# Markscheme 

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Paper 2

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## Subject Details: Physics HL Paper 2 Markscheme

## Mark Allocation

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| 1 | a | i | $« E_{\mathrm{el}}=» \frac{1}{2} m v^{2}+m g h$ <br> OR $\begin{aligned} & « E_{\text {el }}=» E_{\mathrm{p}}+E_{\mathrm{K}} \checkmark \\ & « E_{\text {el }}=» \frac{1}{2} \times 55 \times 0.90^{2}+55 \times 9.8 \times 1.2 \end{aligned}$ <br> OR <br> 669 J $« E_{\text {el }}=669 \approx 670 \mathrm{~J} »$ | Award [1 max] for use of $g=10 \mathrm{Nkg}^{-1}$, gives 682 J . | 2 |
|  | a | ii | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \times 55 \times v^{2}=670 \mathrm{~J} \\ & v=« \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 670}{55}}=» 4.9 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$ | If 682 J used, answer is $5.0 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$. | 2 |
|  | b | i | no force/friction on the block, hence constant motion/velocity/speed $\checkmark$ |  | 1 |
|  | b | ii | force acts on block $\boldsymbol{O R}$ gravity/component of weight pulls down slope $\checkmark$ velocity/speed decreases $\boldsymbol{O R}$ it is slowing down $\boldsymbol{O R}$ it decelerates $\checkmark$ | Do not allow a bald statement of " $N 2$ " or " $F=m a$ " for MP1. <br> Treat references to energy as neutral. | 2 |


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| 1 | C |  | straight line through origin for at least one-third of the total length of time axis covered by candidate line $\checkmark$ <br> followed by curve with decreasing positive gradient $\checkmark$ | Ignore any attempt to include motion before $A$. <br> Gradient of curve must always be less than that of straight line. | 2 |
|  | d |  | $\begin{aligned} & F=« \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}=» \frac{55 \times 4.9}{0.42} \\ & F=642 \approx 640 \mathrm{~N} \checkmark \end{aligned}$ | Allow ECF from (a)(ii). | 2 |
|  | e |  | «energy supplied by motor $=» 120 \times 6.8 \times 1.5$ or 1224 J OR <br> «power supplied by motor $=» 120 \times 6.8$ or $816 \mathrm{~W} \checkmark$ $e=0.55$ or 0.547 or $55 \%$ or $54.7 \% \checkmark$ | Allow ECF from earlier results. | 2 |


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| 1 | f | «energy dissipated in friction =» $0.03 \times 55 \times 9.8 \times 2.0$ «= 32.3 » $\checkmark$ hence use result to show that block cannot reach $\mathrm{C} \checkmark$ <br> FOR EXAMPLE <br> total energy at $C$ is $670-32.3-646.8=-9.1 \mathrm{~J} \checkmark$ <br> negative value of energy means cannot reach $C \checkmark$ | Allow ECF from (a)(ii). <br> Allow calculation of deceleration ( $a=-0.29 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-2}$ ) using coefficient of dynamic friction. Hence KE available at $B=628 \mathrm{~J}$. | 2 |


| 2 | a | two arrows each along the line connecting the planet to its star AND directed towards each star $\checkmark$ <br> arrow lines straight and of equal length $\checkmark$ | Do not allow kinked, fuzzy curved lines. | 2 |
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|  | b | $\begin{aligned} & g=« \frac{G M}{r^{2}}=\frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 2.0 \times 10^{30}}{\left(6.0 \times 10^{11}\right)^{2}} » O R 3.7 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{Nkg}^{-1} \checkmark \\ & g_{\text {net }}=« 2 g \cos \theta=2 \times 3.7 \times 10^{-4} \times \frac{\sqrt{6.0^{2}-3.4^{2}}}{6.0}=» 6.1 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{Nkg}^{-1} \checkmark \end{aligned}$ <br> directed vertically down «page» $O \boldsymbol{R}$ towards midpoint between two stars $O \boldsymbol{R}$ south $\checkmark$ | Allow rounding errors. | 3 |


