
GCSE PHYSICS

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Mark scheme

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Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded
- the Assessment Objectives and specification content that each question is intended to cover.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right-hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

2. Emboldening

- 2.1** In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available ‘any **two** from’ is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following bullet points is a potential mark.
- 2.2** A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.
- 2.3** Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of **or**. Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a / ; e.g. allow smooth / free movement.

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which candidates have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that ‘right + wrong = wrong’.

Each error / contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of error / contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution? (1 mark)

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	green, 5	0
2	red*, 5	1
3	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system. (2 marks)

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	Neptune, Mars, Moon	1
2	Neptune, Sun, Mars, Moon	0

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a candidate writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown.

However, if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution / working and this is shown in the 'extra information' column or by each stage of a longer calculation.

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward

Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only.

Papers should be constructed in such a way that the number of times errors can be carried forward are kept to a minimum. Allowances for errors carried forward are most likely to be restricted to calculation questions and should be shown by the abbreviation e.c.f. in the marking scheme.

3.6 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets

(.....) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.8 Ignore / Insufficient / Do **not** allow

Ignore or insufficient is used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.

Do **not** allow means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.

Quality of Written Communication and levels marking

In Question 9(a) candidates are required to produce extended written material in English, and will be assessed on the quality of their written communication as well as the standard of the scientific response.

Candidates will be required to:

- use good English
- organise information clearly
- use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

The following general criteria should be used to assign marks to a level:

Level 1: basic

- Knowledge of basic information
- Simple understanding
- The answer is poorly organised, with almost no specialist terms and their use demonstrating a general lack of understanding of their meaning, little or no detail
- The spelling, punctuation and grammar are very weak.

Level 2: clear

- Knowledge of accurate information
- Clear understanding
- The answer has some structure and organisation, use of specialist terms has been attempted but not always accurately, some detail is given
- There is reasonable accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar, although there may still be some errors.

Level 3: detailed

- Knowledge of accurate information appropriately contextualised
- Detailed understanding, supported by relevant evidence and examples
- Answer is coherent and in an organised, logical sequence, containing a wide range of appropriate or relevant specialist terms used accurately.
- The answer shows almost faultless spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
1(a)	transmits	correct order	1	AO1
	absorbs		1	3.1.1b
1(b)	light	allow ultra violet or UV or infrared or IR or gamma	1	AO1 3.1.1b
1(c)	20	allow 1 mark for correct working, ie $\frac{60}{3}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.1.1b
1(d)	Killing cancer cells		1	AO1 3.1.1b
Total			6	

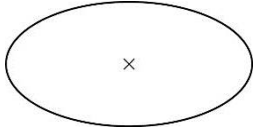
Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
2(a)	3000	allow 1 mark for correct substitution, ie 600×5 provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.2.2b
2(b)	anticlockwise moment	must be both words	1	AO1 3.2.2c
2(c)(i)	3400	allow 3.4 kilo (newtons)	1	AO2 3.2.2c
2(c)(ii)	as the distance (of the girl from point A) increases, force F increases	allow gets bigger for increases force is (directly) proportional to distance will negate any correct response	1	AO3 4.5.3
Total			5	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref	
3(a)			3	AO1 3.1.4a, d	
		Digital Camera			Eye
	Cornea				✓
	Lens	✓			✓
	Pupil				✓
	CCD	✓			
		ignore shaded row each correct row = 1 mark			
3(b)	long		1	AO1 3.1.4b	
3(c)	lens A		1	AO1	
	it is a concave / diverging lens	this mark is only gained if lens A is stated any reference to lens material or mass of lens negates this mark allow it will focus light onto the retina	1	3.1, 3.1.4b	
3(d)	The refractive index of the lens material		1	AO1 3.1.4f	
3(e)	4	ignore any signs allow 1 mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{1}{0.25}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.1.4e	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
3(f)	Cauterising open blood vessels		1	AO1 3.1.5f
3(g)	5	allow 1 mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{70}{14}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.1.3i
Total			12	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
4(a)	concentrated		1	AO1 3.2.1a
4(b)		judge by eye	1	AO2 3.2.1c
4(c)	C A D	3 correct = 2 marks 1 or 2 correct = 1 mark	2	AO1 3.2.1a
4(d)	Lower the athlete's seating position Move the wheels further apart		1 1	AO2 3.2
Total			6	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
5(a)	hydraulic		1	AO1 3.2.3
5(b)	9	allow 1 mark for a correct substitution, ie $\frac{1800}{200}$ provided no subsequent step	2	AO2 3.2.3c
5(c)	an environmental		1	AO3 SALoSE
Total			4	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
6(a)(i)	increase		1	AO3 3.3.1a, 4.5.4
6(a)(ii)	A and B and B and C	both required for the mark either order	1	AO3 3.3.1a, 4.5.4
6(a)(iii)	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • size of nail or nail material • current • (size of) paper clip • length of wire 	allow (same) nail allow (same) cell allow p.d. same amount of electricity is insufficient accept type/thickness of wire	2	AO3 4.1b
6(b)	4 B picks up the same number as C, so this electromagnet would pick up the same number as A or direction of current does not affect the strength of the electromagnet	allow it has got the same number of turns as A	1 1	AO3 3.3.1a, 4.5.4
6(c)	2	allow 1 or 3	1	AO3 3.3.1a, 4.5.4
Total			7	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
7(a)	(sound waves) which have a frequency higher than the upper limit of hearing for humans or a (sound) wave (of frequency) above 20 000 Hz	sound waves that cannot be heard is insufficient a wave of frequency 20 000 Hz is insufficient	1	AO1 3.1.2a
7(b)	640	an answer of 1280 gains 2 marks allow 2 marks for the correct substitution ie 1600×0.40 provided no subsequent step allow 2 marks for the substitution $\frac{1600 \times 0.80}{2}$ provided no subsequent step allow 1 mark for the substitution 1600×0.80 provided no subsequent step allow 1 mark for the identification that time (boat to bed) is 0.4	3	AO2 3.1.2c
7(c)	any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pre-natal scanning / imaging imaging of a named organ (that is not surrounded by bone), eg stomach, bladder, testicles Doppler scanning blood flow 	accept heart do not allow brain or lungs (either of these negates a correct answer)	1	AO1 3.1.2d

