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**General Certificate of Secondary Education
2017**

GCSE Physics

Unit 1
Higher Tier

[GPH12]

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MARK SCHEME

General Marking Instructions and Mark Grids

Introduction

Mark schemes are intended to ensure that the GCSE examination is marked consistently and fairly. The mark schemes provide markers with an indication of the nature and range of candidates' responses likely to be worthy of credit. They also set out the criteria that they should apply in allocating marks to candidates' responses. The mark schemes should be read in conjunction with these marking instructions.

Quality of candidates' responses

In marking the examination papers, examiners should be looking for a quality of response reflecting the level of maturity which may reasonably be expected of a 16-year-old which is the age at which the majority of candidates sit their GCSE examinations.

Flexibility in marking

Mark schemes are not intended to be totally prescriptive. No mark scheme can cover all the responses which candidates may produce. In the event of unanticipated answers, examiners are expected to use their professional judgement to assess the validity of answers. If an answer is particularly problematic, the examiners should seek the guidance of the Supervising Examiner.

Positive marking

Examiners must be positive in their marking, giving appropriate credit for description, explanation and analysis, using knowledge and understanding and for the appropriate use of evidence and reasoned argument to express and evaluate personal responses, informed insights and differing viewpoints. Examiners should make use of the whole of the available mark range of any particular question and be prepared to award full marks for a response which is as good as might reasonably be expected of a 16-year-old GCSE candidate.

Awarding zero marks

Marks should only be awarded for valid responses and no marks should be awarded for an answer which is completely incorrect or inappropriate.

Types of mark scheme

Mark schemes for questions which require candidates to respond in extended written form are marked on the basis of levels of response which take account of the quality of written communication.

Other questions which require only short answers are marked on a point for point basis with marks awarded for each valid piece of information provided.

- 1 (a) (i) 16 s [1]
- (ii) 40 m ignore minus [1]
(To the) LEFT (of starting post) not L [1] [2]
- (iii) (Average) velocity = displacement/time or $\frac{s}{t}$ or $\frac{D}{t}$ or $s = \frac{D}{t}$ [1]
= $-80/24$ [1]
= -3.3 (m/s) or $\frac{10}{3}$ or $3\frac{1}{3}$ [1]
negative sign gets 4th mark **only** if 3.3 [1] [4]
or $\frac{10}{3}$ or $3\frac{1}{3}$ given
ignore negative sign until final answer
- (b) (i) Thrust $-30 = 90 \times 0.2$ or $F = ma$ [1] [3]
Thrust = 48 (N) = $90 \times 0.2 = 18$ [1] 90×0.2 give [1]
sight of 18 – give [2] but **not** on answer line
(Thrust) = $30 + 18 = 48$ [1] [4]
[1] [1]
- (ii) $v = u + at$ [1]
 $v = 4 + 0.2 \times 4$ [1]
 $= 4.8$ (m/s) [1] [3]
- (c) Indicative content
1. Vary the mass of the trolley or adding 0.5 kg masses accept weight
 2. Measure the distance (moved) – using the metre rule/tape etc length of ramp
 3. Measure the time (to move this distance) – using the stop clock how long to move down ramp
 4. Repeat the **time** – ignore other quantities
 5. Calculate the **average** time
 6. Calculate (average) speed
 7. (Graph of) mass (x-axis) and (average) speed (y-axis) axis not required

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Response not worthy of credit	[0]

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2	(a) (i)	Light 95 (J) Heat 5 (J)	[1] [1]	[2]	
	(ii)	9J = 0.95 of input Input energy = 9/0.95 = 9.5 (J)	$Eff = \frac{E_o}{E_i}$ [1] [1] $0.95 = \frac{9}{E_i}$ [1]	[1] [1] [1]	[3]
		$E_i = 9.47$ or 9.5 or $\frac{180}{19}$ [1]	[1]		
	(b) (i)	1 joule of electrical energy per second	[1] [1]	[2]	
	(ii)	Filament bulb 800/50 = 16 lumens/W LED bulb 800/10 = 80 lumens/W	[1] [1]	[2]	
	(iii)	LED bulb identified as 10W bulb Cost per day = 6/5 = 1.2(p) rounding up to 1p –(0)	[1] [1]	[2]	
	(iv)	LED bulb 1.2 × 365 = £4.38 allow ecf from (iii) Saving = 21.90 – 4.38 or 4.8 × 365 = £17.52 = £17.52	[1] [1] [2]	[1] [1] [1]	[3]
	(c) (i)	E_p gained = mgh or work done = force × distance = 0.5 × 10 × 0.75 accept g = 9.81 = 3.75 (J) or 3.8	[1] [1] [1]	[3]	
	(ii)	Calculation of average time = 3.8 allow ecf for energy Power = energy/time = $\frac{3.75}{3.8}$ or $\frac{3.8}{3.8}$ or $\frac{\text{Any energy}}{3.8}$ = 0.99 (W)	[1] [1] [1]	[3]	

