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Physics B

H557/01: Fundamentals of physics

Advanced GCE

Mark Scheme for November 2020

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Annotations

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
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

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Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme (to include abbreviations and subject-specific conventions).

Annotation	Meaning
1	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
reject	Answers which are not worthy of credit
not	Answers which are not worthy of credit
Ignore	Statements which are irrelevant
Allow	Answers that can be accepted
()	Words which are not essential to gain credit
_	Underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ECF	Error carried forward
AW	Alternative wording
ORA	Or reverse argument

Section A: MCQs

Questic		Marks	Guidance
1	С	L	
2	D	L	
3	D	L	
4	D	L	
5	В	L	
6	D	M	
7	С	L	
8	A	L	
9	В	M	
10	D	M	
11	D	M	
12	A	M	
13	D	M	
14	D	L	
15	D	L	
16	A	M	
17	С	L	
18	D	Н	
19	В	Н	
20	D	Н	
21	A	Н	
22	D	M	
23	С	M	
24	A	Н	
23 24 25 26 27	С	M	
26	A	М	
27	С	Н	
28 29	С	Н	
29	В	Н	
30	A	M	
	Total	30	

Section B

Q	uesti	on	Answer		Marks	Guidance
31	(a)		¹³⁴ Xe		L	
31	(b)		$\Delta m = 0.20401 \text{ u}$ convert u to kg OR convert via 1 u = 931 MeV	√ ✓	L M	allow mark for evidence of correct approach, even if final (third) mark for evaluation is not awarded accept correct calculation of energy on each side of equation for the first mark leading to a correct evaluation for the second mark
			$(\Delta E = \Delta m c^2) = 190(\text{MeV})$	✓	M	accept 189.9, 189.93, 189.933 or 189.9333 for full credit (as allows 2SF) allow 186.2 for MAX 2 as a result of using fewer SF for Δm – annotate as SF error
			Total		4	

Q	Question		Answer		Guidance
32	(a)		method: $n = PV/RT / = 450 \times 10^3 \times 4 / [8.3 \times 288]$	L	method in words / numbers / algebra
			evaluation: = 75(3) moles ✓	L	accept 75(2) if using R = 8.31
					allow calculations leading to values around 188 moles (as a result of dividing by 4 tyres) for MAX 1
32	(b)		Any two from: molecules move faster / have more kinetic energy / collide more frequently / harder / momentum changes at collision are greater	MM	not reference to force increasing
			P increases x 320 /288 = 1.1 OR P increases to 500		

Q	Question		Answer		Guidance
			kPa OR P increases by 50kPa ✓	L	MAX 2 for responses that are qualitative only allow one mark for just "pressure increases" within MAX 2 for qualitative only argument
			Total	5	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
33	(a)		curves path / slows velocity ✓	L	allow accelerates the α / changes direction / changes velocity / slows down
33	(b)		(most) has been stored as / converted to <u>electrical</u> potential energy OR $k Q_1 Q_2 / R$	L	allow (small) fraction converted to k.e. of recoiling nucleus (which carries original momentum of alpha at closest approach)
33	(c)	(i)	low Z and high k.e. i.e. bottom left of table ✓	М	
33	(c)	(ii)	method: $R = k \times 2 \times 13 \times e^2/[7.7 \text{.MeV}]$ OR = $9 \times 10^9 \times 2 \times 13 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} / [7.7 \times 10^6]$ evaluation: = $4.9 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$	Н	allow 5.7 x 10 ⁻¹⁵ m as 15% alpha k.e. in Al nucleus at closest approach (due to momentum transfer) for 2 marks allow 4.85 x 10 ⁻¹⁵ as a result of using k=8.98 for 2 marks
			Total	5	

Qι	estion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
34	(a)	method: calculation of initial gradient using values taken from 1.5 GPa and 10% strain ✓	L	ignore POT errors on this graph for this marking point allow method for MAX 1 based on values taken around (4,0.4) not just a line or markings drawn on graph, must have values used to calculate a gradient from their values
34	(b)	evaluation: = $1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{Pa}$ $W = \rho AL g \propto \rho \text{for equal dimensions and gravity}$ OR strength / weight $\propto \sigma_{\text{B}} / \rho$ $\sin(k) / \text{steel} = [1.4 / 1.2 \times 10^3] / [2.8 / 7.8 \times 10^3] = 3.3 (\approx 3) \checkmark$	H H	must have explanation of approach in words or symbols for first mark not just two calculations of $\sigma_{\rm B}/\rho$
		Total	4	

