

**WJEC Physics GCSE Topic  
2.3: Work and energy  
Mark Schemes for Questions by  
topic**

### 1.

Sub-section		Mark	Answer	Accept	Neutral answer	Do not accept
(a)	(i)	2	$800 \times 10$ (1) $8\,000$ [kg m/s] (1) If multiple calculations shown can only award 2 marks if 8000 on the answer line			
	(ii)	2	$\frac{40\,000}{2\,500}$ (1) $16$ [m] (1)			
	(iii)	1	0 [kg m/s]	zero		
	(iv)	2	Its kinetic energy (1) Its momentum (1) Lose 1 mark for any additional phrase underlined			
(b)	(i)	2	$23$ (1) $18$ (1)			
	(ii)	2	Doubles (1) Quadruples (1)	Twice as big or $\times 2$ (1) 4 times bigger or $\times 4$ (1)		Increases
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>				

### 2.

Sub-section		Mark	Answer	Accept	Neutral answer	Do not accept
(a)	(i)	2	$GPE = m g \Delta h$ $= 90 \times 10 \times 15$ (1 - subs) $= 13\,500$ [J] (1 - ans)	Award 1 mark only if 13 500 is developed further		
	(ii)	I	Equating 13 500 (ecf) to KE or $\frac{1}{2} m v^2$ (1) $v = 17.3$ [m/s] answer (1)			
		II	Some energy is lost / changed to heat or sound / not all the PE is converted to KE (1) [doing work against] friction/drag/ air resistance (1)		Reference to weight or mass	Wind
(b)	(i)	1	Work done = $F_s = 200 \times 500 = 100\,000$ [J] (1-ans)			
	(ii)	2	$GPE = m g \Delta h = 60 \times 10 \times 120 = 72\,000$ [J] (1-ans) $\frac{72\,000}{100\,000} \leftarrow \text{ecf} \times 100\% = 72$ [%] (1-ans)	Answer of 0.72 award 1 mark only		13 500 used in final calculation – no marks
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>				

### 3.

Sub-section	Mark	Answer	Accept	Neutral answer	Do not accept
(b) ii	3	Work = force × distance moved (written or implied) (1) $F = \frac{7.5}{2}$ (1-manip or sub) $F = 3.75$ [N] (1)  <b>Alternative 1:</b> Mean speed = 0.25 [m/s] <b>ecf</b> Then time = $\frac{2}{0.25} = 8$ [s] (1) $\Delta p = 60 \times 0.5$ <b>ecf</b> = 30 (1) Force = $\frac{\Delta p}{t} = \frac{30}{8}$ <b>ecf</b> = 3.75 [N] (1)  <b>Alternative 2:</b> Mean speed = 0.25 [m/s] <b>ecf</b> Then time = $\frac{2}{0.25} = 8$ [s] (1)  $a = \frac{(v-u)}{t} = \frac{0.5}{8}$ <b>ecf</b> = [-]0.0625 [m/s <sup>2</sup> ] (1) using $F = ma$ $F = 60 \times [-]0.0625$ $F = [-]3.75$ [N](1)	$F \times d = 7.5$ for the first mark $F = \frac{7.5}{2}$ for the first 2 marks		
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>				

### 4.

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>bungee rope may snap</li> <li>rope may extend too much</li> <li>student may land in the river</li> </ul>		2	AO2/1 4.1.1 WS1
02.2	gravitational potential kinetic elastic potential	correct order only	1 1 1	AO1/1 4.1.1.1
02.3	$\frac{1}{2} \times 40 \times 35^2$ 24 500 (J)	accept 25 000 (J) (2 significant figures) allow 24 500 (J) with no working shown for 2 marks	1 1	AO2/2 4.1.1.2
<b>Total</b>			<b>7</b>	

5.

Question Number	Answer	Acceptable answers	Mark
<b>3(a)(i)</b>	D the spring has more elastic potential energy than the weight has kinetic energy		<b>(1)</b>

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<b>3(a)(ii)</b>	<p>A description including three from</p> <p>MP1 Elastic potential energy /EPE (in stretched spring) (1)</p> <p>MP2 (EPE is) transferred to KE (initially) (1)</p> <p>MP3 change from KE to GPE or vice versa(1)</p> <p>MP4 (correct idea of) energy changes continuing</p> <p>MP5 {total mechanical energy /kinetic +potential energy} decreases (continuously) (1)</p> <p>MP6 (Eventually all is transferred to) {thermal/heat} (energy) (1)</p>	<p>care should be taken not to award marks for contradictory examples</p> <p>Starting point for description does not matter</p> <p>Ignore sound energy</p> <p>EPE becomes/goes to KE (initially)</p> <p>condone amplitude decreases to zero KE or PE 'lost' to surroundings</p>	<b>(3)</b>

