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SPECIFICATION POINT 4.4.2.1

Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Mark schemes and examiner comments

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Answer 01 · Mark scheme June 2003 | 3451F | Original Q6 | Legacy

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme June 2004 | 3451F | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme June 2004 | 3462F3 | Original Q2 | Legacy

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Answer 10 · Mark scheme June 2004 | 3462F3 | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 11 · Mark scheme June 2004 | 3462F3 | Original Q9 | Legacy

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Answer 12 · Mark scheme June 2004 | 3462F3 | Original Q12 | Legacy

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Answer 13 · Mark scheme June 2005 | 3451 | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 14 · Mark scheme June 2005 | 3451 | Original Q7 | Legacy

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Answer 15 · Mark scheme June 2005 | 3462 | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 16 · Mark scheme

June 2005 | 3462 | Original Q7 | Legacy

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Answer 17 · Mark scheme

June 2006 | 3451 | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 18 · Mark scheme

June 2006 | 3451 | Original Q9 | Legacy

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme

June 2006 | 3462 | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 20 · Mark scheme

June 2006 | 3462 | Original Q9 | Legacy

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Answer 21 · Mark scheme November 2006 | PHY1A | Original Q3 | Legacy

Three	**A**	**2**
	B	**3**
	C	**4**
	D	**1**

Answer 22 · Mark scheme November 2006 | PHY1B | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A**	gamma rays	**1**
	B	infra red rays	**3**
	C	radio waves	**4**
	D	ultraviolet waves	**2**

Answer 23 · Mark scheme November 2006 | PHY1B | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	**3**
	B	**2**
	C	**1**
	D	**4**

Answer 24 · Mark scheme November 2006 | PHY1B | Original Q7 | Legacy

Seven	**3**	**2**	**4**	**4**

Answer 25 · Mark scheme November 2006 | PHY1B | Original Q9 | Legacy

Nine	**3**	**3**	**3**	**1**

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Answer 25 · Mark scheme

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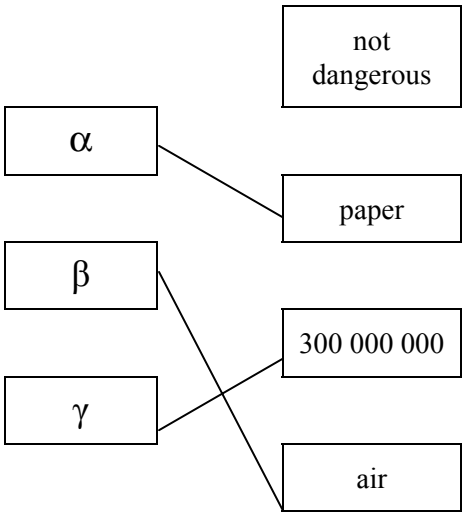
Question	Key		
One	**A**	bar	**3**
	B	categoric	**1**
	C	dependent	**2**
	D	reliable	**4**
Two	**A**	current	**3**
	B	energy	**2**
	C	frequency	**4**
	D	substance	**1**

	A	B	C	D
Three	**3**	**2**	**3**	**3**
Four	**3**	**3**	**3**	**1**
Five	**3**	**2**	**4**	**4**
Six	**4**	**4**	**1**	**1**
Seven	**2**	**1**	**2**	**2**
Eight	**4**	**4**	**4**	**2**
Nine	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**

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Answer 26 · Mark scheme January 2007 | PHY1F | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	3 correct lines drawn  	any box in list A with 2 or more lines, all lines for that box do **not** score	3
(b)	radiation damages our cells	accept radiation can cause cancer accept kills cells accept changes DNA / causes mutations accept dangerous / poisonous / harmful / toxic accept so precautions can be taken	1
(c)	it can pass through the human body		1
(d)(i)	6 (hours)	no tolerance	1
(ii)	6 (hours)	accept their (d)(i)	1
total			7

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Answer 27 · Mark scheme March 2007 | PHY1A | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A**	coal-fired power stations	**4**
	B	geothermal power stations	**1**
	C	nuclear power stations	**3**
	D	tidal power stations	**2**

Answer 28 · Mark scheme March 2007 | PHY1B | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**A**	6	**3**
	B	8	**2**
	C	12	**4**
	D	19	**1**

Answer 29 · Mark scheme March 2007 | PHY1B | Original Q7 | Legacy

Seven	**4**	**1**	**1**	**2**

Answer 30 · Mark scheme June 2007 | PHY1B | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question	***Key***		
One	**A**	gamma rays	**1**
	B	infra red rays	**3**
	C	ultraviolet rays	**4**
	D	X-rays	**2**

Answer 31 · Mark scheme June 2007 | PHY1B | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**A**	gamma radiation	**4**
	B	X-ray radiation	**3**
	C	alpha radiation	**1**
	D	beta radiation	**2**

Answer 32 · Mark scheme June 2007 | PHY1B | Original Q9 | Legacy

Nine	**3**	**1**	**1**	**1**

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Answer 33 · Mark scheme

June 2007 | PHY1F | Original Q6 | Legacy

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Answer 34 · Mark scheme

November 2007 | PHY1B | Original Q1 | Legacy

One	**A**	gamma rays	**2**
	B	infra red rays	**1**
	C	radio waves	**4**
	D	visible light	**3**

Answer 35 · Mark scheme

November 2007 | PHY1B | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	**1**
	B	**4**
	C	**3**
	D	**2**

Answer 36 · Mark scheme

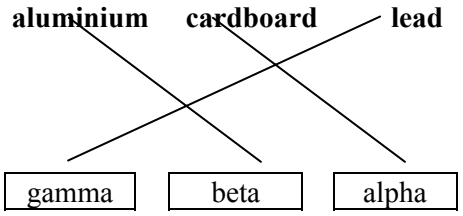
November 2007 | PHY1B | Original Q8 | Legacy

Eight	**1**	**1**	**4**	**1**

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Answer 37 · Mark scheme

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	**P**		1
(ii) A	**Q**		1
(b) G	3 lines correct  	allow **1** mark for 1 correct line two lines drawn from any source or box – both incorrect	2
(c)(i)	**K**		1
(ii)	56	accept 50 – 60 inclusive	1
(iii)	**K**		1
(iv)	to inject... tracer		1
total			8

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Answer 37 · Mark scheme January 2008 | PHY1F | Original Q3 | Legacy

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Answer 38 · Mark scheme March 2008 | PHY1AP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Three	**A**	acid rain	**3**
	B	global warming	**4**
	C	noise pollution	**2**
	D	radioactive waste	**1**

Answer 39 · Mark scheme March 2008 | PHY1BP | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question	Key		
One	**A**	infra red radiation	**3**
	B	gamma radiation	**4**
	C	visible light	**1**
	D	ultraviolet radiation	**2**

Answer 40 · Mark scheme March 2008 | PHY1BP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Three	**A**	SIRTF	**2**
	B	Hubble	**4**
	C	Chandra	**3**
	D	Compton	**1**

Answer 41 · Mark scheme March 2008 | PHY1BP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	alpha	**3**
	B	beta	**2**
	C	gamma	**1**
	D	visible light	**1**

Answer 42 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY1AP | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 43 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY1BP | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question	Key		
One	**A**	infra red	**3**
	B	ultraviolet	**2**
	C	visible light	**1**
	D	gamma	**4**

Answer 44 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY1BP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	gamma	**1**
	B	infra red	**3**
	C	radio waves	**4**
	D	ultraviolet	**2**

Answer 45 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY1BP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**A**	4	**4**
	B	12	**2**
	C	60	**1**
	D	90	**3**

Answer 46 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY1BP | Original Q7 | Legacy

Seven	**3**	**1**	**1**	**2**

Answer 47 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY1BP | Original Q9 | Legacy

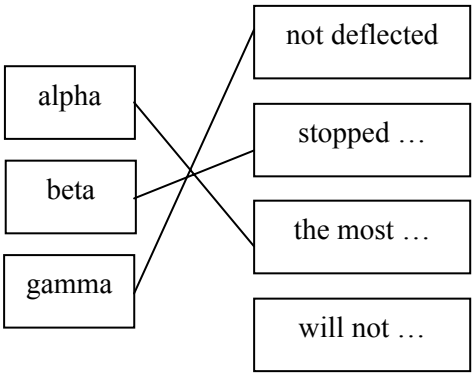
Nine	**4**	**3**	**4**	**3**

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Answer 48 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY1F | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	3 lines correctly drawn  	**1** mark for each correct line if more than one line is drawn from a box in List **A** all lines from that box are wrong	3
(b)	nucleus	accept nuclei do **not** accept nuclear	1
(c)	**Y**	do **not** accept gamma	1
	any **two** from:	do **not** accept other properties of gamma	2
	• least dangerous (inside the body)	do **not** accept not dangerous accept not as harmful as alpha (inside the body)	
	• least ionising		
	• penetrates through the body	do **not** accept can be detected externally	
	• is a gas / can be breathed in	accept it is not a solid (cannot score if **Z** chosen) if **X** chosen can score this gas mark if **Z** chosen can score **both** gamma marks	

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question	answers	extra information	mark
(d)	any **one** from: • longer shelf life • food can be supplied from around the world • wider market for farmers • cost to consumers (may be) lower • less likely to / will not get food poisoning	do **not** accept kills bacteria accept stays fresh longer / stops it going bad / mouldy accept infection / disease / ill for food poisoning	1
total			8

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Answer 48 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY1F | Original Q3 | Legacy

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Answer 49 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY1F | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	atmosphere distorts / blocks image	accept clouds block light / global dimming accept because of the atmosphere	1
		accept weather conditions	
	or		
	atmosphere scatters light	accept light pollution	
(b)		do **not** accept answers in terms of mirror size	
	Correct statement related to distance		1
	Sensible comment related to access		1
	eg		
	Hubble telescope is close enough (1) for a spacecraft / astronauts to reach (1)		
	or		
	James Webb is too far away (1) for astronauts to travel to (1)		
		do **not** accept easier to service on it's own	
(c)	To test the design ….		1
(d)	gamma rays	answers in any order	1
	X-rays		1
(e)	Big bang		1
total			7

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Answer 49 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY1F | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 50 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY2F | Original Q6 | Legacy

Question 6

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	protons neutrons	answers may be in either order	1 1
(ii)	86		1
(iii)	two **fewer** protons and two **fewer** neutrons **or** 84 protons 134 neutrons	do **not** accept two fewer protons and neutrons do **not** accept 218 protons and neutrons	1
(b)(i)	0.4	accept $\frac{2}{5}$ / accept 40 % for 2 marks allow **1** mark for correct totalling = 1.8 allow **1** mark for a clearly correct method with a clearly incorrect total	2
(ii)	any **one** from: • nuclear weapon testing • nuclear power (stations) • nuclear accidents • medical	 do **not** accept nuclear accept nuclear/ radioactive waste accept X-rays	1
(c)(i)	2	accept 2:1 accept twice as big ignore units	1

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	answers	extra information	mark
(ii)	No with a reasonable reason explained only going for two weeks so **or** even staying for a year		1
	total exposure well under lowest limit for causing cancer **or**	**1** mark is for a time frame **1** mark is for correctly relating to a dose	1
	Yes with a reasonable reason explained all levels of radiation are (potentially) hazardous (1) harm caused by lower doses may not have been recorded (1) **or** evidence may not be complete **or** insufficient research into effect of small doses	accept low doses could still cause cancer accept all levels affect you do **not** accept radiation dose is high(er) do **not** accept level of background radiation is higher in Germany	
total			10

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Answer 51 · Mark scheme November 2008 | PHY1BP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A**	gamma rays	**1**
	B	radio waves	**4**
	C	ultraviolet rays	**2**
	D	visible light	**3**

Answer 52 · Mark scheme November 2008 | PHY1BP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**A**	alpha radiation	**3**
	B	beta radiation	**4**
	C	gamma radiation	**2**
	D	visible light	**1**

	A	**B**	**C**	**D**

Answer 53 · Mark scheme November 2008 | PHY1BP | Original Q7 | Legacy

Seven	**4**	**2**	**4**	**3**

Answer 54 · Mark scheme November 2008 | PHY1BP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Eight	**3**	**2**	**4**	**4**

Answer 55 · Mark scheme November 2008 | PHY1BP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Nine	**3**	**4**	**2**	**3**

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Answer 56 · Mark scheme

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)(i)	X-rays infra red (rays) radio (waves)	all three in correct order allow **1** mark for **1** correct	2
1(a)(ii)	to kill cancer cells		1
1(a)(iii)	energy		1
Total			**4**

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Answer 56 · Mark scheme

January 2009 | PHY1F | Original Q1 | Legacy

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Answer 57 · Mark scheme January 2009 | PHY1F | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)	**C**		1
4(b)	beta	accept gamma if answer alpha can still gain marks for saying why not beta or gamma	1
	any **two** from: • range in air for beta is (at least) 50 cm • count-rate does not drop (much) in first 40 cm • count-rate does not fall much until distance is 60 cm • alphas cannot travel more than 5 cm in air / alphas could not travel 100 cm in air • alphas would not be detected • gammas not absorbed by 100 cm of air	must have at least one quantitative statement to get **2** marks accept alphas cannot travel that far accept gammas not stopped by air accept gammas travel further than alphas and betas strength of source is neutral references to penetrating power is neutral	2
4(c)(i)	increases		1

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question	answers	extra information	mark
4(c)(ii)	Group **A** think that (even a very small level of exposure) gives some risk Group **B** think that there is no risk (from a very low level of exposure)	accept there is always a risk, no matter how small the level of exposure accept below a certain level of exposure there is no risk no marks for a simple graph description	1 1
Total			**7**

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Answer 57 · Mark scheme

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Answer 58 · Mark scheme

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1	**four** lines correct **List A** the nuclei of two atoms joining together the nucleus of an atom splitting into several pieces an atom losing an electron an electric charge moving through a metal **List B** gamma emission electric current ionisation nuclear fission nuclear fusion	allow **1** mark for each correct line if more than 1 line is drawn from a box in List A, mark each line incorrect	4
Total			**4**

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Answer 58 · Mark scheme January 2009 | PHY2F | Original Q1 | Legacy

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Answer 59 · Mark scheme

Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)(i)	half / ½ / 50%	accept 1 (part) in 2 (parts)	1
5(a)(ii)	(the) food (we eat) is radioactive	accept because of the food (we eat) accept we breathe in radon radon in the air is neutral	1
(b)	higher in village B by 6 units	 allow **1** mark for correctly obtaining a height difference of 180 (m)/ 4 times higher – this refers to height and not radiation levels accept for **3** marks in village A it is 2 units (extra) and in village be it is 8 units (extra) allow **1** mark for a correct radiation calculation based on incorrect height readings	1 2
Total			**5**

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Answer 59 · Mark scheme January 2009 | PHY2F | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 60 · Mark scheme March 2009 | PHY1AP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Three	**A**	fossil fuels	**4**
	B	nuclear	**2**
	C	tides	**3**
	D	wind	**1**

Answer 61 · Mark scheme March 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A**	alpha	**2**
	B	beta	**3**
	C	electron	**4**
	D	gamma	**1**

Answer 62 · Mark scheme March 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Three	**A**	conclusion	**4**
	B	control variable	**2**
	C	prediction	**1**
	D	independent variable	**3**

Answer 63 · Mark scheme March 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**A**	3	**4**
	B	10	**1**
	C	12	**2**
	D	60	**3**

	A	**B**	**C**	**D**

Answer 64 · Mark scheme March 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q6 | Legacy

