

Understanding Assessment and Improving Delivery in IAL Physics

Linkage questions

Mark schemes

UNIT 1

Question 1

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Indicative content

- The idea that the rope is under tension
- Team A exerts a force on the rope and due to N3 the rope exerts a force on Team A
- Force of rope on team A > frictional force for Team A
- Team A now has a resultant force (to the right)
- Team A accelerates (to the right) due to N1/2
- (This is because) the frictional force between Team B and the ground is larger Or Team B applies a greater force (on the rope) than team A

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Accept tension for 'force of rope on team'

MP4: accept 'unbalanced' for 'resultant'

Accept converse for MP6 but a reference to both Team A and Team B is required for MP6

Question 2

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Indicative content

- At greater speed, the drag force is greater
- Resultant force decreases **Or** acceleration decreases
- When the rocket is started the (resultant) force/thrust increases
- The mass/weight of the car decreases as fuel is used up
- Increasing the acceleration (for a given applied force)
- When the brakes are applied, there is a deceleration
Or when the brakes are applied the resultant force is in the opposite direction
Or deceleration (due to drag forces) decreases due to smaller drag forces acting on the car at lower speeds

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UNIT 2

Question 5

	<p>Indicative content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is a diffraction/interference pattern• Electrons behave as waves• As speed/momentum increases the circles get smaller• $n\lambda = d\sin\theta$ used to justify that as θ decreases λ decreases• Refers de Broglie equation ($\lambda = h/p$) to confirm that as speed/momentum increases, wavelength decreases.• Crystal has a regular/layered structure	<p>PP2 Do not credit 'electrons behave as waves or particles' on its own</p> <p>PP3 accept circles get condensed for circles get smaller</p> <p>PP4 do not credit use of equation to justify λ same size as gaps in crystal or to measure the gaps in the graphite</p> <p>PP6 small gaps at uniform distances/lengths Or accept that graphite is made up of more than a single crystal</p>
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Question 6

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Indicative content

- (As V increases) acceleration/velocity/energy of electrons increases
- greater energy transfer in collisions with lattice / ions
- increasing the temperature of metal/filament/ions
- amplitude of vibrations of lattice/ ions increases
- collision (rate) between lattice /ions and electrons increases
Or shorter distance between collisions
Or greater chance of collision
- due to the increase in resistance, current doesn't increase in proportion to potential difference
Or due to the increase in resistance the ratio of I/V decreases

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Accept charge carriers for electrons and only penalise once for omission of charge carriers or lattice ions

Linkage marks

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4, 5, 6	2

MP1 don't award for 'increased rate of flow'

MP2 to award mark there must be the idea of increased/greater energy transfer between electrons and ions

Question 8

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6	4	2	6
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2	2	0	2
1	1	0	1
0	0	0	0

Indicative content:

- (Maximum/Initial) current is equal to battery emf divided by R
Or current as switch closed
Or current as complete circuit
Or current due to battery
- Coil rotates
- (movement of) coil "cuts/changes" (magnetic) flux (linkage) / field
- Which induces an emf (according to Faraday's law)
- Opposes original emf/current according to Lenz's law
Or current reduced as effect opposes change
- The faster the coil rotates the larger this (back) emf/effect the smaller the current

ic3 needs a link to coil moving

ic4 depends on ic3

Question 11

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Indicative content:

1. Removing the magnet from the ring changes the magnetic flux (linked with the ring)
2. This induces an e.m.f. (in the ring)
3. E.m.f. causes a current in the ring
4. Which produces a magnetic field
5. The magnetic fields interact/combine
6. This opposes the change, causing an attractive force **to** act

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IC1: accept references to flux cutting

Alternative indicative content for IC4 – IC5

4. The current is in the magnetic field produced by the magnet
5. The current experiences a magnetic force

UNIT 5

Question 12

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Indicative content:

1. As the temperature of the gas increases the (average) speed/ E_k of the atoms increases
2. Greater speed/ E_k so the momentum of the atoms increases
3. The rate/frequency of collision of atoms with the container walls increases Or the time between collisions with the walls decreases
4. The rate of change of momentum at the walls increases
5. Rate of change of momentum is equal to the force
6. Pressure is $\frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}}$ and the force (on the walls) is greater

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IC3 and IC4 must include a mention of the walls/container

Question 13

Acceptable Answers

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Indicative content

- The pendulums have the same length, so they have time period/frequency.
- The first pendulum causes forced oscillations of the second pendulum.
- The driving frequency equals the natural frequency.
- Resonance occurs, so there is a maximum transfer of energy so amplitude increases until all energy is transferred.
- The second pendulum then acts as the driver for the first pendulum **Or** The process repeats with energy transfer from B to A.
- When the lengths differ the driving frequency is not the natural frequency so little energy is transferred.

Question 14

Table for awarding marks and linkage marks as in previous question:

Indicative content

- 720 Hz is the natural frequency of the bowl
- The generator/hand causes forced/driven oscillations
- When they don't match the natural frequency they are quiet because little/less energy is transferred
- The loudness (at 720 Hz) is because of resonance
- (Resonance occurs when) the driving frequency is equal/similar to the natural frequency
- (When resonance occurs) there is maximum transfer of energy so the amplitude is maximum
Or (When resonance occurs) there is maximum transfer of energy so the amplitude increases

Do not accept 'resonant frequency' for 'natural frequency'