AQA GCSE Physics | 8463

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.5.4

Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

Mark schemes and examiner comments

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Question groups	**33**
Available paper years	**2003–2025**

Using this booklet

1. Booklet answer numbers match the question booklet.
2. Use the original question number within marking tables.
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Answer 01 · Mark scheme June 2003 | 3451F | Original Q17 | Legacy

(ii)	17.6	allow 44 × 0.4 **or** 0.4 × 44 for **1** mark	2
	Nm **or** newton metre(s)	do **not** accept N/m **or** N/cm 1760 Ncm gains all **3** marks	1
total			10

Answer 02 · Mark scheme June 2005 | 3451 | Original Q16 | Legacy

The full source mark scheme begins on page 52. Follow original question 16 in that document.

Answer 03 · Mark scheme June 2006 | 3451 | Original Q11 | Legacy

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme June 2006 | 3451 | Original Q15 | Legacy

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Answer 05 · Mark scheme

June 2006 | 3462 | Original Q13 | Legacy

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Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	red shift	accept Doppler effect	1
(ii)	the universe is expanding		1
(b)(i)	big bang		1
(ii)	at the moment it is the best way of explaining…….		1
(c)(i)	visible / light		1
(ii)	the atmosphere does not block……..		1
(iii)	difficult to maintain **or** high cost to get into space	accept any feasible reason do not accept expensive on its own	1
total			7

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme January 2008 | PHY3F | Original Q8 | Legacy

Question 8

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	moment	**or** torque do **not** credit 'leverage'	1
(b)	4 (2)	**either** 0.20 × 20 (1) **or** allow '400' (1)	2
(c)	use a longer spanner **or** 'fit a pipe over the (end of the) spanner (to lengthen it)'	**or** increases the perpendicular distance / length note 'lever' refers to 'spanner' note change the . . . (0) ignore references to wider / larger nut	1
	use a greater force / pull	**either order**	1
total			5

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Answer 08 · Mark scheme

Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	**P**		1
(a)(ii)	the child's grip / hold / pull (on the roundabout / bar / rail)	**or** 'the tension in the child's arms' accept 'the child's muscles' accept 'friction between the child and the roundabout' do **not** accept just 'friction'	1
(a)(iii)	increases	accept any unambiguous indication that this ending has been selected	1
(b)(i)	360 (Nm)	credit either 240 × 1 ½ **or** 240 × 1.5 with **1** mark	2
(b)(ii)	move to(wards) the left / to(wards) the / his end	**or** move away from the centre / pivot / axis (of rotation) **or** move away from the girl / the child / his daughter	1
(c)(i)	**C**		1
(c)(ii)	friction / grip of the car / tyres / wheels (on the road)	do **not** accept just 'friction / grip'	1
total			8

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Answer 08 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY3F | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme

June 2009 | PHY3F | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)	centre of **X** at the centre of the concentric circles	judge by eye that the intention is correct	1
1(b)	drawn from any corner to the diagonally opposite corner **or** from the mid-point of any side to the mid-point of the opposite side	judge by eye that the intention is correct if more than one axis of symmetry has been drawn, accept only if both / all are correct	1
1(c)	a turning	accept any unambiguous indication	1
Total			**3**

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme

June 2009 | PHY3F | Original Q1 | Legacy

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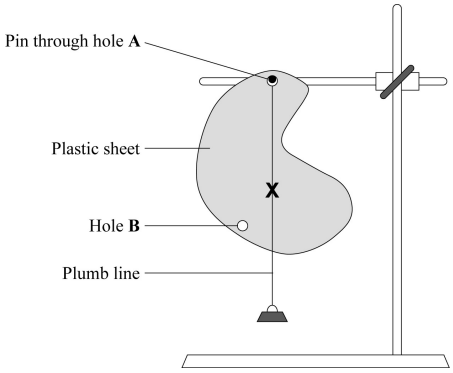
Answer 10 · Mark scheme

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	centre of **X** on the plumb line and between the level of the captions 'plastic sheet' and 'hole **B**'	**example**  	1
2(b)	centre of mass	accept any unambiguous indication	1
2(c)	vertical	accept any unambiguous indication	1
Total			**3**

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Answer 10 · Mark scheme

January 2010 | PHY3F | Original Q2 | Legacy

PHY3F

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Answer 11 · Mark scheme

June 2010 | PHY1F | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)(i)	2(.0)	accept 2000 W or 2000 watt(s) accept answer given in table do **not** accept 2000	1
3(a)(ii)	4.5	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 1.5 × 3 allow **1** mark for the answers 1.5 or 6(.0)	2
3(a)(iii)	54 **or** their (a)(ii) × 12 correctly calculated	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 4.5 × 12 **or** their (a)(ii) × 12 allow **1** mark if correct answer is given in pounds eg £54	2

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Question 3 continued . . .

