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Annotation	Meaning
BOD	Benefit of doubt given
CON	Contradiction
	Incorrect response
ECF	Error carried forward
L1	Level 1
L2	Level 2
L3	Level 3
TE	Transcription error (in copying data from root of question – **ALLOW** method mark(s) if no further error but zero credit for evaluation)
NBOD	Benefit of doubt not given
POT	Power of 10 error
^	Omission mark
SF	Error in number of significant figures
	Correct response
	Wrong physics or equation

Section A: MCQs

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	D		D	1	
2	B		B	1	
3	A		A	1	
4	A		A	1	
5	B		B	1	
6	B		B	1	
7	A		A	1	
8	B		B	1	
9	C		C	1	
10	C		C	1	
11	A		A	1	
12	D		D	1	
13	C		C	1	
14	C		C	1	
15	D		D	1	
16	B		B	1	
17	D		D	1	
18	B		B	1	
19	D		D	1	
20	D		D	1	
21	A		A	1	
22	D		D	1	
23	C		C	1	
24	D		D	1	
25	B		B	1	
26	C		C	1	
27	B		B	1	
28	A		A	1	
29	B		B	1	
30	A		A	1	
			Total	30	

Section B

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
31	(a)		(usually air is not a conductor) having no charge carriers (to support a current) / ✓ the ions and / or electrons provide charge carriers (for the air to conduct)	1	**expect** concept of charged particles free to move **not** just air is an insulator or non-conductor / just ions are charged / just charges can conduct **allow** charge carriers / delocalised or free electrons or charges / charges available to carry current / charges can flow
31	(b)		($\Delta Q = I \Delta t$) = 30 x 10^3 x 250 x 10^{-6} ✓ = 7.5 (C) ✓	1 1	 bare correct value scores both marks **ignore** units
			Total	3	

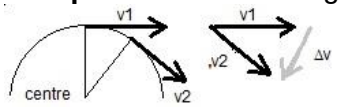
Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
32	(a)		$\frac{c / c_{glass}}{c / c_{water}}$ ✓	1	
32	(b)		${}_g n_w$ = 1.3 / 1.6 = 0.81(3) ✓ r = $\sin^{-1}$(sin30º/0.813) = 38º ✓ OR $n_1 \sin\theta_1 = n_2 \sin\theta_2$ method r = $\sin^{-1}$(sin 30° x 1.6 / 1.3) ✓ = 38° ✓	1 1	first mark for evaluating / using correct index **not** 24 º have inverted the index **only** if this method is clear **allow** n_1 / n_2 = 1.6 / 1.3 = 1.2(3) for first mark
			Total	3	

Question			Answer		Marks	Guidance
33	(a)	(i)	$\Delta E = m\,c\,\Delta\theta$ = 4200 x 17 = 71.4 (kJ)	✓ ✓	1 1	method evaluation **accept** 71 (kJ)
33	(a)	(ii)	$\Delta t = m\,c\,\Delta\theta / I\,V$ or = 71.4 x 10^3 / (230 x 46) = 6.7(5) (s)	✓ ✓	1 1	method in rearranged algebra or numbers **accept** $t = E / P$ evaluation **not** 6.74 (s) RE **allow** ecf on value from (a)
33	(b)		$\Delta\theta$ doubled so flow (rate) or $\Delta m / \Delta t$ will have to halve	✓ ✓	1 1	**accept** mass flow rate drops from 0.15 to 0.075 kg s^{-1} **not** ΔE doubles so time doubles / other time reasoning **max 1** for just flow (rate) less or slower
			Total		6	

Question			Answer		Marks	Guidance
34	(a)		(4.5 x 1 /10) = **0.45** (4.5 – 0.45) = **4.05**	✓ ✓	1 1	 **ignore** 4.1
34	(b)	(i)	$\Delta Q \approx I\,\Delta t = V\,\Delta t / R$ and $V = Q / C$ (⇨ $\Delta Q \approx Q\,\Delta t / R\,C$)	✓ ✓	1 1	**accept** algebra expressed in words / = or ≈ symbols **not** credit for any exponential type reasoning
34	(b)	(ii)	assumes current / voltage / charge (on capacitor) is constant during Δt (instead of continuously decaying) overcome by making Δt smaller / as small as possible (as needed for better approximation) **not** just make Δt small	✓ ✓	1 1	assumption **not** just rate is constant **accept** rate of charge flow is constant or rate of discharge is constant how overcome for 1 standalone mark if no answer to assumption
			Total		6	

