

Mark scheme for Extension Worksheet – Topic 8, Worksheet 1

- 1 Extracting the information from a CD means having the ability to distinguish between flat areas on the CD (i.e. lands and pits) and edges between flats and pits; laser rays reflecting near an edge will destructively interfere if the path difference is half a wavelength; and so if destructive interference takes place a '1' is assigned otherwise a '0'. [3]
- 2 Destructive interference takes place when $2d = \frac{\lambda}{2} \Rightarrow d = \frac{\lambda}{4}$; so $d = \frac{640}{4} = 160 \text{ nm}$ [2]
- 3 In 1 second the number of bits stored is $32N$; so in T seconds it will be $32NT$. [2]
- 4 The number of incident photons in the given time interval is $6.8 \times 10^5 \times 120 \times 10^{-3} = 81600$; hence the number of electrons emitted is $0.80 \times 81600 = 65280$ [2]
- 5 Use $Q = CV$ to find $V = \frac{Q}{C} = \frac{3.6 \times 10^{-14}}{15 \times 10^{-12}} = 2.4 \text{ mV}$ [1]
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 - a The ratio of the number of electrons emitted to the number of photons incident. [1]
 - b The area of one pixel is $\frac{62}{8.0 \times 10^6} = 7.75 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mm}^2 = 7.75 \times 10^{-6} \times (10^{-3})^2 \text{ m}^2 = 7.75 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2$; and so the energy incident on one pixel in 35 ms is $240 \times 10^{-3} \times 35 \times 10^{-3} \times 7.75 \times 10^{-12} = 6.15 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J}$; the energy of one of the photons is $\frac{hc}{\lambda} = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3.0 \times 10^8}{540 \times 10^{-9}} = 3.68 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$; and hence the number of incident photons is $\frac{6.15 \times 10^{-14}}{3.68 \times 10^{-19}} = 1.75 \times 10^5$; and so the charge deposited is $0.85 \times 1.75 \times 10^5 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} = 2.38 \times 10^{-14} \text{ C}$; finally the potential difference at the ends of the pixel is $V = \frac{Q}{C} = \frac{2.38 \times 10^{-14}}{22 \times 10^{-12}} = 1.1 \text{ mV}$ [6]
 - c The side of a pixel has length $\sqrt{7.75 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2} = 2.78 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$; if d is the required distance then on the CCD this length would be equal to $2.5 \times 10^{-3} d$ and for resolution this would have to be larger than 2 pixel lengths i.e. $2.5 \times 10^{-3} d > 2 \times 2.78 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} \Rightarrow d > 2.2 \text{ mm}$ [3]