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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 scheme notes

## Underlying principle

The mark scheme will clearly indicate the concept that is being rewarded, backed up by examples. It is not a set of model answers.

For example:
(iii) Horizontal force of hinge on table top
$66.3(\mathrm{~N})$ or $66(\mathrm{~N})$ and correct indication of direction [no ue]
$\checkmark \quad 1$
[Some examples of direction: acting from right (to left) / to the left / West
/ opposite direction to horizontal. May show direction by arrow. Do not accept a minus sign in front of number as direction.]

This has a clear statement of the principle for awarding the mark, supported by some examples illustrating acceptable boundaries.

1. Mark scheme format
1.1 You will not see 'wtte' (words to that effect). Alternative correct wording should be credited in every answer unless the ms has specified specific words that must be present. Such words will be indicated by underlining e.g. 'resonance'
1.2 Bold lower case will be used for emphasis.
1.3 Round brackets ( ) indicate words that are not essential e.g. "(hence) distance is increased".
1.4 Square brackets [ ] indicate advice to examiners or examples e.g. [Do not accept gravity] [ecf].
2. Unit error penalties
2.1 A separate mark is not usually given for a unit but a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark will not be awarded.
2.2 Incorrect use of case e.g. 'Watt' or ' $w$ ' will not be penalised.
2.3 There will be no unit penalty applied in 'show that' questions or in any other question where the units to be used have been given, for example in a spreadsheet.
2.4 The same missing or incorrect unit will not be penalised more than once within one question (one clip in epen).
2.5 Occasionally, it may be decided not to penalise a missing or incorrect unit e.g. the candidate may be calculating the gradient of a graph, resulting in a unit that is not one that should be known and is complex.
2.6 The mark scheme will indicate if no unit error penalty is to be applied by means of [no ue].
3. Significant figures
3.1 Use of an inappropriate number of significant figures in the theory papers will normally only be penalised in 'show that' questions where use of too few significant figures has resulted in the candidate not demonstrating the validity of the given answer.
3.2 The use of $\mathrm{g}=10 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-2}$ or $10 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{~kg}^{-1}$ instead of $9.81 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-2}$ or $9.81 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{~kg}^{-1}$ will be penalised by one mark (but not more than once per clip). Accept $9.8 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-2}$ or 9.8 Nkg 1

## 4. Calculations

4.1 Bald (i.e. no working shown) correct answers score full marks unless in a 'show that' question.
4.2 If a 'show that' question is worth 2 marks then both marks will be available for a reverse working; if it is worth 3 marks then only 2 will be available.
4.3 use of the formula means that the candidate demonstrates substitution of physically correct values, although there may be conversion errors e.g. power of 10 error.
4.4 recall of the correct formula will be awarded when the formula is seen or implied by substitution.
4.5 The mark scheme will show a correctly worked answer for illustration only.
4.6 Example of mark scheme for a calculation:
'Show that' calculation of weight
Use of $L \times W \times H$
Substitution into density equation with a volume and density
Correct answer [49.4 (N)] to at least 3 sig fig. [No ue]
[If 5040 g rounded to 5000 g or 5 kg , do not give $3^{\text {rd }}$ mark; if conversion to kg is omitted and then answer fudged, do not give $3^{\text {rd }}$ mark]
[Bald answer scores 0, reverse calculation 2/3]
Example of answer:
$80 \mathrm{~cm} \times 50 \mathrm{~cm} \times 1.8 \mathrm{~cm}=7200 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$
$7200 \mathrm{~cm}^{3} \times 0.70 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}=5040 \mathrm{~g}$
$5040 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{~kg} \times 9.81 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{kg}$
$=49.4 \mathrm{~N}$
5. Quality of Written Expression
5.1 Questions that asses the ability to show a coherent and logically structured answer are marked with an asterisk.
5.2 Marks are awarded for indicative content and for how the answer is structured.
5.3 Linkage between ideas, and fully-sustained reasoning is expected.

## 6. Graphs

6.1 A mark given for axes requires both axes to be labelled with quantities and units, and drawn the correct way round.
6.2 Sometimes a separate mark will be given for units or for each axis if the units are complex. This will be indicated on the mark scheme.
6.3 A mark given for choosing a scale requires that the chosen scale allows all points to be plotted, spreads plotted points over more than half of each axis and is not an awkward scale e.g. multiples of 3, 7 etc.
6.4 Points should be plotted to within 1 mm .