Six	**2**	**1**	**2**	**1**

Answer 65 · Mark scheme March 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Eight	**1**	**3**	**2**	**1**

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Answer 66 · Mark scheme June 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	8	**4**
	B	12	**3**
	C	30	**2**
	D	60	**1**

Answer 67 · Mark scheme June 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**A**	microwaves	**3**
	B	X-rays	**1**
	C	visible light	**2**
	D	radio waves	**4**

	A	**B**	**C**	**D**

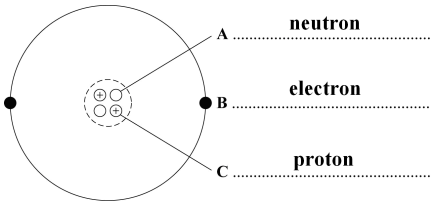
Answer 68 · Mark scheme June 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q6 | Legacy

Six	**2**	**2**	**1**	**2**

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Answer 69 · Mark scheme June 2009 | PHY1F | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)(i)		all 3 labels correct allow **1** mark for 1 correct label	2
3(a)(ii)	has no electrons	it = alpha allow alpha has a positive(charge) allow a helium (atom) has no (charge) do **not** accept general properties of alpha do **not** accept general answers in terms of size / density / mass etc	1
3(b)(i)	15 (hours)	accept any answer between 14.8 and 15.2 inclusive	1
3(b)(ii)	15 (hours) or their (b)(i)		1
3(c)(i)	americium-241 has a long half life		1

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question	answers	extra information	mark
3(c)(ii)	any **one** from: • alpha (particles) are harmful to … • so they dispose of it safely / appropriately • so they don't break it open / open it • so they can make a choice about having a radioactive source (in the house)	it = radioactive material accept radiation / radioactive material is harmful to … accept specific example of harm eg can cause cancer accept radiation is poisonous if ingested / inhaled do **not** accept it is poisonous / in case of leakage accept do **not** touch the radioactive source	1
Total			**7**

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Answer 70 · Mark scheme June 2009 | PHY1F | Original Q6 | Legacy

Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)(i)	HESS	accept gamma	1
6(a)(ii)	infra red	accept IR accept answers written in table do **not** accept heat	1
6(b)	clearer / more detailed / sharper / less distorted image any **one** from: • no light pollution • light is not scattered by the atmosphere	do **not** accept image is bigger accept no clouds to prevent observations accept light is scattered by the atmosphere (implies William Herschel) accept light does (not have to) pass through the atmosphere accept air for atmosphere do **not** accept answers in terms of distance	1 1

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question	answers	extra information	mark
6(c)	any **two** from: • microwaves absorbed by water (molecules) • signal strength greater (in dry environment) • more sensitive (in dry environment) • detect weaker signals (in dry environment) • more detailed / clearer image (in dry environment)	accept more microwaves reach telescope accept harder to detect signals in a humid environment accept image contains more information do **not** accept better image	2
6(d)	a fourth / extra galaxy / star	accept a planet / another object / source	1
Total			**7**

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Answer 70 · Mark scheme June 2009 | PHY1F | Original Q6 | Legacy

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Answer 71 · Mark scheme November 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A**	gamma	**2**
	B	infra red	**3**
	C	radio	**1**
	D	visible light	**4**

Answer 72 · Mark scheme November 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Three	**A**	count rate	**1**
	B	half-life	**3**
	C	penetrating power	**4**
	D	range	**2**

Answer 73 · Mark scheme November 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	contains 5 particles in its nucleus	**3**
	B	has a nucleus that is identical in structure to an alpha particle	**2**
	C	has the same number of electrons as atom 3	**4**
	D	is a different isotope of hydrogen	**1**

Answer 74 · Mark scheme November 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Eight	**2**	**4**	**2**	**2**

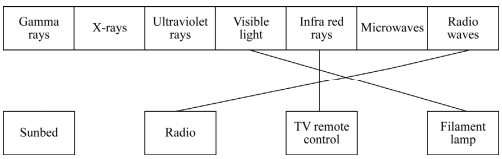
Answer 75 · Mark scheme November 2009 | PHY1BP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Nine	**2**	**1**	**2**	**3**

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Answer 76 · Mark scheme

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)	all three lines correct  	allow **1** mark for each correct line if more than one line goes from a device then all lines from that device are wrong	3
1(b)(i)	<u>skin</u> cancer	do **not** accept cancer do **not** accept sunburn correct answer only	1
1(b)(ii)	other factors may be involved	accept may have been in the Sun too long accept (over)-use of sunbeds and (over)-exposure to the Sun (both) give the same symptoms accept any other sensible factor that could lead to doubt do **not** accept irrelevant answers eg may be run over by a car do **not** accept large numbers killed by exposure to the Sun	1
1(b)(iii)	can assess risk **or** make your own decision	answers should be in terms of assessing your own health risk accept so you limit its use / don't use one do **not** accept so you don't get skin cancer do **not** accept so you don't get sunburn	1
Total			**6**

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 76 · Mark scheme

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Answer 77 · Mark scheme

Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)	alpha particles **cannot** pass through... **or** alpha particles can pass through a very thin sheet of **paper / card**	do **not** accept gamma particles . . . credit answers where correct amendments are made to boxed statement	1
4(b)(i)	horizontal and vertical line drawn at correct positions on the graph	accept a cross drawn at 4500 / 500 on the curve **or** two pairs of lines drawn, for example, at 600 and 300 accept a horizontal line drawn at 500 on its own do **not** accept vertical lines only	1
4(b)(ii)	4500 million years		1
4(b)(iii)	half-life too long no (measurable) change in count rate	do **not** accept simply its half-life is 4500 million years do **not** accept have not got the equipment do **not** accept it's harmful (to children) if neither of the above points scored, accept not enough time to measure it for **1** mark	1 1
Total			**5**

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 77 · Mark scheme

January 2010 | PHY1F | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 78 · Mark scheme

Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)(i)	(visible) light		1
5(a)(ii)	any **one** from: • less / no light pollution • less atmospheric distortion / interference • less / no cloud cover • **image / picture** is clearer	 accept no street lights accept less / thinner atmosphere do **not** accept no atmosphere accept less atmospheric pollution do **not** accept less pollution accept above the clouds do **not** accept gives a clearer view / signal	1
5(b)	on a satellite	accept in orbit / space accept in a high altitude balloon accept above the atmosphere do **not** accept on top of a mountain do **not** accept on a plane ignore any reason given correct or otherwise	1
5(c)	The Universe began from a very small point.		1
Total			**4**

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 78 · Mark scheme

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4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 79 · Mark scheme January 2010 | PHY2F | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question 4

<table>
<tr><th>question</th><th>answers</th><th>extra information</th><th>mark</th></tr>
<tr><td>4(a)(i)</td><td>all correct
<table><tr><td>Number of protons</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Number of electrons</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Number of neutrons</td><td>4</td></tr></table></td><td>accept presented as a tally chart

allow 1 mark for 1 correct</td><td>2</td></tr>
<tr><td>4(a)(ii)</td><td>7

number of protons and neutrons</td><td>reason may score even if 7 not chosen

accept number of particles in the nucleus
accept number of nucleons

do not accept number of electrons and neutrons</td><td>1

1</td></tr>
<tr><td>4(b)</td><td>an ion</td><td></td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>4(c)(i)</td><td>smaller than</td><td></td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>4(c)(ii)</td><td>radon loses an alpha (particle)
or
radon loses an (alpha) particle
or
(mass of) polonium plus an alpha = (mass) radon
or
radon loses 2 protons and 2 neutrons (to become polonium)</td><td>accept radon has less protons and neutrons</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>Total</td><td></td><td></td><td>7</td></tr>
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Answer 79 · Mark scheme January 2010 | PHY2F | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 80 · Mark scheme March 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A**	gamma	**3**
	B	infra red	**4**
	C	radio	**1**
	D	ultraviolet	**2**

Answer 81 · Mark scheme March 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	alpha	**3**
	B	beta	**4**
	C	gamma	**2**
	D	X-rays	**1**

Answer 82 · Mark scheme March 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**A**	50	**3**
	B	100	**4**
	C	400	**2**
	D	800	**1**

	A	**B**	**C**	**D**

Answer 83 · Mark scheme March 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Eight	**3**	**3**	**3**	**2**

Answer 84 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY1AP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	gas-fired	**2**
	B	hydroelectric	**1**
	C	nuclear	**3**
	D	wind farm	**4**

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Answer 85 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question	Key		
One	**A**	gamma rays	**1**
	B	microwaves	**4**
	C	visible light	**3**
	D	X-rays	**2**

Answer 86 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A**	alpha	**3**
	B	beta	**2**
	C	gamma	**1**
	D	X-rays	**4**

Answer 87 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Three	**A**	alpha	**2**
	B	beta	**3**
	C	gamma	**1**
	D	X-rays	**4**

Answer 88 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q6 | Legacy

Six	4	2	2	1

Answer 89 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Nine	4	2	2	2

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Answer 90 · Mark scheme

June 2010 | PHY1F | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)(i)	infra red (rays) **or** radio (waves)	accept IR do **not** accept heat waves do **not** accept TV waves	1
2(a)(ii)	radio (waves)	this answer only	1
2(b)	frequency		1
2(c)(i)	need to know if it is harmful / makes you ill	answer should be in terms of establishing if harmful or not harmful ie trying to clear up any uncertainty do **not** accept answers that assume it is harmful eg Wi-Fi systems will make you ill accept idea that safety issue may worry people accept idea that (more) research may reassure people accept idea of finding out (the truth)	1
2(c)(ii)	an opinion		1
Total			**5**

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Answer 90 · Mark scheme

June 2010 | PHY1F | Original Q2 | Legacy

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Answer 91 · Mark scheme

June 2010 | PHY1F | Original Q7 | Legacy

Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	gamma will pass through the body **or** alpha will not pass through the body	it refers to gamma answers must relate to the body accept skin for body	1
	gamma is only slightly ionising **or** alpha is heavily ionising	accept gamma causes less damage to cells / tissue do **not** accept gamma causes no damage to cells less harmful is insufficient	1
7(b)(i)	(both graphs show an initial) increase in count-rate	accept both show an increase	1
7(b)(ii)	only the right kidney is working correctly		1
	any **two** from: • count-rate / level / line for right kidney decreases (rapidly) • count-rate / level / line for <u>left</u> kidney does not change • radiation is being passed out / into urine - if referring to right kidney • radiation is not being passed out - if referring to the left kidney	if incorrect box chosen maximum of **1** mark can be awarded reference to named kidney can be inferred from the tick box it decreases is insufficient it does not change is insufficient	2

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Question 7 continued . . .

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(c)(i)	time taken for number of nuclei to halve **or** time taken for the count-rate to halve		1
7(c)(ii)	short half-life - the level of radiation (in the body) decreases rapidly	it refers to short life isotope	1
	to a safe / very small level **or** a long half-life - the radiation remains in the body / for a long time		1
	level of radiation remains high	answers in terms of damage eg cancer are insufficient	
Total			**9**

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Answer 92 · Mark scheme November 2010 | PHY1AP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	coal-fired	**4**
	B	hydroelectric	**3**
	C	nuclear	**2**
	D	tidal barrage	**1**

Answer 93 · Mark scheme November 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	gamma	**1**
	B	infra red	**3**
	C	radio	**4**
	D	ultraviolet	**2**

Answer 94 · Mark scheme November 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q6 | Legacy

Six	**2**	**4**	**3**	**4**

Answer 95 · Mark scheme November 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Eight	**1**	**3**	**3**	**1**

Answer 96 · Mark scheme November 2010 | PHY1BP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Nine	**2**	**1**	**3**	**3**

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Answer 97 · Mark scheme

January 2011 | PHY1F | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)	**1** mark for each correct line **List A** Type of nuclear radiation Alpha Beta Gamma **List B** Property of radiation Has the same mass as an electron Very strongly ionising Passes through 10 cm of aluminium Deflected by a magnetic field but not deflected by an electric field	if more than 1 line is drawn from any box in List **A**, none of those lines gain any credit	3
3(b)(i)	(the detector) reading had gone down	'it' equals detector reading accept the reading in the table is the smallest accept 101 is (much) lower than other readings / a specific value eg 150 do **not** accept this answer if it indicates the readings are the thickness	1
	more beta (particles / radiation) is being absorbed / stopped	accept radiation for beta particles / radiation accept fewer particles being detected	1
3(b)(ii)	six years		1

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Question 3 continued . . .

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(b)(iii)	alpha would not penetrate the cardboard	accept the basic property- alpha (particles) cannot pass through paper / card accept alpha (particles) are less penetrating (than beta) range in air is neutral	1
Total			**7**

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Answer 97 · Mark scheme January 2011 | PHY1F | Original Q3 | Legacy

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Answer 98 · Mark scheme

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1	**three** lines correct **List A**: fusion; chain reaction; alpha decay **List B**: in a star; in a nuclear reactor; in a smoke precipitator; in the nucleus of an atom	allow **1** mark for each correct line if more than 1 line is drawn from a box in **List A**, mark each line incorrect	3
Total			**3**

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Answer 98 · Mark scheme January 2011 | PHY2F | Original Q1 | Legacy

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Answer 99 · Mark scheme March 2011 | PHY1AP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	coal-fired	**1**
	B	geothermal	**3**
	C	nuclear	**2**
	D	wind farm	**4**

Answer 100 · Mark scheme March 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Three	**A**	bacteria	**3**
	B	cells	**2**
	C	isotopes	**1**
	D	particles	**4**

Answer 101 · Mark scheme March 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	gamma rays	**1**
	B	infra red rays	**3**
	C	radio waves	**4**
	D	ultraviolet rays	**2**

Answer 102 · Mark scheme March 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q7 | Legacy

Seven	**1**	**4**	**1**	**2**

Answer 103 · Mark scheme March 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Nine	**4**	**1**	**2**	**2**

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Answer 103 · Mark scheme

March 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q9 | Legacy

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Objective Test Answer Key

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Question	Key		
One	**A**	a belief that science cannot disprove	**1**
	B	a conclusion based on observations of red-shift	**3**
	C	a theory supported by scientific evidence but not direct observations	**4**
	D	a theory that science has disproved	**2**
Two	**A**	Isotope **A**	**4**
	B	Isotope **B**	**1**
	C	Isotope **C**	**3**
	D	Isotope **D**	**2**

	A	**B**	**C**	**D**
Three	**1**	**3**	**2**	**1**
Four	**4**	**1**	**2**	**2**
Five	**4**	**3**	**4**	**3**
Six	**2**	**3**	**2**	**4**
Seven	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**
Eight	**3**	**2**	**4**	**2**
Nine	**2**	**3**	**4**	**3**

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Answer 104 · Mark scheme June 2011 | PHY1AP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**A**	10%		**2**
	B	20%		**3**
	C	40%		**4**
	D	50%		**1**
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**

Answer 105 · Mark scheme June 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A**	alpha	**4**
	B	beta	**1**
	C	gamma	**2**
	D	X-rays	**3**

Answer 106 · Mark scheme June 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Three	**A**	leaving the room to switch on the equipment	**2**
	B	looking through blackened glass	**1**
	C	wearing thick, insulating gloves	**3**
	D	using remotely controlled equipment	**4**

Answer 107 · Mark scheme June 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Eight	**3**	**1**	**2**	**4**

Answer 108 · Mark scheme June 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Nine	**2**	**3**	**4**	**1**

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Answer 109 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | PHY1F | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)(i)	**L**		1
1(a)(ii)	**M**		1
1(b)	To make a smoke detector work.		1
1(c)	40	no tolerance	1
Total			**4**

