

GCSE Physics B (Twenty First Century Science) J259/03 Depth in physics (Higher Tier)

Question Set 24

Kepler-445d is a planet orbiting a distant star in our galaxy. It was discovered in 2015.		
Astronomers believe that Kepler-445d is similar to the Earth. However, it orbits a star that emits light with a longer principal wavelength than the Sun.		
(a)	State how the surface temperature of the star compares to the surface temperature of the Sun.	
(b)	The intensity of radiation emitted by the star is much lower than that emitted by the Sun.	[1]
	However, the surface temperature of Kepler-445d is thought to be similar to the surface temperature of the Earth.	
	Give two possible reasons to explain how Kepler-445d could be at a similar temperature to Earth.	[0]
(c)	James and Mia discuss whether scientists should look for life on Kepler-445d.	[2]
	James The government should spend money on new, bigger telescopes to search for life on Kepler-445d.	
	Mia We will never know if there is life on Kepler-445d. Searching for life is a waste of money.	
	Who do you agree with? Explain why.	
	James	
	Mia	[2]

Total Marks for Question Set 24: 5

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