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Paper 3 Core Theory
MARK SCHEME
Maximum Mark: 80

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded positively:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Science-Specific Marking Principles

- 1 Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly.
- 2 The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored.
- Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection).
- The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.

5 'List rule' guidance

For questions that require *n* responses (e.g. State **two** reasons ...):

- The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided.
- Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards *n*.
- Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards n.
- Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response.
- Non-contradictory responses after the first *n* responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

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6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (a) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

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Acronyms and shorthand in the mark scheme.

acronym/shorthand	explanation
A marks	Final answer marks which are awarded for fully correct final answers.
C marks	Compensatory marks which may be scored to give partial credit when final answer (A) marks for a question have not been awarded.
B marks	Independent marks which do not depend on other marks.
M marks	Method marks which must be scored before any subsequent final answer (A) marks can be scored.
Brackets ()	Words not explicitly needed in an answer, however if a contradictory word/phrase/unit to that in the brackets is seen the mark is not awarded.
Underlining	The underlined word (or a synonym) must be present for the mark to be scored. If the word is a technical scientific term, the word must be there.
/ or OR	Alternative answers any one of which gains the credit for that mark.
owtte	Or words to that effect
ignore	identifies incorrect or irrelevant points which may be disregarded, i.e., <u>not</u> treated as contradictory. Ignore is also used to indicate an insufficient answer not worthy of credit <u>on its own</u> .
CON	An incorrect point which contradicts any correct point and means the mark cannot be scored.
ecf [question part]	Indicates that a candidate using an erroneous value from the stated question part must be given credit here if the erroneous value is used correctly here. Cf. SSMP 4. Always annotate with ECF
cao	correct answer only

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Question	Answer		Guidance			
all			Any correct final answer, to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme or more, scores all A marks even if reached by wrong Physics.			
			Any numerically correct final answer with a unit error scores all marks except the last A mark, even if reached by wrong Physics. Annotate U.			
			Where a C, B or M mark is available for quoting a formula or equation this can be written in any form and in words, symbols or numbers unless the mark scheme specifies otherwise.			
			Where an equation is quoted in numerical values from the question, a C, B or M mark is awarded even if the substituted values are incorrect by a power-of-ten.			

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	9 (min)	B1
1(a)(ii)	7.5 (m/s)	B1
1(a)(iii)	С	M1
	greatest slope / greater change of speed in same time interval owtte	A1
1(b)	3.8 (m/s)	А3
	5200 ÷ 1380	(C2)
	(average speed =) (total) distance ÷ (total) time in any form	(C1)

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	rule(r) / metre stick / tape measure	B1
2(a)(ii)	place n tiles on top of each other owtte AND n = 10 or more	B1
	measure the (total) thickness of more than one tile	B1
	divide by n AND n = 2 or more	B1
2(b)(i)	(volume =) $(25 \times 20 \times 0.30 =) 150 \text{ (cm}^3)$	B1
2(b)(ii)	2.7	А3
	410 ÷ 150 OR 410 ÷ (their ans (b)(i))	(C2)
	density = mass ÷ volume in any form	(C1)
	g/cm³	B1
2(b)(iii)	4.1(0) (N)	А3
	0.41(0)	(C1)
	(W =) m \times g OR m \times 10 in any form	(C1)

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	thermal	B1
	kinetic	B1
	(loud)speaker / buzzer / bell / headphones / earbuds	B1
3(b)(i)	1 chemical (to) kinetic	B1
	2 gravitational OR potential	B1
3(b)(ii)	energy transferred to ground / surroundings / thermal energy	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)(i)	liquid	B1
4(a)(ii)	A melting	B1
	B boiling	B1
4(b)	line starts below freezing point and ends above boiling point	B1
	line ends before 30 min	B1
	horizontal lines at melting point AND boiling point at correct temperature	B1
4(c)	arrangement: solid: regular OR close together owtte	B1
	gas: irregular / random OR far apart	B1
	movement: solid: vibration owtte	B1
	gas: fast moving OR colliding OR random	B1

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)(i)	ray continues normally into glass	B1
5(a)(ii)	one correct normal seen	B1
5(a)(iii)	ray is totally internally reflected at a glass / air boundary	B1
	ray emerging from hypotenuse	B1
5(b)(i)	orange – between red and yellow	B1
	blue – between green and indigo	B1
5(b)(ii)	wavelength	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	focal length	В1
6(b)	paraxial ray to lens	В1
	ray passes through F OR ray passing through principal focus on lhs paraxial ray on rhs	B1
6(c)	labelled inverted arrow from where (their) rays cross to principal axis	В1
6(d)	diminished	B1
	inverted	B1

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Question		An	swer		Marks
7(a)(i)	echo				B1
7(a)(ii)		property	same	different	В3
		speed	√		
		wavelength	✓		
		loudness		✓	
		frequency	✓		
		amplitude		✓	
		longitudinal	✓		
7(b)(i)	stopwatch				B1
7(b)(ii)	340 (m/s)				А3
	(2 × 520) ÷ 3.1 OR 1040 ÷ 3.1				(C2)
	(distance =) 2 × 520 OR 1040 C	PR (speed =) distance ÷ time	in any forn	า	(C1)

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Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)	radio waves	B1
	microwaves	B1
	X-rays OR (visible) light	B1
8(b)	any two from the following: travel through a vacuum travel at same speed / 3×10^8 (m / s) transverse	В2
8(c)	any two from the following: limit exposure time use tongs / distance / remote working lead shield / gloves / apron wear dosimeter owtte	В2

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Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)(i)	any three from: damaged insulation owtte coiled cables damp / wet conditions 5 A / thin cable connected to (10 A) kettle owtte	В3
9(a)(ii)	overheating / fire	B1
	electric shock	B1
9(b)(i)	a. c. (power) supply	B1
9(b)(ii)		B1
9(b)(iii)	to protect a circuit / prevents excess currents owtte	B1
9(b)(iv)	easy to reset / quick to reset OR reusable	B1
9(c)	13 A	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)(i)	gamma / γ	B1
10(a)(ii)	alpha / α	B1
10(a)(iii)	alpha / α	B1
10(b)(i)	53	B1
10(b)(ii)	78	B1
10(c)	200 (counts / s)	A2
	1600 – 800 – 400 – 200 OR idea of 3 half lives	(C1)