AQA GCSE Physics | 8463

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.2.1.2

Electrical charge and current

Mark schemes and examiner comments

Tier	**Foundation**
Question groups	**23**
Available paper years	**2003–2025**

Using this booklet

1. Booklet answer numbers match the question booklet.
2. Use the original question number within marking tables.
3. Examiner comments are included where available.

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Where a precise marking extract is unavailable, the full source document is included in an appendix. Any missing mark scheme is explicitly identified.

4.2.1.2 Electrical charge and current

Answer 01 · Mark scheme

June 2003 | 3451F | Original Q13 | Legacy

The full source mark scheme begins on page 39. Follow original question 13 in that document.

Answer 02 · Mark scheme

June 2006 | 3451 | Original Q10 | Legacy

The full source mark scheme begins on page 61. Follow original question 10 in that document.

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme January 2008 | PHY2F | Original Q7 | Legacy

Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	clothing and seat rub together	accept friction between clothing and seat	1
	electrons transfer from seat to driver **or** electrons transfer from driver to seat	accept electrons transfer on its own if first mark scores an answer in terms of *rubbing,* between clothing and seat **and** *charge* transfer without mention of electrons gains **1** mark an answer in terms of *friction* / *rubbing* **and** *electron transfer* without mention of clothing and seat gains **1** mark	1
(b)(i)	how wet the air is affects charge (build up) **or** damp air is a better conductor **or** damp air has a lower resistance	accept humidity affects charge do **not** accept fair test or as a control unless explained	1
(ii)	No – it was only the lowest under these conditions **or** No – there are lots of other materials that were not tested **or** Yes – the highest value for cotton is smaller than the lowest value for the other materials	accept answer in terms of changing the conditions may change the results do **not** accept results show that it is always less / smallest	1
total			4

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY2F | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question 2

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	electrons		1
	jumper		1
(ii)	positive	accept protons accept +	1
(iii)	positively charged	accept any clear way of indicating the answer	1
(b)(i)	copper		1
	it is an (electrical) conductor	only accept if copper is identified do **not** accept it conducts heat accept it conducts heat and electricity accept copper is the best conductor accept correct description of conduction	1
(ii)	current		1
total			7

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY2F | Original Q2 | Legacy

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Answer 05 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | PHY2F | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)	fleece rubs against shirt **or** friction (between fleece and shirt)	it refers to the fleece	1
	(causing) <u>electrons</u> to transfer from one to the other	accept a specific direction of transfer do **not** accept charge for electrons positive electrons negates this mark movement of protons negates this mark	1
4(b)	Electrical charges move easily through metals. An electric current is a flow of electrical charge.		1 1
4(c)(i)	copper (good electrical) conductor	reason only scores if copper chosen accept it is a metal any mention of heat conduction negates this mark	1 1
4(c)(ii)	lower than		1

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Question 4 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(c)(iii)	accept any sensible suggestion, eg: • too many variables (to control) • lightning strikes / storms are random / unpredictable • do not know which building will be struck • do not know when a building will be struck • do not know when lightning will happen • (very) difficult to create same conditions in a laboratory • lightning storms are not the same	it is not safe is insufficient do **not** accept lightning does not strike the same place twice	1
Total			**8**

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Answer 05 · Mark scheme June 2011 | PHY2F | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme

Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)(i)	50 (Hz)		1
4(a)(ii)	2760 (W)		1
4(b)	12 amps	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 2400/200 **or** allow **1** mark for 2760/230 provided no subsequent step shown	2 1
4(c)	the charge is directly proportional to the time switched on for	accept for **1** mark the longer time (to boil), the greater amount of charge **or** positive correlation **or** they are proportional	2
Total			**7**

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme

January 2013 | PH2FP | Original Q4 | Legacy

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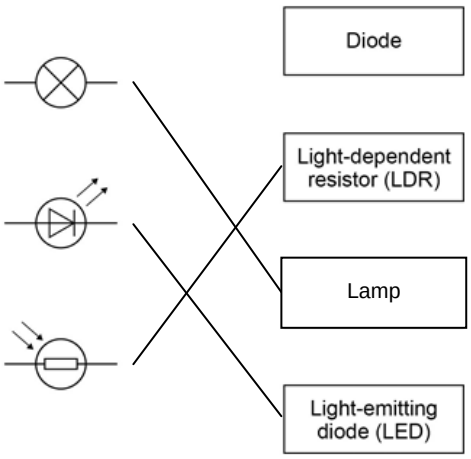
Answer 07 · Mark scheme June 2014 | PH2FP | Original Q3 | Legacy

3(a)		allow **1** mark for each correct line if more than one line is drawn from any symbol then all of those lines are wrong	3	AO1 2.3.2
3(b)(i)	half		1	AO1 2.3.2k
3(b)(ii)	3(V)		1	AO2 2.3.2k
3(b)(iii)	V_1		1	AO2 2.3.2k

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme

June 2014 | PH2FP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question 3 continued . . .

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
3(c)(i)	potential difference / voltage of the power supply	accept the power supply accept the voltage / volts accept number of cells / batteries accept (same) cells / batteries do not accept same ammeter / switch / wires	1	AO3 2.3.2i
3(c)(ii)	bar drawn – height 1.(00)A	ignore width of bar allow **1** mark for bar shorter than 3rd bar	2	AO2 2.3.2i
3(c)(iii)	as the number of resistors increases the current decreases		1	AO3 2.3.2i
Total			**10**	

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme

June 2014 | PH2FP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref

Answer 08 · Mark scheme

June 2015 | PH2FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

The full source mark scheme begins on page 81. Follow original question 1 in that document.

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | PH2FP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
5(a)	4		1	AO2 2.3.2j
5(b)(i)	2	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie $I = \frac{20}{10}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 2.3.2a
5(b)(ii)	5	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie $V = \frac{100}{20}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 2.3.2b
Total			**5**	

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | PH2FP | Original Q5 | Legacy



4.2.1.2 Electrical charge and current

Answer 10 · Mark scheme June 2017 | PH2FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
1(a)(i)	electrons		1	AO1 2.3.1b
1(a)(ii)	positive		1	AO1 2.3.1b
1(b)(i)	repel	accept a correct description eg push away from	1	AO1 2.3.1d
1(b)(ii)	(the forces are) equal (in magnitude)	accept in equilibrium accept balanced accept the same	1	AO3 2.3.1c
1(c)(i)	copper		1	AO1 2.3.1e
1(c)(ii)	the temperature increases		1	AO2 2.4.2a
1(c)(iii)	2000	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie $I = \frac{4}{0.002}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 2.3.2a
Total			**8**	

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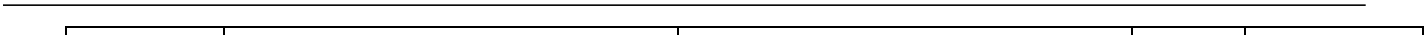
Answer 10 · Mark scheme

June 2017 | PH2FP | Original Q1 | Legacy



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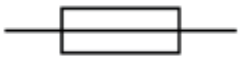
Answer 11 · Mark scheme June 2018 | 8463/1F | Original Q7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1			1	AO1 4.2.1.1
07.2	E = 13 × 230 E = 2990 (J)	an answer 2990 (J) scores **2** marks	1 1	AO2 4.2.4.2
07.3	charge flow = current x time	allow Q = It	1	AO1 4.2.1.2
07.4	1.52 = I × 0.40 $I = \frac{1.52}{0.40}$ I = 3.8 (A)	an answer of 3.8 (A) scores **3** marks	1 1 1	AO2 4.2.1.2
07.5	E = 0.00175 × 205 000 E = 359 (J)	an answer of 359 (J) scores **2** marks allow an answer that rounds to 360 (J) for **2** marks	1 1	AO2 4.3.2.3
Total			**9**	

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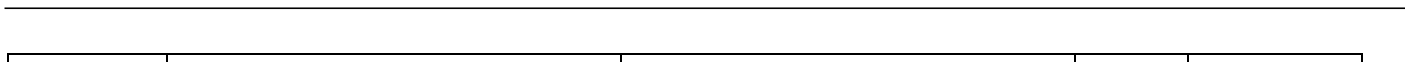
Answer 11 · Mark scheme

June 2018 | 8463/1F | Original Q7



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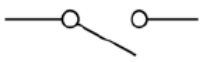
Answer 12 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8463/1F | Original Q7

Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
7.1	M		1	4.2.2 AO1
7.2	 **or** 		1	4.2.1.1 AO1
7.3	current $= \frac{24}{30}$ current = 0.80 (A)	an answer of 0.8 (A) scores **2** marks	1 1	4.2.1.2 AO2
7.4	E = 60 × 3.6 E = 216 (J)	an answer of 216 (J) scores **2** marks	1 1	4.2.4.2 AO2
7.5	The reading in **Y** would be lower		1	4.2.2 AO1
7.6	The total resistance of **Y** is greater		1	4.2.2 AO1
7.7	potential difference = current × resistance **or** $V = IR$		1	4.2.1.3 AO1
7.8	3.6 = 0.80 × R $R = \frac{3.6}{0.80}$ R = 4.5 (Ω)	an answer of 4.5 (Ω) scores **3** marks	1 1 1	4.2.1.3 AO2
Total			**12**	

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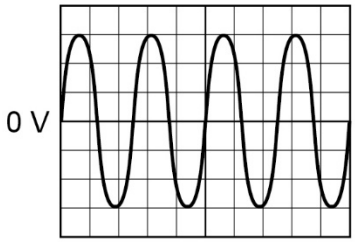
Answer 13 · Mark scheme

November 2020 | 8463/1F | Original Q3

Question 3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	50 Hz		1	AO1 4.2.3.1
03.2			1	AO1 4.2.3.1
03.3	P = 0.020 × 230 P = 4.6 (W)		1 1	AO2 4.2.4.1
03.4	E = 180 × 230 E = 41 400 (J)		1 1	AO2 4.2.4.2
03.5	Hazard: live wire **or** high potential difference Risk: electric shock **or** electrocution	ignore current in his body allow (electrical) burn allow death (by electric shock) allow 1 mark for hazard and risk in incorrect order	1 1	AO3 4.2.3.2
Total			**8**	

