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SPECIFICATION POINT 4.2.4.3

The National Grid

Mark schemes and examiner comments

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Answer 01 · Mark scheme

November 2006 | PHY1A | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	boiler	**1**
	B	generator	**3**
	C	transformer	**4**
	D	turbine	**2**

Answer 02 · Mark scheme

June 2007 | PHY1F | Original Q1 | Legacy

The full source mark scheme begins on page 34. Follow original question 1 in that document.

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme

Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	any **one** from: • coal • oil • (natural) gas	do **not** accept fossil fuels accept diesel accept biofuel or a named biofuel eg wood / straw accept household / industrial waste owtte	1
(ii)	0.3	accept 30% if **2** marks not awarded then: allow **1** mark for 30 (without %) allow **1** mark for 0.3 with a unit or % allow **1** mark for identification of energy input and output eg. 20 sq input and 6 sq output **or** 4 sq input and 1.2 sq output **or** 40 sq input and 12 sq output even if subsequent working incorrect allow **1** mark for correct expression of 1.2 over 4 **or** 12 over 40 **or** 6 over 20 (squares)	2
(iii)	(nuclear) fission	accept fision provided it is **not** fusion	1

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Question 6 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
(b)(i)	small proportion of energy / power is wasted **or** transfers most / more / a lot of energy power usefully	accept little / less energy / power / heat is wasted do **not** accept it wastes no energy / power	1
(ii)	it decreases the current / uses low current **or** *it* increases the voltage / potential difference **or** uses high voltage / potential difference smaller the current the smaller the energy loss	 accept pd for potential difference accept power / heat for energy	1 1
(c)(i)	as a control	accept to make a comparison do **not** accept fair test on its own	1
(c)(ii)	so people know how much data the link was based on **or** people can judge the significance / reliability of the link	accept idea that larger numbers are better do **not** accept significance / reliability on its own ignore reference to accuracy	1

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Question 6 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
(iii)	other possible factors may be responsible **or** have not been investigated		1
	named factor eg environment / genetic		1
(iv)	first box ticked plus reason	acceptable reason such as so people know there may be a risk as soon as possible / so that other scientists can use findings	1
	or		
	second box plus reason	acceptable reason such as no point to worry / confuse / panic people *(*until the research has been confirmed*)* accept idea that it may lead to wrong advice do **not** accept in case they are wrong	
total			12

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme

March 2008 | PHY1AP | Original Q6 | Legacy

Six	**A**	house	**4**
	B	power station	**1**
	C	step-down transformer	**3**
	D	step-up transformer	**2**

	A	B	C	D

Answer 05 · Mark scheme

June 2008 | PHY1AP | Original Q2 | Legacy

No matching mark scheme was available in the supplied archive for this question.

Answer 06 · Mark scheme

November 2008 | PHY1AP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	This is where the electricity is being used.	**4**
	B	This is where the electricity is being generated.	**1**
	C	This is where the voltage is increased.	**2**
	D	This is where the voltage is decreased.	**3**

Answer 07 · Mark scheme

January 2009 | PHY3F | Original Q1 | Legacy

No matching mark scheme was available in the supplied archive for this question.

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Answer 08 · Mark scheme

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 08 · Mark scheme June 2009 | PHY3F | Original Q7 | Legacy

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme November 2009 | PHY1AP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	A step-up transformer increases the voltage.	**4**
	B	Steam drives a turbine.	**2**
	C	The generator produces electricity.	**3**
	D	Water is heated to produce steam.	**1**

Answer 10 · Mark scheme March 2010 | PHY1AP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	Electricity is produced.	**4**
	B	Fission of uranium produces heat.	**1**
	C	The heat is used to produce steam.	**2**
	D	The turbine drives a generator.	**3**

Answer 11 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY1AP | Original Q7 | Legacy

Seven	2	3	1	2

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Answer 12 · 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 12 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY3F | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 13 · Mark scheme

Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)	kinetic		1
5(b)	**Z**		1
5(c)(i)	generates a lot more energy / electricity / power **or** can supply (energy / electricity / power) to more homes	need fewer conventional large-scale hydroelectric power stations is neutral	1
5(c)(ii)	Large areas of land are flooded.		1
5(d)(i)	National Grid	this answer only	1
5(d)(ii)	less energy / heat loss (from the cables)	accept wasted for loss accept answers in terms of fewer transformers needed do **not** accept less electricity lost / wasted do **not** accept no energy lost	1

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Question 5 continued . . .

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(e)	any **one** from: • fewer rivers (suitable for generators) • less mountainous (so rivers fall smaller distances)	accept answers in terms of difficulty linking villages and towns to grid (in Nepal) accept answers in terms of more isolated communities accept answers in terms of UK having more resources for large-scale power stations	1
Total			**7**

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Answer 13 · Mark scheme January 2011 | PHY1F | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 14 · Mark scheme

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)	iron	accept any unambiguous correct indication	1
1(b)(i)	step-down (transformer)	do **not** accept down step or a description	1
1(b)(ii)	less than	accept any unambiguous correct indication	1
1(c)(i)	2000		1
1(c)(ii)	There is no pattern.		1
Total			**5**

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Answer 14 · Mark scheme January 2011 | PHY3F | Original Q1 | Legacy

