AQA GCSE Physics | 8463

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.3.1.2

Changes of state

Mark schemes and examiner comments

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Question groups	**19**
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Answer 01 · Mark scheme June 2005 | 3451 | Original Q12 | Legacy

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Answer 02 · Mark scheme January 2007 | PHY1H | Original Q1 | Legacy

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme June 2007 | PHY1A | Original Q3 | Legacy

Three	**4**	**3**	**1**	**2**

Answer 04 · Mark scheme June 2007 | PHY1A | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**1**	**3**	**3**	**3**

Answer 05 · Mark scheme June 2009 | PHY1AP | Original Q9 | Legacy

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

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme

November 2011 | PHY1AP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**4**	**1**	**2**	**4**

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme

June 2012 | PH1HP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)	(kinetic) energy (of the particles) is reduced	accept slow down accept transfer energy to (cold) glass / surface accept energy is lost do **not** accept vibrate less	1
	move closer together		1
4(b)	double glazing provides (better) insulation	accept double glazing has a lower U-value accept less energy / heat transfer through double glazing	1
	(inside of) glass is not as cold	accept window stays warm(er)	1
4(c)(i)	any **one** from: • to avoid bias • to make sure results are reproducible	 accept repeatable / reliable for reproducible	1
4(c)(ii)	any **three** from: • the lower the <u>U-value</u>, the better the insulator • better insulating glass costs more money • increasing the (width of) air gap increases cost • additional cost of better insulating glass offset by energy savings	accept Superglaze or G-type for 'better insulating glass' throughout 'better insulating glass' has a lower U-value is insufficient	3
Total			**8**

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme

June 2012 | PH1HP | Original Q4 | Legacy

PH1HP

Answer 08 · Mark scheme

January 2013 | PH1HP | Original Q7 | Legacy

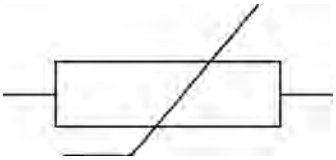
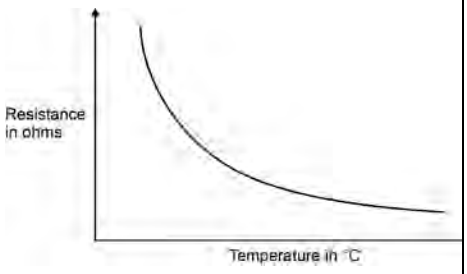
Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	there are strong forces (of attraction) between the particles in a solid	accept molecules / atoms for particles throughout accept bonds for forces	1
	(holding) the particles close together **or** (holding) the particles in a fixed pattern / positions	particles in a solid are less spread out is insufficient	1
	but in a gas the forces between the particles are negligible	accept very small / zero for negligible accept bonds for forces	1
	so the particles spread out (to fill their container)	accept particles are not close together gas particles are not in a fixed position is insufficient	1
7(b)(i)		accept molecules / atoms for particles throughout	
	particles are (shown) leaving (the liquid / container)	accept particles are escaping particles are getting further apart is insufficient	1
7(b)(ii)		accept molecules / atoms for particles throughout accept speed / velocity for energy throughout	
	particles with most energy leave the (surface of the) liquid	accept fastest particles leave the liquid	1
	so the mean / average energy of the remaining particles goes down		1
	and the lower the average energy (of the particles) the lower the temperature (of the liquid)		1
Total			**8**

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme June 2014 | PH2HP | Original Q4 | Legacy

4(a)(i)			1	AO1 2.3.2c
4(a)(ii)	360	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 9 = 0.025 × R	2	AO2 2.3.2h
4(a)(iii)	sketch graph of correct shape, ie 		1	AO1 2.3.2g
4(a)(iv)	An automatic circuit to switch a heating system on and off.		1	AO1 2.3.2c

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
4(b)	so ammeter reduces / affects current as little as possible	accept so does not reduce / change the current (it is measuring) accurate reading is insufficient not change the resistance is insufficient	1	AO1 2.3.2c
4(c)	gives a common understanding	accept is easier to share results accept can compare results do not need to be converted is insufficient prevent errors is insufficient	1	AO3 2.3.2k
4(d)	replace Bunsen (and water) with a lamp replace thermometer with light sensor	accept any way of changing light level accept any way of measuring a change in light level datalogger alone is insufficient	1 1	AO2 2.3.2p
Total			**9**	

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme June 2014 | PH2HP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref

Answer 10 · Mark scheme June 2016 | PH1HP | Original Q7 | Legacy

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Answer 11 · Mark scheme

June 2017 | PH1HP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
8(a)	liquid molecules / particles (next to the chiller) move closer together		1	AO1 1.1.3a
	so liquid becomes more dense	allow liquid contracts	1	
	(so cooler liquid) sinks		1	
	(and) warmer liquid rises	accept less dense liquid rises	1	
8(b)	(rate of energy transfer) decreases		1	AO1 1.1.3d
	(as) temperature difference (between chiller and liquid) decreases		1	
8(c)	the bottle cools the air (around it)	accept the air transfers energy to the bottle	1	AO1 1.1.3a
	cooler air cannot hold as many water molecules / particles **or** water molecules / particles move closer together	allow much water vapour for many water molecules / particles ignore descriptions of forces between particles	1	
	water vapour turns into a liquid		1	
Total			**9**	