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Answer 109 · Mark scheme June 2011 | PHY1F | Original Q1 | Legacy

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Answer 110 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | PHY1F | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)	any **two** from: • light pollution • cloud cover • atmospheric pollution • telescope not powerful enough • distant stars are not bright enough	accept street lights the weather is insufficient do **not** accept very general statements eg ‘the weather’ or ‘the atmosphere’ accept a description of atmospheric pollution accept sensible comment regarding zoom of telescope accept lens is not strong enough accept diameter of lens is too small do **not** accept lens is not big enough	2
4(b)	any **one** from: • difficult / expensive / to maintain / repair • expensive to put into space	accept have to go into space to fix it ignore answers in terms of collision with other objects in space	1

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Question 4 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(c)(i)	The atmosphere absorbs gamma rays.		1
4(c)(ii)	support the theories that predict WIMPs exist		1
Total			**5**

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Answer 110 · Mark scheme June 2011 | PHY1F | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 111 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | PHY1F | Original Q8 | Legacy

Question 8

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(a)(i)	decommissioning		1
8(a)(ii)	level of radiation **or** radiation dose (to workers) decreased	accept the isotope / cobalt(-60) has decayed (a lot) accept the isotope / cobalt(-60) has decayed in 2 half lives accept exposed to less radiation do **not** accept no radiation left	1
	less hazardous / dangerous (to workers health)	accept safer do **not** accept there is no hazard accept allows reactor to cool (down) an answer of radiation levels decrease by 75 % or drops to 25 % gains **2** marks	1
8(b)(i)	more in favour **or** fewer against	quoting figures alone is insufficient do **not** accept it increases ignore any reasons given	1

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Question 8 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(b)(ii)	any **one** from: • sample too small • do not know how many (people) were asked • different people asked (in different years) • sample not representative (of population) • people did not understand the questions • do not know who carried out the surveys • do not know if surveys asked same questions	do **not** accept they are biased unless acceptable reason for bias given	1

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Question 8 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(b)(iii)	any **one** from: • no / less pollutant gases produced • reliable source (of energy / electricity) • running out of fossil fuels • conserve fossil fuels • meet increasing demand • less reliance on imported fossil fuels / electricity • concentrated energy source(s) • lower transportation costs for fuel • to replace old <u>nuclear</u> power stations	accept a named gas accept does not contribute to global warming accept a named fossil fuel accept fossil fuels won't have to be used accept named fossil fuel ignore references to efficiency / job creation / local economy / selling electricity	1
8(c)	economic issues		1
Total			**7**

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Answer 112 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | PHY2F | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1	**1** mark for each correct line X-rays → Are used to show broken bones. Cosmic rays → The radiation comes from outer space. Radon gas → Comes from soil containing a radioactive isotope of potassium Gives about 50 % of all background radiation	If more than 1 line has been drawn from a box in **List A** then all those lines are marked incorrect.	3
Total			**3**

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Answer 112 · Mark scheme June 2011 | PHY2F | Original Q1 | Legacy

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Answer 113 · Mark scheme November 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question	Key		
One	**A**	gamma rays	**1**
	B	infra red rays	**3**
	C	radio waves	**4**
	D	visible light	**2**

Answer 114 · Mark scheme November 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A**	alpha particle	**4**
	B	beta particle	**2**
	C	gamma ray	**1**
	D	X-rays	**3**

Answer 115 · Mark scheme November 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**A**	conclusion	**2**
	B	control variable	**4**
	C	independent variable	**3**
	D	prediction	**1**

Answer 116 · Mark scheme November 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**A**	gamma rays	**1**	
	B	infra red rays	**3**	
	C	radio waves	**2**	
	D	ultraviolet rays	**4**	
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**

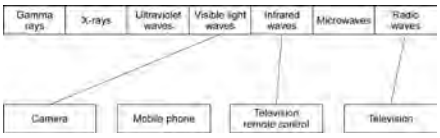
Answer 117 · Mark scheme November 2011 | PHY1BP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Nine	**3**	**4**	**4**	**3**

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Answer 118 · Mark scheme June 2012 | PH1FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	3 lines drawn linking: camera to visible light television to radio waves remote control to infrared 	if more than one line is drawn from any device all those lines are incorrect	1 1 1
2(b)	300 000 km/s **or** 300 000 000 m/s	unit required accept the same (as light) accept the speed of light	1
2(c)	a longer wavelength than		1
2(d)(i)	refraction	do **not** allow a misspelling that might be reflection	1
2(d)(ii)	travelling along the normal	accept light is at 90° to the surface / block light is not entering at an angle is insufficient	1
Total			**7**

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Answer 118 · Mark scheme

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Answer 119 · Mark scheme

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)(i)	protostar red giant black dwarf	correct order only	1 1 1
1(a)(ii)	Alpha Centauri A stars (about) same size as Sun form white/black dwarfs **or** very large stars form red super giants / supernova/black hole	accept any correct indication, eg alpha, centauri, A reason only scores if Alpha Centauri A is chosen it is the same size as the Sun is insufficient same life cycle as the Sun is insufficient	1 1
1(b)	Atomic nuclei inside the star join together.		1
Total			**6**

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Answer 119 · Mark scheme

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Answer 120 · Mark scheme

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	cosmic rays radon gas		1 1
2(b)(i)	Radioactive decay is a random process		1
2(b)(ii)	19		1
2(b)(iii)	140	accept 159 – their (b)(i) correctly calculated	1
2(b)(iv)	gamma the count stayed the same **or** gamma does not have a charge (so) gamma is not deflected / affected by the magnetic field	 accept gamma is an electromagnetic wave accept magnet for magnetic field do **not** accept is not attracted to the magnet last two marks may be scored for an answer in terms of why it cannot be alpha or beta only answer simply in terms of general properties of gamma are insufficient	1 1 1

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Question 2 continued . . .

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(c)	lead absorbs (some of the) radiation **or** less radiation emitted into the (storage) room	accept radiation cannot pass through (the lead)	1
2(d)	Should radioactive waste be dumped in the oceans		1
Total			**10**

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Answer 120 · Mark scheme

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Answer 121 · Mark scheme June 2013 | PH1FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)(i)	(visible) light	accept visible	1
2(a)(ii)	microwaves		1
2(b)	J		1
2(c)(i)	B		1
2(c)(ii)	shorter than		1
2(d)(i)	To find out if using a mobile phone is harmful to health		1
2(d)(ii)	any **two** from: • (X has a) low(er) SAR value • (maximum) energy absorbed (by the head) is less • (if mobiles are harmful) less likely to cause harm	"it" refers to mobile phone accept has a low(er) rate accept energy emitted (by phone) is less accept radiation for energy accept will not cause harm accept it is safer	2
Total			**8**

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Answer 121 · Mark scheme

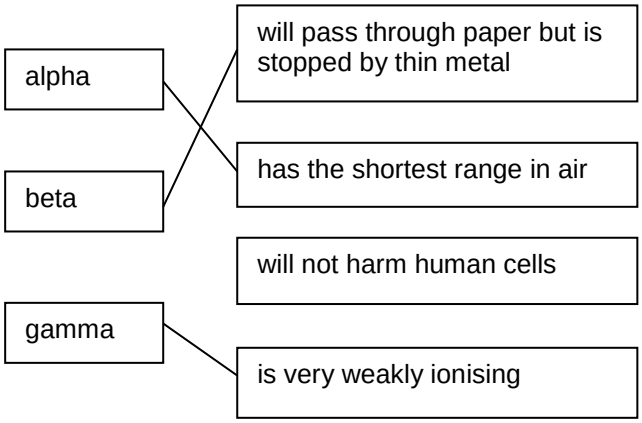
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Answer 122 · Mark scheme

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)	3 lines correct  	allow **1** mark for each correct line if more than one line is drawn from any type of radiation box then all of those lines are wrong	3
1(b)	Gamma radiation will pass through the body		1
1(c)	half		1
1(d)	protons		1
Total			**6**

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Answer 122 · Mark scheme June 2013 | PH2FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

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Answer 123 · Mark scheme June 2014 | PH2FP | Original Q5 | Legacy

5(a)(i)	neutron		1	AO1 2.5.1a, b
5(a)(ii)	neutron proton	both required, either order	1	AO1 2.5.1b
5(a)(iii)	2 number of <u>protons</u>	 do not accept number of electrons	1 1	AO1 2.5.1e
5(b)(i)	any **one** from: • beta • gamma	accept correct symbols accept positron / neutrino / neutron cosmic rays is insufficient	1	AO1 2.5.2
5(b)(ii)	electrons		1	AO1 2.5.2c
5(b)(iii)	are highly ionising		1	AO1 2.5.2e
5(c)(i)	mutate / destroy / kill / damage / change / ionise	Harm is insufficient	1	AO3 2.5
5(c)(ii)	much smaller than		1	AO3 2.5

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Answer 123 · Mark scheme

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Total			9	
Question	**Answers**	**Extra information**	**Mark**	**AO spec ref**

Answer 124 · Mark scheme

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Answer 125 · Mark scheme

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Answer 126 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | PH2FP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
9(a)	2 protons and 2 neutrons	accept 2p and 2 n accept (the same as a) helium nucleus symbol is insufficient do not accept 2 protons and neutrons	1	AO1 2.5.2c
9(b)(i)	gamma rays		1	AO1 2.5.2e
9(b)(ii)	loses/gains (one or more) electron(s)		1	AO1 2.5.1d
9(c)	any **one** from: • wear protective clothing • work behind lead/concrete/glass shielding • limit time of exposure • use remote handling	accept wear mask/gloves wear goggles is insufficient wear protective equipment/gear is insufficient accept wear a film badge accept handle with (long) tongs accept maintain a safe distance accept avoid direct contact	1	AO2 2.5

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 126 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | PH2FP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
9(d)	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	AO1 2.5.2e 2.5.2f

0 marks	Level 1 (1-2 marks)	Level 2 (3-4 marks)	Level 3 (5-6 marks)
No relevant information	There is a description of at least one type of radiation in terms of one or more properties.	There is a description of at least two types of radiation in terms of some properties **or** a full description of one type of radiation in terms of all three properties **or** the same property is described for all three radiations	There is a description of all three types of radiation in terms of at least two of their properties **or** a full description of two types of radiation in terms of all three properties.

examples of physics points made in the response	extra information
alpha particles • are least penetrating • are stopped by paper / card • have the shortest range • can travel (about) 5cm in air • are (slightly) deflected by a magnetic field • alpha particles are deflected in the opposite direction to beta particles by a magnetic field	
beta particles • (some are) stopped by (about) 2mm (or more) of aluminium/metal • can travel (about) 1 metre in air • are deflected by a magnetic field • beta particles are deflected in the opposite direction to alpha particles by a magnetic field	accept (some are) stopped by aluminium foil
gamma rays • are the most penetrating • are stopped by (about) 10cm of lead • have the longest range • can travel at least 1 km in air • are not deflected by a magnetic field	

Total			10

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 127 · Mark scheme

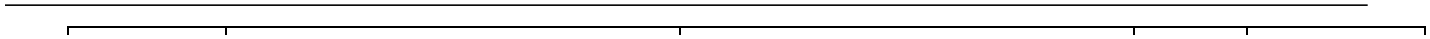
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
3(a)(i)	wavelength = N		1	AO1 1.5.1i
3(a)(ii)	amplitude = L		1	AO1 1.5.1i
3(b)	B		1	AO1 1.5.1e
3(c)(i)	equal to	accept the same as	1	AO1 1.5.2b
3(c)(ii)	the laser light is absorbed (by burglar's clothing) **or** the laser light is reflected (in a different direction)		1	AO2 1.5.1g
Total			**5**	

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 127 · Mark scheme

June 2017 | PH1FP | Original Q3 | Legacy



4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 128 · Mark scheme June 2017 | PH2FP | Original Q7 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
7(a)(i)	15 (%)	accept an answer of 0.15 for both marks allow **1** mark for (total radiation dose =) 2 (.00)	2	AO2 2.5.2b
7(a)(ii)	any one from: • living at altitude • pilot or aircrew • mountaineer • (very frequent) flyer	accept any answer that involves living or working at a height above sea level spending more time outdoors is insufficient ignore references to ozone layer	1	AO2 2.5
7(a)(iii)	any one from: • nuclear power (stations) • nuclear weapons (testing) • nuclear accidents • X rays or CT scan	accept nuclear/radioactive waste accept nuclear bombs/fallout accept named accident eg Chernobyl or Fukushima accept radiotherapy or medical treatments involving radioactive sources nuclear activity/radiation is insufficient smoke detectors is insufficient industrial tracers is insufficient	1	AO1 2.5.2b
7(b)	(radioactive decay) is a random process	accept an answer in terms of background/radiation varies (from one point in time to another) readings taken in different locations is insufficient	1	AO1 2.5.2a

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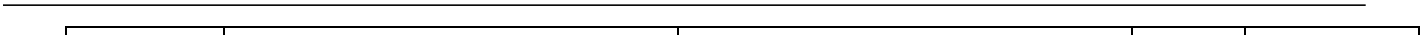
Answer 128 · Mark scheme June 2017 | PH2FP | Original Q7 | Legacy

7(c)(i)	**ROUTE A** as thickness increases the count (in one minute) decreases **or** the count (in one minute) falls to background (because) beta radiation is absorbed by the aluminium **ROUTE B** it cannot be alpha because that would be stopped by aluminium (1) it cannot be gamma as that would not be reduced by aluminium (1)	Award highest score from **either** Route A or Route B accept count rate or reading for count (in one minute) accept (because) beta is stopped by aluminium	1 1	AO3 2.5.2e
7(c)(ii)	replace the aluminium with paper/card or remove the aluminium and increase the distance (between source and GM tube) will decrease the count (in one minute)	do not accept thin gold foil for paper second mark point is dependent on scoring the first mark point accept count rate or reading for counts (in one minute)	1 1	AO3 2.5.2e
Total			**9**	

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Answer 128 · Mark scheme

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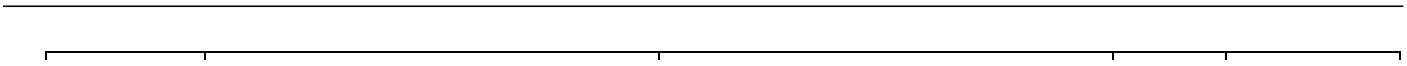
Answer 129 · Mark scheme June 2018 | 8463/1F | Original Q6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	nucleus neutron gamma rays	in this order only	1 1 1	AO1 4.4.4.1
06.2	$\frac{25\,000\,000}{2\,400\,000}$ 11	an answer of 11 scores **2** marks an answer of 10.4 with no working scores **1** mark	1 1	AO2 4.1.3
06.3	any **two** from: • waste is radioactive • waste has a long half-life • waste is toxic • waste needs to be buried • risk of catastrophic accidents • fuel is non-renewable	allow nuclear waste allow waste remains dangerous for a long time allow waste is difficult to dispose of allow named accident eg Fukushima, Chernobyl, Three Mile Island	2	AO1 4.1.3
06.4	**similarity:** (carbon dioxide concentration and global temperature have) both increased **difference:** the carbon dioxide (concentration) continues to increase whereas temperature (increase) levels off	allow they both show a positive correlation allow carbon dioxide (concentration) increases more quickly than temperature (increase)	1 1	AO3 4.1.3
Total			**9**	

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 129 · Mark scheme

June 2018 | 8463/1F | Original Q6



4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 130 · Mark scheme June 2018 | 8463/1F | Original Q11