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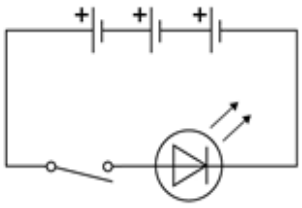
Answer 14 · Mark scheme

November 2020 | 8463/1F | Original Q9

Question 9

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.1			1	AO1 4.2.1.1
09.2	charge flow = current × time **or** $Q = It$		1	AO1 4.2.1.2
09.3	I = 0.050 (A) Q = 0.050 × 14 400 Q = 720 (C)	 allow a correct substitution using an incorrectly/not converted value of I allow a correct calculation using an incorrectly/not converted value of I	1 1 1	AO2 4.2.1.2
09.4	there is no current in a diode (in the reverse direction) **or** charge will not flow through a diode (in the reverse direction) (because) a diode has a (very) high resistance (in the reverse direction)	allow diode will not conduct (electric charge) do not accept the circuit is not complete	1 1	AO1 4.2.1.4 4.2.1.3
09.5	Efficiency = $\frac{\text{Useful power output}}{\text{Total power input}}$		1	AO1 4.1.2.2

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.6	$0.75 = \frac{\text{Useful power output}}{0.24}$ Useful power output = 0.75 × 0.24 Useful power output = 0.18 (W)		1 1 1	AO2 4.1.2.2
Total			**11**	

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Answer 15 · Mark scheme

November 2021 | 8463/1F | Original Q2

Question 2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	A: transmission / power cables B: <u>step-down transformer</u>	allow transmission / power lines allow cables ignore wires	1 1	AO1 4.2.4.3
02.2	less thermal energy is transferred to the surroundings.		1	AO1 4.2.4.3
02.3	charge flow = $\frac{500\,000\,000}{25\,000}$ charge flow = 20 000 (C)		1 1	AO2 4.2.4.2
02.4	total current = 7.20 (A) P = 230 × 7.20 P = 1656 (W)	 allow a correct substitution of an incorrect total current allow a correct calculation using an incorrect total current	1 1 1	AO2 4.2.4.1
02.5	dishwasher has the largest current **or** has the largest power (input)		1 1	AO3 4.2.4.1 4.2.4.2
02.6	E = 600 × 32 000 000 E = 19 200 000 000 (J) **or** E = 1.92 × 10^{10} (J)		1 1	AO2 4.1.1.4
Total			**12**	

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Answer 16 · Mark scheme

November 2021 | 8463/1F | Original Q6

Question 6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/ Spec. Ref
06.1	(fixed) solar cells aren't always pointed (directly) at the Sun **or** (fixed) solar cells don't track the Sun (through the sky) (fixed) solar cells don't (always) receive maximum intensity of solar radiation	allow solar cells won't receive as much (solar) energy allow solar cells won't generate as much electricity	1 1	AO3 4.1.3
06.2	Q = 3.5 × 3600 Q = 12 600 (C)		1 1	AO2 4.2.1.2
06.3	efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful power output}}{\text{total power input}}$		1	AO1 4.1.2.2
06.4	0.16 = $\frac{\text{useful power output}}{7500}$ useful power output = 0.16 × 7500 useful power output = 1200 (W)		1 1 1	AO2 4.1.2.2
06.5	the energy becomes less useful		1	AO1 4.1.2.1
06.6	a very large area would need to be covered with solar cells		1	AO3 4.1.3
Total			**10**	

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Answer 17 · Mark scheme

November 2021 | 8463/1F | Original Q9

Question 9

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.1	the polarity (of the supply) does not change	allow potential difference in one direction (only)	1	AO1 4.2.3.1
09.2	energy transferred = power × time		1	AO1 4.1.1.4 4.2.4.2
09.3	162 000 000 = 7200 × t $t = \frac{162\,000\,000}{7200}$ t = 22 500 (s)		1 1 1	AO2 4.1.1.4 4.2.4.2
09.4	$V = I \times R$		1	AO1 4.2.1.3
09.5	480 = 15 × R $R = \frac{480}{15}$ R = 32 (Ω)		1 1 1	AO2 4.2.1.3
09.6	time taken using system **A** is double the time of system **B**		1	AO3 4.2.4.1
Total			**10**	

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Answer 18 · Mark scheme

June 2022 | 8463/1F | Original Q7

Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	<table><tr><th>Energy resources</th><th>Renewable</th><th>Non-renewable</th></tr><tr><td>biofuel</td><td>✓</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>coal</td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>nuclear</td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>tides</td><td>✓</td><td></td></tr></table> 4 correct scores **2** marks 3 correct scores **1** mark		2	AO1 4.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.2	potential difference current energy potential difference	this order only allow p.d.	1 1 1 1	AO1 4.2.4.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.3	charge flow = current × time **or** $Q = It$		1	AO1 4.2.1.2

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.4	t = 300 (s)		1	AO2
	Q = 130 000 × 300	allow a correct substitution using an incorrectly / not converted value of t	1	AO2
	Q = 39 000 000 ***or*** $Q = 3.9 \times 10^7$	allow a correct calculation using an incorrectly / not converted value of t	1	AO2
	coulombs / C		1	AO1 4.2.1.2

Total Question 7		11

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme

June 2023 | 8463/1F | Original Q1

Question 1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.1	switch		1	AO1 4.2.1.1 RPA4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.2	current potential difference	 allow p.d. allow voltage in this order only	1 1	AO1 4.2.1.4 RPA4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.3				AO1 4.2.2 4.2.1.3 RPA4

Quantity	Decrease	Stay the same	Increase	
Current in the circuit	✓			1
Potential difference across the lamp	✓			1
Total resistance of the circuit			✓	1

any extra tick in a row negates the mark for that row

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.4	current = $\frac{15}{60}$ current = 0.25 (A)		1 1	AO2 4.2.1.2

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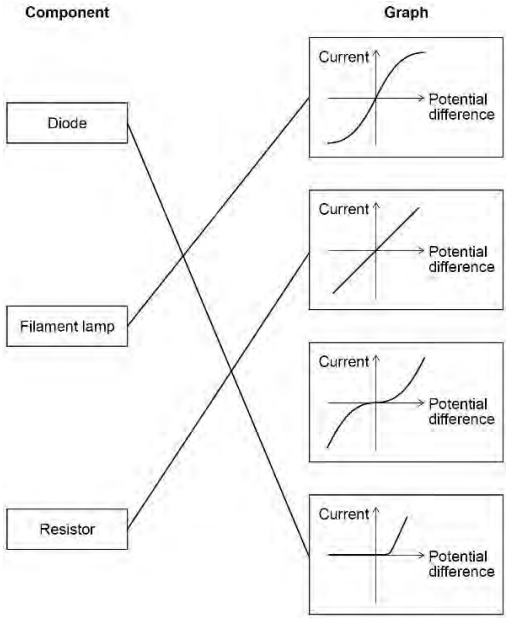
Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.5	$R = \frac{6.0}{0.12}$ $R = 50\ (\Omega)$		1 1	AO2 4.2.1.3

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.6	 2 marks for all 3 correct 1 mark for 1 or 2 correct additional line from a box on the left negates the mark for that box	2	AO1 4.2.1.4 RPA4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.7	a zero error		1	AO3 4.2.1.4 RPA4

Total Question 1	**13**

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Answer 20 · Mark scheme

June 2023 | 8463/1F | Original Q10

Question 10

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.1	polarity of the potential difference doesn't change	allow direction of the potential difference doesn't change	1	AO1 4.2.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.2	$E = QV$		1	AO1 4.2.4.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.3	$5010 = Q \times 12$ $Q = \frac{5010}{12}$ $Q = 417.5$ (C)	 allow 418 (C)	1 1 1	AO2 4.2.4.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.4	$5010 = 0.015 \times L$ $L = \frac{5010}{0.015}$ $L = 334\,000$ (J/kg)		1 1 1	AO2 4.3.2.3

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Answer 20 · Mark scheme

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Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.5	**Level 3:** Relevant points (reasons / causes) are identified, given in detail and logically linked to form a clear account.	5–6	AO1 4.3.1.1 4.3.2.1
	Level 2: Relevant points (reasons / causes) are identified, and there are attempts at logical linking. The resulting account is not fully clear.	3–4	
	Level 1: Points are identified and stated simply, but their relevance is not clear and there is no attempt at logical linking.	1–2	
	No relevant content	0	
	Indicative content • particles in a solid are in a regular pattern • particles in a liquid are in a random arrangement • particles in a solid are vibrating about fixed positions • particles in a liquid are moving freely • as the ice changes to water the temperature remains constant • because as the ice changes to water the potential energy of the particles increases • as the water warms the particles move faster • so the kinetic energy of the particles increases • internal energy is the total kinetic and potential energy of all the particles ignore any references to density of ice vs liquid water ignore any references to spacing of particles		

Total Question 10	14

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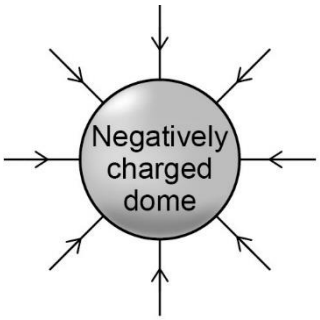
Answer 21 · Mark scheme

June 2024 | 8463/1F | Original Q1

Question 1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.1	negative		1	AO1 4.2.5.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.2	repulsion		1	AO1 4.2.5.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.3			1	AO1 4.2.5.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.4	resistance		1	AO1 4.2.5.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.5	ionised		1	AO1 4.2.5.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.6	electrons		1	AO1 4.2.5.2

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Answer 21 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.7	energy transferred = 0.000 002 × 300 000 energy transferred = 0.6 (J)		1 1	AO2 4.2.4.2