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Answer 15 · Mark scheme June 2011 | PHY1AP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	This is where the electricity is being generated.	**1**
	B	This is where the electricity is being used.	**4**
	C	This is where the voltage is decreased.	**3**
	D	This is where the voltage is increased.	**2**

Answer 16 · Mark scheme November 2011 | PHY1AP | Original Q7 | Legacy

Seven	**4**	**3**	**3**	**3**

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Answer 17 · Mark scheme

June 2012 | PH1FP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)	gas (burning)		1
5(b)(i)	(transmission) cables and (step-up and step-down) transformers	if transformers are named ie step-up transformer then both step-up and step-down must be given mention of power station or consumer negates mark	1
5(b)(ii)	voltage more efficient		1 1
5(c)	increase		1
Total			5

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Answer 17 · Mark scheme

June 2012 | PH1FP | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 18 · Mark scheme

June 2012 | PH1FP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Question 8

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(a)(i)	energy from hot rocks in the Earth	accept heat that occurs naturally in the Earth accept steam / hot water rising to the Earth's surface accept an answer in terms of the energy released by radioactive decay in the Earth heat energy is insufficient	1
8(a)(ii)	water is pumped / moved up (to a higher reservoir)	 this mark point only scores if first mark point is awarded	1 1
8(b)			6

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 4 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	There is a brief description of at least one advantage or disadvantage for either the planned wind turbines or the suggested electricity power link.	There is a description of advantages and disadvantages for either the planned wind turbines or the suggested electricity power link. **or** A description of the advantages or disadvantages for both the planned wind turbines and the suggested electricity power link.	There is a clear and detailed description of at least one advantage and one disadvantage for both the planned wind turbines and suggested electricity power link.

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Question 8 continued

examples of the points made in the response	extra information
Offshore wind turbines	
advantages	
• renewable (energy resource)	
• low running costs	
• energy is free	
• no gas emissions (when in use)	accept a named gas eg CO_2 accept no fuel is burned accept less dependent on fossil fuels
• land is not used (up)	
disadvantages	
• unreliable – accept wind does not always blow	ignore references to destroying or harming habitats
• hazard to birds / bats	
• visual pollution – do not accept noise pollution	do **not** allow if clearly referring to onshore wind turbines
• difficulty of linking turbines to the National Grid	do **not** accept spoils landscape
• large initial cost	
• difficult to erect / maintain	accept a lot of maintenance needed
• CO_2 emissions in manufacture (of large number of turbines)	

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PH1FP

Question 8 continued

examples of the points made in the response	extra information
Suggested Link	
advantages	
• income for Iceland	
• using Iceland's (available) energy (resources)	accept using (Iceland's) renewable energy (resources) do **not** accept reduce the amount of Iceland's wasted energy
• provide electricity when wind does not blow / reliable	
• provide electricity at times of peak demand	
• even out fluctuations in supply	
• excess electricity from Britain (windy days) to Iceland and used to pump water up to store energy	
• Britain less dependent on fossil fuels	accept Britain needs fewer (new) power stations accept conserves fossil fuels
disadvantages	
• large initial cost	accept expensive (to lay cables)
• power loss along a long cable	
• (engineering) difficulties in laying / maintaining the cable	accept difficult to repair (if damaged)

Total			**9**

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | PH1FP | Original Q7 | Legacy

Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	warms it	do **not** accept answers in terms of waste gases **or** pollution	1
7(b)	80% **or** 0.8	answers of 80 **or** 0.8 plus a unit gain **1** mark **only** **or** allow **1** mark for a correct substitution, ie $\frac{16}{20}$ an answer of 35% **or** 0.35 gains **1** mark answers of 85%, 75%, 0.85 **or** 0.75 gain **1** mark	2
7(c)	some of the energy that would be wasted (by a coal-burning power station) is usefully used (to heat homes etc)	accept less waste energy accept energy used to heat homes etc	1 1
7(d)(i)	A system of cables and transformers		1
7(d)(ii)	less energy / power loss / wasted (in shorter cables)	accept no energy / power loss / wasted (in shorter cables) accept energy is lost when transmitted through cables do **not** accept electricity for energy	1
Total			**7**

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | PH1FP | Original Q7 | Legacy

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Answer 20 · Mark scheme

June 2014 | PH1FP | Original Q7 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
7(a)	advantage any **one** from: • produce no / little greenhouse gases / carbon dioxide	allow produces no / little polluting gases allow doesn't contribute to global warming / climate change allow produce no acid rain / sulphur dioxide reference to atmospheric pollution is insufficient produce no harmful gases is insufficient	1	AO1 1.4.1a
	• high(er) energy density in fuel	accept one nuclear power station produces as much power as several gas power stations nuclear power stations can supply a lot of or more energy is insufficient		
	• long(er) operating life	allow saves using reserves of fossil fuels or gas		
	disadvantage any **one** from: • produce (long term) radioactive waste • accidents at nuclear power stations may have far reaching or long term consequences • high(er) decommissioning costs • long(er) start up time	accept waste is toxic accept nuclear for radioactive accept high(er) building costs	1	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
7(b)(i)	12 000 (kWh)	allow **1** mark for correct substitution eg 2000 × 6 **or** 2 000 000 × 6 **or** $\frac{12\,000\,000}{1000}$ an answer of 12 000 000 scores **1** mark	2	AO2 1.3.1c
7(b)(ii)	any idea of unreliability, eg • wind is unreliable • shut down if wind too strong/weak • wind is variable	reference to weather alone is insufficient	1	AO1 1.4
7(c)	any **one** from: • cannot be seen • no hazard to (low flying) aircraft / helicopters • unlikely to be or not damaged / affected by (severe) weather • (normally) no / reduced shock hazard	unlikely to be damaged is insufficient safer is insufficient less maintenance is insufficient installed in urban areas is insufficient	1	AO1 1.4
Total			**6**	