Alternative method – calc av. power

$$\frac{3.75}{3.5} \quad \frac{3.75}{4.1} \quad \frac{3.75}{3.8}$$

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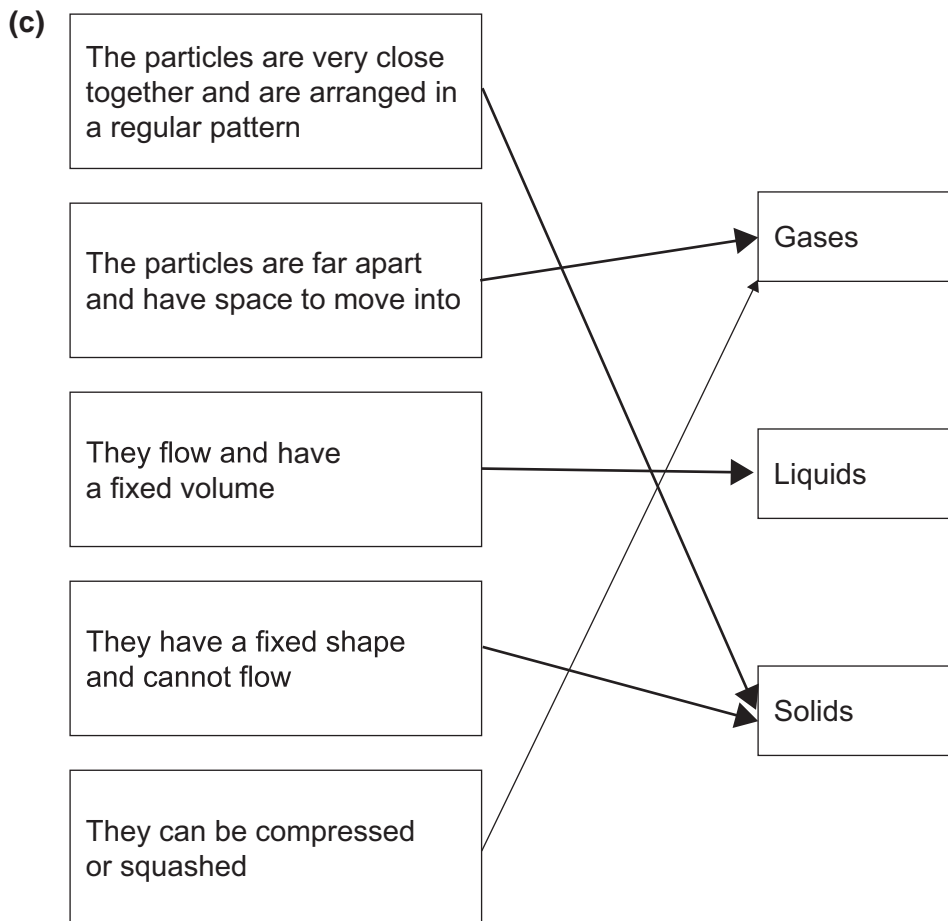
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- 3 (a) Momentum before (collision) = Momentum after (collision)
or
Total momentum of a closed system is constant [1]
- (b) (i) $0.060 \times 4 = 0.055 \times 3 + 0.060 \times v$ [1] for each side [2]
 $0.240 = 0.165 + 0.060 \times v$ [1]
 $v = 1.25$ (m/s) sight of $0.06 \times 4 = 0.240$ give [1] [1]
or $0.055 \times 3 + 0.06v$ give [1]
Direction: (left to) right [1] [5]
- (ii) $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ (sight of inside L.H. box) [1]
KE of white ball = 0.047 or 0.05 (J) [1]
ecf for velocity of white ball
KE of black ball = 0.248 or 0.25 (J) [1]
Collision was inelastic (ticked) [1] [4]
- (iii) Change in momentum = Force \times time [1]
= 7.5×0.04 [1]
= 0.3 [1]
kgm/s or Ns. [1] [4]
- (c) (i) Energy cannot be created or destroyed –
required before 2nd point [1]
but change form [1] [2]
- (ii) (KE at bottom = PE at top – Energy lost (OR equivalent))
(KE at bottom = $(175 - 75)$) = 100 (kJ) [1]
- (iii) Converting 175kJ to 175000 J [1]
 $m = 175\,000 / (10 \times 250)$ [1]
= 70 (kg) [1] [3]
- alternative
- $175\,000 = m \times 10 \times 250$ [2] must be an equation
[1] [1]
 $m = 70$ [1]
sight of 175000 J give [1]
0.07kg gets [1]

