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## Physics A

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

## Mark Scheme for June 2012

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Annotations

| Annotation | Meaning |
| :---: | :---: |
| [T]P] | Benefit of doubt given |
| [c]1] | Contradiction |
| 3 | Incorrect response |
| [-] | Error carried forward |
| -T | Follow through |
| [1. | Not answered question |
| - | Benefit of doubt not given |
| Fi+ | Power of 10 error |
| $\square$ | Omission mark |
| [i] | Rounding error or repeated error |
| [ ${ }^{5}$ | Error in number of significant figures |
| - | Correct response |
| - | Arithmetic error |
| 2 | Wrong physics or equation |

Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme (to include abbreviations and subject-specific conventions).

| Annotation | Meaning |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\boldsymbol{I}$ | alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point |
| $\mathbf{( 1 )}$ | Separates marking points |
| reject | Answers which are not worthy of credit |
| not | Answers which are not worthy of credit |
| IGNORE | Statements which are irrelevant |
| ALLOW | Answers that can be accepted |
| $\mathbf{( )}$ | Words which are not essential to gain credit |
| $\overline{\text { ecf }}$ | Underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark |
| AW | Error carried forward |
| ORA | Alternative wording |
|  | Or reverse argument |

## Subject-specific Marking Instructions

## CATEGORISATION OF MARKS

The marking scheme categorises marks on the MABC scheme
B marks: These are awarded as independent marks, which do not depend on other marks. For a B-mark to be scored, the point to which it refers must be seen specifically in the candidate's answer.

M marks: These are method marks upon which A-marks (accuracy marks) later depend. For an M-mark to be scored, the point to which it refers must be seen in the candidate's answer. If a candidate fails to score a particular $\mathbf{M}$-mark, then none of the dependent $\mathbf{A}$ marks can be scored.

C marks: These are compensatory method marks which can be scored even if the points to which they refer are not written down by the candidate, providing subsequent working gives evidence that they must have known it. For example, if an equation carries a Cmark and the candidate does not write down the actual equation but does correct working which shows that the candidate knew the equation, then the $\mathbf{C}$-mark is given.

A marks: $\quad$ These are accuracy or answer marks, which either depend on an M-mark, or allow a C-mark to be scored.

## Note about significant figures:

If the data given in a question is to 2 sf, then allow answers to 2 or more sf.
If an answer is given to fewer than 2 sf , then penalise once only in the entire paper.
Any exception to this rule will be mentioned in the Guidance.
Please put ticks and crosses against all sub-sections marked AAA (7 in total)

| Question |  |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | (a) |  | Work done/energy transfer(red) per unit time | B1 | accept per second or rate of energy transfer / rate of doing work or energy transfer / time taken |
|  | (b) | (i) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { using } P=V I \\ & I=40 / 230=0.17(4)(A) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | accept 4/23 |
|  | (b) | (ii) | $\mathrm{R}=230 / 0.17=1400(\Omega)$ | B1 | possible ecf b(i); expect and accept 1322 or $1353 \Omega$ accept $40=230^{2} / \mathrm{R}$ giving $\mathrm{R}=52900 / 40=1322 \Omega$ |
|  | (c) |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{I}=\mathrm{RA} / \mathrm{P} \\ & \mathrm{I}=1.3 \times 10^{3} \times 3.0 \times 10^{-8} / 7.0 \times 10^{-5} \\ & \mathrm{I}=0.56(\mathrm{~m}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | ```Choosing R = \rho//A substitution; ecf b(ii) evaluation; allow 0.57 m (using R = 1322\Omega) and 0.58 m (using 1353\Omega) and 0.6 m (using 1400\Omega)``` |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathbf{A} \\ & \mathbf{A} \\ & \mathbf{A} \end{aligned}$ | (d) |  | larger power needs larger I <br> so smaller R (for same V) <br> smaller R (but same length) so larger A / thicker | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \end{aligned}$ | accept $P=V^{2} / R$ or calculation $I=0.26 \mathrm{~A}$ <br> giving $R=880$ or $890 \Omega$ NB if $R$ calculated correctly here, <br> give first 2 marks <br> hence smaller R (but same length) so larger A / thicker |
|  | (e) | (i) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Q}=\mathrm{It}=0.17 \times 8 \times 60 \times 60 \\ & \mathrm{Q}=4900(\mathrm{C}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | ecf b(i) <br> allow 4896; or 5000 or 5011 if using I $=0.174 \mathrm{~A}$ give 1 mark for 1.36 or 81.6 |
|  |  | (ii)1 | (a unit of) energy equal to 3.6 MJ or 1 kW for $1 \mathrm{~h} / \mathrm{AW}$ | B1 | eg 1000 W for 3600 s or similar |
|  |  | (ii)2 | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \times 8=320 \mathrm{~Wh} / 0.32 \mathrm{kWh} \\ & 0.32 \times 22=7.0(4) \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | accept 7 p (no SF error); allow 7000p (7040) for 1 mark |
|  |  |  | Total | 15 |  |