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Answer 21 · Mark scheme June 2014 | PH3FP | Original Q9 | Legacy

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Answer 22 · Mark scheme June 2015 | PH1FP | Original Q5 | Legacy

The full source mark scheme begins on page 63. Follow original question 5 in that document.

Answer 23 · Mark scheme June 2016 | PH1FP | Original Q7 | Legacy

The full source mark scheme begins on page 79. Follow original question 7 in that document.

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Answer 24 · Mark scheme

June 2017 | PH1FP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
4(a)	transformers and power cables		1	AO1 1.4.2a
4(b)	any **one** from: • (more) difficult to repair / replace • (more) expensive to install / repair • (more) difficult to identify a break • potential hazard if dug up	ignore damage to (animal) habitats	1	AO1 1.4
4(c)	voltage current efficiency		1 1 1	AO1 1.4.2b
4(d)	2850 (p)	accept £28.50 allow **1** mark for showing 190	2	AO2 1.3.1d
Total			**7**	

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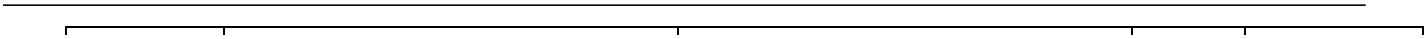
Answer 24 · Mark scheme

June 2017 | PH1FP | Original Q4 | Legacy



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Answer 25 · Mark scheme

November 2020 | 8463/1F | Original Q1

Question 1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.1	K = step-up transformer L = transmission cables M = step-down transformer	 allow power cables ignore wires allow 1 mark if K and M are labelled transformer but step-up and step-down labels are incorrect or not present	1 1 1	AO1 4.2.4.3
01.2	8 (%) and 32 (%) Number of times = 4	both required	1 1	AO2 4.1.3
01.3	(burning gas) releases carbon dioxide which causes global warming	 allow greenhouse effect **or** climate change	1 1	AO1 4.1.3
01.4	An energy resource that can be replenished quickly.		1	AO1 4.1.3
01.5	higher power output lower variation in power output	allow more electricity generated	1 1	AO3 4.1.3
Total			**10**	

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Answer 26 · 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: step-down transformer	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 27 · 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 28 · Mark scheme

June 2023 | 8463/1F | Original Q8

Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	increase decrease	must be in this order	1 1	AO1 4.2.4.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.2	$P = I^2R$		1	AO1 4.2.4.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.3	$1.60 \times 10^9 = 2000^2 \times R$ $R = \frac{1.60 \times 10^9}{2000^2}$ $R = 400\ (\Omega)$		1 1 1	AO2 4.2.4.1

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

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Answer 28 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.5	$0.992 = \frac{\text{useful energy output}}{34.2}$ useful energy output = 0.992 × 34.2 useful energy output = 33.9 (GJ)	 allow a correct answer given to more than 3 s.f.	1 1 1	AO2 4.1.2.2

Total Question 8	**10**

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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 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 / ; eg allow smooth / free movement.)

3. Marking points

3.1 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.

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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

3.2 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.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

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;

3.4 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 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.

3.6 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 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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PHY1F Question 1

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	grid	accept any way of indicating correct answer	1
(ii)	increases voltage	accept any way of indicating correct answer	1
(iii)	230 V	accept any way of indicating correct answer	1
(iv)	reduce	accept any way of indicating correct answer	1
(b)(i)	increases the temperature	accept make it hotter / heat goes into the air accept convection currents accept sensible comment eg sound energy / it buzzes ignore pollutes the air	1
(ii)	less than 100%		1
total			6

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PHY1F Question 2

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	coal		1
(b)	fossil fuels can be used to generate electricity at any time a few large power stations can generate the electricity for a million homes	if more than 2 boxes ticked, mark incorrect boxes first	1 1
(c)(i)	no fuel is burnt	accept a named fuel accept nothing is burnt accept does not use (fossil) fuel	1
(ii)	kinetic		1
(iii)	any **two** from: • cause <u>noise</u> pollution • cause <u>visual</u> pollution • need concrete for bases • new roads / infrastructure needed • may interfere with TV / radio / mobile phone signals • dangerous to birds • do not generate all of the time • need a lot of generators • high <u>initial</u> / <u>capital</u> costs • reduces house prices	accept causes pollution for **1** mark accept generates <u>only</u> when the wind blows do **not** accept 'generate when the wind blows' do **not** accept 'take up a lot of space / land'	2
total			7

