



# **MARKSCHEME**

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**PHYSICS**

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**Paper 2**

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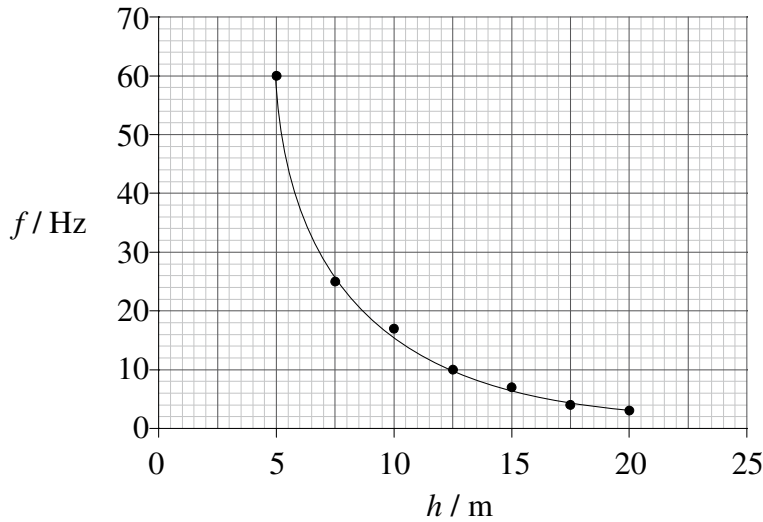
### Mark Allocation

Candidates are required to answer **ALL** questions in Section A [**25 marks**] and **ONE** question in Section B [**25 marks**]. Maximum total=[**50 marks**].

1. A markscheme often has more marking points than the total allows. This is intentional.
2. Each marking point has a separate line and the end is shown by means of a semicolon (;).
3. An alternative answer or wording is indicated in the markscheme by a slash (/). Either wording can be accepted.
4. Words in brackets ( ) in the markscheme are not necessary to gain the mark.
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6. The order of marking points does not have to be as in the markscheme, unless stated otherwise.
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10. Do **not** penalize candidates for errors in units or significant figures, **unless** it is specifically referred to in the markscheme.

SECTION A

A1. (a)



smooth curve as above; (*judge by eye*)

[1]

Do not allow point-to-point curve.

Do not allow curve to “curl round” at low or high  $h$ .

Single “non-hairy” line only is acceptable.

(b) choice of points separated by ( $\Delta h \geq 7.5$ ) e.g. [6.0, 37] [15, 6.0];

recognize  $fh = \text{constant}$  for an inverse relation;

calculates  $fh$  correctly for both points;

state that two calculated numbers are not equal (therefore not inverse);

[4]

Award [3 max] if data points are not on line.

Award [3 max] if data points are too close together ( $\Delta h \geq 7.5$ ).

Award [2 max] if both of above.

(c) (i) a straight-line that goes through all the error bars;  
and drawn through the origin; (*allow  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  square*)

[2]

(ii) read-off of suitable point(s) on line separated by  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(allow implicit use of} \\ \text{at least half of drawn line;} \\ \text{origin)} \end{array} \right.$

calculation of gradient to give  $1.5(\pm 0.2) \times 10^3$ ;

$\text{s}^{-1} \text{m}^2$  or  $\text{Hzm}^2$ ;

[3]

(d) the relation might not hold/extrapolate for larger values of  $h$  / outside range of experiment / values would be close to origin and with large (percentage experimental) error / girders of this height could buckle under their own weight / OWTTE;

[1]

A2. (a) average speed is the speed over a period of time/distance;  
instantaneous speed is the speed at a particular instant in time/point in space; [2]

(b) (i) speed = (area under graph)  $\times \frac{1}{2} \times 7.5 \times 3$ ;  
= 10 *or* 11 *or* 11.3 (ms<sup>-1</sup>); [2]

(ii) suitable curve approximating to  $v = kt^2$ ; [1]

