AQA GCSE Physics | 8463

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.5.6.2.2

Newton's Second Law

Mark schemes and examiner comments

Tier	**Foundation**
Question groups	**15**
Available paper years	**2004–2025**

Using this booklet

1. Booklet answer numbers match the question booklet.
2. Use the original question number within marking tables.
3. Examiner comments are included where available.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Where a precise marking extract is unavailable, the full source document is included in an appendix. Any missing mark scheme is explicitly identified.

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Answer 01 · Mark scheme

June 2004 | 3451F | Original Q12 | Legacy

The full source mark scheme begins on page 26. Follow original question 12 in that document.

Answer 02 · Mark scheme

June 2004 | 3462F3 | Original Q10 | Legacy

The full source mark scheme begins on page 47. Follow original question 10 in that document.

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Answer 03 · 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 03 · Mark scheme

January 2008 | PHY3F | Original Q3 | Legacy

PHY3F

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme

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 05 · 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 05 · Mark scheme

January 2010 | PHY2F | Original Q6 | Legacy

PHY2F

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Answer 06 · 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 06 · Mark scheme

January 2010 | PHY3F | Original Q7 | Legacy

PHY3F

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Answer 07 · 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 07 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | PH2FP | Original Q7 | Legacy

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Answer 08 · Mark scheme

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 08 · Mark scheme

June 2014 | PH2FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref

Answer 09 · Mark scheme

June 2015 | PH2FP | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 10 · Mark scheme

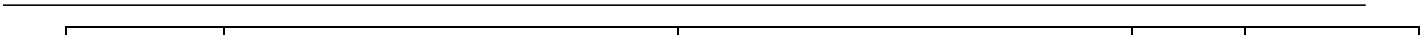
June 2017 | PH2FP | Original Q6 | Legacy

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 10 · Mark scheme

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Answer 11 · Mark scheme

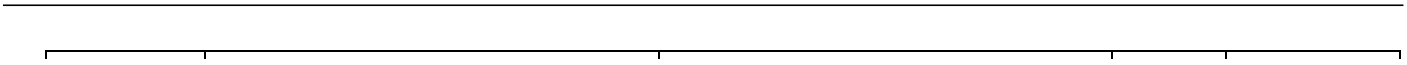
June 2018 | 8463/2F | Original Q6

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 11 · Mark scheme

June 2018 | 8463/2F | Original Q6



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Answer 12 · 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 12 · 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 13 · Mark scheme

November 2021 | 8463/2F | Original Q8

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		

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Answer 13 · Mark scheme

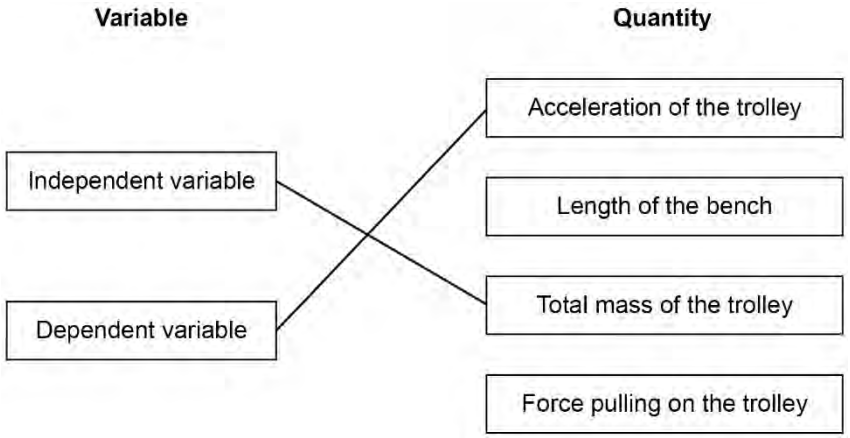
08.2	resultant force = mass × acceleration		1	AO1 4.5.6.2.2
08.3	7200 = 1600 × *a* $a = \frac{7200}{1600}$ *a* = 4.5 (m/s^2)	ignore negatives throughout	1 1 1	AO2 4.5.6.2.2
08.4	15 (m) 38 (m) = 53 (m)	two correct values identified allow the correct addition of a misread braking distance and /or a misread 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**	

Answer 14 · 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

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Answer 14 · 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

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Answer 15 · 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
	Level 1: Points are identified and stated simply, but their relevance is not clear and there is no attempt at logical linking.	1–2	AO3
	No relevant content	0	4.5.1.4 4.5.6.1.5 4.5.6.2.1 4.5.6.2.2
	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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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 stopping distance = 20 + 60 80 (m)	subsequent marks may be awarded if incorrect reading(s) are taken from the graph	1 1 1	AO2 4.5.6.3.1

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

Total Question 4	**14**

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Mark Scheme

Physics Specification B
3451/F

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INFORMATION FOR EXAMINERS

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

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

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

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

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

2. Emboldening

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

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

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

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of Quality of Written Communication

