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Question number	Answer	Notes	Marks
1 (a) (i)	A		1
(ii)	B		1
(b) (i)	C		1
(ii)	nearest above (DOP)		1
(iii)	Comment on device – (plastic) insulator / does not conduct;  Comment on user - no risk of shock / electrocution;	(double) insulated / no current (through) / cannot become live  No electricity reaches user / person cannot touch live parts	1 1

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2 (a)	density = mass/volume	ACCEPT equivalent rearrangement ACCEPT suitable abbreviations e.g. $\rho = m/v$ or $d = m/v$ REJECT equation 'triangles' alone	1						
(b)	D		1						
(c)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Measuring instrument</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Quantity measured</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>measuring cylinder</td> <td>volume</td> </tr> <tr> <td>electronic balance</td> <td><b>mass</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Measuring instrument	Quantity measured	measuring cylinder	volume	electronic balance	<b>mass</b>	Reject weight
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2 (d)	MAX TWO FOR EACH  measuring cylinder – eyes to water level / perpendicular view; to avoid parallax; measurement at bottom of meniscus; measuring cylinder on flat surface / clean cylinder;  electronic balance – place on stable surface / avoid disturbing balance; set to zero / check zero; finding mass without an with water – (tare or subtraction);	Ignore repetition wherever seen  Ignore clean balance	4
(e) (i)	temperature / type of water (e.g. salinity, not 'heavy')	DO NOT ACCEPT answers referring to keeping the apparatus the same	1
(e) (ii)	can also affect the density / volume (DOP)	ACCEPT arguments that follow through e.g. increasing temperature will increase the volume, therefore decreasing the density REJECT idea that mass is affected by change in temperature	1

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3 (a)	(stopping distance =) thinking distance + braking distance	Could be reversed	1
(b)	Any two of:  as speed increases / car goes faster, the (thinking/braking/stopping) distance increases;  as thinking distance increases so does braking distance;  difference in pattern between thinking/braking distances identified; e.g: increase in thinking distance < increase in braking distance / increase in thinking distance is linear or proportional / increase (in braking / stopping) is non linear / WTTE	Ignore references to time    Allow use of values from graph  Reject: thinking distance proportional to braking distance	2
(c)	30 (m)	ALLOW any value from 28 to 32 m	1

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3 (d)	use the minimum / lowest values obtained	REJECT find the average	1
(e) (i)	thinking distance – no change; depends on speed/ driver / reaction (time)		2
(ii)	braking distance – increase; less friction/ less grip	Ignore reference to time e.g. <u>takes</u> longer Ignore skidding, sliding, slippery road	2

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4	(a)	change in direction of waves at a boundary	1
	(b)	ALLOW change in speed ALLOW idea of 'boundary' such as changing medium, or examples such as 'going from air into a glass block'	
		ALLOW labels written out in full as "incidence" or "angle of incidence" etc  REJECT if angles are the wrong way around	2
	(c) (i)	refractive index = $\sin i / \sin r$	1
		ALLOW 'n' for refractive index  REJECT speed in 1/speed in 2	
	(ii)	Method max 4 marks: draw around block; mark positions of incident and emergent rays; (remove block and draw refracted ray; measure $i$ ; measure $r$ ; measure angle(s) to the normal; range of values;  Data max 2 marks: (graph of) $\sin i$ against $\sin r$ ; graph is straight line; DOP gradient gives refractive index; DOP	MAX 6
		Accept pin or pencil method  Ignore mention of protractor  i.e. different values of $i$ not just repeating	

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5 (a)	D  parallel field (DOP)	ACCEPT equally spaced and straight / equally spaced and do not change direction	2
5 (b)	two (permanent / bar) magnets  pole pieces arranged correctly e.g. North facing South  idea of magnets being the correct distance apart	ACCEPT points made on an annotated diagram  REJECT description of poles as positive / negative  ACCEPT "close together", "not touching" ACCEPT idea that field is produced in the space between the N pole of one magnet and the S pole of the other  REJECT answers that are clearly referring to electromagnets	3

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6 (a) (i)	rocks / radon (gas) / space / cosmic / Sun / medical sources / from carbon atoms in living things	REJECT named radiation e.g. gamma	1
(ii)	Any three from Remove source / with no source present; measure background / count; repeat / find mean / average value; subtract (background value) from experimental values (with source);	ACCEPT take readings (of background) / read background	Max 3
(b) (i)	GRAPH S A P P L	Orientation unimportant Quantity and unit on both axes  Single smooth curve	5
(ii)	value consistent with graph (should be 0.9 – 1.1 minutes)		1
(c)	(gamma) can be detected outside the body /can pass through;  half life related to use – long enough to get around the body (for use as tracer);  half life related to patient safety - falls to low levels soon after use;	Ignore ionising ability  Reject "cause less damage" without reference to activity or time	3