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Q	uesti	ion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
35	(a)		as <i>h</i> increases the path difference (TM + MR − TR) increases	М	
			(two sets of waves superpose meaning) waves in phase at max and out of phase at min / whole number of wavelengths path difference gives constructive interference and (n+1/2) λ gives destructive interference ✓	M	allow equivalent phasor description or in terms of wave amplitudes adding allow idea that waves are changing phase with respect to each other for MAX 1
35	(b)		method: between two consecutive max Δ p.d. = λ	Н	allow any valid method e.g.
			substitution: $2\{\sqrt{[1^2+0.213^2]} - \sqrt{[1^2+0.123^2]}\}$ evaluation: $=2.98 \times 10^{-2} \text{m}$	н	between adjacent max and min Δ p.d. = λ / 2 answer of 1.49 x 10 ⁻² scores 1 MAX as a result of omitting x2
			Total Total section B	5 23	

Section C

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
36	(a)	(i)	$44 \times 10^3 \times 16 \times 2 = 1.4(1) \times 10^6 \text{ bit s}^{-1}$	L	allow 1.3(4) Mbit s ⁻¹ using 1 k = 1024
36	(a)	(ii)	$t = \inf o / \text{ rate } = 840 \times 10^6 \times 8 / [1.41 \times 10^6 \times 60]$ = 79.(4) mins	M M	method allow 4760 s for first mark evaluation
36	(b)	(i)	there is a high f wave whose amplitude varies regularly at a lower f ✓	М	allow AW that convincingly explains there are two distinct frequencies with associated amplitude variation present
36	(b)	(ii)	noise is present with the signal (and should be ignored) ✓	L	
36	(b)	(iii)	11 bits (2 ¹¹ ≈ 2048 (> 1600 Hz))	М	
36	(b)	(iv)	evaluation: $4 \times 24 \times 100 = 9.6 \text{ k bit s}^{-1}$ show that fraction: $9.6 \text{ k} / 1.4 \text{ M} = 0.0069 \approx \frac{1}{146}$	H	allow $9.6 \text{ k} / 1.0 \text{ M} = 0.0096 \approx \frac{1}{104}$
					allow ecf from a(i) allow 0.0068 if using 1.41M
			Total	8	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Ma	rks	Guidance
37	(a)	(i)	should cut 9 th large square exactly	✓ I	-	9th square X
37	(a)	(ii)	$(100 \sqrt{2}) = 14(1)$ OR $(\sqrt{100^2 + 100^2}) = 14(1)$ m	ns ⁻¹	1	allow by discussion of equal x and y velocity components of 100 m s ⁻¹ accept 141.4
37	(a)	(iii)	1 each large square represents a displacement of 100 m s ⁻¹ x 2.0 s = 200 m 2 so range is 200 x 9 = 1800 m ✓	ı		allow correct evaluation of any incorrect answer from 1 multiplied by 9
37	(a)	(iv)	$R = 141^2 \sin 90^\circ / 10 = 19(90)$ (m)	✓ N	1	allow 2000 (m) allow use of 100 ² + 100 ² instead of 141 ² (from part a(ii) leading to either 2000 (from g=10) or 2038 (from g=9.81) allow use of g=9.81 leading to 2026 (m) allow use of 140 (from "show that" in a(ii)) for acceptable values of g
37	(b)		horizontally: $(R = 140^2 \sin 30^\circ / 10 = 980 \mathrm{m})$ times of flight $t_{75^\circ} = 980 / 140 \cos 75^\circ = 27.0 \mathrm{s}$ and $t_{15^\circ} = 980 / 140 \cos 15^\circ = 7.2 \mathrm{s}$ all 3 marks for $\Delta t = 27 - 7.2 = 19.8 \mathrm{s}$ OR vertically: $t_{75^\circ} = 2 \mathrm{x} 140 \sin 75^\circ / 10 = 27.0 \mathrm{s}$ and $t_{15^\circ} = 2 \mathrm{x} 140 \sin 15^\circ / 10 = 7.2 \mathrm{s}$ all 3 marks for $\Delta t = 27 - 7.2 = 19.8 \mathrm{s}$	✓ S8 ✓ S8 ✓ S8 ✓ S8	k C	for both horizontal and vertical approaches allow use of $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ leading to 27.6 - 7.4 = 20.2

