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MARK SCHEME
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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 descriptions 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).
- 4 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 mark	Final answer mark which is awarded for fully correct final answers including the unit.
C mark	Compensatory mark which may be scored when the final answer (A) mark for a question has not been awarded.
B mark	Independent mark which does not depend on any other mark.
M mark	Method mark which must be scored before any subsequent final answer (A) mark 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	Indicates either an incorrect or irrelevant point which may be disregarded, i.e., not treated as contradictory.
insufficient	An answer not worthy of credit on its own.
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.
cao	Correct answer only.
ORA	Or reverse argument.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	(deceleration is) decrease in velocity per unit time OR rate of decrease in velocity OR negative rate of change of velocity OR $-\Delta v/\Delta t$	A2
	negative acceleration OR change in velocity per unit time OR rate of change of velocity	C1
1(b)	$a = \Delta v / (\Delta) t$ AND $(\Delta t =) 14 / 9.8$ OR $(\Delta t =) \Delta v / a = 14 / 9.8$	B1
1(c)	10 m	А3
	(initial) E_k of ball = (maximum) E_p gained OR $\frac{1}{2}$ $mv^2 = mgh$	C1
	$(h =) E_p / mg \ \mathbf{OR} \ (h =) \frac{1}{2} v^2 / g \ \mathbf{OR} \ (h =) 12.74 / (0.13 \times 9.8) (= 10 \text{ m}) \ \mathbf{OR} \ (h =) (\frac{1}{2} \times 196) / 9.8$	C1
1(d)	any three from: (ball) accelerates (accelerates) at 9.8 m/s² initially OR (accelerates) due to force of gravity air resistance / resistive force increases (with speed / velocity) resultant force (downwards) decreases acceleration decreases terminal velocity is reached when acceleration is zero OR terminal velocity is reached when resultant force is zero	В3

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	chemical (energy store)	B1
2(b)	if one lamp breaks, the other one will remain lit	B1
2(c)(i)	the useful energy / power output from the solar panel is 22% of the total energy / power input owtte	B1
2(c)(ii)	68 W	A2
	(%) efficiency = {useful power output} / {total power input} (× 100%) OR 15 / 0.22	C1
2(d)	any two from: • no need for cables (to connect to mains) / good for locations remote from mains supply • less power loss than mains (electricity) that must be transmitted • not affected by mains power cuts	B2

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	clockwise moment has increased (and no change to anti-clockwise moment)	B1
3(a)(ii)	(mass of backpack =) 45 / (1.6 × 9.8)) 2.9 (kg)	A3
	(at balance) sum of clockwise moments = sum of anti-clockwise moments $\mathbf{OR}\ (900 \times 0.85) = 1.6 \times (450 + W)$	C1
	(clockwise moment =) 765 (N m) OR (moment due to backpack =) 45 (N m) OR (W =) [$\{900 \times 0.85\} - \{450 \times 1.6\}$] / 1.6	C1
3(b)(i)	(impulse is the) force \times time (for which the force acts) OR $I = F \times t$ OR (impulse =) change in momentum OR $\Delta \{mv\}$	B1
3(b)(ii)	any three from:	В3

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	(average) KE of particles increases / particles move faster	B1
4(b)(i)	$\rho = m/v \mathbf{OR} (m=) \rho v$	M1
	$1 \text{ cm}^3 = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 \text{OR} 250 \text{ cm}^3 = 2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$ $\text{OR} 1000 \times 2.5 \times 10^{-4} (= 0.25 \text{ kg})$	A1
4(b)(ii)	47000 J	А3
	$(\Delta \theta =) 65 - 20 ^{\circ}\text{C} \text{OR} (\Delta \theta =) 45 ^{\circ}\text{C}$	C1
	$E = mc\Delta\theta$ OR $(E =) mc\Delta\theta$ OR $(E =) 0.25 \times 4200 \times 45$	C1
4(b)(iii)	thermal energy also transferred to the pan / surroundings OR thermal energy escapes from the water (as it is being heated)	B1
4(c)	any two from: (aluminium saucepan) takes longer to heat the water more (thermal) energy is needed (with aluminium pan for the same increase in temperature) (because aluminium) has a higher specific heat capacity 	B2