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PHY1F Question 3

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	7pm	accept 19.00 / 1900	1
(ii)	8pm	accept 20.00 / 2000	1
	temperature drops more slowly	accept heat for temperature accept line is less steep	1
(b)	insulator		1
	conduction*	*answers can be either way around	1
	convection*		1
(c)(i)	4 (years)		1
(ii)	it is the cheapest / cheaper / cheap	do **not** accept answers in terms of heat rising or DIY	1
	has the shortest / shorter payback time	do **not** accept short payback time	1
total			9

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PHY1F Question 4

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	any **one** from: • gamma • X-rays • infra red • microwaves • radio	 accept correct symbol accept IR do **not** accept heat do **not** accept TV	1
(ii)	all the waves travel at the same speed		1
(b)(i)	(skin) cancer / melanoma	accept damage eyesight accept sunburn do **not** accept sun tan do **not** accept sunstroke	1
(ii)	higher levels of UV greater risk to health / risk of skin cancer / (more) protection needed / most likely to get burnt / damage skin	accept UV at its strongest / sun's rays are strongest ignore 'sun is at its hottest' ignore 'sun is at its highest' accept greater damage to / easier to damage cells / mutate cells ignore just 'affect your health' must be idea of greater adverse effect on health	1 1
total			5

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PHY1F Question 5

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	C		1
(b)(i)	easy to maintain / access **or** (currently) cheaper than a space telescope **or** can modify (easily) an existing telescope **or** telescopes can be larger **or** can test new types of telescope (easily)	do **not** accept 'easier to use' do **not** accept easier to supply with power	1
(ii)	atmosphere does not block / distort the image	accept picture / data for image accept 'more detailed / clearer image / data / picture accept 'no light pollution' accept 'can look at the Earth' do **not** accept 'can see further' do **not** accept 'better view' do **not** accept 'clear view' do **not** accept 'can see more clearly'	1
total			3

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PHY1F Question 6

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	electromagnetic (wave / radiation)	accept em (wave / radiation) ignore reference to frequency	1
(ii)	gamma can penetrate the crate / box / packaging	accept converse (but must relate to both alpha and beta) ignore just gamma radiation kills bacteria accept can get through to food	1
(iii)	neutrons		1
(b)(i)	absorb gamma / radiation	accept it stops / reduces the radiation	1
(ii)	any **one** from: • slow down the conveyor belt • food does more than one circuit • stay on the conveyor belt longer • food closer to the source / radiation	ignore larger doses / use more of the source ignore thinner packaging	1

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Question 6 continued

	answers	extra information	mark
(c)(i)	idea of testing food on humans / animals		1
	no (measured) ill effects **or** monitor their health	accept monitor people that have eaten the food accept a measurement / comparison for **1** mark eg measure the amount of radiation in treated food comparison plus a reason for the comparison would get **2** marks eg idea of measuring level of radiation in treated food **with** no measurable increase in level = **2** marks **or** comparing it to untreated food = **2** marks	1
(ii)	so can make own decision about eating or not eating treated food	accept may be against their religious / moral views accept some people prefer food that hasn't been tampered with ignore in case they don't like the idea of eating treated food accept don't want to eat treated food ignore might be allergic to the food eg think it will give them cancer = **0** marks think it will give you cancer so I need to know so that I can choose = **1** mark	1
total			8

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PHY1F Question 7

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	the outside colour of the cans		1
(b)(i)	18 (°C) **or** 88 to 70	ignore negative sign	1
(ii)	8 (°C) **or** 70 to 62	ignore negative sign	1
(c)	greater temperature difference between water and surroundings (at start)	must mention temperature difference ignore just water hotter accept energy used to heat cans initially	1
(d)	black temperature falls the fastest (in L) black is a good / the best / better emitter (of heat / radiation)	 accept (can L) loses more heat / cools quicker accept heat for temperature accept converse ignore black is best absorber	1 1 1
total			7

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Candidate	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)

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

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Ignore or 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.

Quality of Written Communication and levels marking

In Question 9(a) candidates are required to produce extended written material in English, and will be assessed on the quality of their written communication as well as the standard of the scientific response.

Candidates 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
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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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MARK SCHEME – GCSE Physics – PH3FP – June 2014

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
1(a)	transmits absorbs	correct order	1 1	AO1 3.1.1b
1(b)	light	allow ultra violet **or** UV **or** infrared **or** IR **or** gamma	1	AO1 3.1.1b
1(c)	20	allow **1** mark for correct working, ie $\frac{60}{3}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.1.1b
1(d)	Killing cancer cells		1	AO1 3.1.1b
Total			**6**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
2(a)	3000	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 600 × 5 provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.2.2b
2(b)	anticlockwise moment	must be both words	1	AO1 3.2.2c
2(c)(i)	3400	allow 3.4 kilo (newtons)	1	AO2 3.2.2c
2(c)(ii)	as the distance (of the girl from point A) increases, force F increases	allow gets bigger for increases force is (directly) proportional to distance will negate any correct response	1	AO3 4.5.3
Total			**5**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
3(a)	<table><tr><th></th><th>Digital Camera</th><th>Eye</th></tr><tr><td>Cornea</td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Lens</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Pupil</td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>CCD</td><td>✓</td><td></td></tr></table>	ignore shaded row each correct row = **1** mark	3	AO1 3.1.4a, d
3(b)	long		1	AO1 3.1.4b
3(c)	lens A it is a concave / diverging lens	 this mark is only gained if lens A is stated any reference to lens material or mass of lens negates this mark allow it will focus light onto the retina	1 1	AO1 3.1, 3.1.4b
3(d)	The refractive index of the lens material		1	AO1 3.1.4f
3(e)	4	ignore any signs allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{1}{0.25}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.1.4e

