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## General Marking Guidance

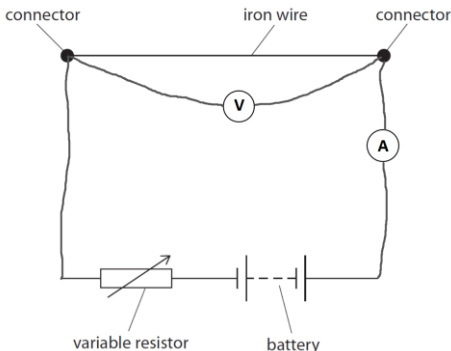
- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should 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	3a	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

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (a)	<p>voltmeter connected in parallel with the iron wire / any part of the iron wire (1)</p> <p>ammeter connected in series with the iron wire (1)</p> <p>example:</p>  <p>The diagram shows a rectangular circuit. At the bottom, there is a battery and a variable resistor. A wire goes up from the battery, through the variable resistor, and then splits into two paths. One path goes up to a voltmeter (V) which is connected in parallel across an iron wire. The other path goes up to an ammeter (A) which is connected in series with the iron wire. Both paths then rejoin and go down to the battery. Labels include 'connector' at the two ends of the iron wire, 'iron wire' for the wire itself, 'variable resistor', and 'battery'.</p>	<p>accept any recognisable symbols.</p> <p>accept symbol drawn over connecting wire</p> <p>do not credit the same type of meter shown in contradictory positions</p>	(2) AO1

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (b)	<p><b>one</b> from (1)</p> <p>metre rule / metre stick / ruler / (measuring) tape / crocodile clip / other clip / wire cutters / pliers / sliding contact jockey / more (iron) wire</p>	<p>accept scissors</p> <p>ignore additional electrical devices such as ohmmeter / multimeter</p>	(1) AO1

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (b) (ii)	<p>(ii) Figure 4 shows a graph of the results.</p>	<p>accept any straight line within the shaded range</p> <p>judge by eye.</p> <p>ignore extrapolation for this marking point</p>	(1) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)(iii)	any number between 2.7 and 3.3 inclusive	allow ecf from (ii) $\pm 0.1\Omega$	(1) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<p><b>1 (b)</b> <b>(iv)</b></p>	<p>explanation linking any <b>two</b> from:</p> <p>(variable) resistor increases the resistance (of the circuit) (1)</p> <p>(therefore) keeps the current constant / small(er) (1)</p> <p>because <b>current</b> increases temperature of the (iron) wire (1)</p>	<p>accept flow of electrons / charge for current in this context</p> <p>reduces current / limits the current</p> <p>ignore slows the current / charge</p> <p>accept current heats up (iron) wire</p> <p>accept for two marks: adjust variable resistor to keep current constant / small</p>	<p><b>(2)</b> AO2</p>

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<b>1 (c)</b>	substitution (1)  $1.56 = 0.45 \times R$   rearrangement and evaluation (1)  $(R =) 3.5$ (ohms)	alternative method rearrangement (1)  $(R =) \frac{V}{I}$ <b>or</b> $(R =) \frac{1.56}{0.45}$  (substitution and) evaluation (1)  $(R =) 3.5$ (ohms)  allow values that round to 3.5 e.g. 3.46(666) 3.47 etc  award full marks for the correct answer without working	<b>(2)</b> AO2

**Total 9 marks (H paper)**

Question number	Answer	Mark
<b>2(a)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D sublimating  A is incorrect because it describes a change of state from gas to liquid. B is incorrect because it describes a change of state from liquid to solid C is incorrect because it describes a change of state from solid to liquid	<b>(1)</b> AO1



Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(b)	substitution (1)  $(r) = \frac{7.22(\times 10^{-2})}{2.69(\times 10^{-5})}$  evaluation (1)  $(\rho =) 2680$          unit (1) $\text{kg} / \text{m}^3$	2.68 to any power of ten seen          allow any value that rounds to 2680; e.g. 2684  accept 2700  allow values in standard form e.g. $2.68 \times 10^3$  $\text{kg m}^{-3}$  allow for three marks: 2.68 to any power of ten <b>with</b> a consistent unit, e.g. $2680 \text{ kg/m}^3$ $2680 \text{ g/dm}^3$ $2.68 \text{ g/cm}^3$ $2.68 \text{ kg/dm}^3$ $0.00268 \text{ kg/cm}^3$ $2\ 680\ 000 \text{ g/m}^3$  allow for two marks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2680 with no or incorrect unit</li> <li>• 2.68 to any other power of 10 <b>with</b> an inconsistent unit of density</li> <li>• correct substitution <b>with</b> an inconsistent unit of density</li> </ul> allow for one mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2680 to any other power of ten with no or incorrect unit</li> <li>• appropriate unit of density with no or an incorrect value</li> </ul>	(3) AO2