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/ Spec. Ref
11.1	count rate = $\frac{819}{60}$ count rate = 13.65 corrected count rate = 13.35 (per second)	an answer of 13.35 (per second) scores **3** marks an answer of 13.95 (per second) scores **2** marks an answer of 801 (per second) scores **2** marks allow an answer of background = 0.30 × 60 = 18 (per minute) corrected count rate = 819 – 18 corrected count rate = 801 per minute	1 1 1	AO2 4.4.2.1 4.4.3.1
11.2	activity = 1250 × 180 activity = 225 000 (Bq)	an answer of 225 000 (Bq) scores **2** marks	1 1	AO2 4.4.2.1
11.3	yearly dose = 0.003 × 365 which is << 100 (mSv) **or** (well) below the lowest dose with evidence of causing cancer / harm	allow yearly dose = 1.095 (mSv)	1 1	AO3 4.4.3.1

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 130 · Mark scheme

June 2018 | 8463/1F | Original Q11

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/ Spec. Ref
11.4	people are able to compare a radiation risk / dose / hazard to the radiation dose from (eating) bananas		1	AO3 4.4.3.1
Total			**8**	

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 131 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8463/1F | Original Q2

Question 2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
2.1	$^{210}_{84}Po \rightarrow {}^{206}_{82}X + {}^{4}_{2}He$		1	4.4.2.2 AO1
2.2	Alpha radiation is highly ionising		1	4.4.2.1 AO1
2.3	Change in mass = 460 – 280 Change in mass = 180 (mg)	allow reading between 460 and 465 allow reading between 278 and 282 allow an answer between 178 and 187 inclusive for **2** marks	1 1	4.4.2.3 AO2
2.4	130 (mg)	allow an answer between 126 and 150 (mg) inclusive	1	4.4.2.3 AO3
2.5	an electron a positive	in this order only	1 1	4.4.1.2 AO1
Total			**7**	

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 132 · Mark scheme June 2019 | 8463/1F | Original Q4

Question 4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
4.1	A		1	4.4.1.3 AO1
4.2	C		1	4.4.1.3 AO1
4.3	repels increases increases	in this order only	1 1 1	4.4.1.3 4.2.5.2 AO1
4.4	another scientist repeats the experiment and gets the same results		1	WS3.7 4.4.1.3 AO1
Total			**6**	

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Answer 133 · Mark scheme

November 2020 | 8463/1F | Original Q5

Question 5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	radiotherapy		1	AO1 4.4.3.1
05.2	a neutron energy gamma rays	energy and gamma rays can score in reverse order	1 1 1	AO1 4.4.4.1
05.3	An alpha particle is the same as a helium nucleus.		1	AO1 4.4.2.2
05.4	24 000 (years)	allow an answer between 24 000 and 24 500 (years) inclusive	1	AO2 4.4.2.3
05.5	24 000 (years) **or** their **05.4**		1	AO1 4.4.2.3
05.6	Any **one** from: • irradiation • cancer • genetic damage • mutations to DNA / genes • radiation sickness / poisoning		1	AO3 4.4.3.3
Total			**8**	

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 134 · Mark scheme

November 2021 | 8463/1F | Original Q5

Question 5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	atomic number		1	AO1 4.4.1.2
05.2	number of neutrons		1	AO1 4.4.1.2
05.3	Alpha		1	AO3 4.4.2.2 4.4.2.1
05.4	Beta		1	AO3 4.4.2.2
05.5	decrease increase	this order only	1 1	AO3 AO1 4.4.2.1
05.6	the time it takes for the count rate of a sample to halve		1	AO1 4.4.2.3
05.7	so the activity of the source is approximately constant		1	AO3 4.4.2.3
Total			**8**	

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 135 · Mark scheme

June 2022 | 8463/1F | Original Q4

Question 4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.1	2 protons and 2 neutrons		1	AO1 4.4.2.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.2	an electron		1	AO1 4.4.2.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.3	$^{85}_{36}Kr \longrightarrow {}^{85}_{37}Rb + {}^{0}_{-1}e$		1	AO1 4.4.2.2

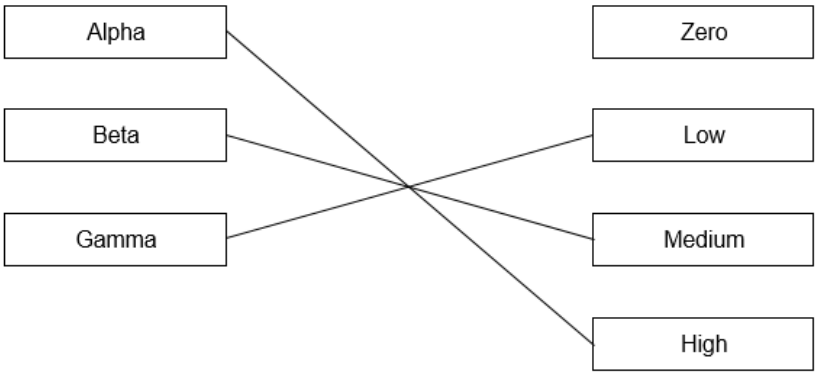
Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.4			3	AO1 4.4.2.1

Type of radiation	Most radiation is stopped by:		
	the sheet of paper	the sheet of aluminium	the block of lead
Alpha	Yes	Yes	Yes
Beta	No	Yes	Yes
Gamma	No	No	Yes

1 mark for each correct row
allow ticks and crosses in place of yes and no
any incorrect answer on a row negates the mark for the row

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Answer 135 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.5	 **1** mark for each correct line if more than one line drawn from radiation type list principle applies		1 1 1	AO1 4.4.2.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.6	nuclear accidents		1	AO1 4.4.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.7	number = $\frac{2.0}{0.005}$ number = 400		1 1	AO2 4.4.3.1

Total Question 4		**12**

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Answer 136 · Mark scheme

June 2022 | 8463/2F | Original Q5

Question 5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	ultraviolet travels at the same speed as visible light		1	AO1 4.6.2.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.2	D C	this order only	1 1	AO1 4.6.2.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.3	A 400 – 315 = 85 (nm) B 315 – 280 = 35 (nm) C 280 – 100 = 180 (nm) (ultraviolet) C (UVC)	three calculations correct 2 marks one or two calculations correct 1 mark mark dependent on all three calculations being made	2 1	AO2 4.6.2.1

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Answer 136 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.4	**Level 2:** Relevant points (reasons/causes) are identified, given in detail and logically linked to form a clear account.	3–4	AO3 4.6.2.3
	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: • ozone absorbs all of the UVC • UVC is the most dangerous • ozone absorbs nearly all (95%) of the UVB • UVB has a medium risk • ozone does not absorb any UVA • ozone does not reduce risk from UVA • UVA is the least dangerous • the greater the ionising power the greater the absorption by ozone • the greater the ionising power the greater the risk • UV damages skin cells • can lead to skin cancer • can cause sunburn • UV can damage eyes • leads to problems with eyesight		

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.5	our eyes detect visible light	allow it would be dark all the time allow specific effect ie plants couldn't grow	1	AO1 4.6.2.1

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 136 · Mark scheme

June 2022 | 8463/2F | Original Q5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.6	transmitted absorbed	this order only	1 1	AO1 4.6.2.6

Total Question 5		**13**

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Answer 137 · Mark scheme

June 2023 | 8463/1F | Original Q2

Question 2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	electron		1	AO1 4.4.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.2	radius = 1.7 × 4.2 radius = 7.14 (femtometres)	 allow 7.1 (femtometres)	1 1	AO2 4.4.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.3	an alpha particle and a gold nucleus are both positively charged		1	AO1 4.4.1.1 4.4.2.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.4	a force of repulsion		1	AO1 4.2.5.1 4.2.5.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.5	A		1	AO3 4.2.5.2

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.6	tiny spheres that can't be divided		1	AO1 4.4.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.7	Bohr		1	AO1 4.4.1.3

Total Question 2	**8**

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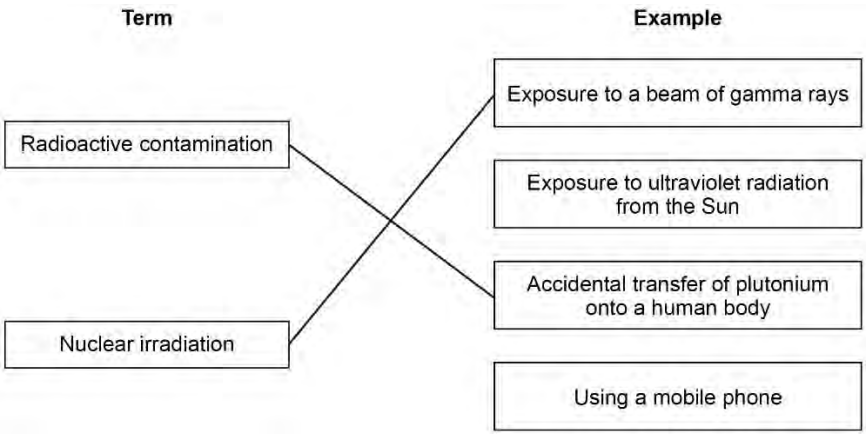
Answer 138 · Mark scheme June 2023 | 8463/1F | Original Q3

Question 3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	protons neutrons	this order only	1 1	AO1 4.4.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.2	the time taken for half the nuclei in a sample to decay		1	AO1 4.4.2.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.3	carbon-18		1	AO3 4.4.2.3

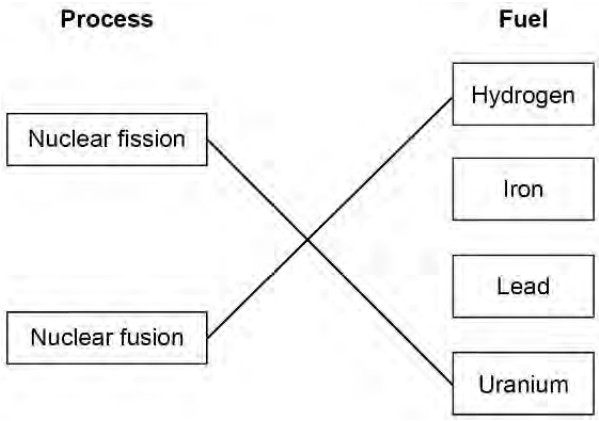
Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.4	 1 mark for each correct line additional line from a box on the left negates the mark for that box	1 1	AO1 4.4.2.4

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Answer 138 · Mark scheme June 2023 | 8463/1F | Original Q3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.5	to remove radioactive dust from their shoes		1	AO3 4.4.2.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.6	number of days = $\frac{0.072}{0.00050}$ number of days = 144		1 1	AO2 4.4.3.1

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.7	 1 mark for each correct line additional line from a box on the left negates the mark for that box	1 1	AO1 4.4.4.1 4.4.4.2

Total Question 3	11

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Answer 139 · Mark scheme

June 2024 | 8463/1F | Original Q6

Question 6

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	2 marks for 4 correct answers 1 mark for 2 or 3 correct answers	2	AO1 4.4.3.1

Source of background radiation	Natural	Man-made
Cosmic rays	✓	
Medical X-rays		✓
Nuclear accidents		✓
Radon gas	✓	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.2	rock **C**		1	AO1 4.4.2.1
	(because) alpha is stopped by (one sheet of) paper **or** (one sheet of) paper significantly decreased the radiation detected	MP2 dependent on scoring MP1 allow alpha is the least penetrating	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.3	rock **A**		1	AO1 4.4.2.1
	(because) beta radiation is stopped by (a thick) aluminium (sheet) **or** the (thick) aluminium (sheet) significantly decreased the radiation detected	MP2 dependent on scoring MP1	1	

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Answer 139 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.4	wearing protective gloves		1	AO3 4.4.2.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.5	the activity is half the original activity		1	AO3 4.4.2.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.6	the greater the activity, the greater the risk of harm		1	AO1 4.4.3.3

Total Question 6	**9**

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Answer 140 · Mark scheme

June 2024 | 8463/1F | Original Q10

Question 10

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.1	nuclei neutrons gamma rays	this order only	1 1 1	AO1 4.4.4.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.2	energy = power × time **or** $E = P \times t$		1	AO1 4.2.4.2 4.1.1.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.3	P = 500 000 000 (W) E = 500 000 000 × 3600 E = 1 800 000 000 000 (J) **or** $E = 1.8 \times 10^{12}$ (J)	 allow a correct substitution of an incorrectly / not converted value of P allow an answer consistent with an incorrectly / not converted value of P	1 1 1	AO2 4.2.4.2 4.1.1.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.4	any **one** from: • bury the radioactive waste • put the radioactive waste in cooling ponds • transport the radioactive waste in secure vessels • store the radioactive waste in metal containers • cover the radioactive waste in concrete	 allow store it for (at least) one half-life ignore references to high / medium / low level waste ignore label the waste as hazardous	1	AO3 4.4.2.4

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Answer 140 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.5	number of days = $\frac{92}{100} \times 365$		1	AO2 4.1.3
	number of days = 335.8	allow answers of 335 and 336 days allow an answer of 29.2 (days) for 1 mark	1	

Total Question 10	**10**

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Answer 141 · Mark scheme

June 2025 | 8463/1F | Original Q3

Question 3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	$^{230}_{92}U \rightarrow {}^{226}_{90}Th + {}^{4}_{2}He$		1	AO1 4.4.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.2	20 (days)		1	AO3 4.4.2.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.3	20 (days)	allow ecf from question **03.2**	1	AO1 4.4.2.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.4	isotope **A** shortest half-life **or** decays quickest **or** graph is steepest (initially) **or** smallest percentage of atoms left (at any time after t = 0)	 MP2 dependent on MP1	1 1	AO3 4.4.2.1 4.4.2.3

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Answer 141 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.5	**A**		1	AO3 4.4.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.6	**D**		1	AO3 4.4.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.7	**B** and **C** same number of protons (and different number of neutrons)	 MP2 dependent on MP1 allow same atomic number ignore electrons	1 1	AO3 AO1 4.4.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.8	plum pudding model		1	AO1 4.4.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.9	the mass of the atom is concentrated in the nucleus		1	AO1 4.4.1.3

Total Question 3	11

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INFORMATION FOR EXAMINERS

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

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

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

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

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

2. Emboldening

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

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

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

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of Quality of Written Communication

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

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

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

3.2 Marking of lists

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

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

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

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1	4,8	0
2	green, 5	0
3	red*, 5	1
4	red*, 8	0

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Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	Pluto, Mars, Moon	1
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- named units;
- physical quantities;
- standard symbols;
- a combination of physical quantities and units.

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

3.8 Phonetic spelling

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

3.9 Brackets

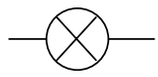
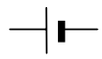
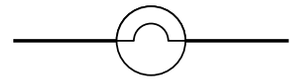
(…..) is used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.10 Unexpected Correct Answers not in the Mark Scheme

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

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3451/F Q1

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

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3451/F Q2

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

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3451/F Q3

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

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3451/F Q4

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

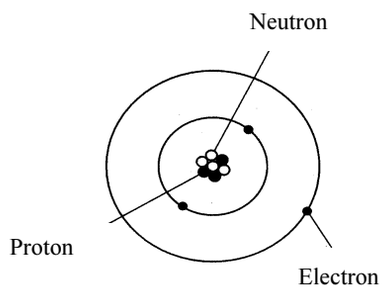
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3451/F Q5

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

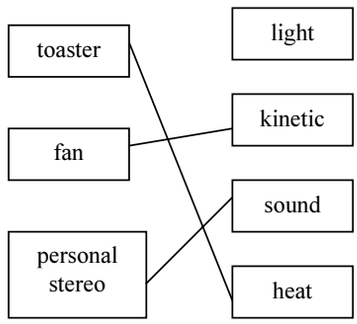
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3451/F Q6

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

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3451/F Q7

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

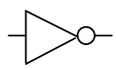
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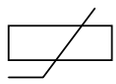
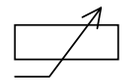
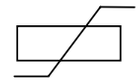
question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	point where the rays cross	do not credit if ambiguous	1
(ii)	converging (lens)	do **not** accept convex	1
(b)(i)	point where the rays appear to diverge from	this should appear to be within 10mm in front of the back of the arrows on the approximate centre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

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3451/F Q9

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

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

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3451/F Q10

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

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3451/F Q11

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

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3451/F Q12

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

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3451/F Q13

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

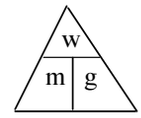
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3451/F Q14

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

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3451/F Q15

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

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3451/F Q16

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

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3451/F Q17

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

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INFORMATION FOR EXAMINERS

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- 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.