Total Question 1	**8**

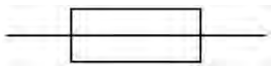
Answer 22 · Mark scheme

June 2024 | 8463/1F | Original Q7

Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	brown		1	AO1 4.2.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.2	blue		1	AO1 4.2.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.3			1	AO1 4.2.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.4	current = $\frac{2.0}{0.40}$ current = 5.0 (A)		1 1	AO2 4.2.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.5	m = 0.000016 (kg) **or** $m = 1.6 \times 10^{-5}$ (kg) E = 0.000016 × 60 000 E = 0.96 (J)	 allow a correct substitution using an incorrectly / not converted value of m allow an answer consistent with an incorrectly / not converted value of m	1 1 1	AO2 4.3.2.3

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Answer 22 · Mark scheme

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.6	the total energy will be greater		1	AO3 4.1.2.1 4.3.2.3

Total Question 7	**9**

Answer 23 · Mark scheme

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Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	current = $\frac{6.0}{12}$ current = 0.50 (A)		1 1	AO2 4.2.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.2	energy transferred = 6.0 × 8.0 energy transferred = 48 (J)		1 1	AO2 4.2.4.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.3	efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful output energy transfer}}{\text{total input energy transfer}}$		1	AO1 4.1.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.4	$0.70 = \frac{1.96}{\text{total input energy transfer}}$ total input energy transfer = $\frac{1.96}{0.70}$ total input energy transfer = 2.8 (J)		1 1 1	AO2 4.1.2.2

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.5	0.74 to 0.78 inclusive		1	AO2 4.1.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.6	the line is curved **or** the line does not pass through the origin	allow the line is not straight allow the line is not linear	1	AO2 4.1.2.2

Total Question 7	**10**

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INFORMATION FOR EXAMINERS

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question;
- the total marks available for the question;
- the typical answer or answers which are expected;
- extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example:
where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation;
or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

2. Emboldening

2.1 In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available 'any **two** from' is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following lines is a potential mark.

2.2 A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.

2.3 Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of **or**. (Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a / ; e.g. allow smooth / free movement.)

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of Quality of Written Communication

Examiners are reminded of the need to assess QoWC by the following statement appearing in the appropriate parts of the mark scheme:

The answer to this question requires ideas in good English in a sensible order with correct use of scientific terms. Quality of written communication should be considered in crediting points in the mark scheme.

The maximum marks available to a candidate whose answer is not well expressed will be (the number of marks available –1).

3.2 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which candidates have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that 'right + wrong = wrong'.

Each error/contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of error/contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution? (1 mark)

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	4,8	0
2	green, 5	0
3	red*, 5	1
4	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system. (2 marks)

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	Pluto, Mars, Moon	1
2	Pluto, Sun, Mars, Moon	0

3.3 Use of chemical symbols/formulae

If a candidate writes a chemical symbol/formula instead of a required chemical name, full credit can be given if the symbol/formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.4 The marking of quantitative relationships

Full credit can be given for a correct quantitative relationship expressed in:

- named units;
- physical quantities;
- standard symbols;
- a combination of physical quantities and units.

No credit can be given for any quantitative relationship expressed in terms of:

- a combination of physical quantities, units and symbols;
- a diagram, e.g. the ohm's law triangle, unless the rest of the answer shows clearly that the candidate understands the relationships involved.

3.5 Marking procedure for calculations

3.5.1 Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, as shown in the column 'answers', without any working shown. However, if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution/working and this is shown in the 'extra information' column.

3.5.2 Where calculations are based on incorrectly recalled relationships, neither the incorrectly recalled relationship, nor the resulting calculation based on the incorrect relationship, will be credited.

3.6 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.7 Errors carried forward

There should be no error carried forward from a previous answer which has been based on wrong science. Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only.

Examples

(a) A candidate who calculates average speed using speed = time/distance **and** then proceeds to use this incorrect answer to calculate an acceleration based on the correct quantitative relationship should be given credit for the use of the correct acceleration relationship but none for either numerical answer.

(b) A candidate who incorrectly calculates average speed using speed = distance/time and then proceeds to use this incorrect value to calculate an acceleration based on the correct quantitative relationship, should be given credit for the use of both correct quantitative relationships **and** for the correct substitution and use of the incorrect value in the calculation of the rate of acceleration.

Papers should be constructed in such a way that the number of times errors can be carried forward are kept to a minimum. Allowances for errors carried forward are most likely to be restricted to calculation questions and should be shown by the abbreviation e.c.f. in the marking scheme.

3.8 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.9 Brackets

(…..) is used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.10 Unexpected Correct Answers not in the Mark Scheme

The Examiner should use professional judgement to award credit where a candidate has given an unexpected correct answer which is not covered by the mark scheme. The Examiner should consult with the Team Leader to confirm the judgement. The Team Leader should pass this answer on to the Principal Examiner with a view to informing all examiners.

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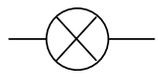
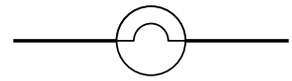
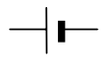
3451/F Q1

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	circuit symbol for a lamp correct 	accept  accept any standard of drawing providing circuit would work	1
	circuit symbol for a cell correct 		1
	2 lamps drawn in parallel with 3 cells	polarity of cells must be correct (+ to –) but cells may be either way around	1
(b)	4.5		1
(c)	the same as	accept any clear indication of the correct answer	1
total			5

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3451/F Q2

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	gas		1
(b)	fuel burning stations produce electricity at any time / all the time wind generator can only produce when the wind is strong enough	accept fuel available all the time accept it's not always windy	1 1
(c)	no fuel is burnt **or** no fuel is used **or** uses only energy from wind **or** does not emit harmful gases / soot / smoke	do **not** accept wind is natural / environmentally friendly / renewable answer must be in terms of wind, **not** negative of fuel burning specific examples of gases CO_2, SO_2, acid rain and greenhouse gases can be accepted ozone negates credit	1
total			4

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3451/F Q3

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	microwaves		1
(ii)	infra red		1
(iii)	ultrasonic		1
(b)(i)	B		1
(ii)	A		1
(c)	disturbance / vibration / movement direction	accept motion / force do **not** accept energy	1 1
(d)	sound wave	accept any clear indication of the correct answer	1
total			8

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3451/F Q4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	heat		1
(ii)	temperature increases **or** (cause) convection (currents)	accept gets warmer accept gets hotter	1
(iii)	60% **or** 0.6	60 without % scores **1** mark 0.6 with a unit scores **1** mark 60 with incorrect unit scores **1** mark **or** correct substitution $\frac{120}{200}$ for **1** mark	2
(b)	street more (energy transferred as) light **or** less (energy transferred as) heat **or** useful energy output the highest	 can only score this mark if first mark scored all efficiencies calculated correctly score 2nd mark point	1 1
total			6

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3451/F Q5

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	MN	accept 5.8, 8 seconds must include unit	1
(b)	LM	accept 0.8, 5.8 seconds must include unit	1
(c)(i)	0.8		1
(ii)	drinking alcohol		1
(d)	straight (by eye) line starting at 0.8 seconds line drawn steeper than LM starting before L	 ignore lines going beyond 2 seconds but line must exceed 2.5 metres per second before terminating	1 1
total			6

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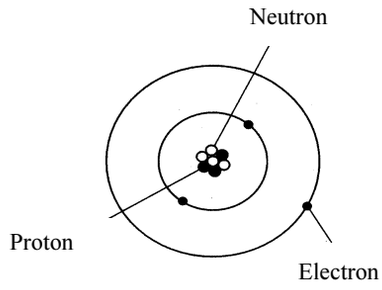
3451/F Q6

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	each correct label scores 1 mark  		3
(ii)	neutron		1
(iii)	7 number of protons and neutrons **or** number of nucleons **or** number of particles in the nucleus	 accept number of particles in the centre only if first answer = 7	1 1
(b)(i)	50 ± 5		1
(ii)	50 ± 5	accept their (b)(i)	1
(iii)	less	accept any way of indicating the correct answer	1
total			9

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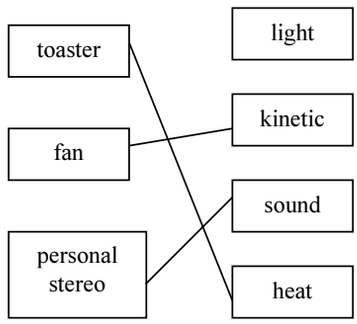
3451/F Q7

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	each correct line scores 1 mark  	if more than 3 lines are drawn mark incorrect ones first, to a maximum of 3 lines	3
(b)	toaster	accept 1.2 kW	1
(c)(i)	400		1
(ii)	£24 **or** 2400p	full credit for their (c)(i) × 6p for full credit the correct numerical answer must have the correct unit an answer of 24 or 2400 with no unit or the incorrect unit scores **1** mark (c)(i) × 6 incorrectly evaluated scores **1** mark	2
(d)	6	allow 6000 for **1** mark allow 3 × 2 for **1** mark	2
total			9

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3451/F Q8

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	point where the rays cross	do not credit if ambiguous	1
(ii)	converging (lens)	do **not** accept convex	1
(b)(i)	point where the rays appear to diverge from	this should appear to be within 10mm in front of the back of the arrows on the approximate centre line need not be accurately constructed using a ruler	1
(ii)	diverging (lens)	do **not** accept concave	1
(c)	converging film smaller than nearer to	accept any clear indication of the correct response e.g. ticking, ringing, writing in after a mistake	1 1 1 1
(d)(i)	(image) bigger than object / enlarge	accept just 'made bigger'	1
(ii)	it / real image can be put on a screen **or** real image on the opposite side of the lens to the object	accept 'not an imaginary or virtual image' assume 'it' refers to a real image do **not** credit 'it can be seen'	1
(e)	**either** (the converging lens is) thick in the middle thin(ner) at the edge **or** (both) sides bend outwards (1) in the middle (1) **or** one side bends in the middle (1) more than the other side bends inwards (in the middle) (1)	thickest in the middle gains **2** marks convex gains **2** marks suitable diagrams gains **2** marks	1 1
total			12

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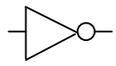
3451/F Q9