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	 any three from: (metals contain) delocalised / free / mobile electrons (delocalised electrons) gain energy (from lattice vibrations of the atoms nearest to the hot water) (delocalised) electrons move through the metal (lattice) collisions between the (delocalised) electrons and (remote) ions / atoms (transfers thermal energy to all parts of the metal container) 	В3
5(b)	no delocalised / free electrons	B1
5(c)	particles are further / far apart	B1
	fewer particle collisions (to transfer energy) OR no lattice vibrations (to transfer energy)	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	where rays of light parallel (to the principal axis) converge after passing through lens	B1
	(focal length is) the distance between (centre of) the lens and principal focus	B1
6(b)	 any two from: ray from top of object to lens, parallel to principal axis, refracted to F₂ ray from top of object through centre of lens, undeviated ray from F₁, through top of object and on to lens, then parallel to principal axis 	M2
	rays extrapolated back to converge to the left of F ₁	A1
	image drawn from principal axis to intersection with arrow (to show orientation)	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)(i)	evenly spaced straight vertical lines from one plate to the other	B1
	arrows on lines pointing towards negatively charged plate	B1
7(a)(ii)	(negatively charged particle has) force / attraction towards positively charged / positive (plate)	B1
7(b)(i)	34 C	A2
	$I = Q/t \mathbf{OR} (Q =) It \mathbf{OR} 28000 \times 0.0012$	C1
7(b)(ii)	(p.d. =) 3.6MV OR $3.6 \times 10^6 \text{V}$	A2
	$E = ItV \text{ OR } (V =) E/It \text{ OR } (V =) E/Q \text{ OR } (V =) 1.2 \times 10^8/34$	C1

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)(i)	(ultrasound is) sound with a frequency higher than 20 kHz	B1
8(a)(ii)	(sound travels) faster (in a liquid than in air) / ORA	B1
8(a)(iii)	$3.0 \times 10^8 \text{m/s}$	B1
8(b)	 any three from: X-rays and ultrasound show internal body parts (without the need to cut open the body) X-rays and ultrasound both travel through (some parts of) the body images are formed by ultrasound (partially) reflecting (from boundaries between body matter) images are formed by X-rays which (travel in straight lines and) pass through soft tissue and are absorbed by bone X-rays show parts of the skeleton / X-rays show bones OR ultrasound shows image of soft tissues an X-ray detector forms image from X-rays that travel through patient OR ultrasound detector forms image from sound waves reflected back (from body parts) X-rays expose you to radiation (which can be harmful to humans) 	В3

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	(alternating current / a.c. in primary coil / plate produces) changing magnetic field (in primary coil)	B1
	secondary / phone coil cuts (this) magnetic field OR secondary / phone coil is in this / changing magnetic field	B1
	(changing magnetic field) causes induced current (in secondary coil)	B1
9(b)(i)	$1 \text{ kW h} = 1000 \times 60 \times 60 \text{ J}$ AND $0.012 \times 3.6 \times 10^6 \text{ (= } 4.3 \times 10^4 \text{ J)}$	B1
9(b)(ii)	50% charged = $(4.3 \times 10^4/2 =) 2.15 \times 10^4$ (J) OR 63% charged in 30 min OR (50% charged in $t =$) 24 min	B1
	$P = E/t$ OR $(t =) E/P$ OR $2.15 \times 10^4/15$ (s) OR energy provided in 30 min = $(15 \times 30 \times 60=) 2.7 \times 10^4$ (J)	B1
	$2.7 \times 10^4 > 2.15 \times 10^4$ OR $63\% > 50\%$ OR $30 \text{ min} > 24 \text{ min}$	B1

Question	Answer			
10(a)(i)	radiation (always) present in the environment OR radiation	n from	natural sources	B1
10(a)(ii)	radon gas OR rocks / buildings OR cosmic rays OR food /	drink		B1
10(a)(iii)	356 counts / min			A2
	(corrected count rate =) count rate - background count OF	R 382–	-26	C1
10(b)	beta	OR	gamma	B1
	alpha would be stopped by soil and not reach detector OR beta has sufficient range to be detected above ground	OR	alpha and beta stopped by soil before reaching detector	B1
	gamma would pass through intact pipe as well cracked pipe so no difference detected OR beta stopped by intact pipe so variation between piped water and escaped water can be detected	OR	gamma is only radiation that will reach detector through soil OR less gamma reaches detector through solid pipe	B1
10(c)(i)	(very short half-life) doesn't allow time for detection before activity has dropped to too low a level OR doesn't allow for sufficient build up at the leak to detect difference in rate			
10(c)(ii)	(very long half-life) contaminates water supply			

Question	Answer	Marks
11(a)	redshift	B1
11(b)(i)	$(H_0 =) 2.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ per second}$	B1
11(b)(ii)	$2.6 \times 10^8 \text{m/s}$	A2
	$H_0 = v/d$ OR $(v =) H_0 d$ OR $(v =) 1.2 \times 10^{26} \times 2.2 \times 10^{-18}$	C1
11(b)(iii)	any two from: • more distant galaxies are moving away faster • universe is expanding • (if galaxies are moving away from each other now, then) in the past galaxies were closer together	В2