AQA GCSE Physics | 8463

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.5.6.1.5

Acceleration

Mark schemes and examiner comments

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Answer 01 · Mark scheme June 2003 | 3451F | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 02 · Mark scheme June 2003 | 3462F3 | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme June 2004 | 3451F | Original Q12 | Legacy

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme June 2004 | 3462F3 | Original Q10 | Legacy

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Answer 05 · Mark scheme June 2005 | 3451 | Original Q14 | Legacy

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme

June 2005 | 3462 | Original Q12 | Legacy

The full source mark scheme begins on page 166. Follow original question 12 in that document.

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	tension	accept any unambiguous method of indication eg it's underlined **or** ticked	1
(b)(i)	speed of the ball is increased		1
(b)(ii)	the direction of the ball		1
(c)	centripetal	accept any unambiguous method of indication eg it's underlined **or** ticked	1
total			4

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme

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Answer 08 · Mark scheme June 2008 | PHY2F | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question 4

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	0.6 newtons	allow **1** mark for correct substitution accept N do **not** accept n accept Newtons	2 1
(ii)	the same as		1
(b)(i)	changed velocity	accept increased/ decreased for change accept speed for velocity accept change direction accept getting faster/ slower accept start/ stop moving accept correct equation in terms of change in speed or change in velocity	1
(ii)	down(wards)	accept towards the ground accept ↓ do **not** accept south	1
(iii)	increase velocity is increasing **or** it is accelerating	 can only credit second mark if answer is increase accept speed for velocity accept is moving faster accept an answer in terms of resultant force downwards mention of weight/ mass increasing negates second mark	1 1
total			8

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme January 2009 | PHY2F | Original Q8 | Legacy

Question 8

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(a)(i)	4.5	allow **1** mark for correct substitution i.e. 9 ÷ 2	2
8(a)(ii)	m/s^2	accept answer given in (a)(i) if not contradicted here	1
8(a)(iii)	speed		1
8(a)(iv)	straight line from the origin passing through (2s, 9 m/s)	allow **1** mark for straight line from the origin passing through to t = 2 seconds allow **1** mark for an attempt to draw a straight line from the origin passing through (2,9) allow **1** mark for a minimum of 3 points plotted with no line provided if joined up would give correct answer. Points must include(0,0) and (2,9)	2
8(b)(i)	**B** smallest (impact) force on all/ every/ any surfaces	if **A** or **C** given scores **0** marks in total these marks are awarded for comparative answers	1 1 1

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8(b)(ii)	(conditions) can be repeated **or** difficult to measure forces with human athletes	 accept answers in terms of variations in human athletes e.g. athletes may have different weights area / size of feet may be different difficult to measure forces athletes run at different speeds accept any answer that states or implies that with humans the conditions needed to repeat tests may not be constant e.g. athletes unable to maintain constant speed during tests (or during repeat tests) do **not** accept the robots are more accurate removes human error is insufficient fair test is insufficient	1
Total			**10**

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Answer 10 · Mark scheme

January 2009 | PHY3F | Original Q3 | Legacy

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

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Answer 11 · Mark scheme

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	**Y**	accept the one in the middle accept 90	1
	has the biggest mass	reason does not score if X or Z is chosen accept weight for mass accept weighs the most accept they are the heaviest accept has a larger mass do **not** accept weighs 90kg's on its own biggest/larger on its own is not sufficient	1
2(b)	increases		1
Total			**3**

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Answer 11 · Mark scheme June 2009 | PHY2F | Original Q2 | Legacy

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Answer 12 · 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 12 · Mark scheme

June 2009 | PHY3F | Original Q1 | Legacy

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Answer 13 · Mark scheme

June 2009 | PHY3F | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)(i)	direction	accept any unambiguous indication	1
2(a)(ii)	centripetal	accept any unambiguous indication	1
2(b)	**A**	accept any unambiguous indication	1
2(c)	mass of the passengers is greater	accept any unambiguous indication	1
Total			**4**

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Answer 13 · Mark scheme

June 2009 | PHY3F | Original Q2 | Legacy

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Answer 14 · Mark scheme

Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)	96	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 80 × 1.2	2
	newton or N	allow Newton do **not** allow n	1
6(b)(i)	direction		1
6(b)(ii)	velocity and time are continuous (variables)	answers must refer to both variables accept the variables are continuous / not categoric accept the data / 'it' is continuous accept the data / 'it' is not categoric	1
6(b)(iii)	**C**		1
	velocity is not changing	the **2** marks for reason may be scored even if **A** or **B** are chosen accept speed for velocity accept speed is constant (9 m/s) accept **not** decelerating accept **not** accelerating accept reached terminal velocity	1
	forces must be balanced **or** resultant force is zero	accept forces are equal accept arrows are the same length / size do **not** accept the arrows are equal	1
Total			**8**

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Answer 14 · Mark scheme

January 2010 | PHY2F | Original Q6 | Legacy

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Answer 15 · Mark scheme

Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	distance (from the Sun in millions of km) and time taken for orbit	both required in either order **not** just 'time taken'	1
7(b)(i)	**either** distance (from the Sun in millions of km) **or** time taken for orbit (and) (average) temperature	 **not** just 'time taken' both required in either order	1
7(b)(ii)	(+) 430 / (+) 470 **or** Mercury / Venus		1
7(c)	25 (hours)	do **not** accept 24 (hours)	1
7(d)	...different positions at different times		1
7(e)	…direction…speed gravitational	both and in the correct order	1 1
Total			**7**

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Answer 15 · Mark scheme

January 2010 | PHY3F | Original Q7 | Legacy

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Answer 16 · Mark scheme

June 2010 | PHY2F | Original Q6 | Legacy

Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)(i)	75 000 newtons / N	accept correct substitution for **1** mark ie 7500 × 10 do **not** accept n full credit for using g = 9.8 **or** 9.81	2 1
6(a)(ii)	60 000 000	accept for both marks their (a)(i) × 800 correctly calculated accept correct substitution for **1** mark ie their (a)(i) × 800	2
6(b)(i)	arrow drawn parallel (to) **and** down (the) slope	accept arrow drawn anywhere on the diagram	1
6(b)(ii)	increases GPE transformed to KE **or** speed increasing	 accept is accelerating however 'speed increasing' only scores if correctly linked to increasing kinetic energy	1 1
6(c)	so more likely to wear one **or** they know wearing a helmet is likely to / will reduce (risk) head injury **or** so can make an (informed) choice (about wearing one)		1
Total			**9**

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Answer 16 · Mark scheme June 2010 | PHY2F | Original Q6 | Legacy

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Answer 17 · Mark scheme

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)(i)	12		1
3(a)(ii)	0.2 m/s^2	allow **1** mark for their (a)(i) ÷ 60 and correctly calculated accept correct unit circled in list accept ms^{-2} do **not** accept mps^2	1 1
3(b)	**B**		1
Total			**4**