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<b>3(b)(i)</b>	B increase the efficiency of the motorcycle		<b>(1)</b>
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<b>3(b)(ii)</b>	<p>MP1 (bump produces) relative motion (1)</p> <p>MP2 (motion between magnet and coil) {induces / generates} voltage (1)</p>	<p>coil moves round magnet/magnet moves {into/out of} coil / coil {cuts / moves across} magnetic field</p> <p>ignore magnets slide inside a coil (see stem)</p> <p>electromagnetic induction</p> <p>condone {induces / generates }</p> <p>{current/electricity}</p> <p>ignore (see stem)</p> <p>electrical energy provides / produces</p>	<b>(2)</b>
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<b>3(b)(iii)</b>	<p>An explanation linking</p> <p>MP1 {more/frequent} bumps (1) (idea of shorter time / increased frequency)</p> <p>MP2 (bigger bumps produce) bigger amplitude / move more up and down (idea of bigger size) (1)</p> <p>MP3 (so) {induced voltage /voltage generated} is larger (1)</p>	<p>idea of up and down for bump (coil / magnets) move up and down {faster / more often}</p> <p>(coil/magnets) move {further/higher/bigger distance} (up and down)</p> <p>{induced current/current generated} is larger</p> <p>electromagnetic induction gives more voltage/current</p> <p>condone more electricity/electrical energy is {induced / generated}</p> <p>allow once for MP1 (if MP1 or MP2 is not scored): 'bumpier' 'go in and out more'</p>	<b>(3)</b>

6.

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	<p><b>[Level 3]</b> Detailed explanation of cause of collision injury <b>AND</b> explains actions of <b>seat belts and</b> air bags. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks)</p> <p><b>[Level 2]</b> Simple explanation of cause of collision injury <b>AND</b> explains action of <b>either</b> seat belts or of air bags. Detailed explanation of cause of collision injury without action of either seat belt or air bag max 3 marks. Quality of written communication <b>partly</b> impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks)</p> <p><b>[Level 1]</b> Description of collision <b>OR</b> explains action of seat belts <b>OR</b> explains action of air bags. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1 – 2 marks)</p> <p><b>[Level 0]</b> Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)</p>	6	<p><b>This question is targeted at grades up to A*</b> <b>Indicative scientific points may include:</b></p> <p><b>Detailed explanations of cause of collision injury</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of work done = force x distance</li> <li>• Use of change of momentum = force x time</li> <li>• Longer time causes smaller force, related to change in momentum</li> </ul> <p><b>Simple explanation of cause of collision injury</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passenger has momentum in moving car</li> <li>• force from car reduces passenger momentum</li> <li>• passenger injured by force if big enough</li> <li>• Longer time causes smaller force</li> </ul> <p><b>Description of collision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passenger stopped/injured by car dashboard/windscreen</li> <li>• car stops suddenly</li> </ul> <p><b>Seatbelt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides force to stop passenger</li> <li>• stretches during collision</li> <li>• increasing time for slowing down passenger</li> <li>• reducing force on passenger</li> <li>• because force = momentum change/time</li> </ul> <p><b>Airbag</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• expands suddenly at collision</li> <li>• provides force to stop passenger</li> <li>• collapses slowly / cushioning</li> <li>• increasing time for slowing down passenger</li> <li>• reducing force on passenger</li> <li>• because force = momentum change/time</li> </ul> <p><b>Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in RM Assessor; do not use ticks.</b></p>
<b>Total</b>		6	

7.

Question number	Answer	Notes	Marks
7 (a)	Any 2 from  air bags; side impact beams/bars; crumple zones /collapsible bumpers; collapsible steering column /wheel;	Allow references to strong / laminated / safety glass ignore unqualified bumpers	2
(b) (i)	Any four from  MP1. same momentum change (with or without a seatbelt);  MP2. (but) time of impact increases;  MP3. (which) reduces rate of momentum change;  MP4. (therefore) reducing the (average) force;  MP5. the seat belt stretches (during collision);  MP6. (which) increases the area over which the force acts;  MP7. (hence) pressure on body reduces;	Ignore  • references to momentum reducing  • word equation	4
(b) (ii)	A sensible suggestion; e.g. there is a higher momentum (transfer in collision) there is a larger force during impact straps have a greater area over which force acts larger area of straps reduces the pressure		1

(c)	Momentum (of car and dummy) reduces to <u>zero</u> ; OR All momentum is absorbed by the Earth;		1
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