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	off off on	all correct	1
(ii)	AND (gate)	accept and (gate)	1
(iii)	on on on	all correct	1
(iv)	OR (gate)	accept or (gate)	1
(b)(i)	1 0 **or** 0 1 0 1 1 0	do **not** credit on / off responses	1
(ii)		accept mirror image accept  accept with either or both parts shaded accept line through as shading	1
(c)		accept off for 0 and on for 1 throughout	
	0 0	both correct	1
	0 1	both correct	1
	1 1	both correct	1
	1 1	both correct	1

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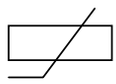
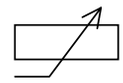
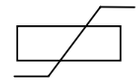
(d)(i)		accept mirror image **or** inverted do **not** credit  **or**  or similar	1
(ii)	resistance decreases / increases / changes current (through it) increases / decreases / changes **or** temperature changes / increases / decreases (1) resistance changes / decreases / increases (1) (NTC thermistor) both marks independent but must be compatible to score **2** marks accept 'voltage across it decreases' for **2** marks but only if it is made clear that this refers to a thermistor in series		1 1
total			13

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3451/F Q10

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	friction	accept any way of indicating the correct answer	1
(ii)	gravity	accept any way of indicating the correct answer	1
(b)(i)	accelerates **or** speed / velocity increases	accept faster and faster (**1** mark) do **not** accept faster pace / falls faster or suggestions of a greater but constant speed	1
	downwards / falls	accept towards the Earth / ground this may score in part (b)(ii) if it does not score here and there is no contradiction between the two parts	1
(ii)	constant speed / velocity **or** terminal velocity / speed **or** zero acceleration	stays in the same place negates credit	1
total			5

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3451/F Q11

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	X – mantle		1
	Y – inner core	do **not** accept solid core	1
(ii)	different to the crust **or** contains a lot of (heavy) metals	accept iron and nickel for metals	1
	higher (average) density **or** denser	density higher than 5500 (kg/m^3) gets **2** marks	1
(b)	animals were able to move from one continent to the other		1
	(when bridge broke) animals evolved differently	accept animals adapted differently	1
(c)(i)	earthquakes occur at the boundary between plates **or** earthquakes occur where plates push against each other		1
	there are no plate boundaries running through Britain	accept Britain is not near the edge of a plate	1
(ii)	convection currents (in the mantle) **or** heat released by (natural) radioactive processes		1
total			9

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3451/F Q12

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	outside the Earth **or** not from the Earth	accept alien accept life from / on another planet / space accept our planet for Earth	1
(ii)	radio telescope(s)	do **not** accept telescopes do **not** accept satellite dishes do **not** accept radio receivers **or** transmitters	1
(b)(i)	galaxies	do **not** accept stars	1
(ii)	any **one** from: the pulses were regular pulses from space are usually random (scientists) thought technology had been used to produce the pulses neutron stars were unknown signals from a single point	 accept signals / beats for pulses accept noise for random pulses idea of regular but not continuous	1
(iii)	neutron star is (the matter / mass) left behind after a star / red giant explodes (as a super nova)	 accept after a super nova (explosion) neutron star causing super nova gets no credit	1 1
(c)(i)	carried on the balloon / equipment	accept carried by a rocket / aircraft / satellite birds negates credit	1
(ii)	on comets or meteors	accept meteorites / shooting stars accept returning space craft accept solar wind ignore asteroids accept ufo do **not** accept solar flares do **not** accept satellites	1
total			8

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3451/F Q13

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	silver is a (good) reflector of <u>heat</u> (radiation) **or** silver reflects the heat (radiation)	fact heat = infra red ignore references to light accept shiny for silver good radiator negates the mark ignore references to good conductor do **not** accept bounce back	1
	less heat is lost through the board **or** more heat is retained by the shirt	explanation accept both sides of shirt heated reflects heat back up gets **1** mark only ignore mention of friction	1
(b)	metal soleplate	accept soleplate / bottom / metal do **not** accept outside / case	1
(c)	plastic **or** rubber	accept any named plastic do **not** accept wood	1
	it is a (good) insulator **or** it is a poor conductor	ignore mention of heat if in conjunction with electricity	1
(d)	**Quality of written communication** *The answer to this question requires ideas in good English in a sensible order with correct use of scientific terms. Quality of written communication should be considered in crediting points in the mark scheme.*	*Maximum of **2** marks if ideas not well expressed.*	
	pulls iron bolt down **or** attracts the iron bolt **or** moves bolt out of plunger	answers in terms of charges attracting or repelling gain no credit	1
	plunger pushed / moved to the right (by spring) **or** plunger released		1
	push switch opens / goes to off / goes to right	accept circuit is broken for maximum credit the points must follow a logical sequence 3 correct points but incorrect sequence scores **2** marks only ignore reset action	1
total			8

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3451/F Q14

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	any **one** from: the ground the air radon (gas) building materials buildings rocks / granite food cosmic rays **or** solar rays X-rays nuclear weapons testing nuclear power stations / accidents	 do **not** accept mobile phones accept from outer space accept sun but **not** sunlight accept medical uses	1
(ii)	2	allow $\frac{1200}{60\times10}$ **or** $\frac{1200}{600}$ **or** 120 for **1** mark	2
(b)	 alpha: the count rate is (greatly) reduced by the card **or** the card absorbs alphas but not betas beta: the count rate is (greatly) reduced by the metal **or** the thin metal absorbs alphas and betas **or** the thin metal absorbs all of the radiation (from the source) gamma: would pass through the thin metal but count rate is background **or** no radiation passing through **or** a higher reading would be recorded **or** to reduce the count to 2 would require much more than 3 mm of metal	answers must be comparative accept converse answers throughout accept paper for the card accept aluminium for the metal accept aluminium for the metal accept lead / aluminium for the metal	 1 1 1
total			6

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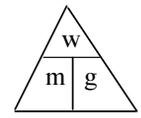
3451/F Q15

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	weight = mass × g.f.s.	accept w = m × g accept gravity for gfs accept  provided subsequent use of Δ correct do **not** accept N = kg × N/kg	1
(ii)	675	75 × 9 for **1** mark	2
(iii)	g.(f.s.) is higher (on Earth than Venus)	accept gravity for g.f.s. do **not** accept g.f.s. is lower unless answer states on Venus	1
(iv)	orbit time for Jupiter is <u>longer</u> / longest (than for the other planets)	do **not** give any credit for an answer that includes a comparison of diameter **or** a comparison of g.f.s.	1
(b)	**Quality of written communication** *The answer to this question requires ideas in good English in a sensible order with correct use of scientific terms. Quality of written communication should be considered in crediting points in the mark scheme.* any **two** from: dust <u>and</u> gas **or** remnants of a super nova pulled together by (force of) <u>gravity</u> nuclear fusion starts	*Maximum of **1** mark if ideas not well expressed.* accept hydrogen for dust and gas do **not** accept hydrogen burns although candidates may include more detail these points are essential to score the credit	2
total			7

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3451/F Q16

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	upright with the contacts at the bottom and still in place and unbent	no need for labels but incorrect label(s) cancel the mark accept a freehand drawing no need for details such as correct dimensions	1
	one blob of mercury touching <u>both</u> contacts	do **not** award mark if contacts bent to touch	1
(b)(i)	(X is a) battery	do **not** credit cell accept (set of) cells accept power supply do **not** accept power pack	1
	(Y is a) LED	**or** light emitting diode	1
(ii)	longer (time)	do **not** accept 'slower time'	1
(iii)	any **two** from: current less (so) rate of flow of charge less **or** less coulombs per second (so) discharge is slower	 do **not** accept current slower accept capacitor has charge for longer **or** charge lasts longer **or** (so total of) electrons take longer to travel round circuit	2
(c)	4200	translation correct (= 4000) but percentage addition incorrect gains **1** mark translation incorrect but 5% addition is correct gains **1** mark accept 422.1 **or** 42.2 **or** 6.3 for **1** mark	2
	ohms **or** Ω	4.2 kilohms **or** 4.2 kΩ gains all **3** marks	1
total			10

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3451/F Q17

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	point at which its mass (seems to) act **or** point at which gravity (seems to) act	accept …its weight acts accept correct statements if the intent is clear e.g. … if suspended, the centre of gravity will be directly under the point of suspension e.g. … (if the object is symmetrical), the centre of gravity is on the **or** an axis (of symmetry) do **not** credit just 'it is a point'	1
(b)	**Quality of written communication** *The answer to this question requires good English in a sensible order with correct use of scientific terms. Quality of written communication should be considered in crediting points in the mark scheme.* any **five** from: clamp (steel) rod (horizontally) hang plastic / sheet by rod through (one) hole hang plumb line from rod mark ends of plumb line on the sheet and use the ruler to draw a straight line repeat with other hole centre of mass is where the lines cross check by balancing at this point	*maximum of **4** marks if ideas not well expressed* **no** marks if method quite unworkable maximum of **3** marks if no 'repeat with other hole'	5
(c)(i)	(turning) effect **or** moment force distance	all three correct accept weight accept length	1
(ii)	17.6 Nm **or** newton metre(s)	allow 44 × 0.4 **or** 0.4 × 44 for **1** mark do **not** accept N/m **or** N/cm 1760 Ncm gains all **3** marks	2 1
total			10

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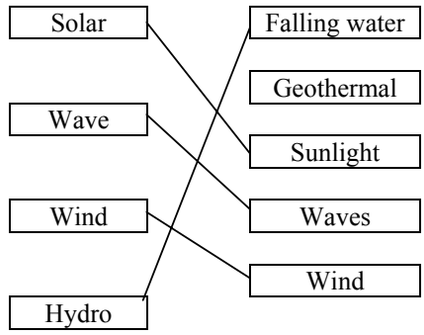
4.2.1.2 Electrical charge and current

Physics (Specification B)
Foundation Tier 3451/F

3451/F Q1

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	4 correct lines drawn  	**1** mark for each correct line if more than 4 lines are drawn mark incorrect ones first. Mark only 4 lines	4
(b)	4		1
(c)(i)	nuclear		1
(ii)	(natural) gas	do **not** accept natural	1
total			7

