AQA GCSE Physics | 8463

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.5.6.3.3

Factors affecting braking distance 1

Mark schemes and examiner comments

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Question groups	**12**
Available paper years	**2005–2023**

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Answer 01 · Mark scheme June 2005 | 3451 | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 02 · Mark scheme June 2005 | 3462 | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme

Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)	47250	answers of 1350/ 33750/ 48600 gain **1** mark allow **1** mark for correct substitution using both 18 and 3	2
5(b)(i)	47250 or their (a)	accept statement 'same as the KE (lost)' ignore any units	1
5(b)(ii)	transformed into heat/ thermal energy	sound on its own is insufficient accept transferred/ lost/ for transformed do **not** accept any other form of energy included as a list	1
Total			**4**

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme June 2009 | PHY2H | Original Q5 | Legacy

PHY2H

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)	gravitational / gravity / weight	do **not** accept gravitational potential	1
1(b)	accelerating the distance between the drops increases but the time between the drops is the same	accept speed / velocity increases accept the time between drops is (always) 5 seconds accept the drops fall at the same rate	1 1 1
1(c)(i)	any **one** from: • speed / velocity • (condition of) brakes / road surface / tyres • weather (conditions)	 accept specific examples, eg wet / icy roads accept mass / weight of car friction is insufficient reference to any factor affecting thinking distance negates this answer	1

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PH2HP

Question 1 continued . . .

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(c)(ii)	75 000	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 3000 × 25 provided no subsequent step shown **or** allow **1** mark for an answer 75 **or** allow **2** marks for 75 k(+ incorrect unit), eg 75 kN	2
	joules / J	do **not** accept j an answer 75 kJ gains **3** marks for full marks the unit and numerical answer must be consistent	1
Total			**8**

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme

January 2013 | PH2HP | Original Q1 | Legacy

PH2HP

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Answer 05 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | PH2HP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)(i)	distance vehicle travels during driver's reaction time	accept distance vehicle travels while driver reacts	1
4(a)(ii)	any **two** from: • tiredness • (drinking) alcohol • (taking) drugs • speed • age	accept as an alternative factor distractions, eg using a mobile phone	2
4(b)(i)	320 000	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{1}{2} \times 1600 \times 20^2$ provided no subsequent step shown	2
4(b)(ii)	320 000 **or** their (b)(i)		1
4(b)(iii)	40 **or** $\frac{\text{their (b)(ii)}}{8000}$ correctly calculated	allow **1** mark for statement work done = KE lost **or** allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 8000 × distance = 320 000 **or** their (b)(ii)	2
4(b)(iv)	any **one** from: • icy / wet roads • (worn) tyres • road surface • mass (of car and passengers) • (efficiency / condition of the) brakes	accept weather conditions accept number of passengers	1

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Question 4 continued . . .

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(b)(v)	(work done by) friction (between brakes and wheel)	do **not** accept friction between road and tyres / wheels	1
	(causes) decrease in KE and increase in thermal energy	accept heat for thermal energy accept KE transferred to thermal energy	1
4(c)	the battery needs recharging less often **or** increases the range of the car	accept car for battery accept less demand for other fuels **or** lower emissions **or** lower fuel costs environmentally friendly is insufficient	1
	as the efficiency of the car is increased	accept it is energy efficient	1
	the decrease in (kinetic) energy / work done charges the battery (up)	accept because not all work done / (kinetic) energy is wasted	1
Total			**14**

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Answer 05 · Mark scheme June 2013 | PH2HP | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme June 2014 | PH2HP | Original Q3 | Legacy

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

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

3(a)(iii)	Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 5, and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.		**Mark** **6**	**AO spec ref**
0 marks	**Level 1 (1–2 marks)**	**Level 2 (3–4 marks)**	**Level 3 (5–6 marks)**	AO2 AO3 2.1.4c
No relevant content.	There is an attempt to explain in terms of forces A and B why the velocity of the cyclist changes between any two points **or** a description of how the velocity changes between any two points.	There is an explanation in terms of forces A and B of how the velocity changes between X and Y and between Y and Z **or** a complete description of how the velocity changes from X to Z. **or** an explanation and description of velocity change for either X to Y or Y to Z	There is a clear explanation in terms of forces A and B of how the velocity changes between X and Z **and** a description of the change in velocity between X and Z.	