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Answer 12 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8463/1H | Original Q11

Question 11

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
11.1	the (mean) kinetic energy of the particles increases	allow the (mean) speed of the particles increases 'kinetic energy increases' is insufficient by itself do not accept particles vibrating	1	4.3.2.1 AO1
	which increases the (internal) energy of the water	ignore description of evaporation	1	
11.2	Particles in a gas have more potential energy than particles in a liquid.		1	4.3.1.1 AO1
11.3	Energy given to water E = mL with quantities defined		1	4.3.3.1 AO1
	power output (of Bunsen burner) $= \frac{\text{energy transferred (to water)}}{\text{time}}$	allow $P = \frac{E}{t}$ with quantities defined	1	
	power output $= \frac{\text{change in mass} \times \text{specific latent heat}}{\text{time}}$	allow E = Pt equated with E = mL or stated in words **or** $P = \frac{mL}{t}$ with quantities defined	1	
	time should be converted to seconds **or** use a time of 300 seconds		1	
Total			**7**	

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Answer 13 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8463/2H | Original Q7

Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
7.1	The frequency increases and the wave speed in air stays the same		1	AO1/1 4.6.2.1 iso
7.2	pass through soft tissue (but) absorbed by bone	allow penetrate for pass through allow skin/muscle/etc… for soft tissue pass through tissue is insufficient allow do not pass through bone do not accept reflected by bone	1 1	AO1/1 4.6.2.4
7.3	accept a sensible practical suggestion eg • complete the investigation standing up • use (slightly) cooler water • do not touch the hot cube	do not accept use cold water pour water in carefully is insufficient ignore wear safety goggles or gloves	1	AO2/2 4.6.2.2 WS2.4
7.4	distance between each side (of the cube) and the (infrared) detector	allow distance between cube and detector	1	AO1/2 4.6.2.2 WS2.2
7.5	measurements (for each surface) have not been repeated (to show that they cluster closely)	do not accept any answer for measurement should be repeated for any reason other than to show they cluster eg to show accuracy / average / anomalies would be wrong	1	AO3/3b 4.6.2.2 WS3.7
7.6	(the student) could not conclude that black surfaces always emit more (infrared) than a white surface (as) the reading for the matt white and shiny black would both be 66 (°C)	a (matt) white surface (appears to) emit(s) the same amount (of infrared) as a (shiny) black surface the conclusion is wrong is insufficient allow (as) the reading for the matt white and shiny black would be the same	1 1	AO3/1a/2b 4.6.2.2 WS2.2
7.7	0.0	allow 0 allow zero	1	AO1/1 4.6.3.1

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Answer 13 · Mark scheme

7.8	at night, more radiation is emitted from the Earth than absorbed from space cloud reflects radiation (towards the Earth) at A, (there is no cloud cover so) a larger proportion of radiation will be emitted into space	 allow solar radiation for radiation 	1 1 1	AO1/1 4.6.3.2
Total			**12**	

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Answer 14 · Mark scheme

November 2021 | 8463/1H | Original Q11

Question 11

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
11.1	the gradient for ice is steeper than the gradient for water (liquid) which means that less energy is needed to increase the temperature by a fixed amount	allow the temperature of the ice increased faster than the temperature of the water	1 1	AO3 4.3.2.2
11.2	water took more time to vaporise than the ice took to melt which means that less energy is needed to change the state from solid to liquid (than from liquid to vapour)		1 1	AO3 4.3.2.3
11.3	any **two** from: • ice/water would take more time to increase in temperature • ice/water would take more time to change state • the change in temperature with time would not be linear	allow gradients would be less steep allow horizontal lines would be longer	2	AO3 4.3.2.2 4.3.2.3 RPA1

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Answer 14 · Mark scheme

November 2021 | 8463/1H | Original Q11

11.4	E = 69 000 (J)		1	AO2 4.3.2.3
	69 000 = 0.030 × L	allow a correct substitution of an incorrectly/not converted value of E	1	
	$L = \frac{69\,000}{0.030}$	allow a correct rearrangement using an incorrectly/not converted value of E	1	
	L = 2 300 000 **or** L = 2.3 × 10^6	allow a correct calculation using an incorrectly/not converted value of E	1	
	J/kg	allow a unit consistent with their numerical answer eg 2300 kJ/kg	1	

