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## General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Mark schemes have been developed so that the rubrics of each mark scheme reflects the characteristics of the skills within the AO being targeted and the requirements of the command word. So for example the command word **'Explain'** requires an identification of a point and then reasoning/justification of the point.

Explain questions can be asked across all AOs. The distinction comes whether the identification is via a judgment made to reach a conclusion, or, making a point through application of knowledge to reason/justify the point made through application of understanding. It is the combination and linkage of the marking points that is needed to gain full marks.

When marking questions with a 'describe' or 'explain' command word, the detailed marking guidance below should be consulted to ensure consistency of marking.

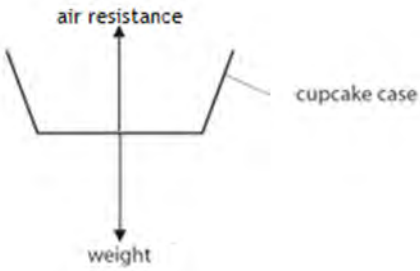
Assessment Objective		Command Word	
Strand	Element	Describe	Explain
AO1*		An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description	An explanation that links identification of a point with reasoning/justification(s) as required
AO2		An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description, showing application of knowledge and understanding	An explanation that links identification of a point (by applying knowledge) with reasoning/justification (application of understanding)
AO3	1a and 1b	An answer that combines points of interpretation/evaluation to provide a logical description	
AO3	2a and 2b		An explanation that combines identification via a judgment to reach a conclusion via justification/reasoning
AO3	3a	An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description of the plan/method/experiment	
AO3	3b		An explanation that combines identifying an improvement of the experimental procedure with a linked justification/reasoning

\*there will be situations where an AO1 question will include elements of recall of knowledge directly from the specification (up to a maximum of 15%). These will be identified by an asterisk in the mark scheme.

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (a)	<b>B</b> distance  <b>A, C</b> and <b>D</b> are incorrect as these are vector quantities		(1) AO1

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (b)(i)	A description to include any 4 from:  measure height (1)  measure time of fall (1)  use (average) speed=distance ÷ time (1)  repeat with different number of cupcake cases in the stack/more cupcake cases (1)  repeat <b>and</b> average time (of fall for each stack of cupcake cases) (1)  plot a graph (speed of fall against number of cupcake cases dropped) (1)	allow 'keep same height' allow in this context hold against (fixed point on) metre rule  allow 'time it'  accept cupcakes for cupcake cases	(4) AO1

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (b)(ii)	substitution (1) (W=)0.005 x 10  evaluation (1) 0.05 (N)	$5 \times 10^{-2}$ (N)  do not allow power of ten error  award full marks for the correct answer with no working  give full credit for use of $g=9.8$ or $9.81$ N/kg	(2) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (b)(iii)	 <p>air resistance arrow (1)</p>	Judge by eye any vertical upward arrow outside or inside the cupcake case  ignore length of arrow  arrow need not touch cupcake holder  ignore label on arrow	(1) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (b) (iv)	zero / there is none / 0 / it has no acceleration	ignore 'constant'  ignore units	(1) AO2

**Total for question 1 = 9 marks**

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<b>2 (a) (i)</b>	substitution (1) $11 = 0.42 \times 10 \times \Delta h$  rearrangement (1) $(\Delta h =) \frac{11}{0.42 \times 10}$  evaluation (1) 2.6 (m)	accept substitution and rearrangement in either order  $(\Delta h =) \frac{\Delta GPE}{m \times g}$  accept any value which rounds to 2.6 (m) award 2 marks for 2.6 to any other power of 10 allow 1 mark for 0.38 allow 1 mark for 46(.2)  award full marks for the correct answer with no working  give full credit for use of $g=9.8$ or $9.81 \text{ N/kg}$ (gives 2.7 (m))	<b>(3)</b> <b>AO2</b>

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2 (a) (ii)	substitution(1) ( $KE = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.42 \times 12^2$ )  evaluation (1) 30 (J)	allow 30.2(4) (J) award 1 mark for 30 240 (J) award 1 mark for 2.52 (J) award 1 mark for 60.5 (J)  award full marks for the correct answer with no working	(2) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2 (a)(iii)	A description including: KE/kinetic (energy store) (1)  (transfers to)  and <b>one</b> of:  elastic (potential energy store) (1)  OR  thermal (energy of ball/wall/surroundings) (1)  OR  <u>dissipates</u> (to surroundings) (1)	allow mechanically / mechanical transfer    ignore reference to gravitational potential energy   allow heat for thermal allow sound in this context   ignore reference to the ground	(2) AO2



Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<b>2 (b)</b>	selection <b>and</b> substitution (1)  $17^{(2)} = 2 \times 10 \times \text{distance}$  evaluation (1) 14(.45) (m)	use of either $v^2 - u^2 = 2ax$ or $v^2 = 2gh$  $17^{(2)} = 2 \times a \times \text{distance}$ allow 289 for $17^2$  award full marks for the correct answer without working  give full credit for use of $g=9.8$ or $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ gives 14.7 (m)	<b>(2)</b> <b>AO2</b>

**Total for question 2 =9 marks**

	<b>Answer</b> <b>Additional guidance</b>	<b>Mark</b>
<b>3(a)</b>	<b>B</b> 3.0 s  <b>A, C and D</b> are incorrect as they are the wrong time.	<b>(1)</b> <b>AO3</b>

	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Additional guidance</b>	<b>Mark</b>
<b>3(b)</b>	4.6 (m/s)	allow any value between 4.5 and 4.7 (m/s) inclusive	<b>(1)</b> <b>AO3</b>

	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Additional guidance</b>	<b>Mark</b>
<b>3(c)</b>	correct data point(s) seen (1)  (accel =) $\frac{\Delta v}{t}$ (1)  evaluation (1) 2.9 (m/s <sup>2</sup> )	allow MP1 and MP2 in either order  any data point(s) on the line e.g. (1.4,4)  allow 'gradient' allow e.g. $\frac{4}{1.4}$ for 2 marks  allow values that round to 2.9 (m/s <sup>2</sup> ) (e.g. 2.857...)  award full marks for the correct answer without working	<b>(3)</b> <b>AO3</b>

	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<b>3d)</b>	(distance =) area (under graph) (1)  substitution (1)  $\frac{1}{2}(1.4 \times 4) + (3.6 \times 4) + \frac{1}{2}(1 \times 4)$  evaluation (1) 19 (m)	may be seen on graph  $2.8 + 14.4 + 2.0$ $\frac{1}{2} \times [3.6 + 6] \times 4$  allow values that round to 19 (m) (e.g. 19.2..)  award full marks for the correct answer without working  if no other marks scored allow $(4 \times 6 =) 24$ (m) for 1 mark	<b>(3)</b> <b>AO3</b>

	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<b>3(e)</b>	graph continued below time axis, starting at 18 s	do not accept vertical line do not accept line extending to left of 18 s	<b>(1)</b> <b>AO3</b>

**Total for Question 3 = 9 marks.**

	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<b>4(a)(i)</b>	<p>calculation of time of travel (1) (120/330 =) 0.36(36) (s)</p> <p>substitution (1)</p> $\frac{0.23 \times 100}{0.36(36)}$ <p>evaluation (1) 63 (%)</p>	<p>ecf from MP1 for MP2&amp;3</p> <p>accept values that round to 64 or 63</p> <p>accept values that round to 0.64 or 0.63 for 2 marks</p> <p>award full marks for the correct answer without working</p>	<b>(3)</b> <b>AO2</b>

	Answer	Mark
<b>4(a)(ii)</b>	<p><b>C</b> Increase the distance between L and M.</p> <p><b>A, B</b> and <b>D</b> are incorrect as these would not improve the technicians' measurement</p>	<b>(1)</b> <b>AO3</b>

	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<b>4(b)</b>	<p>an explanation linking: (refraction caused by) change in speed (1)</p> <p>sound speeds up (when entering water) (1)</p> <p>light slows down (when entering water) (1)</p>	<p>allow 3 marks for sound speeds up and light slows down (when entering water)</p> <p>allow 2 marks for sound speeds up (when entering water) OR light slows down (when entering water)</p> <p>if no other marks scored allow 1 mark for description of any speed change (when entering water)</p> <p>if no other marks scored allow 1 mark for wavelength changes</p> <p>ignore references to transverse, longitudinal.</p>	<b>(3) AO1</b>