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- 4 (a) (i) D [1]
- (ii) A, B and C all three required [1]
- (b) (i) Density = mass/volume or $D = M/V$ [1]
 $= 794/105$ $\frac{0.794}{105 \times 10^{-6}}$ [2]
 $= 7.6$ (7.56) [1]
 g/cm^3 $= 7600 \text{ kg/m}^3$ [1] [5]
- (ii) Measured volume of iron increased [1]
Density decreases [1] [2]
Accept volume decreased
density increased [2] or [0]
- (iii) Same [1]
Density is independent of mass/Density is a constant [1] [2]
Ratio mass/volume constant
Density independent of mass

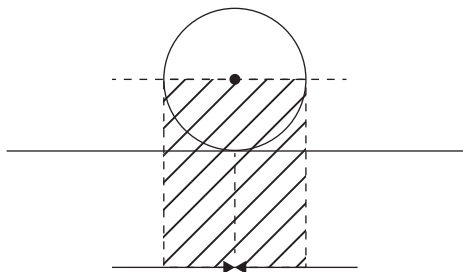


[1] for each correct arrow [4]

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- 5 (a) (i) $ACM = CM$ required for 2nd mark [1]
 when a lever/it is in equilibrium/balanced [1] [2]
- (ii) **P** clearly labelled at the base at the front [1]
 Below centre of wheel
 Above arrowheads
 Within the diameter
- (iii) $9000 \times 1 = \text{Load} \times 4.5$ equal sign required for [2] [1]
 [1] [1]
 Load = 2000 (N) [1] [3]
- (b) (i) Increase [1]
- (ii) No change [1]
- (iii) To the right or closer to the cab/digger or pivot or inwards [1]
 the moment is reduced or kept the same [1] [2]



P anywhere in shaded region

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6 (a) Indicative content

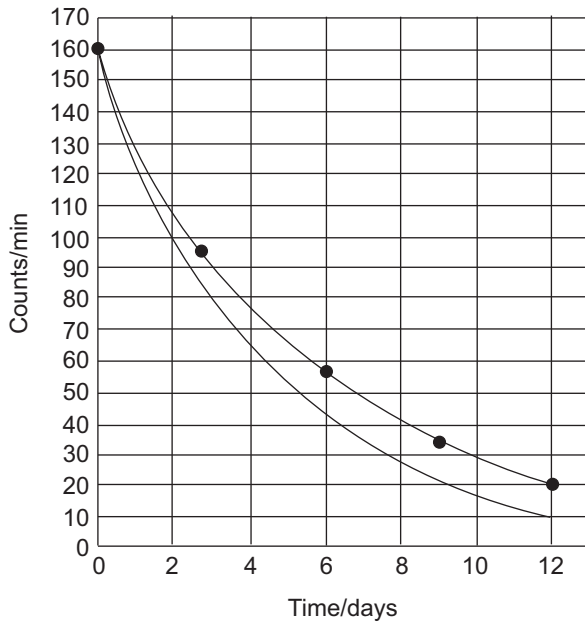
1. Measure activity with no source present or removed
2. Subtract the background/or its count rate (activity of source with no absorber present)
3. To ensure the absorption by the air is constant or effect of the air constant
4. Each absorber is placed **between** the source and the detector (and the count rate measured)
5. Use the paper if count rate falls a lot then the source emits alpha
6. If not, use the aluminium, if the count rate falls a lot the source emits beta
7. If not, confirm that the source emits gamma – use the lead, the rate should decrease

α stopped by paper
 β stopped by aluminium
 γ stopped by lead
 } [3]

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- (b) (i) Points – 4 or 5 give [2], 3 points give [1], less than 3 points
 ± 1 Div ↓ or ↔ give [0] [2]
 Smooth curve – generous – Not point to point or straight line [1] [3]



- (ii) 4 (days) ± 0.2 days [1]
 (iii) Curve to the left and always below first curve (see above)
 up to 6 days [1]
 and starting at 0, 160
 (c) Three half-lives identified (8 to 4 to 2 to 1) or 3 × 8 [1]
 = 24 days 100% – 50% – 25% – 12.5% [1] [2]
 (d) Ra 226 [1]
 Rn 86 [1] [2]

Total

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