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
3(f)	Cauterising open blood vessels		1	AO1 3.1.5f
3(g)	5	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{70}{14}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.1.3i
Total			**12**	

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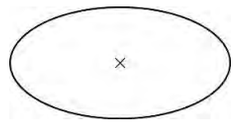
MARK SCHEME – GCSE Physics – PH3FP – June 2014

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
4(a)	concentrated		1	AO1 3.2.1a
4(b)		judge by eye	1	AO2 3.2.1c
4(c)	C A D	3 correct = **2** marks 1 or 2 correct = **1** mark	2	AO1 3.2.1a
4(d)	Lower the athlete's seating position Move the wheels further apart		1 1	AO2 3.2
Total			**6**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
5(a)	hydraulic		1	AO1 3.2.3
5(b)	9	allow **1** mark for a correct substitution, ie $\frac{1800}{200}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.2.3c
5(c)	an environmental		1	AO3 SALoSE
Total			**4**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
6(a)(i)	increase		1	AO3 3.3.1a, 4.5.4
6(a)(ii)	A and B and B and C	both required for the mark either order	1	AO3 3.3.1a, 4.5.4
6(a)(iii)	any **two** from: • size of nail **or** nail material • current • (size of) paper clip • length of wire	 allow (same) nail allow (same) cell allow p.d. same amount of electricity is insufficient accept type/thickness of wire	2	AO3 4.1b
6(b)	4 B picks up the same number as C, so this electromagnet would pick up the same number as A **or** direction of current does not affect the strength of the electromagnet	 allow it has got the same number of turns as A	1 1	AO3 3.3.1a, 4.5.4
6(c)	2	allow 1 or 3	1	AO3 3.3.1a, 4.5.4
Total			**7**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
7(a)	(sound waves) which have a frequency higher than the upper limit of hearing for humans **or** a (sound) wave (of frequency) above 20 000 Hz	sound waves that cannot be heard is insufficient a wave of frequency 20 000 Hz is insufficient	1	AO1 3.1.2a
7(b)	640	an answer of 1280 gains **2** marks allow **2** marks for the correct substitution ie 1600 × 0.40 provided no subsequent step allow **2** marks for the substitution $\frac{1600 \times 0.80}{2}$ provided no subsequent step allow **1** mark for the substitution 1600 × 0.80 provided no subsequent step allow **1** mark for the identification that time (boat to bed) is 0.4	3	AO2 3.1.2c
7(c)	any **one** from: • pre-natal scanning / imaging • imaging of a named organ (that is not surrounded by bone), eg stomach, bladder, testicles • Doppler scanning blood flow	accept heart do **not** allow brain **or** lungs (either of these negates a correct answer)	1	AO1 3.1.2d

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
7(d)	advantage any **one** from: • (images are) high quality or detailed or high resolution • (scan) produces a slice through the body • image can be viewed from any direction • an image can be made of <u>any</u> part (inside the body) • easier to diagnose **or** see a problem (on the image) disadvantage any **one** from: • (the X-rays used **or** scans) are <u>ionising</u> • mutate cells **or** cause mutations **or** increase chances of mutations • turn cells cancerous **or** produce abnormal growths **or** produce rapidly growing cells • kill cells • shielding is needed	clearer / better image is sufficient allow images are (always) 3D / 360° allow whole body can be scanned allow a description of what ionising is allow for cells: DNA / genes / chromosomes / nucleus / tissue damage cells is insufficient can be dangerous (to human health) unqualified, is insufficient	1 1	AO1 3.1
Total			**7**	

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MARK SCHEME – GCSE Physics – PH3FP – June 2014

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
8(a)	gravitational attraction (between the satellite and the Earth)	allow gravity allow weight of the satellite	1	AO1 3.2.4b
8(b)	any **two** from: • mass of satellite • speed / velocity (of satellite) • radius of orbit / circle	allow height above the Earth radius / height alone is insufficient	2	AO1 3.2.4c
8(c)(i)	increasing the height (above the Earth's surface) increases the time (for one orbit)	allow a positive correlation allow as one gets bigger, the other gets bigger, or vice versa ignore they are directly proportional	1	AO3 4.5.3
8(c)(ii)	there is no relationship / correlation		1	AO3 4.5.3
8(d)	Isaac Newton was a respected scientist who had made new discoveries before		1	AO3 3.2.4, SALoSE
Total			**6**	

Question	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.		Mark	AO spec ref
9(a)			6	
0 marks	**Level 1 (1–2 marks)**	**Level 2 (3–4 marks)**	**Level 3 (5–6 marks)**	AO1 3.3.2
No relevant / correct content.	**Either** there is an attempt at a description of the construction of a transformer **or** a correct statement of the effect of one type of transformer on the input p.d.	There is a description of the construction of a transformer **and** a correct statement of the effect of one type of transformer on the input p.d.	There is a clear description of the construction of a transformer **and** there is a correct description of how transformers affect the input p.d.	