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
35	(a)		v = 0.24 x 60 x 3 x 10^8 / {60 x 60 x 24 } ✓ = 5.0 x 10^4 (m s^{-1}) ✓	1 1	**accept** { 4.32 x 10^9 m ÷ 8.64 x 10^4 s }
35	(b)		range R = 44. 444 x 60 x 3 x 10^8 = (8.0 x 10^{11} m) ✓	1	**accept** ranges based on either time or mean time of signal travel **all** give range = 8.0 x 10^{11} m (2 S.F.)
			$v_{perp.}$ = $R\omega$ = 8.0 x 10^{11} x 1.8 x 10^{-3} / (24 x 3600) ✓	1	method
			= 1.66 x 10^4 (m s^{-1}) ✓	1	evaluation
			OR alternative method **for last 2 marks**		method **accept** sin θ ≈ tan θ ≈ θ for small angle θ **n.b.** $s_{perp.}$= 0.08 light minutes can be credited
			$s_{perp.} \approx R\theta$ = 8 x 10^{11} x 1.8 x 10^{-3} = (1.44 x 10^9 m)		more method & evaluation
			$v_{perp} = s_{perp} / t$ = 1.44x10^9 / (24x3600) =1.66 x 10^4 (m s^{-1})		**allow** answers close to 280 m s^{-1} to score 2/3 marks because light mins treated as light secs so 1/60 of correct answer so one small eror
			Total **Total section B**	**5** **23**	

Section C

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
36	**(a)**		velocity vector is changing direction constantly towards the centre of the orbit (magnitude / speed remains constant) ✓	**1**	**accept** in annotated diagram form 
			and acceleration = rate of change of velocity so there is an acceleration ✓	**1**	dependent on the first mark
			OR (circular motion) requires a force towards the centre of the circle (otherwise the mass will move in a straight line at a tangent to the circle) ✓		**accept** (circular motion) requires centripetal force **ignore** references to gravitational force of Earth on Moon cause Moon to accelerate towards earth
			and acceleration $\propto$ force so there is an acceleration (towards the centre) ✓		dependent on the first mark **accept** $a = F / m$ so there is an acceleration (towards the centre)
36	**(b)**	**(i)**	$a = v^2 / R = \{2\pi R\}^2 / \{T^2 R\}$ = …… ✓		algebraic reasoning
			OR	**1**	**accept** using forces and $F = ma = m\,v^2 / R$ and cancelling m and completing
			$a = R\,\omega^2 = R\,\{2\pi/T\}^2$ = ……..		
36	**(b)**	**(ii)**	$4\pi^2 \times 3.84 \times 10^8 / (2.35 \times 10^6)^2$ = 0.0027 m s^{-2} ✓	**1**	evaluation **accept** 2.74 mm s^{-2} / 2.75 mm s^{-2} ($\pi \approx$)
36	**(b)**	**(iii)**	$g_{\text{at moon orbit}} = g_{\text{Earth surface}} / 60^2$ ✓	**1**	method using inverse square law reasoning in numbers / words / algebra
			= 9.8 / 3600 = 2.7(2) x 10^{-3} m s^{-2} ✓	**1**	evaluation **accept** g = 9.81 m s^{-2} / correct use of $a = G\,M / D^2$
			same value as **(ii)** ✓	**1**	comparison **allow** ecf from **(ii)** if compared sensibly to 3 mm s^{-2}
			Total	**7**	