| Question |  |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | (a) | (i)1 | infinity | B1 | accept symbol |
|  | (a) | (i)2 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R}=1.8 / 10 \times 10^{-3} \\ & \mathrm{R}=180 \Omega \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | $0.18 \Omega$ scores 1 mark |
| A | (a) | (ii) | resistance decreases because I increases more than V therefore since $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{V} / \mathrm{I}$ value decreases/AW | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \end{aligned}$ | accept calculation at second value, e.g. at $2.0 \mathrm{R}=53 \Omega$, with comparison <br> OR at two other values QWC mark for second marking point |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { A } \\ & \text { A } \\ & \text { A } \end{aligned}$ | (b) |  | correct symbol and direction for LED R in series with LED across $X Y$ ammeter in series voltmeter in parallel with LED only | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \end{aligned}$ | circle not essential, internal line optional no variable resistor |
|  | (c) |  | torch; car brake/rear light/ traffic light, etc. <br> torch: draws a lower current / light lasts longer before battery discharged/AW <br> or LEDs (much) more efficient (at converting electrical energy into light)/AW <br> or if one LED fails remainder still lit/AW | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | suitable example <br> accept any one sensible statement, include longer life, more durable <br> contradictory statements score zero |
|  |  |  | Total | 12 |  |



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| 4 | (a) |  | R's in parallel have same V/AW so $4.0 \times 0.30=6.0 \times 0.20$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | allow I splits in inverse ratio to R or AW; hence I in $6 \mathrm{ohm}=4 / 6 \times 0.3=0.2 \mathrm{~A}$ |
|  | (b) | (i) | sum of/total current into a junction equals the sum of/total current out or total algebraic sum of currents is zero | B1 | allow Kirchhoff's first law |
|  |  | (ii) | 0.50 (A) | A1 | accept 0.5 (A) (no SF error) |
|  | (c) |  | correct formula for $R_{p}$ and substitution $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{p}}=2.4 \Omega \\ & \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{s}}=8.0(\Omega) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | apply ecf to $R_{p}$ for second mark accept $8(\Omega)$ (no SF error) |
|  | (d) | (i) | energy transferred from source/changed from some form to electrical energy; <br> per unit charge (to drive charge round a complete circuit) | M1 <br> A1 | allow form as e.g. light/chemical/heat allow energy divided by charge |
|  |  | (ii) | $\mathrm{V}=\mathrm{IR}=0.50 \times 8.0=4.0(\mathrm{~V})$ | A1 | ecf b(ii), c i.e. answer $=b$ (ii) $\times c$ accept 4 (V) (no SF error) |
|  |  | (iii) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{V}=\mathrm{Ir} \text { giving } 5.0-4.0=0.50 r \\ & r=2.0(\Omega) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | ecf b(ii) <br> accept $2(\Omega)$ (no SF error); give max of 1 mark for $r=3.3 \Omega$, <br> i.e. using I $=0.3 \mathrm{~A}$ |
|  |  |  | Total | 12 |  |


