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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Mark schemes have been developed so that the rubrics of each mark scheme reflects the characteristics of the skills within the AO being targeted and the requirements of the command word. So for example the command word 'Explain' requires an identification of a point and then reasoning/justification of the point.

Explain questions can be asked across all AOs. The distinction comes whether the identification is via a judgment made to reach a conclusion, or, making a point through application of knowledge to reason/justify the point made through application of understanding. It is the combination and linkage of the marking points that is needed to gain full marks.

When marking questions with a 'describe' or 'explain' command word, the detailed marking guidance below should be consulted to ensure consistency of marking.

Assessment Objective		Command Word		
Strand	Element	Describe	Explain	
AO1*		An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description	An explanation that links identification of a point with reasoning/justification(s) as required	
AO2		An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description, showing application of knowledge and understanding	An explanation that links identification of a point (by applying knowledge) with reasoning/justification (application of understanding)	
AO3	1a and 1b	An answer that combines points of interpretation/evaluation to provide a logical description		
AO3	2a and 2b		An explanation that combines identification via a judgment to reach a conclusion via justification/reasoning	
AO3	За	An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description of the plan/method/experiment		
AO3	3b		An explanation that combines identifying an improvement of the experimental procedure with a linked justification/reasoning	

^{*}there will be situations where an AO1 question will include elements of recall of knowledge directly from the specification (up to a maximum of 15%). These will be identified by an asterisk in the mark scheme.

Question	Answer	Mark
number		
1(a)	C Mercury	(1) AO1
	A is incorrect Jupiter is the fifth planet from the Sun B is incorrect Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun D is incorrect Venus is the second planet from the Sun	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)	D a natural satellite		(1) AO1
	A is incorrect, the Moon is not an asteroid		
	B is incorrect, the Moon is not a comet		
	C is incorrect, the Moon is not a nebula		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(c)	Any two of the following		(2) AO2
	1. mass (1)		
	2. radius (1)		
	3. density (1)	allow made of different substance/ material	
		if no other mark awarded, allow 1 mark for (Moon is) smaller or Earth is bigger	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(d)	substitution (1) (W=) 6.0 x 1.6 evaluation (1) 9.6	award full marks for correct answer without working.	(3) AO2(2) AO1(1)
	unit (independent mark)(1)		
	newton	accept N, n and/or Newton 9.6 N/n gains full marks	

Total marks for question 1 = 7

Question number	Answer			Additional guidance	Mark
2a(i)	C ultraviolet	infrared	radio		(1) AO1
	A is incorrect radio should J, B is incorrect and ultraviole D is incorrect infrared in K	be in L and u radio should et should be i	d be in L in K		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2a (ii)	C speed		(1) AO1
	amplitude, frequency and wavelength are not the same for all EM waves		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b) (i)			(1)
	One from:		AO1
	seeing (broken) bones (1)	seeing inside the body	
	radiotherapy (1)	body	
	detecting cracks in metals (1)		
	airport security (1)		
	observing the internal structure of objects(1)		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b) (ii)	One from:		(1)
			AO1
	can cause cancer (1)		
	can cause burns(1)		
	{damage/kills/harms} cells/tissue (1)	harms organ(s) / foetus	
	mutates DNA/cells (1)	allow (highly) ionising	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(c)	infrared (1)	must be in first sentence space	(2) AO2
	thermal (1)	must be in second sentence space	
		award 2 marks for answers in this order	

Total marks for question 2=6 marks

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3a	A two B is not correct as a uranium nucleus does not split to give 3 daughter nuclei C is not correct as a uranium nucleus does not split to give 4 daughter nuclei D is not correct as a uranium nucleus does not split to give 5 daughter nuclei		(1) AO1

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3bi	A description including:	ignore any reference to bonds	(2) AO1
	neutrons are absorbed by uranium nuclei/atoms (1)	accept hit /collide with	
	more neutrons are produced/emitted (which are absorbed by uranium nuclei) (1)		
	OR		
	diagram (no labels needed)		
	two nuclei/atoms splitting (1) four or more nuclei/atoms splitting (1)		
	shutterstock.com • 1177431790	accept a controlled chain reaction diagram for 2 marks	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3bii	An explanation linking:		(2) AO1
	(because the moderator/it) slows down/increases the chance of absorption of(1)		
	neutrons (1)		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3biii	substitution(1) 2(.0 x 10 ⁽¹⁷⁾)x 4(.0 x 10 ⁽⁻¹¹⁾)		(2) AO2
	evaluation (1) 8(.0) x 10 ⁶ (J)	accept 8000000(J)	
	0(.0) x 10 (3)	accept 8MJ	
		8 to any other power of ten scores 1 mark	
		award full marks for correct answer without working.	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3c	A description including one from		(2) AO1
	hydrogen nuclei/atoms join (1)	nuclei/atoms join	
	helium is produced (1)	larger/heavier nucleus produced	
	one from		
	lost (total) mass (1)	energy is released	
	mass is converted to energy (1)		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4 (a)(i)	substitution (1) $(\Delta GPE =) 64 \times 10 \times 24$		(2) AO2
	evaluation (1) 15 000 (J)	accept 15 360(J) or 15 400(J) award full marks for correct answer without working.	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4 (a)(ii)	substitution (1) (KE=) $\frac{1}{2}$ x 64 x 6 ⁽²⁾		(3) AO2
	calculation of 6 ² (1)		
	evaluation (1) 1200 (J)	accept 1152(J)	
		award full marks for correct answer without working.	
		192 (J) scores 2 marks	