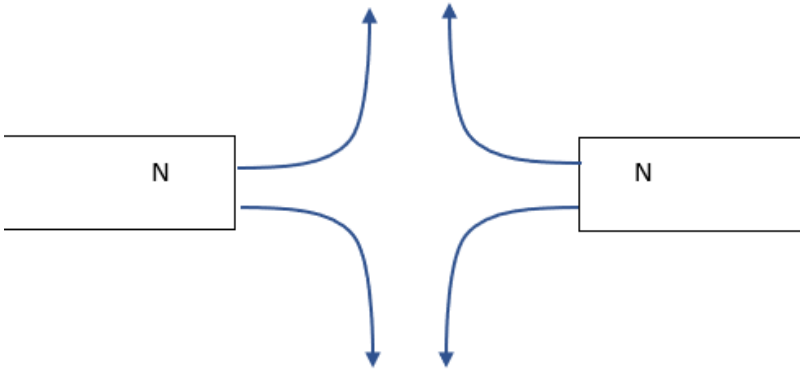
Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2 (c) (i)	933 (1)	do not accept -933  ignore K ignore degrees ignore °	(1) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(c)(ii)	A description to include any <b>two</b> from:  (motion is) random (1)  various {speeds / velocities / kinetic energies} (1)  bump into each other / collide (1)  fast(er than solid) (1)	move freely / move in any direction / move around  different speeds range of speeds  slide over / past each other / touch each other / in contact with each other  more kinetic energy (than in solid)  ignore bulk properties of liquids e.g. take shape of container.  ignore vibrate  "random speeds" on its own scores 1 mark	(2) AO1

**H paper only:**

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<p><b>2(d)</b></p>	<p>Any <b>two</b> from the following in any order</p> <p>(I took a) reading of the water level in the measuring cylinder without the metal. (1)</p> <p>(I made sure that) the metal was fully immersed / submerged (1)</p> <p>(I) subtracted the two readings / volumes (1)</p>	<p>Answers need not be exactly the same as those given here provided that the meaning is clear.</p> <p>accept measured / read for take a reading</p> <p>accept reading of original level / volume</p> <p>accept starting with a specified amount e.g. 50ml</p> <p>all the metal was under water</p> <p>took one from the other / found the difference</p> <p>ignore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>repeat and/or average</li> <li>other measurements such as mass</li> <li>other methods such as Eureka can</li> <li>ideas of spillage</li> <li>reading from bottom of meniscus</li> </ul>	<p><b>(2)</b> AO1</p>

**Total 9 marks**

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(a)	<p>at least four lines as shown (1)</p> <p>at least two arrows directed away from N poles (1)</p> 	<p>lines must not intersect (cross over)</p> <p>ignore continuation of lines to S of a magnet</p> <p>independent mark</p> <p>do not award if one or more arrows shown pointing towards N pole</p>	(2) AO1

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<b>3 (b)</b>	<p>any <b>three</b> from</p> <p>magnetic <b>fields</b> interact (1)</p> <p>(force due to) repulsion (between magnets) (1)</p> <p>(repulsion) force upwards (on upper magnet) (1)</p> <p>weight / gravitational force (downwards on upper magnet) (1)</p> <p>forces equal size / in equilibrium (1)</p>	<p>marks can be awarded from a correctly labelled diagram</p> <p>magnets are in each other's magnetic <b>field</b></p> <p>repel / push away</p> <p>accept gravity (acts downwards)</p> <p>forces are balanced</p> <p>ignore references to charge</p>	<b>(3)</b> AO1

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<b>3 (c) (i)</b>	<p>1 up(wards) (1)</p> <p>2 down(wards) (1)</p>	<p>independent marks</p> <p>accept out(wards from the magnet)</p> <p>accept in(wards) / into (magnet)</p> <p>allow 1 mark for 1 down / in(wards) AND 2 up / out(wards)</p>	<b>(2)</b> AO1

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(c) (ii)	substitution (1) $0.15 = 0.5(0) \times 2.7 \times L(\text{ength})$  rearrangement and evaluation (1) (length =) 0.11 (m)	alternative method re-arrangement (1) (length =) $\frac{F}{B \times I}$  Or (length =) $\frac{0.15}{0.5(0) \times 2.7}$  (substitution and) evaluation (1) (length =) 0.11 (m)  allow any values that round to 0.11 e.g 0.111  accept 0.1 or 0.1 (m)  allow 1 mark for answer of 9 (with or without working)  award full marks for correct answer without working.	(2) AO2