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3451/F Q2

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	ultra violet		1
(ii)	kill the cells	accept destroys the cells accept makes cells cancerous accept damage cells accept harms cells accept changes DNA accept cause cells to mutate accept skin cells for cells accept cause cancer do **not** accept skin for cells do **not** accept burns the cells	1
(b)(i)	the sunbed uses an alternating current (a.c.) supply		1
(ii)	10.8	accept **1** mark for correct substitution of power in W or kW and time in hours or seconds	2
total			5

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3451/F Q3

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	M		1
(ii)	K		1
(iii)	J		1
(iv)	O		1
(b)(i)	billions of years		1
(ii)	red giant	any answer in terms of explosion or supernova is **incorrect**	1
	contracts / shrinks to	incorrect reference to black hole negates **1** mark	1
	white dwarf		1
total			8

4.2.1.2 Electrical charge and current

3451/F Q4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	A and C	**both** answers must be correct in either order	1
(ii)	A and B	**both** answers must be correct in either order	1
(iii)	same number of protons plus neutrons **or** same number of nucleons	accept number of particles in nucleus the same do **not** accept they add up to 6 unless qualified	1
(b)(i)	any **two** from: • boron - 12 • carbon - 14 • oxygen - 15 • lead - 209	**both** required both name **and** number must be given	1
(ii)	any **two** from: • boron - 11 • carbon - 12 • oxygen - 16 • lead - 207	**both** required both name **and** number must be given	1
(c)	alpha		1
total			6

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3451/F Q5

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	(good) insulator	accept does not conduct (electricity) accept does not conduct heat or electricity do **not** accept does not conduct heat outside is tough is insufficient	1
(b)	fuse		1
(c)	connect the green and yellow / earth wire	accept wires must be connected to screws	1
	swap the brown and blue wires round		1
total			4

3451/F Q6

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	fossils	answers can be in either order	1
	water		1
(b)	increased		1
(c)	radio telescope		1
total			4

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3451/F Q7

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	electrical		1
	kinetic	accept movement	1
(ii)	heat	answers can be in either order	1
	sound		1
(b)(i)	360	accept **1** mark for correct substitution	2
(ii)	watt		1
(c)	the stairlift is not moving the stairlift is moving at constant speed	**both** answers are required for the mark	1
total			8

3451/F Q8

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	(up) further **or** (up) faster	any reference to downwards movement loses credit accept <u>with</u> more force accept motion would increase	1
(ii)	down	accept the opposite way accept drop	1
(b)(i)	direct current		1
(ii)	Z		1
total			4

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3451/F Q9

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	level of radiation (detected) will not change	ignore reference to particles	1
	if thickness of aluminium changes	accept for **both** marks a specific example eg if the aluminium gets thicker the level of radiation detected stays the same. accept for **1** mark gamma will pass through aluminium	1
	QoWC for 2 points in a sensible sequence		1
(b)	S W T V	all in correct order accept **2** marks for 2 correct accept **1** mark for 1 correct	3
total			6

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3451/F Q10

<table>
<tr><th>question</th><th>answers</th><th>extra information</th><th>mark</th></tr>
<tr><td>(a)</td><td>thermistor(s)
LDR(s)
switch(es)
LED(s)
buzzer(s)
motor(s)</td><td>1 mark each
or light dependent resistor(s)
or light emitting diode(s)</td><td>6</td></tr>
<tr><td>(b)(i)</td><td><table><tr><th>1st input</th><th>2nd input</th><th>Output</th></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr></table></td><td>all correct</td><td>1</td></tr>
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<tr><td>(c)(i)</td><td></td><td>do not credit any attempt which could equally well be a poorly drawn attempt at the symbol for a cell</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>(ii)</td><td>charge

increases</td><td>accept ‘electrons’
accept ‘energy
or gets bigger/larger</td><td>1

1</td></tr>
<tr><td>total</td><td></td><td></td><td>12</td></tr>
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3451/F Q11

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	A		1
(ii)	B		1
(iii)	mass is larger	credit if the response is clear by some other means e.g. it is ringed	1
	wire is shorter	credit if the response is clear by some other means e.g. it is ringed	1
(b)	moment		1
	distance		1
(c)(i)	1		1
(ii)	5		1
(iii)	any **two** from • remove slotted mass(es) • slide (slotted) masses / weights nearer pivot • slide forcemeter away from the pivot • slide rod to the left	 **or** ….. to the left **or** ….. to the right **or** …. so that the slotted masses side is shorter **or** …. so that the forcemeter side is longer	2
(d)	centre of the rectangle	accept *2*mm tolerance any direction	1
	centre of the circle	accept *2*mm tolerance any direction	1
	on centre line and 10mm above base	accept *2*mm tolerance any direction	1
total			13

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3451/F Q12

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	0.05 (A)	ignore incorrect units if given accept 'the same' / 'the same as K' / 'the same as the other ammeter' do **not** accept 'same as the other meter'	1
(b)(i)	any **two** from: • two cells are joined + to +	answers in terms of current gain no marks accept one cell in the wrong way accept two cells are joined back-to-back accept two cells are joined – to – accept battery for cell do **not** accept answers in terms of all the cells or in terms of energy only	2
	• some of the cells potential difference is across the diode / ammeters / wires **or** the pd of the cells is shared by all components	accept voltage for pd do **not** accept using up pd	
	• the other components have a resistance	accept a named component / components / wire has a resistance	
	• cells not fully charged **or** cells partially run down	do **not** accept voltage of cells is less than 1.5 unless explained do **not** accept cells are not as powerful unless explained	
	• cells have an internal resistance		
(ii)	the diode has a (very) high resistance (in the reverse direction)		1
	a diode only conducts / allows current to flow in one direction	accept little / no current flows do **not** accept blocks / cuts flow	1

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3451/F Q12

question	answers	extra information	mark
(c)	**QoWC** for the use of the word resistance	annotate Q✓ Q✗ accept resistant	1
	accept increase / change / decrease throughout question but a contradiction loses **one** mark with change as neutral		
	as the pd / current increases / changes	accept voltage for pd must be correctly linked to at least one of the following points accept	1
	the temperature of the filament increases / changes	lamp / bulb for filament accept filament becomes hotter	1
	increasing / changing the **resistance** of the lamp		1
		accept for **1** mark only the filament lamp does not obey Ohm's law	
total			9

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3451/F Q13

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	0.5		1
	hertz	accept Hz but **not** HZ / hz / hZ accept (waves) per second **or** / sec **or** / s **or** s^{-1} **or** sec^{-1}	1
(b)	any **one** from: • any named part of the electromagnetic spectrum • S – waves / secondary waves • wave on a rope	 do **not** accept seismic waves / earthquake do **not** accept slinky unless clearly described	1
(c)	transverse – disturbance / vibration is perpendicular to the direction of energy transfer / wave travel	accept a correctly labelled diagram	1
	longitudinal – disturbance / vibration is parallel to the direction of energy transfer / wave travel	accept a correctly labelled diagram part explanation of the difference between transverse **and** longitudinal gains **1** mark	1
(d)(i)	TIR shown	needs to stay inside water jet ignore number of reflections **or** arrow heads lines straight by eye	1
(ii)	bigger than	any indication of correct answer	1
total			7

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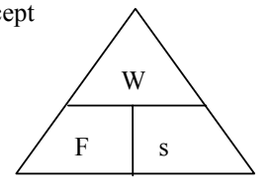
3451/F Q14

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	W		1
	has only two states **or** is either on or off	accept discrete values only do **not** credit answer purely in terms of shape	1
(b)	any **one** from:		1
	• higher quality	accept clearer do **not** accept easier to read ignore faster accept <u>less</u> distortion **or** <u>less</u> weakening of signal strength do **not** accept no distortion / weakening on its own	
	• increased carrying capacity	accept more information can be sent **or** more channels	
	• errors can be rectified		
total			3

3451/F Q15

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	all points plotted accurately	accept **1** mark for 5 correct plots ± ½ small square on stopping distance	2
	line of best fit must be continuous	accept attempt at a reasonable curve does not need to go through 0 0 do **not** accept a straight line do **not** accept dot-to-dot	1
(ii)	4 to 6 (metres)	accept ecf from (a)(i) accept **1** mark for value taken correctly from graph at 25mph **or** correct method shown	2
(b)(i)	0.7 (s)	incorrect unit = 0 marks	1
(ii)	constant speed / velocity	accept (continued as) 30mph accept did not change / stayed the same accept no acceleration	1
(iii)	3.3(s)	penalise incorrect unit once only	1
(iv)	reaction time increases / is longer **or** thinking distance increases	do **not** accept reaction time slower **or** reactions are slower	1
	stopping distance / it increases	do **not** accept travels at constant speed for longer	1
(c)(i)	work done = force (applied) × distance (moved)	accept W = F × s or W = F × d accept  provided subsequent method is correct	1

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3451/F Q15

question	answers	extra information	mark
(ii) **E**	2100	accept 2.1 kilo accept **1** mark for using 7000 N	2
(iii)	2100 (joules)	accept their (c)(ii)	1
total			14

4.2.1.2 Electrical charge and current

3451/F Q16

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	refraction		1
(ii)	it changes speed **or** change in density	accept it speeds up do **not** accept it slows down do **not** accept air is more dense than glass	1
(b)(i)	sound / waves <u>diffract</u> through the gap (in the wall) **or** over the wall **or** because the gate is open	do **not** accept reflection this only scores if first marking point is given accept for **1** mark only sound / waves go through the gap and <u>spread out</u> **or** diagram showing wave fronts spreading out from open gates if diagram is labelled as diffraction both marks can be scored	1 1
(ii)	less diffraction	accept no diffraction accept gates <u>absorb</u> sound / noise / waves accept gates <u>reflect</u> sound / noise / waves do **not** accept rebounds / stops / blocks out	1
total			5