Total			**11**

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Answer 15 · Mark scheme

June 2022 | 8463/1H | Original Q4

Question 4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.1	independent variable: (type of) insulation / material dependent variable: time	do not accept thickness of material	1 1	AO1 4.1.2.1 RPA2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.2	0.1 (ºC)		1	AO3 4.1.2.1 RPA2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.3	viewing angle affects measurement **or** parallax error	allow judgement needed in reading the position (of the liquid in the thermometer) allow the level of the liquid may be between lines allow number of lines may be miscounted ignore harder to read ignore lines are close together ignore human error	1	AO3 4.1.2.1 RPA2

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Answer 15 · Mark scheme

June 2022 | 8463/1H | Original Q4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.4	E = 10 500(J)		1	AO2 4.1.1.3 RPA2
	$m = \frac{10\ 500}{4200 \times (85\text{-}65)}$	allow a correct substitution **and** rearrangement using an incorrectly / not converted value of E	1	
	m = 0.125 (kg)	allow a correct calculation using an incorrectly / not converted value of E	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.5	(same) temperature decrease in a shorter time means a higher thermal conductivity	allow converse answer	1	AO1 4.1.2.1 RPA2
	(because) the rate of energy transfer is higher		1	

Total Question 4		9

Answer 16 · Mark scheme

June 2022 | 8463/1H | Original Q8

Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	measuring cylinder	allow burette allow beaker with scale / graduations	1	AO3 4.3.2.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.2	boiling water		1	AO3 4.3.2.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.3	change in mass = 0.009 (kg)		1	AO2
	25 200 = 0.009 L	allow a correct substitution using an incorrectly calculated value of m	1	AO2
	$L = \frac{25\,200}{0.009}$	allow a correct rearrangement using an incorrectly calculated value of m	1	AO2 AO2
	$L = 2.8 \times 10^6$ or $L = 2\,800\,000$	allow a correctly calculated answer using an incorrectly calculated value of m	1	AO1 4.3.2.3
	J/kg	if a unit other than J/kg is given it must match the numerical answer	1	

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Answer 16 · Mark scheme

June 2022 | 8463/1H | Original Q8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.4	less energy (than 25 200 J) was transferred to the water (so) student's value of *L* was too high	 2nd mark conditional on scoring 1st mark	1 1	AO3 4.3.2.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.5	the measured change in mass is too high (for the energy supplied) (so) student's value of L is too low	allow a smaller mass of water actually changed state at boiling point 2nd mark conditional on scoring 1st mark	1 1	AO3 4.3.2.3

Total Question 8		**11**

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Answer 17 · Mark scheme

June 2023 | 8463/1H | Original Q3

Question 3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	polarity of the potential difference doesn't change	allow direction of the potential difference doesn't change	1	AO1 4.2.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.2	$E = QV$		1	AO1 4.2.4.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.3	$5010 = Q \times 12$ $Q = \frac{5010}{12}$ $Q = 417.5$ (C)	 allow 418 (C)	1 1 1	AO2 4.2.4.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.4	$5010 = 0.015 \times L$ $L = \frac{5010}{0.015}$ $L = 334\,000$ (J/kg)		1 1 1	AO2 4.3.2.3

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Answer 17 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.5	**Level 3:** Relevant points (reasons / causes) are identified, given in detail and logically linked to form a clear account.	5–6	AO1 4.3.1.1 4.3.2.1
	Level 2: Relevant points (reasons / causes) are identified, and there are attempts at logical linking. The resulting account is not fully clear.	3–4	
	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 • particles in a solid are in a regular pattern • particles in a liquid are in a random arrangement • particles in a solid are vibrating about fixed positions • particles in a liquid are moving freely • as the ice changes to water the temperature remains constant • because as the ice changes to water the potential energy of the particles increases • as the water warms the particles move faster • so the kinetic energy of the particles increases • internal energy is the total kinetic and potential energy of all the particles ignore any references to density of ice vs liquid water ignore any references to spacing of particles		

Total Question 3	14

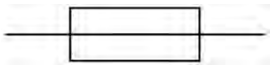
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Answer 18 · Mark scheme

June 2024 | 8463/1H | Original Q10

Question 10

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.1	brown		1	AO1 4.2.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.2			1	AO1 4.2.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.3	t = 0.400 (s)		1	AO2 4.2.1.2
	2.0 = I × 0.400	allow a correct substitution of an incorrectly / not converted value of t	1	
	$I = \frac{2.0}{0.400}$	allow a correct rearrangement using an incorrectly / not converted value of t	1	
	I = 5.0 (A)	allow an answer consistent with an incorrectly / not converted value of t	1	

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Answer 18 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.4	L = 60 000 (J/kg)	allow full credit for a correct method using E = 0.00102 (kJ)	1	AO2 4.3.2.3
	1.02 = m × 60 000	allow a correct substitution of an incorrectly / not converted value of L	1	
	$m = \frac{1.02}{60\,000}$	allow a correct rearrangement using an incorrectly / not converted value of L	1	
	$m = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ (kg)	allow an answer consistent with an incorrectly / not converted value of L	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.5	time taken would increase		1	AO3
	more energy would need to be transferred (in total)	MP2 dependent on scoring MP1	1	AO1 4.1.2.1 4.3.2.3

