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Mark scheme

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Important – please note

Mark schemes are prepared by the Lead Assessment Writer and considered, together with the relevant questions, by a panel of subject teachers.

It must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document. This mark scheme has **not** been through the full standardisation process. The standardisation process ensures that the mark scheme covers the students' responses to questions and that every associate understands and applies it in the same correct way.

Assumptions about future mark schemes on the basis of one year's document should be avoided; whilst the guiding principles of assessment remain constant, details will change, depending on the content of a particular examination paper.

The Information to Examiners is included as a guide to how the mark scheme will function as an operational document.

The layout has been kept consistent so that future operational mark schemes do not appear different from these test materials.

If the printing process in your school alters the scale of a diagram, measure the values on your printed papers and mark the scripts accordingly.

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
- the Assessment Objectives, level of demand 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 and underlining

- 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 / ; eg allow smooth / free movement.
- 2.4** Any wording that is underlined is essential for the marking point to be awarded.

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which students 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]

Student	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]

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

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a student 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

Marks should be awarded for each stage of the calculation completed correctly, as students are instructed to show their working. Full marks can, however, be given for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown.

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 is 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 ecf 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 Allow

In the mark scheme additional information, 'allow' is used to indicate creditworthy alternative answers.

3.9 Ignore

Ignore 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.

3.10 Do not accept

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

4. Level of response marking instructions

Extended response questions are marked on level of response mark schemes.

- Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor.
- The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level.
- There are two marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer, read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1: Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer. Do **not** look to penalise small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level.

Use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 2 with a small amount of level 3 material it would be placed in level 2 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 3 content.

Step 2: Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this.

The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do **not** have to cover all of the points mentioned in the indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

You should ignore any irrelevant points made. However, full marks can be awarded only if there are no incorrect statements that contradict a correct response.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref. / Demand
01.1	dwarf planet		1	AO1 4.8.1.1 Low
01.2	nebula gravity	correct order only	1 1	AO1 4.8.1.1 Low
01.3	(becomes a) red giant		1	AO1 4.8.1.2 Low
01.4	the greater the distance (from the Sun) the greater the time taken to orbit the Sun		1	AO3 4.8.1.1 Low
01.5	any value between 3 and 7 inclusive		1	AO3 4.8.1.1 Low
01.6	because some planets do not fit the pattern named planet that does not fit pattern reason why named planet does not fit pattern	eg Venus its temperature is higher than expected or Uranus: its temperature is lower than expected or Neptune: its temperature is higher than expected or Mercury: its temperature is lower than expected	1 1 1	AO3 4.8.1.1 Low
Total			9	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref. / Demand
02.1	equal to		1	AO1 4.5.6.2.1 Low
02.2	deceleration / decelerate	braking is insufficient	1	AO1 4.5.6.1.5 Low
02.3	$\frac{18}{6}$ 3 (m/s ²)	an answer of 3 (m/s ²) scores 2 marks	1	AO2 4.5.6.1.5 Low
		allow other correct pairs of numbers taken from A to B	1	
02.4	the stopping distance increases by more than double		1	AO3 4.5.6.3.1 Low
			1	
Total			6	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref. / Demand
03.1	A		1	AO1 4.6.2.6 Low
03.2	2 (%)		1	AO2 4.6.1.3 Low
03.3	black reflects transmits	correct order only	1 1 1	AO1 4.6.2.6 Low
03.4	green		1	AO1 4.6.2.6 Low
03.5	without a darkened laboratory would not be able to see reflected light	allow would see all squares all of the time	1	AO3 4.6.2.6 Low
03.6	so same 'amount' of light is incident on each square	a fair test is insufficient control variable is insufficient	1	AO3 4.6.2.6 Low
03.7	two bars drawn at the correct height both bars correctly labelled	allow 1 mark for 1 correct bar	2 1	AO2 4.6.2.6 Low
03.8	orange can be seen from the furthest away	reason only scores if orange chosen allow it reflects the most light	1 1	AO3 4.6.2.6 Low

