

Short Questions

Part	Solution	Mark
1	As a (rather) crude estimation, one may take $\frac{dP}{dr} \sim \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta r} \sim \frac{-P}{R} = -\frac{GM_r \rho_r}{R^2}$ We then obtain the scaling $P = \frac{GM\rho}{R} \sim \rho^2 R^2 = A\rho^\beta$ $\rho = R^{\frac{2}{\beta-2}}$ $M \sim \rho R^3 \sim R^{\frac{3\beta-4}{\beta-2}}$ $\alpha = \frac{3\beta-4}{\beta-2}$	M1 M2 A1
2	$H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{t}$ The age of the universe could be obtained as $12.3 + 0.5 \text{Gyr} = 12.8 \text{Gyr}$ $\frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{12.8 \text{Gyr}} = 1.65 \times 10^{-18} \text{s}^{-1} = 50.9 \text{kms}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ Setting k to 0 in the Friedmann equations, $H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho$ $\rho = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G} = 4.87 \times 10^{-27} \text{kgm}^{-3}$	M2 M1 A1 M2 A1
3a	From the graph, we deduce the maximum angular distance to be $8.7'$, with a rotational velocity of $\sim 240 \text{ km/s}$ (a value $\pm 10 \text{ km/s}$ will be accepted as well) $r = 8.7' \times 10.2 \text{Mpc} = 5.32 \times 10^9 \text{ AU}$ Under the general assumption of radial symmetry, $v(r)^2 = \frac{GM(r)}{r}$ $M = \frac{v^2 r}{G} = 6.88 \times 10^{41} \text{ kg}$ [Accepted Range: $6.4 \times 10^{41} \text{ kg} - 7.3 \times 10^{41} \text{ kg}$]	M1 M1 M2 A1

3b	The power emitted is derived from the rate of axion mass decay into photons/energy $\frac{dN}{dt} = -\lambda N$ $\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{\tau_1 \frac{1}{2}}$ $P_{dish} = \frac{\pi R_{dish}^2}{4\pi d^2} M c^2 \lambda = 2.7 \times 10^{-30} W$ (accepted range: $2.5 \times 10^{-30} W - 2.9 \times 10^{-30} W$)	M1 M1 M1 A1
4a	We start by finding the angular radius of the Sun: $a_{sun} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{R_{sun}}{D} \right) \approx \frac{R_{sun}}{D} = 0.266^\circ$ Where R_{sun} is the radius of the Sun and D is the distance to the Sun. Next, we find the additional angle of depression the people at the top of the Burj Khalifa will have to see the new apparent horizon. $\psi = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{R}{R+h} \right) = 0.924^\circ$ Where R is the radius of the Earth and h is the height of the Burj Khalifa. There is also a horizon depression due to atmospheric refraction: $\alpha = 32'$ Finally, we draw our spherical triangles. It is much simpler because this is the Vernal Equinox, so the Sun's path coincides with the Celestial Equator. Using the labels in the diagram, we get the following: $\sin x = \frac{\sin(\psi + \alpha + a_{sun})}{\sin(\bar{\phi})}$ $\sin \Delta x = \frac{\sin(\alpha + a_{sun})}{\sin(\bar{\phi})}$ The distance the sun has travelled across above the depressed horizon is $2x + 180^\circ$. Hence:	M0.5 M0.5 M2