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(b)(i)	6 pm temperature starts to rise faster **or** graph (line) is steeper / steepest	 only scores if 6 pm given it refers to graph gradient or temperature accept answers in terms of relative temperature rise eg 5 to 6 pm 2 °C rise, 6 to 7 pm 6 °C rise accept temperature rises sharply / rapidly / quickly do **not** accept temperature starts to rise	1 1
3(b)(ii)	middle box ticked		1
Total			**8**

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Answer 11 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY1F | Original Q3 | Legacy

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Answer 12 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY3F | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)(i)	moment		1
1(a)(ii)	rotation		1
1(a)(iii)	the girl moves nearer to point **P**		1
1(b)(i)	**X** drawn in the centre of the space enclosed by the tyre	judge by eye	1
1(b)(ii)	below		1
Total			**5**

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Answer 12 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY3F | Original Q1 | Legacy

PHY3F

Question 5

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

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Question 5 continued . . .

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

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

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Answer 14 · Mark scheme

January 2011 | PHY3F | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)	**C**		1
3(b)	moment	accept any unambiguous correct indication	1
3(c)	bigger than	accept any unambiguous correct indication	1
3(d)	120 (Ncm)	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 12 × 10	2
Total			**5**

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Answer 14 · Mark scheme January 2011 | PHY3F | Original Q3 | Legacy

PHY3F

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Answer 15 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | PHY3F | Original Q8 | Legacy

Question 8

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(a)(i)	turning effect	accept turning force accept force x distance (accept symbols only if correctly defined) do **not** accept newtons x metres	1
8(a)(ii)	stop apparatus falling over	accept holds the stand in place accept make it safer / stable references to balanced / equilibrium are insufficient	1
8(a)(iii)	as x increases y increases in same proportion / ratios	 allow both marks for they are directly proportional **or** a specific example eg doubling y, doubles x allow both marks for a correct answer giving figures eg they increase in the ratio of 1 to 7 allow for **1** mark positive correlation	1 1
8(a)(iv)	the centre of mass of the ruler is at the axis of rotation		1
8(b)	108 newton metres / Nm	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 240 x 0.45 symbols must be correct for full credit the unit must be consistent with the numerical answer	2 1
Total			**8**

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Answer 16 · Mark scheme

June 2012 | PH2FP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Question 8

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(a)	750	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 75 x 10 provided no subsequent step shown	2
	newton(s) / N	do **not** accept n	1

8(b)			6
Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 2, and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.			
0 marks	**Level 1 (1-2 marks)**	**Level 2 (3-4 marks)**	**Level 3 (5-6 marks)**
No relevant content.	There is a brief attempt to explain why the velocity / speed of the parachutist changes. **or** the effect of opening the parachute on velocity/speed is given.	The change in velocity/ speed is clearly explained in terms of force(s) **or** a reasoned argument for the open parachute producing a lower speed.	There is a clear and detailed explanation as to why the parachutist reaches terminal velocity **and** a reasoned argument for the open parachute producing a lower speed

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Question 8 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(b) (cont)	**examples of the physics points made in the response to explain first terminal velocity** • on leaving the plane the only force acting is weight (downwards) • as parachutist falls air resistance acts (upwards) • weight greater than air resistance **or** resultant force downwards • (resultant force downwards) so parachutist accelerates • as velocity / speed increases so does air resistance • terminal velocity reached when air resistance = weight **to explain second lower terminal velocity** • opening parachute increases surface area • opening parachute increases air resistance • air resistance is greater than weight • resultant force acts upwards / opposite direction to motion • parachutist decelerates / slows down • the lower velocity means a reduced air resistance air resistance and weight become equal but at a lower (terminal) velocity	accept gravity for weight throughout accept drag / friction for air resistance accept terminal velocity reached when forces are balanced	
8(c)(i)	any **one** from: • mass of the (modelling) clay • material parachute made from • number / length of strings	accept size/shape of clay size/amount/volume/shape of clay accept plasticine for (modelling)clay accept same (plastic) bag	1

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Question 8 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(c)(ii)	**C**	reason only scores if **C** is chosen	1
		accept quickest/quicker for fastest	
	smallest (area) so falls fastest (so taking least time)	if **A** is chosen with the reason given as 'the largest area so falls slowest' this gains **1** mark	1
Total			**12**

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Answer 17 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | PH3FP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)	centre of X drawn at centre of pendulum bob	judged by eye accept dot drawn at centre of circle	1
3(b)(i)	2	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{1}{0.5}$ provided no subsequent step shown	2
3(b)(ii)	30 **or** 60 ÷ their (b)(i) correctly calculated	allow **1** mark for $\frac{60}{2}$ **or** $\frac{60}{\text{their (b)(i)}}$ **or** 0.5 × 60 provided no subsequent step shown	2
3(c)	51.2	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 64 × 0.8 provided no subsequent step shown	2
3(d)	it increases (the moment)	must be comparative accept **1** mark for calculation of the moment = 64 (Nm)	1
Total			**8**

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Answer 17 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | PH3FP | Original Q3 | Legacy

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Answer 18 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | PH3FP | Original Q6 | Legacy

Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)(i)	are incompressible		1
6(a)(ii)	in all directions		1
6(b)	1.6	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{80}{50}$ provided no subsequent step shown an answer 0.032 gains **0** marks	2
6(c)	Pa		1
6(d)	increases		1
Total			**6**

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Answer 18 · Mark scheme June 2013 | PH3FP | Original Q6 | Legacy

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme June 2014 | PH3FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

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Answer 20 · Mark scheme June 2014 | PH3FP | Original Q4 | Legacy