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Answer 17 · Mark scheme January 2011 | PHY2F | Original Q3 | Legacy

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Answer 18 · Mark scheme

Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)(i)	120		1
7(a)(ii)	20	accept 140-their (a)(i) provided answer is not negative	1
7(a)(iii)	as speed increases drag force / water resistance / friction / **D** increases (until) **D** = 140 N or (until) **D** = **T**	 forces balance is insufficient	1 1 1
7(b)(i)	(average) speed (of swimmer)		1
7(b)(ii)	any **two** from: • more data • force may vary (a lot) / change • give more <u>reliable average</u>	 accept results for data do **not** accept more accurate data ignore references to anomalies ignore accurate / precise	2

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question	answers	extra information	mark
7(b)(iii)	examples of acceptable responses: • most / some females produce smaller forces • most / some males produce larger forces • some females swim as fast as males but use a smaller force • most of the faster swimmers are male • most of the slower swimmers are female • range of the (average) speed of males is smaller than the range of the (average) speed of females • range of the (average) force of the males is greater than the range of the (average) force of the females	do **not** accept <u>all</u> females produce smaller forces do **not** accept <u>all</u> males produce larger forces do **not** accept <u>all</u> males swim faster do **not** accept <u>all</u> females swim slower	1
7(b)(iv)	exert maximum (hand) force (throughout the swim / stroke)	accept (any method to) increase (hand) force practise more is insufficient	1
Total			**10**

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Answer 18 · Mark scheme January 2011 | PHY2F | Original Q7 | Legacy

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | PHY2F | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)(i)	lorry greatest mass	reason only scores if lorry chosen accept weight for mass accept heaviest accept correct calculations for all 3 vehicles the biggest is insufficient	1 1
3(a)(ii)	2450	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 175 × 14	2
3(b)(i)	increases	accept any clear indication of the correct answer	1
3(b)(ii)	speed increases	accept velocity for speed accept gets faster do **not** accept it accelerates on its own moves more is insufficient	1
3(b)(iii)	straight line going to 6, 20 horizontal line from 6,20 to 8,20	allow **1** mark for a curve going to 6,20 **or** a straight line diagonally upwards but missing 6,20 allow a horizontal line from where their **diagonal** meets 20m/s to 8,20	2 1
Total			**9**

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme June 2011 | PHY2F | Original Q3 | Legacy

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Answer 20 · Mark scheme

January 2013 | PH2FP | Original Q6 | Legacy

Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)	any **two** from: • (make shape / body) more streamlined • increase power of engine • reduce mass / weight (of go-kart)	accept a correct description accept lower the seating position of the driver faster engine is insufficient change wheel size is insufficient	2
6(b)(i)	A–B steepest / steeper gradient / slope	reason only scores if A–B is chosen	1 1
6(b)(ii)	1820	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 140 × 13 provided no subsequent step shown	2
Total			**6**

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Answer 20 · Mark scheme

January 2013 | PH2FP | Original Q6 | Legacy

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Answer 21 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | PH2FP | Original Q7 | Legacy

Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	(produces) a force from water on the boat in the forward direction	 accept in the opposite direction this must refer to the direction of the force not simply the boat moves forwards an answer produces an (equal and) opposite force gains **1** mark	1 1
7(b)(i)	1.5 m/s^2	 allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{16-4}{8}$ **or** $\frac{12}{8}$ provided no subsequent step shown ignore sign	2 1
7(b)(ii)	102 **or** their (b)(i) × 68 correctly calculated	 allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 1.5 × 68 **or** their (b)(i) × 68 provided no subsequent step shown	2
7(b)(iii)	greater than need to overcome resistance forces	reason only scores if greater than chosen accept named resistance force accept resistance forces act (on the water skier) do **not** accept gravity	1 1
Total			**9**

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Answer 21 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | PH2FP | Original Q7 | Legacy

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Answer 22 · Mark scheme June 2014 | PH2FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

2(a)(i)	not moving		1	AO2 2.1.2b
2(a)(ii)	straight line from origin to (200,500)	ignore a horizontal line after (200,500)	1	AO2 2.1.2b
2(b)	35 000	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 14 000 × 2.5 provided no subsequent step an answer of 87 500 indicates acceleration (2.5) has been squared and so scores zero	2	AO2 2.1.2a
Total			**4**	

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Answer 22 · Mark scheme

June 2014 | PH2FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref

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Answer 23 · Mark scheme

8(a)(i)	friction		1	AO1 2.1.3a

8(a)(ii)	air resistance	accept drag friction is insufficient	1	AO1 2.1.3a

8(a)(iii)	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** **6**	**AO spec ref**
0 marks	**Level 1 (1–2 marks)**	**Level 2 (3–4 marks)**	**Level 3 (5–6 marks)**	AO2 AO3 2.1.4c
No relevant content.	There is an attempt to explain in terms of forces A and B why the velocity of the cyclist changes between any two points **or** a description of how the velocity changes between any two points.	There is an explanation in terms of forces A and B of how the velocity changes between X and Y and between Y and Z **or** a complete description of how the velocity changes from X to Z. **or** an explanation and description of velocity change for either X to Y or Y to Z	There is a clear explanation in terms of forces A and B of how the velocity changes between X and Z **and** a description of the change in velocity between X and Z.	

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Answer 23 · Mark scheme

examples of the points made in the response	extra information
X to Y • at X force A is greater than force B • cyclist accelerates • and velocity increases • as cyclist moves toward Y, force B (air resistance) increases (with increasing velocity) • resultant force decreases • cyclist continues to accelerate but at a smaller value • so velocity continues to increase but at a lower rate **Y to Z** • from Y to Z force B (air resistance) increases • acceleration decreases • force B becomes equal to force A • resultant force is now zero • acceleration becomes zero • velocity increases until… • cyclist travels at constant / terminal velocity	accept speed for velocity throughout

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
8(b)(i)	3360	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 140 × 24 provided no subsequent step accept 3400 for **2** marks if correct substitution is shown	2	AO1 AO2 2.2.1b
	joule / J	do **not** accept j do **not** accept Nm	1	
8(b)(ii)	decreases	accept an alternative word / description for decrease do not accept slows down	1	AO1 2.1.3e
	temperature	accept thermal energy accept heat	1	
Total			**13**	

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Answer 24 · Mark scheme

June 2015 | PH2FP | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 25 · Mark scheme

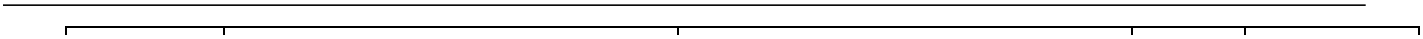
June 2017 | PH2FP | Original Q6 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
6(a)	gradient/slope is not zero **or** the velocity is increasing	accept the line is not horizontal accept the line slopes accept positive correlation accept changing for increasing accept speed for velocity	1	AO1 2.1.2f
6(b)	5 (.0)	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie $a = \frac{425}{85}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 2.1.2a
Total			**3**	