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| 3 | a |  | use of $m \times c \times \theta$ with correct substitution for either original water or water from melted ice $\checkmark$ <br> energy available to melt ice $=$ «8820 $-1260 \Rightarrow 7560 \mathrm{~J} \checkmark$ <br> equates 7560 to mL $3.02 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{~kg}^{-1} \checkmark$ <br> FOR EXAMPLE $\begin{aligned} & 0.35 \times 4200 \times(18-12) O R 0.025 \times 4200 \times 12 \checkmark \\ & 7560 \mathrm{~J} \checkmark \\ & L=\frac{7560}{0.025} \checkmark \\ & 3.02 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{~kg}^{-1} \checkmark \end{aligned}$ | Award [3 max] if energy to warm melted ice as water is ignored ( $350 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~kg}^{-1}$ ). <br> Allow ECF in MP3. | 4 |
|  | b | i | no change in temperature/no effect, the energies exchanged are the same $\checkmark$ |  | 1 |
|  | b | ii | the time will be less/ice melts faster, because surface area is greater or crushed ice has more contact with water $\checkmark$ |  | 1 |


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| 4 | a |  | a wave where the displacement of particles/oscillations of particles/movement of particles/vibrations of particles is parallel to the direction of energy transfer/wave travel/wave movement | Do not allow "direction of wave". | 1 |
|  | b | i | ALTERNATIVE 1 <br> «distance travelled by wave $=» 0.30 \mathrm{~m} \checkmark$ $v=« \frac{\text { distance }}{\text { time }} \Rightarrow » 340 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1} \checkmark$ <br> ALTERNATIVE 2 evaluates $T=\frac{0.882 \times 10^{-3} \times 1.6}{0.3} «=4.7 \mathrm{~ms}$ » to give $f=210$ or $212 \mathrm{~Hz} \checkmark$ uses $\lambda=1.6 \mathrm{~m}$ with $v=f \lambda$ to give $340 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1} \checkmark$ |  | 2 |
|  | b | ii | ALTERNATIVE 1 $\begin{aligned} & \lambda=1.60 \mathrm{~m} \checkmark \\ & \omega=« 2 \pi f=2 \pi \frac{v}{\lambda}=» 2 \pi \times \frac{340}{1.60}=1.3 \times 10^{3} \text { or } 1.34 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{rad} \mathrm{~s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$ <br> ALTERNATIVE 2 <br> «0.882 ms is $\frac{0.3}{1.6}$ of cycle so whole cycle is» $\frac{2 \pi \times 3}{16 \times 0.882 \times 10^{-3}}$ $1.35 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{rad} \mathrm{s}^{-1} \checkmark$ | Allow ECF from (b)(i). | 2 |


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| 4 | C | i | the displacement of the particle decreases $\mathbf{O R}$ «on the graph» displacement is going in a negative direction $O \boldsymbol{R}$ on the graph the particle goes down $O \boldsymbol{R}$ on the graph displacement moves towards equilibrium/0 $\checkmark$ to the left $\checkmark$ | Do not allow "moving downwards". | 2 |
|  | C | ii | $\begin{aligned} & y=-1.5 \mathrm{~mm} \checkmark \\ & v=2 \pi \times 212 \times \sqrt{\left(4.0 \times 10^{-3}\right)^{2}-\left(1.5 \times 10^{-3}\right)^{2}} \\ & « v=4.939 \approx 4.9 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1} » \end{aligned}$ | Allow ECF from (b)(ii). <br> Do not allow $\frac{4.3 \mathrm{~mm}}{0.882 \mathrm{~ms}}=4.87 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1} .$ | 2 |
|  | d | i | the superposition/interference of two oppositely moving/reflected «identical travelling» waves |  | 1 |
|  | d | ii | the allowed wavelengths in the tube are $\lambda=\frac{4 L}{n}=\frac{4.80}{n}, n=1,3,5, \ldots$ OR <br> diagram showing $\frac{3}{4}$ of a standing wavelength in the tube $\checkmark$ $1.6=\frac{4.80}{n} \Rightarrow n=3$ <br> OR <br> justification that $\frac{3}{4} \times 1.6=1.2 \mathrm{~m}$ | Allow diagram showing $\frac{3}{4}$ of a wavelength for MP1. | 2 |