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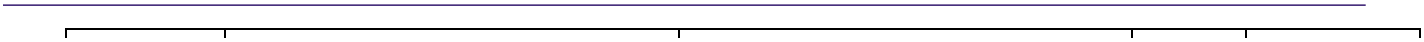
Answer 21 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.
1(a)	turning		1	AO1 P3.2.2a
1(b)	420	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 1400 x 0.30 provided no subsequent step shown	2	AO2 P3.2.2b, e
1(c)	**A** any **one** correct reason: the force is furthest away (from the pivot)	reason only scores if A is chosen accept distance (from the pivot) is the greatest accept it is further away (from the pivot) accept furthest away from the rock	1 1	AO1 AO2 P3.2.3b, e
Total			5	

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

Answer 21 · Mark scheme

June 2015 | PH3FP | Original Q1 | Legacy



4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

Answer 22 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | PH3FP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
3(a)	The pressure at X is the same as at Y		1	AO1 3.2.3a
3(b)	larger than		1	AO1 3.2.3b
3(c)(i)	3 (N/mm^2)	accept 3 000 000 Pa (correct unit must be given) allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{24}{8}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.2.3c
3(c)(ii)	pascal		1	AO1 3.2.3c
3(d)	the brakes would not work	allow the vehicle (car/bike etc) would not stop accept they would freeze solid **or** seize up	1	AO3 3.2.3
Total			6	

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

Answer 22 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | PH3FP | Original Q3 | Legacy



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Answer 23 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | PH3FP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
4(a)	X marked in the centre of the sign	 Check position by eye	1	AO1 3.2.1c
4(b)	concentrated		1	AO 1 3.2.1a
4(c)	0.5 (s)	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie $\frac{1}{2}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.2.1d
4(d)	make the cables longer	accept pendulum / sign for cables	1	AO3 3.2.1e
Total			5	

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Answer 23 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | PH3FP | Original Q4 | Legacy



4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

Answer 24 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | PH3FP | Original Q6 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
6(a)	(force on the chain is) smaller (than the force of the toe)		1	AO2 3.2.2e
6(b)	Tick in middle box The moments are equal and opposite		1	AO1 3.2.2c
6(c)	move the toe (up the pedal) away from the pivot		1	AO2 3.2.2e
Total			3	

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

Answer 24 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | PH3FP | Original Q6 | Legacy



4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

Answer 25 · Mark scheme

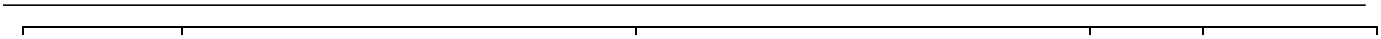
June 2017 | PH3FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
1(a)(i)	The turning effect of the force		1	AO1 3.2.2a
1(a)(ii)	equal to		1	AO1 3.3.2c
1(a)(iii)	600 newton-metre / N m	allow **1** mark for a correct substitution ie 400 x1.5 provided no subsequent step do not accept n m	2 1	AO2 AO1 3.2.2b
1(b)	K		1	AO2 3.2.1b
1(c)	2 (s)	allow **1** mark for a correct substitution ie 1/0.5 provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.2.1d
Total			**8**	

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

Answer 25 · Mark scheme

June 2017 | PH3FP | Original Q1 | Legacy



4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

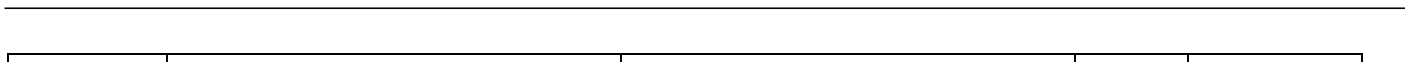
Answer 26 · Mark scheme June 2018 | 8463/2F | Original Q7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	work done = 11 500 × 2.60 work done = 29 900 (J)	an answer of 29 900 scores **2** marks	1 1	AO2 4.5.2
07.2	13 800		1	AO2 4.5.4
07.3	moment (of a force) = force x distance	allow M = F d	1	AO1 4.5.4
07.4	13 800 = 11 500 × distance distance = $\frac{13\,800}{11\,500}$ distance = 1.2(0 m)	of an answer 1.2(0) scores **3** marks	1 1 1	AO2 4.5.4
Total			**7**	

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

Answer 26 · Mark scheme

June 2018 | 8463/2F | Original Q7



4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

Answer 27 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8463/1F | Original Q11

Question 11

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
11.1	$41 = \frac{9.8 \times h}{0.12}$ $h = \frac{41 \times 0.12}{9.8}$ h = 0.50 (m)	an answer of 0.50 scores **3** marks allow a correct answer that rounds to 0.50 for **3** marks	1 1 1	4.1.1.2 AO2
11.2	kinetic energy = 0.5 × mass × (speed)^2 ***or*** $E_k = ½ mv^2$		1	4.1.1.2 AO1
11.3	$270 = ½ \times m \times 3^2$ $m = \frac{270}{(½ \times 3^2)}$ **or** $m = \frac{270}{4.5}$ m = 60 (kg)	an answer of 60 (kg) scores **3** marks	1 1 1	4.1.1.2 AO2