Total Question 10	**12**

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme

June 2025 | 8463/1H | Original Q8

Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	m = 0.050 (kg)	all subsequent marks can score using an incorrectly / not converted value of m	1	AO2 4.3.2.3
	9950 = 0.050 × L		1	
	$L = \frac{9950}{0.050}$		1	
	L = 199 000 (J/kg)		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.2	the potential energy of the particles increases		1	AO1 4.3.2.1
	(but) the kinetic energy of the particles does not change (as temperature does not change)		1	
	(so the) internal energy increases	MP3 dependent on MP1 **and** MP2	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.3	the *(*mean*)* kinetic energy of the gas particles increased	allow the *(*mean*)* speed of the gas particles increased	1	AO1 4.3.3.1
	(so) particles exert a greater force on the walls of the container during each collision		1	
	(and) the frequency of collisions of the particles and the walls of the container increases	allow 'rate of' for 'frequency'	1	
	(so) pressure increases	this mark is dependent on scoring at least 1 other mark	1	

Total Question 8	11

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General Certificate of Secondary Education

Physics 3451/F
Specification B

Mark Scheme

2005 examination – June series

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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

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3451/F Q3

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

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3451/F Q4

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

3451/F Q5

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

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3451/F Q6

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

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3451/F Q7

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

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3451/F Q8

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

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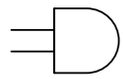
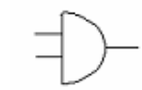
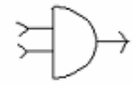
3451/F Q9

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	capacitor 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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4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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

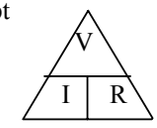
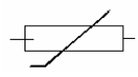
4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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3451/F Q12

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

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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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4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

3451/F Q15

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

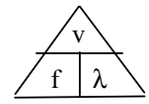
4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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MARK SCHEME – GCSE SCIENCE A / PHYSICS – PH1HP– JUNE 2016

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 **2(b)** students are required to produce extended written material in English, and will be assessed on the quality of their communication as well as the standard of the scientific response.

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

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

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

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

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

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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

Question 2 continues on the next page . . .

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
2(b)	Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 5 and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.		6	3 AO1 2 AO2 1 AO3 1.4.1b

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

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

Total			7

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
4(a)(i)	**use of infrared:** remote controls fibre optic (communications) **use of microwaves:** mobile/cell phones satellite (communications/TV) wi-fi Bluetooth	 accept mobiles accept phone signals	1 1	AO1 1.5.1k
4(a)(ii)	any **two** from • same speed **or** travel at the speed of light (in a vacuum) • transverse • transfer energy (from one place to another) • can be reflected • can be refracted • can be diffracted • can be absorbed / transmitted • can travel through a vacuum/space • can be polarised	 accept a full description of a transverse wave travels in straight lines is insufficient	2	AO1 1.5.1c 1.5.1d 1.5.1e 1.5.1g
4(b)(i)	Cosmic Microwave Background (Radiation)	accept CMBR	1	AO1 1.5.4d
4(b)(ii)	 the Big Bang (theory) predicted the existence of CMBR **or** only the Big Bang (theory) supports the existence of CMBR	allow microwave radiation for CMBR throughout allow it supports / proves the Big Bang (theory) accept CMBR disproved other theories, eg steady state	 1	AO1 1.5.4e
Total			**6**	

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
5(a)	no particles (in a vacuum) (so) no / reduced conduction and no / reduced convection	 both energy transfer methods needed for the mark	1 1	AO1 1.1.3a
5(b)(i)	78 (°C)	allow **2** marks for correct temperature change ie 22 ˚C allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 46 200 = 0.5 x 4200 x θ **or** $\frac{46200}{0.5\times4200}=\theta$	3	AO2 1.1.4d
5(b)(ii)	6.4 (W)	allow **2** marks for an answer that rounds to 6.4 allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 46 200 = P x 7200 an answer of 23 000 or 23 100 or 385 gains 1 mark	2	AO2 1.3.1c
Total			**7**	

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
6(a)	any **two** from: • cost per kWh is lower (than all other energy resources) • infrastructure for nuclear power already exists • more reliable (than renewable energy resources)	allow it is cheaper ignore fuel cost ignore energy released per kg of nuclear fuel accept cost of setting up renewable energy resources is high accept many renewable power stations would be needed to replace one nuclear power station accept (France in 2011 already had a) surplus of nuclear energy, so less need to develop more renewable capacity for increased demand in the future accept France benefits economically from selling electricity accept (nuclear) fuel is readily available ignore destruction of habitats for renewables	2	AO1 AO2 1.4
6(b)	any **two** from: • non-renewable • high decommissioning costs • produces radioactive / nuclear waste • long start-up time • nuclear accidents have widespread implications	allow nuclear fuel is running out accept high commissioning costs allow waste has a long half-life allow for nuclear accident a named nuclear accident eg Fukushima, Chernobyl ignore visual pollution	2	AO1 1.4.1f