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
4(a)(iii)	an explanation linking any two from:		(2) AO2
	the kinetic energy (store)/it decreases (to zero) (1)		
	(the energy) has dissipated (1)	transferred	
	to the surroundings (1)	to ground/brake(s) pads	
	thermal energy (store) increases (1)	make the brakes hot	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4 (b)(i)	5000(J)	24 000 – 19 000	(1) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4 (b)(ii)	substitution (1) (efficiency =) 19000 (x100%) 24000 evaluation(1) 0.79 or 79%	allow 0.8 do not award 79 without percentage award full marks for correct answer without	(2) AO2
		working.	

Total marks for Question 4 = 10

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			

5(a)(i)	D travelling more slowly	(1) AO1
	A is incorrect, more passengers would increase the stopping distance	
	B is incorrect, worn tyres would increase the stopping distance	
	C is incorrect, if the car needed new brakes this would increase the stopping	
	distance	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5 (a)(ii)	identification of horizontal line as reaction time (1) evaluation (1) 0.6 (s)	award full marks for correct answer without working 0.7 scores 1 mark	(2) AO3

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5b	A description including two from let the car roll down the slope from the same point on the slope (1) measure distance it travels (along horizontal surface) (1) change the surface/ use different surfaces (1)	see how far it travels allow time it takes to stop	(2) AO1

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)(i)	0.52		(1) AO3

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5 (c)(ii)	addition and division (1)		(2) AO2
	0.35 + 0.32 + 0.38 + 0.33 4	<u>0.35+ 0.32+ 0.52 + 0.38 + 0.33</u> 5	AOZ
	evaluation (1) 0.35 (m)	accept 0.345 (m)	
		award full marks for correct answer without working.	
		accept 0.38 for 2 marks (five results included in average	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5c(iii)	Any one from		(1) AO1
	make the slope steeper(1)	accept 'higher slope/high slope	
	add more books/blocks (1)		
	push/pull the trolley (1)	accept means of reducing friction e.g. use lubricant	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(d)	substitution (1) (a=) 12-2(.0) 4(.0) evaluation (1) 2.5 (m/s²)	award full marks for correct answer without working.	(2) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6 (a)	A is incorrect, mass is a scalar quantity C is incorrect, energy is a scalar quantity D is incorrect, distance is a scalar quantity		(1) AO1

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6 (b)(i)	A plan including four of the following		(4) AO3
	measurement of appropriate distance (1)		
	measurement of appropriate time (1)		
	use of speed = <u>distance</u> (1) Time detail (1) e.g. repeat and average, use ruler/stop clock, mark a line near the top and bottom of liquid		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)(ii)	An explanation linking two from:		(2) AO3
	add more lines (at equal distances)(1)	use longer test tube / use different heights of liquid / use different sections of the liquid	
	measure the time of fall for each distance (1)		
	compare the times (1)	e.g. {equal times =constant speed} / {shorter time = acceleration}	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6 (c)	substitution (1) $(v^2-0 =) 2x 10 x 1.5$		(2) AO2
	evaluation (1) 5.5(m/s)	accept numbers that round to 5.5 e.g. 5.477 30(m/s) gains 1 mark for correct substitution but no square root taken	
		award full marks for correct answer without working.	