11.4	**Level 2:** Scientifically relevant features are identified; the way(s) in which they are similar / different is made clear.		3–4	WS3.5 4.1.1.2 AO3
	Level 1: Relevant features are identified and differences noted.		1–2	
	No relevant content		0	
	Indicative content • males have a greater muscle power than females for most of their lives • males have a greater muscle power than females above 9/10 years old • males have a lower muscle power than females below 9/10 years old • there is a similar pattern for males and females as age increases • males have a peak muscle power at 25 years old whereas females have a peak muscle power at 20/21 years old • at 9/10 years old males have the same muscle power as females • peak muscle power for males (47 W/kg) is greater than peak muscle power for females (37 W/kg) • the rate of increase of muscle power is greater for males than females (between 5 and 25 years old) • the rate of decrease of muscle power is greater for males than females. Ignore comments relating to strength			
11.5	any **1** from: • maximum height reached is a better indicator of maximum muscle power • maximum / peak muscle power was being investigated, not mean / average muscle power • volunteer may not use maximum effort on the first try • performance may improve with practise • performance may get worse with tiredness	allow maximum time in the air for maximum height reached / jumped	1	WS3.7 4.1.1.4 AO3
Total			**12**	

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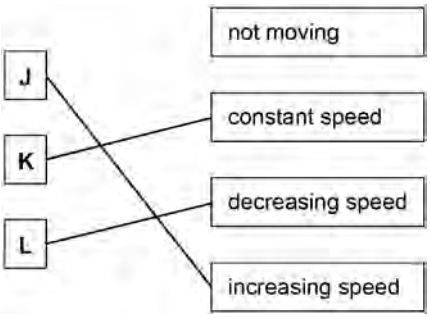
Answer 28 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8463/2F | Original Q1

Question 1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
1.1	equal to	allow the symbol = allow a correct answer indicated in the box provided the answer space is blank	1	AO1/1 4.5.6.2.3 WS 1.2
1.2	J -------- increasing speed K--------- constant speed L --------- decreasing speed	all three lines correct allow **1** mark for **1** line correct more than three lines are drawn scores **0** 	2	AO1/1 4.5.6.1.4
1.3	25 (m)		1	AO2/2 4.5.6.1.4
1.4	av speed = $\frac{100}{12.5}$ av speed = 8(.0) (m/s) OR av speed = $\frac{100}{12.6}$ av speed = 7.93… (m/s)	an answer of 8(.0) (m/s) scores **2** marks allow 7.9 or 7.94	1 1	AO2/1 4.5.6.1.2
1.5	3.0		1	AO1/1 4.5.6.1.2
Total			**7**	

Answer 29 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8463/2F | Original Q7

Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
7.1	crate		1	AO1/1 4.5.4
7.2	centre of mass		1	AO1/1 4.5.1.3
7.3	the pointer is vertical	allow unable to see the pointer allow the bar is horizontal	1	AO3/1a 4.5.4
7.4	P		1	AO2/1 4.5.4
7.5	moment (of a force) = force x distance	allow M = F d	1	AO1/1 4.5.4
7.6	$0.15 = W \times 0.06$ $W = \frac{0.15}{0.06}$ $W = 2.5$ (N)	an answer 2.5 (N) scores **3** marks	1 1 1	AO2/1 4.5.4
7.7	weight = mass × gravitational field strength	allow W = m g	1	AO1/1 4.5.1.3
7.8	$2.5 = m \times 9.8$ $m = 2.5 / 9.8$ mass rice = 0.215 (kg)	an answer 0.215 or 0.22 (kg) scores **3** marks allow ecf from 07.6 an answer of 0.255 or 0.26 (kg) scores **2** marks	1 1 1	AO2/1 4.5.1.3
Total			**12**	

Answer 30 · Mark scheme

Question 2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	friction		1	AO1 4.5.1.2
02.2	air resistance		1	AO1 4.5.1.2
02.3	**A = B**		1	AO1 4.5.6.2.2
02.4	$M = 150 \times 0.24$ $M = 36$ (Nm)		1 1	AO2 4.5.4
02.5	chain		1	AO2 4.5.4
02.6	5.8 m/s		1	AO2 4.5.6.1.5
02.7	$a = \frac{5.8}{20}$ $a = 0.29$ (m/s^2)	allow their v from question **02.6** allow a correctly calculated value using their v from question **02.6**	1 1	AO2 4.5.6.1.5
02.8	Deceleration		1	AO3 4.5.6.1.5
02.9	straight arrow drawn between home and school pointing towards school.		1	AO1 4.5.6.1.1
Total			**11**	

Answer 31 · Mark scheme

June 2022 | 8463/2F | Original Q2

Question 2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	gravitational force		1	AO1 4.5.6.1.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.2	air resistance		1	AO1 4.5.6.15

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.3	the resultant force on the hailstones is zero		1	AO1 4.5.6.1.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.4	line extrapolated to 80 mm 46 (m/s)	allow a straight line allow 44 – 48 but not if inconsistent with their extrapolated line	1 1	AO3 4.5.6.1.5

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.5	it has a greater weight		1	AO3 4.5.6.1.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.6	0.48 (N)		1	AO2 4.5.1.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.7	upwards	allow up ignore north	1	AO2 4.5.1.4