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3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of Quality of Written Communication

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

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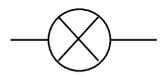
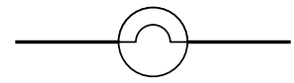
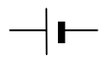
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4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Double Award
Foundation Tier 3462/3F

3462/3F Q1

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

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3462/3F Q2

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

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3462/3F Q3

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

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3462/3F Q4

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

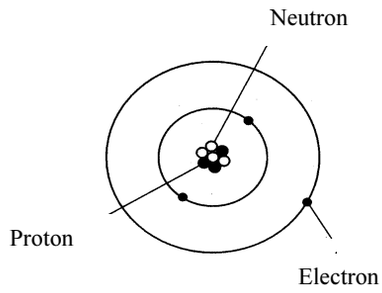
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3462/3F Q5

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

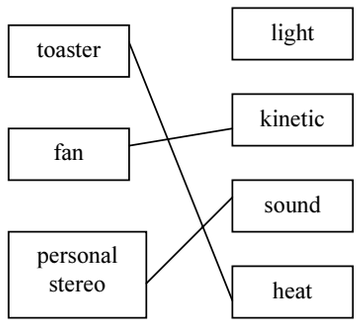
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3462/3F Q6

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

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3462/3F Q7

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

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3462/3F Q8

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

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3462/3F Q9

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

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3462/3F Q10

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

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3462/3F Q11

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

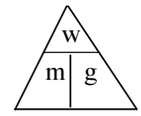
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3462/3F Q12

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

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3462/3F Q13

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

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INFORMATION FOR EXAMINERS

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

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

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

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

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

2. Emboldening

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

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

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

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of Quality of Written Communication

Where *Quality of written communication* appears in the mark scheme, one mark is to be awarded for either of the following points:

- Using correct scientific terms
- Correct sequencing or linking of ideas or points

The mark scheme will specify which of the points is to be awarded in a particular question. A QoWC mark can be awarded for a scientific answer, even if it is not accurate. It cannot be awarded for a nonsensical or non-scientific answer.
On the script, the QoWC tick should be identified by a 'q' written next to it.

3.2 Marking of lists

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.3 Use of chemical symbols/formulae

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

3.4 The marking of quantitative relationships

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

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

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

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

3.5 Marking procedure for calculations

3.5.1 Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, as shown in the column 'answers', without any working shown.
However:

- if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution/working and this is shown in the 'extra information' column;
- if the answer is correct, but an incorrect relationship is written in the working, then no marks can be awarded (see 3.5.2).

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

3.6 Interpretation of 'it'

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

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3.7 Errors carried forward

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3.10 Interpretation of marginal points

There will be times when the answer is almost, but not quite, correct. Some examiners would award a mark while others would not. In any one script, an attempt should be made to balance these nearly correct answers by giving the mark on some occasions but not on others. If this is not done, the marking would end up being too lenient or too harsh.

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GCSE Physics
Foundation Tier 3451/F

3451F Q1

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	comet	correct order only	1
	elliptical		1
	Milky Way		1
	Universe		1
(b)(i)	D A C B	allow **2** marks for two letters in the correct place allow **1** mark for one letter in the correct place	3
(ii)	A		1
total			8

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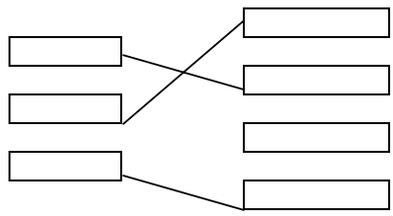
3451F Q2

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	95		1
(b)	alpha	accept correct symbol	1
(c)	any **two** from: • radiation is outside the body • radiation will not reach (living) cells • radiation absorbed by the air	 accept detector is on ceiling or high up the wall accept radiation cannot pass through the body / skin accept cannot pass through the plastic casing do **not** accept because it is alpha radiation – unless qualified do **not** accept does not give off harmful substance do **not** accept cannot pass through building materials etc.	2
(d)	less (than)		1
total			5

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3451F Q3

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	generator	accept dynamo accept alternator	1
(b)(i)	1400	ignore units	1
(ii)	0.3 or 30%	any incorrect unit penalise **1** mark allow **1** mark for the correct use of 600 **or** 0.3% **or** 30	2
(c)	**1** mark for each correct link 	if more than 3 lines are drawn, mark only 3 lines starting with those that are incorrect	3
(d)(i)	110	no tolerance	1
(ii)	12	no tolerance	1
(iii)	wind speed may be too low to operate the generator	accept wind may not always blow accept power depends on wind speed accept does not generate if wind speed is too high accept does not generate if wind speed is above 12 (m/s) accept does not generate if wind speed is below 1.6 (m/s) accept it is unreliable do **not** accept answers referring to cost only	1
total			10

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3451F Q4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	B E A D	allow **1** mark for each letter in the correct place, to a maximum of **3** marks	3
(b)	(a spark) may cause the (petrol vapour) to explode / ignite connect tanker to earth with a (conducting) wire / chain **or** earth the tanker	accept petrol for (petrol vapour) accept catch fire for explode accept ground for earth	1 1
(c)	**Quality of written communication** any **two** from: • when current greater than fuse rating / value • fuse (becomes hot and) melts / burns out • circuit is broken	for a logical sequence accept when current too great for appliance do **not** accept 'if there is too much current' do **not** accept voltage or electricity accept fuse blows / breaks accept circuit switched off this cannot score credit on its own	1 2
total			8

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3451F Q5

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	crust		1
(ii)	inner core is <u>solid</u> outer core is liquid	do **not** accept just rock inner core is denser / hotter than outer core gets **2** marks accept one is solid and one is liquid for **1** mark accept they are different densities for **1** mark wrong way round = **0** marks	1 1
(b)	seismograph		1
(c)	difficult to measure (slow) movement (1) of plates (1) dependent mark **or** difficult to measure friction / forces (1) between plates (1) dependent mark		1 1
(d)	geothermal		1
(e)(i)	5000		1
(ii)	2500		1
total			9

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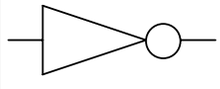
3451F Q6

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	converging image object image object shorter		1 1 1 1 1 1
(b)(i)	(Earth's) gravity	accept centripetal accept minor misspellings, however, do **not** credit any response which could be 'centrifugal'	1
(ii)	to(wards) (the centre of the) Earth	allow inwards do **not** accept downwards	1
(c)(i)	**either** friction (force) **or** centripetal force between the tyres / wheels and (the surface of) the road	 allow grip allow on the tyres / wheels **or** towards the centre of the bend / arc / circle	 1 1
(ii)	mass **or** speed **or** momentum radius / diameter	allow weight allow velocity do **not** credit 'curvature' or 'circumference'	1 1
(d)	centripetal	accept minor misspellings (see above)	1
total			13

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3451F Q7

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	two switches in series **and** circuit complete	ignore small imperfections	1
(ii)	two switches in parallel **and** circuit complete	ignore small imperfections	1
(iii)	one switch in parallel with the cell / lamp (but **not** both)	ignore small imperfections	1
(iv)	(i) AND (ii) OR (iii) NOT	accept 'and' accept 'or' accept 'not'	1 1 1
(b)(i)	when it is light the sensor sends on / high / 1 signal to the gate off / low / 0 sent to the lamp **or** when it is dark the sensor sends off / low / 0 signal to the gate (1) on / high / 1 sent to the lamp (1)		1 1
(ii)	any suitable application	e.g. to switch a security light on (and off) e.g. to switch a light on when it is dark do **not** credit just '… to switch a light on / off'	1
(c)(i)		accept shading-in of either or both parts end connections are not required accept any orientation	1
(ii)	1 0 **or** 0 1 0 1 1 0	all correct	1
(iii)	truth (table)		1
total			12

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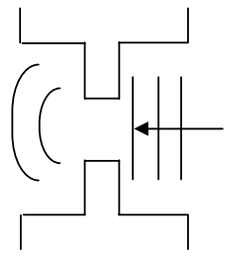
3451F Q8

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	60		1
(b)	$5\frac{1}{2}$ hours	must include unit	1
(c)	30		1
(d)	30 minutes or $\frac{1}{2}$ hour	must include unit	1
(e)	D **and** E least steep part of the graph	accept finish for E accept correct numbers from axes with units accept covers smallest distance in a set time accept only moves 5 km in $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours (accept anything between 5 and 6) ignore horse is tired	1 1
total			6

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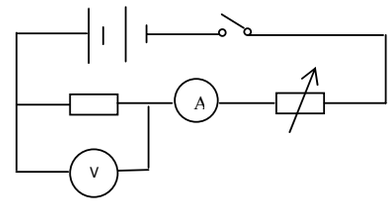
3451F Q9

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	any **one** from:		1
	• (doctors) to see inside a patients body **or** endoscope	accept keyhole surgery	
	• telephone cables	do **not** accept flex **or** wires for cable	
	• optical fibre / fibre optic lamps **or** (artificial) Christmas trees	accept decorative / ornamental lighting accept any feasible practical suggestion for taking light to a difficult to access place do **not** accept lighting unqualified do **not** accept lamp unqualified	
	• data transfer **or** internet connection	do **not** accept communications unless clarified	
(ii)	(incident) ray angle greater than critical angle	either order accept (incident) ray greater than 42°	1
	total internal reflection occurs	accept TIR do **not** accept just description of TIR	1
(b)(i)	waves shown diffracting in the correct direction 	ignore wavelength	1
(ii)	diffraction	accept diffract / diffracted	1
total			5

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3451F Q10

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	all symbols correct	 accept push switch symbol switch may be open or closed any lines through symbols = **0** marks	1
	correct circuit drawn voltmeter must be across resistor only	polarity of cells not relevant provided they are joined correctly two cells are required in the diagram ignore the order of the components allow small gaps in circuit omission of any component = **0** marks	1
(b)(i)	potential difference = current × resistance	accept voltage or p.d. for potential difference accept $V = I \times R$ accept  provided subsequent use correct do **not** accept C for current	1
(ii)	2	 allow **1** mark for correct substitution wrong working loses both marks	2
(iii)	straight line drawn <u>through the origin</u> straight line passes through $I = 0.4, V =$ their (b)(ii) / 2 **and** 0.0	judge by eye this mark may be awarded if all points shown including these points are correct even if no line is drawn N.B. a curve scores **0** marks	1 1 dep
(c)	temperature <u>increases</u>	accept filament lamp / it gets <u>hotter</u> allow heat for temperature	1
total			8

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3451F Q11

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	gamma rays	accept gamma accept correct symbol	1
(ii)	infra red	accept IR	1
(b)	ultraviolet <u>absorbed</u> by ink (energy) given out as light	 accept glows / luminous accept for **both** marks the ink is fluorescent do **not** accept answers in terms of uv being reflected	1 1
(c)	any **two** from: • UV can damage / kill / ionise / alter (normal) cells • change DNA structure **or** mutate • (normal) cells may become cancerous	 do **not** accept attacks cells **or** burns skin accept may cause (skin) cancer accept abnormal cell multiplication	2
(d)(i)	microwaves **and** infra red	both answers needed in either order do **not** accept heat for IR	1
(ii)	0.9	 allow **1** mark for the <u>correct</u> use of 1.8 (kW) ($1.8 \times \frac{1}{2}$ or 1.8×30) i.e. adding the correct 2 power values	2
total			9

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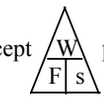
3451F Q12

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	accelerating	accept getting faster accept speed / velocity increasing	1
(ii)	acceleration increases	accept velocity / speed increases more rapidly do **not** accept velocity / speed increases	1
(b)(i)	$\text{acceleration} = \frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time (taken)}}$	accept $a = \frac{v - u}{t}$ **or** $a = \frac{v_1 - v_2}{t}$ do **not** accept velocity for change in velocity do **not** accept change in speed do **not** accept $a = \frac{v}{t}$	1
(ii)	15	allow **1** mark for an answer of 900 **or** for correct use of 540 seconds	2
(iii)	velocity includes direction	accept velocity is a vector (quantity) accept converse answer	1
(c)	force of gravity (between shuttle and Earth) plus correct orbital speed (makes shuttle move in a curve)	accept gravitational pull if used correctly accept forward motion **or** constant speed for orbital speed accept it is travelling fast enough accept for **2** marks the force of gravity provides the centripetal force	1 1
(d)	black is a good emitter of radiation **or** to limit the temperature rise inside the shuttle	accept heat for radiation accept the tiles are good insulation do **not** accept black absorbs heat on its own do **not** accept tiles are heat proof	1
total			9

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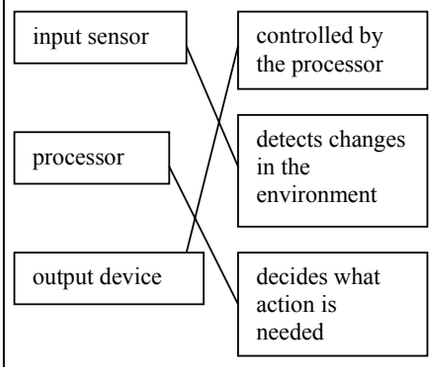
3451F Q13

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	work (done) = force (applied) × distance (moved)	accept W = F × s or W = F × d accept  provided subsequent method is correct	1
(ii)	240 000 joules	allow **1** mark for correct substitution **or** correct use of 1200 (N) accept J do **not** accept j / Nm	2 1
(b)	800 (watts)	accept 0.8 kW accept their (a)(ii) ÷ 300 correctly evaluated for **2** marks allow **1** mark for correct substitution (a)(ii) ÷ 5 correctly evaluated for **1** mark	2
(c)(i)	any **one** from: • needs to raise the chair / lift • lifting more than one chair • energy transfer to the surroundings correctly qualified	 allow lifting more than 2 people implication of a heavier weight accept loss for transfer do **not** accept motor inefficient do **not** accept motor gets hot do **not** accept friction unless the location is specified as external to the motor	1
(ii)	electrical potential	accept electric **both** answers required for the mark	1
total			8

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3451F Q14

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	current		1
(ii)	resistance decreases	 accept 'the flow of electrons / current (through it) increases' for **1** mark do **not** credit just '… it will get warmer'	1 1
(b)		all pairs correct one pair correct for **1** mark	2
(c)(i)	potential divider	accept voltage divider	1
(ii)	4 (volts)	$6 \times \frac{30}{45}$ for **1** mark	2
(iii)	across the new resistor…(will) increase across R_2 … (will) decrease	 N.B. independent marks	1 1
total			10