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
37	(a)		$v_{terminal}$ = 0.65 (m s^{-1}) ✓ ± 0.02 (m s^{-1}) ✓	1 1	$v_{terminal}$ read from graph **accept** in range 0.64 to 0.66 (m s^{-1}) uncertainty estimate apply SF penalty for 2 or 3 SF e.g. 0.019 or 0.0195 (m s^{-1}) scores 0
37	(b)		(at t = 0.5 s) ball is accelerating (and a is decreasing) ✓ because downwards weight is larger than upwards drag force ✓	1 1	**credit** numerical estimates of acceleration ≈ 0.55 m s^{-2} **accept** in algebra $W > D$ or > (D + U) **accept** if upthrust U is overlooked / air resistance or friction for drag **not** U confused with D **not** just because net force is downwards
37	(c)	(i)	temperature should be monitored or held constant ✓ since the viscosity / drag force will depend on T ✓	1 1	**accept** density of the glycerol ; as it will affect upthrust **accept** viscosity of the glycerol ; as it will affect drag **accept** purity of the glycerol ; as moisture affects viscosity **accept** density of ball bearing ; as it will affect the weight **accept** mass of ball bearing ; as it will affect the weight **not** height drop or air bubbles in glycerol or keep same liquid **ignore** edge effect
37	(c)	(ii)	D^2 / v_T = constant **OR** v_T / D^2 = constant ✓ D^2 / v_T values: 144, 145, 144, 204, 221 (mm^2 m^{-1} s) ✓✓ OR v_T / D^2 values (6.9, 6.9, 6.9, 4.9, 4.5) x 10^{-3} (m s^{-1} mm^{-2}) ✓✓	1 2	proposal **if** v_T / D^2 = constant **accept** log / log graph **allow** v_T = k D^2 working **expect** at least **2 data** tests for credit 1 mark and all **5 data** tested for 2 marks **accept** table of D^2 values (for v_T vs D^2 sketch graph) **accept** calculated log v_T and log D values same rule on data

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
				2	conclusions **2 marks** available for **any sensible test involving 2 or more data points**
			noticing smallest three b.bs have almost constant *k* /		**accept** any two or all three of smallest b.bs have almost constant *k*
			largest two b.bs have a different sensible constant /		**accept** largest two b.bs have sensible constant *k* (if only 2 tested)
			smallest and largest b.bs *k* not constant		
			……		
			consideration of **quantitative** uncertainty in *k* D^2 / v_T = 144, 145, 144 constant to ± 0.3% / = 204, 221 constant to ± 4%		**accept** use of 3% uncertainty based on the uncertainty in v_T from (a) OR comment on differences in their k values 144, 221 show increase in *k* of about 50% / decrease of about 35%
			……		
			correct statement about **their test** showing proportionality or not showing proportionality		
			……		
			If graphs sketched 2 marks from:		
			sketches of log / log graph or sketches of v_T vs D^2		**for graph method candidates**
			correct comment on gradient or linearity of **their** graph		
			Total	**11**	

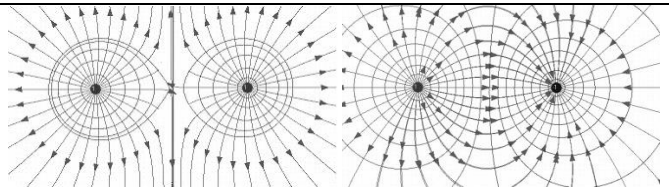
Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
38	(a)		draw tangent and suitable large Δ at t = 1 or 3 s ✓ 1.1 (m s^{-1}) ✓ OR identifying A = 0.70 m f = 1/ 4 Hz $v_{max} = A\,\omega$; = 0.7 x 2 π x ¼ = 1.1 (m s^{-1})	1 1	method **accept** tangent and $\Delta s / \Delta t$ = 1.6 / 1.5 **ignore** signs here award magnitude evaluation **accept** in range 1.0 to 1.2 (m s^{-1}) alternative method for two marks
38	(b)		**- sin** graph of period 4 s and shape by eye ✓ scaled to amplitude of 1.1 m s^{-1} ✓	1 1	**accept** - sin graph scaled to agree with (a) ecf **ignore** shape of graph here just peak values
38	(c)	(i)	$L = T^2 g / 4\pi^2$ or equivalent using numbers ✓ = 4^2 x 9.8 / $4\pi^2$ = 3.97 m ✓	1 1	method **not** just $T = 2\,\pi \sqrt{\{L / g\}}$ evaluation **accept** g = 9.81 gives L = 3.98 m
			Total	6	