4.2.1.2 Electrical charge and current

3451/F Q17

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	both rays brought to a focus at F on the right	do **not** have to be continued beyond F	1
	lines have been drawn **accurately** with a ruler	only credit if 1st mark credited do **not** credit if contradictory arrow(s) added	1
(b)	rays seem to come from a focus at G on the left and continued to the right of the lens	this mark is for the current idea of divergence	1
	lines have been drawn **accurately** with a ruler	only credit if 1st mark credited do **not** credit if contradictory arrow(s) added	1
(c)	…lens… …image… …object… …image… ...object… …lens…	lens as 1st and 6th words (1) image and object in the correct order 2nd and 3rd words (1) image and object in correct order 4th and 5th words (1)	max 3
(d)(i)	correct statement about real image real rays intersect / cross to form a real image **or** a real image can be formed on a screen **or** real image is (always) on the opposite side (of the lens) **or** real image is (always) upside down (to the object)	may be credited from a correct diagram	1
	correct statement about virtual / imaginary image virtual / imaginary rays intersect / cross to form a virtual image **or** a virtual / imaginary image cannot **or** virtual / imaginary image is (always) on the same side (of the lens) **or** virtual / imaginary image is (always) same way up (as the object)	may be credited from a correct diagram	1

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3451/F Q17

question	answers	extra information	mark
(ii)	**either** image needs to fall on / affect the film **or** image needs to fall on / affect the light sensors / charged coupled devices (CCDs) (in a digital camera / mobile phone) **or** image needs to cause a chemical reaction (in / on the film)		1
total			10

3451/F Q18

<table>
<tr><th>question</th><th>answers</th><th>extra information</th><th>mark</th></tr>
<tr><td>(a)</td><td>AND (gate)

OR (gate)

NOT (gate)

LED or light emitting diode</td><td>accept ‘and’

accept ‘or’

accept ‘not’ or invert gate

accept ‘led’</td><td>1

1

1

1</td></tr>
<tr><td>(b)(i)</td><td>NOT (gate) and AND (gate)</td><td>both in either order or ‘(the) gates’

any additions lose the mark</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>(ii)</td><td><table><tr><th>Switch for fire</th><th>Tilt switch</th><th>Signal to relay</th></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>…0…</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>…0…</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>…1…</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>…0…</td></tr></table></td><td>all correct

allow off or no
off no
on yes
off no</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>(iii)</td><td>(relay) acts as / is a switch

either
small current from the electronic / control circuit / system (1)

large current through the output / (electric) fire (1)

or

full current through electronic control system (1)

may damage components / lead to overheating / electric shock (1)

QoWC for correct use of the scientific term ‘current’</td><td>accept implication that it works as a switch e.g. ‘turns on fire’

or ‘small current through the coil (of the relay)’

do not accept small current is turned into a large current

annotate Q✓ Q×

if answer in terms of voltage isolation / voltage/ p.d. accept QoWC mark for correct use</td><td>1

1

1

1</td></tr>
<tr><td>total</td><td></td><td></td><td>10</td></tr>
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Mark Scheme

Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded
- the Assessment Objectives and specification content that each question is intended to cover.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right-hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

2. Emboldening

2.1 In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available 'any **two** from' is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following bullet points is a potential mark.

2.2 A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.

2.3 Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of **or**. Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a / ; eg allow smooth / free movement.

2.4 Any wording that is underlined is essential for the marking point to be awarded.

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which students have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that 'right + wrong = wrong'.

Each error / contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of errors / contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution? (1 mark)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	green, 5	0
2	red*, 5	1
3	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system. (2 marks)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	Neptune, Mars, Moon	1
2	Neptune, Sun, Mars, Moon	0

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a student writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown.

However, if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution / working and this is shown in the 'extra information' column or by each stage of a longer calculation.

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward

Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only.

Papers should be constructed in such a way that the number of times errors can be carried forward is kept to a minimum. Allowances for errors carried forward are most likely to be restricted to calculation questions and should be shown by the abbreviation e.c.f. in the marking scheme.

3.6 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets

(.....) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.8 Accept / allow

Accept is used to indicate an equivalent answer to that given on the left-hand side of the mark scheme. Allow is used to denote lower-level responses that just gain credit.

3.9 Ignore / Insufficient / Do not allow

Ignore of insufficient is used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.

Do **not** allow means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.

4. Quality of Communication and levels marking

In Question **8c** students are required to produce extended written material in English, and will be assessed on the quality of their communication as well as the standard of the scientific response.

Students will be required to:
- use good English
- organise information clearly
- use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

The following general criteria should be used to assign marks to a level:

Level 1: basic
- Knowledge of basic information
- Simple understanding
- The answer is poorly organised, with almost no specialist terms and their use demonstrating a general lack of understanding of their meaning, little or no detail
- The spelling, punctuation and grammar are very weak.

Level 2: clear
- Knowledge of accurate information
- Clear understanding
- The answer has some structure and organisation, use of specialist terms has been attempted but not always accurately, some detail is given
- There is reasonable accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar, although there may still be some errors.

Level 3: detailed
- Knowledge of accurate information appropriately contextualised
- Detailed understanding, supported by relevant evidence and examples
- Answer is coherent and in an organised, logical sequence, containing a wide range of appropriate or relevant specialist terms used accurately.
- The answer shows almost faultless spelling, punctuation and grammar.

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
1(a)	increases	accept reaches highest value do **not** accept increases and decreases	1	AO2 2.3.2	**E**
1(b)(i)	increases		1	AO1 2.3.2m	**A**
1(b)(ii)	increases		1	AO1 2.3.2m	**A**
1(c)	18 watt	allow **1** mark for correct substitution i.e. 12 x 1.5 provided no subsequent step accept W answer may be indicated in the list	2 1	AO2 2.4.2c AO1 2.4.2c	**E**
Total			**6**		

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
2(a)	inside the Sun		1	AO1 2.6.2b	**A**
2(b)	fusion		1	AO1 2.6.2a	**G**
2(c)	energy		1	AO1 2.6.2f	**A**
Total			**3**		

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MARK SCHEME – GCSE ADDITIONAL SCIENCE / PHYSICS – PH2FP– JUNE 2015

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
3(a)	3 (.0)	allow **1** mark for correct substitution i.e. 25 x 0.12 provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 2.1.5d	**E**
3(b)(i)	elastic potential kinetic	correct order only	1 1	AO1 2.1.5c 2.2	**G**
3(b)(ii)	increases to 80(mm) (or more)	accept any number greater than 75 an answer 'it (more than) doubles' gains both marks	1 1	AO3 2.1.5a	**E**
3(c)(i)	weight		1	AO1 2.1	**A**
3(c)(ii)	Downward speed increases		1	AO1 2.1.1e	**A**
Total			**8**		

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MARK SCHEME – GCSE ADDITIONAL SCIENCE / PHYSICS – PH2FP– JUNE 2015

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
4(a)(i)	(3-pin) plug	do **not** accept plug socket	1	AO1 2.4.1d	**E**
4(a)(ii)	live and neutral		1	AO1 2.4.1e	**A**
4(a)(iii)	double		1	AO1 2.4.1j	**G**
4(b)	Direct current (d.c.) only		1	AO1 2.4.1a	**A**
4(c)(i)	live		1	AO1 2.4.1g	**G**
4(c)(ii)	too great a current flows	accept a surge of current accept too great a power accept an electrical fault do **not** accept voltage / energy / electricity too high	1	AO1 2.4.1g	**E**
4(c)(iii)	can be reset (disconnects circuit) faster	accept does not need replacing cheaper is insufficient does not melt is insufficient quicker to fix / replace is insufficient	1 1	AO2 2.4	**E**
Total			**8**		

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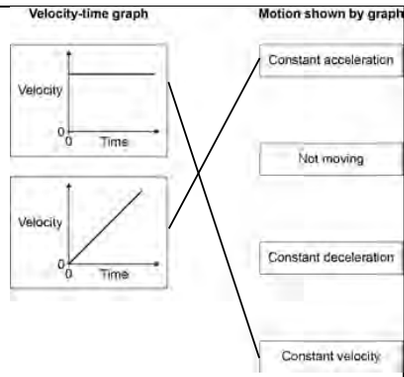
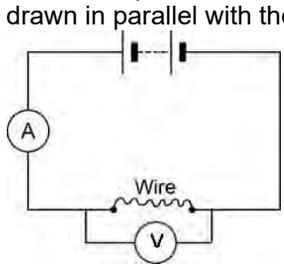
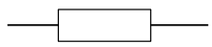
Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
5(a)		if more than one line is drawn from a graph then all those lines are wrong allow **1** mark for 1 correct line	2	AO1 2.1.2f	**G**
5(b)	speed		1	AO1 2.1.2d	**G**
5(c)(i)	2.25	allow **1** mark for correct substitution i.e. $a = \frac{9-0}{4}$ or $a = \frac{9}{4}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 2.1.2e	**E**
5(c)(ii)	The air resistance increases		1	AO1 2.1.4a	**A**
5(d)	2000 J mass is half **or** kinetic energy depends on mass	 do **not** accept weight for mass	1 1	AO2 2.2.1g	**E**
Total			**8**		

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
6(a)	cell damage *or* cancer	accept kills/mutates cells radiation poisoning is insufficient ionising is insufficient	1	AO3 2.5.2g	**E**
6(b)(i)	any **one** from: • use tongs to pick up source • wear gloves • use (lead) shielding • minimise time (of exposure) • maximise distance (between source and teacher)	accept any other sensible and practical suggestion ignore reference to increasing / decreasing the number / thickness of lead sheets	1	AO3 2.5	**E**
6(b)(ii)	<u>background</u>		1	AO1 2.5.2b	**E**
6(c)(i)	curve drawn *from point 2,160*	do **not** accept straight lines drawn from dot to dot	1	AO2 2.5	**E**
6(c)(ii)	(also) increases	less radiation passes through is insufficient	1	AO3 2.5	**E**
6(c)(iii)	50	accept any value from 40 to 56 inclusive	1	AO3 2.5	**E**
6(d)	gamma only gamma (radiation) can pass through lead	 accept alpha **and** beta cannot pass through lead a general property of gamma radiation is insufficient	1 1	AO2 2.5.2e	**E**
Total			**8**		

