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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 descriptions 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.

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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.

Science-Specific Marking Principles

1	Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly.
2	The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored.
3	Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection).
4	The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.
5	<u>'List rule' guidance</u> For questions that require ***n*** responses (e.g. State **two** reasons …): • The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided. • Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards ***n***. • Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards ***n***. • Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response. • Non-contradictory responses after the first ***n*** responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

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6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (a) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

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Acronyms and shorthand in the mark scheme.

acronym/shorthand	**explanation**
A marks	Final answer marks which are awarded for fully correct final answers.
C marks	Compensatory marks which may be scored to give partial credit when final answer (A) marks for a question have not been awarded.
B marks	Independent marks which do not depend on other marks.
M marks	Method marks which must be scored before any subsequent final answer (A) marks can be scored.
Brackets ( )	Words not explicitly needed in an answer, however if a contradictory word/phrase/unit to that in the brackets is seen the mark is not awarded.
Underlining	The underlined word (or a synonym) must be present for the mark to be scored. If the word is a technical scientific term, the word must be there.
/ or **OR**	Alternative answers any one of which gains the credit for that mark.
owtte	Or words to that effect
ignore	identifies incorrect or irrelevant points which may be disregarded, i.e., not treated as contradictory. Ignore is also used to indicate an insufficient answer not worthy of credit on its own.
CON	An incorrect point which contradicts any correct point and means the mark cannot be scored.
ecf [question part]	Indicates that a candidate using an erroneous value from the stated question part must be given credit here if the erroneous value is used correctly here. Cf. SSMP 4. Always annotate with ECF
cao	correct answer only

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	3.55 (m/s)	**B1**
1(b)	constant/steady (speed) OR zero acceleration	**B1**
1(c)	(distance travelled =) 12 (m)	**A3**
	(distance travelled =) 4(.0) × 3(.0)	(C2)
	(distance travelled =) area under graph OR b × h	(C1)
1(d)	(upward force × is) air resistance OR friction OR drag	**B1**
	(downward force Y is) weight OR (force of) gravity	**B1**

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	Any **two** from: idea of using measuring cylinder to measure (liquid) volume measure mass of cylinder / beaker empty / with liquid measure (any) mass with balance	**B2**
	Any **one** from: idea of subtracting mass of empty beaker use of density = mass ÷ volume	**B1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)	(mass =) 96 (g)	**A4**
	(mass =) 8(.0) × 12	(C3)
	(mass =) density × volume	(C1)
	(volume of block =) 2 × 2 × 3 OR 12 (cm^3)	(C1)

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	(has) lower centre of gravity owtte	**B1**
3(b)	(P =) 1.5 (N / cm^2)	**A3**
	(P =) 48 ÷ 32	(C2)
	(P =) $F \div A$	(C1)
3(c)	(moment =) 270 (Ncm)	**A3**
	(moment =) 15 × 18	(C2)
	moment = force × (perp.) distance (from pivot)	(C1)

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Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	any **FOUR** from: idea of burning (bio)fuel burning fuel produces thermal energy (this is) used to heat water OR to produce steam (steam) turns / powers / rotates / spins turbine (turbine) turns generator	**B4**
4(b)	any **one** advantage from: (use a) renewable form of energy less contribution to global warming less atmospheric pollution can be grown in most / many countries reduce dependence on foreign oil / fossil fuels	**B1**
	any **one** disadvantage from: not enough biofuel to meet demand loss of land for food production use of fertilisers use of water (for irrigation) problems with monoculture / growing same crop (for fuel each year)	**B1**

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	chemical (energy)	**B1**
	gravitational potential (energy)	**B1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(b)	4.8 (J)	**A3**
	(work done =) 8(.0) × 0.6	(C2)
	(work done =) force × distance (moved in direction of force)	(C1)
5(c)	2.4 (W)	**A3**
	(power input =) 0.4(0) × 6(.0)	(C2)
	(power input =) $I \times V$	(C1)

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	any **three** from (particles are:) in a random arrangement close together OR slightly further apart than in solids move freely OR slide over each other collide (with each other) moving randomly	**B3**
6(b)	conduction	**B1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(c)	any **three** from: convection idea that water at bottom of pan is warmed / temp of water at bottom increases warm water is less dense less dense / warm water rises OR more dense/colder water sinks	**B3**
6(d)	100 (°C)	**B1**

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	ray refracted toward normal as it enters glass (by eye)	**B1**
	ray refracted away from normal on leaving glass (by eye) OR emergent ray parallel with incident ray (by eye)	**B1**
7(b)	orange yellow green blue indigo	**B1**
7(c)(i)	ultraviolet (rays / light)	**B1**
7(c)(ii)	detecting / treating cancer OR sterilising food / medical equipment OR (medical) imaging OR detecting leaks in (underground) pipes	**B1**
7(c)(iii)	mutation or damage to cells / organs / DNA OR cancer	**B1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)	vibrations OR oscillations	
8(b)	20 to 20 000	**B1**
	hertz OR Hz	**B1**
8(c)	reaction time OR distance / time interval is too small	**B1**

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	correct symbol for: voltmeter	**B1**
	lamp	**B1**
	variable resistor	**B1**
	lamp and variable resistor connected in series circuit **AND** voltmeter in parallel with lamp	**B1**
9(b)	25 (Ω)	**A3**
	11 ÷ 0.44	(C2)
	(R =) $V \div I$ or $V = I \times R$ or in any form	(C1)
9(c)	current increases	**B1**
	(because) resistance (of variable resistor) decreases OR there is less resistance wire (in the circuit / for current to move through)	**B1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)	move the magnet	**M1**
	{into OR out of OR relative to} the solenoid / coil	**A1**
10(b)	any **two** from: use a stronger magnet increase the number of turns on the coil increasing the speed of (movement of the) magnet	**B2**
10(c)(i)	(soft) iron	**B1**
10(c)(ii)	secondary (coil)	**B1**
10(c)(iii)	step-up (transformer)	**B1**

Question	Answer	Marks
11(a)	<table><tr><td>name of particle</td><td>relative charge</td><td>location in the atom</td></tr><tr><td>proton</td><td>+1</td><td>in the nucleus</td></tr><tr><td>neutron</td><td>0 OR zero</td><td>in the nucleus</td></tr><tr><td>electron</td><td>–1 OR minus 1</td><td>orbiting the nucleus</td></tr></table> **B1 B1 B1**	**B3**
11(b)	+2 OR plus two	**B1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
11(c)	any **two** from: gamma (rays) most / more penetrating alpha (particles) least / less penetrating beta are between alpha and gamma	**B2**

Question	Answer	Marks
12(a)	gravitational (attraction)	**B1**
12(b)	Earth's axis is tilted (relative to its orbital plane) OR idea that in part of orbit, N or S pole points towards/away from Sun	**B1**
12(c)	490 (s)	**A3**
	$1.48 \times 10^{11} \div 3(.0) \times 10^{8}$	(C2)
	speed = distance ÷ time OR (t =) d ÷ s	(C1)

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