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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 & 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.
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.

ecf	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.
Arithmetic errors	Deduct one mark if the only error in arriving at a final answer is clearly an arithmetic one. Regard a power-of-ten error as an arithmetic error.
Transcription errors	Deduct one mark if the only error in arriving at a final answer is because previously calculated data has clearly been misread but used correctly.
Fractions	Allow these only where specified in the mark scheme.
Crossed out work	Work which has been crossed out and not replaced but can easily be read , should be marked as if it had not been crossed out.
Use of NR	Use this if the answer space for a question is completely blank or contains no readable words, figures or symbols.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	1.24 (s) AND 1.14 (s) AND 1.16 (s)	B1
1(a)(ii)	$(1.24 + 1.14 + 1.16) \div 3$ OR $3.54 \div 3$	C1
	1.18 (s)	A1
1(b)	(average speed =) dist $\div$ time	C1
	$12 \div 1.6$	C1
	7.5 (m / s)	A1
1(c)	distance travelled = area under graph OR counting squares	C1
	4.5×0.75	C1
	3.375 OR 3.4	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	$W = m g$ OR $(m =) W / g$ OR $3.0 \div 10$	C1
	0.3 (kg)	A1
2(b)(i)	determine / read volume of water in measuring cylinder	B1
	(submerge / sink) metal in water / measuring cylinder	B1
	determine / read new volume of water (and metal)	B1
	find difference between final and initial volumes	B1
2(b)(ii)	wood floats OR does not sink	B1
2(b)(iii)	$D = M / V$ OR $405 \div 150$	C1
	2.7	A1
	g / cm^3	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	Kinetic OR movement energy from wind OR moving air	B1
	<u>turns</u> turbine	B1
	turbine turns generator (to generate electricity)	B1
3(b)	Any two advantages from: reliable supply of electricity large amount of electrical energy produced / power output plentiful supply of fuel	B2
	Any two disadvantages from: non-renewable (energy source) greenhouse gases / carbon dioxide produced / increases global warming contributes to atmospheric / air pollution / acid rain	B2

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)(i)	solid AND gas / vapour	B1
4(a)(ii)	melting AND condensing	B1
4(b)	3rd box ticked: The particles are a similar distance apart as those in a solid.	B1
	5th bottom box ticked: The particles move randomly.	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	A	B1
5(b)	number of (complete) waves produced by source / passing a point	B1
	each second / in unit time	B1
5(c)(i)	longitudinal	B1
5(c)(ii)	sound wave	B1
5(c)(iii)	85–99 (cm)	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)(i)	<i>i</i> placed between incident ray and normal	B1
6(a)(ii)	ray refracted towards normal at 1st surface	B1
	ray refracted down at 2nd surface	B1
6(b)(i)	<u>dispersion</u>	B1
6(b)(ii)	violet	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	3rd box – sound travels slower than the speed of light	B1
7(b)	2nd box – 20 to 20000 Hz	B1
7(c)	3rd box – Increasing the amplitude of a sound wave increases its loudness	B1
7(d)	3rd box – an echo is produced when sound is reflected	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)	N and S labelled at either end of magnet correct field line shown above magnet correct field line shown below magnet field points in direction N to S	B4
8(b)(i)	electromagnet	B1
8(b)(ii)	(soft iron) filings attracted, but (most) fall off when switch opened	B1
8(b)(iii)	(steel) (most / more / they) remain attached when switch opened	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	$A_2 = 0.6 \text{ A}$ AND $A_3 = 0.6 \text{ A}$	B1
9(b)	$40 (\Omega)$	B1
9(c)(i)	current from source is higher than in each lamp or reverse argument	B1
9(c)(ii)	(combined) resistance of lamps in parallel is less / lower (than one lamp)	B1
9(d)	$V = IR$ in any recognisable form	C1
	$V = 0.30 \times 140$	C1
	42	A1
	V or volts	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)(i)	(name:) (fixed) <u>resistor</u>	B1
	(purpose:) (to) reduce current	B1
10(b)(i)	a.c. / alternating (current)	B1
10(b)(ii)	motor / fan AND lamp	B1
10(b)(iii)	(the motor / fan / it) slows (down) owtte	B1
10(c)	(hazard:) live wire touching case OR user gets electric shock / burns OR (electrical) fire OR overheating / wire gets hot	B1
	(safety feature:) case is earthed	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
11(a)(i)	arrow <u>up</u> from side WX of coil AND an arrow <u>down</u> from side YZ of coil	B1
11(a)(ii)	any three from: stronger / more powerful magnets smaller gap between coil and magnet(s) larger current in coil more coils / turns	B3
11(b)	$V_p / V_s = N_p / N_s$ OR ratio used	C1
	$4000 \div (225 \div 4.5)$ OR $(4000 \times 4.5) \div 225$ OR $4000 \div 50$	C1
	80	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
12(a)	(forms of the same element that have) same number of protons / proton number / atomic number	B1
	different number of neutrons / nucleon number	B1
12(b)	less (ionising) than alpha particle OR more (ionising) than gamma	B1
	more (penetrating) than alpha OR less (penetrating) than gamma	B1
12(c)	indication of two half-lives	C1
	$\frac{1}{4}$ OR 0.25 OR 25%	A1