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
7(d)	<p>advantage any one from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (images are) high quality or detailed or high resolution • (scan) produces a slice through the body • image can be viewed from any direction • an image can be made of <u>any</u> part (inside the body) • easier to diagnose or see a problem (on the image) <p>disadvantage any one from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (the X-rays used or scans) are <u>ionising</u> • mutate cells or cause mutations or increase chances of mutations • turn cells cancerous or produce abnormal growths or produce rapidly growing cells • kill cells • shielding is needed 	<p>clearer / better image is sufficient</p> <p>allow images are (always) 3D / 360° allow whole body can be scanned</p> <p>allow a description of what ionising is</p> <p>allow for cells: DNA / genes / chromosomes / nucleus / tissue</p> <p>damage cells is insufficient</p> <p>can be dangerous (to human health) unqualified, is insufficient</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>AO1 3.1</p>
Total			7	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
8(a)	gravitational attraction (between the satellite and the Earth)	allow gravity allow weight of the satellite	1	AO1 3.2.4b
8(b)	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mass of satellite • speed / velocity (of satellite) • radius of orbit / circle 	allow height above the Earth radius / height alone is insufficient	2	AO1 3.2.4c
8(c)(i)	increasing the height (above the Earth's surface) increases the time (for one orbit)	allow a positive correlation allow as one gets bigger, the other gets bigger, or vice versa ignore they are directly proportional	1	AO3 4.5.3
8(c)(ii)	there is no relationship / correlation		1	AO3 4.5.3
8(d)	Isaac Newton was a respected scientist who had made new discoveries before		1	AO3 3.2.4, SALoSE
Total			6	

Question	Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 5, and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.			Mark	AO spec ref
9(a)				6	
0 marks	Level 1 (1–2 marks)	Level 2 (3–4 marks)	Level 3 (5–6 marks)	AO1 3.3.2	
No relevant / correct content.	<p>Either there is an attempt at a description of the construction of a transformer</p> <p>or a correct statement of the effect of one type of transformer on the input p.d.</p>	There is a description of the construction of a transformer and a correct statement of the effect of one type of transformer on the input p.d.	There is a clear description of the construction of a transformer and there is a correct description of how transformers affect the input p.d.		
<p>details of construction: a (laminated) core core is made from a magnetic material / iron 2 coils the coils are made from an electrical conductor / copper the coils are covered in plastic / insulation the coils are (usually) on opposite sides step-up transformer has more turns on secondary coil than (its) primary (or vice versa) step-down transformer has less turns on secondary coil than (its) primary (or vice versa)</p> <p>effect on input p.d. : step-up transformer, the output p.d. is greater (than the input p.d.) step-down transformer, the output p.d. is lower (than the input p.d.)</p>			<p>extra information</p> <p>accept voltage for p.d.</p>		

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO spec ref
9(b)	switch mode (transformer)		1	AO1 3.3.2j
Total			7	