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4.3.1.2 Changes of state

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
6(c)	0.48 (kW)	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 0.15 = P / 3.2 an answer of 480 W gains **2** marks an answer of 48 or 480 scores **1** mark	2	AO2 1.2.1d
6(d)	the higher the efficiency, the higher the cost (per m^2 to manufacture)	accept a specific numerical example	1	AO2 AO3 1.4.1c
	more electricity could be generated for the same (manufacturing) cost using lower efficiency solar panels **or** (reducing the cost) allows more solar panels to be bought	accept a specific numerical example	1	
Total			**8**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
7(a)	surface area **or** duration of experiment	accept shape of beaker size of beaker is insufficient	1	AO3 1.1.3b
7(b)	any **two** from: • takes readings automatically • takes readings more frequently • reduces / no instrument reading error • higher resolution • don't need to remove probe to take reading • more accurate	ignore easier **or** takes readings for you ignore human error allow better resolution	2	AO3 1.1.3
7(c)(i)	0.07 (°C/s)	allow **1** mark for obtaining a temperature drop of 7(ºC) allow **1** mark for an answer between 0.068 and 0.069 (°C/s)	2	AO2 1.1.3d
7(c)(ii)	rate of temperature change is greater at the start **or** rate of temperature change decreases	accept rate of evaporation is greater at the start allow rate of evaporation decreases allow temperature decreases faster at the start	1	AO3 1.1.3b

Question 7 continues on the next page . . .

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
7(c)(iii)	A lower temperature decrease (over 200 seconds)	reason only scores if A is chosen accept lower gradient	 1	AO3 1.1.3b
7(c)(iv)	no effect (as rate of evaporation is unchanged)	allow larger temperature change (per second as mass of liquid is lower)	1	AO3 1.1.3b
7(d)	particles with more energy leave the (surface of the) liquid (which) reduces the average (kinetic) energy (of the remaining particles)	accept particles with higher speeds allow reference to the total energy of the liquid reducing	1 1 1	AO1 1.1.3b
Total			**11**	

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
8(a)	any **two** factors: • surface area (of mug in contact with cup warmer) • thickness of mug • temperature of heater / coffee • power of the heater	 accept temperature difference (between heater and coffee) accept power of the laptop ignore efficiency of the heater	2	AO3 1.1.3c
8(b)	atoms (gain kinetic energy and) vibrate faster / more energy is passed on from atom to atom by collision	allow particles / molecules for atoms allow bigger / faster vibrations do not accept start to vibrate accept vibrations for energy an answer in terms of free electrons scores zero	1 1	AO1 1.1.3a
8(c)	the particles spread out (so) coffee becomes less dense (so) the heated coffee rises (and) cooler / denser coffee falls	allow fluid / liquid / water for coffee throughout answer allow particles move further apart allow (coffee) expands particles rise is insufficient particles fall is insufficient	1 1 1 1	AO1 1.1.3a
Total			**8**	

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

Answer 13 · Examiner comments

June 2019 | 8463/2H | Original Q7

Question 7 (Standard and standard/high and high demand)

07.1 Around 42% of the students scored this mark. Many students seem to think that the wave speed changes.

07.2 About 35% of the students scored both marks. Some students did not specify 'soft' tissue or a named soft tissue, which was required as bone is a tissue. Many students incorrectly described bones as reflecting X-rays rather than absorbing them. Some students appeared to confuse X-rays with gamma rays or even alpha particles.

07.3 A large number of the students failed to appreciate that the hot cube was the main hazard rather than the kettle. The majority gave an answer in terms of 'wear safety goggles and/or

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gloves. Less than a quarter of the students gave a correct answer, these appeared to be evenly distributed across the alternatives given in the mark scheme.

07.4 Only a quarter of the students scored this mark, with most incorrect answers giving the temperature or volume of the water as the control variable.

07.5 There appeared to be some confusion of the term precise with either accuracy or resolution. The lack of repeat readings was sometimes given but then incorrectly linked to the idea of calculating a mean or identifying anomalies. About 10% of the students scored this mark.

07.6 About 64% of the students realised that two of the surfaces would give the same temperature reading and therefore undermine the conclusion. However most of these students then simply wrote that the conclusion would not be valid without then going on to explain why.

07.7 Just over 70% of the students gave the correct answer.

07.8 Only a small number of the students scored any marks on this question. Those that did usually scored the mark for 'clouds reflect radiation'. Virtually no students related their answer to night time. Marking points 1 and 3 were rarely awarded. Many of the students wrote about insulation with a few mentioning the cloud as a 'blanket' keeping the ground warm. These answers did not score any marks.

