

- M1.(a)** Apparent magnitude at a distance of 10pc  
*Allow "brightness".*  
*Do not allow luminosity or magnitude.* 1
- (b) Absolute magnitude from 15 to -10  
 Temperature from 50 000K to 2500K  
*Allow 15 to -15.*  
*Allow 50 000 to 3500 K.* 2
- (c) (i) S at 5700 K and abs mag 5  
*The position of S should be consistent with the scales on the axes. Allow ce on scale.*  
*Allow 6000 for T.*  
*If labels not present, or if only correct extreme values on scale, S should be to the right of and below the centre.* 1
- (ii) W at same abs mag as S, but further to left  
*Judgements on ii – iv should be based on the position of S. If S is not labelled, it should be based on where S should be.* 1
- (iii) X at same temperature as S but greater absolute magnitude 1
- (iv) Y at same abs mag or above S, on the right hand side of the diagram 1
- (d) Similar power output ✓  
 but is hotter ✓  
 Ref to  $P = \sigma AT^4$  hence W must have smaller diameter than the Sun ✓  
*Allow luminosity for Power.*  
*Answer must be supported to get the mark.* 3

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- M2.(a)** (i) Similarity both would appear the same brightness  
 As the apparent magnitudes are the same ✓  
*Description and explanation needed for mark.*  
*Any references to same size gets zero for 1<sup>st</sup> mark.*
- Difference Kocab would appear orange / red, Polaris yellow / white  
 Due to their spectral classes / different temperatures ✓  
*Allow different colours + ref to spectral class for second mark*  
*If colour named, should be correct.*

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- (ii) Polaris is further from Earth:  
*Alternative:*  
*Polaris hotter and same size*
- Both stars same size and Polaris is hotter ✓
- As  $P = \sigma AT^4$   
*Hence, Polaris has brighter absolute magnitude / is intrinsically brighter*
- Same A, would mean that Polaris has greater power output. ✓
- Polaris must be further from Earth to appear same brightness as Kocab. ✓  
*Same apparent brightness, therefore Polaris is further away.*

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- (b) (i)  $v = Hd$
- $v = 0.025 \times 3 \times 10^5 = 7.5 \times 10^3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  ✓  
*1<sup>st</sup> mark is for calculating v*
- $d = 340 \times 10^6 \text{ l yr} = 340 / 3.26 \text{ Mpc} = 104 \text{ Mpc}$  ✓  
*2<sup>nd</sup> mark is for working out d in Mpc*
- $H = 7.5 \times 10^3 / 104 = 72 \text{ kms}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  ✓  
*3<sup>rd</sup> mark is for calculating H in the correct unit.*

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- (ii) Age of Universe =  $1 / H$   
*1<sup>st</sup> mark is for the equation*

$$= 0.014 \times 10^6 \times 3.26 \times 9.5 \times 10^{15} / 1000$$

*2<sup>nd</sup> is for the answer with working*

$$= 4.3 \times 10^{17} \text{ seconds}$$

(= 13.6 billion years)

Unit consistent with calculation.

*3<sup>rd</sup> is for a time unit consistent with their answer / working*

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**M3.** (a) (i) the brightness of a star as it would appear from a distance of 10 pc ✓  
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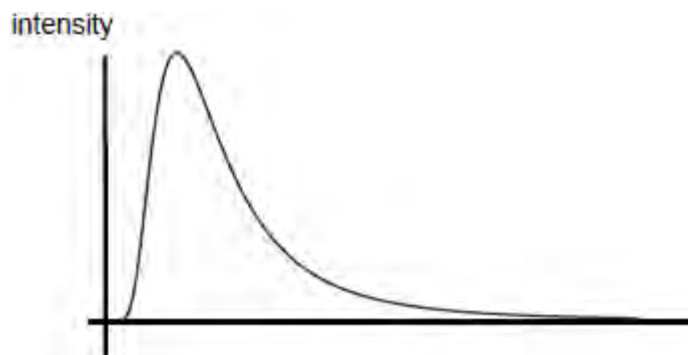
(ii) Betelgeuse

Bellatrix is actually a lot brighter than Betelgeuse (the absolute magnitude is a lot more negative), but only appears to be a bit brighter (the apparent magnitude is only a little smaller) so Betelgeuse must be closer ✓

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(b) (i) use of  $\lambda_{\text{max}} T = 0.0029$   
gives  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 0.0029 / 22\,000$  ✓  
 $= 1.32 \times 10^{-7} \text{ (m)}$  ✓

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(ii)

steeper LHS than RHS ✓

intensity goes towards zero as the wavelength goes to end of axis ✓

wavelength scale with peak near 130 nm ✓

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(c) (i) B ✓

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(ii) helium ✓

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(iii) temperature too low (for atmosphere of Betelgeuse to have hydrogen in n=2 state) ✓

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**M4.** (a) (i) Segin: spectral class B is hottest (1)

(ii) Shedir: class K is closest towards red end (1)

(iii) Shedir: 2.2 is smallest value of apparent magnitude (1)

(iv) Achird: apparent magnitude lower (brighter) than absolute magnitude and they are equal when star is 10 pc away (1)

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(b) (i) (use of  $m - M = 5 \log(d/10)$  gives)  $2.2 - (-4.6) = 5 \log\left(\frac{d}{10}\right)$  (1)

$d = 229$  pc (1)

(ii) (use of  $\lambda_{\max} T = 0.0029$  gives)  $\lambda_{\max} = \frac{0.0029}{12000} = 2.4(2) \times 10^{-7}$  m (1)

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- M5.** (a) (i) P has the lowest peak wavelength ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) **(1)**  
 (since)  $\lambda_{max}T = \text{constant}$ , lowest  $\lambda_{max}$  means highest  $T$  **(1)**  
 [or P has highest peak intensity **(1)**  
 intensity is power per unit area, or ref to Stefan's law **(1)**]
- (ii)  $\lambda_{max} = 300 \times 10^{-9}(\text{m})$  **(1)**  
 (use of  $\lambda_{max}T = 0.0029$  gives)  $T = 9.7 \times 10^3\text{K}$  **(1)** ( $9.67 \times 10^3 \text{ K}$ )

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- (b) (i) A and B **(1)**
- (ii) light from the star passes through the atmosphere of the star **(1)**  
 which contains hydrogen with electrons in  $n = 2$  state **(1)**  
 electrons in this state absorb certain energies and (hence) frequencies  
 of light **(1)**  
 the light is re-emitted in all directions, so that the intensity of these  
 frequencies is reduced in any given direction,  
 resulting in absorption lines **(1)**

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