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
39	(a)		**X** pure β no γ at background with 5 mm lead ✓ **Y** α, β, γ large drop with paper ∴ must have α ✓ **Z** β, γ (no drop with paper ∴ no α) counts with lead so some γ ✓	**1** **1** **1**	all identifications correct for **first mark** even if **no** explanations **total** zero if three sources incorrect **two** correct explanations for **second mark** **three** correct explanations for **third mark** **ignore** comments on β as present in all three sources **not** credit for descriptions of data expect logical analysis
39	(b)	(i)	$\Delta \log C / \Delta \log R$ or e.g. (4.0 – 0.5) / (0.4 – 1.9) = ✓ = - 2.3 ✓	**1** **1**	method evidence of sensible gradient taken or tangent drawn or Δ constructed in downward section of graph even if sign is wrong evaluation **accept** in range - 2.0 to - 2.5 must have correct sign here **allow** both marks if bare answer in this range
39	(b)	(ii)	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ **Graph comments:** $C = k / R^2$ gives log C = log k - 2 log R **OR** gradient close to 2 suggests R^2 variation and – sign indicates inverse relation $1 / R^2$ accuracy: - 2.3 is close but not perfect fit for low range is not a good fit (log graph flat) **OR** higher range only is a reasonable fit	**4**	any 4 points from the list but must include a comment on graph **AND** a suggestion about radiation for full marks i.e. a **max 3** from each section complete log analysis worth **2 marks accept** if k taken as 1 conclusion **ecf** on their gradient value if outside range then not a good fit **accept** need to know ± uncertainties to estimate the significance of the small difference i.e. recognising the significance of knee in graph

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
			Suggestions about radiation: α attenuated by a few cms in air inverse square law applies to point sources, close to source will not be a good approximation / it will be more constant γ should follow 1 / R^2 dilution γ travel in straight lines from (point) source with little interaction / absorption by the air		accept β with explanation that these follow 1 / R^2 reasonably well up to this range
			Total	**9**	

Question			Answer		Marks	Guidance
40	(a)		(50 MPa / 7 x 10^{-4}) = 7.1(4) x 10^{10} (Pa)	✓	1	evaluation **accept** in range 7.0 to 7.3 x 10^{10} (Pa)
40	(b)		**alloy** absorbs more energy (per volume) **alloy** is stronger / has higher breaking stress	✓ ✓	1 1	choice explained **accept** alloy because it is tougher **not** stiffer **not** any credit for pure metal takes greater strain and prolongs time of collision
40	(c)	(i)	method: any {scaled distance ÷ appropriate number of atoms} evaluation: e.g. 4 atoms per nm gives 0.25 nm / 2.5 x 10^{-10} (m) OR 5 atoms per nm gives 0.20 nm = 2.0 x 10^{-10} (m)	 ✓ ✓	 1 1	 **allow** atom counting angled to atomic rows **not** unreal estimates like 10 atoms per 1 nm estimation **accept** in range { 1.8 to 2.7 } x 10^{-10} (m) credit 2 marks for answer in range with no working
40	(c)	(ii)	a dislocation / edge dislocation	✓	1	**accept** extra half-plane of atoms
40	(d)		**Level 3 (5–6 marks)** Marshals argument in a clear manner and includes clear **explanation of three strands**: • metallic bonding • structure of metal and alloy • elastic and plastic deformation *There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.*		6	**Look for number of strands attempted to help decide the Level, then look at quality.** **Indicative scientific points may include:** **Metallic bonding** • +ve ion lattice in sea / gas of free mobile electrons • non-directional strong electrostatic bond electron glue • similar for pure metal and alloy **Structure of metal and alloy** • ordered regular stacking of atoms in planes in metal • alloy has a few impurity metal atoms of different size • most metals are polycrystalline with grains and grain boundaries between crystals of different orientation • ions can slip and atomic planes move