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

Answer 14 · Examiner comments

November 2021 | 8463/1H | Original Q11

Question 11

Question **11.1** was answered poorly, with many students mixing up specific heat capacity and specific latent heat in their answers, and referring to incorrect parts of the graph. Around a third of students scored a mark on **11.2** and **11.3**. Question **11.4** discriminated well with a good spread of marks. The unit conversion was often performed incorrectly, which led to a 'power of ten' error and prevented students gaining a mark. Few students gave the correct unit, even though the equation needed is on the equations sheet.

Concluding Remarks

This paper was broadly similar to papers from previous series. The errors that students made in calculations were common errors, usually involving incorrect unit conversions or failing to convert units.

An area of the specification that stood out as being particularly poorly answered was section 4.2 which was tested in the Required Practical Activity in question 3 and again in question 10.

Most of the students understand the importance of showing clear working out when completing a calculation. This is crucial in the more complex calculations.

Similar to previous series, a significant number of the students were unable to read values from graphs accurately and failed to realise when numerical values were not given in standard SI units.

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

Answer 14 · Examiner comments

Mark Ranges and Award of Grades

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4.3.1.2 Changes of state

Answer 17 · Examiner comments

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Question 3 (Standard Demand)

03.1 Very few correct answers, only 11 % of students scored a mark. Many students gave answers in terms of charge flow and current which were insufficient. The specification does not mention alternating or direct current, only alternating or direct p.d. Answers like ‘ the potential difference flows in one direction’ were insufficient to score.
. Saying the potential difference only travels/goes in one direction was insufficient, as this suggested charge flow. Saying that ‘the potential difference is always positive’ or ‘the potential difference doesn’t go negative’ were creditworthy. ‘The potential difference is in one direction’ was creditworthy. ‘The potential difference isn’t alternating’ was insufficient.

03.2 Almost all students answered correctly. In this exam series, students were provided with all the equations on an Equations Sheet.

03.3 98% of students scored 3 marks on this calculation question

03.4 95% of students scored 3 marks. A small minority of students scored 2 marks, usually due to a spurious conversion of mass from kg to g.

03.5 To score in Level 2, students needed to make comparisons of the movement and arrangement of particles in ice and liquid water. In addition to this, for students to score a Level 3 mark they needed to discuss either the change of state at constant temperature increasing the potential energy of the particles or how the warming of liquid water increased the kinetic energy of the particles. For 6 marks, both these aspects needed discussion. Students found this question difficult with only 9 % scoring 5 or 6 marks and48 % scoring 3 or 4 marks. The mean mark was 3.

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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Question 10 (Standard/High Demand)

10.1 72% of students correctly identified the colour of the live wire insulation.

10.2 66% of students scored the mark on this question. Students who made the box for the answer into a fuse symbol did not score the mar nor did a fuse symbol added to any side of the box .

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10.3 A grade 6-7 calculation of current. 57% of students scored all 4 marks. 36% of students scored 3 marks, usually for incorrectly converting, or not converting, the unit.

10.4 A grade 6-7 calculation of mass. 61% of students scored 4 marks. 31% of students scored 3 marks for either incorrectly converting, or not converting, the unit.

10.5 40% of students scored 2 marks on this question recognising that the time would be longer because more energy in total would need to be transferred. An answer of 'less energy is melting the wire' was just enough to score the second mark. 15% of students scored zero on this question.

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4.3.1.2 Changes of state

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08.1

Just fewer than 90 % of the students scored 4 marks on this calculation of specific latent heat. Students who did not convert or incorrectly converted the mass could score a maximum of 3 marks.

08.2

Most students did not refer to the energy of the particles in terms of kinetic and potential energy, so scoring no marks. Many students thought the kinetic energy of the particles changed which limited them to scoring only the first marking point. Only about 3 % of the students scored 2 or 3 marks, while just over 10 % of the students scored 1 mark.

08.3

Students made good attempts at answering this challenging question about gas pressure. Technical accuracy was important for the second and third marking points, so it needed to be clear that particle collisions with the container walls were more frequent, more often or at a greater rate of collision. More frequent collisions between particles was insufficient for the second mark. The third marking point needed to reference the forces involved in collisions with the container walls, an implied greater force per collision was acceptable, but not a macroscopic force linked to force and area as that was not being tested. Almost half of the students scored 3 or 4 marks, while almost 40 % of the students scored 1 or 2 marks.

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General

Grade 4-5 calculation questions ask for students to recall an equation, before using it in a subsequent calculation. In the 2022 series, students were given an Equations Sheet which had all the equations printed on it. Subsequently, the performance on the more straightforward calculations has improved on previous years.

The multistep calculations targeted at candidates working at grades 8-9, questions **09.1** and **10.1**, were well attempted with many students answering correctly. Of these two questions, students were slightly more successful on question **09.1** with about 55% of students scoring full marks, whereas for question **10.1** approximately 45% of students scored full marks.

Question **02.1** was generally well attempted and students who had carried out the density required practical had an advantage over those who hadn't. For this question, about 35% of students scored 6 marks and approximately 25% of students scored 5 marks.

