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MARK SCHEME

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PUBLISHED**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.

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.

NOTES ABOUT MARK SCHEME SYMBOLS AND OTHER MATTERS

B marks	are independent marks, which do not depend on other marks. For a B mark to be scored, the point to which it refers must be seen specifically in the candidate's answer.
M marks	are method marks upon which accuracy marks (A marks) later depend. For an M mark to be scored, the point to which it refers must be seen in a candidate's answer. If a candidate fails to score a particular M mark, then none of the dependent A marks can be scored.
C marks	are compensatory marks in general applicable to numerical questions. These can be scored even if the point to which they refer are not written down by the candidate, provided subsequent working gives evidence that they must have known it. For example, if an equation carries a C mark and the candidate does not write down the actual equation but does correct substitution or working which shows he knew the equation, then the C mark is scored. A C mark is not awarded if a candidate makes two points which contradict each other. Points which are wrong but irrelevant are ignored.
A marks	A marks are accuracy or answer marks which either depend on an M mark, or which are one of the ways which allow a C mark to be scored. A marks are commonly awarded for final answers to numerical questions. If a final numerical answer, eligible for A marks, is correct, with the correct unit and an acceptable number of significant figures, all the marks for that question are normally awarded.
Brackets ()	Brackets around words or units in the mark scheme are intended to indicate wording used to clarify the mark scheme, but the marks do not depend on seeing the words or units in brackets, e.g. 10 (J) means that the mark is scored for 10, regardless of the unit given.
<u>Underlining</u>	Underlining indicates that this <u>must</u> be seen in the answer offered, or something very similar.
OR / or	This indicates alternative answers, any one of which is satisfactory for scoring the marks.
e.e.o.o.	This means 'each error or omission'.
o.w.t.t.e.	This means 'or words to that effect'.
Ignore	This indicates that something which is not correct or irrelevant is to be disregarded and does not cause a right plus wrong penalty.
Spelling	Be generous about spelling and use of English. If an answer can be understood to mean what we want, give credit. However, do not allow ambiguities, e.g. spelling which suggests confusion between reflection / refraction / diffraction or thermistor / transistor / transformer.

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Not/NOT

This indicates that an incorrect answer is not to be disregarded, but cancels another otherwise correct alternative offered by the candidate, i.e. right plus wrong penalty applies.

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meaning 'error carried forward' is mainly applicable to numerical questions, but may in particular circumstances be applied in non-numerical questions. This indicates that if a candidate has made an earlier mistake and has carried an incorrect value forward to subsequent stages of working, marks indicated by ecf may be awarded, provided the subsequent working is correct, bearing in mind the earlier mistake. This prevents a candidate from being penalised more than once for a particular mistake, but **only** applies to marks annotated ecf.

Significant

Answers are normally acceptable to any number of significant figures ≥ 2 . Any exceptions to this general rule will be specified in the mark scheme.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	density = mass ÷ volume in any form OR (mass =) density × volume	C1
	mass = 1000 × 0.05	C1
	50 (kg)	A1
1(b)	Floats OR does not sink	M0
	density of full barrel OR its density OR density of plastic OR density of barrel OR density of (pure) water is less than sea water	C1
	density of plastic OR barrel AND (pure) water is less than sea water	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	(student) S	B1
2(b)	83.37 (s) seen	C1
	83.37 ÷ 50	C1
	1.67 (s) cao	A1
2(c)	165 (mm)	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	measure without any load / weights AND measure with load / weights	B1
	measure length OR ruler stated or seen	B1
	(extension =) difference in two values	B1
3(b)(i)	30 (cm)	B1
3(b)(ii)	2.5 (N)	B1
3(c)	$W = m \times g$ OR $W = m \times 10$ OR $(m =) W \div g$ in any form	C1
	$6.0 \div 10$	C1
	0.6(0) (kg)	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)(i)	stop the tractor tipping up/keep tractor level owtte	B1
4(a)(ii)	moment = force \times (perp.) distance from pivot in any form	C1
	6000×2.1	C1
	12 600	A1
	Nm	B1
4(b)	Any three from: (wide tyres have) greater area (in contact with ground) pressure = force \div area in any form the bigger the area the smaller the pressure so tractor less likely to sink/become stuck (in soft ground)	B3

Question	Answer	Marks
5	Box 1 ✓	B3
	Box 2 ✓	
	Box 3	
	Box 4	
	Box 5 ✓	

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)(i)	straight line to mirror AND normal correctly positioned	B1
6(a)(ii)	two correct reflections drawn	B1
6(a)(iii)	angle of incidence = angle of reflection	B1
6(b)	refracted away from normal	B1
	refracted along straight edge	B1
	totally internally reflected	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)(i)	ray from X through centre of lens	B1
7(a)(ii)	image drawn from axis to point where rays cross and labelled I	B1
7(a)(iii)	point labelled F where ray crosses principal axis	B1
7(a)(iv)	2.7 (cm) \pm 0.2 cm	B1
7(b)	diminished 2nd box ticked	B1
	inverted 4th box ticked	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)(i)	(it is) vibrating	B1
8(a)(ii)	longitudinal	B1
8(a)(iii)	<u>frequency</u> (of sound) OR 25 kHz	B1
	is above (upper limit of) human hearing range OR is an ultrasound	B1
8(b)(i)	horizontal line with arrows at either end	B1
8(b)(ii)	(14.4 \div 4 =) 3.6 (cm)	B1
8(c)	Any four from: use of shallow water use of flat lamina or shape below surface / different depths (of water) used waves hit {shallower water / shape} at an angle (other than 90°) waves change direction (due to) change in speed	B4

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	correct field pattern for bar magnet	B1
	no lines crossing and good detail of curvature	B1
	correct direction of arrow, i.e. out from N pole	B1
9(b)	electrons	M1
	move from the rod/to the cloth	A1
9(c)	1. force of repulsion circled	B1
	2. no force circled	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)(i)	correct symbol for ammeter	B1
	correct symbol for voltmeter	B1
	ammeter in series and voltmeter in parallel with lamp	B1
10(a)(ii)	$(R =) V \div I$ OR $V = I \times R$ in any form	C1
	$(R =) 4.5 \div 0.25$	C1
	18 (Ω)	A1
10(b)(i)	<u>variable</u> resistor	B1
10(b)(ii)	(sliding contact moved to) change resistance (in circuit)	B1
	(and so) change current (in lamp) or p.d. (across lamp)	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
11(a)	relative movement (between conductor and magnetic field) And any two from: connect conductor/coil to (sensitive) meter use of magnet/magnetic field	B1
	deflection on meter (indicates emf) OR voltage generated OR current in conductor	B2
11(b)(i)	(soft-) iron	B1
11(b)(ii)	more turns on output coil (than input coil) ora	B1
11(b)(iii)	$V_s / V_p = N_s / N_p$ in any form	C1
	$V_s / 12 = 300 / 20$ OR $V_s = (300 / 20) \times 12$ OR $V_s = 15 \times 12$ OR $12 / 20 = ? / 300$	C1
	180 (V)	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
12(a)	2.5 (minutes)	B1
12(b)	any answer above 1246 (counts/s), e.g. 1247	B1
12(c)	1. helium nucleus OR 2 protons AND 2 neutrons	B1
	2. strongly (ionising)	B1
	3. weakly (penetrating)	B1