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7 (a)	ANY THREE vibration / oscillation of (air) molecules / particles; longitudinal; directions of vibration and propagation are parallel; compression / rarefaction / pressure wave;	need to include what is vibrating  no need to mention molecules / particles	3									
(b) (i)	0.01 s	ALLOW 2 s.f. / 2 sig figs / 2 significant figures	1									
(ii)	speed = distance / time	ACCEPT equivalent rearrangement ACCEPT suitable abbreviations e.g. $s = d/t$ or $v = s/t$ REJECT equation 'triangles' alone	1									
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7 (c)	ANY 5 relevant points, e.g. Explanation of what reaction time is; Reaction time affects readings / reaction time does matter; Reaction times vary; Reaction times do not cancel out; Reaction time should be considered / allowed for; Kefe is right (about reaction times); reaction time typically at least 0.1 s; which is large compared to measured times / large % error; time should only be to 1 s.f.; so final value should also be to 1 s.f. / Kefe's value more suitable; 3 s.f. inappropriate; closer to accepted value does not mean more accurate;	Answers should ideally relate to how <i>appropriate</i> the precision of the measurements was, linking this to the number of significant figures merited  Consideration of reaction time and its measurement may score a number of marks	MAX 5

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8 (a) (i)	voltage = current x resistance	ACCEPT equivalent rearrangement ACCEPT suitable abbreviations e.g. $V = I \times R$ REJECT $V = I \times$ REJECT equation 'triangles' alone	1
(ii)	1.2 x 4.0; 4.8 (V);		2
(iii)	12 – 4.8; 7.2 (V);	ECF on (ii)	2
(iv)	$E = VIt$ (NO MARK) time conversion to seconds (5.0 x 60); 7.2 x 1.2 x (5.0 x 60); 2600 (J);	ECF on (iii)  Allow 2592 or 2590 ALLOW 2500/2520 (J) for full marks (using 7 V) ALLOW 42 (J) or 43.2 (J) for 2 marks (using 5 mins)	3
(v)	idea of energy loss;  rate of energy loss = rate of energy supply (at steady temp)	NB this statement alone scores (2) as it includes idea of energy loss	2

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8 (b) (i)	X – series, Y – parallel	BOTH REQUIRED for the mark	1
(ii)	THREE SUITABLE, e.g.-  series advantage – fewer wires; series advantage – lower resistance values; series disadvantage – one fails, circuit fails; series disadvantage – no independent control;	ALLOW REVERSE ARGUMENTS in terms of parallel circuits but do not award the same mark twice  IGNORE refs to efficiency ACCEPT correct answers that link to battery voltage / current, etc	Max 3

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9 (a)	gravity		1
(b) (i)	6960 (km)		1
(ii)	equation quoted (NO MARK) conversion of km OR min; $v = (2 \times \pi \times 6\,960\,000) / (96 \times 60)$ ; 7600;	ECF on (i)  Allow for rounding errors	3
(c)	EITHER grav pe reduces when closer; (so) ke increases; because total energy conserved; OR gravitational attraction / field strength increases when closer;  mass remains constant; so accelerates;	Grav force increases so ke increases = 1 (mixing arguments)  REJECT 'gravity higher' 'gravity stronger' ACCEPT 'pull of gravity' 'force of gravity'	3
(d) (i)	electromagnetic spectrum	Accept transverse (waves)	1
(ii)	Any <b>two</b> from X-rays have shorter wavelength; ORA X-rays have higher frequency; ORA X-rays have higher energy; ORA X-rays have greater penetration range; ORA X-rays have greater effects on living tissue; ORA	Idea of comparison must be there  REJECT 'visible light can be seen' / eq	2

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10 (a) (i)	GPE = mass x g x height	ACCEPT equivalent rearrangement ACCEPT suitable abbreviations e.g. GPE = mgh ACCEPT 'gravity' or 'gravitational field strength' or 'acceleration due to gravity' for g	1
(ii)	78 x 10 x 5; 3900 (J);		2
(iii)	3900; J / joule;	Accept 4000 J REJECT 'Nm' for 'J' ALLOW kJ only if it matches the value (i.e. 3.9)	2
(b) (i)	efficiency = useful energy output / total energy input	ALLOW 'power' for 'energy'	1
(ii)	in one second – useful energy out = (30 x 3900) / 60; efficiency = 1950 / 7500; 0.26 / 26%	Allow useful energy out = (30 x 4000) / 60; efficiency = 2000 / 7500; 0.27 / 27%  CQ on a(ii)	3
(c)	right general sha  reasonably correct proportions / 3kW and 12 kW seen  correctly labelled	ACCEPT "input / waste / useful" or "electrical / kinetic or GPE / waste heat or sound"	3

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11 (a)	78 seen;  = 78 / 60;  1.3;	acceleration = (final v – starting v)/time;  CORRECT ANSWER WITH NO WORKING = (3)	3
(b)	air resistance (when moving);  increases as velocity / speed increases; reducing resultant force;	ACCEPT drag IGNORE wind resistance IGNORE friction with ground 'friction' alone needs qualification  REJECT 'reaches terminal velocity'	3

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12 (a)	ANY FOUR – Conduction from hot plate to pan; conduction through pan; conduction from pan to water; convection in the water; conduction from water to potato; conduction through potato;		Max 4
(b)	ANY THREE – microwaves are electromagnetic waves; penetrate (a few cm) into the food; cause water molecules to vibrate more / heat water; conduction through the rest of the potato	no marks for whether or not the statement is true  needs ref to water, not just particles / molecules needs conduction ref, not just spreads out	Max 3
(c)	Any five from Electromagnetic induction; coil creates magnetic field around it; which cuts through the metal pan; field alternates / changes; inducing a voltage in the pan; causing a current in the pan; current makes the pan get hot;  which heats the water by conduction; water convects energy to potato;	Effect named – not just 'induction' (given in question)  Pan heating must be linked to current, not just 'the pan gets hot'	Max 5

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