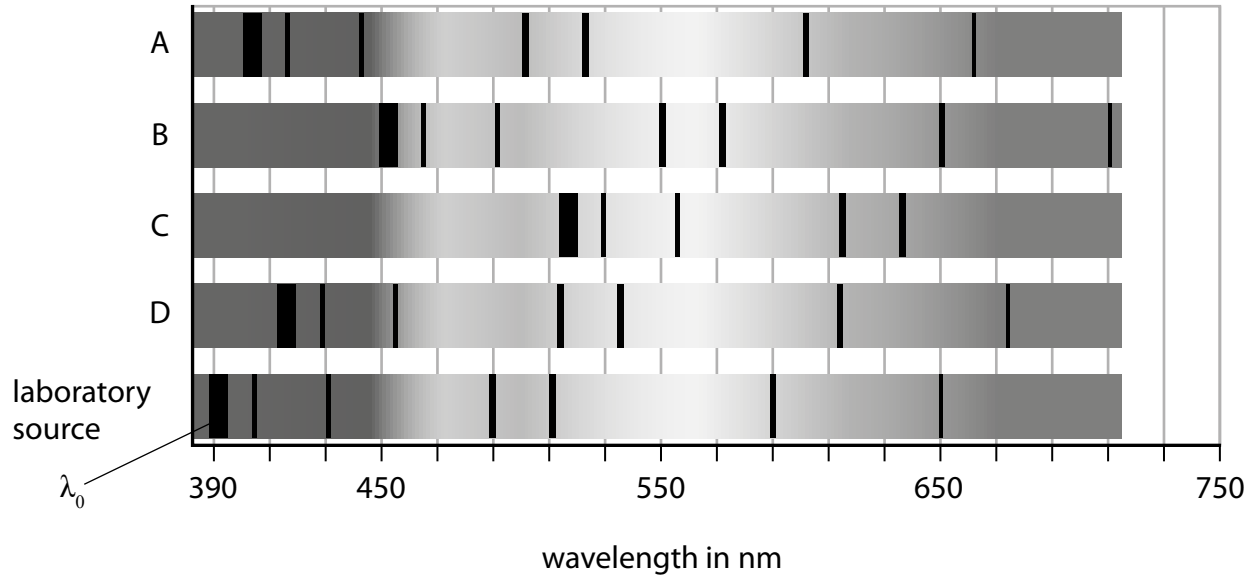


Figure 2

- (i) Explain, using Figure 2, which galaxy is furthest away from us.

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(ii) In Figure 2, the reference wavelength,  $\lambda_0$ , is shown at 390 nm.

Estimate the change in the reference wavelength,  $\Delta\lambda$ , for the light from galaxy D.

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$\Delta\lambda = \dots\dots\dots$  nm

(iii) Calculate the speed,  $v$ , of galaxy D.

Use the equation

$$v = c \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda_0}$$

[ $c = \text{speed of light} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ]

(2)

$v = \dots\dots\dots$  m/s



(b) Figure 3 shows a photograph of galaxy D.

This photograph was taken by a student at his home.



(Source: Paul Curtis)

**Figure 3**

State **two** ways that the student can improve the observational techniques so that the quality of the image is improved.

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- 2.....  
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**(Total for Question 3 = 8 marks)**

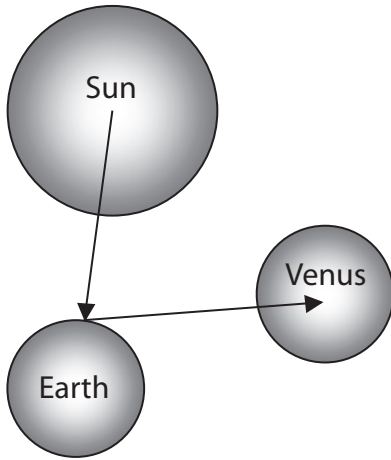
### Waves and the Solar System

- 4 (a) Galileo was one of the first scientists to use a telescope to study Venus.
- (i) Which of these diagrams best shows how light waves enable us to see Venus?