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme

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

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme

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

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
4(a)(i)	distance travelled under the braking force	accept distance travelled between applying the brakes and stopping	1	AO1 2.1.3c	E
4(a)(ii)	any **one** from: • icy/wet roads • (worn) tyres • road surface • mass (of car and passengers) • (efficiency/condition of the) brakes	accept weather (conditions) accept gradient of road accept number of passengers friction/traction is insufficient	1	AO1 2.1.3f	E
4(a)(iii)	greater the speed the greater the braking force (required)	must mention both speed and force	1	AO1 2.1.3b	E
4(b)	22.5	allow **1** mark for showing correct use of the graph with misread figures **or** for showing e.g. 90÷4 an answer 17 gains **1** mark any answer such as 17.4 or 17.5 scores 0	2	AO2 2.1.2b/c	E
4(c)(i)	momentum before = momentum after **or** (total) momentum stays the same	accept no momentum is lost accept no momentum is gained ignore statements referring to energy	1	AO1 2.2.2b	E

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. ref.	ID
4(c)(ii)	5	allow **2** marks for correctly obtaining momentum before as 12 000 **or** allow **2** marks for 1500 x 8 = 2400 x v **or** allow **1** mark for a relevant statement re conservation of momentum **or** allow **1** mark for momentum before = 1500 x 8	3	AO2 2.2.2a/b	**E**
4(d)	the seat belt stretches driver takes a longer *(impact)* time to slow down and stop (than a driver hitting a hard surface/windscreen/ steering wheel) for the (same) change of momentum a smaller force is exerted (so driver less likely to have serious injury than driver without seat belt) **or** the seat belt stretches *(1)* driver travels a greater distance while slowing down and stopping (than a driver hitting a hard surface/windscreen/ steering wheel) *(1)* for (same) amount of work done (**1**) a smaller force is exerted (so driver less likely to have serious injury than driver without seat belt) *(1)*	accept so smaller deceleration/negative acceleration do not accept impact for force accept for (same) change of KE do not accept impact for force	1 1 1 1	AO1/3 2.2	**E**

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme

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Answer 08 · Mark scheme June 2017 | PH2HP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
4(a)(i)	The distance the lorry travels during the driver's reaction time.		1	AO1 2.1.3c
4(a)(ii)	the greater the speed (of the lorry) the greater the (thinking) distance **or** they are directly proportional		1	AO1 2.1.3b
4(b)(i)	24 (m)	allow **1** mark for ½ x 12 x 4 an answer of 30 gains **1** mark	2	AO2 2.1.2h
4(b)(ii)	15000 (N) **or** 360 000÷ their **(b)(i)** correctly calculated	allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie 360 (000) = F x 24 or their **(b)(i)** an answer 15 with the unit changed to kN gains **2** marks an answer 15 gains **1** mark 360 ÷ their **b(i)** correctly calculated gains **1** mark	2	AO2 2.2.1b
4(c)(i)	any one from: • height (of the ramp) • speed of the trolley at the bottom (of the ramp) • angle (of the ramp) • start point (on the ramp)	the following are insufficient length of ramp or string same trolley or same ramp	1	AO2 HSW
4(c)(ii)	(measure maximum) distance the weight is lifted from the floor		1	AO3 HSW

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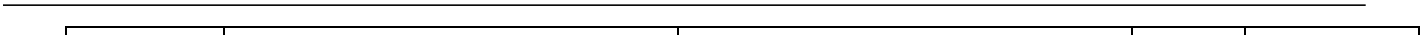
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
4(c)(iii)	increase accuracy (in measurement of braking distance)	accept results would be more reliable ignore reference to validity	1	AO3 HSW
	by allowing a mean/average to be calculated **or** by allowing anomalous results to be discarded	accept by allowing anomalous results to be identified accept shows results are repeatable reproducible is insufficient	1	
4(c)(iv)	As (braking) force increases (braking) distance decreases	accept weight (lifted) for braking force	1	AO3 HSW
	justification by correct numerical example eg increasing the force from 2 to 8 you can decrease the braking distance from 80 to 20 cm	An answer of (braking) distance is inversely proportional to (braking) force gains **2** marks	1	
Total			**12**	

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Answer 08 · Mark scheme

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8463/2H | Original Q3

Question 3

Question	Answers	Mark	AO/ Spec. Ref
3.1	**Level 3**: Relevant points (reasons / causes) are identified, given in detail and logically linked to form a clear account.	5–6	AO1/1 AO2/1 4.5.6.3.2 4.5.6.3.3
	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 • reaction time explained in terms of longer reaction times increase thinking distance (from a given speed) • taking drugs • drinking alcohol • tiredness • age • distractions explained in terms of the effect on driver's reaction time • speed explained in terms of the faster the vehicle the greater the distance travelled in the driver's reaction time (or converse) **OR** explained in terms of increased speed increases KE so increases work done to stop the vehicle • condition of the tyres • condition of road surface • wet/icy roads explained in terms of condition of tyres and road surface (including weather considerations) affecting <u>friction</u> (between tyres and road) • condition of brakes explained in terms of effect on braking force (applied to the wheels) or reduced <u>friction</u>		