A3. (a) (i) *nuclide*:  
(a species of atom that is characterized by) the constitution of its nucleus /  
the number of protons and neutrons in the nucleus *OWTTE*;  
*isotope*:  
nuclides with the same proton number but different nucleon/neutron numbers; [2]

*or*

atoms of the same element that have different numbers of neutrons/neutron  
number;

(ii) alpha particle / helium nucleus /  ${}^4_2\text{He}$ ; [1]

(b) protons repel/break nucleus apart;  
binding energy/strong force holds nucleus together;  
neutron excess / n:p ratio is greater in lead therefore overall balance of forces is  
more attractive / (magnitude of) binding energy per nucleon is greater in lead /  
binding energy per nucleon more negative in lead than uranium; [3]

(c)  $\Delta m = 235.04393 - [143.922952 + 88.91763 + 2 \times 1.00867]$ ;  
= 0.1860u ; (*must see the u to award this mark*)  
energy = 0.1860  $\times$  931.5 = 173.9 MeV ;  
( $\approx$  200 MeV) [3]

**SECTION B**

**B1. Part 1** Ideal gases and specific heat capacity

- (a) point molecules / negligible volume;  
 no forces between molecules except during contact;  
 motion/distribution is random;  
 elastic collisions / no energy lost;  
 obey Newton’s laws of motion;  
 collision in zero time;  
 gravity is ignored; [2 max]

- (b) (i) the molecular weight of argon in grams /  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  argon atoms / same number of particles as in 12 g of C-12; (allow atoms or molecules for particles) [1]

- (ii) mass of gas = 0.040 kg ;  
 specific heat =  $\frac{Q}{m\Delta T}$  or  $620 = 0.04 \times c \times 50$ ; (i.e. correctly aligns substitution with equation)  
 $= \left( \frac{620}{0.040 \times 50} \right) 310 \text{ Jkg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ ; [3]

- (c) temperature is a measure of the average kinetic energy of the molecules; (must see “average kinetic” for the mark)  
 energy/momentum to move piston is provided by energy/momentum of molecules that collide with it;  
 the (average) kinetic energy of the gas therefore decreases; [3]  
*Do not allow arguments in terms of loss of speed as a result of collision with a moving piston.*



**Part 2** Simple harmonic motion and waves

(a) (i) the acceleration of (force acting on) W is proportional to its displacement from equilibrium;  
and directed towards equilibrium; [2]

(ii)  $F = (18 \times 0.04) = 0.72 \text{ N};$   
acceleration =  $\frac{0.72}{0.15} = 4.8 \text{ ms}^{-2};$  [2]

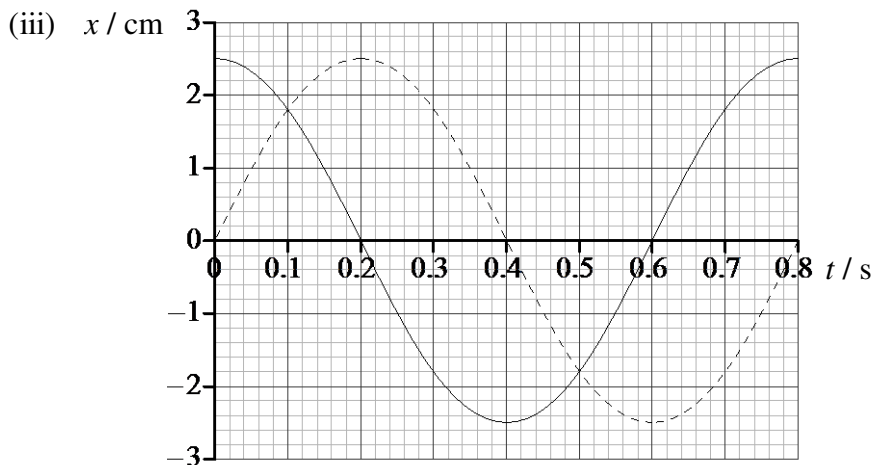
(iii)  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{a}{x}};$   
 $= 10.95 \text{ rads}^{-2};$   
 $T = \left(\frac{2\pi}{\omega}\right) \frac{6.28}{10.95} = 0.57 \text{ s};$  [3]