Total Question 2		**8**

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Question 9

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.1	0 (N) the child isn't accelerating (vertically) **or** upwards forces are equal to the downwards forces	 MP2 dependent on MP1 allow forces are balanced	1 1	AO2 4.5.6.2.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.2	work done = force × distance **or** $W = F \times s$		1	AO1 4.5.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.3	$35 = F \times 2.8$ $F = \frac{35}{2.8}$ $F = 12.5$ (N)	 allow 13 (N)	1 1 1	AO2 4.5.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.4	the resistive force has decreased so the resultant force increases	allow friction (between the wheels and the floor) has decreased	1 1	AO3 4.5.1.4 4.5.6.2.1 4.5.6.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.5	moment = force × distance **or** $M = F \times d$		1	AO1 4.5.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.6	7.5 cm = 0.075 m $M = 2.0 \times 0.075$ $M = 0.15$ (Nm)	 allow a correct substitution of an incorrectly / not converted value of d allow an answer consistent with an incorrectly / not converted value of d	1 1 1	AO2 4.5.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.7	gear B rotates in the opposite direction (to gear A) **or** gear B rotates clockwise **or** gear B rotates faster than gear A (because) gear A exerts a force on gear B **or** (because) gear A causes a moment about the pivot of gear B		1 1	AO2 4.5.4

Total Question 9	**14**

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Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	the turning effect of the force		1	AO1 4.5.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.2	the resultant moment is clockwise		1	AO3 4.5.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.3	the tag should be positioned left of the pivot the tag should be on position 7		1 1	AO3 4.5.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.4	moment (of a force) = force × distance **or** $M = F\ d$		1	AO1 4.5.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.5	$1.8 = 0.15 \times d$ $d = \frac{1.8}{0.15}$ $d = 12$ (cm)		1 1 1	AO2 4.5.4

Total Question 7	**8**

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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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

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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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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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4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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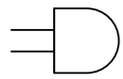
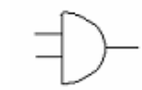
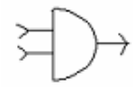
(iii)		a Roman upper case D in any orientation without contacts is acceptable but if contacts are shown do **not** give the mark if there is any ambiguity or contradiction allow  	1
(d)	light sensor	**or** light dependent resistor **or** LDR accept 'ldr', Ldr' etc allow solar cell, photo cell	1
	NOT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

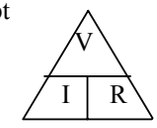
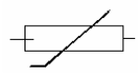
4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

3451/F Q11

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	$A_1 = 0.5$	ignore any units	1
	$A_4 = 0.5$	allow **1** mark for $A_1 = A_4 \neq 0.5$	1
(ii)	the resistance of **P** is more than 20 Ω		1
	a smaller current goes through P / A_2 (than 20 Ω)	dependent on getting 1st mark correct accept converse	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 	accept correct circuit symbol allow phonetic spelling	1
	resistance goes down (as temperature of thermistor goes up)	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
total			10

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

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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(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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

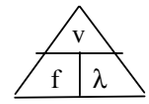
4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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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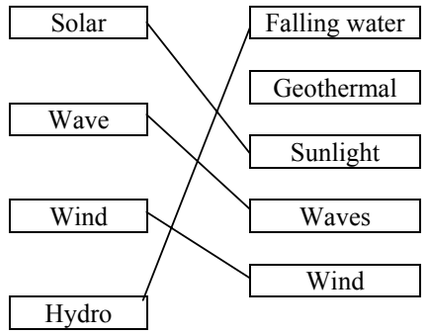
3451/F Q1

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

3451/F Q3

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

3451/F Q10

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

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

1</td></tr>
<tr><td>total</td><td></td><td></td><td>12</td></tr>
</table>

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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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4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

3451/F Q12

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

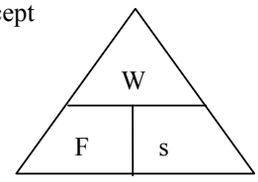
4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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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4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

3451/F Q15

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

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4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

3451/F Q17

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

3451/F Q18

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

OR (gate)

NOT (gate)

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

accept ‘or’

accept ‘not’ or invert gate

accept ‘led’</td><td>1

1

1

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

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

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

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

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

or

full current through electronic control system (1)

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

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

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

do not accept small current is turned into a large current

annotate Q✓ Q×

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

1

1

1</td></tr>
<tr><td>total</td><td></td><td></td><td>10</td></tr>
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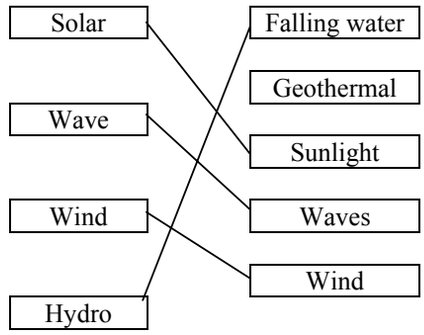
3462/3F Q1

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

3462/3F Q2

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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3462/3F Q3

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

3462/3F Q10

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

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3462/3F Q10

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

3462/3F Q11

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

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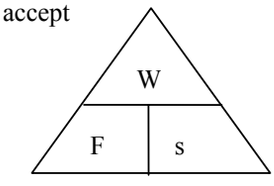
3462/3F Q12

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

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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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4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

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

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

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

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

2. Emboldening

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

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

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

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	Neptune, Mars, Moon	1
2	Neptune, 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, 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 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 Ignore / Insufficient / Do <u>not</u> allow

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

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

Quality of Written Communication and levels marking

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

Candidates will be required to:

- use good English
- organise information clearly
- use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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

Level 1: basic

- Knowledge of basic information
- Simple understanding
- The answer is poorly organised, with almost no specialist terms and their use demonstrating a general lack of understanding of their meaning, little or no detail
- 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.