Total marks for question 6 = 9

Question number	Answer	Mark
7(a)	A black B is incorrect as no blue light chines on the chiest	(1) AO3
	B is incorrect as no blue light shines on the object C is incorrect as no green light shines on the object	
	D is incorrect as no red light is reflected from the object	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7 (b)(i)	C specular reflection		(1) AO1
	A is incorrect as the reflection is not diffuse		
	B is incorrect as it is not refraction		
	D is incorrect as it is not refraction		

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7 (b) (ii)	An explanation linking: (the surface/metal ball) is smooth/shiny (1)	like a mirror	(2) AO2
	(for each ray of light) the angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection (1)	the reflection is even / there is no scattering	
		full marks can be awarded for labelled diagrams	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7 c(i)	similarity (both) change direction /bend/refract (rays of light) (1) OR (rays of light/they) pass/go (straight) through the (optical) centre / focus(1) difference one converges the other diverges (1)	accept ray through centre described as 'bottom ray' accept 'top ray' accept refracts/bends in different ways	(2) AO3
		do not allow 'change in direction of top ray' this is a similarity	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
7 c(ii)	(the power of) P is less than (the power of) Q	ORA allow Q is greater /bigger	(1) AO2

Question	Indicative content	Mark
7d*	Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme. The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material which is indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant.	(6) AO1
	 Angle of incidence marked Angle of refraction marked Angles are measured from the normal Angle of refraction is bigger than the angle of incidence Rays of light travel in straight lines Refraction occurs at a boundary between two materials of different (optical) density The angle of incidence is less than the angle of refraction when light passes into a less dense medium (glass into air) Refracted rays bend away from the normal when light passes into a less dense medium (glass into air) The ray in the more dense medium (glass) travels more slowly ORA 	
	 Total Internal Reflection Possible critical angle marked Light stays inside the glass Only occurs when the incident light is in the more dense medium Only occurs when the incident angle is equal to greater than the critical angle Critical angle for glass is about 42° Angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection 	

Level	Mark	Descriptor	
	0	No rewardable material.	
Level 1	1–2	Demonstrates elements of physics understanding, some of which is inaccurate. Understanding of scientific, enquiry, techniques and procedures lacks detail. (AO1) Presents a description which is not logically ordered and with significant gaps. (AO1)	
Level 2	3-4	Demonstrates physics understanding, which is mostly relevant but may include some inaccuracies. Understanding of scientific ideas, enquiry, techniques and procedures is not fully detailed and/or developed. (AO1) Presents a description of the procedure that has a structure which is mostly clear, coherent and logical with minor steps missing. (AO1)	
Level 3	5-6	Demonstrates accurate and relevant physics understanding throughout. Understanding of the scientific ideas, enquir techniques and procedures is detailed and fully develope (AO1) Presents a description that has a well-developed structure which is clear, coherent and logical. (AO1)	

Level	Mark	Additional Guidance	General additional guidance – the decision within levels
			e.g At each level, as well as content, the scientific coherency of what is stated will help place the answer at the top, or the bottom, of that level.
	0	No rewardable material.	
Level 1	1–2	Additional guidance isolated fact(s) about refraction or total internal reflection(TIR)	Possible candidate responses naming of any rays of light or any angles in text or on diagrams light changes direction/bends TIR ray stays inside the glass / does not go into air refracted ray goes through glass and air
Level 2	3-4	Additional guidance simple description of refraction and TIR or facts about one and more detail of the other	Possible candidate responses Angle or ray identified For refraction light changes direction from glass into air or TIR angles are equal inside the glass
Level 3	5-6	Additional guidance detailed description of refraction and TIR	Possible candidate responses For refraction light changes direction from glass into air AND TIR angles are equal inside the glass

Total marks for question 7 = 13

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8(a)	uses data taken from x axis (1)		(2) AO3
	28(cm) (1)		
		award full marks for correct answer without working	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8 b(i)	a description to include count the number of waves(1)		(3) AO1
	(arriving/passing a point) in a specific time(1)	ignore in one second	
	use frequency = number of waves time (1)	count the number of waves in one second scores 2 marks (MP1 and MP3) find the time between one wave and the next scores 2 marks (MP1 and MP2)	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8 b(ii)	substitution (1)		(2) AO2
	$1.5 = 0.7 \times \lambda$	1.5 0.7	
		allow <u>0.7</u> 1.5	
	rearrangement and evaluation 2.1(4) m	for 1 mark	
		award full marks for correct answer without working.	
		λ=v/f scores 1 mark	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8 b(iii)	A description to include: mention of oscillations/vibrations (1)	up and down OR side to side (movements)	(2) AO1
	EITHER transverse – (oscillations) perpendicular to direction of wave (travel) (1) OR longitudinal – (oscillations) in same direction as wave (travel) (1)	transverse movement up and down but longitudinal is side to side (1 mark only)	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
8 (c)	substitution (x) =330 x 4.0 evaluation 1300 (m)	accept 1320 (m) award full marks for correct answer without working.	(2) AO2