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Answer 25 · Mark scheme

June 2017 | PH2FP | Original Q6 | Legacy



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Answer 26 · Mark scheme June 2018 | 8463/1F | Original Q1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/ Spec. Ref
01.1	chemical kinetic	in this order only	1 1	AO1 4.1.1.1
01.2	$E_k = 0.5 \times 80 \times 12^2$ $E_k = 5760$ (J)	an answer of 5760 (J) scores **2** marks	1 1	AO2 4.1.1.2
01.3	E = 0.040 × 480 × 50 E = 960 (J)	an answer of 960 (J) scores **2** marks	1 1	AO2 4.1.1.3
01.4	increased		1	AO1 4.3.2.1
Total			**7**	

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Answer 26 · Mark scheme

June 2018 | 8463/1F | Original Q1



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Answer 27 · Mark scheme

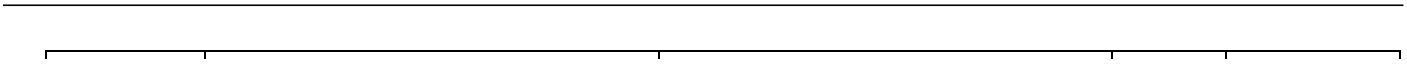
June 2018 | 8463/2F | Original Q6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	C		1	AO1 4.5.5.1.2
06.2	weight = 2.5 × 9.8 weight = 24.5 (N)	an answer of 24.5 scores **2** marks an answer of 24.5 rounded to 25 scores **2** marks	1 1	AO2 4.5.1.3
06.3	the upthrust is the same as the weight		1	AO1 4.5.5.1.2
06.4	(resultant) force = mass × acceleration	allow F = m a	1	AO1 4.5.6.2.2
06.5	4.0 = 2.5 × a $a = \frac{4.0}{2.5}$ a = 1.6 (m/s^2)	an answer of 1.6 scores **3** marks	1 1 1	AO2 4.5.6.2.2
Total			8	

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Answer 27 · Mark scheme

June 2018 | 8463/2F | Original Q6



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Answer 28 · Mark scheme

June 2018 | 8463/2F | Original Q10

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.1	uniform acceleration	allow constant / steady acceleration allow velocity / speed increasing at a constant rate ignore reference to direction acceleration scores **1** mark **or** velocity / speed is increasing scores **1** mark do **not** accept acceleration increases	2	AO1 4.5.6.1.5
10.2	up(wards)		1	AO1 4.5.6.1.5
10.3	a group of objects that interact		1	AO1 4.1.1.1
10.4	velocity just after bounce is less than just before bounce **or** the height at the top of the bounce is less than the height from which it was dropped	allow velocity is less / decreases allow speed for velocity velocity decreases to zero – on its own scores zero	1	AO3 4.5.6.1.5
	so the ball has lost energy		1	AO1 4.1.1.2
	correct reference to (loss of) ke or (reduced) gpe		1	AO1 4.1.2.1
	total energy of ball and Earth / ground is constant	allow 'a system' for ball and Earth allow energy is conserved	1	AO1 4.1.2.1
Total			**8**	

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Answer 29 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8463/1F | Original Q6

Question 6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
6.1	(the diesel car has a) higher range (the diesel car) power source has a lower mass	allow less frequent refuelling needed allow the power source has a lower weight the diesel car has a lower mass is insufficient	1 1	4.1.3 AO3
6.2	% of total mass = $\frac{420}{1610}$ (×100) % of total mass = 26 (%)	a correct answer that rounds to 26 (%) scores **2** marks allow **1** mark for an answer of 0.26	1 1	4.1.3 AO2
6.3	any **2** from: • increase the range of electric cars • increase the time between recharges • decrease the (total) mass of the electric car • greater acceleration		2	4.1.3 AO3
6.4	energy transferred = power × time **or** $E = Pt$		1	4.1.1.4 AO1
6.5	420 000 = 7000 × t t = 420 000 / 7000 t = 60 (s)	an answer of 60 (s) scores **3** marks	1 1 1	4.1.1.4 AO2
Total			**10**	

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Answer 30 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8463/2F | Original Q6

Question 6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
6.1	B		1	AO1/1 4.5.6.2.1
6.2	horizontal line drawn from (40, 20) to (300, 20) straight line drawn from the point where line B finishes to 0 m/s finishing on the x-axis at 360 s	 allow a straight line showing time to decelerate as 60s	1 1 1	AO2/2 4.5.6.1.5
6.3	acceleration= $\frac{\text{(change in) velocity}}{\text{time (taken)}}$	allow a = $\frac{(\Delta)v}{t}$	1	AO1/1 4.5.6.1.5 iso
6.4	$1.15 = \frac{\Delta v}{22}$ Δ v = 1.15 × 22 Δ v = 25.3 (m/s)	an answer 25.3 scores **3** marks	1 1 1	AO2/1 4.5.6.1.5
Total			**8**	

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Answer 31 · Mark scheme

November 2020 | 8463/2F | Original Q7

Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	velocity includes direction	allow velocity is a vector (quantity) **and** speed is a scalar (quantity)	1	AO1 4.5.6.1.3
07.2	(an equal) force from the air pushes on the engine/aircraft in the opposite direction	 only scores if first marking point scored accept to the left **or** forwards if no other marks scored, allow **1** mark for pushes the engine forwards	1 1	AO2 4.5.6.2.3
07.3	correct value for distance and corresponding time (eg 12 000 m and 50 s) $v = \frac{\text{their change in distance}}{\text{their change in time}}$ speed = 240 (m/s)	 this mark may be awarded if distance and/or time are incorrectly read **from the graph** allow a correctly calculated answer using their values of distance and time **from the graph**	1 1 1	AO2 4.5.6.1.4
07.4	acceleration = $\frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time taken}}$ **or** $a = \frac{\Delta v}{t}$		1	AO1 4.5.6.1.5

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Answer 31 · Mark scheme

07.5	250 – 68 = 182 $0.14 = \frac{182}{t}$ $t = \frac{182}{0.14}$ t = 1300 (seconds)	 this mark may be awarded if the change in velocity is incorrectly/not calculated this mark may be awarded if the change in velocity is incorrectly/not calculated allow a correctly calculated answer using a change in velocity incorrectly/not calculated	1 1 1 1	AO2 4.5.6.1.5
07.6	work done = force × distance **or** W = F s		1	AO1 4.5.2
07.7	140 000 000 = force × 2000 $\text{force} = \frac{140\,000\,000}{2000}$ force = 70 000 (newtons)		1 1 1	AO2 4.5.2
Total			**15**	