(iv)  $= 1.4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ (J)};$  [1]

(b) (the frictional force on W is such that) motion rapidly dies away/rapidly stops/stops in the minimum time;  
without completing an oscillation / without overshooting (equilibrium position); [2]

(c) (i) the direction of oscillation of the particles of the medium;  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(must see} \\ \text{"particles")} \end{array} \right.$   
is in the direction of energy propagation; [2]  
*Accept answer in terms of coils of spring in place of particles of medium.*

(ii) frequency =  $\left(\frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{0.80}\right) 1.25 \text{ Hz};$   
wavelength =  $\frac{v}{f} = \frac{3.0}{1.25} = 2.4 \text{ cm or } 2.4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m};$  [2]



*graph: positive cosine; (line must cross axis at 0.2 and 0.6 as shown)*  
*explanation: 1.8 cm is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a wavelength;* [2]

**B2. Part 1** Kinematics and mechanics

(a) mass  $\times$  velocity; (*allow  $mv$  with symbols defined*) [1]

(b) the rate of change of momentum of a body is equal to/directly proportional to the force acting on the body; [1]

*Accept  $F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$  only if all symbols are defined.*

(c)  $\left( F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} \right)$   
therefore impulse  $F\Delta t = \Delta p$ ; (*accept  $t$  for  $\Delta t$* ) [1]

(d) (i) (impulse =) change in momentum =  $2.2 \times 10^3 \times 4.3 (= 9.46 \times 10^3 \text{ N s})$ ;  
impulse = area under graph =  $\frac{1}{2} F_{\text{max}} \Delta t$ ;  
 $\frac{1}{2} F_{\text{max}} \times 0.54 = 9.46 \times 10^3$ ;  
 $F_{\text{max}} = 35 \text{ k(N)}$  **or**  $3.5 \times 10^4 \text{ (N)}$ ; [4]

(ii) (magnitude of) acceleration =  $\left( \frac{u^2 - v^2}{2s} = \frac{4.3^2 - 2.8^2}{30} = \right) 0.355 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ ;  
time =  $\left( \frac{u - v}{a} = \frac{1.5}{0.355} = \right) 4.2 \text{ s}$ ; [2]  
*Award [1 max] if an additional 0.54 s is added to answer.*

(iii)  $\Delta KE = \left( \frac{1}{2} \times 2.2 \times 10^3 [4.3^2 - 2.8^2] = \right) 1.17 \times 10^4 \text{ J}$ ;  
rate of change of  $\Delta KE = \frac{1.17 \times 10^4}{4.2} = 2.8 \text{ kW}$ ;  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(mark is for division by 4.2} \\ \text{and correct calculation)} \end{array} \right.$  [2]

(iv) *statement of momentum conservation:*  
*e.g. momentum of the truck before collision = momentum of both trucks after collision;*  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(allow clear} \\ \text{symbolism instead} \\ \text{of words)} \end{array} \right.$   
 $2.2 \times 10^3 \times 2.8 = 5.2 \times 10^3 V$  **or**  $V = \frac{2.2}{5.2} \times 2.8$ ;  
to give  $V = 1.2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  [2]

- (v) the first truck loses kinetic energy that is transferred to internal energy in the links between the trucks (and as sound);  
and to kinetic energy of the stationary truck; [2]  
*Award [0] for “lost as heat, light and sound”, or “in air resistance”.*

**Part 2** Electric potential difference and electric circuits

(a)  $V = \frac{1.9 \times 10^{-18}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}};$   
 $= 12 \text{ V};$  [2]

- (b) (i) ratio potential difference/voltage (across resistor) to current (in resistor) /  $\frac{V}{I}$   
with symbols defined; [1]