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
7(a)(i)	p.d. is (directly) proportional to current **or** gradient/slope is constant ***or*** the lines show constant resistance	accept lines are straight / diagonal	1	AO2 2.3.2d/e/g	**E**
7(a)(ii)	C for the same p.d. the current is the smallest	reason only scores if C is chosen accept lowest gradient **and** the gradient = 1/R	1 1	AO2 2.3.2i	**E**
7(b)(i) clip with table 1	ohm	accept correct symbol Ω accept an answer written in Table 1 if not given in answer space	1	AO1 2.3.2h	**E**
7(b)(ii)	K and L only length varies	reason only scores if both K and L are chosen accept type of metal and the diameter are the same	1 1	AO3 2.3.2	**E**
7(b)(iii)	measure the resistance of more wires made from different metals	accept test more (types of) metals measure the resistance of more wires is insufficient they only use two metals is insufficient	1	AO3 2.3.2	**E**

7(c)(i)	voltmeter symbol correct and drawn in parallel with the wire 	accept voltmeter symbol correct and drawn in parallel with the battery	1	AO1 2.3.2c/f	**E**
7(c)(ii)	correct symbol drawn 	symbol must be rectangular	1	AO1 2.3.2c	**E**
Total			**9**		

Question	**Answers**	**Extra information**	**Mark**	**AO / Spec. ref.**	**ID**
8(a)	(an equal amount of) positive charge	do **not** accept charge on the atom / nucleus is positive	1	AO3 2.5.1	**E**
8(b)(i)	a (significant) number of alpha particles were scattered by more than 4° **or** alpha particles deflected backwards measurements / results could not be explained by 'plum pudding' model **or** measurements / results did not support predictions	accept (some) measurements / results were unexpected can be explained by the nuclear model is insufficient accept measurements / results did not support hypothesis	1 1	AO1 2.5 AO1	**E**
8(b)(ii)	many/(over)100 000 measurements / results taken	accept Rutherford(and Marsden) were respected scientists **or** scientists were respected accept measurements / results taken over several months the experiment was repeated many times is insufficient	1	AO3 2.5	**E**

Question 8 continues on the next page . . .

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.	ID
8(c)			6	AO1 2.5.1a/b/c	E

Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 5 and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.

0 marks	Level 1 (1–2 marks)	Level 2 (3–4 marks)	Level 3 (5–6 marks)
no relevant content	A brief description is given with some particles correctly named	A description is given with all three particles named **plus either** the polarity of charge associated with the three particles **or** the relative mass of the three particles **or** the relative mass for one particle and the relative charge for one particle given	A more detailed description is given, naming the particles and polarity of charge **and either** the relative mass is given for at least two particles **or** the relative charge is given for at least two particles

examples of the points made in the response	extra information		
brief description contains protons, neutrons and electrons protons are positive electrons are negative neutrons are uncharged has a nucleus **relative charge** proton +1 electron – 1 neutron 0 **relative mass** proton 1 neutron 1 electron (about) 1/2000 **more detailed description** protons and neutrons make up the nucleus electrons orbit the nucleus electrons are in shells most of the atom is empty space nucleus occupies a very small fraction of the volume of the atom electrons orbit at a relatively large distance from the nucleus most of the mass of the atom is contained in the nucleus the nucleus as a whole is positively charged total number of protons in the nucleus equals the total number of electrons orbiting it in an atom	accept protons and neutrons have the same mass accept electrons have tiny / negligible mass zero mass is neutral		

Total		**10**

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Answer 18 · Examiner comments June 2022 | 8463/1F | Original Q7

Question 7 (Low and standard demand)

07.1 Approximately 50% of students scored both marks. Many students stated nuclear was renewable. Many students stated biofuel was non-renewable.
Students who guessed often scored zero as 2 correct ticks were not enough to score a mark.

07.2 Less than 3% of students scored full marks. Students who scored 1 mark usually scored the 3rd marking point for 'energy'. The 4th marking point scored more often than the 1st or 2nd marking points.

07.3 95% of students answered correctly as they had all the Physics equations on the Equations Sheet for the 2022 series.

07.4 Few students attempted to convert the time into seconds, so arrived at an answer of 650 000, scoring 2 marks. Few students chose the correct unit, watts being a common incorrect response. 15% of students scored all 4 marks.

Answer 19 · Examiner comments June 2023 | 8463/1F | Original Q1

Question 1 (Low Demand)

01.1 Students were very successful with 91 % of students scoring a mark. Common incorrect answers were 'open circuit'. The state of the switch (open / closed) was ignored in this question.

01.2 34% of students scored 1 mark, while 39 % scored 2 marks.
Current was a more common correct answer than potential difference.

01.3 Only 5% of students scored 3 marks for identifying the effect of increasing the resistance, , with 47% of students scoring 2 marks and 34 % of students scoring 1 mark.

01.4 90% of students answered this calculation correctly, scoring 2 marks.

01.5 87% of students answered this calculation correctly, scoring 2 marks.

01.6 16% of students scored 2 marks, while 51 % of students scored 1 mark.
Most students answers appeared to be based on guesswork rather than recognising the general trend for each graph.

01.7 42% of students correctly identified the type of error.

Answer 20 · Examiner comments

June 2023 | 8463/1F | Original Q10

Question 10 (Standard Demand)

10.1 Very few correct answers, only 2% of students scored a mark. Many students gave answers in terms of charge flow and current which were insufficient. The specification does not mention alternating or direct current, only alternating or direct p.d. Answers like ' the potential difference flows in one direction' were insufficient to score.
. Saying the potential difference only travels/goes in one direction was insufficient, as this suggested charge flow. Saying that 'the potential difference is always positive' or 'the potential difference doesn't go negative' were creditworthy. 'The potential difference is in one direction' was creditworthy. 'The potential difference isn't alternating' was insufficient.

10.2 95% of students scored this mark. The equations sheet was provided for this exam series.

10.3 74% of students scored 3 marks. The most common mistake was to multiply the energy and the pd, which scored zero.

10.4 64% of students scored 3 marks. Students should appreciate that the first mark in a calculation is for the substitution, not the rearrangement. The substitution into an incorrectly rearranged equation scores zero. A substitution into an equation could score one mark even if the next step was an incorrect rearrangement.

10.5 Students made simple statements about the particle movement or particle arrangement, but usually made mistakes which stopped them scoring marks in Level 2. To score in Level 2, students needed to make comparisons of the movement and arrangement of particles in ice and liquid water. In addition to this, for students to score in Level 3, they needed to discuss either the change of state at constant temperature increasing the potential energy of the particles or how the warming of liquid water increased the kinetic energy of the particles. For 6 marks, both these aspects needed discussion. Students found this question difficult with less than 1% scoring 5 or 6 marks and14% scoring 3 or 4 marks.

Mark Ranges and Award of Grades

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Answer 21 · Examiner comments June 2024 | 8463/1F | Original Q1

Question 1 (Low Demand)

01.1 Only 38% of students scored a mark for knowing that when a person touches a negatively charged metal dome they also become negatively charged.

01.2 55% of students scored a mark for this question about the force of repulsion between like charges.

01.3 Only 29% of students scored a mark for this question. The majority of wrong answers chose the diagram for the electric field around a positively charged dome.

01.4 62% of students chose the correct answer, knowing that an insulator has a high resistance. The most common incorrect answer was temperature.

01.5 67% of students answered this question correctly, knowing that a spark jumps when the air is ionised.

01.6 78% of students answered this question correctly, identifying electrons as the particle transferred when a spark jumps between two objects.

01.7 93% of students calculated the energy transferred correctly.

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Answer 22 · Examiner comments June 2024 | 8463/1F | Original Q7

Question 7 (Low / Standard demand)

07.1 42% of students answered this question correctly, identifying the colour of the insulation around the live wire.

07.2 Students were slightly more successful answering this question, with 48% correctly identifying the colour of the insulation around the neutral wire.

07.3 64% of students were able to identify the circuit symbol for a fuse.

07.4 92% of students scored 2 marks for this question. For low demand calculations the equation is provided in the rearrangement needed to answer the question.

07.5 72% of students multiplied numbers given in this standard demand calculation and scored 2 marks. Very few students attempted the unit conversion. Only 8% of students scored 3 marks for the correct final answer.

07.6 43% of students realised that the total energy would be greater.

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Answer 23 · Examiner comments June 2025 | 8463/1F | Original Q7

07.1

This was a grade 1-3 calculation of current with just over 90 % of the students scoring 2 marks.

07.2

A grade 1-3 calculation of energy transferred with 95 % of the students scoring 2 marks.

07.3

About 94 % of the students identified the correct equation for efficiency.

07.4

Just over half of the students scored 3 marks on this calculation using the efficiency equation. Many students struggled to rearrange the equation correctly scoring just one mark for the substitution. Students should be encouraged to substitute first then rearrange, as many students did both actions in one go using an incorrect rearrangement and so scored no marks.

07.5

Nearly 60 % of the students scored 1 mark for predicting the efficiency of the motor.

07.6

Just fewer than 50 % of the students scored this mark. Students who tried to describe the relationship were less successful than students who just described the shape of the line. Students who stated that the gradient changes also scored the mark, as a better description than the line is curved.

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General

Grade 1-3 calculation questions were well answered, where the equation is always given and students will not be required to rearrange the equation. Grade 4-5 calculation questions involving equation recall were answered better this year than in 2018 and students are scoring many of their marks on the paper by answering the subsequent calculation questions correctly. At grade 4-5 students are expected to be able to either rearrange an equation or convert a unit, so it is beneficial for students to be able to quickly identify if the units given in a question are correct for the use in the equation. Question 10.1 was generally well attempted and students who had carried out Required Practical Activity 2 would have had a material advantage over those who hadn't.

Handwriting sometimes makes it very difficult for examiners to read what has been written. Students who have handwriting that is difficult to read may benefit from a scribe or from word processing their answers in exams.

Levels of demand

Questions are set at two levels of demand on this paper:

- low demand questions are targeted at students working at grades 1–3
- standard demand questions are targeted at students working at grades 4–5.

A student's final grade, however, is based on their attainment across the qualification as a whole, not just on questions that may have been targeted at the level at which they are working.

