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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 their judgement
- 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 (for example, a scientifically correct answer that could not reasonably be expected from a student's knowledge of the specification).

### 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**.  
Alternative words in the mark scheme are shown by a solidus 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 errors / 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** magnetic materials.

[2 marks]

| Student | Response              | Marks awarded |
|---------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1       | iron, steel, tin      | 1             |
| 2       | cobalt, nickel, nail* | 2             |

#### 3.2 Use of symbols / formulae

If a student writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, or uses symbols to denote quantities in a physics equation, 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. At any point in a calculation students may omit steps from their working. If a subsequent step is given correctly, the relevant marks may be awarded.

Full marks are **not** awarded for a correct final answer from incorrect working.

#### 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

An error can be carried forward from one question part to the next and is shown by the abbreviation 'ecf'.

Within an individual question part, an incorrect value in one step of a calculation does not prevent all of the subsequent marks being awarded.

### 3.6 Phonetic spelling

Marks should be awarded if spelling is not correct but the intention is clear, **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.

### 3.11 Numbered answer lines

Numbered lines on the question paper are intended to support the student to give the correct number of responses. The answer should still be marked as a whole.

## 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, if necessary, 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. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

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 1**

| Question | Answers               | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 01.1     | weight acts downwards |                   | 1    | AO2<br>6.5.3    |

| Question | Answers         | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 01.2     | a gravitational |                   | 1    | AO1<br>6.5.1.3  |

| Question | Answers   | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|---|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 01.3     | $W = 12\,000 \times 0.070$<br>$W = 840 \text{ (N)}$ |                   | 1    | AO2<br>6.5.3    |
|          |   |                   | 1    |                 |

| Question | Answers   | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|---|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 01.4     | $E_e = 0.5 \times 12\,000 \times (0.070)^2$<br>$E_e = 29.4 \text{ (J)}$ | allow 29 (J)      | 1    | AO2<br>6.5.3    |
|          |   |                   | 1    |                 |

| Question | Answers  | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|--|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 01.5     | the spring will not go back to its original length when the force is removed |                   | 1    | AO1<br>6.5.3    |

| Question | Answers | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref.       |
|----------|---------|-------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 01.6     | B       |                   | 1    | AO3<br>6.5.3<br>RPA18 |

| Question | Answers | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref.       |
|----------|---------|-------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 01.7     | B       |                   | 1    | AO1<br>6.5.3<br>RPA18 |

| Question | Answers  | Extra information                                 | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref.       |
|----------|--|---|------|-----------------------|
| 01.8     | any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use a greater range of forces</li> <li>• use forces that are similar to the weight of a person</li> <li>• test more (identical) springs</li> <li>• find the limit of proportionality</li> <li>• repeat (discard anomalous results) and calculate a mean</li> </ul> | allow test more forces<br><br>allow elastic limit | 2    | AO3<br>6.5.3<br>RPA18 |

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| <b>Total Question 1</b> | <b>11</b> |
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**Question 2**

| Question | Answers              | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref.  |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------|------|------------------|
| 02.1     | the line is straight |                   | 1    | AO2<br>6.5.4.1.4 |

| Question | Answers                   | Extra information                                      | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref.  |
|----------|---------------------------|--|------|------------------|
| 02.2     | 64 and 84 read from graph |  | 1    | AO3<br>6.5.4.1.4 |
|          | braking distance = 20 (m) | do not accept if readings from the graph are incorrect | 1    |                  |

| Question | Answers                          | Extra information     | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref.  |
|----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------------------|
| 02.3     | $a = \frac{16}{2.5}$             |                       | 1    | AO2<br>6.5.4.1.5 |
|          | $a = 6.4 \text{ (m/s}^2\text{)}$ | ignore negative signs | 1    |                  |

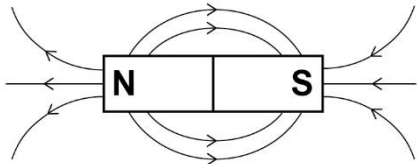
| Question | Answers                                | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref.  |
|----------|--|-------------------|------|------------------|
| 02.4     | the brakes on the car can overheat     |                   | 1    | AO1<br>6.5.4.3.4 |
|          | the driver may lose control of the car |                   | 1    |                  |

| Question | Answers  | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref.  |
|----------|--|-------------------|------|------------------|
| 02.5     | the greater the speed the greater the braking distance |                   | 1    | AO1<br>6.5.4.3.1 |