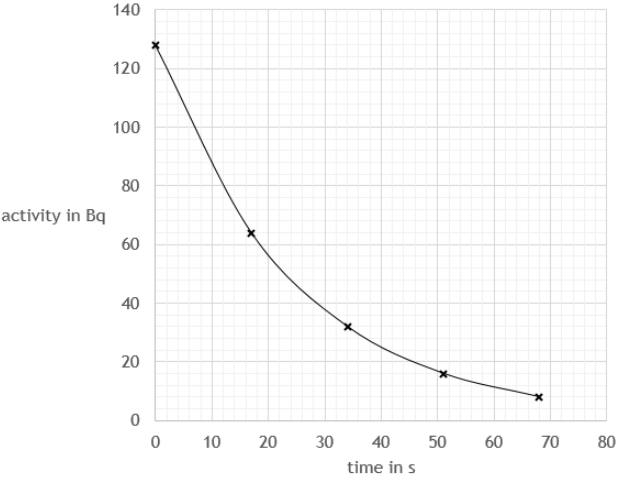
	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(c)	<p>example 1 e-m wave (1) corresponding result of energy transfer (1)</p> <p>example 2 e-m wave (1) corresponding result of energy transfer (1)</p>	<p>e.g. radio waves: communication, oscillations (of electrons) in wires</p> <p>microwaves: cooking, communications and satellite transmissions, internal heating of body cells, increase KE/vibration of water molecules</p> <p>infrared: cooking, thermal imaging, optical fibres, television remote controls, skin burns</p> <p>ultraviolet: security marking, fluorescent lamps, detecting forged bank notes and disinfecting water, damage to surface cells and eyes, skin cancer</p> <p>x-rays: observing the internal structure of objects, airport security scanners and medical x-rays, mutation or damage to cells in the body, cancer</p> <p>gamma rays: including sterilising food and medical equipment, and the detection of cancer and its treatment, mutation or damage to cells in the body, cancer</p> <p>additional effect for visible light scores 1 mark e.g. : including vision, photography and illumination</p>	(4) AO1

**Total for Question 4 = 11 marks.**

	Answer	Mark
5(a)(i)	${}_{95}^{245}\text{Am}$ <p><b>A, B</b> and <b>D</b> are incorrect as these are not isotopes of americium.</p>	(1) AO1

	Answer	Mark
5(a)(ii)	<p>[x] <b>B</b> 5 cm</p> <p><b>A, C</b> and <b>D</b> are incorrect as these are not the correct range of an alpha particle in air.</p>	(1) AO1

	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(a)(iii)	${}_{2}^{4}\alpha \quad (1)$ ${}_{83}^{237}\text{Np} \quad (1)$ ${}_{93}^{237}\text{Np} \quad (1)$	<p>both correct for the mark</p> <p>ecf from mp1</p> <p>ecf from mp1</p>	(3) AO2

	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<b>5(b)</b>	plots at three of: 17,64 (1) 34,32 (1) 51,16 (1) 68,8 (1)  tolerance $\pm 1$ s $\pm 4$ Bq	 <p>activity in Bq</p> <p>time in s</p> <p>allow line passing through correct point(s)</p> <p>ignore incorrect curve</p> <p>if no other marks scored allow 1 mark for evidence of halving activity e.g. 128 to 64</p>	<b>(3)</b> <b>AO3</b>



	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)	<p>description to include: proton (1)</p> <p>becomes a neutron (1)</p>	<p>award 2 marks for <math>p \rightarrow n</math></p> <p>award 2 marks for answers in terms of quarks: <math>u \rightarrow d</math> or <math>up \rightarrow down</math> or <math>uud \rightarrow udd</math></p> <p>if no other mark scored, allow 1 mark for any <b>one</b> of</p> <p>neutron becomes proton</p> <p><math>n \rightarrow p</math></p> <p><math>d \rightarrow u</math></p> <p>decrease in atomic number <u>by one</u></p> <p>mass number stays the same</p> <p>gains a neutron</p> <p>reduce charge (of nucleus) <u>by one</u></p> <p>responses referring to emission of gamma or neutrino</p>	(2) AO1

**Total for Question 5 = 10 marks.**

	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<b>6(a)</b>	<p>selection (1) <math>p = m \times v</math></p> <p>substitution (1) <math>6.6 \times 10^{-26} \times 480</math></p> <p>evaluation (1) <math>3.2 \times 10^{-23}</math> (kgm/s)</p>	<p>allow mom(entum) = mass x velocity</p> <p>allow numbers that round to <math>3.2 \times 10^{-23}</math> e.g. <math>3.168 \times 10^{-23}</math></p> <p>award full marks for the correct answer without working</p> <p><math>6.6 \times 10^{-26} \times 480</math> seen scores MP1 and MP2, 2 marks</p> <p><math>3.2</math> to any other power of ten scores MP1 and MP2, 2 marks</p>	<b>(3)</b> <b>AO2</b>