**Total 9 marks**

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(a) (i)	<p>selection and substitution (1) (F=) <math>260 \times 6.2 \times 10^{-3}</math></p> <p>evaluation (1) (F=) 1.612 (N) or 1.61 (N)</p> <p>answer to 2 s.f. (1) 1.6 (N)</p>	<p>award 1 mark only for answer of 1.61(2) to any other power of ten, e.g. 1612 (N)</p> <p>independent mark for any answer given to 2 significant figures</p> <p>allow 2 marks for answer of 1600 (N) with or without working</p> <p>1.60 scores 2 marks</p> <p>award full marks for correct answer without working.</p>	(3) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(a) (ii)	<p>a description including</p> <p>read position of top of spring against the ruler (1)</p> <p>read position of top of spring when pressed down (1)</p> <p>subtract the two readings (1)</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>substitution (1)</p> <p><math>0.39 = 260 \times \text{change in length}</math></p> <p>rearrangement (1)  <math>(\text{change in length} =) \frac{0.39}{260}</math></p> <p>evaluation (1)  1.5 mm  unit must be shown</p>	<p>May be seen drawn in figure 7</p> <p>measure <b>length</b> at the start</p> <p>allow value from ruler e.g. 2.9 (cm)</p> <p>measure the <b>length</b> when pressed down</p> <p>allow value from ruler e.g. 2.0 (cm)</p> <p>subtract the two measurements</p> <p>allow find the difference for subtract</p> <p>allow calculated value from diagram e.g. 0.9 (cm)</p> <p>ignore repeat</p> <p>(0).0015m  unit must be shown</p>	(3) AO1



Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4 (a) (iii)	<p>description to include</p> <p>change to enable accurate location of top of spring (1)</p> <p>for example: pointer, set square, thin sheet / another ruler (under finger)</p> <p>description of how the change is used (1)</p>	<p>may be seen drawn in Figure 7</p> <p>move ruler closer to spring</p> <p>compress spring with weight rather than finger</p> <p>ignore photographs</p> <p>make measurements from where pointer / set square / thin sheet / other ruler touches the ruler</p> <p>reduce parallax error</p> <p>prevents fluctuations while measuring</p> <p>ignore repeats</p> <p>ignore unqualified references to accuracy or precision</p>	(2) AO3

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4 (b)	<p>D 6 N up</p> <p>A and C are incorrect because the force is upwards</p> <p>B is incorrect because the force is the sum of the two weights given.</p>		(1) AO3



Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5 (a) (i)	selection and substitution (1) $(KE =) \frac{1}{2} \times 1200 \times 16(.0)^2$  evaluation in kJ (1) $(KE = ) 150 \text{ (kJ)}$	$(KE =)$ $\frac{1}{2} \times 1200 \times 16(.0)^2 \times 10^{-3}$  accept any value that rounds to 150 e.g. 153.6  award full marks for correct answer without working.  award 1 mark for 153.6 or 150 to any other power of ten	(2) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5 (a) (ii)	<p>selection and substitution (1)</p> $17.5 (x 10^3) = \frac{126 (x10^6)}{t}$ <p>re-arrangement and evaluation (1)</p> <p>(t=) 2(.0) (h)</p>	<p>alternative method</p> <p>selection and rearrangement (1)</p> <p>(t =) <math>\frac{E(nergy)}{P(ower)}</math></p> <p>or</p> <p>(t=) <math>\frac{126 (x10^6)}{17.5 (x 10^3)}</math></p> <p>(substitution and) evaluation (1)</p> <p>(t=) 2(.0) (h)</p> <p>award full marks for correct answer without working.</p> <p>allow 1 mark for 7(.2) to any power of ten (incorrect time conversion)</p> <p>allow 1 mark for 2(.0) to any power of 10 (POT error)</p>	(2) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5 (a) (iii)	<p>an explanation linking (energy transfers when the car is decelerating)</p> <p>(from) kinetic energy (store) (1)</p> <p>(to) chemical energy (store) (1)</p>	<p>idea of energy that would be otherwise wasted</p> <p>uses an electrical pathway</p> <p>{electric current / electricity / emf} produced</p> <p>allow mechanical for kinetic in this context</p> <p>recharges battery</p> <p>increases available energy store of battery</p> <p>more useful energy available</p>	(2) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b) (i)	<p><b>either</b> calculation of time:</p> <p>substitution (1)</p> $(t = ) \frac{126 (x 10^6)}{15 x 400 (x 3600)}$ <p>evaluation (1)</p> <p>(t=) 5.8(3) (h)</p> <p>conclusion (1) claim is justified as the time is less (than 6 hours)</p> <p><b>or</b> calculation of energy:</p> <p>substitution (1)</p> $6 (x 3600) = \frac{E}{15 x 400}$ <p>rearrangement and evaluation (1)</p> <p>E = 130 MJ</p> <p>conclusion (1) claim is justified as energy (in 6 hours) is more than (126 MJ) required.</p>	<p>accept correct time conversion e.g. 5h 50 min 350 min 21 000 s</p> <p>award 2 marks for correct answer without working.</p> <p>award 1 mark for answer of either 2.1 or 5.8(3) to any other power of ten</p> <p>allow relevant comment based on incorrectly calculated time (independent mark)</p> <p>accept 129.6 MJ accept 129 600 000 J</p> <p>allow relevant comment based on incorrectly calculated energy (independent mark)</p>	(3) AO3