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| <b>Total Question 2</b> | <b>8</b> |
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**Question 3**

| Question | Answers          | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|------------------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 03.1     | iron is magnetic |                   | 1    | AO1<br>6.7.1.2  |

| Question   | Answers   | Extra information | Mark   | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|--|---|-------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 03.2   | correct pattern of field lines<br>arrows on field lines away from N and towards S |                   | 1<br>1 | AO1<br>6.7.1.2  |
|  |   |                   |        |                 |

| Question | Answers                 | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 03.3     | they are opposite poles |                   | 1    | AO3<br>6.7.1.1  |

| Question | Answers                                      | Extra information          | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|--|----------------------------|------|-----------------|
| 03.4     | they line up with the Earth's magnetic field | allow they all point north | 1    | AO3<br>6.7.1.2  |

| Question | Answers  | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|----------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 03.5     | circular |                   | 1    | AO1<br>6.7.2.1  |

| Question | Answers   | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|-----------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 03.6     | a control |                   | 1    | AO3<br>6.7.2.1  |

| <b>Question</b> | <b>Answers</b> | <b>Extra information</b> | <b>Mark</b> | <b>AO /<br/>Spec. Ref.</b> |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| <b>03.7</b>     | 3.6 (N)        |                          | 1           | AO2<br>6.7.2.1             |

| <b>Question</b> | <b>Answers</b>        | <b>Extra information</b> | <b>Mark</b> | <b>AO /<br/>Spec. Ref.</b> |
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| <b>03.8</b>     | (the force) decreases |                          | 1           | AO1<br>6.7.2.1             |

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| <b>Total Question 3</b> | <b>9</b> |
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**Question 4**

| Question    | Answers     | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| <b>04.1</b> | compression | this order only   | 1    | AO1<br>6.6.1.1  |
|             | rarefaction |                   | 1    |                 |

| Question    | Answers                            | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| <b>04.2</b> | longitudinal waves transfer energy |                   | 1    | AO1<br>6.6.1.1  |

| Question    | Answers   | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| <b>04.3</b> | amplitude |                   | 1    | AO2<br>6.6.1.2  |

| Question    | Answers   | Extra information                           | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|-------------|-----------|---|------|-----------------|
| <b>04.4</b> | 340 (m/s) | allow answers in the range 339 to 340 (m/s) | 1    | AO2<br>6.6.1.2  |

| Question    | Answers               | Extra information                   | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| <b>04.5</b> | $s = 340 \times 0.20$ | allow ecf from question <b>04.4</b> | 1    | AO2<br>6.6.1.2  |
|             | $s = 68 \text{ m}$    |                                     | 1    |                 |

| Question    | Answers  | Extra information  | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|-------------|--|--|------|-----------------|
| <b>04.6</b> | the higher the temperature the greater the speed | do not accept the greater the speed the higher the temperature | 1    | AO3<br>6.6.1.2  |
|             | (so) time taken is less                          |  | 1    |                 |

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| <b>Total Question 4</b> | <b>9</b> |
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**Question 5**

| Question | Answers  | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|----------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 05.1     | 0.30 (m) |                   | 1    | AO2<br>6.5.2    |

| Question | Answers               | Extra information            | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| 05.2     | $W = 710 \times 0.30$ | allow ecf from question 05.1 | 1    | AO2<br>6.5.2    |
|          | $W = 213 \text{ Nm}$  |                              | 1    |                 |

| Question | Answers                   | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|---------------------------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 05.3     | force / weight is greater |                   | 1    | AO3<br>6.5.2    |

| Question | Answers                 | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 05.4     | gravitational potential |                   | 1    | AO2<br>6.5.2    |
|          | thermal                 |                   | 1    |                 |

| Question | Answers   | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|---|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 05.5     | weight = mass $\times$ gravitational field strength<br><br>or<br>$W = mg$ |                   | 1    | AO1<br>6.5.1.3  |

| Question | Answers               | Extra information  | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|-----------------------|--|------|-----------------|
| 05.6     | $710 = m \times 9.8$  |  | 1    | AO2<br>6.5.1.3  |
|          | $m = \frac{710}{9.8}$ |  | 1    |                 |
|          | $m = 72.4\dots$       |  | 1    |                 |
|          | $m = 72 \text{ (kg)}$ | this mark can only be awarded if the correct equation is used and a value of $m$ is calculated | 1    |                 |