- Check the two points furthest from the best line. If both OK award mark.
- If either is 2 mm out do not award mark.
- If both are 1 mm out do not award mark.
- If either is 1 mm out then check another two and award mark if both of these OK, otherwise no mark.
For a line mark there must be a thin continuous line which is the best-fit line for the candidate's results.

| Question Number | Answer | Mark |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $D$ is the correct answer as the base units of the watt are $\mathrm{kgm}^{2} \mathrm{~s}^{-3}$. <br> A is not the correct answer as the base units of the coulomb are As $B$ is not the correct answer as the base units of the joule are $\mathrm{kgm}^{2} \mathrm{~s}^{-2}$ <br> C is not the correct answer as the base units of the volt are $\mathrm{kgm}^{2} \mathrm{~s}^{-3} \mathrm{~A}^{-1}$ | (1) |
| 2 | $D$ is the correct answer as speed $=f \lambda$ and $f=1 / T$ <br> A is not the correct answer as the speed of a wave is not related to amplitude B is not the correct answer as the speed of a wave is not related to amplitude C is not the correct answer as this would mean speed $=\lambda / f$ which is incorrect | (1) |
| 3 | $B$ is the correct answer as $0.12 P=I \times A$ <br> A is not the correct answer (incorrect rearrangement of the equation) C is not the correct answer (incorrect rearrangement of the equation) D is not the correct answer as the surface area of a sphere is not $\pi \mathrm{r}^{2}$ | (1) |
| 4 | $D$ is the correct answer as $v=\sqrt{ }(T / \mu)$ and increasing $T$ increases $v$ <br> A is not the correct answer as this would only alter the wavelength of the wave B is not the correct answer as this does not affect the speed of the wave C is not the correct answer as this would decrease the speed of the wave | (1) |
| 5 | $A$ is the correct answer as the correct rearrangement of the de Broglie equation is $v=h / \lambda m$ <br> B is not the correct answer as this is an incorrect rearrangement of the equation C is not the correct answer as this is an incorrect rearrangement of the equation D is not the correct answer as this is an incorrect rearrangement of the equation | (1) |
| 6 | $D$ is the correct answer as this is the graph for a thermistor <br> A is not the correct answer as this is not the graph for a diode B is not the correct answer as this is not the graph for a filament lamp C is not the correct answer as this is not the graph for an ohmic conductor | (1) |
| 7 | $C$ is the correct answer there is minimum displacement of particles at both compressions and rarefactions <br> A is not the correct answer as rarefactions also have minimum displacement B is not the correct answer as compressions also have minimum displacement D is not the correct answer as both compressions and rarefactions have minimum displacement of particles. | (1) |
| 8 | $B$ is the correct answer as there is no downwards jump of energy levels equivalent to 0.54 eV when falling from the -0.54 eV level <br> A is not the correct answer as this difference in energy levels is produced when an electron falls from the -0.54 eV level to the -0.85 eV level C is not the correct answer as this difference in energy levels is produced when an electron falls from the -1.51 eV level to the -13.60 eV level <br> D is not the correct answer as this difference in energy levels is produced when an electron falls from the -0.54 eV level to the -13.60 eV level | (1) |


| $\mathbf{9}$ | C is the correct answer as speed = distance/time and $\boldsymbol{t}$ is the time taken for <br> the ultrasound to travel a distance of 2d <br> A is not the correct answer as this does not take into account the fact that the <br> time $t$ for the ultrasound travel a distance of $2 d$. <br> B is not the correct answer as the time taken for the ultrasound to return to the <br> boat is unrelated to the frequency of the ultrasound used. <br> D is not the correct answer as the time taken for the ultrasound to return to the <br> boat is unrelated to the frequency of the ultrasound used. | (1) |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 0}$ | A is the correct answer as 16cm $=\mathbf{2 \lambda}$ (whole number of wavelengths path <br> difference) | (1) |
| B is not the correct answer as this would result in the waves meeting in <br> antiphase (destructive interference) <br> C is not the correct answer as this would result in the waves meeting in <br> antiphase (destructive interference) <br> D is not the correct answer as this would result in the waves meeting in <br> antiphase (destructive interference) |  |  |