4.5.4 Moments, levers and gears (physics only)

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

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

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

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

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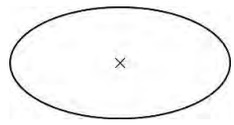
Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
4(a)	concentrated		1	AO1 3.2.1a
4(b)		judge by eye	1	AO2 3.2.1c
4(c)	C A D	3 correct = **2** marks 1 or 2 correct = **1** mark	2	AO1 3.2.1a
4(d)	Lower the athlete's seating position Move the wheels further apart		1 1	AO2 3.2
Total			**6**	

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

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

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

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

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

Question	Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 5, and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.			Mark	AO spec ref
9(a)				6	
0 marks	**Level 1 (1–2 marks)**	**Level 2 (3–4 marks)**	**Level 3 (5–6 marks)**		AO1 3.3.2
No relevant / correct content.	**Either** there is an attempt at a description of the construction of a transformer **or** a correct statement of the effect of one type of transformer on the input p.d.	There is a description of the construction of a transformer **and** a correct statement of the effect of one type of transformer on the input p.d.	There is a clear description of the construction of a transformer **and** there is a correct description of how transformers affect the input p.d.		
details of construction: a (laminated) core core is made from a magnetic material / iron 2 coils the coils are made from an electrical conductor / copper the coils are covered in plastic / insulation the coils are (usually) on opposite sides step-up transformer has more turns on secondary coil than (its) primary (or vice versa) step-down transformer has less turns on secondary coil than (its) primary (or vice versa) **effect on input p.d. :** step-up transformer, the output p.d. is greater (than the input p.d.) step-down transformer, the output p.d. is lower (than the input p.d.)			extra information accept voltage for p.d.		

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

Answer 26 · Examiner comments

June 2018 | 8463/2F | Original Q7

Question 7 (Low and Standard demand)

07.1 Nearly 93% of the students were able to correctly use the given equation.

07.2 Only a minority of the students (40%) understood that the anticlockwise moment would have the same size as the clockwise moment.

07.3 Nearly 50% of the students scored this mark.

07.4 Not all of the students who knew the equation scored three marks. Some of the students were distracted by the vertical distance of 2.60 metres given in question 07.1 and multiplied either the given moment or the given force by 2.60 before substituting into the equation.

Answer 28 · Examiner comments

June 2019 | 8463/2F | Original Q1

Question 1 (Low demand)

01.1 Just over half of the students scored this mark.

01.2 Only 3% of the students scored zero with nearly 85% of the students identifying the description of the motion to score both marks.

01.3 Most of the students did not appreciate that the race was over 100m, although it was stated in the information given. Many students gave the total distance the athlete travelled ie 125m.

01.4 Although the distance of the race was repeated in the question, many of the students simply calculated the total distance over the total time. Those students who did select the correct distance often read the time axis incorrectly.

01.5 Only 35% of the students correctly identified the average running speed of a person.

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Answer 29 · Examiner comments — June 2019 | 8463/2F | Original Q7

Question 7 (Low and standard demand)

07.1 Just over 80% of the students correctly identified the crate as the object not likely to rotate.

07.2 About 48% of the students scored this mark.

07.3 Answers to this question were poorly expressed, with few students writing that the pointer is behind the hanging arm. The most popular answer to gain credit was the idea that each side of the device was level. The word 'horizontal' was rarely seen.

07.4 Only 46% of the students scored this mark.

07.5 Just under a half of the students could recall this equation.

07.6 57% of the students could manipulate the figures and arrive at the correct answer.

07.7 36% of the students could give the equation correctly.

07.8 95% of students either scored zero or did not attempt the question.

Answer 31 · Examiner comments — June 2022 | 8463/2F | Original Q2

Question 2 (Low demand)

02.1 Almost all of the students correctly identified 'gravitational force'.

02.2 About 70% of the students realised that 'air resistance' increased as the hailstones accelerated.

02.3 About 60% of the students gave the correct answer. The incorrect answers were equally split between the two distractors.

02.4 About half of the students made an attempt at extrapolating the line with a subsequent correct value read from the graph. Incorrect answers usually involved students trying to work out a mathematical pattern or simply writing a number down.

02.5 Approximately three quarters of the students realised that it was due to a greater weight.

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02.6 Just over half of the students knew how to correctly calculate the resultant force.

02.7 Surprisingly, since the largest force arrow is shown pointing upwards, just under half of the students gave the correct answer of 'up'.

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09.1
42% of students correctly gave the resultant vertical force on the child as 0N, but then failed to score the second mark point, as they stated that the child is not moving or there is no force acting. Only 3% understood the concept that a stationary object has forces acting on it, but those forces are balanced.

09.2
93% of students managed to write down the correct equation for the moment of a force.

09.3
A well answered calculation of force, with 74% of students gaining all 3 marks. Some students tried to convert the units.