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5 (b) (ii)	substitution (1)  $126 \times 10^6 = Q \times 400$          re-arrangement and evaluation (1)   $(Q = ) 315\,000$ (coulombs)	alternative method re-arrangement (1)  $(Q = ) \frac{E}{V}$  <b>or</b>  $(Q = ) \frac{126 \times 10^6}{400}$  (substitution and) evaluation (1)  $(Q = ) 315\,000$ (coulombs)  accept answers rounding to 320 000 (coulombs)  allow one mark for answers rounding to 3.2 to any other power of ten  award two marks for correct answer without working.	(2) AO2

**Total 11 marks**





Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6 (a) (ii)	substitution (1)  $64 = \frac{1800 \times 100}{\text{total work done}}$ <b>or</b>  $0.64 = \frac{1800}{\text{total work done}}$          rearrangement and evaluation (1)  (work done =) 2800 (J)	alternative method re-arrangement (1)  (total work done =) $\frac{\text{work done on barrel} \times 100}{\text{efficiency}}$ <b>or</b> (work done=) $\frac{1800 \times 100}{64}$ <b>or</b> (work done=) $\frac{1800}{0.64}$   (substitution and) evaluation (1)  (work done =) 2800 (J)  allow values that round to 2800; e.g. 2812.5   award full marks for correct answer without working.	(2) AO2



Question number	Indicative content	Mark
*6 (b)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Use of equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a measurable load; for example hang a cube on one end of the system / on spring (balance)</li> <li>• Provide a measurable effort; for example hang spring balance on other end of system</li> <li>• Method to measure distances moved; for example use metre rule</li> </ul> <p>Obtaining relevant data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure weight of cube with spring balance</li> <li>• Take reading of spring balance when being pulled</li> <li>• Measure height by which the cube is raised</li> <li>• Measure distance moved by (end of) spring balance.</li> </ul> <p>Processing results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• calculate work done on cube = obtained weight x obtained distance</li> <li>• calculate work done by student = obtained force x obtained distance</li> <li>• calculate efficiency as (calculable) work done on cube / (calculable) work done by student</li> <li>• inspect results to look for relationship between weight of cube and efficiency</li> <li>• plot graph of efficiency against weight</li> </ul>	(6) AO3

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No awardable content</li> </ul>
Level 1	1–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyses the scientific information but understanding and connections are flawed. (AO3)</li> <li>An incomplete plan that provides limited synthesis of understanding. (AO3)</li> </ul>
Level 2	3–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyses the scientific information and provides some logical connections between scientific enquiry, techniques and procedures. (AO3)</li> <li>A partially completed plan that synthesises mostly relevant understanding, but not entirely coherently. (AO3)</li> </ul>
Level 3	5–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyses the scientific information and provide logical connections between scientific enquiry, techniques and procedures. (AO3)</li> <li>A well-developed plan that synthesises relevant understanding coherently. (AO3)</li> </ul>

<b>Level</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Additional Guidance</b>	<b>General additional guidance – the decision within levels</b> 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	<u>Additional guidance</u> At least two uses of equipment	<u>Possible candidate responses</u> Hang cubes on hook Spring balance on ring
Level 2	3–4	<u>Additional guidance</u> At least two methods of obtaining relevant data from use of equipment.	<u>Possible candidate responses</u> Measure weight of cube with spring balance. Hang cube on hook. Pull on other end. Measure how far cube has gone up.  OR Put cube on hook. Put spring balance on ring. Pull and read force. Measure how far spring balance moves.
Level 3	5–6	<u>Additional guidance</u> At least two methods of obtaining relevant data from correct use of equipment and at least two descriptions of processing that data.	<u>Possible candidate responses</u> Use spring balance to measure weight of cube and force needed by student. Measure height that cube was raised by. Calculate work done by multiplying force and distance moved in each case.

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