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Answer 32 · Mark scheme

November 2020 | 8463/2F | Original Q8

Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	Move the wooden block to the left.		1	AO3 4.5.6.2.2 RPA7
08.2	use a pulley (on the edge of the bench)	allow any feasible method to stop the string from rubbing	1	AO3 4.5.6.2.2 RPA7
08.3	suitable scale points plotted correctly line of best fit	 allow 5 correctly plotted for **2** marks **OR** 3–4 correctly plotted for **1** mark	1 2 1	AO2 4.5.6.2.2 RPA7
08.4	(directly) proportional	allow a correct description of direct proportionality ignore positive correlation allow weight (added to mass holder) for force allow f = ma for **1** mark	1	AO3 4.5.6.2.2 RPA7
08.5	repeat the measurements/investigation ignore anomalies **and** calculate the mean / average		1 1	AO3 4.5.6.2.2 RPA7
08.6	resultant force = mass × acceleration **or** F = m a		1	AO1 4.5.6.2.2 RPA7

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Answer 32 · Mark scheme

November 2020 | 8463/2F | Original Q8

08.7	$0.375 = 0.60 \times a$ $a = \frac{0.375}{0.60}$ $a = 0.625\ (m/s^2)$ $a = 0.63\ (m/s^2)$		1 1 1 1	AO2 4.5.6.2.2 RPA7
Total			**14**	

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Answer 33 · Mark scheme

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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**	

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 34 · Mark scheme

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Question 8

Question	Answers	Mark	AO/ Spec. Ref
08.1	**Level 2:** Relevant points (reasons / causes) are identified, given in detail and logically linked to form a clear account.	3–4	AO1 4.5.6.3.3 4.5.6.3.4 4.1.1.2
	Level 1: Points are identified and stated simply, but their relevance is not clear and there is no attempt at logical linking.	1–2	
	No relevant content	0	
	Indicative content Factors • poor condition of tyres • poor road surface • wet or icy road • poor/worn brakes Explanation • because of decreased friction Factors • increased mass of car/passengers Explanation • increases kinetic energy of car • more work needs to be done to stop car • increases momentum of the car Factor • road slopes downhill Explanation • (a component of) gravity opposes the braking force • resultant (braking) force is reduced allow answers in terms of reducing braking distance throughout A single factor with no related explanation is insufficient to score a mark		

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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08.2	resultant force = mass × acceleration		1	AO1 4.5.6.2.2
08.3	7200 = 1600 × *a* $a = \frac{7200}{1600}$ *a* = 4.5 (m/s^2)	ignore negatives throughout	1 1 1	AO2 4.5.6.2.2
08.4	15 (m) 38 (m) = 53 (m)	two correct values identified allow the correct addition of a misread braking distance and /or a misread thinking distance taken from the graph	1 1	AO3 4.5.6.3.1
08.5	$p = \frac{F}{A}$		1	AO1 4.5.5.1.1
08.6	120 000 = $\frac{60}{A}$ $A = \frac{60}{120\,000}$ *A* = 0.0005 *A* = 5 (.0) × 10^{-4} m^2	 allow an answer given to 2 sig figs from an incorrect calculation using the given data	1 1 1 1 1	AO2 AO2 AO2 AO2 AO1 4.5.5.1.1
Total			**16**	

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 35 · Mark scheme

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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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 35 · Mark scheme

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**

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 36 · Mark scheme

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Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	any **two** from: • capacity of the battery • speed • mass / weight • uphill / downhill • stopping at traffic lights • condition of the road • (air) temperature • (incorrect) tyre pressure • streamlining of the car	allow energy/charge stored in battery allow efficiency of battery ignore size of the battery allow terrain ignore 'the road' only ignore 'weather' only allow efficiency of engine allow anything that would use charge from the battery **or** anything that will reduce the energy stored	2	AO3 4.5.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.2	acceleration = change in velocity/time (taken) **or** $a = \frac{\Delta v}{t}$	allow any correct rearrangement allow $a = \frac{v - u}{t}$ do **not** accept $a = \frac{v}{t}$	1	AO1 4.5.6.1.5

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 36 · Mark scheme

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.3	$20 = \frac{28}{t}$ $t = \frac{28}{20}$ 1.4 (s)		1 1 1	AO2 4.5.6.1.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.4	$v^2 - 0^2 = 2 \times 10 \times 605$ $v^2 = 12\,100$ $v = 110$ (m/s)		1 1 1	AO2 4.5.6.1.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.5	work done = force × distance **or** $W = Fs$	allow any correct rearrangement	1	AO1 4.5.2

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.6	*s* = 7500 (m)		1	AO2 4.5.2
	W = 4000 × 7500	allow correct substitution using incorrectly / not converted value of s	1	
	W = 30 000 000 (J)	allow correct calculation using incorrectly / not converted value of s	1	

Total Question 8		13

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 37 · Mark scheme

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Question 10

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.1	7.1 (cm) 497 (m)	allow 7.0 to 7.3 (cm) allow 70 × their measurement of displacement	1 1	AO2 4.5.6.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.2	0 (N)		1	AO2 4.5.1.4

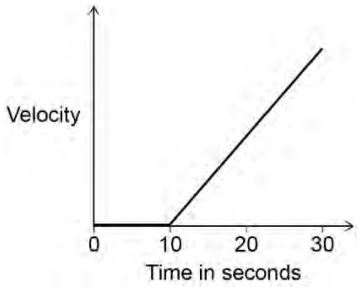
Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.3	constant velocity	allow constant speed (in a straight line) do **not** accept stationary allow constant acceleration if a **mathematical error** in 02.2 gives a non-zero value for resultant force	1	AO1 4.5.6.2.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.4	any **one** from: • tension • normal contact (force) • upthrust	allow lift, thrust and water resistance allow normal reaction (force) ignore drag	1	AO1 4.5.1.2

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 37 · Mark scheme

June 2023 | 8463/2F | Original Q10

Question	Answers		Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.5	horizontal line drawn to 10s along the *x*-axis		1	AO3 4.5.6.1.4
	line with a positive gradient starting from 10 s	allow an upward curving line with increasing gradient starting from 10 s 	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.6	line of best fit drawn and extrapolated to 10 km	do **not** accept a straight line	1	AO2 4.5.5.2
	28 (kPa)	allow 26 to 32 (kPa) allow a value correctly extrapolated from their line allow 2 marks for a correct mathematically extrapolated value	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.7	the average density of the air above the aeroplane decreases		1	AO3 4.5.5.2