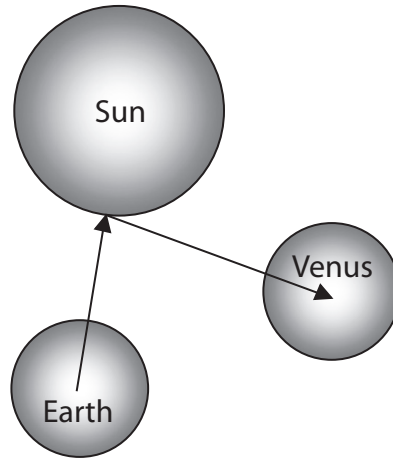
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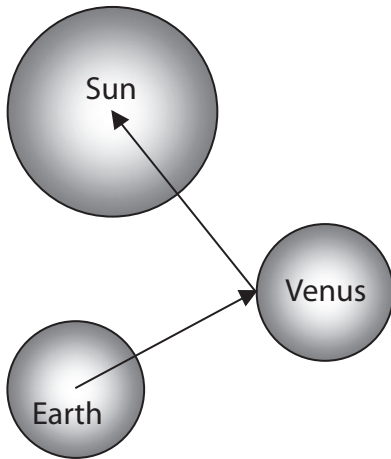
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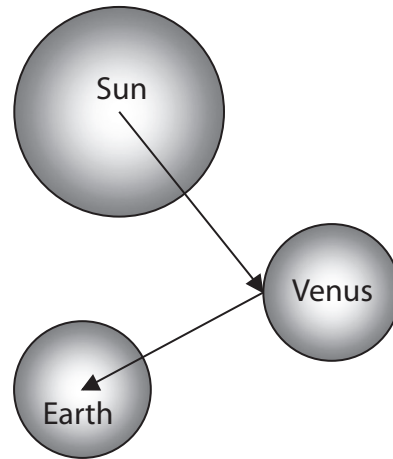
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(ii) Use words from the box to complete the sentences.

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asteroids	comets	geocentric	heliocentric
moons	particle	stars	

Galileo also used his telescope to observe the ..... of Jupiter.

His observations provided evidence to support the ..... model of the Solar System.

(iii) Describe how a reflecting telescope is different from the simple telescope which Galileo used.

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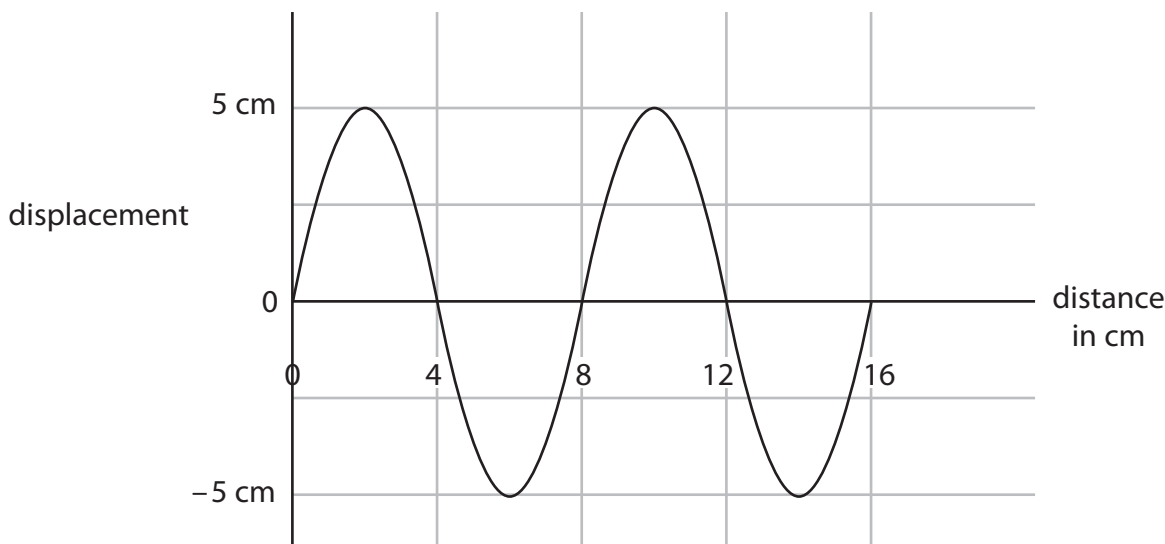
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(b) (i) The diagram represents a wave.



State the amplitude and wavelength of the wave.

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amplitude of the wave = ..... cm

wavelength of the wave = ..... cm

(ii) 20 waves are sent out in 4 seconds.

Complete this sentence by putting a cross (☒) in the box next to your answer.

The frequency of the wave is

(1)

- A** 0.2 Hz
- B** 5 Hz
- C** 20 Hz
- D** 80 Hz

**(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)**