AQA GCSE Physics | 8463

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.2.3.1

Direct and alternating potential difference

Mark schemes and examiner comments

Tier	**Foundation**
Question groups	**14**
Available paper years	**2006–2023**

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2. Use the original question number within marking tables.
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Answer 01 · Mark scheme

June 2006 | 3451 | Original Q2 | Legacy

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Answer 02 · Mark scheme

June 2006 | 3462 | Original Q2 | Legacy

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme January 2008 | PHY2F | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	hairdryer 13 saw 3 mixer 13	all correct allow **1** mark for 2 correct	2
(ii)	fuse melts	accept blows/ breaks/ snaps for melts do **not** accept blows up do **not** accept fuse gets hot on its own do **not** accept does not work on its own	1
(b)(i)	920	allow **1** mark for correct substitution	2
(ii)	no earth (wire) outside / case may become live **or** danger of electric shock	cause a fire insufficient	1 1
(c)(i)	L and N	both required	1
(ii)	9 (volts)	correct answer only	1
total			9

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme

January 2008 | PHY2F | Original Q4 | Legacy

PHY2F

Answer 04 · Mark scheme

March 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Nine	**2**	**3**	**2**	**3**

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Answer 05 · Mark scheme June 2009 | PHY3F | Original Q7 | Legacy

Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)(i)	secondary(coil) / output (coil)	do **not** accept just coil	1
7(a)(ii)	core (laminated soft) iron	do **not** accept for either mark it is made out of iron ore allow **1** mark for 'it is made out of iron core'	1 1
7(a)(iii)	magnetic field (which is) changing / alternating	accept magnetism / magnetic force direction (of field) changes / strength (of field) varies scoring second mark is dependent on first mark	1 1
7(b)	...step-up .... step-down ...	both in the correct order	1
7(c)	Do not build new houses .... Build new power lines away	 deduct **1** mark for any other(s) to a minimum total of (0)	1 1
Total			**8**

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Answer 05 · Mark scheme

June 2009 | PHY3F | Original Q7 | Legacy

PHY3F

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme

June 2010 | PHY2F | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2	**L** **N** **M** **K**	all four in the correct order **2** marks for 2 correct **1** mark for 1 correct	3
Total			**3**

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY2F | Original Q2 | Legacy

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme

June 2010 | PHY3F | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)(i)	iron		1
4(a)(ii)	step-down (transformer)		1
4(b)	any **one** from: • after the power station • after the generator • before the power lines • before the pylons		1
4(c)	each correct (1) current coil field core ends	in its correct place	5
Total			**8**

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY3F | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 08 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | PH2FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	L		1
2(b)	6 (V)		1
2(c)	horizontal line drawn drawn in correct position	 judge by eye	1 1
Total			4

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Answer 08 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | PH2FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

PH2FP

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme June 2016 | PH2FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
2(a)	20		1	AO2 2.4.1b
2(b)	50		1	AO1 2.4.1c
2(c)(i)	115		1	AO2 2.3.2k
2(c)(ii)	230		1	AO1 2.3.2l
2(c)(iii)	if one goes out the other still works **or** brighter	accept power (output) is greater can be switched on/off independently is insufficient	1	AO2 2.3
2(d)	the outside/casing is plastic and plastic is an insulator	there is plastic around the wires is insufficient it is plastic is insufficient an answer the light fitting is double insulated gains both marks	1 1	AO1 2.4.1j
2(e)	(residual current) circuit breaker	accept RCCB accept RCBO accept RCCD accept RCB accept miniature circuit breaker / MCB trip switch is insufficient breaker is insufficient do not accept earth wire	1	AO1 2.4.1i
Total			**8**	

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | PH2FP | Original Q2 | Legacy



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Answer 10 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | PH3FP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
9(a)	a magnetic field that is alternating / changing	accept electromagnetic field heat is insufficient	1 1	AO1 3.3.2d
9(b)	20	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{230}{11.5}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.3.2g
9(c)	(most) transformers are not 100% efficient	allow energy / power is lost to the surroundings allow energy / power is lost as heat / sound power is lost is insufficient	1	AO1 3.3.2h
9(d)(i)	0.01 (V) because there is a change in p.d. each time (the number of turns changes)	 allow because all the results (to 2 decimal places) are different accept if results were to 1 decimal place, there might not be a difference	1 1	AO3 3.3.2a 3.3.2b
9(d)(ii)	student 2 moved the coil more slowly (than student 1)	accept student 2 moved the coil at a different speed to student 1 do not accept student 2 moved the coil faster (than student 1)	1	AO3 3.3.2a 3.3.2b
9(d)(iii)	both sets of results show the same pattern	accept trend for pattern results are similar is insufficient results follow a pattern is insufficient	1	AO3 3.3.2a 3.3.2b