Handwriting continues to be a problem for a number of students, making 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.

Question 11

Due to incorrect Advance Information guidance being issued for this question, and to avoid students being disadvantaged, Question 11 was discounted and all students were awarded full (9) marks.

Levels of demand

Questions are set at three levels of demand for this paper:

- **Standard demand** questions are designed to broadly target grades 4–5.
- **Standard/high demand** questions are designed to broadly target grades 6–7.
- **High demand** questions are designed to broadly target grades 8–9.

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

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

Question 1 (Standard demand)

01.1 About 55% of students scored 2 marks. The unit conversion caused a problem for many students and powers of 10 errors were frequently seen. A correct calculation using an incorrectly or not converted value for power would score 1 mark.

01.2 Students were generally successful at answering this question with approximately 40% scoring 2 marks and about 50% scoring 1 mark. Most students wrote variations of the first and third bullet points in the markscheme. A number of students wrote that the turbines may be broken, which was enough to score a mark for the idea of maintenance.

01.3 'Turbine will rotate faster' was insufficient to score a mark. 'Rotate more smoothly' was not enough to score the 'less friction' mark. Students who stated that 'no energy was wasted' did not score the second marking point. Approximately 35% of students scored 3 marks, 35% of students scored 2 marks and 20% of students scored 1 mark.

01.4 About 30% of students scored 2 marks, while approximately 50% of students scored 1 mark. Many students answered in terms of 'saving energy' which was insufficient. Other students answered in terms of absolute statements which did not score, 'energy efficient appliances waste no energy' for example.

Question 2 (Standard demand)

02.1 Generally very well answered with about 35% of students gaining 6 marks and 25% scoring 5 marks. Students were told that this required practical would appear in the 2022 series via the Advance Information. A number of students quoted the density equation incorrectly, although this was given on the Equations Sheet for the 2022 series. There were extremely few students who didn't attempt the question and less than 1% of students who attempted the question scored zero.

02.2 Approximately 85% of students answered this question correctly. Of the incorrect answers seen, a significant proportion gave the maximum and minimum values the wrong way round. Another common mistake was to write maximum: 2.55 and minimum 0.10, which showed a clear misunderstanding of expressing an uncertainty.

02.3 About 95% of students answered this question correctly.

02.4 Approximately 45% of students scored 2 marks and 40% scored 1 mark. 'In case an error / mistake was made the first time' was insufficient. 'To check the repeatability of the data' was ignored, as this wouldn't improve the accuracy of the data. 'Get rid of anomalies' was assumed to mean 'remove anomalies', but 'stops anomalies from occurring' did not score. Likewise 'stops random errors' did not score.

Question 3 (Standard demand)

03.1 Over 99% of students answered this question correctly as they had all the Physics equations on the Equations Sheet for the 2022 series.

03.2 Nearly 95% of students answered this question correctly. In this series all students were given all the equations on the Equations Sheet. The first mark is for the substitution into the equation as it appears on the equations sheet. Some students failed to score any marks by incorrectly rearranging the equation, then substituting into the incorrectly rearranged equation.

03.3 Over 99% of students answered this question correctly as they had all the Physics equations on the Equations Sheet for the 2022 series.

03.4 95% of students answered this question correctly. In this series all students were given all the equations on the Equations Sheet. The first mark is for the substitution into the equation as it appears on the Equations Sheet. Some students failed to score any marks by incorrectly rearranging the equation, then substituting into the incorrectly rearranged equation.

Question 4 (Standard/High demand)

04.1 A large number of students found it difficult to identify the independent and dependent variables in the investigation that was described. Control variables appeared often in students' answers. 'Temperature change' seemed to be the most common incorrect answer for the dependent variable. About 50% of students scored 2 marks and approximately 35% of students scored 1 mark.

04.2 65% of students answered correctly. The most common incorrect answer was 87.4 °C.

04.3 About 35% of students answered this question correctly. Common incorrect answers referred to the resolution, or just repeated the question and said 'difficult to read' which was insufficient.

04.4 Approximately 75% of students scored 3 marks and about 10% of students scored 2 marks. Power of 10 errors were common and usually resulted in 2 marks being scored for an incorrectly or not converted value of energy.

04.5 Many students found relating the time for the temperature to decrease to thermal conductivity difficult. About 15% of students scored 2 marks, while 40% scored 1 mark. Answers in terms of good / bad insulators were insufficient to score a mark.

Question 5 (Standard/High demand)

05.1 Approximately 45% of students scored 1 mark, with about 5% of students scored 3 marks. Around 30% of students scored no marks. The first marking point of this explanation was most likely to score, the third marking point was least likely to score.

05.2 About 30% of students scored all 3 marks for this explanation. 10% of students scored 2 marks and 10% scored 1 mark. A lot of student answers were not creditworthy, with mixed up descriptions of ion transfer, electron transfer, proton transfer, protons weighing more than electrons and transfer of electrons increasing the mass of the rod on the balance. As a result about 50% of students scored zero.