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

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

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

3.2 Marking of lists

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.3 Use of chemical symbols/formulae

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

3.4 The marking of quantitative relationships

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

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

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

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

3.5 Marking procedure for calculations

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

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

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

3.6 Interpretation of 'it'

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

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3.7 Errors carried forward

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

Examples

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

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

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

3.8 Phonetic spelling

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

3.9 Brackets

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

3.10 Interpretation of marginal points

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

3.11 Unexpected Correct Answers not in the Mark Scheme

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

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Foundation Tier 3451/F

3451F Q1

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

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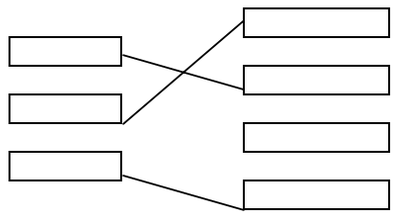
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question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	95		1
(b)	alpha	accept correct symbol	1
(c)	any **two** from: • radiation is outside the body • radiation will not reach (living) cells • radiation absorbed by the air	 accept detector is on ceiling or high 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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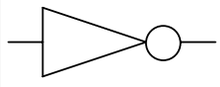
3451F Q6

	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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	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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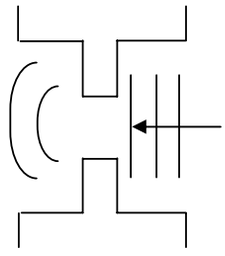
3451F Q8

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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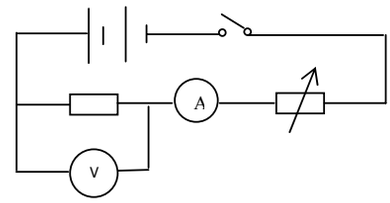
3451F Q9

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 1.8×30) i.e. adding the correct 2 power values	2
total			9

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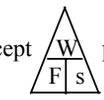
3451F Q12

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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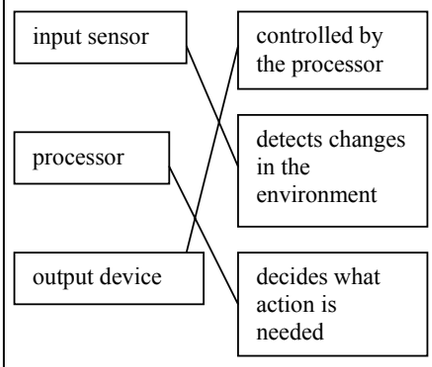
3451F Q13

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

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3451F Q14

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

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3451F Q15

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

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3451F Q16

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	**Y** and **Z** 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 deflected / repelled / repulsed by the (positive) nucleus C – alpha particle heading straight for the nucleus is deflected / repelled / repulsed 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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3462/3F

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SCIENCE: DOUBLE AWARD CO-ORDINATED

INFORMATION FOR EXAMINERS

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

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

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

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

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

2. Emboldening

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

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

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

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of Quality of Written Communication

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

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

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

3.2 Marking of lists

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.3 Use of chemical symbols/formulae

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

3.4 The marking of quantitative relationships

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

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

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

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

3.5 Marking procedure for calculations

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

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

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

3.6 Interpretation of 'it'

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

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3.7 Errors carried forward

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

Examples

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

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

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

3.8 Phonetic spelling

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

3.9 Brackets

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

3.10 Interpretation of marginal points

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

3.11 Unexpected Correct Answers not in the Mark Scheme

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

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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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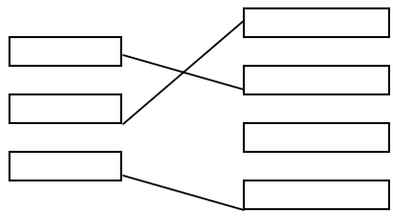
3462/3F Q2

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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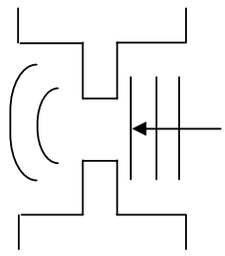
3462/3F Q6

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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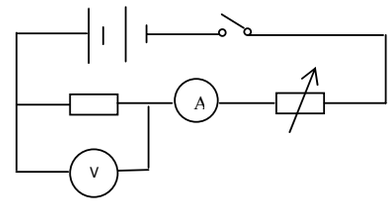
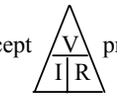
3462/3F Q7

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 1.8×30) i.e. adding the correct 2 power values	2
total			9

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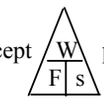
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question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	accelerating	accept getting faster accept speed / velocity increasing	1
(ii)	acceleration increases	accept velocity / speed increases more rapidly do **not** accept velocity / speed increases	1
(b)(i)	$\text{acceleration} = \frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time (taken)}}$	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 $W = F \times s$ or $W = F \times d$ 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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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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Mark Scheme

Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

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

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

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

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

2. Emboldening

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

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

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

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

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

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

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

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

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

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

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

3.5 Errors carried forward

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

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

3.6 Phonetic spelling

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

3.7 Brackets

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

3.8 Accept / allow

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

3.9 Ignore / Insufficient / Do not allow

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

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

4. Quality of Communication and levels marking

In Question **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**		

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

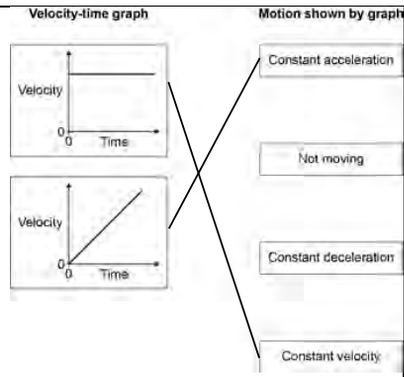
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
3(a)	3 (.0)	allow **1** mark for correct substitution i.e. 25 x 0.12 provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 2.1.5d	**E**
3(b)(i)	elastic potential kinetic	correct order only	1 1	AO1 2.1.5c 2.2	**G**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

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

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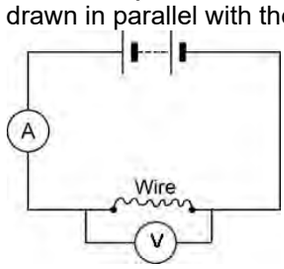
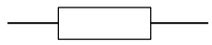
Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
5(a)		if more than one line is drawn from a graph then all those lines are wrong allow **1** mark for 1 correct line	2	AO1 2.1.2f	**G**
5(b)	speed		1	AO1 2.1.2d	**G**
5(c)(i)	2.25	allow **1** mark for correct substitution i.e. $a = \frac{9-0}{4}$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

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
6(a)	cell damage *or* cancer	accept kills/mutates cells radiation poisoning is insufficient ionising is insufficient	1	AO3 2.5.2g	**E**
6(b)(i)	any **one** from: • use tongs to pick up source • wear gloves • use (lead) shielding • minimise time (of exposure) • maximise distance (between source and teacher)	accept any other sensible and practical suggestion ignore reference to increasing / decreasing the number / thickness of lead sheets	1	AO3 2.5	**E**
6(b)(ii)	<u>background</u>		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**		

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

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

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

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

Total		**10**

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Question 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 14 · 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.

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General comments

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

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

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

Levels of demand

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

- Low demand questions are targeted at students working at grades 1–3.
- Standard demand questions are targeted at students working at grades 4–5.

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

01.1

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

01.2

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

01.3

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

01.4

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

01.5

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

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01.6

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

01.7

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

02.1

Most of the students correctly calculated the weight of coal.

02.2

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

02.3

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

02.4

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

02.5

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

02.6

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

03.1

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

03.2

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

03.3

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

03.4

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

03.5

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

03.6

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

03.7

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

04.1

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

04.2

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

04.3

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

04.4

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

04.5

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

04.6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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06.2
Just over 70 % of the students correctly named the iron nails as induced magnets.

06.3
Just fewer than 40 % of the students knew the direction of the magnetic field.

06.4
Nearly 80 % of the students recognised the shape of the magnetic field around a current carrying wire.

06.5
Very few of the students could give two changes that would increase the magnetic field strength. 'Increasing the current' was a common correct response. Many of the students answered 'increasing the number of coils' as such they were implying the wire was already coiled and not answering the question asked, which was about the straight wire shown in Figure 10.

07.1
Nearly 60 % of the students understood what is meant by the moment of a force. The most common incorrect option was 'The direction of the force.'

07.2
The correct resultant moment was selected by just over 80 % of the students.

07.3
Students generally answered this well, identifying position 7 and on which side of the balance the tag should be placed. Some indicated this on the diagram which was an accepted alternative response, provided what was written did not contradict it.

07.4
Some students wrote the equation for the moment of a force in words and then in symbols. This risks not gaining the mark if either is incorrect. Also, correct use of symbols should be stressed, especially when they are given in the question. It was surprising that some of the students scored zero or did not attempt to write down an equation despite having the equations sheet.

07.5
Almost three quarters of the students were able to rearrange the equation and then calculate the distance between the pivot and the tag on the balance.

08.1
Most of the students found this level of response question difficult to answer. Only just over 1 % gave a level 2 answer. Many of the students scored 2, 1 or 0 marks. Of those that scored a mark the most common response was light travels faster than sound. Many also tried to describe light and sound as transverse and longitudinal waves, with the majority getting this

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

08.2

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

08.3

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

09.1

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

09.2

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

09.3

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

09.4

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

09.5

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

09.6

Over 90 % of the students selected the correct equation.

09.7

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

10.1

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

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10.2

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

10.3

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

10.4

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

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