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## Information to Examiners

### 1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement
- the Assessment Objectives, level of demand 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 and underlining

- 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 error / contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

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

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

[1 mark]

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

Marks should be awarded for each stage of the calculation completed correctly, as students are instructed to show their working. Full marks can, however, be given for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown.

#### 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 ecf 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 Allow

In the mark scheme additional information, 'allow' is used to indicate creditworthy alternative answers.

### 3.9 Ignore

Ignore 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.

### 3.10 Do **not** accept

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

## 4. Level of response marking instructions

Extended response questions are marked on level of response mark schemes.

- Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor.
- The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level.
- There are two marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer, read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

### **Step 1: Determine a level**

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer. Do **not** look to penalise small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level.

Use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 2 with a small amount of level 3 material it would be placed in level 2 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 3 content.

### **Step 2: Determine a mark**

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this.

The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do **not** have to cover all of the points mentioned in the indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

You should ignore any irrelevant points made. However, full marks can be awarded only if there are no incorrect statements that contradict a correct response.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.1	the spring will return to its original length when the force is removed		1	6.5.3 AO1
01.2	measure the original length of the spring <b>and</b> the extended length of the spring (with the metre rule)		1	6.5.3 AO1
	extension = extended length – original length		1	
01.3	$e = 0.080 \text{ m}$		1	6.5.3 AO2
	$E_e = 0.5 \times 40 \times (0.080)^2$	allow a correct substitution using an incorrectly / not converted value of e	1	
	$E_e = 0.128 \text{ (J)}$	allow a correct calculation using an incorrectly / not converted value of e	1	
01.4	force = spring constant × extension <b>or</b> $F = ke$		1	6.5.3 AO1
01.5	$300 = k \times 0.40$		1	6.5.3 AO2
	$k = \frac{300}{0.40}$		1	
	$k = 750 \text{ (N/m)}$		1	
<b>Total</b>			<b>10</b>	

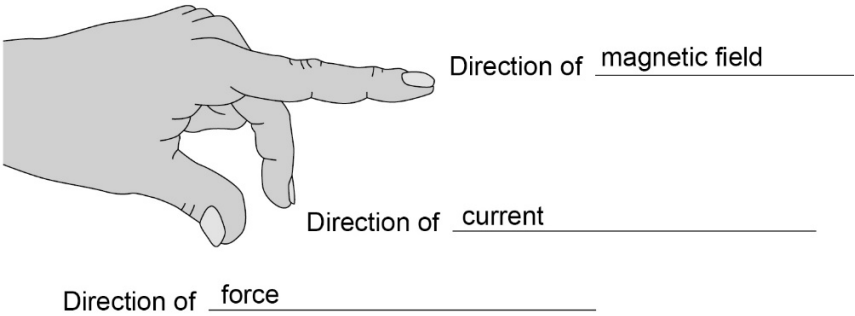
Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	a quantity with both magnitude and direction		1	AO1 6.5.1.1
02.2	displacement		1	AO1 6.5.4.1.1
02.3	$\text{gradient} = \frac{(4 - 0)}{(1.6 - 0)}$ acceleration = 2.5 m/s <sup>2</sup>	allow use of $a = \Delta v / t$	1  1	AO2 6.5.4.1.5
02.4	constant deceleration	allow large deceleration allow decelerates to a stop	1	AO2 6.5.4.1.5
02.5	resultant force = mass × acceleration or $F = ma$	allow force = mass × acceleration	1	AO1 6.5.4.2.2
02.6	$1800 = m \times 25$  $m = \frac{1800}{25}$  $m = 72 \text{ (kg)}$		1  1  1	AO2 6.5.4.2.2
02.7	performance can be monitored during the game	allow do not have to wait until the end of the game to download data	1	AO3 6.6.2.4
<b>Total</b>			<b>10</b>	



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03.1	<b>Level 2:</b> The design/plan would lead to the production of a valid outcome. All key steps are identified and logically sequenced.	3–4	AO1 6.6.1.2
	<b>Level 1:</b> The design/plan would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Most steps are identified, but the plan is not fully logically sequenced.	1–2	
	<b>No relevant content</b>	0	
	<p><b>Indicative content</b></p> <p><b>Wavelength</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• place a metre rule at the side of the screen perpendicular to the wave fronts</li> <li>• use the metre rule to measure the length of the screen</li> <li>• take a photograph of the shadow on the screen</li> <li>• count the number of complete waves on the screen</li> <li>• determine the wavelength by dividing the length of the by the number of complete waves</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• place a metre rule at the side of the screen perpendicular to the wave fronts</li> <li>• take a photograph of the shadow on the screen</li> <li>• use the metre rule to measure the distance between two wave front</li> </ul> <p><b>Frequency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• count the number of waves that pass a given point</li> <li>• time how long it takes for the waves to pass that point using a stop clock</li> <li>• frequency is number of waves divided by time taken</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• put a stop clock on the screen</li> <li>• use a digital video camera to record the waves passing a point</li> <li>• replay in slow motion and count the number of waves passing a point in 1 second</li> </ul> <p>There must be a description of both frequency and wavelength measurement to access level 2</p>		