03.9	repeatable		1	AO3 4.6.2.6 Low
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref. / Demand
04.1	K		1	AO1 4.6.1.1 Low
04.2	L and M		1	AO1 4.6.1.2 Low
04.3	the oscillation should be perpendicular to the direction of the stretched spring	allow up and down	1	AO1 4.6.1.1 Low
04.4	timing less than five echoes		1	AO3 4.6.1.2 Low
04.5	3 (.0)		1	AO2 4.6.1.2 Low
04.6	750 (m)		1	AO2 4.6.1.2 Low
04.7	speed = $\frac{750}{3}$ speed = 250 (m/s)	an answer of 250 (m/s) scores 2 marks	1	AO2 4.6.1.2 Low
		allow ecf from 04.5 and 04.6	1	
04.8	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • time more than 5 echoes • students stand further from the building • have 2 or more students (independently) measuring the time taken 	use a stopwatch with a higher resolution is insufficient	2	AO3 4.6.1.2 Low
Total			10	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref. / Demand
05.1	sound		1	AO1 4.6.2.1 Low
05.2	(visible) light		1	AO1 4.6.2.1 Low
05.3	cooking food		1	AO1 4.6.2.4 Low
05.4	1.2 gigahertz		1	AO1 Low
05.5	$300\,000 \times 1000 =$ $300\,000\,000 \text{ m/s}$		1	AO2 Low
05.6	wave speed = frequency \times wavelength	allow $v = f \lambda$	1	AO1 4.6.1.2 Standard
05.7	$300\,000\,000 = 1200\,000\,000 \times \lambda$ $\lambda = \frac{300\,000\,000}{1\,200\,000\,000}$ $\lambda = 0.25 \text{ (m)}$	an answer of 0.25 scores 3 marks allow ecf from 05.5	1 1 1	AO2 4.6.1.2 Standard
Total			9	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref. / Demand
06.1	A (perpendicular) distance between the camera and pivot is greatest		1 1	AO2 4.5.4 Low
06.2	increases		1	AO1 4.5.4 Low
06.3	5.0 × 9.8 49 newton	an answer of 49 scores 2 marks allow N	1 1 1	AO2 AO1 4.5.1.3 Low
06.4	moment (of a force) = force × distance	allow $M = Fd$	1	AO1 4.5.4 Standard
06.5	144 cm = 1.44 m moment = 49 × 1.44 moment = 70.56	an answer of 70.56 scores 3 marks an answer of 71 scores 3 marks allow ecf from 06.3 answers of 7056 or 7100 score 2 marks	1 1 1	AO2 4.5.4 Standard
Total			10	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref. / Demand
07.1	arrow drawn vertically downwards from the weight same length as given arrow		1 1	AO1 4.5.3 Low
07.2	C smallest force required for the same compression	reason only scores if C is chosen steepest gradient is insufficient	1 1	AO2 AO1 4.5.3 Low
07.3	1.25		1	AO1 4.6.1.2 Low
07.4	period = $\frac{1}{1.25}$ period = 0.8 (s)	an answer of 0.8 (s) scores 2 marks	 1 1	AO2 4.6.1.2 Low
07.4	extension = 0.20 m $E_e = 0.5 \times 7.0 \times (0.20)^2$ $E_e = 0.14$ (J)	an answer of 0.14 scores 3 marks	 1 1 1	AO2 4.5.3 Standard
Total			10	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref. / Demand
08.1	the magnets are not touching	allow but there is a force of attraction between them	1	AO1 4.7.1.1 4.5.1.2 Standard
	but (each) experiences a force		1	
08.2	place a (plotting) compass near the (north / south) pole of the magnet and mark the direction that the compass points		1	AO1 4.7.1.1 Standard
	move the (plotting) compass around the bar magnet (to the other pole) marking at (regular) intervals the direction the compass points		1	
	join the points up and add an arrow pointing from the north pole to the south pole		1	
08.3	(closing switch S) causes a current in the coil	allow switches on the electromagnet	1	AO2 4.7.1.2 4.7.2.1 4.5.6.2.2 Standard
	a magnetic field is created		1	
	a force of attraction acts on the ball bearing		1	
	so the ball bearing accelerates (towards the iron rod)		1	
Total			9	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref. / Demand
09.1	(resultant) force = mass × acceleration	allow $F = ma$ symbols must be correct	1	AO1 4.5.6.2.2 Standard
09.2	$(2.7 - 1.5) = 0.75 \times a$ $a = \frac{1.2}{0.75}$ $a = 1.6$ m/s^2	an answer of 1.6 scores 3 marks allow compensation marks for correct use of incorrect resultant force	1 1 1 1	AO2 AO1 4.5.6.2.2 Standard
09.3	transverse the oscillation / vibration is perpendicular to the direction of energy transfer	allow wave travel for energy transfer	1 1	AO3 4.6.1.1 Standard
09.4	use springs with a greater spring constant or use a trolley with greater mass	allow use stronger springs allow use a heavier trolley do not accept use a larger trolley allow add a mass / weight to the trolley	1	AO3 4.6.1.2 Standard
Total			8	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref. / Demand
10.1	double		1	AO2 4.5.6.2.2 Standard
10.2	the hypothesis does not say how increasing / decreasing the force increases / decreases the acceleration		1	AO3 4.5.6.2.2 Standard
10.3	appropriate equipment to apply and measure force appropriate equipment to measure change in velocity and time	eg newtonmeter or slotted masses + string + pulley eg ticker timer + tape or light gates + datalogger	1 1	AO1 4.5.6.2.2 Standard
10.4	to reduce the effect of friction on the trolley		1	AO2 4.5.6.2.2 Standard

10.5	Level 3: The method would lead to the production of a valid outcome. All key steps are identified and logically sequenced.		5–6	AO1 4.5.6.2.2 Standard
	Level 2: The method would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Most steps are identified, but the plan is not fully logically sequenced.		3–4	
	Level 1: The method would not lead to a valid outcome. Some relevant steps are identified, but links are not made clear.		1–2	
	No relevant content		0	
	Indicative content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • method by which the trolley is to be accelerated • how the accelerating force is varied to give a suitable range of results • how the accelerating force is measured • the use of suitable apparatus to measure the change in velocity of the trolley over a given distance or time • what data is to be collected in order to calculate acceleration • how the data required is to be measured 			
10.6	so that the mass is constant	fair test is insufficient	1	AO2 4.5.6.2.2 Standard
	as changing mass would change the acceleration (produced by a given force) or so there is only one independent variable		1	
10.7	hypothesis A because	A must be identified to gain either mark	1	AO3 4.5.6.2.2 Standard
	the results give a straight line that passes through the origin showing direct proportionality		1	
Total			15	