Total Question 10	**10**

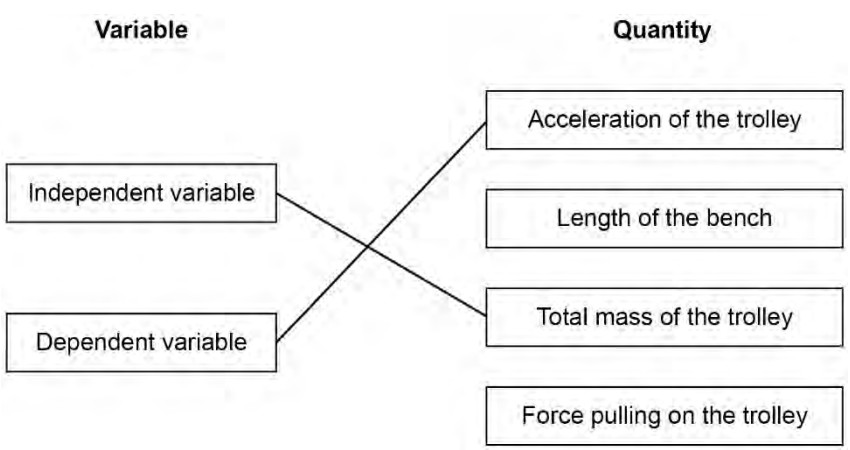
4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 38 · Mark scheme

June 2024 | 8463/2F | Original Q3

Question 3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	friction		1	AO3 4.5.6.2.2 RPA7

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.2		1 1	AO1 4.5.6.2.2 RPA7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.3	$\frac{1.58 + 1.53 + 1.54}{3}$ 1.55 (m/s^2)		1 1	AO2 4.5.6.2.2 RPA7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.4	the acceleration is inversely proportional to the mass	allow as the mass increases the acceleration decreases allow negative correlation	1	AO3 4.5.6.2.2 RPA 7

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 38 · Mark scheme

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.5	$F = 1.5 \times 0.62$ = 0.93 (N)		1 1	AO2 4.5.6.2.2

Total Question 3	8

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 39 · Mark scheme

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Question 5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	distance speed		1 1	AO1 4.5.6.1.1 4.5.6.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.2	3200 (m)		1	AO2 4.5.6.1.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.3	average speed = $\frac{3200}{2000}$ = 1.6 (m/s)	allow ecf from question **05.2**	1 1	AO2 4.5.6.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.4	B It has the smallest gradient	 MP2 is dependent on MP1	1 1	AO3 AO1 4.5.6.1.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.5	gravity		1	AO3 4.5.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.6	3.0 m/s		1	AO1 4.5.6.1.2

Total Question 5	**9**

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 40 · Mark scheme

June 2024 | 8463/2F | Original Q7

Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	$W = 25\,000 \times 9.8$ $= 245\,000$ (N)		1 1	AO2 4.5.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.2	$p = \frac{1\,960\,000}{49}$ $= 40\,000$ Pa		1 1 1	AO2 AO2 AO1 4.5.5.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.3	B		1	AO1 4.5.5.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.4	$a = \frac{1.3 - 0.7}{5.0}$ $= 0.12$ (m/s^2)		1 1	AO2 4.5.6.1.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.5	$\frac{0.21}{0.84} \times 100$ 25%		1 1	AO2 4.5.3

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Answer 40 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.6	force (applied to the spring) = spring constant × extension **or** $F = k \times e$		1	AO1 4.5.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.7	$336 = k \times 0.21$ $\frac{336}{0.21} = k$ $k = 1600$ (N/m)		1 1 1	AO2 4.5.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.8	$v^2 - 0 = 2 \times 9.8 \times 0.95$ $v^2 = 18.62$ $v = 4.3150\ldots$ $= 4.3$ (m/s)	 allow $v = \sqrt{(18.62)}$ allow an answer correctly rounded to 2 significant figures from an incorrect calculation which uses the values in the question	1 1 1 1	AO2 4.5.6.1.5

Total Question 7	18

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Answer 41 · Mark scheme

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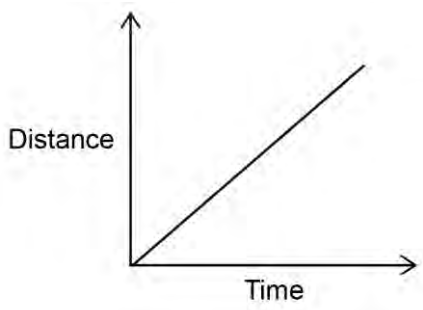
Question 2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	*W* = 75 000 × 9.8 735 000 (N)		1 1	AO2 4.5.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.2	*W* = 850 000 × 80 68 000 000 (J)		1 1	AO2 4.5.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.3	4 × 850 000 3 400 000 (N)		1 1	AO1 4.5.1.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.4	frictional force		1	AO1 4.5.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.5			1	AO1 4.5.6.1.4

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Answer 41 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.6	25 – 16 = 9 (m/s) $a = \frac{9}{150}$ 0.06 (m/s^2)	subsequent marks may be awarded if an incorrectly calculated change in velocity is used	1 1 1	AO2 4.5.6.1.5

Total Question 2	**11**

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 42 · Mark scheme

June 2025 | 8463/2F | Original Q4

Question 4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.1	car **X** has a smaller maximum acceleration		1	AO3 4.5.6.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.2	$F = 900 \times 2.5$ 2250 (N)	 allow 2300 (N)	1 1	AO2 4.5.6.2.2

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.3	**Level 2:** Relevant points (reasons/causes) are identified, given in detail and logically linked to form a clear account.	3–4	AO2 AO3 4.5.1.4 4.5.6.1.5 4.5.6.2.1 4.5.6.2.2
	Level 1: Points are identified and stated simply, but their relevance is not clear and there is no attempt at logical linking.	1–2	
	No relevant content	0	
	Indicative content • driving force increases • driving force has a maximum value • driving force is greater than air resistance • there is a resultant forward force • air resistance increases (as speed increases) • resultant force decreases • air resistance becomes equal to the driving force (at maximum speed) • resultant force is zero For **Level 2** answers must include how both driving force and air resistance change.		

