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**Single Award Science
Physics**

Unit 3
Higher Tier

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**MARK
SCHEME**

General Marking Instructions

Introduction

Mark schemes are published to assist teachers and students in their preparation for examinations. Through the mark schemes teachers and students will be able to see what examiners are looking for in response to questions and exactly where the marks have been awarded. The publishing of the mark schemes may help to show that examiners are not concerned about finding out what a student does not know but rather with rewarding students for what they do know.

The Purpose of Mark Schemes

Examination papers are set and revised by teams of examiners and revisers appointed by the Council. The teams of examiners and revisers include experienced teachers who are familiar with the level and standards expected of students in schools and colleges.

The job of the examiners is to set the questions and the mark schemes; and the job of the revisers is to review the questions and mark schemes commenting on a large range of issues about which they must be satisfied before the question papers and mark schemes are finalised.

The questions and the mark schemes are developed in association with each other so that the issues of differentiation and positive achievement can be addressed right from the start. Mark schemes, therefore, are regarded as part of an integral process which begins with the setting of questions and ends with the marking of the examination.

The main purpose of the mark scheme is to provide a uniform basis for the marking process so that all the markers are following exactly the same instructions and making the same judgements in so far as this is possible. Before marking begins a standardising meeting is held where all the markers are briefed using the mark scheme and samples of the students' work in the form of scripts. Consideration is also given at this stage to any comments on the operational papers received from teachers and their organisations. During this meeting, and up to and including the end of the marking, there is provision for amendments to be made to the mark scheme. What is published represents this final form of the mark scheme.

It is important to recognise that in some cases there may well be other correct responses which are equally acceptable to those published: the mark scheme can only cover those responses which emerged in the examination. There may also be instances where certain judgements may have to be left to the experience of the examiner, for example, where there is no absolute correct response – all teachers will be familiar with making such judgements.

		[1]	AVAILABLE MARKS
1	(a) (i) C	[1]	8
	(ii) A	[1]	
	(b) (i) At right angles to the wave	[1]	
	(ii) Longitudinal	[1]	
	(c) (i) As air temp rises, speed of sound increases	[1]	
	(ii) 330 ÷ 0.02 [1] 16 500 [2]	[2]	
	(iii) Hertz/Hz	[1]	
2	(a) (i) 54	[1]	5
	(ii) Friction	[1]	
	(iii) Lubricant	[1]	
	(b) (i) 82–88	[1]	
	(ii) Oil/rain/snow/ice	[1]	
3	(a) (i) Alpha and beta	[1]	4
	(ii) Would not penetrate lead	[1]	
	(b) As lead thickness increases, activity decreases [1] activity stops decreasing at 30 mm/5 cps [1]	[2]	

4 (a) Indicative Content:

- renewable = will not run out/converse
- renewable = hydroelectric/wind
- non-renewable = fossil fuels
- any valid comparison, e.g. hydroelectric always lower than fossil fuels/
wind lower than fossil fuels
- all sources increase
- wind = ugly/noisy
- hydroelectric = flooding/destroyed habitats
- fossil fuels = global warming

Band	Response	Mark
A	Candidates must use appropriate specialist terms throughout to compare, name and describe the use of 2 sources from the graph (using at least 6 of the above points). They use good spelling, punctuation and grammar and the form and style are of a high standard.	[5]–[6]
B	Candidates use some appropriate specialist terms to partially compare, name and describe the use of 2 sources from the graph (using 4 or 5 of the above points). They use satisfactory spelling, punctuation and grammar and the form and style are of a satisfactory standard.	[3]–[4]
C	Candidates compare, name or describe the use of 2 sources from the graph (using 1 to 3 of the above points). However these are not in a logical sequence. They use limited spelling, punctuation and grammar and they have made little use of specialist terms. The form and style are of a limited standard.	[1]–[2]
D	Not worthy of credit.	[0]

[6]

- (b) Magnet and coil [1]
relative movement [1]

[2]

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AVAILABLE
MARKS

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5	(a) (i) Any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth observation • weather monitoring • military/spy • astronomy • communications 	[2]
	(ii) Gravity	[1]
	(b) (i) 0.2 billion years	[1]
	(ii) 27.7 → 28.1	[1]
	(iii) Increasing	[1]
(c) Clouds of hydrogen/nebula [1] are pulled together by gravity [1] nuclear fusion begins [1]	[3]	9
6	(a) (Conduction) needs solids/air not a solid [1] Air/gas does not have free electrons or converse [1]	[2]
	(b) It reflects the radiated heat	[1]
	(c) Heat makes air particles speed up/spread out [1] hot gas rises as it is less dense [1]	[2]
7	(a) (i) It decreases [1] as it loses height [1]	[2]
	(ii) Kinetic [1] + sound + heat [1]	[2]
	(iii) $\frac{1}{2} \times 70 \times 25 / \frac{1}{2} \times 70 \times 5^2$ [1] 875 J [2]	[2]
	(b) Energy cannot be created or destroyed [1] it can only be changed/transferred [1]	[2]

		AVAILABLE MARKS
8	(a) Current is flow of electrons [1] electrons are negative [1]	[2]
	(b) (i) Ohms/symbol	[1]
	(ii) Plotting 4 points correctly [1] all points plotted correctly [2] line of best fit [1]	[3]
	(iii) As area increases, resistance decreases [1] decreases faster at start [1]	[2]
	(c) Type/length of wire	[1]
9	(a) 12 N	[1]
	(b) Decrease area exposed to wind	[1]
	(c) 50/70 [1] 0.71 [2]	[2]
	Total	60