- (ii) some of the power/energy delivered by a cell is used/dissipated in driving the current through the cell itself;  
the power loss can be equated to  $I^2 r$  where  $r$  represents the (internal) resistance of the cell; [2]  
*To award [2] the resistance must be put into some context.*  
*Award [1 max] for e.g. it is the resistance of the cell itself.*

(iii) pd across  $R = \frac{1.44 \times 10^{-18}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = 9.00 \text{ V};$   
pd across internal resistance =  $12.0 - 9.00 (= 3.00 \text{ V});$   
current in circuit =  $\left(\frac{3.00}{5.00}\right) 0.600 \text{ A};$   
 $R = \frac{9.00}{0.600};$   
 $(= 15.0 \Omega)$  [4]

- (iv) 7.20 W; [1]

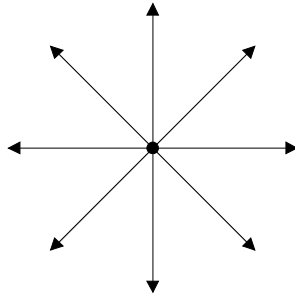
**B3. Part 1** Solar power and climate models

- (a) a solar heating panel converts the (radiation) energy of the Sun into thermal/heat energy; (allow “solar energy”  
but do not allow “heat”)  
 a photovoltaic cell converts the (radiation) energy of the Sun into electrical energy; [2]
- (b) (i) water heater / any specific use such as swimming pool/bath; [1]  
 (ii) powering TV/radio/lighting/any low energy electrical appliance; [1]
- (c) surface area of sphere at  $1.5 \times 10^{11}$  m from Sun =  $4\pi \times 1.50^2 \times 10^{22}$ ;  
 power per  $\text{m}^2 = \frac{3.90 \times 10^{26}}{4 \times 3.14 \times 1.50^2 \times 10^{22}} = 1.38 \times 10^3$ ; (presence of the substitution  
allows inference of first  
marking point)  
 power per  $\text{m}^2$  at surface =  $0.7 \times 1.38 \times 10^3 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ ;  
 (=  $966 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ ) [3]
- (d) Earth appears, to the Sun, like a disc of radius  $R$ ; (*must be explicit*)  
 intensity = power incident per unit area; (*must be explicit in words or equation*)  
 (power incident per unit area) =  $\frac{966\pi R^2}{4\pi R^2}$ ;  
 (=  $242 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ ) [3]
- (e) (power absorbed) 242 = (power emitted)  $\sigma T^4$ ;  
 $T = \left[ \frac{242}{5.67 \times 10^{-8}} \right]^{\frac{1}{4}}$  *or* 255.5;  
 (= 256 K) [2]
- (f) gases such as carbon dioxide/methane/water vapour in the atmosphere;  
 trap/absorb the (infrared) radiation emitted from the surface;  
 the radiation is reradiated in all directions;  
 some of the reradiated radiation reaches the surface of Earth so increasing the  
 surface temperature; [4]

**Part 2** Gravitational fields and electric fields

- (a) (i) the force exerted on a small/test/point mass; [1]  
*Do not allow bald "gravitational force".*
- (ii) the force exerted on a small/point/test positive charge; [1]  
*To award [1] "positive" is required.*  
*Do not allow bald "electric force".*
- (iii) the size/magnitude/value of the small/point mass; [1]  
*Do not accept bald "mass".*
- (iv) the magnitude/size/value of the small/point/test (positive) charge; [1]  
*Do not accept bald "charge".*

- (b) (i)



pattern correct with at least 8 symmetrical lines as shown;  
direction correct;

[2]

- (ii)  $E_p = \frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$  and  $g_p = \frac{Gm_p}{r^2}$ ; (both needed)

$$\frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0 Gm_p} \left( = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{6.7 \times 10^{-11} \times 1.7 \times 10^{-27}} \right);$$

$$\approx 10^{28};$$

[3]