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	• mass / weight of vehicle explained in terms of deceleration force or kinetic energy or change in momentum answers do not need to reference thinking / braking distance a Level 1 answer would list factors only **or** one factor with one linked explanation a Level 2 answer lists at least three factors with one linked explanation **or** two factors with two linked but different explanations a Level 3 answer lists at least three factors with at least two linked but different explanations			
3.2	work (done) = force x distance	allow W = F s	1	AO1/1 4.5.2
3.3	900 000 = 60 000 × distance distance = $\frac{900\ 000}{60\ 000}$ distance = 15 (m)	an answer 15 (m) scores **3** marks	1 1 1	AO2/1 4.5.2
3.4	brakes overheating **or** brakes locking (causing) loss of control **or** (causing) a skid	allow brake fade allow wheels locking allow increasing the stopping / braking distance **ONLY** if the first marking point is scored ignore any effects on passengers or possible accidents	1 1	AO1/1 4.5.6.3.4
Total			**12**	

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Answer 10 · Mark scheme

November 2021 | 8463/2H | Original Q1

Question 1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/ Spec. Ref
01.1	**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: Point 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 10 · Mark scheme

01.2	resultant force = mass × acceleration		1	AO1 4.5.6.2.2
01.3	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
01.4	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
01.5	$p = \frac{F}{A}$		1	AO1 4.5.5.1.1
01.6	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**	

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Answer 11 · Mark scheme

June 2022 | 8463/2HR | Original Q3

Question 3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	any **two** from: • wet / icy road conditions • poor condition of brakes • poor condition of tyres • increased mass of car • negative gradient of the road	ignore weather allow weight for mass allow going downhill	2	AO1 4.5.6.3.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.2	distance = speed × time (so) longer reaction time = longer distance		1 1	AO1 4.5.6.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.3	mean reaction time increases after drinking alcohol the change in reaction time is not the same for all people after drinking alcohol		1 1	AO3 4.5.6.3.3

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.4	distance = 1500 (m)		1	AO2 4.5.6.1.2
	1500 = 20 × *t*	allow a correct substitution using an incorrectly / not converted value of distance	1	
	$t = \frac{1500}{20}$	allow a correct rearrangement using an incorrectly / not converted value of distance	1	
	75 (s)	allow a correctly calculated value using an incorrectly / not converted value of distance	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.5	velocity is a vector and speed is a scalar	allow velocity includes direction (speed does not)	1	AO3 4.5.6.1.2
	road is not straight	allow driver may change lanes	1	
	therefore direction changes so the velocity changes		1	

Total Question 3		**13**

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Answer 12 · Mark scheme

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Question 3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	apply the force further away from the pivot	do not allow increase the length of the lever	1	AO2 4.5.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.2	v = 15 (m/s)		1	AO2 4.5.7.1
	24 000 = m × 15	allow a value of v = 14.5 (m/s)	1	
	$m = \frac{24\,000}{15}$		1	
	m = 1600 (kg)		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.3	distance travelled during first 3 seconds = 22.5 (m)		1	AO2 4.5.6.1.5
	distance travelled during last 2 seconds = 30 (m)		1	
	total distance = 52.5 (m)	allow 53 (m) allow 1 mark for the correct addition of their calculated distances allow a maximum of 2 marks for total distance = 50.75 (m) if velocity used = 14.5 (m/s)	1	

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Answer 12 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.4	stopping distance includes thinking distance	allow stopping distance = braking distance + thinking distance	1	AO1
	there is an additional time before the driver applies the brakes.	allow the driver's reaction time will increase (due to the distraction)	1	AO2
	(so) the thinking distance will increase		1	AO2
				4.5.6.1.1 4.5.6.3.1 4.5.6.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.5	work is done due to friction (in the brakes)	ignore friction alone	1	AO1 4.5.6.3.4
	(causing) an increase in the internal / thermal energy (of the brakes)		1	

Total Question 3	13

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General Certificate of Secondary Education

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Specification B

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4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

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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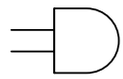
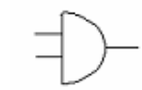
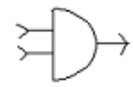
3451/F Q9

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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4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

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

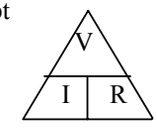
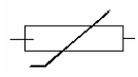
4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3451/F Q10

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3451/F Q11

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3451/F Q12

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3451/F Q13

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3451/F Q14

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

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4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3451/F Q14 cont…

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3451/F Q15

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

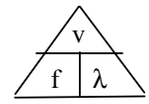
4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3451/F Q16

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3451/F Q17

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

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4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