05.3 Approximately 60% of students scored the mark. Some students evidently did not know what a zero error was. Answers like 'it means there is no error' being a good example of this. Some answers were insufficient, 'the actual mass of the rod is not required' being not enough to score the mark. 'Weight' was allowed for 'mass' when used correctly as the reading on the balance does depend on the weight of the object. An answer of 'only the change in weight was needed' would have scored the mark.

05.4 Some very good explanations were seen and about 10% of students scored all 3 marks. The first marking point was least likely to score. The third marking point needed to be linked to the second marking point before it could be scored.

Question 6 (Standard/High demand)

06.1 This question discriminated well between students. About 15% scored 4 marks with 20% gaining 3 marks. The first two marking points were most commonly scored. Students who said that 'no energy was lost' as a consequence of the step-up transformer's effect did not score the third marking point.

06.2 Approximately 55% of students scored 2 marks, while 15% of students scored 1 mark. Students who scored no marks usually confused the quantity that was decreased (pd) with the quantity that increased (current). Some student answers lacked technical accuracy referring to energy, power or charge incorrectly.

06.3 Two thirds of students scored 4 marks for this calculation, whereas about 20% of students scored 3 marks. A common mistake was to try to multiply the answer by the number of seconds in a day, which would probably only score the significant figure mark if correct, as the Physics equations were applied incorrectly.
Common mistakes were to round the answer to 1 400 000 000 C, which would score 3 marks if the full s.f. answer was seen, or round the answer to 141, which would score 3 marks for the supporting calculations if seen. A common error was to miscount the number of zeroes, so would only score 3 marks.

Question 7 (Standard/High demand)

07.1 54% of students could state what an alpha particle consists of. The list principle was applied when students wrote '2 protons and 2 neutrons – a helium atom', which did not score.

07.2 65% of students completed the nuclear equation correctly, scoring 2 marks, whereas 24% scored just 1 mark.

07.3 Students generally made good attempts to answer this question and marking points 1, 2 and 4 were seen most often. To score the 5th marking point students need to make a comparative statement, internal versus external damage. The third marking point was least likely to score, as students rarely referred to dose or the living cells / tissues / organs inside the body. Some students incorrectly thought that ionisation was a process that happened to cells, rather than atoms, so often didn't score the fifth marking point for this reason. Very few students scored 5 marks and the question discriminated well between students of differing ability.

Question 8 (Standard/High demand)

08.1 About 90% of students gave the correct measuring instrument. While it wasn't seen often, an answer of a 'volumetric pipette' was also creditworthy. 'Pipette' was insufficient.

08.2 Around 90% of students correctly identified the hazard in the investigation.

08.3 For this calculation, about 45% of students scored 5 marks and 20% of students scored 4 marks. A common mistake was to calculate *L* using one of the masses given in the question, rather than the change in mass. The resulting numerical answer would score zero as the equation was not being used correctly.

08.4 About 15% of students scored 2 marks for this explanation and 10% of students scored 1 mark. Many students reached incorrect conclusions and many students simply reworded the information given in the question.

08.5 7% of students scored 2 marks and 3% of students scored 1 mark. Many students reached incorrect conclusions and many students reworded the information given in the question without adding to it.

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

Question 9 (High demand)

09.1 Approximately 55% of students scored 5 marks, but in the 2022 series students were provided with an Equations Sheet with all the equations. A commonly seen answer was 73 500, which scored 4 marks for not converting the height into metres.

09.2 5% scored 2 marks and about 30% scored 1 mark. Many students failed to score a mark by pointing to the 'inaccuracy of the measured mass / height / gravitational field strength', or referring to the measurements as being 'low resolution'. 'Mass may have been greater than 60 kg' or 'time may have been longer / shorter than 1.40 seconds' were other common incorrect answers.

09.3 About 75% of students identified the correct conclusion.

Question 10 (High demand)

10.1 About 45% of students scored 6 marks for this extended calculation, but in the 2022 series students were provided with an Equations Sheet with all the equations. Therefore, students were supported when it came to attempting this question. With an alternative approach using equations from paper 2, students' answers were marked on whichever approach brought them closest to the correct final answer. An answer of 6 m/s with no supporting working did not score full marks as students could achieve this answer by multiplying the spring constant and the extension together, which would give them the maximum force acting on the toy aeroplane.

10.2 About 65% of students scored the mark. The most common incorrect answers seen were gravitational potential or elastic potential.

10.3 Approximately 20% of students scored a mark. Many students failed to score a mark because they gave a factor without a specific change e.g. 'extension of spring', rather than 'increase the extension of the spring'.

Question 11 (High demand)

Due to incorrect Advance Information guidance being issued for this question, and to avoid students being disadvantaged, Question 11 was discounted and all students were awarded full (9) marks.

4.3.1.2 Changes of state

Use of statistics

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