Question 1 (Low demand)

01.1 Around 77% of students scored 2 marks. Around 16% of students scored 1 mark.

01.2 Only around 8% of students scored 2 marks. Both evaporation and change of state were common, insufficient answers for the first marking point. Less than half of the students scored 1 mark. The marking points were independent, so if the change of state was incorrect eg melting, the student could still score the second marking point.

01.3 Around 91% of students scored 2 marks. In calculations where students are provided with the equation (grades 1-3) students are not expected to rearrange the equation. Some students incorrectly tried to convert the kg into g and scored 0 marks.

01.4 Approximately 82% of students scored 3 marks. In calculations where students are provided with the equation (grades 1-3) students are not expected to rearrange the equation. Some students incorrectly tried to convert the kg into g and scored 0 marks for the calculation. Some students set out their calculation, but then multiplied the two values rather than dividing.

Question 2 (Low demand)

02.1 About 67% of students identified the correct decay equation.

02.2 More than three quarters of the students identified why alpha radiation is dangerous inside the human body.

02.3 Just below three quarters of students scored 2 marks. Most correct answers read the values from the graph as intended (460, 280) and students didn't need the tolerance given in the mark scheme.

02.4 About 60% of students correctly estimated the mass remaining.

02.5 Students found this question difficult, with around 55% of students scoring 2 marks and around 27% of students scoring 1 mark.

Question 3 (Low demand)

03.1 Approximately 45% of students scored 1 mark for identifying a measuring instrument that could be used. About 9% of students scored 2 marks for describing an appropriate way to use it. Pythagoras was insufficient as the triangle described would not give the height of the zip wire.

03.2 Students were often very successful in calculation, with around 91% scoring 2 marks.

03.3 This question gave a good spread of marks. Over a fifth scored 3 marks, almost two fifths scored 2 marks and slightly below a quarter scored 1 mark. Gravitational potential energy or gravitational field strength were insufficient to score a mark.

Question 4 (Low demand)

04.1 Over a third of students answered this question correctly.

04.2 About 14% of students answered this question correctly.

04.3 This question about the alpha particle scattering experiment discriminated well between students. Around 16% of students scored 3 marks, around 45% of students scored 2 marks and around 30% of students scored 1 mark.

04.4 About 77% of students correctly identified what reproducible means. .

Question 5 (Low demand)

05.1 The most common correct answers linked CO_2 to global warming. Around 38% of students scored 2 marks and around 35% scored 1 mark. Common incorrect answers were usually vague and mentioned air pollution without being specific. There were many students who incorrectly linked CO_2 with the ozone layer.

05.2 Over half of the students scored 2 marks and over a third scored 1 mark. Insufficient answers included hydro and water. Answers using specification wording eg the tides were acceptable, as were terms like tidal, etc. Oil was insufficient as this was assumed to be non-renewable oil as opposed to palm oil or other biofuel oils.

05.3 Around 83% of students scored 2 marks for this percentage calculation. An answer of 78 scored 1 mark even if spurious calculations followed.

05.4 About 67% of students scored 2 marks. Quite a large number of misreads from the graph resulting in 0 marks and around 29% of students scored 0 marks.

05.5 Only around 5% of students scored 2 marks whilst half of the students scored 1 mark. Some students failed to make the connection between the time of day and sunrise. Some students talked vaguely about the energy stored by solar panels, confusing them with solar heating panels rather than solar photovoltaic panels.

Question 6 (Low and Standard demand)

06.1 More than half of the students scored 2 marks. To score a mark a comparative statement was needed eg lower, not low mass of power source. A statement using the word 'better' would be insufficient.

06.2 Around 64% of students scored 2 marks. Many students scored 1 mark for truncating and not rounding their answers, an answer of 26.08 would score only 1 mark for the substitution.

06.3 This question discriminated well, with about 16% scoring 2 marks and more than half scoring 1 mark. 'Increases the battery's power output' was insufficient to score a mark. 'Battery lasts longer' was insufficient to score a mark.

06.4 The quantities in the question are given in alphabetical order; there is no need for students to recall the equation in this order. Any correct rearrangement of the equation or use of the correct symbols for quantities was allowed. A mixture of symbols and words would also score the mark. Approximately 70% of students answered this question correctly.

06.5 It was encouraging to see many Foundation tier students successfully rearranging the equation. Around 77% of students scored 3 marks.

Question 7 (Low and Standard demand)

07.1 About 86% of students answered this question correctly.

07.2 Approximately 83% of students answered this question correctly. Students should refer to the Physics specification for the accepted symbols for circuit components. Textbooks and revision guides do not necessarily use the specification symbols. The circles in the component symbol scored a mark even if shown as blobs rather than circles.

07.3 Around 93% of students scored 2 marks. At grade 1-3, the equation is given and no rearrangement of the equation is needed. Students need to simply substitute and calculate the answer.

07.4 Around 93% of students scored 2 marks. At grade 1-3, the equation is given and no rearrangement of the equation is needed. Students need to simply substitute and calculate the answer.

07.5 About 23% of students answered this question correctly.

07.6 About 38% of students answered this question correctly.

07.7 Students can recall the equation in any correct rearrangement. The stem of the question lists the quantities in alphabetical order, so that there is no suggestion of the correct order.

Correct letters for quantities are acceptable in place of the quantity names. Voltage or p.d. were acceptable for potential difference. Approximately 57% of students answered this question correctly.

07.8 The first mark is for the substitution into the correct equation. The second mark is for the correct rearrangement of the correct equation. The third mark is for the correct final answer. About 58% of students scored 3 marks for this question. Grade 4-5 calculation questions require either a unit change or a rearrangement of the equation.

Question 8 (Low and Standard demand)

08.1 Around 63% of students answered this question correctly.

08.2 Around 86% of students answered this question correctly. Some students gave a precaution instead of a risk, which was insufficient.

08.3 Around 62% of students answered this question correctly, demonstrating that students still confuse the terms resolution and range.

08.4 Around 96% of students answered this question correctly.

08.5 Many students failed to substitute correctly into the equation that was printed on the Physics Equations Sheet. Many students multiplied the 3 values given in the question, which scored zero marks. The unit mark was independent, but a large number of students failed to recognise the correct unit from the box. More than a third of students scored 4 marks and around 16% of students scored 3 marks. A quarter of students scored 1 mark for either the correct unit or the correct substitution.

Question 9 (Standard demand)

09.1 About 45% of students correctly identified the meaning of power input.

09.2 Only a quarter of students scored this mark. Students can recall the equation in any correct rearrangement. The stem of the question lists the quantities in alphabetical order, so that there is no suggestion of the correct order. Correct letters for quantities are acceptable in place of the quantity names. Voltage or p.d. were acceptable for potential difference.

09.3 Around 13% of students scored 3 marks and about 81% scored zero. Students found this question difficult to answer, presumably due to their inability to recall the correct equation in the preceding question.

09.4 More than half of students answered this correctly. Some students failed to score the mark by writing input for both the denominator and the numerator.

09.5 Students who successfully recalled the equation in **09.4** were likely to score all 3 marks for this question. Only around 15% of students scored zero.

09.6 Many students restated the stem, rather than going the extra stage in the reasoning and linking to efficiency because thermal energy is also transferred by the light bulb. A number of students believed that knowing the rate at which the bulbs emitted visible light was a

safety concern related to the household electrics. Only around 1% of students scored 2 marks, about 16% of students scored 1 mark and around 73% of students scored zero marks.

Question 10 (Standard demand)

10.1 This question produced a good spread of marks. A mean score of 2.1 was achieved by students on the Foundation tier. Students who had experience of a similar practical benefitted from this as they were able to describe a method in sufficient detail to achieve Level 2. To achieve Level 3, a student needed to indicate that several values of number of layers were used, referring to the interval of 8 layers (as the graph showed) or that the experiment should be done with no layers. A control variable was also needed, either the initial temperature of the water, or the volume of water in each experiment. Some students gained no credit by describing different required practical methods. Around 2% of students scored 6 marks, around 15% of students scored 4 marks and about a fifth of students scored 2 marks. Around 10% of students didn't attempt the question.

10.2 Many students stated that it wasn't necessary to use both as it would be confusing. The datalogger would produce too much data was a common insufficient answer. A number of students stated that using a normal thermometer would be more appropriate, scoring zero marks. Less than 1% of students scored 2 marks and less than a fifth of students scored 1 mark.

Question 11 (Standard demand)

11.1 Over two-fifths of students scored 3 marks for this question. It wasn't necessary to give the answer to an appropriate number of significant figures, so answers of 0.502, 0.50 and 0.5 were all creditworthy. Some students calculated the jump height to be unlikely values; students should be encouraged to consider whether it is likely that someone can jump a height of 4.92 m, a commonly seen answer achieved by multiplying the 2 values given (41 × 0.12). Less than half of the students scored zero marks.

11.2 A common incorrect answer was E_k = mass × speed, since these were the quantities given in the question. A number of students also left out the 0.5 value even if they remembered that speed should be squared. Velocity was allowed instead of speed in the equation. Correct symbols were acceptable for the quantities in the equation. About 30% of students answered this question correctly.

11.3 Despite being asked to recall the equation in 11.2, most students simply multiplied or divided the 2 values given in the question (3.0 and 270), scoring 0 marks. Only around 19% of students scored 3 marks.

11.4 Some students commented on muscle mass and strength which were insufficient to score marks. Clear comparisons, including at least one difference and one similarity, were needed to score 4 marks. This question discriminated well between students; around 6% of students scored 4 marks, around 29% of students scored 2 marks and around 13% of students scored zero.

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11.5 Some students failed to score a mark because they simply restated the question, 'the scientist wanted the highest muscle power reading' without adding any value. The answer either needed to refer to the effect of repetition on performance (improvement or worsening) or that it was the maximum (or peak) muscle power that the scientist was investigating. A fifth of students answered this question correctly.

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Use of statistics

Statistics used in this report may be taken from incomplete processing data. However, this data still gives a true account on how students have performed for each question.

Mark Ranges and Award of Grades

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