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3462/3F Q1

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

3462/ 3F Q2

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3462/3F Q3

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

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3462/3F Q4

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3462/3F Q5

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

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3462/3F Q6

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3462/3F Q7

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

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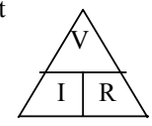
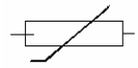
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3462/3F Q8

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3462/3F Q9

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

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3462/3F Q10

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

3462/3F Q11

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

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3462/3F Q12

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

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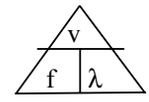
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(d)	any **three** from: • <u>increased</u> speed • <u>reduced</u> braking force • <u>slower</u> (driver) reactions • <u>poor</u> vehicle maintenance • <u>increased</u> mass / weight of vehicle • <u>poor</u> road surface • <u>more</u> streamlined	do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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

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3462/3F Q13

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

4.5.6.3.3 Factors affecting braking distance 1

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Question 3 (Standard demand)

03.1 Just over 32% of the students gave a level 3 answer with 20% of those scoring full marks. Most of the students were able to give a good number of factors, and then tried to give at least one linked explanation. Many of the students used half a page to describe the meaning of Thinking Distance, Braking Distance and Stopping Distance, which was not required. There was a great deal of confusion about how to explain and link reaction time to a factor or group of factors. Many of the students confused reaction time and thinking distance. A significant number of students seemed to think that slower reactions meant a shorter reaction time and that the thinking distance was consequently shorter. When giving condition of tyres/road surface/wet/icy as a factor the explanation was often written in terms of grip/traction/sliding rather than using friction as a scientific term. Where speed was a factor, an explanation in terms of 'greater distance travelled in the reaction time' was seen a few times, but mainly the 'in the reaction time part' was missing. A greater distance to stop was the common explanation. Very few students linked kinetic energy and work done, most getting the idea of increased kinetic energy but then not linking it to work done. Even students that had an idea about work done being force × distance seemed to think that a larger force would be required from the brakes to stop in a certain distance, rather than the idea that the distance for a fixed braking force would be longer.

03.2 Nearly all of the students were able to recall this equation. Those students who did not score the mark just seemed to put an equal and a multiply sign in the quantity order of the stem or rearranged incorrectly.

03.3 Nearly all of the students scored all three marks. Where marks were not scored it was usually for putting the numbers into a calculator incorrectly or by missing powers of 10.

03.4 This was poorly answered with just below here quarters of the students scoring zero. There were lots of answers in terms of the effect on passengers, their momentum, possible crashes into the back because of braking too quickly, whiplash injury, what would happen if a seatbelt was not worn and the idea that the car would flip over. Few students wrote about

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the brakes overheating and of those that did only around 6% then linked this to possible loss of control.

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Question 1 (Common Question)
Part **01.1** asked students to explain factors and not simply list them. However, this is what many of the students did. Another common error was to explain factors affecting thinking distance rather than as asked, braking distance. The required equations were well known and the calculation required to answer **01.3** was often given correctly. Reading values from a graph proved difficult with only about half of the students answering **01.4** correctly.Less than 50% of the students scored full marks in part **01.6**. Generally only those students completing the calculation correctly scored the unit mark. However many of the students did score the mark for correctly giving a calculated incorrect numerical answer in standard form.

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03.1

32% of students gained this mark. Common mistakes included physically changing the length of the lever, increasing the distance from the pivot without any reference to force, and increasing the distance of the lever to the pivot.

03.2

87% of students gained all 4 marks on this question. There were not many incorrect readings of velocity from the graph, and the most common error was usually 14.5 m/s. Those who did not score all the marks had made mathematical errors, such as incorrect rearranging.

03.3

55% of students gained all 3 marks. Those not scoring full marks, were often awarded the second marking point for calculating the distance travelled when the velocity was constant, and the third mark for adding up their two values.

34% scored zero because they had not appreciated that the area under the graph represented the distance travelled. A large number of students used distance = speed × time, not recognising that speed was not constant.

03.4

This question demonstrated that incorrect use, or lack of use, of scientific terminology has a negative effect. Students frequently confuse distance and time when answering this type of question. In addition, many talk about reaction times being slower, which implies time can slow down. Credit was given for slower reaction times, as was the use of ‘thinking time’ or descriptions of a greater response time. Only 17% gained full marks, as the link between stopping distance and thinking distance was often not made.

03.5

The majority of students did not answer this question in terms of work done. Most mentioned friction which on its own was not creditworthy. The second mark point was expressed correctly as kinetic energy being transferred to thermal energy. Unspecific answers about the release of energy were not credited, but the use heat energy instead of thermal was accepted.. Only 4% of students scored both marks, with 35% scoring one mark.