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| 5 | a | speed to reach infinity/zero gravitational field <br> OR <br> speed to escape gravitational pull/effect of planet's gravity $\checkmark$ | Do not allow reference to leaving/escaping an orbit. <br> Do not allow "escaping the atmosphere". | 1 |
|  | b | «kinetic energy at take off» $=\frac{9}{16} \times \frac{G M m}{R} \checkmark$ <br> kinetic energy at take off + «gravitational» potential energy = «gravitational» potential energy at maximum height <br> OR $\frac{9}{16} \times \frac{G M m}{R}-\frac{G M m}{R}=-\frac{G M m}{r} \checkmark$ <br> solves for $r$ and subtracts $R$ from answer $=\frac{9 R}{7}$ | Award [0] for work that assumes constant $g$. | 3 |
|  | c | energy reduces/lost $\checkmark$ radius decreases $\checkmark$ speed increases $\checkmark$ | Do not allow "kinetic energy reduces" for MP1. | 3 |


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| 6 | a | ALTERNATIVE 1 <br> correct application of Kirchhoff to at least one loop $\checkmark$ $E=« 4.0 \times 2.0 \Rightarrow 8.0 \mathrm{~V} \checkmark$ <br> FOR EXAMPLE $\begin{aligned} & 12=2.0 I_{1}+4.0 I_{2} \text { for top loop with loop anticlockwise } \\ & \text { «but } I_{2}=I_{1} \text { as } I_{3}=0 \text { » } \\ & \text { « } E=8.0 \mathrm{~V} \checkmark \end{aligned}$ <br> ALTERNATIVE 2 <br> «recognition that situation is simple potential divider arrangement» pd across $4 \Omega$ resistor $=\frac{12 \times 4}{(2+4)}$ $=8 \mathrm{~V} \checkmark$ | Award [0] for any answer that begins with the treatment as parallel resistors. | 2 |


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| 6 | b | i | ALTERNATIVE 1 <br> equating electric to magnetic force $q E=q v B \checkmark$ substituting $E=\frac{V}{L} \checkmark$ «to get given result» <br> ALTERNATIVE 2 $\begin{aligned} & V=\frac{\text { work done }}{Q} A N D \text { work done }=\text { force } \times \text { distance } \checkmark \\ & \text { work done }=q v=B q v \times L \checkmark \\ & \text { «to get given result» } \end{aligned}$ |  | 2 |
|  | b | ii | some mark indicating lower surface of conductor OR <br> indication that positive charge accumulates at top of conductor $\checkmark$ | Do not allow negative or positive at top and bottom. | 1 |


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| 7 | a |  |  <br> general shape starting at $12 \mathrm{~V} \checkmark$ crosses at $6 \mathrm{~V} \checkmark$ | Line must not touch time axis for MP2. <br> Allow tolerance of one square in 12 V (start) and 6 V (crossing). | 2 |


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| 7 | b | i | the time for the voltage/charge/current «in circuit» to drop to $\frac{1}{e}$ or $37 \%$ of its initial value «as the capacitor discharges» <br> OR <br> time for voltage/charge/current «in circuit» to increase to $\left(1-\frac{1}{e}\right)$ or $63 \%$ of its final value «as the capacitor charges» $\checkmark$ |  | 1 |
|  | b | ii | $R=« \frac{22}{4.5 \times 10^{-6}}=» 4.9 \times 10^{6} \Omega \checkmark$ |  | 1 |
|  | c | i | no change <br> OR <br> «remains at» $12 \mathrm{~V} \checkmark$ |  | 1 |
|  | c | ii | increases <br> OR <br> doubles $\checkmark$ | Allow "doubles" in the light of (d). | 1 |
|  | d | i | recognises that new capacitance is $9.0 \mu \mathrm{~F} \checkmark$ $E=« \frac{1}{2} C V^{2}=\frac{1}{2} \times 9.0 \times 10^{-6} \times 12^{2} »=0.65 \mathrm{~mJ} \text { or } 6.5 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~J} \checkmark$ | Allow 11.8 V (value on graph at $t=100 \mathrm{~s}$ ). | 2 |
|  | d | ii | energy goes into the resistor/surroundings <br> OR <br> «energy transferred» into thermal/internal energy form $\checkmark$ | Do not accept "dissipated" without location or form. Do not allow "heat". | 1 |