| Question Number | Answer |  | Mark |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11(a) | To limit the current (in the circuit) Or To avoid overheating/melting (in the circuit) | (1) | 1 |
| 11(b) | $\frac{I_{\mathrm{W}}}{I_{\mathrm{Z}}}=1$ <br> as current is the same around a series circuit. $\frac{v_{\mathrm{W}}}{v_{\mathrm{Z}}}=0.25(\text { or } 1: 4)$ <br> as the (cross-sectional) area / $A$ is 4 times less for Z <br> Or as the (cross-sectional) area $/ A$ is 4 times greater for W <br> (for MP3, allow an answer " $<1$ ") <br> (Do not award MP2 if value for MP1 is incorrect) <br> (Do not award MP4 if value for MP3 is incorrect) | (1) <br> (1) <br> (1) <br> (1) | 4 |
|  | Total for question 11 |  | 5 |



| Question Number | Answer | Mark |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13(a) | Use of $n_{1} \sin \theta_{1}=n_{2} \sin \theta_{2}$ <br> $r$ for violet light $=31.9^{\circ}$ or $r$ for red light $=32.3^{\circ}$ <br> Use of trigonometry to calculate horizontal distances whilst in block <br> For violet, distance $=3.98 \mathrm{~cm}$ or for red, distance $=4.05 \mathrm{~cm}$ <br> Distance between points $=0.070 \mathrm{~cm} / 0.70 \mathrm{~mm}$ <br> (If working is only shown to 2 significant figures, the distances will come out to be the same. This can score MP1-4 only if all the working is clearly shown) <br> (For MP1, allow use of $n=\sin i / \sin r$ ) <br> (If candidate has the n values the wrong way round, MP1 can still be awarded if equation used correctly otherwise) <br> Example of calculation <br> $n_{1} \sin \theta_{1}=n_{2} \sin \theta_{2}$. In air, $n_{1}=1.000$ and $\theta_{1}=54.00^{\circ}$ <br> so, for violet light, $\sin r=\sin \left(54.00^{\circ}\right) / 1.532$, so $r=31.88^{\circ}$ <br> For red light, $\sin r=\sin \left(54.0^{\circ}\right) / 1.513$, so $r=32.32^{\circ}$ <br> For violet light, $\tan \left(31.88^{\circ}\right)=x / 6.400 \mathrm{~cm}$, so $x=3.981 \mathrm{~cm}$ <br> For red light, $\tan \left(32.32^{\circ}\right)=x / 6.40 \mathrm{~cm}$, so $x=4.049 \mathrm{~cm}$ <br> Distance between points $=4.049 \mathrm{~cm}-3.981 \mathrm{~cm}=0.068 \mathrm{~cm}$ | 5 |
| 13(b) | Use of $n_{1} \sin \theta_{1}=n_{2} \sin \theta_{2}$ <br> Calculates $n \sin \theta$ as 0.99 for red $\mathbf{O r} 1.01$ for violet <br> Red light refracts out of the glass as $n \sin \theta<1$ <br> Violet light undergoes total internal reflection as $n \sin \theta>1$ <br> (If candidate has the n values the wrong way round, MP1 can still be awarded if equation used correctly otherwise) <br> OR <br> Use of $\sin C=1 / n$ <br> Critical angle for violet $=40.7^{\circ}$ Or critical angle for red $=41.4^{\circ}$ <br> Red light refracts out of the glass as $C>i$ <br> Violet light undergoes total internal reflection as $C<i$ <br> Example of calculation <br> $n \sin \theta$ for violet light $=1.532 \sin \left(41.00^{\circ}\right)=1.005$. <br> $n \sin \theta$ for red light $=1.513 \sin \left(41.00^{\circ}\right)=0.993$. | 4 |
|  | Total for question 13 | 9 |