details of construction:	extra information
a (laminated) core	
core is made from a magnetic material / iron	
2 coils	
the coils are made from an electrical conductor / copper	
the coils are covered in plastic / insulation	
the coils are (usually) on opposite sides	
step-up transformer has more turns on secondary coil than (its) primary (or vice versa)	
step-down transformer has less turns on secondary coil than (its) primary (or vice versa)	
effect on input p.d. :	
step-up transformer, the output p.d. is greater (than the input p.d.)	accept voltage for p.d.
step-down transformer, the output p.d. is lower (than the input p.d.)	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
9(b)	switch mode (transformer)		1	AO1 3.3.2j
Total			7	

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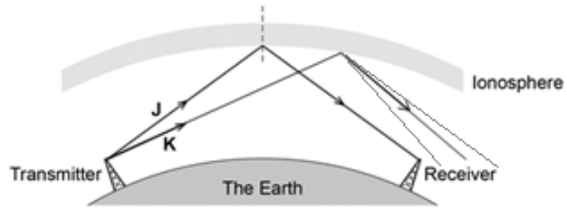
MARK SCHEME – GCSE SCIENCE A / PHYSICS – PH1FP– JUNE 2015

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.
1(a)(i)	reflection of wave **K** at or within the ionosphere angle i = angle r  	allow dashed lines 'judge by eye' tolerance for the reflected ray is between the first e and last r ignore arrows a reflected ray to the receiver doesn't score 2nd mark additional rays shown doesn't score 2nd mark	1 1	AO2 P1.5.2b
1(a)(ii)	normal		1	AO1 P1.5.2a
1(b)(i)	microwave		1	AO1 P1.5.1k
1(b)(ii)	refraction		1	AO1 P1.5.1g
1(c)	All electromagnetic waves are transverse. All electromagnetic waves have the same speed in a vacuum.		1 1	AO1 P1.5.1b, c, d
Total			**7**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.
2(a)	chemical kinetic sound	correct order only	1 1 1	AO1 P1.2.1a
2(b)	48% or 0.48	an answer of 0.48 with a unit gains **1** mark an answer of 0.48% gains **1** mark an answer of 48 with or without a unit gains **1** mark	2	AO2 P1.2.1d
Total			**5**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.
3(a)(i)	because they contain free electrons		1	AO1 P1.1.3a
3(a)(ii)	because they are good absorbers of infrared radiation		1	AO1 P1.1.1c
3(b)(i)	insulators		1	AO1 P1.1.3a
3(b)(ii)	the rate of energy transfer would be lower.		1	AO1 P1.1.3c
3(c)	power time	allow the <u>temperature</u> (of the oven) watts or wattage is insufficient	1 1	AO1 P1.3.1b
3(d)	it can be switched on / off remotely	accept sensible suggestions about remote operation eg can be turned on / off from work **or** food can be cooked before you get home	1	AO3 P1.1
Total			**7**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.
4(a)	20 790 (J)	an answer of 21 000 (J) (2 s.f.) gains **2** marks allow **1** mark for correct substitution: ie E = 0.33 x 4200 x 15 provided no subsequent step shown	2	AO2 P1.1.4d
4(b)	temperature		1	AO1 P1.1.4d
4(c)	(top pan) balance	accept scales do **not** accept a scale do **not** accept weighing scales do **not** accept newtonmeter do **not** accept spring balance	1	AO1 P1.1.4d
4(d)	dark / black / (dark) grey convection	 correct order only	1 1	AO1 P1.1.1c P1.1.3c
4(e)(i)	created	accept made	1	AO1 P1.2.1a
4(e)(ii)	increases		1	AO1 P1.2.1c
Total			**8**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/Spec. ref.
5(a)(i)	high levels of infrared radiation (from the Sun)	allow lots of (solar) energy (available) do **not** accept 'heat' for infrared 'it is hot' is insufficient 'lots of sunlight' is insufficient	1	AO2 P1.4.1a
5(a)(ii)	reflected		1	AO1 P1.5.1g
5(a)(iii)	boiler turbine transformer	correct order only	1 1 1	AO1 P1.4.1a
5(b)	2 100 000 (kWh)	allow **1** mark for correct substitution i.e. 140 000 x 15 provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 P1.3.1c
5(c)(i)	only 1 wind turbine was considered **or** other wind turbines may have generated more electricity only 1 week's weather was reported on **or** wind speed varies from one week to another	accept only one location is considered accept insufficient sample size 'wind speed varies' is insufficient	1 1	AO3 P1.4
5(c)(ii)	any **one** from: • wind speed is too high / low • wind is unreliable	allow no wind allow too windy allow wind is variable	1	AO1 P1.4

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Question 5 continued . . .