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Answer 10 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | PH3FP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
9(d)(iv)	(electromagnetic) induction	accept it is induced do not accept electric / magnetic induction	1	AO1 3.3.2a
9(e)	any **one** from: • more economical / cheaper for the consumer • easier/cheaper to replace if broken/lost • since fewer transformers need to be made less resources are used	allow more convenient allow in case one gets lost allow fewer plug sockets are needed allow fewer transformers are needed environmentally friendly is insufficient	1	AO3 3.3.2
Total			11	

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Answer 11 · Mark scheme June 2017 | PH3FP | Original Q7 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
7(a)	any **two** from: • The number of turns on the coil • The strength of the magnet • The (stiffness of the) elastic bands	do not accept number of coils allow how tightly the turns are wrapped allow distance between the magnet and coil / cone allow strength/elasticity/tension for stiffness ignore references to size of paper cone change direction of current or magnet is insufficient	2	AO3 3.3.1c
7(b)(i)	1.3 (cm)	two values (1.4 and 2.7) correctly taken from the graph scores **1** mark	2	AO2 3.3.1b
7(b)(ii)	any **two** from: • (Below 1A) as the current increases the distance increases • Above 1A the distance does not change (with current) • Between 0.3A and 0.7A the relationship is linear	accept the maximum distance (that the cone can move) is 2.8 cm accept between 0.6 cm and 2.2 cm the relationship is linear ignore references to positive correlation and direct proportionality a description of the shape of the graph is insufficient eg the line levels off after 1A.	2	AO3 3.3.1c
Total			**6**	

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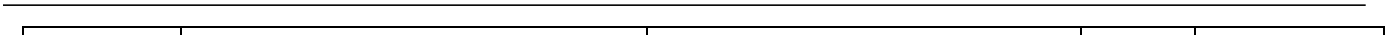

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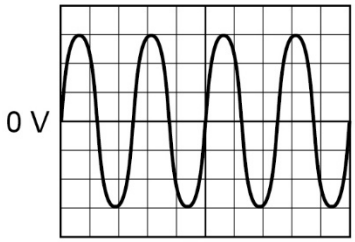
Answer 12 · Mark scheme

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 13 · 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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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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June 2023 | 8463/1F | Original Q10

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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Specification B

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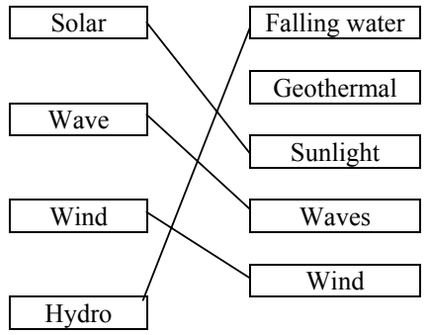
Physics (Specification B)
Foundation Tier 3451/F

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

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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

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<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>
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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

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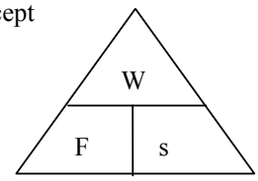
3451/F Q15

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

4.2.3.1 Direct and alternating potential difference

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

4.2.3.1 Direct and alternating potential difference

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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4.2.3.1 Direct and alternating potential difference

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

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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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Specification B

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2006 examination - June series

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4.2.3.1 Direct and alternating potential difference

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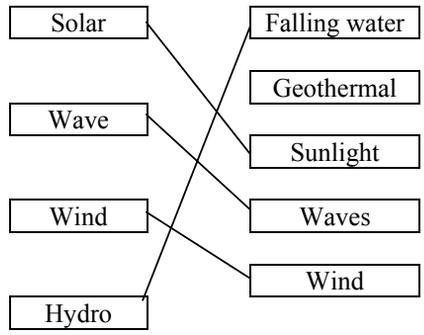
Double Award (Co-ordinated)
Foundation Tier 3462/3F

3462/3F 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

4.2.3.1 Direct and alternating potential difference

3462/3F 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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3462/3F 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

4.2.3.1 Direct and alternating potential difference

3462/3F 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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3462/3F 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

3462/3F 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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3462/3F 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

3462/3F 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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3462/3F 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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3462/3F Q10

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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3462/3F Q10

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	accept for **1** mark only the filament lamp does not obey Ohm's law	1
total			9

4.2.3.1 Direct and alternating potential difference

3462/3F Q11

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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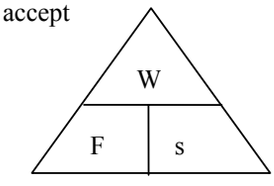
3462/3F Q12

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

4.2.3.1 Direct and alternating potential difference

3462/3F Q13

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

4.2.3.1 Direct and alternating potential difference

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3462/3F Q14

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

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Answer 14 · Examiner comments

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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.

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