| Question <br> Number | Answer | Mark |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14(a) | Uses $R=V / I$ for resistor <br> Or uses potential divider <br> Uses $R=V / I$ for thermistor <br> $R$ for thermistor $=19 \Omega$ $\begin{equation*} \text { Temperature }=32-36^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \tag{1} \end{equation*}$ <br> Example of calculation <br> $R=V / I, I=V / R$ (for resistor), $I=(3.42 \mathrm{~V}) /(11.5 \Omega)=0.297 \mathrm{~A}$ <br> $R=V / I($ for thermistor $)=(9.00-3.42 \mathrm{~V}) /(0.297 \mathrm{~A})=18.8 \Omega$ | 4 |
| 14(b) | Increased e.m.f. leads to greater current <br> (Increased current leads to) greater temperature <br> Resistance of thermistor would decrease <br> (The proportion of the total p.d. across thermistor would decrease so) voltmeter reading would more than double so student incorrect <br> (For MP4 there needs to be a clear conclusion that the student is incorrect) | 4 |
|  | Total for question 14 | 8 |


| Question Number | Answer | Mark |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15(a) | Use of $v=f \lambda$ using $v=3.00 \times 10^{8}\left(\mathrm{~ms}^{-1}\right)$ <br> Use of $E=h f$ <br> Converts from J to eV <br> Photon energy of source $\mathrm{B}=4.43(\mathrm{eV})$ <br> (Can achieve MP1 and MP2 together if correctly using $E=h c / \lambda$ ) <br> (Units are in brackets, as this is a "show that" question, where the units have already been given in the question) <br> (For a "show that" question, the answer needs to be given to at least one more significant figure than that given in the question, so an answer of 4.4 eV would not score MP4 unless it is shown to a greater number of significant figures beforehand) <br> (A fully correct reverse calculation, showing that with a 4.4 eV energy, the radiation would have a wavelength of 283 nm can score a maximum of 3 marks) <br> Example of calculation $\begin{aligned} & v=f \lambda \text { so } f=\left(3.00 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}\right) /\left(280 \times 10^{-9} \mathrm{~m}\right)=1.07 \times 10^{15} \mathrm{~Hz} \\ & E=h f, \text { so } E=\left(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \mathrm{Js}\right) \times\left(1.07 \times 10^{15} \mathrm{~Hz}\right)=7.09 \times 10^{-19} \mathrm{~J} \\ & \text { in eV, this is }\left(7.09 \times 10^{-19} \mathrm{~J}\right) /\left(1.60 \times 10^{-19} \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{eV}^{-1}\right)=4.43 \mathrm{eV} \end{aligned}$ |  |



| Question Number | Answer |  | Mark |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 16(a) | Unpolarised light vibrates/oscillates in all planes <br> Plane polarised light vibrates/oscillates in one plane Including the direction of wave travel <br> OR <br> Unpolarised light vibrates/oscillates in all directions Plane polarised light vibrates/oscillates in one direction Perpendicular to the direction of wave travel | (1) <br> (1) <br> (1) <br> (1) <br> (1) <br> (1) | 3 |
| 16(b) | Number(s) added to both axes <br> Single maximum at $0^{\circ}$ and single minimum at $90^{\circ}$ <br> Intensity at $0^{\circ} \leq 0.5 \mathrm{~W} \mathrm{~m}^{-2}$ (but not 0 ) <br> (MP3 cannot be awarded if the graph has a positive gradient) <br> Examples of graphs <br> (These appear at the end of the mark scheme) | $\begin{aligned} & \hline(1) \\ & (1) \\ & (1) \end{aligned}$ | 3 |
| 16(c) | (Polarising) filters at $90^{\circ}$ to each other do not allow light to pass through Rotation of plane of polarisation (due to stress) allows light to pass Darker areas represent less stress Or brighter areas represent greater stress | (1) (1) (1) | 3 |
|  | Total for question 16 |  | 9 |