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/Spec. ref.
5(c)(iii)	any **one** from: • wind is a renewable energy source • do not use fuel • energy source is free • do not release carbon dioxide • do not release greenhouse gases • do not release sulfur dioxide • do not cause acid rain • do not cause climate change • do not cause global warming • do not cause global dimming	answer must be an advantage of wind, converse answers in terms of fossil fuels are insufficient accept do not release pollutant gases 'no pollution' is insufficient	1	AO1 P1.4.1f
Total			**11**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.
6(a)(i)	C		1	AO2 P1.5.4a
6(a)(ii)	The speed of star **B** is less than the speed of star **D**.		1	AO3 P1.5.4b
6(b)	300 000 000 m/s	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 200 000 x 1500 provided no subsequent step shown allow unit correctly indicated in list if not written in answer space	2 1	AO2 AO1 P1.5.1j
Total			**5**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
7 (a)	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 4 and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.		6	AO2 AO3 P1.2 HSW

0 marks	Level 1 (1-2 marks)	Level 2 (3-4 marks)	Level 3 (5-6 marks)
No relevant information	There is a relevant statement about an energy saving method	There is at least one clear comparison of energy saving methods and their cost effectiveness with an appropriate calculation	There is a comparison of energy saving methods and their cost effectiveness with appropriate calculations. Comparison to include further detail.

examples of physics points made in the response	extra information
examples of relevant statements • energy efficient boiler saves the most (energy / money) per year • loft insulation costs the least to install • double-glazing costs the most to install **examples of statements that include cost effectiveness** • loft insulation is the most cost effective in the long term • double-glazing is the least cost effective • loft insulation has the shortest payback time • double-glazing has the longest payback time • payback time calculated for any method **examples of further detail** • for cost effectiveness install in the following order: loft, cavity wall, boiler, double-glazing • for reducing energy use install in the following order: boiler, loft, cavity wall, double glazing • don't install double-glazing for insulation purposes • double-glazing won't pay for itself in your lifetime • justified choice of best / worst method	payback times: energy efficient boiler: 6.25 years loft insulation: 2 years double glazing: 100 years cavity wall insulation: 2.86 years

Question 7 continued . . .

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.
7(b)(i)	how effective a material is as an insulator	accept 'heat' for energy accept how effective a material is at keeping energy in accept the lower the U-value the better the insulator accept the lower the U-value the lower the rate of energy transfer	1	AO1 P1.1.4a
7(b)(ii)	(the U-value) decreases		1	AO1 P1.1.4b
Total			**8**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.
8(a)(i)	0.5 °C		1	AO3 P1.1
8(a)(ii)	data is continuous **or** both variables are continuous **or** independent variable is continuous **or** time is continuous	accept results / measurements for data accept data is not categoric one variable is continuous is insufficient air temperature is continuous is insufficient	1	AO3 P1.1
8(b)(i)	20.5 (°C)		1	AO2 P1.1
8(b)(ii)	60 (minutes)	accept 1 hour	1	AO2 P1.1
8(c)(i)	so a comparison can be made **or** outside temperature is a control variable	accept: (outside) temperature would affect energy required (to maintain temperature of the house) **or** (outside) temperature would affect internal temperature (of the house) **or** heat loss will be faster on a cold day outside temperature will affect the results is insufficient fair test is insufficient	1	AO3 P1.1

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.
8(c)(ii)	the cost is equal to the number of kWh x the cost per kWh calculation 0.8 / 8.0 = 0.1 or 10%	accept (heating) bill depends on (number of) kWh used accept energy for kWh allow 7.2 / 8.0 = 0.9 or 90%	1 1	AO3 AO2 P1.1
8(c)(iii)	heating is on for more / less time (than anticipated) because some days it is cooler / warmer (than anticipated)	 accept other sensible suggestions an answer giving two sensible situations gains **2** marks possible examples: • some houses have different amounts of insulation • there are different styles of house temperature (inside / outside) is always changing is insufficient	1 1	AO3 P1.1
Total			**9**	