09.4
Only 0.5% of students scored 2 marks for explaining why the speed of the baby walker increased as the baby moved onto the hard floor, and 52% scored 1 mark. Most students understood that the friction was less on the hard floor but did not go on to describe what happens to the resultant force.

09.5
93% of students chose the correct equation for the moment of a force.

09.6

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This calculation of the moment of the force was well answered with 14% of students scoring all 3 marks. About 72% forgot to convert the cm to m, or made a mistake converting, and scored 2 marks.

09.7

This question related to interaction of two gears. Of those that scored marks, most got the first mark point for stating the gears moved in opposite directions, with the minority discussing the different speeds. Very few achieved the second mark point. For those who did, it was for stating gear A exerts a force on gear B. A few attempted to explain it as gear A causing a moment about the pivot of gear B but some mentioned momentum instead of moment, thereby causing confusion in the response.

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Mark Ranges and Award of Grades

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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.

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07.5 About 23% of students answered this question correctly.

07.6 About 38% of students answered this question correctly.

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

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

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

Question 8 (Low and Standard demand)

08.1 Around 63% of students answered this question correctly.

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

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

08.4 Around 96% of students answered this question correctly.

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

Question 9 (Standard demand)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question 10 (Standard demand)

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

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

Question 11 (Standard demand)

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

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

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

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

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

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Use of statistics

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General comments

Students should pay attention to the number of options that need to be ticked when doing multiple choice questions. They should make sure they cross out wrong options when they change their minds, as marks cannot be awarded where there are multiple ticks instead of one.

Many students demonstrated good maths skills, although there are always issues with rearrangements. Formula triangles are not always helpful. Students who had correctly written down an equation in a previous question and then tried to use a formula triangle often scored no marks, because they don't understand how to use them. If they had substituted into the equation from the equations sheet they would have scored the 1st mark.

Students had access to the equations sheet for this examination series. A minority of the students however did not use them to find the appropriate equation.

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, not just on questions that may have been targeted at the level at which they are working.

01.1

Over 90 % of the students knew that a protractor is used to measure angles. The phonetic spelling of protractor was allowed.

01.2

Almost 70% of the students scored all four marks for completing the graph. Despite a clear instruction a significant number did not label the y-axis. A number of the students did not use a ruler to draw the line of best fit.

01.3

Most of the students correctly identified the relationship between the angle of incidence and the angle of reflection.

01.4

Half of the students knew which measurement was the amplitude of a wave. Most of the others thought the vertical distance between a peak and a trough was the amplitude.

01.5

About 80 % of the students knew which line showed the wavelength of the wave. The most common incorrect answer was the distance showing half the wavelength.

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01.6

Over 90 % of the students correctly calculated the wavelength. Those who did not achieve full marks mainly did so by not choosing the correct unit for wavelength, with Pa being a popular incorrect choice.

01.7

This was well answered, with most of the students scoring both marks. A few inverted the equation and thus calculated the period incorrectly.

02.1

Most of the students correctly calculated the weight of coal.

02.2

Just over 90% of the students were able to use the work done equation correctly. Those that did not get full marks tended to put an additional step into the calculation by dividing the answer 68 000 000 by 4; the number of engines in total.
Occasionally a student would attempt to convert the number calculated into standard form. Whilst not being penalised, this was not required.

02.3

Well answered by most students. As with part 02.2, occasionally a student would attempt to convert the number calculated into standard form.

02.4

Nearly 90% of the students could identify that friction was a contact force.

02.5

Most of the students identified the correct distance-time graph for constant speed.

02.6

This was the 1st calculation that was more challenging for many students. A common error was to use only one of the quoted velocities to calculate the acceleration rather than using the difference between the velocities. However just over 80 % did score full marks, with 10 % scoring zero or not attempting the question.

03.1

Approximately 60% of the students scored both marks. Often students did not know the correct word for a natural satellite. However, many correctly identified ‘star’ for the second word.

03.2

Most of the students knew that we are part of the Milky Way galaxy.

03.3

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Only about 40 % of the students knew that the Sun will eventually become a black dwarf. The most popular wrong answer was that it would become a black hole.

03.4

Just fewer than 40 % of the students knew that a very distant galaxy moves faster than a nearer galaxy.

03.5

About 70 % of the students knew that an increase in the wavelength of light from a distant galaxy is called red-shift.

03.6

About 60 % of the students selected the correct word to describe the beginning of the universe.

03.7

Almost 80 % of the students knew that the universe is expanding.

04.1

Just over 70 % of the students were able to make the connection between the mass of a vehicle and how it would affect the maximum acceleration.

04.2

Over 90 % of the students scored full marks for calculating the resultant force using F = ma. However, some of the students thought that the value of acceleration needed to be squared and then multiplied by mass.

04.3

This level of response question proved too challenging for many. Only just over 1 % of the students scored full marks. Most identified that the driving force would increase, but fewer recognised that as this happened the air resistance would also increase, with many stating that the air resistance would decrease as the cars speed increased.

04.4

Most of the students knew that the thinking distance is affected by the driver's reaction time.

04.5

Just fewer than 70 % of the students were aware that the braking distance is the distance travelled under the braking force.