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Answer 42 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.4	time		1	AO1 4.5.6.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.5	force		1	AO1 4.5.6.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.6	(thinking distance =) 20 **and** (braking distance =) 60	subsequent marks may be awarded if incorrect reading(s) are taken from the graph	1	AO2 4.5.6.3.1
	stopping distance = 20 + 60		1	
	80 (m)		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.7	the driver becoming tired		1	AO1 4.5.6.3.2
	driving on a wet road		1	4.5.6.3.3

Total Question 4	**14**

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 43 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.1	range = 0.61 – 0.49 **or** range = 0.12 uncertainty = ± 0.06 (s)	allow mean = 0.55	1 1	AO2 4.5.6.1.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.2	random error		1	AO3 4.5.6.1.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.3	the ball may have been dropped from different heights **or** the initial speed of the ball may have been different **or** there may have been a different delay between the student pressing the start button and releasing the ball	allow the stopwatch did not always stop (immediately) when the ball hit the floor	1	AO3 4.5.6.1.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.4	corresponding values of height and time squared read from graph gradient = 5.0 acceleration = 10.0 (m/s^2)	eg 3.5 (m) and 0.70 (s^2) MP3 can be awarded for a correct calculation of acceleration using their gradient provided it is change in height ÷ change in time^2	1 1 1	AO2 4.5.6.1.5

Total Question 10	7

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INFORMATION FOR EXAMINERS

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

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

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

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

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

2. Emboldening

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

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

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

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of Quality of Written Communication

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

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

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

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3.2 Marking of lists

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.3 Use of chemical symbols/formulae

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

3.4 The marking of quantitative relationships

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

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

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

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

3.5 Marking procedure for calculations

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

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

3.6 Interpretation of 'it'

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

3.7 Errors carried forward

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

Examples

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

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

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

3.8 Phonetic spelling

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

3.9 Brackets

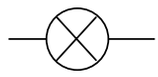
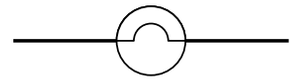
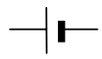
(…..) is used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.10 Unexpected Correct Answers not in the Mark Scheme

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

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3451/F Q1

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

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3451/F Q2

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

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3451/F Q3

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

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3451/F Q4

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

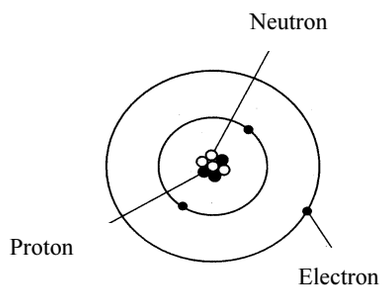
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3451/F Q5

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

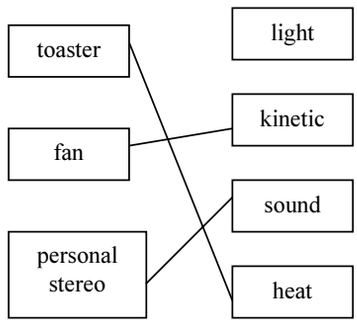
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3451/F Q6

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3451/F Q7

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

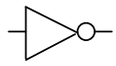
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3451/F Q8

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

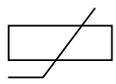
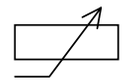
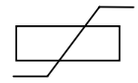
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3451/F Q9

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3451/F Q9 continued

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3451/F Q10

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3451/F Q11

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3451/F Q12

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3451/F Q13

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

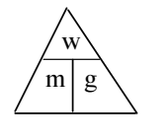
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3451/F Q14

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3451/F Q15

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3451/F Q16

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

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3451/F Q17

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

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INFORMATION FOR EXAMINERS

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

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

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

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

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

2. Emboldening

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

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

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

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of Quality of Written Communication

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

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

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

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3.2 Marking of lists

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.3 Use of chemical symbols/formulae

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

3.4 The marking of quantitative relationships

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

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

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

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

3.5 Marking procedure for calculations

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

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

3.6 Interpretation of 'it'

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

3.7 Errors carried forward

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

Examples

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

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

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

3.8 Phonetic spelling

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

3.9 Brackets

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

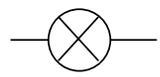
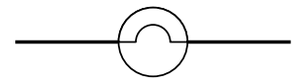
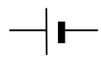
3.10 Unexpected Correct Answers not in the Mark Scheme

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

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3462/3F Q1

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q2

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q3

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	heat		1
(ii)	temperature increases **or** (cause) convection (currents)	accept gets warmer accept gets hotter	1
(iii)	60% **or** 0.6	60 without % scores **1** mark 0.6 with a unit scores **1** mark 60 with incorrect unit scores **1** mark **or** correct substitution $\frac{120}{200}$ for **1** mark	2
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total			6

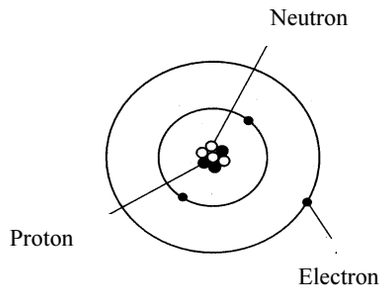
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3462/3F Q5

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(a)	MN	accept 5.8, 8 seconds must include unit	1
(b)	LM	accept 0.8, 5.8 seconds must include unit	1
(c)(i)	0.8		1
(ii)	drinking alcohol		1
(d)	straight (by eye) line starting at 0.8 seconds line drawn steeper than LM starting before L	 ignore lines going beyond 2 seconds but line must exceed 2.5 metres per second before terminating	1 1
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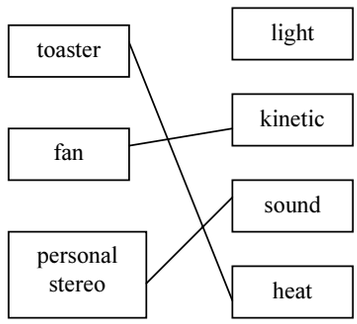
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3462/3F Q6

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q7

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q8

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q9

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q10

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q11

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

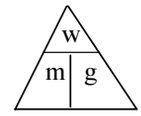
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3462/3F Q12

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q13

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

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GCSE PHYSICS

INFORMATION FOR EXAMINERS

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

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

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

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

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

2. Emboldening

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

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

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

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of Quality of Written Communication

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

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

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

3.2 Marking of lists

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.3 Use of chemical symbols/formulae

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

3.4 The marking of quantitative relationships

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

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

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

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

3.5 Marking procedure for calculations

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

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

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

3.6 Interpretation of 'it'

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

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3.7 Errors carried forward

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

Examples

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

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

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

3.8 Phonetic spelling

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

3.9 Brackets

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

3.10 Interpretation of marginal points

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

3.11 Unexpected Correct Answers not in the Mark Scheme

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

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3451F Q1

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

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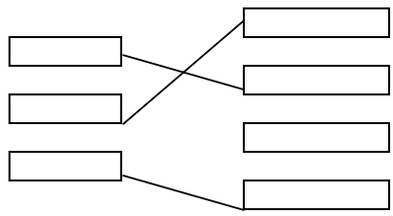
3451F Q2

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

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3451F Q3

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

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3451F Q4

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

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3451F Q5

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

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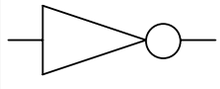
3451F Q6

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

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3451F Q7

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

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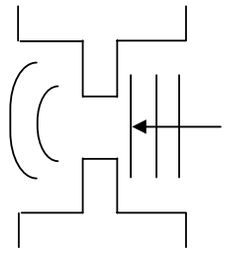
3451F Q8