| Question <br> Number | Answer | Mark |  |
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| $\mathbf{1 7 ( a )}$ | Measure the position of the microphone <br> Or measure the distance of the microphone from the speaker <br> Move microphone gradually until crest on the lower trace lines up with <br> the trough of the top trace and measure the position <br> Or move microphone until traces are next in antiphase <br> (Calculate the) distance moved by the microphone (which) is the <br> wavelength <br> A method to determine the time period $T$ from the oscilloscope <br> [e.g. time period is approx. 5 x the timebase of the oscilloscope] <br> Multiply wavelength by 1/T <br> (Do not award MP5 for "use $v=f \lambda$ ") | (1) | (1) |$\quad$ (1) | (1) |
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| Question Number | Answer | Mark |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 18(a) | Use of $A=\pi r^{2}$ <br> Use of $R=\rho l / A$ $\begin{equation*} R=23.5(\Omega) \tag{1} \end{equation*}$ <br> (Units are in brackets, as this is a "show that" question, where the units have already been given in the question) <br> (For a "show that" question, the answer needs to be given to at least one more significant figure than that given in the question, so an answer of $24 \Omega$ would not score MP3 unless it is shown to a greater number of significant figures beforehand) <br> (If a candidate uses diameter instead of radius, MP2 can still be awarded if the substituted value for $A$ is dimensionally-correct) <br> Example of calculation $\begin{aligned} & A=\pi r^{2}=\pi \times\left(0.0905 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{~m}\right)^{2}=2.57 \times 10^{-8} \mathrm{~m}^{2} \\ & R=\rho l / A=\left(1.10 \times 10^{-6} \Omega \mathrm{~m}\right) \times(0.550 \mathrm{~m}) /\left(2.57 \times 10^{-8} \mathrm{~m}^{2}\right) \\ & =23.5 \Omega \end{aligned}$ | 3 |
| 18(b) | Maximum power when total resistance of circuit is the lowest <br> Calculation of total resistance when X and Y are closed <br> Use of $P=V^{2} / R$ <br> Maximum power $=9 \mathrm{~W}$, which is less than 12 W , so student incorrect <br> (allow full e.c.f. from (a), including situations where power is calculated to be more than 12 W so student is correct) <br> (MP1 and MP2 can be awarded if candidate clearly calculates the power when switches X and Y are closed with no explanation). <br> (MP3 can be awarded when candidate has only switch X or switch Y closed) <br> (For MP4 there needs to be a clear conclusion of whether the student is correct or incorrect) <br> (Some students might calculate the power of each individual resistor when both switches X and Y are closed - this is an acceptable method that can gain full credit - look for $6 \mathrm{~W}, 1.5 \mathrm{~W}$ and 1.5 W added to give 9W) <br> Example of calculation <br> When X is closed, $R_{\mathrm{tot}}=23.5 \Omega+23.5 \Omega=47 \Omega$ <br> When Y is closed, $R \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{ot}}=23.5 \Omega$ <br> When X and Y are closed, $R_{\mathrm{tot}}=\left(\frac{1}{47 \Omega}+\frac{1}{23.5 \Omega}\right)^{-1}=15.7 \Omega$ <br> $P=V^{2} / R$, so greatest power when resistance is lowest, $=(12.0 \mathrm{~V})^{2} /(15.7 \Omega)=9.2 \mathrm{~W}$ <br> (If using the "show that" value from (a), power = 9W) | 4 |


| 18(c)(i) | Use of $R=V / I$ to calculate $I$ <br> Use of $I=Q / t$ and number of electrons $=Q / e$ <br> Number of electrons $=3.2 \times 10^{18}$ (no units) <br> (allow full e.c.f. from (a)) <br> Example of calculation $\begin{aligned} & I=V / R=12.0 \mathrm{~V} / 23.5 \Omega=0.511 \mathrm{~A} . \\ & Q=I t(\text { for } 1 \text { second })=0.511 \mathrm{~A} \times 1.0 \mathrm{~s}=0.511 \mathrm{C} \\ & \text { Number of electrons }=0.511 \mathrm{C} /\left(1.60 \times 10^{-19} \mathrm{C}\right)=3.2 \times 10^{18} \text { electrons } \\ & \text { (if using the "show that" value from } \left.(\mathrm{a}), \text { answer }=3.1 \times 10^{18}\right) \end{aligned}$ | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 18(c)(ii) | Temperature of resistor increases <br> Resistance of resistor increases <br> Use of $P=V^{2} / R$ to explain that power output falls <br> (For MP3, allow use of $P=V I$ as long as it is clear that $I$ decreases) | 3 |
|  | Total for question 18 | 13 |

Example graphs for Q16b


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