37	(c)*	Level 3 (5–6 marks)	LL	accept labelled diagrams or graphs with "exaggeration for clarity"
		Marshals argument in a clear manner and includes clear explanation of all strands including:	MM	Indicative scientific points may include:
		origin of air resistance	НН	origin of air resistance
		 x and y components of v trajectory 		projectile collides with air molecules / knocks them out of the path, transfers momentum / which exert a backwards force opposing the velocity
		There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.		 F_{res} = Δ(mv)/Δt ∝ ρAv x v ∝ ρAv² surface friction / viscous drag concepts
		Level 2 (3–4 marks)		x and y components of v horizontally
		covers all strands at a superficial level and does not include enough depth for level 3.		 component of v is no longer constant / but decreases more quickly at start when v is larger / rate of acceleration less noticeable as v slower
		There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most part relevant and supported by some evidence.		 vertically acceleration no longer constant / g but starts larger due to extra downwards force of drag / equals g when v = 0 because no vertical drag at max height of
		Level 1 (1–2 marks)		trajectory / becomes less than <i>g</i> on way down because drag force is now upwards opposing gravity
		Makes at least two independent points (possibly from only one strand), that are relevant to the argument but does not link them together and shows only superficial engagement		v sin75° / v cos75° = 3.7 / vertical component is affected more because > horizontal component
		with the argument.		trajectory shape not parabolic / not symmetric about maximum height
		There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.		/ descent covers shorter horizontal distance than ascent height travels less far / less than $v^2 \sin 150^\circ$ / $g = 980$ m
		0 marks No response or no response worthy of credit		less area under $v(t)$ graph to max height / less than $\frac{1}{2}gt^2 = \frac{1}{2}x \cdot 10x \cdot 13.5^2 = 910 \text{m}$ / reaches max sooner / $t \cdot t$ ascent for equal area under $v(t)$ graph range is smaller

			credit diagrams / sketch graphs indicative allow exaggeration for clarity
	Total	14	

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
38	(a)		pattern of lines is moved towards the red end of spectrum / blue line becomes blue-green, nearer the red end of spectrum ✓	L	remember red wavelengths and longer (i.r., μ, radio) are shifted away from red end of spectrum during red-shift!
38	(b)		method: $\Delta \lambda / \lambda = \text{constant}$ eval: 22/434 = 0.051 24/486 = 0.049 33/656 = 0.050 so sensibly constant	M	allow any two correct checks
38	(c)		$v = 0.050 \times 3 \times 10^8 = 15 \times 10^6 \text{ (m s}^{-1)}$	L	
			Total	4	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
39	Level 3 (5–6 marks) Marshals argument in a clear manner and includes clear explanation of all strands including: • why ratio ²³⁵ U / ²³⁸ U changes in time • estimation of age of atoms • assumptions	LL MM S&C S&C	Indicative scientific points may include: ratio ²³⁵ U / ²³⁸ U changes in time • ²³⁵ U has shorter half-life, decays more quickly • ²³⁵ U / ²³⁸ U drops < 1 after atoms have formed • accept sketch decay graphs differing t ½ • ²³⁵ U / ²³⁸ U = N ₀ e ^{-λ₁ t} / N ₀ e ^{-λ₂ t}
	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) Covers all strands at a superficial level 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.		estimation of age of atoms • 235 U / 238 U = N_0 e ^{-$\lambda 1t$} / N_0 e ^{-$\lambda 2t$} • $=$ e $^{\ln 2(\lambda 2 - \lambda 1)}$ $t = 0.00725$ • $t = \ln\{0.00725\}$ / $\ln 2\{1/\lambda_2 - 1/\lambda_1\}$ $t = -4.926$ / $\{0.693 \times [1/4.5 - 1/0.71]\}$ Gyears = 5.99 x 10^9 years
	Level 1 (1–2 marks) Makes at least two independent points (possibly from only 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. O marks No response or no response worthy of credit		 early universe had only H and He atoms U only formed later after star formation and supernova explosions probability of forming U nuclei is small but equal for both isotopes of similar complexity so ²³⁵ U / ²³⁸ U ≈ 1 at start aging is from formation of U atoms rather than the formation of the rocks the Earth's U is from one short epoch / no new material added from later supernovae which would re-enrich the ratio all the U nuclei remaining today are only produced by this process and have not been added to since by other processes