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| 8 | a |  | «lepton number on» LHS = 0 and «lepton number on» RHS $=0+1-1$ <br> OR <br> quarks have no/0/zero lepton number and the lepton number for electron and the antineutrino cancel |  | 1 |
|  | b | i | energy released when a nucleus forms from constituent nucleons <br> OR <br> minimum energy needed/work done to break a nucleus up into its constituent nucleons $\checkmark$ | Do not allow reference to "atom". <br> Award [0] for "energy to assemble nucleus". <br> Do not allow "particles", "constituents" or "components" for "nucleons". | 1 |
|  | b | ii | «energy/mass difference =» $8.450-8.398$ « $=0.052 \mathrm{MeV}$ » $Q=1.7$ or 1.66 or 1.664 MeV <br> OR $2.66 \times 10^{-13} \mathrm{~J} \checkmark$ |  | 2 |
|  | c |  | quark theory is simpler $\boldsymbol{O R}$ Occam's razor example $\boldsymbol{O R}$ simple model explains complex observations $\checkmark$ <br> quotes experiment that led to quark theory, eg deep inelastic scattering or electron scattering <br> model incorporates strong/weak interactions/forces between protons and neutrons $\checkmark$ model incorporates conservation rules $\checkmark$ <br> model explains differences between neutrons and protons $\boldsymbol{O R}$ explains decay of neutron to proton |  | 3 max |


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| 9 | a | $\begin{aligned} & I=\frac{\sigma A T^{4}}{4 \pi d^{2}} \\ & =\frac{5.67 \times 10^{-8} \times\left(7.0 \times 10^{8}\right)^{2} \times 5800^{4}}{\left(1.5 \times 10^{11}\right)^{2}} \\ & \text { OR } \frac{5.67 \times 10^{-8} \times 4 \pi \times\left(7.0 \times 10^{8}\right)^{2} \times 5800^{4}}{4 \pi \times\left(1.5 \times 10^{11}\right)^{2}} \\ & I=1397 \mathrm{~W} \mathrm{~m}^{-2} \end{aligned}$ | In this question we must see 4SF to award MP3. <br> Allow candidate to add radius of Sun to Earth-Sun distance. Yields $1386 \mathrm{Wm}^{-2}$. | 2 max |
|  | b | $\begin{aligned} & \text { «transmitted intensity }=» 0.70 \times 1400<=980 \mathrm{~W} \mathrm{~m}^{-2 »} \text { » } \\ & \frac{\pi R^{2}}{4 \pi R^{2}} \times 980 \mathrm{~W} \mathrm{~m}^{-2} \checkmark \\ & 245 \mathrm{Wm}^{-2} \end{aligned}$ |  | 2 |
|  | c | $\begin{aligned} & 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \times T^{4}=245 \\ & T=256 \mathrm{~K} \checkmark \end{aligned}$ |  | 2 |
|  | d | the emitted radiation is in the infrared/IR/long wavelength/low frequency region $\checkmark$ "greenhouse» gases in the atmosphere absorb «infrared» radiation radiated in all directions «including back down to Earth» warming the Earth $\checkmark$ | Do not allow "traps the heat". <br> Must see clear implication somewhere in response that gases are in the atmosphere for MP2. <br> Must see sense that Earth temperature is raised for MP3. | 2 max |