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3451F Q15

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	relay (normally open) (switch)	each mark is independent	1
	… switch on a (larger) current (in another circuit) **or** switch on a higher voltage circuit	do **not** accept switch on another circuit **or** smaller / equal current	1
	light emitting diode / LED	do **not** credit LDR	1
	… in one / direct / certain direction **or** from left to right	**or** when the cathode is connected to the negative terminal / side **or** when the left-hand side is connected to the positive terminal / side do **not** credit just '… is big enough' do **not** accept 'positive direction'	1
	AND gate	accept 'and' gate do **not** accept numerical values unless expanded	1
	… (both) inputs are on / high / 1 **or** current flows in both inputs		1
(b)	**Quality of written communication**	If in a sensible order which clearly indicates advantages or disadvantages, including answers in the form of a table **or** as bullet points Q ✓ Q X	1
	any **three** from: • advantage of mobile phones • drawback of mobile phones • benefit of the Internet • drawback of the Internet	e.g. more convenient for service engineers e.g. calls can be received away from base e.g. privacy can be more easily invaded e.g. drivers can be distracted e.g. microwaves / radio waves can / may cause damage to the brain e.g. access to educational material e.g. some material is salacious e.g. spam (on external e-mail) these are examples candidates may be credited for a variety of responses	3
total			10

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3451F Q16

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	**Y** and **Z**		1
	they have the same number of protons **or** same atomic number	accept they have the same number of electrons **or** same number of protons **and** electrons allow only different in number of neutrons N.B. independent marks	1
(b)	**Quality of written communication**	for correct use of terms underlined in B **or** C Q ✓ Q X	1
	A – alpha particle passes straight through the empty space of the atom **or** it is a long way from the nucleus B – alpha particle <u>deflected</u> / <u>repelled</u> / <u>repulsed</u> by the (positive) <u>nucleus</u> C – alpha particle heading straight for the <u>nucleus</u> is <u>deflected</u> / <u>repelled</u> / <u>repulsed</u> backwards	describes 3 tracks correctly for **2** marks describes 2 or 1 track correctly for **1** mark do **not** accept hits the nucleus do **not** accept answers referring to refraction do **not** accept answers in terms of reflected backwards unless qualified in terms of repulsion mention of difference in charge on nucleus negates that track	max 2
total			5

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3462/3F

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SCIENCE: DOUBLE AWARD CO-ORDINATED

INFORMATION FOR EXAMINERS

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

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

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

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

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

2. Emboldening

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

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

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

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of Quality of Written Communication

Where *Quality of written communication* appears in the mark scheme, one mark is to be awarded for either of the following points:

- Using correct scientific terms
- Correct sequencing or linking of ideas or points

The mark scheme will specify which of the points is to be awarded in a particular question. A QoWC mark can be awarded for a scientific answer, even if it is not accurate. It cannot be awarded for a nonsensical or non-scientific answer.
On the script, the QoWC tick should be identified by a 'q' written next to it.

3.2 Marking of lists

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.3 Use of chemical symbols/formulae

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

3.4 The marking of quantitative relationships

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

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

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

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

3.5 Marking procedure for calculations

3.5.1 Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, as shown in the column 'answers', without any working shown.
However:

- if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution/working and this is shown in the 'extra information' column;
- if the answer is correct, but an incorrect relationship is written in the working, then no marks can be awarded (see 3.5.2).

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

3.6 Interpretation of 'it'

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

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3.7 Errors carried forward

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

Examples

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

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

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

3.8 Phonetic spelling

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

3.9 Brackets

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

3.10 Interpretation of marginal points

There will be times when the answer is almost, but not quite, correct. Some examiners would award a mark while others would not. In any one script, an attempt should be made to balance these nearly correct answers by giving the mark on some occasions but not on others. If this is not done, the marking would end up being too lenient or too harsh.

3.11 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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Foundation Tier 3462/3F

3462/3F Q1

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	comet	correct order only	1
	elliptical		1
	Milky Way		1
	Universe		1
(b)(i)	D A C B	allow **2** marks for two letters in the correct place allow **1** mark for one letter in the correct place	3
(ii)	A		1
total			8

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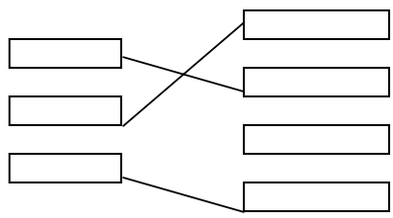
3462/3F Q2

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	95		1
(b)	alpha	accept correct symbol	1
(c)	any **two** from: • radiation is outside the body • radiation will not reach (living) cells • radiation absorbed by the air	 accept detector is on ceiling or high up the wall accept radiation cannot pass through the body / skin accept cannot pass through the plastic casing do **not** accept because it is alpha radiation – unless qualified do **not** accept does not give off harmful substance do **not** accept cannot pass through building materials etc.	2
(d)	less (than)		1
total			5

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3462/3F Q3

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	generator	accept dynamo accept alternator	1
(b)(i)	1400	ignore units	1
(ii)	0.3 or 30%	any incorrect unit penalise **1** mark allow **1** mark for the correct use of 600 **or** 0.3% **or** 30	2
(c)	**1** mark for each correct link 	if more than 3 lines are drawn, mark only 3 lines starting with those that are incorrect	3
(d)(i)	110	no tolerance	1
(ii)	12	no tolerance	1
(iii)	wind speed may be too low to operate the generator	accept wind may not always blow accept power depends on wind speed accept does not generate if wind speed is too high accept does not generate if wind speed is above 12 (m/s) accept does not generate if wind speed is below 1.6 (m/s) accept it is unreliable do **not** accept answers referring to cost only	1
total			10

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3462/3F Q4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	B E A D	allow **1** mark for each letter in the correct place, to a maximum of **3** marks	3
(b)	(a spark) may cause the (petrol vapour) to explode / ignite	accept petrol for (petrol vapour) accept catch fire for explode	1
	connect tanker to earth with a (conducting) wire / chain **or** earth the tanker	accept ground for earth	1
(c)	**Quality of written communication**	for a logical sequence	1
	any **two** from:		2
	• when current greater than fuse rating / value	accept when current too great for appliance do **not** accept 'if there is too much current' do **not** accept voltage or electricity	
	• fuse (becomes hot and) melts / burns out	accept fuse blows / breaks	
	• circuit is broken	accept circuit switched off this cannot score credit on its own	
total			8

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question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	crust		1
(ii)	inner core is <u>solid</u> outer core is liquid	do **not** accept just rock inner core is denser / hotter than outer core gets **2** marks accept one is solid and one is liquid for **1** mark accept they are different densities for **1** mark wrong way round = **0** marks	1 1
(b)	seismograph		1
(c)	difficult to measure (slow) movement (1) of plates (1) dependent mark **or** difficult to measure friction / forces (1) between plates (1) dependent mark		1 1
(d)	geothermal		1
(e)(i)	5000		1
(ii)	2500		1
total			9

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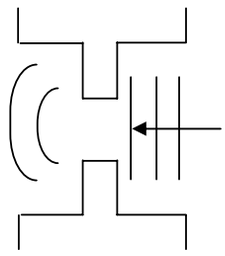
3462/3F Q6

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	60		1
(b)	$5\frac{1}{2}$ hours	must include unit	1
(c)	30		1
(d)	30 minutes or $\frac{1}{2}$ hour	must include unit	1
(e)	D **and** E least steep part of the graph	accept finish for E accept correct numbers from axes with units accept covers smallest distance in a set time accept only moves 5 km in $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours (accept anything between 5 and 6) ignore horse is tired	1 1
total			6

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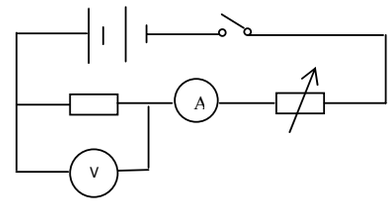
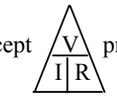
3462/3F Q7

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	any **one** from: • (doctors) to see inside a patients body **or** endoscope • telephone cables • optical fibre / fibre optic lamps **or** (artificial) Christmas trees • data transfer **or** internet connection	 accept keyhole surgery do **not** accept flex **or** wires for cable accept decorative / ornamental lighting accept any feasible practical suggestion for taking light to a difficult to access place do **not** accept lighting unqualified do **not** accept lamp unqualified do **not** accept communications unless clarified	1
(ii)	(incident) ray angle greater than critical angle total internal reflection occurs	either order accept (incident) ray greater than 42° accept TIR do **not** accept just description of TIR	1 1
(b)(i)	waves shown diffracting in the correct direction 	ignore wavelength	1
(ii)	diffraction	accept diffract / diffracted	1
total			5

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question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	all symbols correct	 accept push switch symbol switch may be open or closed any lines through symbols = **0** marks	1
	correct circuit drawn voltmeter must be across resistor only	polarity of cells not relevant provided they are joined correctly two cells are required in the diagram ignore the order of the components allow small gaps in circuit omission of any component = **0** marks	1
(b)(i)	potential difference = current × resistance	accept voltage or p.d. for potential difference accept $V = I \times R$ accept  provided subsequent use correct do **not** accept C for current	1
(ii)	2	allow **1** mark for correct substitution wrong working loses both marks	2
(iii)	straight line drawn <u>through the origin</u> straight line passes through $I = 0.4, V =$ their (b)(ii) / 2 **and** 0.0	judge by eye this mark may be awarded if all points shown including these points are correct even if no line is drawn N.B. a curve scores **0** marks	1 1 dep
(c)	temperature <u>increases</u>	accept filament lamp / it gets <u>hotter</u> allow heat for temperature	1
total			8

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4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3462/3F Q9

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	gamma rays	accept gamma accept correct symbol	1
(ii)	infra red	accept IR	1
(b)	ultraviolet <u>absorbed</u> by ink (energy) given out as light	 accept glows / luminous accept for **both** marks the ink is fluorescent do **not** accept answers in terms of uv being reflected	1 1
(c)	any **two** from: • UV can damage / kill / ionise / alter (normal) cells • change DNA structure **or** mutate • (normal) cells may become cancerous	 do **not** accept attacks cells **or** burns skin accept may cause (skin) cancer accept abnormal cell multiplication	2
(d)(i)	microwaves **and** infra red	both answers needed in either order do **not** accept heat for IR	1
(ii)	0.9	 allow **1** mark for the <u>correct</u> use of 1.8 (kW) $(1.8 \times \frac{1}{2}$ or $1.8 \times 30)$ i.e. adding the correct 2 power values	2
total			9

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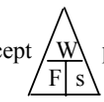
3462/3F Q10

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	accelerating	accept getting faster accept speed / velocity increasing	1
(ii)	acceleration increases	accept velocity / speed increases more rapidly do **not** accept velocity / speed increases	1
(b)(i)	$\text{acceleration} = \frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time (taken)}}$	accept $a = \frac{v - u}{t}$ **or** $a = \frac{v_1 - v_2}{t}$ do **not** accept velocity for change in velocity do **not** accept change in speed do **not** accept $a = \frac{v}{t}$	1
(ii)	15	allow **1** mark for an answer of 900 **or** for correct use of 540 seconds	2
(iii)	velocity includes direction	accept velocity is a vector (quantity) accept converse answer	1
(c)	force of gravity (between shuttle and Earth) plus correct orbital speed (makes shuttle move in a curve)	accept gravitational pull if used correctly accept forward motion **or** constant speed for orbital speed accept it is travelling fast enough accept for **2** marks the force of gravity provides the centripetal force	1 1
(d)	black is a good emitter of radiation **or** to limit the temperature rise inside the shuttle	accept heat for radiation accept the tiles are good insulation do **not** accept black absorbs heat on its own do **not** accept tiles are heat proof	1
total			9

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3462/3F Q11

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	work (done) = force (applied) × distance (moved)	accept W = F × s or W = F × d accept  provided subsequent method is correct	1
(ii)	240 000 joules	allow **1** mark for correct substitution **or** correct use of 1200 (N) accept J do **not** accept j / Nm	2 1
(b)	800 (watts)	accept 0.8 kW accept their (a)(ii) ÷ 300 correctly evaluated for **2** marks allow **1** mark for correct substitution (a)(ii) ÷ 5 correctly evaluated for **1** mark	2
(c)(i)	any **one** from: • needs to raise the chair / lift • lifting more than one chair • energy transfer to the surroundings correctly qualified	 allow lifting more than 2 people implication of a heavier weight accept loss for transfer do **not** accept motor inefficient do **not** accept motor gets hot do **not** accept friction unless the location is specified as external to the motor	1
(ii)	electrical potential	accept electric **both** answers required for the mark	1
total			8

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4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3462/3F Q12

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	**Y** and **Z**		1
	they have the same number of protons **or** same atomic number	accept they have the same number of electrons **or** same number of protons **and** electrons allow only different in number of neutrons N.B. independent marks	1
(b)	**Quality of written communication**	for correct use of terms underlined in B **or** C Q ✓ Q X	1
	A – alpha particle passes straight through the empty space of the atom **or** it is a long way from the nucleus B – alpha particle deflected / repelled / repulsed by the (positive) nucleus C – alpha particle heading straight for the nucleus is deflected / repelled / repulsed backwards	describes 3 tracks correctly for **2** marks describes 2 or 1 track correctly for **1** mark do **not** accept hits the nucleus do **not** accept answers referring to refraction do **not** accept answers in terms of reflected backwards unless qualified in terms of repulsion mention of difference in charge on nucleus negates that track	max 2
total			5

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Physics (Specification B)
Foundation Tier 3451/F

3451/F Q1

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	less than	accept any correct indication	1
(ii)	more than	accept any correct indication	1
(b)	any **two** from: stays above the same place above the equator one orbit takes 24 hours	 do **not** accept stays in the same place do **not** accept goes around equator unless qualified do **not** accept orbit at same speed as Earth do **not** accept orbit at a constant speed accept has same angular speed / velocity as Earth	2
total			4

3451/F Q2

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	comet		1
(b)	large group / number / collection of stars	ignore reference to planets accept millions of stars do **not** accept thousands of stars do **not** accept loads of stars	1
(c)	giant supernova neutron		1 1 1
total			5

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3451/F Q3

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	radio		1
(ii)	gamma	accept microwave accept infrared	1
(iii)	ultra violet		1
(iv)	microwaves		1
(b)	the same as		1
(c)	X-rays do not go through lead	references to gamma rays are incorrect accept lead protects them from the X-rays accept not exposed to X-rays	1
	lead stops / reduces risk of X-rays harming / damaging / killing (persons) <u>cells</u>	accept X-rays (may) cause cancer accept organs for cell do **not** accept references to electric shock do **not** accept stops bones of people showing on X-ray answers involving the horse wearing an apron are incorrect	1
	Quality of written communication	award for a sensible sequence of **two** points	1
total			8

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3451/F Q4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	light electrical		1 1
(b)	15% **or** 0.15	correct substitution gains **1** mark only an answer of 15 with no unit **or** an incorrect unit gains **1** mark an answer of 0.15 given with a unit gains **1** mark	2
(c)	the ticket machine is a long way from other electricity supplies		1
(d)	any figure between 5 and 10 inclusive	unit not required but if given must match numerical answer	1
total			6

3451/F Q5

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	radon (gas)	do **not** accept gas	1
(ii)	background		1
(b)	bigger	accept any word which means bigger	1
(c)	**Z** alpha will not pass through aluminium or lead	if Z is not given, the reason does not score accept alpha cannot go through metals / dense material accept there is nothing to stop the radiation accept alpha will not pass through aluminium do **not** accept alpha will not pass through lead do **not** accept alpha stopped by air	1 1
total			5

