Answers – Astrophysics 1

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(a)	(i)	Any five from:	B1 × 5
		 Gas / dust (cloud) drawn together by gravitational forces Loss in (gravitational) PE / KE increases / PE changes KE / temperature increase Fusion of protons / hydrogen nuclei (produces helium nuclei and energy) A stable star is formed when radiation pressure is equal to gravitational pressure When hydrogen runs out the outer layers of the star expands / core shrinks Red giant formed / eventually (the core becomes) a white dwarf QWC mark for 'correct sequencing of the processes from 	
		birth to death'	B1
	(ii)	Supernova followed by	B1
		neutron star / black hole	
(b)		$\Delta E = \Delta mc^2$ energy = $2.0 \times 10^{30} \times 10^{-6} \times (3.0 \times 10^8)^2$ or $1.8(0) \times 10^{41}$ (J) time = $1.80 \times 10^{41}/3.8 \times 10^{26}$ (= 4.74×10^{14} s) time = $4.74 \times 10^{14}/3.2 \times 10^7$ time = 1.5×10^7 (y)	C1 C1

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(a)	(i)	3 correct labels	B1	
	(ii)	the (three) colours add up/superpose to give white light or no dispersion/diffraction of incident white light/AW	B1	allow use of formula d sin θ = n λ so constructive interference at θ = 0 for all λ
	(iii)	select $\lambda = d \sin \theta$ $\lambda = 1.67 \times 10^{-6} \sin 19.1$ $\lambda = 546 \times 10^{-9} (m)$	C1 C1 A1	allow 547 x 10 ⁻⁹ as answer is 546.46 x 10 ⁻⁹ do not allow 550 x 10 ⁻⁹ unless SF mark already deducted
(b)		select E = hc/ \(\lambda\) E = 6.63 \(\times 10^{-34} \times 3.0 \times 10^8/436 \times 10^{-9}\) E = 4.56 \(\times 10^{-19} \) (J)	C1 C1 A1	do not allow 4.6 x 10 ⁻¹⁹ unless SF mark already deducted
(c)	(i)	1 arrow correctly labelled 2 more arrows correctly labelled	B1 B1	

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а		light emitted from (excited isolated) atoms produces a line spectrum	B1	max 2 marks from 3 marking points
		a series of (sharp/bright/coloured) lines	B1	
		against a dark background		
	ii	in an absorption spectrum a series of dark lines (appears against a		
		bright background/within a continuous spectrum)	B1	accept black
b	i	$\varepsilon = hc/\lambda$	C1	apply SF error if all numbers not to 3+ figures
		= 6.63 x 10 ⁻³⁴ x 3.00 x 10 ⁸ / 436 x 10 ⁻⁹	C1	
		$= 4.56 \times 10^{-19} (J)$	A1	4.54 if use 6.6
	ii	3.64 x 10 ⁻¹⁹ (J)	A1	allow mark if repeated error from b(i)
С	i	correct vertical lines;	B1	1 mark for 1 vertical line + correct label
		correct labels	B1	
		arrow(s) downwards	B1	
	ii	- 8.86 + 4.56 = - 4.3 x 10 ⁻¹⁹ (J)	B1	ecf b(i)
		$-7.94 + 3.64 = -4.3 \times 10^{-19} \text{ (J)}$	B1	do calculation for one line only correctly scores
				2 marks; give answer as 4.3 x 10 ⁻¹⁹ or -4.3
				scores 1 mark
				do calculation for both lines and give answer
				as 4.3 x 10 ⁻¹⁹ or -4.3 scores both marks