Total marks for Question 8 = 11

Question number	Answer	Mark
9(a)	B ionising and emitted by unstable nuclei	(1) AO1
	A is incorrect stable nuclei do not give radioactive emissions	
	C is incorrect not all radioactive emissions are neutral	
	D is incorrect not all radioactive emissions are neutral	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(b)	same number of protons (1)	same atomic number	(2) AO2
	different number of neutrons (1)	different mass number	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9(c)(i)	An explanation to include;		(2) AO2
	there is no aluminium to absorb β particles (1)	aluminium absorbs/stops/blocks beta particles	
	(therefore) more β particles reach the G-M tube (1)		
		accept reverse arguments	
		accept radiation for beta particles	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
9 c (ii)	(idea of) background radiation	a named source of background radiation	(1) AO3

Question	Answer	Additional	Mark
number		guidance	
9c (iii)	becquerel	accept Bq	(1)
		accept close	AO1
		spelling	

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
9d*	Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme. The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material which is indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant. Dangers of exposing people to radioactive sources/radiation. • it is ionising • may cause cancer • may destroy /kill cells • can mutate DNA • can burn the skin	(6) AO1
	Protection of hospital staff using radioactive sources/radiation. • use tongs to carry radioactive sources • use lead containers to store sources • stay at a distance from radioactive sources • use sources for as short a time as possible • wear (lead lined) protective clothing (PPE) • give treatments from behind a shield /wall • wear a radiation badge (dosimeter)	

Level	Mark	Descriptor	
	0	No rewardable material.	
Level 1	1–2	Demonstrates elements of physics understanding, some of which is inaccurate. Understanding of scientific, enquiry, techniques and procedures lacks detail. (AO1) Presents a description which is not logically ordered and with significant gaps. (AO1)	
Level 2	3–4	Demonstrates physics understanding, which is mostly relevant but may include some inaccuracies. Understanding of scientific ideas, enquiry, techniques and procedures is not fully detailed and/or developed. (AO1) Presents a description of the procedure that has a structure which is mostly clear, coherent and logical with	
		minor steps missing. (AO1)	
Level 3	5–6	Demonstrates accurate and relevant physics understanding throughout. Understanding of the scientific ideas, enquiry, techniques and procedures is detailed and fully developed. (AO1)	

Presents a description that has a well-developed structure
which is clear, coherent and logical. (AO1)

Level	Mark	Additional Guidance	General additional guidance – the decision within levels e.g At each level, as well as content, the scientific coherency of what is stated will help place the answer at the top, or the bottom, of that level.
	0	No rewardable material.	
Level 1	1-2	Additional guidance At least one isolated fact about the dangers of radiation and/or protection from radiation	Possible candidate responses it's ionising causes cancer burns you kills cells mutates DNA wear a radiation badge use tongs work from behind a shield use protective clothing
Level 2	3-4	Additional guidance simple explanation of the dangers of radiation and a fact about protection or reverse OR detailed explanation of the dangers of radiation or protection from radiation	Possible candidate responses radiation is ionising and can kill cells so wear a radiation badge or use tongs and stay at a distance from radiation source as it can cause cancer or use tongs to stay at a distance from radiation sources and wear a radiation badge
Level 3	5-6	Additional guidance detailed explanation of the dangers of radiation and protection from radiation	Possible candidate responses radiation is ionising and can kill cells and use tongs and stay at a distance from the radiation source

Total marks for question 9 = 13

Question number	Answer	Mark
10 (a)	The only correct answer is D the discovery of cosmic microwave background (CMB) radiation	(1) AO1
	A is not correct because it does not indicate the Universe had a beginning	
	B is not correct, it is evidence against the geocentric model of the Universe	
	C is not correct, it is evidence for other solar systems	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10(b)	A description to include:		(2) AO1
	wavelength (of the light) (1)	Red shift/Doppler effect	
	appears to increase (1) [increase must be linked with wavelength]	(Red shift) shows galaxy moving away	
		accept answers in terms of frequency	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10 (c)	similarity (both have) expanding Universe (1)		(2) AO1
	difference one from: Steady State, Universe has no beginning (1)	different interpretation of CMBR	
	Steady State theory requires the continual formation of new matter, the Big Bang theory does not (1)		

Question	Answer	Additional	Mark
number		guidance	

10 (d)(i)	1050 ± 20 (km/s)	(1)
		AO3
		marked
		with dii

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10 (d)(ii)	attempt at Δy (1) Δx	could be seen on graph	(3) AO3
	evaluation (1)	award 2 marks for	
	70 ± 5	correct answer without working	
		independent mark	
	unit (1)	km/s Mpc	
	km/s/Mpc	s ⁻¹ or per second	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
10 (d)(iii)	an explanation linking:		(2) AO3
	points are scattered widely about the line (on graph) (1)	there are many possible best fit lines	
	giving wide range of possible gradients (1)		

(Total for Question 10 = 11 marks)