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PUBLISHED**Generic Marking Principles**

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

NOTES ABOUT MARK SCHEME SYMBOLS & OTHER MATTERS

B marks	are independent marks, which do not depend on other marks. For a B mark to be scored, the point to which it refers must be seen specifically in the candidate's answer.
M marks	are method marks upon which accuracy marks (A marks) later depend. For an M mark to be scored, the point to which it refers must be seen in a candidate's answer. If a candidate fails to score a particular M mark, then none of the dependent A marks can be scored.
C marks	are compensatory marks in general applicable to numerical questions. These can be scored even if the point to which they refer are not written down by the candidate, provided subsequent working gives evidence that they must have known it . For example, if an equation carries a C mark and the candidate does not write down the actual equation but does correct substitution or working which shows he knew the equation, then the C mark is scored. A C mark is not awarded if a candidate makes two points which contradict each other. Points which are wrong but irrelevant are ignored.
A marks	A marks are accuracy or answer marks which either depend on an M mark, or which are one of the ways which allow a C mark to be scored. A marks are commonly awarded for final answers to numerical questions. If a final numerical answer, eligible for A marks, is correct, with the correct unit and an acceptable number of significant figures, all the marks for that question are normally awarded.
Brackets ()	Brackets around words or units in the mark scheme are intended to indicate wording used to clarify the mark scheme, but the marks do not depend on seeing the words or units in brackets, e.g. 10 (J) means that the mark is scored for 10, regardless of the unit given.
<u>Underlining</u>	Underlining indicates that this <u>must</u> be seen in the answer offered, or something very similar.
OR / or	This indicates alternative answers, any one of which is satisfactory for scoring the marks.
e.e.o.o.	This means "each error or omission".
o.w.t.t.e.	This means "or words to that effect".
Ignore	This indicates that something which is not correct or irrelevant is to be disregarded and does not cause a right plus wrong penalty.
Spelling	Be generous about spelling and use of English. If an answer can be understood to mean what we want, give credit. However, do not allow ambiguities, e.g. spelling which suggests confusion between reflection / refraction / diffraction or thermistor / transistor / transformer.
Not/NOT	This indicates that an incorrect answer is not to be disregarded, but cancels another otherwise correct alternative offered by the candidate, i.e. right plus wrong penalty applies.

ecf	meaning "error carried forward" is mainly applicable to numerical questions, but may in particular circumstances be applied in non-numerical questions. This indicates that if a candidate has made an earlier mistake and has carried an incorrect value forward to subsequent stages of working, marks indicated by ecf may be awarded, provided the subsequent working is correct, bearing in mind the earlier mistake. This prevents a candidate from being penalised more than once for a particular mistake, but only applies to marks annotated ecf.
Significant	Answers are normally acceptable to any number of significant figures ≥ 2 . Any exceptions to this general rule will be specified in the mark scheme.
Arithmetic errors	Deduct one mark if the only error in arriving at a final answer is clearly an arithmetic one. Regard a power-of-ten error as an arithmetic error.
Transcription errors	Deduct one mark if the only error in arriving at a final answer is because previously calculated data has clearly been misread but used correctly.
Fractions	Allow these only where specified in the mark scheme.
Crossed out work	Work which has been crossed out and not replaced but can easily be read , should be marked as if it had not been crossed out.
Use of NR	Use this if the answer space for a question is completely blank or contains no readable words, figures or symbols.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	middle row: YZ	B1
	bottom row: XY	B1
1(b)	area under graph	C1
	$0.5 \times 20 \times 40$ OR $\frac{1}{2}$ base \times height	C1
	400 (m)	A1
1(c)	(WX or acceleration has) steeper line / gradient	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	mass in kg AND height in m	B1
	area in m^2	B1
2(b)(i)	$W = m \times g$	C1
	4000×10	C1
	40 000 (N)	A1
2(b)(ii)	$P = F \div A$ in any recognisable form	C1
	(area =) $0.125 \times 4 = 0.50$ (m^2)	B1
	$b(i) \div 5000$ OR $40\,000 \div 0.500$	C1
	$80\,000 \text{ N / m}^2$ OR $80\,000 \text{ Pa}$	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	manometer	B1
3(b)	760–280	C1
	480 (mm Hg)	A1
3(c)	(level A) up (level B) down	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	chemical	B2
	gravitational potential energy OR kinetic	
4(b)	hovering OR stationary OR moving slowly owtte	B1
	at max height	B1
4(c)	thermal dissipated to the air / surroundings	B2

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	(thermal) energy required to raise temp by 1 °C	B1
5(b)	melting evaporation or boiling freezing condensation or condensing	B4
5(c)	increased pressure	B1
	more collisions or hit walls of container harder or more often	B1
	molecules move faster OR have more (kinetic) energy	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)(i)	refracted at first boundary correctly	B1
	refracted at second boundary correctly	B1
6(a)(ii)	refraction	B1
6(b)(i)	converging / bent inwards / meet at a point e.g. focus	B1
6(b)(ii)	two straight rays drawn converging	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	orange yellow green blue indigo	B2
7(b)(i)	detecting an intruder to infra-red	B1
	communicating by satellite to microwaves	B1
	detecting broken bones to X-rays	B1
7(b)(ii)	<u>frequency</u>	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)	circle around 20 Hz–20 000 Hz	B1
8(b)	frequencies (of sound)	B1
	above 20 000 Hz	B1
8(c)	Quieter sound AND has lower pitch	B1
	(as) smaller amplitude	B1
	(as) frequency is lower	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	magnetic field (of magnet)	B1
	changes / cuts coil / linked to coil	B1
	induces / causes / produces / generates an emf / voltage / current OR electromagnetic induction	B1
9(b)	stronger magnet more turns on coil(s) turn magnet at higher speed	B3
9(c)(i)	<u>alternating (current)</u>	B1
9(c)(ii)	a.c. changes direction OR d.c one direction only	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)	variable resistor or rheostat	B1
10(b)	0.8 (A)	B1
10(c)	$V = IR$ OR $(R =) V \div I$	C1
	$4.5 \div 0.8$	C1
	5.6(25)	A1
10(d)	(current) increases OR larger	B1
	(as new/thicker wire has) less resistance	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
11(a)	two roughly circular lines drawn	B1
	arrow showing clockwise direction	B1
11(b)	any 5 from: current in circuit / coil(s) coil becomes electromagnet (coil / electromagnet) attracts (soft iron) armature (so) hammer hits gong circuit is broken (at A / contact screw) electromagnet loses magnetic field / stops working armature springs back cycle repeats	B5

Question	Answer	Marks
12(a)	line from 'nucleus' to 'is the centre of an atom'	B1
	line from 'electrons' to 'orbit around centre of an atom'	B1
	line from 'neutrons' to 'has no electric charge'	B1
12(b)(i)	any 2 from: different forms of same element same number of protons different number of neutrons / nucleons	B2
12(b)(ii)	value from graph selected e.g. 16 000	C1
	half the original value selected or stated e.g. 8000	C1
	12.3 or 12.4 (years)	A1