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
			Level 2 (3–4 marks) Shows clear understanding of at least **two of the three strands** above to the argument **or** covers all three at a superficial manner and does not include enough indicative points for level 3. *There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.* **Level 1 (1–2 marks)** Makes at least **two independent points** (possibly from one strand) that are relevant to the argument but does not link them together and shows only superficial engagement with the argument. *There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.* **0 marks** *no response worthy of credit remember* *No response at all record NR*		• dislocations are stacking imperfections e.g. extra half plane reduce stress at which planes slip by localising stress **Elastic and plastic deformation** • elastic behaviour atoms return to original position when stress removed stretched stiff bonds spring back • metals and alloys are stiff and elastic for small strains • dislocation movement in pure metals allows slip and plastic deformation at relatively low stress this is permanent and ions do not return when stress removed • dislocations are pinned by impurity atoms in alloy which restricts slip giving a smaller plastic region at higher yield stress • reference to Fig. 40.2 • **accept** well labelled diagrams throughout for credit if integrated into the explanation
			Total	**12**	

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
41	(a)		**. N** on Fig. 41.1 ✓ ; **. V** on Fig. 41.2 ✓	**2**	**both** at mid-points of charges judged by eye and field lines (may need magnification to see amongst field lines)
41	(b)	(i)		**1** **1**	both sketches **any** 3 equipotentials of roughly correct shape judged by eye **accept** ΔV not equal (as diagram) **expect** attempt at orthogonality **accept** on Fig. 41.1 three equipotential loops surrounding both charges
41	(c)		$E = 2\ k\ Q / R^2$ or $= 2 \times 9 \times 10^9 \times 1 / 500^2$ ✓ $= 7.2 \times 10^4$ (V m^{-1}) ✓	**1** **1**	method **must** have 2 factor for method mark evaluation **allow** 1 mark for 3.6×10^4 (½ correct value)
41	(d)		**Level 3 (5–6 marks)** Marshals argument in a clear manner and includes clear explanation of **three strands**: • work done • area under $E(R)$ field graph • gradient of $V(R)$ potential graph *There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.* **Level 2 (3–4 marks)** Shows clear understanding of at least **two of the three strands** above to the argument **or** covers all three at a superficial manner and does not include enough indicative points for level 3. *There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.*	**6**	**Look for number of strands attempted to help decide the Level, then look at quality.** **Do not penalise incorrect signs in this answer.** **Indicative scientific points may include:** **work done** • work W is done against electrical attraction of + and – charges which increases the electrical potential energy of the system • + charge is worked on in raising it up the potential well of the – charge • $W_{total} = \Sigma \Delta W = \Sigma F \Delta s = \Sigma F \Delta R$ **area under $E(R)$ graph:** **accept algebraic or numerical reasoning** • $W_{total} = \Sigma \Delta W = \Sigma F \Delta s = \Sigma F \Delta R$ **only credit once** • $E_{field} = F / q$ but test charge is unit charge $q = 1$ C • in this example $E_{field} = F$

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
			Level 1 (1–2 marks) Makes at least two independent points that are relevant to the argument but does not link them together and shows only superficial engagement with the argument. *There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.* **0 marks** No response worthy of credit scores zero No response record NR		• ∴ W = Area under the field graph • 15 squares x 4 x 10^6 J per square = 60 MJ C^{-1} or MV • agrees with increase in potential from (-90 to -30) MV • recognising that $E = k Q / R^2$ **gradient of $V(R)$ graph** • E_{field} = - gradient of $V(R)$ = - dV / dR = - ΔV / ΔR • tangent to graph drawn and shown = field • e.g. at R = 200 m grad = (120 MV) / 600 m = 2 x 10^5 V m^{-1} • agrees with the field at R = 200 m of 20 x 10^4 V m^{-1} • recognising that $V = k Q / R$ **check** graphs for annotation credit
			Total	**12**	
			Total section C **Total sections B & C**	**56** **80**	

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