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3451/F Q6

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	loses negative charge / electrons	do **not** accept positive charge transfers to the comb do **not** accept friction	1
(b)	**A** attract		1
	B repel		1
	C attract		1
(c)	**F A D E**	allow **2** marks for 2 letters in the correct place allow **1** mark for 1 letter in the correct place	3
total			7

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3451/F Q7

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	all points correctly plotted	tolerance ± $\frac{1}{2}$ square on y axis only allow **1** mark for 3 correctly plotted points	2
	attempt made to draw a smooth curve	do **not** accept dot-to-dot line	1
(b)(i)	3 days ± 0.2 **or** any value correctly obtained using their graph line	if no line drawn in (a), answer must be exactly 3	1
(ii)	3 days or their (b)(i)		1
(c)	radon-222	accept radon **or** 222 accept alpha or 3.8 correct isotope required for reason to score	1
	has the shortest half-life	accept the others have longer half-lives	1
total			7

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3451/F Q8

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	fossils of Cynognathus are found in Africa and South America		1
	the shapes ……. almost fit together	only two boxes should be ticked deduct **1** mark for each additional box to a minimum mark of **0**	1
(b)	continental		1
	crust		1
	tectonic		1
total			5

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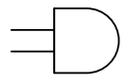
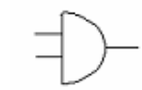
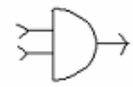
3451/F Q9

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	capacitor	accept condenser	1
	LDR	**or** light dependent resistor accept 'ldr', 'Ldr' etc.	1
	relay (normally open)	do **not** accept 'relay normally closed'	1
(b)(i)	battery	accept '(battery of) cells' do **not** accept 'battery / cell'	1
(ii)	LED	**or** light emitting diode accept 'led' or 'Led' do **not** accept just 'diode'	1
(iii)	B will light (but C will not)	accept '(only) B will work' accept 'one is on the other is off' do **not** accept 'C is on and B is off'	1
(iv)	any **one** from: B is connected the right way round (and C is not) a (light emitting) diode only allows (a significant) current to flow in one direction B's anode is connected to the positive side of the supply B's cathode is connected to the negative terminal	N.B. the candidate's answer to part (b)(iii) may include this mark but do **not** credit if the response to part (b)(iii) is incorrect or there is any other contradiction if (iv) is completely consistent with (iii) which is wrong, allow **1** mark	1
(c)(i)	first input / second input / output 0 / 0 / **0** 1 / 0 / **0** 0 / 1 / **0** 1 / 1 / **1**	**all** correct allow: OFF NO OFF NO OFF NO ON YES	1
(ii)	truth (table)		1

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(iii)		a Roman upper case D in any orientation without contacts is acceptable but if contacts are shown do **not** give the mark if there is any ambiguity or contradiction allow  	1
(d)	light sensor	**or** light dependent resistor **or** LDR accept 'ldr', Ldr' etc allow solar cell, photo cell	1
	NOT gate	accept 'Not gate' **or** 'not gate' if both correct but in the wrong order credit with **1** mark	1
total			12

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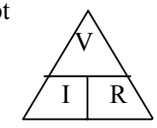
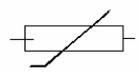
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3451/F Q10

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	rays continued to meet on the right hand side of the lens and beyond	must be straight lines from the right hand side of the lens ignore details through the lens allow if no arrows	1
	meet exactly on the axis	negate mark if contradictory arrow(s) added do not need to go beyond the focus for this mark	1
(ii)	(principal) focus	**or** focal (point)	1
(iii)	converging	**or** convex	1
(b)(i)	**A**		1
(ii)	rays seem to come from this point	**or** words to this effect **or** shows this on the diagram	1
(iii)	diverging	**or** concave	1
(c)	film	accept any unambiguous method of showing the correct response	1
	smaller than		1
	further away from		1
(d)	any **three** from: • real image can be put on a screen • virtual image cannot be put on a screen / film • virtual image is imaginary • real image is formed where (real) rays cross / converge • virtual image is where virtual / imaginary rays (seem to) come from • virtual image formed where virtual rays intersect / cross	allow film allow real image has light travelling through it **or** virtual image is where rays seem to come from	3
total			13

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3451/F Q11

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	$A_1 = 0.5$ $A_4 = 0.5$	ignore any units allow **1** mark for $A_1 = A_4 \neq 0.5$	1 1
(ii)	the resistance of **P** is more than 20 Ω a smaller current goes through P / A_2 (than 20 Ω)	 dependent on getting 1st mark correct accept converse	1 1
(b)(i)	potential difference = current × resistance	accept pd / voltage for potential difference accept V = I × R, correct symbols and correct case only accept volts = amps × ohms accept  provided subsequent method is correct allow combination of physical quantities and named units allow voltage = I × R	1
(ii)	6	allow **1** mark for correct substitution	2
(iii)	6	accept their (b)(ii)	1
(c)	thermistor or  resistance goes down (as temperature of thermistor goes up)	accept correct circuit symbol allow phonetic spelling do **not** accept changes for goes down do **not** accept an answer in terms of current only answers in terms of other components are incorrect	1 1
total			10

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

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3451/F Q12

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	larger the distance, greater the time	accept 'they are proportional' accept converse	1
(ii)	any value between 6 and 9 years inclusive		1
(b)(i)	carbon dioxide		1
(ii)	(Venus) has high**er** temperature (than Mercury)	accept has the high**est** temperature accept Venus is hotter / hottest do **not** accept has a high / very high temperature	1
	(Venus) further from the Sun than Mercury	accept 'Venus is not the closest planet to the Sun' answer in terms of greenhouse effect only, scores **0** marks	1
total			5

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3451/F Q13

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	20		1
(ii)	convection		1
(iii)	fit draughtproof strips	accept lay carpet accept fit curtains accept close doors / windows / curtains accept any reasonable suggestion for reducing a draught 'double glazing' alone is insufficient	1
(b)	air is (a good) insulator **or** air is a poor conductor	accept air cavity / 'it' for air	1
	reducing heat transfer by <u>conduction</u>	accept stops for reduces ignore convection do **not** accept radiation do **not** accept answers in terms of heat being trapped	1
(c)(i)	most cost effective	accept it is cheaper or low<u>est</u> cost accept shortest payback time accept in terms of reducing heat loss by the largest amount do **not** accept it is easier ignore most heat is lost through the roof	1
(ii)	4		1
total			7

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3451/F Q14

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	constant speed	do **not** accept normal speed do **not** accept it is stopped / stationary	1
	in a straight line	accept any appropriate reference to a direction constant velocity gains **2** marks 'not accelerating' gains **2** marks terminal velocity alone gets **1** mark	1
(ii)	goes down owtte	accept motorbike (it) slows down	1
(b)(i)	20 (m/s)	ignore incorrect units	1
(ii)	acceleration = change in velocity / time (taken)	do **not** accept velocity for change in velocity accept change in speed accept $a = \frac{v-u}{t}$ **or** $a = \frac{v_1 - v_2}{t}$ **or** $a = \frac{\Delta v}{t}$ do **not** accept $a = \frac{v}{t}$	1
(iii)	4 **or** their (b)(i) ÷ 5	allow **1** mark for correct substitution	2
	m/s^2	m/s/s **or** ms^{-2} **or** metres per second squared **or** metres per second per second	1
(c)	vehicle may skid / slide	loss of control / brakes lock / wheels lock accept greater stopping distance **or** difficult to stop	1
	due to reduced friction (between tyre(s) and road)	accept due to less grip do **not** accept no friction	1

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3451/F Q14 cont…

(d)	any **three** from: • <u>increased</u> speed • <u>reduced</u> braking force • <u>slower</u> (driver) reactions • <u>poor</u> vehicle maintenance • <u>increased</u> mass / weight of vehicle • <u>poor</u> road surface • <u>more</u> streamlined	do **not** accept night time / poor vision N.B. specific answers may **each** gain credit eg tiredness (1), drinking alcohol (1), using drugs (1), driver distracted (1) etc specific examples may **each** gain credit eg worn brakes or worn tyres etc accept large mass / weight of vehicle if candidates give three answers that affect stopping distance but not specific to <u>increase</u> award **1** mark only	3
total			13

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3451/F Q15

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	arrow from centre of the ball **and** at right angles to the string **and** in the correct direction	arrow should point to the student's belt accept free-hand 'straight' line do **not** accept curved line	1
(ii)	increase increase increase	accept 'be stronger / bigger' accept 'be stronger / bigger' accept 'be stronger / bigger'	1 1 1
(b)	speed velocity direction	all **three** correct any two correct for **1** mark otherwise **0** marks	2
(c)(i)	centripetal	accept 'centripedal' and other minor misspellings do **not** accept anything which could be 'centrifugal'	1
(ii)	gravity	accept 'weight' accept 'force of attraction due to mass(es) (of the Moon and the Earth)'	1
(iii)	electron(s)		1
(iv)	electrostatic	accept 'electrical' do **not** accept just 'centripetal'	1
total			10

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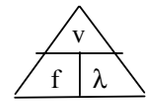
3451/F Q16

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	**X** at the centre of the lifebelt	measuring from the centre of **X**, allow 2 mm tolerance in any direction	1
(ii)	any **two** from: below the point of suspension at the centre (of the lifebelt) (because) the lifebelt / it is symmetrical	if X is on vertical line below the hanger (but not at centre) can gain the first point only accept '(vertically) below **Y**' accept 'in the middle' **or** (because) the mass / weight is evenly distributed	2
(b)	Nm **or** newton metre(s) 750	accept Newton metre(s) do **not** accept any ambiguity in the symbol ie NM, nM or nm (moment) = force × (perpendicular) distance (between line of action and pivot) **or** (moment) = 500 × 1.5 gains **1** mark	1 2
(c)	**Quality of written communication**: any **three** connected points from: low(er) <u>centre of mass / gravity</u> (more) <u>stable</u> less likely to fall over the <u>turning effect / moment</u> (of the weight of case) is less so the pull on her arm is less	for **2** of the underlined terms used in the correct context **or** <u>centre of mass / gravity</u> will be close(r) to the wheels / axle / ground **or** less <u>unstable</u> accept 'less likely to overturn' do **not** accept 'will not fall over' **or** so less effort is needed to hold the case ignore references to pulling the case	1 3
total			10

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3451/F Q17

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	any **two** from: • **amplitude** decreasing • **wavelength** increasing • **frequency** decreasing **Quality of written communication**	accept siren / sound getting quieter do **not** accept sound decreases accept pitch decreasing ignore reference to transverse wave ignore reference to speed contradictory statements within each point lose the mark all emboldened terms in candidate's answer used correctly	2 1
(b)(i)	ultrasound **or** ultrasonic		1
(ii)	wave speed = frequency × wavelength	accept speed / velocity for wave speed accept $v = f \times \lambda$ do **not** accept w for λ do **not** accept s for v accept  provided subsequent calculation shows a correct method	1
(iii)	339.2 **or** 340 **or** 339	allow **1** mark for using 212 000 allow **1** mark for correct substitution an answer of 0.3392 **or** 0.34 **or** 0.339 gains **1** mark only award full credit for a correct numerical answer with the unit changed to km/s	3
total			8

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(ii)	more than	accept any correct indication	1
(b)	any **two** from: stays above the same place above the equator one orbit takes 24 hours	 do **not** accept stays in the same place do **not** accept goes around equator unless qualified do **not** accept orbit at same speed as Earth do **not** accept orbit at a constant speed accept has same angular speed / velocity as Earth	2
total			4

3462/ 3F Q2

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	comet		1
(b)	large group / number / collection of stars	ignore reference to planets accept millions of stars do **not** accept thousands of stars do **not** accept loads of stars	1
(c)	giant supernova neutron		1 1 1
total			5

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3462/3F Q3

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	radio		1
(ii)	gamma	accept microwave accept infrared	1
(iii)	ultra violet		1
(iv)	microwaves		1
(b)	the same as		1
(c)	**Quality of written communication**	award for a sensible sequence of **two** points	1
	X-rays do not go through lead	accept lead protects them from the X-rays accept not exposed to X-rays	1
	lead stops / reduces risk of X-rays harming / damaging / killing (persons) <u>cells</u>	accept X-rays (may) cause cancer accept organs for cell do **not** accept references to electric shock do **not** accept stops bones of people showing on X-ray answers involving the horse wearing an apron are incorrect references to gamma rays are incorrect	1
total			8

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3462/3F Q4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	light electrical		1 1
(b)	15% **or** 0.15	correct substitution gains **1** mark only an answer of 15 with no unit **or** an incorrect unit gains **1** mark an answer of 0.15 given with a unit gains **1** mark	2
(c)	the ticket machine is a long way from other electricity supplies		1
(d)	any figure between 5 and 10 inclusive	unit not required but if given must match numerical answer	1
total			6

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3462/3F Q5

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	radon (gas)	do **not** accept gas	1
(ii)	background		1
(b)	bigger	accept any word which means bigger	1
(c)	**Z** alpha will not pass through aluminium or lead	if Z is not given, the reason does not score accept alpha cannot go through metals / dense material accept there is nothing to stop the radiation accept alpha will not pass through aluminium do **not** accept alpha will not pass through lead do **not** accept alpha stopped by air	1 1
total			5

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

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3462/3F Q6

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	loses negative charge / electrons	do **not** accept positive charge transfers to the comb do **not** accept friction	1
(b)	**A** attract		1
	B repel		1
	C attract		1
(c)	**F A D E**	allow **2** marks for 2 letters in the correct place allow **1** mark for 1 letter in the correct place	3
total			7

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3462/3F Q7

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	all points correctly plotted	tolerance ± $\frac{1}{2}$ square on y axis only allow **1** mark for 3 correctly plotted points	2
	attempt made to draw a smooth curve	do **not** accept dot-to-dot line	1
(b)(i)	3 days ± 0.2 **or** any value correctly obtained using their graph line	if no line drawn in (a), answer must be exactly 3	1
(ii)	3 days or their (b)(i)		1
(c)	radon-222	accept radon **or** 222 accept alpha or 3.8 correct isotope required for reason to score	1
	has the shortest <u>half-life</u>	accept the others have longer <u>half-lives</u>	1
total			7

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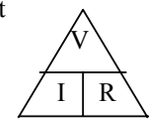
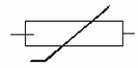
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3462/3F Q8

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	fossils of Cynognathus are found in Africa and South America		1
	the shapes ……. almost fit together	only two boxes should be ticked deduct **1** mark for each additional box to a minimum mark of **0**	1
(b)	continental		1
	crust		1
	tectonic		1
total			5

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3462/3F Q9

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	$A_1 = 0.5$ $A_4 = 0.5$	ignore any units allow **1** mark for $A_1 = A_4 \neq 0.5$	1 1
(ii)	the resistance of **P** is more than 20 Ω a smaller current goes through P / A_2 (than 20 Ω)	 dependent on getting 1st mark correct accept converse	1 1
(b)(i)	potential difference = current × resistance	accept pd / voltage for potential difference accept V = I × R, correct symbols and correct case only accept volts = amps × ohms accept  provided subsequent method is correct allow combination of physical quantities and named units allow voltage = I × R	1
(ii)	6	allow **1** mark for correct substitution	2
(iii)	6	accept their (b)(ii)	1
(c)	thermistor or  resistance goes down (as temperature of thermistor goes up)	accept correct circuit symbol allow phonetic spelling do **not** accept changes for goes down do **not** accept an answer in terms of current only answers in terms of other components are incorrect	1 1
total			10