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| 5 | (a) |  | electrons have mass, photons have zero mass electrons have charge, photons are uncharged photons travel at speed of light | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \end{aligned}$ | max 2 marks from 3 marking points <br> lower speed of electrons not required for mark |
|  | (b) | (i) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { energy }=\mathrm{eV} \\ & =1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 5000=8.0 \times 10^{-16}(\mathrm{~J}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | accept $8 \times 10^{-16}(\mathrm{~J})$ (no SF error) |
|  |  | (ii) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \mathrm{~m} v^{2}=8.0 \times 10^{-16} \\ & \mathrm{v}^{2}=1.76 \times 10^{+15} \\ & \mathrm{v}=4.2 \times 10^{7}\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | evidence of calculation required |
|  | (c) | (i) | electron wavelength depends on its speed/momentum | B1 | accept de Broglie equation with labels defined |
|  |  | (ii) | $\begin{aligned} & \lambda=\mathrm{h} / \mathrm{mv} \\ & \lambda=6.63 \times 10^{-34} /\left(9.1 \times 10^{-31} \times 4.2 \times 10^{7}\right) \\ &=1.7 \times 10^{-11}(\mathrm{~m}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | select formula substitution; allow $4 \times 10^{7}$ allow $1.8 \times 10^{-11}(\mathrm{~m})$ |
|  | (d) |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{E}=\mathrm{hc} / \lambda \\ & \lambda=6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3.0 \times 10^{8} / 8.0 \times 10^{-16} \\ & =2.5 \times 10^{-10}(\mathrm{~m}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | select equation substitute and manipulate answer $2.49 \times 10^{-10}(\mathrm{~m})$ |
|  | (e) | (i) | photoelectric effect / emission | B1 |  |
|  |  | (ii) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{KE}_{\max }=\mathrm{hf}-\varphi \text { or } \mathrm{hf}=\varphi+\mathrm{KE}_{\text {max }} \\ & 9.0 \times 10^{-19}-7.2 \times 10^{-19}=1.8 \times 10^{-19}(\mathrm{~J}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | can be copied from data sheet |
|  |  | (iii) | Electrons in the metal have a range of energies most require more than the w.f. energy to escape from the surface/AW | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \end{aligned}$ | w.f. is minimum energy to escape from surface /AW max k.e. given when w.f. subtracted from photon energy or photon gives all of its energy to one electron |
|  |  |  | Total | 19 |  |


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| 6 | (a) | (i) | displacement : (any) distance moved from equilibrium of a point/particle on a wave <br> amplitude maximum displacement (caused by wave motion) | B1 <br> B1 | allow rest, zero, mean position |
|  | (a) | (ii) | frequency number of wavelengths passing a point/vibrations at a point per unit time/second or produced by the wave source IAW <br> phase difference between two points on the same wave/waves of the same frequency, how far through the cycle one point is compared to the other | B1 <br> B1 | allow number of oscillations / cycles per second accept in one second <br> allow suitable descriptions of in phase and out of phase; or an angular measurement of how much a wave leads or lags/AW |
| A | (b) |  | pulse starts at 0.5 s <br> ends at 2.0 s <br> pulse shape is reversed from Fig 6.1 <br> pulse has correct amplitudes | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \end{aligned}$ | ie amplitude decreasing from $L$ to $R$ over 1.5 s accept inversion in time axis <br> NB if extra loops, probably only first marking point available <br> if diagram looks like a coiled spring rather than a smooth curve, $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ marking points are possible |
|  |  |  | Total | 8 |  |