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

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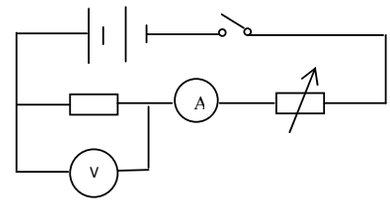
3451F Q9

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

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3451F Q10

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

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3451F Q11

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

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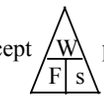
3451F Q12

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

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3451F Q13

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

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3451F Q14

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

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3451F Q15

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

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3451F Q16

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

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SCIENCE: DOUBLE AWARD CO-ORDINATED

INFORMATION FOR EXAMINERS

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

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

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

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

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

2. Emboldening

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

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

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

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of Quality of Written Communication

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

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

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

3.2 Marking of lists

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.3 Use of chemical symbols/formulae

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

3.4 The marking of quantitative relationships

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

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

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

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

3.5 Marking procedure for calculations

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

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

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

3.6 Interpretation of 'it'

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

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3.7 Errors carried forward

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

Examples

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

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

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

3.8 Phonetic spelling

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

3.9 Brackets

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

3.10 Interpretation of marginal points

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

3.11 Unexpected Correct Answers not in the Mark Scheme

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

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Double Award
Foundation Tier 3462/3F

3462/3F Q1

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

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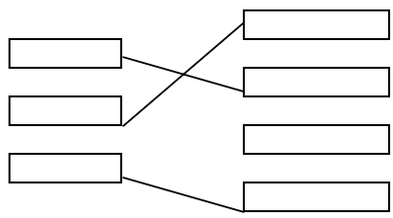
3462/3F Q2

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

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3462/3F Q3

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

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3462/3F Q4

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

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3462/3F Q5

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

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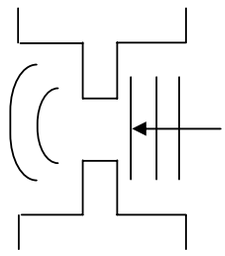
3462/3F Q6

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

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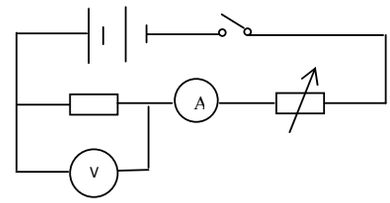
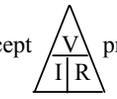
3462/3F Q7

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

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3462/3F Q8

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

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3462/3F Q9

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

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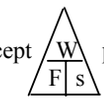
3462/3F Q10

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

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3462/3F Q11

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

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3462/3F Q12

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

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Physics (Specification B)
Foundation Tier 3451/F

3451/F Q1

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

3451/F Q2

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3451/F Q3

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Physics B – AQA GCSE Mark Scheme, 2005 June series

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

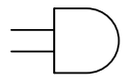
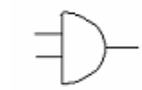
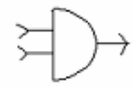
3451/F Q9

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	capacitor LDR relay (normally open)	accept condenser **or** light dependent resistor accept 'ldr', 'Ldr' etc. do **not** accept 'relay normally closed'	1 1 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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4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3451/F Q9 cont…

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

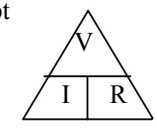
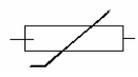
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3451/F Q10

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3451/F Q13

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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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4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3451/F Q14 cont…

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3451/F Q15

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

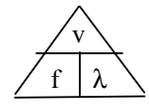
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3451/F Q16

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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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4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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3462/3F 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

3462/ 3F Q2

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q3

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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3462/3F Q4

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q5

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

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3462/3F Q6

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q7

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

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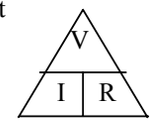
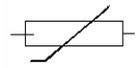
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3462/3F Q8

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q9

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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3462/3F Q10

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

3462/3F Q11

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

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3462/3F Q12

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

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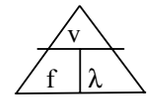
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(d)	any **three** from: • <u>increased</u> speed • <u>reduced</u> braking force • <u>slower</u> (driver) reactions • <u>poor</u> vehicle maintenance • <u>increased</u> mass / weight of vehicle • <u>poor</u> road surface • <u>more</u> streamlined	do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

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Science: Double Award (Co-ordinated) – AQA GCSE Mark Scheme, 2005 June series

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

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Mark Scheme

Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

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

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

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

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

2. Emboldening

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

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

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

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

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

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

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

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

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

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

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

3.5 Errors carried forward

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

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

3.6 Phonetic spelling

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

3.7 Brackets

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

3.8 Accept / allow

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

3.9 Ignore / Insufficient / Do not allow

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

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

4. Quality of Communication and levels marking

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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

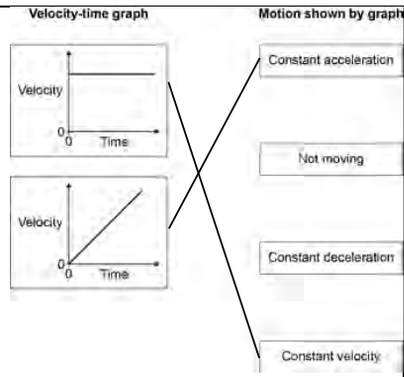
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
4(a)(i)	(3-pin) plug	do **not** accept plug socket	1	AO1 2.4.1d	**E**
4(a)(ii)	live and neutral		1	AO1 2.4.1e	**A**
4(a)(iii)	double		1	AO1 2.4.1j	**G**
4(b)	Direct current (d.c.) only		1	AO1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

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

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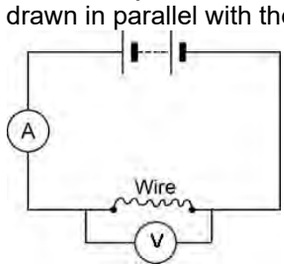
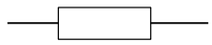
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
6(a)	cell damage *or* cancer	accept kills/mutates cells radiation poisoning is insufficient ionising is insufficient	1	AO3 2.5.2g	**E**
6(b)(i)	any **one** from: • use tongs to pick up source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

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

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

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

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

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Question 8 continues on the next page . . .

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

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

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

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

Total		**10**

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Answer 27 · Examiner comments — June 2018 | 8463/2F | Original Q6

Question 6 (Low and Standard demand)

06.1 This was well known with 95% of the students scoring the mark.

06.2 Most of the students showed a substitution before calculating the final correct answer.

06.3 Answers were split almost equally between the three options.

06.4 44% of the students were able to write down this equation correctly. Most of the students that gave a wrong equation simply wrote the three quantities out in the order they were given – 'acceleration = mass x resultant force' was a common wrong answer.

06.5 43% of the students were able to calculate the correct answer to this question.