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3462/3F Q10

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	larger the distance, greater the time	accept 'they are proportional' accept converse	1
(ii)	any value between 6 and 9 years inclusive		1
(b)(i)	carbon dioxide		1
(ii)	(Venus) has high**er** temperature (than Mercury)	accept has the high**est** temperature accept Venus is hotter / hottest do **not** accept has a high / very high temperature	1
	(Venus) further from the Sun than Mercury	accept 'Venus is not the closest planet to the Sun' answer in terms of greenhouse effect only, scores **0** marks	1
total			5

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3462/3F Q11

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	20		1
(ii)	convection		1
(iii)	fit draughtproof strips	accept lay carpet accept fit curtains accept close doors / windows / curtains accept any reasonable suggestion for reducing a draught 'double glazing' alone is insufficient	1
(b)	air is (a good) insulator **or** air is a poor conductor	accept air cavity / 'it' for air	1
	reducing heat transfer by <u>conduction</u>	accept stops for reduces ignore convection do **not** accept radiation do **not** accept answers in terms of heat being trapped	1
(c)(i)	most cost effective	accept it is cheaper or lowest cost accept shortest payback time accept in terms of reducing heat loss by the largest amount do **not** accept it is easier ignore most heat is lost through the roof	1
(ii)	4		1
total			7

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3462/3F Q12

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	constant speed	do **not** accept normal speed do **not** accept it is stopped / stationary	1
	in a straight line	accept any appropriate reference to a direction constant velocity gains **2** marks 'not accelerating' gains **2** marks terminal velocity alone gets **1** mark	1
(ii)	goes down owtte	accept motorbike (it) slows down	1
(b)(i)	20 (m/s)	ignore incorrect units	1
(ii)	acceleration = change in velocity / time (taken)	do **not** accept velocity for change in velocity accept change in speed accept $a = \frac{v-u}{t}$ **or** $a = \frac{v_1 - v_2}{t}$ **or** $a = \frac{\Delta v}{t}$ do **not** accept $a = \frac{v}{t}$	1
(iii)	4 **or** their (b)(i) ÷ 5	allow **1** mark for correct substitution	2
	m/s^2	m/s/s **or** ms^{-2} **or** metres per second squared **or** metres per second per second	1
(c)	vehicle may skid / slide	loss of control / brakes lock / wheels lock accept greater stopping distance **or** difficult to stop	1
	due to reduced friction (between tyre(s) and road)	accept due to less grip do **not** accept no friction	1

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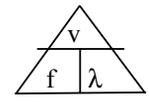
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(d)	any **three** from: • <u>increased</u> speed • <u>reduced</u> braking force • <u>slower</u> (driver) reactions • <u>poor</u> vehicle maintenance • <u>increased</u> mass / weight of vehicle • <u>poor</u> road surface • <u>more</u> streamlined	do **not** accept night time / poor vision NB specific answers may **each** gain credit eg tiredness (1), drinking alcohol (1), using drugs (1), driver distracted (1) etc specific examples may **each** gain credit eg worn brakes or worn tyres etc accept large mass / weight of vehicle if candidates give three answers that affect stopping distance but not specific to <u>increase</u> award **1** mark only	3
total			13

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3462/3F Q13

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	**Quality of written communication**	all emboldened terms in candidate's answer used correctly	1
	any **two** from: • **amplitude** decreasing • **wavelength** increasing • **frequency** decreasing	accept siren / sound getting quieter do **not** accept sound decreases accept pitch decreasing ignore reference to transverse wave ignore reference to speed contradictory statements within each point lose the mark	2
(b)(i)	ultrasound **or** ultrasonic		1
(ii)	wave speed = frequency × wavelength	accept speed / velocity for wave speed accept $v = f \times \lambda$ do **not** accept w for λ do **not** accept s for v accept  provided subsequent calculation shows a correct method	1
(iii)	339.2 **or** 340 **or** 339	allow **1** mark for using 212 000 allow **1** mark for correct substitution an answer of 0.3392 **or** 0.34 **or** 0.339 gains **1** mark only award full credit for a correct numerical answer with the unit changed to km/s	3
total			8

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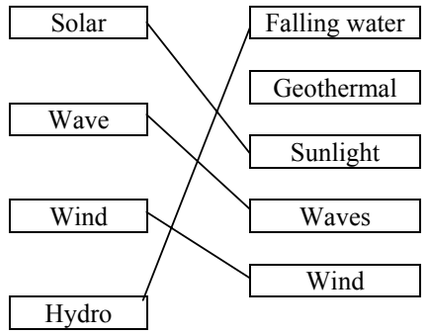
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3451/F Q1

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

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

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

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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

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

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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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

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

3451/F Q13

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

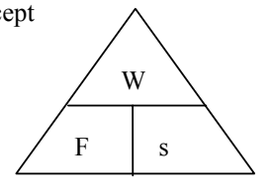
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3451/F Q14

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

3451/F Q15

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

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3451/F Q15

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

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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

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3451/F Q17

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	both rays brought to a focus at F on the right lines have been drawn **accurately** with a ruler	do **not** have to be continued beyond F only credit if 1st mark credited do **not** credit if contradictory arrow(s) added	1 1
(b)	rays seem to come from a focus at G on the left and continued to the right of the lens lines have been drawn **accurately** with a ruler	this mark is for the current idea of divergence only credit if 1st mark credited do **not** credit if contradictory arrow(s) added	1 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) 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 may be credited from a correct diagram	1 1

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3451/F Q17

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

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3451/F Q18

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<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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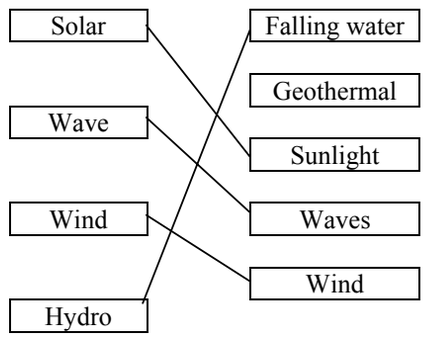
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Double Award (Co-ordinated)
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3462/3F Q1

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

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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 <u>and</u> 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

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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

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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

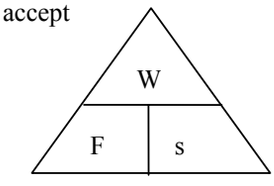
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3462/3F Q12

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

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 <u>increases</u> / is <u>longer</u> **or** thinking distance <u>increases</u>	do **not** accept reaction time slower **or** reactions are slower	1
	stopping distance / it <u>increases</u>	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

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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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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	1
		accept line is less steep	
(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 <u>greater</u> 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		1
	temperature falls the fastest (in L)	accept (can L) loses more heat / cools quicker accept heat for temperature	1
	black is a good / the best / better emitter (of heat / radiation)	accept converse ignore black is best absorber	1
total			7

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

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

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

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

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

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

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

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

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

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

3.5 Errors carried forward

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

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

3.6 Phonetic spelling

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

3.7 Brackets

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

3.8 Accept / allow

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

3.9 Ignore / Insufficient / Do not allow

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

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

4. Quality of Communication and levels marking

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

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

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

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

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

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

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

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

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

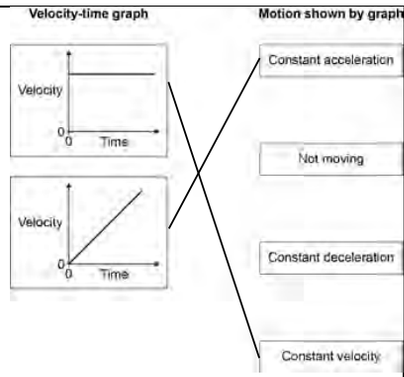
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
3(a)	3 (.0)	allow **1** mark for correct substitution i.e. 25 x 0.12 provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 2.1.5d	**E**
3(b)(i)	elastic potential kinetic	correct order only	1 1	AO1 2.1.5c 2.2	**G**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

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

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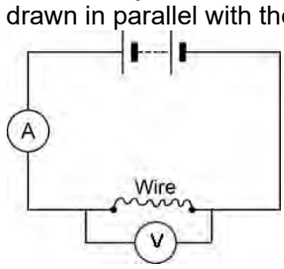
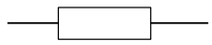
Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
5(a)		if more than one line is drawn from a graph then all those lines are wrong allow **1** mark for 1 correct line	2	AO1 2.1.2f	**G**
5(b)	speed		1	AO1 2.1.2d	**G**
5(c)(i)	2.25	allow **1** mark for correct substitution i.e. $a = \frac{9-0}{4}$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

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

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

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

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

Question 8 continues on the next page . . .

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

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

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

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

Total		**10**

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Question 4 (Low demand)

04.1 About 50% of students correctly identified what an alpha particle consists of.

04.2 Approximately 40% of students correctly identified what a beta particle is.

04.3 About 45% of students chose the correct equation for the decay.

04.4 This question discriminated well with a good spread of marks. A quarter of students scored 3 marks, 40% of students scored 2 marks or more and 70% of students gained 1 mark or more.

04.5 This question discriminated well with a good spread of marks. About 30% of students scored 3 marks, approcimately 40% of students scored 2 marks or more and about 80% of students scored 1 mark or more.

04.6 About 75% of students correctly identified the man-made source of background radiation.

Please note there is no reference to 04.7

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Answer 136 · Examiner comments June 2022 | 8463/2F | Original Q5

Question 5 (Low and standard demand)

05.1 Very few of the students seemed to know that all electromagnetic waves travel at the same speed in a vacuum.

05.2 The order of the waves in the electromagnetic spectrum was not well known with only about 40% of the students scoring both marks.

05.3 The majority of the students demonstrated an understanding of ‘range’. About 10% of students did not attempt the question.

05.4 Very few of the students related the information in Table 4 and Figure 10 to the relative risk of harm to people. Few of the students scored more than 1 mark with about 13% of the students not attempting the question. Most of the students that scored 1 mark did so for giving a general trend or stating that UV can cause skin cancer.

05.5 Many of the students tried to give a more complex answer than required, which were commonly incorrect. The most common correct answers involved being able to see or the idea that if light did not get through it would be dark all the time.

05.6 Nearly three quarters of the students scored at least one mark, often for completing the second blank space correctly.

Answer 137 · Examiner comments June 2023 | 8463/1F | Original Q2

Question 2 (Low Demand)

02.1 47% of students correctly identified the particle.

02.2 86% of students scored 2 marks on this calculation question.

02.3 57% of students correctly identified the charges.

02.4 75% of students correctly identified the description of the force.

02.5 78% of students identified the correct alpha particle.

02.6 39 % of students answered correctly. ‘Tiny spheres’ was enough to score the mark for students who could not manage to write all 6 words.

02.7 23 % of students identified the correct model.

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Answer 138 · Examiner comments June 2023 | 8463/1F | Original Q3

Question 3 (Low and Standard Demand)

03.1 29% of students scored 2 marks, while 27 % of students scored 1 mark for this question about isotopes..

03.2 51% of students knew what half-life means.

03.3 77 % of students correctly identified the least stable isoptope.

03.4 Students found this question difficult with only 38% scoring 2 marks and 21% scoring 1 mark for this question about irradiation and contamination.

03.5 68% of students identified the purpose of the sticky floor.

03.6 72% of students scored 2 marks on this calculation question.

03.7 This question discriminated well with 46 % of students scoring 2 marks and 20 % of students scoring 1 mark for this question about fission and fusion

Answer 139 · Examiner comments June 2024 | 8463/1F | Original Q6

Question 6 (Low / Standard demand)

06.1 Students were more successful at identifying cosmic rays as natural and medical X-rays as man-made. Students were less confident about nuclear accidents and radon gas and often got these the wrong way round. 70% of students scored 2 marks, while 27% of students scored 1 mark.

06.2 A question that discriminated well, with 27% of students scoring 2 marks and 24%

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scoring 1 mark. A number of students stated that alpha is stopped by paper but had ticked the wrong box, so scored no marks. Many students were unable to draw the correct conclusion from the given data, perhaps they had learned the fact but not observed the practical demonstration.

06.3 A question that discriminated well, with 27% of students scoring 2 marks and 44% scoring 1 mark. A number of students stated that beta is stopped by aluminium but had ticked the wrong box, so scored no marks. Many students were unable to draw the correct conclusion from the given data, perhaps they had learned the fact but not observed the practical demonstration.

06.4 94% of students correctly identified a precaution to prevent contamination.

06.5 81% of students correctly identified the activity after one half-life.

06.6 86% of students correctly linked activity to risk of harm.

Answer 140 · Examiner comments June 2024 | 8463/1F | Original Q10

Question 10 (Standard demand)

10.1 15 % of students scored 3 marks, 39% scored 2 marks and 30% scored 1 mark. The most common mark to score was either ‘nuclei’ or ‘gamma rays’.

10.2 In this exam series all equations were provided for the students on the Physics Equations Sheet. 94% of students scored the mark.

10.3 67% of students scored 2 marks for multiplying the power by the time, whether they had converted the power or not. Most attempts to convert the power were incorrect. Only 3% of students scored all 3 marks for this calculation of energy.

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10.4 13% of students scored a mark. ‘Wear protective clothing’ or ‘hazmat suits’ were common incorrect answers. Any idea of burying the radioactive waste was credited, so ‘bury it in a field’ was ok, as was ‘bury it in landfill’, which from a student’s perspective is equivalent to burying it underground. ‘Keeping it away from people’ was insufficient.

10.5 74% of students scored 2 marks, while 3% scored 1 mark. The answer of 29.2 days was worth 1 mark as this could only have been calculated by doing the correct calculation and then subtracting the result from 365.

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03.1

Almost 70% of the students chose the correct nuclear equation for alpha decay.

03.2

The vast majority of the students scored a mark for correctly reading the value on the graph for 50 %.

03.3

Just fewer than 40 % of the students scored this mark for identifying the half-life of uranium. Most students did not realise that the two questions, 03.2 and 03.3 were asking for the same value in slightly different ways.

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03.4

A surprisingly large number of the students chose isotope B, scoring no marks. 13 % of the students scored 1 mark for choosing isotope A with an incorrect reason, while 27 % of the students scored 2 marks. A comparison was needed to score the second mark. 'A steep graph' was insufficient, but 'a steeper graph' would have scored the reason mark.

03.5

The vast majority of the students chose the nucleus with the smallest mass number correctly.

03.6

Just over half of the students chose the correct nucleus with an atomic number of 4.

03.7

Students who realised that the nuclei should have the same number of protons generally scored both marks. 'Same amount of protons' was equivalent to 'same number of protons'.

03.8

Just over half of the students chose the correct model of the atom.

03.9

Nearly 70 % of the students knew that the mass of an atom is concentrated in the nucleus.

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General

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

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

Levels of demand

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

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

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

Question 1 (Low demand)

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

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

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

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

Question 2 (Low demand)

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

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

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

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

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

Question 3 (Low demand)

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

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

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

Question 4 (Low demand)

04.1 Over a third of students answered this question correctly.

04.2 About 14% of students answered this question correctly.

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

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

Question 5 (Low demand)

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

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

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

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

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

Question 6 (Low and Standard demand)

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

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

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

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

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

Question 7 (Low and Standard demand)

07.1 About 86% of students answered this question correctly.

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

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

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

07.5 About 23% of students answered this question correctly.

07.6 About 38% of students answered this question correctly.

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

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

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

Question 8 (Low and Standard demand)

08.1 Around 63% of students answered this question correctly.

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

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

08.4 Around 96% of students answered this question correctly.

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

Question 9 (Standard demand)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question 10 (Standard demand)

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

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

Question 11 (Standard demand)

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

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

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

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

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

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

4.4.2.1 Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation

Use of statistics

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

Mark Ranges and Award of Grades

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