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| $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & \text { A } \\ & \text { A } \\ & \text { A } \end{aligned}$ | (a) | (i) | (atom releases energy when) electron moves from high to low level energy released is in form of a photon possible transitions are between $\mathrm{n}=3$ and $\mathrm{n}=1, \mathrm{n}=3$ and $\mathrm{n}=2, \mathrm{n}=2$ and $\mathrm{n}=1$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \end{aligned}$ | can be illustrated on diagram by downward arrow connecting levels <br> can be illustrated on diagram |
|  | (a) | (ii)1 | $\begin{aligned} \varepsilon & =h c / \lambda \\ & =6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3.0 \times 10^{8} / 6.56 \times 10^{-7} \\ & =3.0(3) \times 10^{-19}(\mathrm{~J}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | choosing formula and substitution answer accept $3 \times 10^{-19}(\mathrm{~J})$ (no SF error) |
|  | (a) | (ii)2 | from $\mathrm{n}=3$ to $\mathrm{n}=2$ | B1 | allow between $\mathrm{n}=3$ and $\mathrm{n}=2$ <br> allow $n=2$ to $n=3$ or between $n=2$ and $n=3$ if there is no contradiction with answer given in 7ai |
|  | (b) | (i)1 | $\begin{aligned} & d \sin \theta=\lambda \quad d \sin 11.4^{0}=6.56 \times 10^{-7} \\ & d=6.56 \times 10^{-7} / 0.198 \\ & d=3.3 \times 10^{-6}(\mathrm{~m}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | choosing formula and substitution manipulation and $\sin 11.4^{\circ}=0.198$ |
|  | (b) | (i)2 | $1 / \mathrm{d}=3 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{~m}^{-1}=300 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ | A1 | ecf b(i)1; allow 301 or 302 as data given to 3 sig figs |
|  | (b) | (ii) | 2 rays, one either side of normal to grating at about $8^{\circ}$, say | B1 | accept any sensible angle |
|  |  |  | Total | 11 |  |


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| 8 | (a) |  | travel in a vacuum <br> same speed (in vacuum)/at c <br> caused by accelerating charges are (oscillating) electric and magnetic fields | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \end{aligned}$ | max 2 marks from 4 marking points for any one incorrect property, max of $1 / 2$ if 2 incorrect properties, score 0 |
|  | (b) |  | $10^{-4}$ microwaves; $10^{-6} \mathrm{ir} ; 10^{-8} \mathrm{uv} ; 10^{-12}$ gamma | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \end{aligned}$ | 4 correct 2 marks 2 correct 1 mark |
|  | (c) | (i) | the incident wave is reflected at the sheet to produce return wave of same frequency/AW reflected wave is weaker OR the reflected wave has travelled a greater distance | B1 <br> B1 | accept incident_and reflected waves are from same source/of same wavelength/AW <br> allow wave amplitude decreases with distance |
|  | (c) | (ii) | reflected wave interferes/superposes with the incident wave <br> constructive interference occurs (or waves add) to give maxima/AW and destructive interference occurs (or waves add) to give minima/AW <br> detail given, e.g. waves add in phase for max/out of phase for min or path difference $n \lambda$ for $\max (2 n+1) / 2 \lambda$ for min | B1 <br> M1 <br> A1 | if incident and reflected waves identified in (c)(i) accept "the waves interfere / superpose" <br> QWC mark for second marking point accept antinodes for maxima and nodes for minima |
|  | (c) | (iii) | $\lambda / 4=7.5 \mathrm{~mm} ; \lambda=30 \mathrm{~mm}$ | B1 |  |
|  | (c) | (iv) | appreciation that I is proportional to $\mathrm{a}^{2}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { ratio }=(0.8+0.6)^{2} /(0.8-0.6)^{2} \\ & =(1.4 / 0.2)^{2}=7^{2}=49 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 1 \\ & \mathrm{C} 1 \\ & \mathrm{~A} 1 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  |  | NOW SCROLL DOWN TO CHECK PAGE 18 IS BLANK |  |  |
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