	Total	6	

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40	(a)	(i)	method: $E = 40000 / 6 \times 10^{23} \checkmark$ evaluation: $10^{23} = 6.66 \times 10^{-20} (J)$	L L	Must be 'show that'
40	(a)	(ii)	$kT = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times [273 + 70] = 4.7(3) \times 10^{-21} (J)$	L	
40	(a)	(iii)	$E = \{6.66 \times 10^{-20} / 4.7(3) \times 10^{-21} \} kT \approx 14.(1) kT$ $f = e^{-E/kT} = e^{-14} = 8.3 \times 10^{-7}$	Н	OR E/kT≈ 14.(1) allow ecf from a(i) and (ii)
40	(a)	(iv)	molecules making many collisions per second (≈ 10¹⁰) so lots of opportunities to break hydrogen bonds OR energetic molecules are replaced by new ones by those molecules that "get lucky" in random collisions and keep gaining energy up to the bond breaking level	M M	
40	(b)		same BF at x10 T so bond energy is x 10 = 6.7 x 10 ⁻¹⁹ (J) ✓	Н	OR may involve more complex calculations using BF e.g. $\ln 10^{-7} = -E / [k \times 3000] \rightarrow E = 6.7 \times 10^{-19} J$
			Total	8	

C	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
41	(a)	(i)	γ only penetrating radiation getting deep inside the food		not has best penetration
			α absorbed by few cms in air $/$ in surface layer of solids β absorbed in surface layer mm of food $/$ would not irradiate whole sample $\checkmark \checkmark$	LL	$\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{not} α stopped more easily \\ \textbf{not} β stopped more easily \\ any \textbf{two} points from γ, α, β (mention of two points about same radiation type is MAX 1). \\ \\ \textbf{To score 2 marks} $\ ,$ the response must mention γ \\ \end{tabular}$
41	(a)	(ii)	a 1 s dose received would be [500 x 1]/300 ✓	M	,
			= 1.7 [Gy] ✓	M	accept 1.67
41	(b)	(i)	exponential dilution due to absorption of $\gamma\text{-rays}$ by water OR fixed small probability / fraction removed from each equal thickness layer \rightarrow exponential decay with distance \checkmark	н	allow linear absorption coefficient μ for water as probability of absorption per track length OR half-thickness = ln2/ μ = 0.11 m / 11 cm
			$\gamma\text{-rays}$ spread in all spatial directions diluting over the surface of sphere of surface area 4 π R 2 gives inverse square law dilution due to geometry \checkmark	н	allow diagram explanation OR doubling R quadruples area exposed arguments expect high level reasoning including $4\pi R^2$ not descriptions of exponential relationships for either
					marking point since the question requires an explanation of terms in the equation and/or the context.
41	(b)	(ii)	method: $^{3}/_{4}$ x flux I x A x time x E photon-1 / mass worker \checkmark \checkmark	S & C S & C	OR [$\frac{3}{4}$ x1.2 x 10 ¹⁶ x e ^{-6.3 x 2} x0.5x1200x1.3x10 ⁶ x1.6x10 ⁻¹⁹] Sv [4π 2 ² x 60]
			evaluation: 1.3 x 10 ⁻³ [Sv] ✓	S&C	Credit part calculations for 1 mark e.g. e ^{-6.3 x 2} = 3.4 x 10 ⁻⁶

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				OR $1/[4\pi 2^2] = 2 \times 10^{-2}$ OR calculating I from formula given in b(i)
		Total	9	

Q	uestic	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
42	(a)	(i)	straight horizontal line at 1/3 AB from A	L	
42	(a)	(ii)	linear decrease from 12 to 0 V from A to B ✓	L	
42	(a)	(iii)	2400 (V m ⁻¹)	L	
42	(b)	(i)	method: $V_c = 49/10 = 4.9 \text{ V}$ $v = \sqrt{[2 \text{ e } V_c/m]} \text{ evaluation } = 1.3 \times 10^6 \text{ m s}^{-1} \qquad \checkmark$	M M	accept values for anode potential of 48< V < 50
	(b)	(ii)	Method: $4x3.7x10^5 m^2/[3.70001 \times 10^5 m]^2 = 1.08 \times 10^{-5}$	Н	must show full evaluation, not just 10 ⁻⁵
	(b)	(iii)	must be <u>inelastic</u> collisions removing electrons k.e. so they can no longer climb the potential hill of $V_{back\ off}$ means mercury atom must have an internal energy level at 4.9 eV above ground state /		any two points allow 4.9 ± 0.1 V OR electron from ground state can be promoted by sufficient
			evidence of a quantized electrical potential energy level inside mercury atom ✓✓	S&C S&C	energy to a higher energy state, but cannot exist in between states etc
			Total	8	
			Total section C Total sections B & C	57 80	

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