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| 10 | a |  | constructive interference amplitude/amount of light from 4 slits is $4 \times$ amplitude «from one slit» intensity is proportional to amplitude ${ }^{2}$ OR shows $4^{2}=16$ in context of intensity $\checkmark$ |  | 3 |
|  | b | i | «diffraction minimum at» $\theta=0.43 \mathrm{rad} \checkmark$ $\lambda=« b \theta=1.0 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.43=» 4.3 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{~m} \checkmark$ | Accept $\theta$ in range 0.41 to 0.45 rad. <br> Allow $\lambda=b \sin \theta$ but do not allow $n \lambda=d \sin \theta$. <br> Award [1 max] for solution using factor of 1.22. <br> Award [0] if use of $s=\frac{\lambda D}{d}$ seen. | 2 |
|  | b | ii | «first secondary maximum at» $\theta=0.125 \mathrm{rad} \checkmark$ $d=\frac{1 \times \text { value from }(\mathrm{b})(\mathrm{i})}{\sin 0.125}=3.4 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~m}$ | Accept $\theta$ in range 0.123 to 0.127 rad. <br> Sine must be seen to award MP2. <br> Allow ECF from (b)(i). <br> Allow use of $2^{\text {nd }}$ or $3^{\text {rd }}$ maxima ( 0.25 rad and $3.46 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ or 0.375 rad and $3.5 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ with appropriate n). | 2 |
|  | c | i | primary maxima/fringes become brighter/more intense primary maxima become narrower/sharper $\checkmark$ secondary maxima become unimportant/less intense/disappear $\checkmark$ | Insist on "secondary" for MP3. | 2 max |


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| $\mathbf{1 0}$ | c | ii | $N=$ " $\bar{\lambda}$ <br> $m \Delta \lambda$ <br> $N=494$ or $500 \checkmark$ <br> $2 \times 0.5970$ <br> $N$ | Allow use of 588.995 nm or <br> 589.592 nm for $\bar{\lambda}$. |  |


| 11 | a | i | 32 MeV converted using $32 \times 10^{6} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ «=5.12 $\times 10^{-12} \mathrm{~J}$ » $\checkmark$ $d=« \frac{k Q q}{E}=\frac{8.99 \times 10^{9} \times 2 \times 79 \times\left(1.6 \times 10^{-19}\right)^{2}}{32 \times 10^{6} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}=» \frac{8.99 \times 10^{9} \times 2 \times 79 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{32 \times 10^{6}}$ <br> OR $7.102 \times 10^{-15} \mathrm{~m} \checkmark$ $« d \approx 7 \times 10^{-15} \mathrm{~m} »$ | Must see final answer to $2+$ SF unless substitution is completely correct with value for $k$ explicit. Do not allow an approach via $r=R_{0} A^{\frac{1}{3}}$. | 2 |
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|  | a | ii | $m \approx 197 \times 1.661 \times 10^{-27}$ <br> OR $\begin{aligned} & 3.27 \times 10^{-25} \mathrm{~kg} \checkmark \\ & V=\frac{4 \pi}{3} \times\left(7 \times 10^{-15}\right)^{3} \end{aligned}$ <br> OR $\begin{aligned} & 1.44 \times 10^{-42} \mathrm{~m}^{3} \checkmark \\ & \rho=« \frac{m}{V}=\frac{3.2722 \times 10^{-25}}{1.4368 \times 10^{-42}}=» 2.28 \times 10^{17} \approx 2 \times 10^{17} \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3} \end{aligned}$ | Allow working in MeV: $1.28 \times 10^{47} \mathrm{MeV} \mathrm{c}^{-2} \mathrm{~m}^{-3} .$ <br> Allow ECF from incorrect answers to MP1 or MP2. | 3 |


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| 11 | b | Distance of closest approach: charge or number of protons or force of repulsion is the same so distance is the same <br> Estimate of nuclear density: « $\rho \propto \frac{A}{\left(A^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^{3}}$ so» density the same $\checkmark$ |  | 2 |
|  | C | $\begin{aligned} & \Delta x \approx 7 \times 10^{-15} \mathrm{~m} \\ & \Delta p \approx \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{4 \pi \times 7 \times 10^{-15}}<=7.54 \times 10^{-21} \mathrm{Ns} » \\ & E \approx<\frac{\Delta p^{2}}{2 \mathrm{~m}}=\frac{\left(7.54 \times 10^{-21}\right)^{2}}{2 \times 6.6 \times 10^{-27}}=4.3 \times 10^{-15} \mathrm{~J}=26897 \mathrm{eV} » \approx 0.027 \mathrm{MeV} \end{aligned}$ | Accept $\Delta x \approx 3.5 \times 10^{-15} \mathrm{~m}$ or $\Delta x \approx 1.4 \times 10^{-14} \mathrm{~m}$ leading to $E \approx 0.11 \mathrm{MeV}$ or 0.0067 MeV . Answer must be in MeV. | 3 |