<b>03.2</b>	mean $f = 9.5 \text{ Hz}$ mean $\lambda = 0.020 \text{ m}$ $v = 9.5 \times 0.020$  $v = 0.19 \text{ (m/s)}$  <b>or</b> $v = 9.8 \times 0.017$ <b>and</b> $v = 9.4 \times 0.022$ <b>and</b> $v = 9.3 \times 0.021 \text{ (2)}$ $v = \frac{(1.67 + 2.07 + 1.95)}{3} \text{ (1)}$ $v = 0.19 \text{ (m/s) (1)}$	allow a correct substitution of an incorrect value of mean frequency and/or wavelength  allow a correct calculation using an incorrect value of mean frequency and/or wavelength   allow a maximum of <b>2</b> marks if a single pair of values is used	1  1  1   1	AO2 6.6.1.2
<b>03.3</b>	reduces the effect of random errors	allow anomalous readings can be discarded before calculating a mean	1	AO1 6.6.1.2
<b>03.4</b>	deeper water means longer wavelength  because  $v$ increases and $f$ is constant	allow for a fixed frequency period is constant	1   1	AO3 6.6.1.2
<b>Total</b>			<b>11</b>	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.1	at the poles		1	AO1 6.7.1.2
04.2	the distance between the field lines varies		1	AO1 6.7.1.2
04.3	electromagnet is easy to demagnetise  so easy to remove separated metal	allow electromagnet can be switched off  allow electromagnet is (generally) stronger than a permanent magnet for <b>1</b> mark if no other marks are awarded	1  1	AO1 6.7.2.1
04.4	cobalt  nickel		1  1	AO1 6.7.1.2
04.5	increases the current in the coil of the electromagnet  bring the electromagnet closer to the pieces of iron and steel	allow increase potential difference across the coil	1  1	AO1  AO3  6.7.2.1

<b>04.6</b>	$L = 0.120 \text{ m}$  $0.36 = B \times 4.0 \times 0.120$  $B = \frac{0.36}{(4.0 \times 0.120)}$  $B = 0.75$  T	allow a correct substitution of an incorrectly / not converted value of L  allow a correct rearrangement using an incorrectly / not converted value of L  allow a correct calculation using an incorrectly / not converted value of L	1  1  1  1	AO2 6.7.2.2
<b>04.7</b>	 <p>allow 1 mark for 1 or 2 correct</p>	2	AO1 6.7.2.2	
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
<b>05.1</b>	different temperatures emit different intensities of infrared		1	AO1
	which are represented (on the infrared camera) as different shades / colours		1	AO3 6.6.2.4
		allow wavelength / frequency / amount for intensity throughout		
<b>05.2</b>	visible light		1	AO3 6.6.2.1
<b>05.3</b>	both ionising radiation so some risk of cancer		1	AO1
	the whole body is irradiated by gamma rays		1	AO3
	when an X-ray is taken only part of the body is exposed		1	AO3
	exposure time for gamma rays is longer		1	AO3 6.6.2.3
<b>05.4</b>	$1.2 \times 10^{-13} = F \times 0.015$		1	AO2 6.5.2
	$F = \frac{1.2 \times 10^{-13}}{0.015}$		1	
	$F = 8.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ N}$		1	
		allow a correct rearrangement using an incorrectly / not converted value of s		
		allow $8 \times 10^{-12}$ allow a correct calculation using an incorrectly / not converted value of s		

<b>05.5</b>	some of the energy of the electrons causes heating		1	AO1
	(therefore) increasing the temperature		1	AO3
	(so using tungsten) allows more electrons to be collided per second than using any other metal	allow (so using tungsten) enables more energy per second to be transferred than using any other metal	1	AO3 6.5.2
<b>Total</b>			<b>13</b>	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec.
<b>06.1</b>	at maximum power the forward force of the engines is constant		1	AO3
	as it accelerates the air resistance increases		1	AO1
	resultant force = force from engines – air resistance		1	AO1
	therefore resultant force decreases		1	AO3
	acceleration is directly proportional to resultant force		1	AO1  6.5.1.4 6.5.4.2.2 6.5.4.1.5

<b>06.2</b>	$\Delta v = (25.5 - 5.5) \times 330$	allow 6600 m/s	1	AO2 6.5.4.1.5 6.5.5.1
	$a = \frac{((25.5 \times 330) - (5.5 \times 330))}{300}$	allow a correct substitution using incorrectly / not converted values of u and v	1	
	$a = 22 \text{ m/s}^2$	allow a correct calculation using incorrectly / not converted values of u and v	1	
		$a = \Delta v / t$ must have been used to score subsequent marks		
	$m = 630\,000 / 22$	allow a correct substitution using an incorrectly calculated value of a	1	
	$m = 28636.36 \text{ (kg)}$	allow a correct calculation using an incorrectly calculated value of a	1	
	$m = 29000 \text{ (kg)}$	this mark can only be awarded for a calculation using the correct equations	1	
<b>Total</b>			<b>11</b>	