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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 **7(b)** 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.
1(a)	geothermal nuclear biofuel		1 1 1	AO1 1.4.1a 1.4.1d
1(b)	gravitational (potential) kinetic sound		1 1 1	AO1 1.3.1a 1.4.1b
1(c)(i)	90% or 0.9(0)	an answer of 0.9(0) with a unit gains **1** mark an answer of 90 with no unit or an incorrect unit gains **1** mark	2	AO2 1.2.1d
1(c)(ii)	60 (MW)	allow 10%	1	AO2 1.2.1b
1(c)(iii)	increased		1	AO1 1.2.1c
Total			**10**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
2(a)	46 200	accept 46 000 allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 0.5 x 4200 x 22 provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 1.1.4d
2(b)	Energy is used to heat the kettle.		1	AO2 1.2.1b
2(c)	9 (pence)	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 0.6 x 15 provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 1.3.1d
2(d)(i)	conduction and convection		1	AO1 1.1.3a
2(d)(ii)	any **one** from: • water stays hotter for longer (than a 'conventional' kettle) • water boiled less often • less energy transferred to the surroundings • (new design is) more efficient		1	AO2 1.2
Total			**7**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
3(a)(i)	any **one** from: • (visible) light • UV / ultra violet • X-ray • gamma / γ-ray		1	AO1 1.5.1e
3(a)(ii)	less than less than the same as		1 1 1	AO1 1.5.1d 1.5.1e
3(b)(i)	(the) Big Bang (theory)		1	AO1 1.5.4e
3(b)(ii)	the red-shift of light from distant galaxies		1	AO1 1.5.4c
Total			**6**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
4(a)	dependent		1	AO3 1.1.3b
4(b)	The equipment has a better resolution.		1	AO3 1.1.3
4(c)	(probe) C largest difference between reading and actual temperature	allow 103.2 reason only scores if C chosen accept larger it is 3.2 greater is insufficient comparing C with only one other probe is insufficient	1 1	AO3 1.1.3
4(d)(i)	12(°C)	accept a value between 12.0 and 12.2 inclusive	1	AO2 1.1.3d
4(d)(ii)	140 (seconds) <u>temperature</u> starts to rise	accept an answer between 130 and 150 inclusive only scores if time mark awarded accept the <u>temperature</u> was lowest (at this time)	1 1	AO2 AO3 1.1.3b
4(d)(iii)	increase	accept faster (rate)	1	AO1 1.1.3b
Total			**8**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
5(a)	it would decrease the time		1	AO3 1.2.1a
5(b)	720 (J)	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 12 x 60 provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 1.3.1c
5(c)	<u>dense</u> rises falls	 accept equivalent words accept equivalent words	1 1 1	AO1 1.1.3a
5(d)	 decreases decreases decreases	more than one tick in any row negates the mark	 1 1 1	AO3 1.1.3c 1.1.3d
Total			**9**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
6(a)	frequency		1	AO1 1.5.3b
6(b)	echo(es)		1	AO1 1.5.3c
6(c)	spreading (out) equal to	changing direction is insufficient moving apart is insufficient bending is insufficient accept: similar to same (order of magnitude) as slightly smaller than slightly larger than	1 1	AO1 1.5.1g
6(d)	340 (m/s)	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 25 000 x 0.0136 provided no subsequent step or allow 1 mark for a correct calculation showing an incorrect value from conversion to hertz x 0.0136 an answer of 0.34 gains **1** mark	2	AO2 1.5.1j
6(e)	(a wave where the) oscillations are parallel to the direction of energy transfer causing (areas of) compression and rarefaction	both marking points may appear as labels on a diagram accept vibrations for oscillations accept in same direction as for parallel to allow direction of wave (motion) for direction of energy transfer accept correct description in terms of particles mechanical wave is insufficient needs a medium to travel through is insufficient	1 1	AO1 1.5.1b
Total			**8**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
7(a)	any **one** from: • high cost of installing overhead power lines or underground cables or pylons • high cost as (very) long cables needed • amount of electricity required is too low	allow not enough (surplus) electricity would be generated	1	AO1 1.4.1e

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
7 (b)	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.		6	3 AO1 2 AO2 1 AO3 1.4.1b

0 marks	Level 1 (1-2 marks)	Level 2 (3-4 marks)	Level 3 (5-6 marks)
No relevant information	at least **one** advantage **or one** disadvantage of either method	at least **one** advantage **and one** disadvantage is stated for **one** method **and** a different advantage **or** disadvantage is stated for the other method	clear comparison of advantages **and** disadvantages of **each** method

examples of physics points made in the response	extra information
Advantages of both methods:	
• both renewable sources of energy	
• both have no fuel (cost)	accept carbon neutral
• both have very small (allow 'no') running costs	accept no greenhouse gases
• no carbon dioxide produced	accept doesn't contribute to global warming
Advantages of wind:	
• higher average power output	produces more energy is insufficient
Advantages of hydroelectric:	
• constant / reliable power (output)	
• lower (installation) cost	
Disadvantages of wind:	
• higher (installation) cost	
• variable / unreliable power output	
• (may) kill birds / bats	
Disadvantages of hydroelectric:	
• lower power output	
• (may) kill fish or (may) damage habitats	
• more difficult to set up (within river)	
Disadvantages of both methods	
• (may be) noisy	
• visual pollution	ignore payback time unless no other relevant points made ignore time to build for both

Total			7

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
8(a)	a proportion / percentage of the energy is wasted (wasted) energy is transferred to surroundings **or** energy is needed to heat pan (before food is heated)	allow heat for energy allow some energy is wasted	1 1	AO2 1.2.1b 1.2.1c
8(b)	(fins have a) large(r) surface area (black metal surface is a) good / better absorber of infrared radiation	accept fins increase the surface area allow 'heat' or 'energy' for infrared radiation ignore good emitter of infrared radiation not a good reflector is insufficient	1 1	AO1 1.1.1c 1.1.1e 1.1.3c
8(c)	the higher the temperature (of the saucepan) the greater the rate at which infrared radiation is emitted	accept converse answer allow the higher the temperature the more infrared radiation is emitted allow there is a positive correlation	1	AO2 1.1.1b
Total			**5**	

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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.

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Question 8 (Standard Demand)

08.1 32% of students scored 2 marks, while 17% scored 1 mark. Some students hedged their bets by writing either 'increase' or 'decrease' for both gaps.

08.2 9% of students scored this mark. The equations sheet was provided for this exam series.

08.3 42% of students scored 3 marks. The most common mistake was to forget to square the current when substituting. For 3 mark calculations, these general principles apply:
The 1st mark is for the substitution.
The 2nd mark is for the rearrangement.
The 3rd mark is for the answer.
In straightforward calculations, the correct final answer is sufficient to score all marks.
For this question a negative sign before the numerical answer was ignored.

08.4 Only 64% of students scored this mark. The equations sheet was provided for this exam series. The equation with efficiency related to power was not creditworthy.

08.5 76% of students scored 3 marks for this calculation question.