

6. White light from the Sun is analysed to produce the following absorption spectrum.



The spectral lines are known as Fraunhofer lines.

- (a) Some Fraunhofer lines are produced by the transition of electrons between energy levels in hydrogen atoms.

Some of the energy levels of the hydrogen atom are shown.

E_4	_____	$-0.871 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
E_3	_____	$-1.36 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
E_2	_____	$-2.42 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
E_1	_____	$-5.45 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
E_0	_____	$-21.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

- (i) One of the Fraunhofer lines is due to the electron transition from E_1 to E_4 .

Determine the frequency of the photon absorbed when an electron makes this transition.

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6. (a) (continued)

- (ii) Calculate the wavelength of the photon absorbed.

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- (iii) Determine the colour of the light absorbed during this electron transition.

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6. (continued)

- (b) The spectral lines observed in the spectrum from a distant galaxy are redshifted. A galaxy known as NGC 6745 has a recessional velocity of $4.51 \times 10^6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$.

Calculate the redshift of the light from this galaxy.

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- (c) The light from the majority of galaxies in the Universe is redshifted. Explain how this evidence supports the Big Bang theory.

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