Answer 28 · Examiner comments — June 2018 | 8463/2F | Original Q10

Question 10 (Standard demand)

10.1 Many of the students found the velocity-time graph difficult to interpret and relate to the motion of the ball, with many stating the ball was going upwards at an angle between A and B. However about 50% of students correctly stated that the ball accelerated between points A and B on the graph, however very few of these recognised that a straight line velocity-time graph represents a uniform acceleration and so failed to score the second mark available. Comments such as 'the ball accelerates at a constant speed' did not score a mark.

10.2 54% of students were able to give the correct direction.

10.3 As a new part of the specification this was answered well with about 60% of the students giving the correct answer.

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10.4 Few students appreciated that the negative velocity indicated that the ball was moving upwards, and that BC represented the ball hitting the ground. It was rare to read that the ball had a reduced velocity and therefore a reduced kinetic energy. Some students wrote that the ball would not rebound as high but did not relate this to an overall loss of gravitational potential energy. A small number of the students did recognise that the ball had lost energy overall in the bounce but did not state that because total energy is conserved, some of the ball's energy must have been transferred to the Earth. The majority of students simply described, correctly or incorrectly, the energy change as the ball fell or landed. There little appreciation that the question required students to consider the energy changes within a closed system.

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 30 · Examiner comments — June 2019 | 8463/2F | Original Q6

Question 6 (Low and standard demand)

06.1 Many of the students did not make the link between zero resultant force and constant velocity and so did not choose answer B.

06.2 This was well done with nearly half of the students scoring all three marks. Common errors were to have section B less than 260 s and / or the time for deceleration in part C to be 50 s.

06.3 67% of students correctly recalled the equation.

06.4 Virtually all of the students that scored a mark in part **06.3** went on to score both marks for the calculation.

Answer 35 · 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.

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 35 · Examiner comments June 2022 | 8463/2F | Original Q2

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'.

Answer 36 · Examiner comments June 2022 | 8463/2F | Original Q8

Question 8 (Standard demand)

08.1 Many of the students were able to give one factor but only about one quarter went on to score both marks. A significant number of the students gave vague answers such as 'weather' and so scored zero.

08.2 Almost all the students were able to use the equations sheet to give the correct equation. 4% of the students did not attempt to give an equation

08.3 A significant number of the students multiplied the two values together and so scored zero. Approximately 10% of the students did not attempt the question.

08.4 Approximately 50% of the students scored 2 or 3 marks. A common error was to misunderstand what a calculated value of 12100 was. Some of the students thought this to be the final velocity whilst others went on to work out 12100 squared as the final velocity. Those scoring zero often failed to show any working out and so could not be given any of the 'method' marks.

08.5 Despite the equation sheet being given, 5% of the students did not give an equation.

08.6 The vast majority of the students did not convert the distance to metres and so scored only 2 marks.

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 37 · Examiner comments

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10.1

Only 9% of students calculated the displacement correctly. Those who did not gain the mark simply measured the route taken by the aircraft and scaled that distance up. A small minority didn't attempt the question.

10.2

27% of students gained the mark for the resultant force. Some missed out a force, others did not know how to combine the forces.

10.3

6% of students, who calculated the resultant force correctly, also scored this mark. Very few correctly described the motion using simplistic descriptions like moving forwards or moving slowly, rather than describing the motion in terms of velocity speed and acceleration. It was common to see the aircraft was "stationary", even though the question says it is moving.

10.4

Some students confused energy and force. It was common to see non-contact forces given. 20% of students could name an additional contact force.

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Answer 37 · Examiner comments

10.5

6% of students scored 1 mark, usually for drawing an upward line/curve from 10s. Only 23 % of students scored 2 marks.

10.6

A minority of students attempted to draw a smooth curve and extrapolate this to the 10km line. Those who did generally obtained full marks by using the graph correctly, with 12% of students scoring both marks. A number of students miscalculated the scale on the graph and quoted incorrect values from their line. It was more common to see a straight line, which often allowed the award of 1 mark for a correct reading of the value.

10.7

50% of students knew that as the height of the aeroplane above the ground increased, the average density of the air decreased.

Mark Ranges and Award of Grades

Grade boundaries and cumulative percentage grades are available on the Results Statistics page of the AQA Website.

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Answer 38 · Examiner comments June 2024 | 8463/2F | Original Q3

03.1
27% of students answered this question about force correctly.

03.2
Those scoring marks tended to get the dependent variable correct, as opposed to getting the independent variable. Only 23% gained both marks. A significant minority could not identify either correctly or drew more than one line from each box to different answers.

03.3
86% scored both marks for calculating the mean acceleration. The clarity of writing numbers was an issue with some responses, where a '1' could be confused for a '2', or a '5' for a '6' or '3'. Taking more care in writing answers would benefit some students.

03.4
Most of the students identified the correct relationship between the two factors. Those that did not score this mark said the factors were 'directly proportional', or that as one decreased the other decreased.

03.5
90% scored full marks for this calculation of resultant force. A common error was to multiply 1.5 by 0.62^2, the squared value incorrectly being moved from the unit to the number.

Answer 39 · Examiner comments June 2024 | 8463/2F | Original Q5

05.1
37% of students identified two scalar quantities from the list, and. 40% could identify one.

05.2
87% of students were able to read the correct value from the distance-time graph.

05.3
Most students correctly used their answer from 05.2 to calculate the average speed.

05.4
Only 2% of students scored both marks, as many found it difficult to explain why they had chosen the correct section of the graph.

05.5
Many students scored this mark about doing work against gravity.

05.6
79% of students scored this mark for recalling the typical running speed of a person.

4.5.6.1.5 Acceleration

Answer 40 · Examiner comments June 2024 | 8463/2F | Original Q7

07.1
Only a few students failed to gain 2 marks in this calculation of weight. Some had not substituted correctly, others tried to convert mass to grams.

07.2
58% of students scored all 3 marks for this calculation of pressure. The unit of area being m^2 seemed to confuse some students into squaring 49. Those scoring 2 marks tended to give an incorrect unit.

07.3
61% of students knew that the pressure in a fluid causes a force normal to the surface.

07.4
Students were expected to calculate the change in velocity to find the acceleration. Many did not calculate the change but just used one of the velocities given in the question. 78% scored both marks.

07.5
A percentage calculation which proved to be too difficult for many students. A common answer was 75% instead of 25%.

07.6
Even though all students had access to the Physics Equations Sheet, 3% did not write down any equation. 7% quoted the wrong equation.

07.7
Well answered calculation of spring constant with 77% getting all 3 marks. Some students struggled to rearrange the equation. Some tried to use the elastic potential energy equation.

07.8
24% of students gained all 4 marks for this velocity calculation. Those who didn't usually did not show a full substitution into the equation, and calculated 2*as*, thinking this was the final answer.

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08.176% of students gave an incorrect value of resolution for the protractor. Answers of 10, 90 and 180 degrees were commonly seen.

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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.

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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.

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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

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

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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.

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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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