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Internal Assessment-2012

Max Marks:30

Time:1hr 30mins

→ 1. (a) For a given latitude, ϕ in the northern hemisphere, find the minimum declination, δ for a star to be circumpolar? 5

(b) What are the duration of day and night at the North Pole? Explain with diagram. 3

2. The distance between components of a binary star is 1.5 arc-sec.

(a) If you are observing the star at optical wavelength 550nm, what should be the diameter of the objective of the telescope to resolve them? 4

(b) If the focal length of the objective is 100cm, what should be the focal length of eyepiece to resolve them? (assume the resolution of eye to be 2 arc-min). 4

3. The RA and Dec of two stars in the sky are given as $\alpha_1 = 6h$ and $\delta_1 = 60^\circ$ & $\alpha_2 = 8h$ and $\delta_2 = 80^\circ$. Find the angular distance between them. 7

4. The magnitudes of two components of a binary star are +1 and +3. What is the total magnitude of the binary, if the components are not eclipsing each other? 7