	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<b>6(b)</b>	<p>attempt to find momentum change (<math>\Delta p</math>) (1)  <math>(\Delta p) = \pm 1.4</math></p> <p>substitution in to <math>F = \frac{\Delta p}{t}</math> (1)</p> $\frac{\pm 1.4}{70 \times 10^{-3}}$ <p>evaluation (1)  <math>(\pm) 20 \text{ (N)}</math></p>	<p><math>\pm 0.8 \pm 0.6</math></p> <p>allow <math>(\Delta p) = \pm 0.2</math></p> <p>allow</p> $\frac{\pm 0.2}{70 \times 10^{-3}}$ <p>answers which round to <math>(\pm) 20</math> to any other power of 10 score 2 marks</p> <p>answers which round to <math>(\pm) 2.9</math> scores 2 marks</p> <p>answers which round to <math>(\pm) 2.9</math> to any other power of 10 score 1 mark</p> <p>award full marks for the correct answer without working</p>	<b>(3)</b> <b>AO2</b>

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
6c	<p>Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme.</p> <p>The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material which is indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AO1</p> <p>isolated statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• weights on hanger</li> <li>• weights added to trolley</li> <li>• light gate(s) / ticker(tape) timer / ultrasonic transducer</li> <li>• datalogger</li> <li>• (interrupter) card on trolley</li> <li>• sloping runway</li> <li>• weigh trolley</li> <li>• use newtonmeter</li> <li>• use <math>a = (v-u)/t</math></li> <li>• measure distance and time</li> <li>• use stopclock and ruler</li> <li>• use (average) speed = distance / time</li> <li>• use <math>a = (v^2-u^2)/ 2s</math></li> <li>• plot graph of F against a</li> </ul> <p>detail of procedure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• suspend weights from weight hanger to produce force</li> <li>• changing weights on hanger</li> <li>• keeping mass constant by moving weights between hanger and trolley</li> <li>• light gates/ticker(tape) timer/ultrasonic transducer used to measure acceleration/velocity/time</li> <li>• runway on slope so no (effect of) friction /so trolley rolls at constant speed (with no weights/force)</li> <li>• increase angle of slope to increase force</li> <li>• interrupter card for time through gate</li> <li>• final speed = 2 x average speed</li> </ul>	(6) AO1

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-2	<p>Demonstrates elements of physics understanding, some of which is inaccurate. Understanding of scientific, enquiry, techniques and procedures lacks detail. (AO1)</p> <p>Presents a description which is not logically ordered and with significant gaps. (AO1)</p>
Level 2	3-4	<p>Demonstrates physics understanding, which is mostly relevant but may include some inaccuracies. Understanding of scientific ideas, enquiry, techniques and procedures is not fully detailed and/or developed. (AO1)</p> <p>Presents a description of the procedure that has a structure which is mostly clear, coherent and logical with minor steps missing. (AO1)</p>
Level 3	5-6	<p>Demonstrates accurate and relevant physics understanding throughout. Understanding of the scientific ideas, enquiry, techniques and procedures is detailed and fully developed. (AO1)</p> <p>Presents a description that has a well-developed structure which is clear, coherent and logical. (AO1)</p>

Level	Mark	Additional Guidance	General additional guidance - the decision within levels
	0	No rewardable material.	e.g. - At each level, as well as content, the scientific coherency of what is stated will help place the answer at the top, or the bottom, of that level.
Level 1	1-2	<u>Additional guidance</u> isolated facts mention at least 2 isolated statements  evidence may be seen in the diagram	<u>Possible candidate responses</u>  add weights and use light gates
Level 2	3-4	<u>Additional guidance</u> limited procedure 1 detail of procedure <b>and</b> mention 1 other isolated statement  evidence may be seen in the diagram	<u>Possible candidate responses</u>  use light gates to measure acceleration/velocity/time and add weights
Level 3	5-6	<u>Additional guidance</u> detailed procedure 2 details of procedure <b>and</b> mention 1 other isolated statement  evidence may be seen in the diagram	<u>Possible candidate responses</u>  use light gates to measure acceleration/velocity/time and suspend weights from weight hanger to produce force and sloping runway

**Total for Question 6 = 12 marks**