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| <b>Total Question 5</b> | <b>11</b> |
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**Question 6**

| Question | Answers  | Extra information                | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|--|----------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| 06.1     | <b>A</b> radio waves<br><b>B</b> microwaves<br><b>C</b> X-rays | allow <b>1</b> mark if 2 correct | 2    | AO1<br>6.6.2.1  |

| Question | Answers  | Extra information  | Mark                                       | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|--|--|--|-----------------|
| 06.2     | <b>Similarity</b><br>any <b>one</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• same speed (in a vacuum)</li> <li>• both transfer energy</li> <li>• both transverse</li> </ul><br><b>Difference</b><br>any <b>one</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• gamma has a higher frequency</li> <li>• gamma has a shorter wavelength</li> <li>• gamma is more ionising</li> <li>• gamma is more penetrating</li> </ul> | allow both can travel through a vacuum<br>allow both are ionising<br>allow both can harm living tissue<br>allow both can be used for medical treatment / imaging | 1<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>1 | AO1<br>6.6.2.2  |

| Question | Answers    | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|------------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 06.3     | refraction |                   | 1    | AO1<br>6.6.2.2  |

| Question | Answers   | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|---|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 06.4     | wave speed = frequency $\times$ wavelength<br><br><b>or</b><br><br>$v = f\lambda$ |                   | 1    | AO1<br>6.6.1.2  |

| Question | Answers  | Extra information  | Mark                | AO / Spec. Ref. |
|----------|--|--|---------------------|-----------------|
| 06.5     | $3.0 \times 10^8 = f \times 5.0 \times 10^{-7}$<br><br>$f = \frac{3.0 \times 10^8}{5.0 \times 10^{-7}}$<br><br>$f = 6 \times 10^{14}$ (Hz) | allow a correct rearrangement using incorrect powers of 10<br><br>allow a correct calculation of $f$ using incorrect powers of 10<br><br>allow $6.0 \times 10^{14}$ (Hz) | 1<br><br>1<br><br>1 | AO2<br>6.6.1.2  |

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| <b>Total Question 6</b> | <b>9</b> |
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## Question 7

| Question | Answers   | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref.  |
|----------|---|------|------------------|
| 07.1     | <b>Level 3:</b> The plan would lead to the production of a valid outcome. All key steps are identified and logically sequenced.   | 5–6  | AO1<br>6.5.4.2.2 |
|          | <b>Level 2:</b> The plan would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Most steps are identified, but the plan is not fully logically sequenced.   | 3–4  |                  |
|          | <b>Level 1:</b> The plan would not lead to a valid outcome. Some relevant steps are identified, but links are not made clear.   | 1–2  |                  |
|          | No relevant content   | 0    |                  |
|          | <p><b>Indicative content</b></p> <p><b>method of varying force</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clamp a pulley onto the edge of the desk</li> <li>• attach a string to the trolley and place the string over the pulley</li> <li>• attach a mass holder to the string</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vary the height of the runway</li> <li>• use wooden blocks</li> </ul> <p><b>measurements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• place a slotted mass on the mass holder</li> <li>• use <math>W = mg</math> to calculate the force</li> <li>• mark the starting and finishing points of the trolley on the runway</li> <li>• measure the distance between the two marks with a metre rule</li> <li>• time how long it takes to travel between the two marks with a stopclock / timer</li> <li>• use <math>v = \frac{s}{t}</math> and <math>a = \frac{\Delta v}{t}</math></li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use light gate(s) to determine time and / or speed</li> <li>• computer calculates acceleration</li> <li>• repeat for different numbers of slotted masses</li> </ul> <p>allow a description of a method using a ticker timer</p> |      |                  |

| Question | Answers    | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref.  |
|----------|------------|-------------------|------|------------------|
| 07.2     | second law |                   | 1    | AO1<br>6.5.4.2.2 |

| Question | Answers  | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref.  |
|----------|--|-------------------|------|------------------|
| 07.3     | $\frac{3.6}{1.2} = 3$<br>$1.6 \times 3 = 4.8 \text{ (m/s}^2\text{)}$<br><b>OR</b><br>(use of $F = ma$ )<br>$m = \frac{1.2}{1.6} = 0.75 \text{ (1)}$<br>$a = \frac{3.6}{0.75} = 4.8 \text{ (m/s}^2\text{) (1)}$ |                   | 1    | AO3<br>6.5.4.2.2 |
|          |  |                   | 1    |                  |

| Question | Answers   | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref.  |
|----------|---|-------------------|------|------------------|
| 07.4     | resultant force = mass × acceleration<br><br>or<br><br>$F = ma$ |                   | 1    | AO1<br>6.5.4.2.2 |

| Question | Answers  | Extra information | Mark | AO / Spec. Ref.  |
|----------|--|-------------------|------|------------------|
| 07.5     | $0.42 = m \times 1.2$<br><br>$m = \frac{0.42}{1.2}$<br><br>$m = 0.35 \text{ kg}$ |                   | 1    | AO2<br>6.5.4.2.2 |
|          |  |                   | 1    |                  |
|          |  |                   | 1    |                  |

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| <b>Total Question 7</b> | <b>13</b> |
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