04.6

Only just over 20 % of the students scored full marks for using the graph of distance against speed to find the stopping distance. The correct distances were often identified from the graph. However, these were then either subtracted from each other, divided or multiplied rather than added.

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04.7
Nearly 80 % of the students identified factors that would increase the stopping distance of a car. Despite two being emboldened twice in the question, some students only ticked one box.

05.1
The principal focus was correctly identified by just over 60 % of the students.

05.2
About 80 % of the students knew that the change in direction of light as it enters a lens is called refraction.

05.3
Nearly 70 % the students recognised the shape of a convex lens.

05.4
Under a half of the students managed to correctly measure the object height and image height. This may have been due to a lack of skill or a lack of equipment.

05.5
This was much more successfully answered than part 05.4 with nearly 90 % of the students scoring both marks. These students used their values from part 05.4 to calculate magnification.

05.6
Just fewer than 50 % of the students knew that magnification is a ratio, but almost the same number thought it is a power.

05.7
This was a challenging question. Most of the students that did score a mark were awarded only the first mark point. This was for explaining that white light is transmitted through colourless glass. A lot of the students think of white light as an entity in itself rather than the result of the colours of the visible light combined. Few used the word transmitted but rather described it as passing through or goes through.
For the 2nd and 3rd mark points many of the students decided that white light was reflected or refracted, reinforcing the misconception that white light is a single entity rather than being made up of a combination of wavelengths. The idea that filters would absorb different wavelengths of light seemed to be difficult for the students to express, with very few achieving the third mark.

06.1
Only just over 30 % of the students could identify two magnetic materials from the list, with about 60 % being able to identify one. Again, a number of students ticked just one box or more than two boxes.

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06.2

Just over 70 % of the students correctly named the iron nails as induced magnets.

06.3

Just fewer than 40 % of the students knew the direction of the magnetic field.

06.4

Nearly 80 % of the students recognised the shape of the magnetic field around a current carrying wire.

06.5

Very few of the students could give two changes that would increase the magnetic field strength. 'Increasing the current' was a common correct response. Many of the students answered 'increasing the number of coils' as such they were implying the wire was already coiled and not answering the question asked, which was about the straight wire shown in Figure 10.

07.1

Nearly 60 % of the students understood what is meant by the moment of a force. The most common incorrect option was 'The direction of the force.'

07.2

The correct resultant moment was selected by just over 80 % of the students.

07.3

Students generally answered this well, identifying position 7 and on which side of the balance the tag should be placed. Some indicated this on the diagram which was an accepted alternative response, provided what was written did not contradict it.

07.4

Some students wrote the equation for the moment of a force in words and then in symbols. This risks not gaining the mark if either is incorrect. Also, correct use of symbols should be stressed, especially when they are given in the question. It was surprising that some of the students scored zero or did not attempt to write down an equation despite having the equations sheet.

07.5

Almost three quarters of the students were able to rearrange the equation and then calculate the distance between the pivot and the tag on the balance.

08.1

Most of the students found this level of response question difficult to answer. Only just over 1 % gave a level 2 answer. Many of the students scored 2, 1 or 0 marks. Of those that scored a mark the most common response was light travels faster than sound. Many also tried to describe light and sound as transverse and longitudinal waves, with the majority getting this

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confused. Very few identified acceptable similarities. Common answers that did not gain credit included light travels at the speed of light, sound travels at the speed of sound, light can be seen and sound cannot be seen.

08.2

Just fewer than 80 % of the students choose the correct equation for calculating speed.

08.3

This question required students to rearrange the equation. About three quarters of the students scored all three marks.

09.1

About 65 % of the students correctly stated the independent variable in this investigation.

09.2

Just over 40 % of the students scored both marks for identifying a risk of harm and a suitable safety precaution to reduce the risk. Too few students connected a hazard, such as a falling weight, becoming a risk of harm when it hit or hurt the student.

09.3

Students were expected to clearly describe two improvements to the arrangement shown that would improve the accuracy of the results. Many had difficulty describing their ideas clearly and answers were often too vague to gain credit.

09.4

Almost 40 % of the students scored this mark usually by explaining that the spring length was not 0 cm rather than describing the relationship between spring length and force.

09.5

This was not successfully answered, with only about 2 % of the students scoring both marks and a further 13 % scoring one mark. The 1st mark point was for stating or giving a clear description of inelastic deformation. Of those who were awarded marks most of them described how the spring had reached or passed its limit of proportionality.

09.6

Over 90 % of the students selected the correct equation.

09.7

Nearly 80 % of the students scored all three marks. Those that did not often rearranged the equation incorrectly.

10.1

Only about 5% of the students correctly calculated the uncertainty correctly from either the range or the mean.

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10.2

Just over 40 % of the students identified that a random error had caused the variation in this investigation. A greater proportion of the students thought there was a systematic error but this would not have accounted for the variation in the results.

10.3

This mark was awarded for a clear description of variation in the way the ball was dropped. For example, through different heights, at different speeds, or a different delay each time. Common answers giving reaction time or human error were too vague, to be awarded marks unless qualified.

10.4

Just fewer than 30 % of the students scored all three marks. Many of the students took only one value from the graph rather than a corresponding pair of values and so scored 0. Those that used a pair of correct values often then used them the wrong way round when calculating the gradient.

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