



GCSE

Physics A

Unit A181/01: Unit 1 – Modules P1, P2, P3 (Foundation Tier)

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Mark Scheme for June 2016

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Annotations

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

Annotation	Meaning
/	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
(1)	separates marking points
not/reject	answers which are not worthy of credit
ignore	statements which are irrelevant - applies to neutral answers
allow/accept	answers that can be accepted
(words)	words which are not essential to gain credit
words	underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ecf	error carried forward
AW/owtte	alternative wording
ORA	or reverse argument

Available in scoris to annotate scripts

	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
	benefit of doubt
	contradiction
	incorrect response
	error carried forward
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	no benefit of doubt
	reject
	correct response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	information omitted

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- a. If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
- b. Crossed out answers should be considered only if no other response has been made. When marking crossed out responses, accept correct answers which are clear and unambiguous.

E.g.

For a one mark question, where ticks in boxes 3 and 4 are required for the mark:

Put ticks (✓) in the
two correct boxes.

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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two correct boxes.

<input type="checkbox"/>
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Put ticks (✓) in the
two correct boxes.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

This would be worth
1 mark.

This would be worth
0 marks.

This would be worth
1 mark.

c. The list principle:

If a list of responses greater than the number requested is given, work through the list from the beginning. Award one mark for each correct response, ignore any neutral response, and deduct one mark for any incorrect response, e.g. one which has an error of science. If the number of incorrect responses is equal to or greater than the number of correct responses, no marks are awarded. A neutral response is correct but irrelevant to the question.

d. Marking method for tick boxes:

Always check the additional guidance.

If there is a set of boxes, some of which should be ticked and others left empty, then judge the entire set of boxes.

If there is at least one tick, ignore crosses. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, e.g. shading or crosses.

Credit should be given for each box correctly ticked. If more boxes are ticked than there are correct answers, then deduct one mark for each additional tick. Candidates cannot score less than zero marks.

E.g. If a question requires candidates to identify a city in England, then in the boxes

Edinburgh	
Manchester	
Paris	
Southampton	

the second and fourth boxes should have ticks (or other clear indication of choice) and the first and third should be blank (or have indication of choice crossed out).

Edinburgh			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Manchester	✓	x	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Paris				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Southampton	✓	x		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Score:	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	NR

MARK SCHEME: overlap with A181/01 shown by shading in column 3

Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
1		crust (1); mantle (1) core (1);	3	
		Total	3	
2		2 nd & 4 th boxes (large distances, motion of distant objects)	2	one mark each
		Total	2	
3		C B A	2	all 3 correct = 2 marks 1 or 2 correct = 1 mark
		Total	2	
4	a	i Speed = 8 (km/s)	1	
		ii Time is 12.5s + 12.5s = 25s (1); Speed = 100 km / 25s = 4 (km/s) (1)	2	4 km/s without working = 2 marks 8 km/s = 1 mark
	b	i All places 100 km from A are on this circle (1); Trace/equipment doesn't tell you the direction waves came from (1)	2	e.g. Because the 'quake happened 100 km away/trace tells you how far away the 'quake was (1) e.g. could have come from any direction/waves travel in all directions Must have idea of direction for m.p.2
	b	ii X equidistant from B and A (1); on dotted circle (1)	2	Assessor overlay Candidates who correctly choose both possible locations would get both marks.
		Total	7	

Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
5		<p>(Level 3) Partial but essentially correct description of formation of sedimentary rocks and identifies the presence on the diagram of many layers /different types of rock, linked to formation over a long time. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks)</p> <p>(Level 2) Either a partial but essentially correct description of formation of sedimentary rocks or identifies the presence on the diagram of many layers /different types of rock, linked to formation over a long time. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks)</p> <p>(Level 1) Either a superficial description of structure of sedimentary rocks e.g. layers or describes one relevant feature of the diagram, possibly without consideration of time taken. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1 – 2 marks)</p> <p>(Level 0) Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)</p>	[6]	<p>This question is targeted at grades up to C</p> <p>Indicative scientific points may include:</p> <p>formation of sedimentary rocks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rock formed in layers of sediment/mud/rock • new layers on top of older ones • weathering/erosion of rocks • layers of sediment in seas/lakes • pressure from above compacts layers into a rock <p>how the diagram supports Hutton's theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • layers on top of layers • laid down over a long time • red sandstone more recent than grey sandstone • red sandstone in horizontal layers (as laid down) • grey sandstone layers almost vertical • red sandstone layers are more regular (undisturbed) • top of grey sandstone shows weathering • grey sandstone layers very distorted / rotated / bent (by movements in the Earth) • difference in colouration of stone is evidence of changes with time <p>Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.</p>
		Total	6	

Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
6		electromagnetic (1); photons (1); red (1)	3	
		Total	3	
7	a	damage to cells/tissues OR causes cancer	1	<p>Accept answers more appropriate to H-tier or to Unit P6 e.g. ionise atoms, cause mutations in DNA.</p> <p>Accept types of cancer including skin cancer</p> <p>Ignore kill you, make you ill</p> <p>Accept kill cells</p>
	b	<p>Method, any one of: Barrier or example of a barrier;</p> <p>Special/protective clothing /suitable example;</p> <p>Increase distance;</p> <p>Decrease time of exposure</p> <p>Explanation, any one of: To block/absorb radiation; To stop them penetrating the body; To reduce exposure/dose</p>	1	<p>Reject: if all examples given will not stop X- rays e.g. 'plastic barrier'</p> <p>Accept: glass</p> <p>Reject: if all examples given are incorrect e.g. unsuitable clothing: goggles, lab coat, gloves</p> <p>Allow: 'stand behind absorbent material' (2)</p> <p>Accept: wear a badge (to monitor dose received) with explanation e.g. so they can make sure dose is not too high (2);</p>

Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
7	c	Any two of the following: X-ray machine can be switched off; radioactive sources produce gammas all the time; Gamma rays have higher energy/power/frequency; direction of X-rays predictable; Gamma rays come out in all directions; Gamma rays more penetrating; Gamma rays need (more) shielding; Danger of contamination by radioactive material; Gammas are more ionising.	2	Allow reverse argument Ignore rewording of question e.g. 'more harmful' Ignore 'stronger', 'gamma causes more damage', 'causes cancer'
		Total	5	
8	a	$(2.4 + 2.2 + 2.0)/3 \text{ (1);}$ $= 2.2 \text{ (MB) (1)}$	2	$6.6/3 \text{ (1)}$ 2.2 (MB) gets 2 marks without any working
	b	$500 / 2.5 \text{ (1);}$ $= 200 \text{ (1)}$	2	200 gets 2 marks without any working
	c	1 st & 5 th boxes (more images, better quality images)	2	one mark each
		Total	6	

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance
9	<p>(Level 3) States at least one point describing either radiation from Earth or radiation from the Sun. AND states at least one relevant point about the greenhouse effect AND includes the idea that energy or radiation is trapped (in the atmosphere) Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks)</p> <p>(Level 2) States a relevant point about the greenhouse effect AND includes the idea that energy or radiation is trapped (in the atmosphere) OR States at least one point describing either radiation from Earth or radiation from the Sun AND includes the idea that energy or radiation is trapped (in the atmosphere) OR States at least one point describing either radiation from Earth or radiation from the Sun AND states a relevant point about the greenhouse effect Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks)</p> <p>(Level 1) States at least one point describing either radiation from Earth or radiation from the Sun. OR States a relevant point about the greenhouse effect OR Includes the idea that energy or radiation is trapped (in the atmosphere)</p>	[6]	<p>This question is targeted at grades up to E</p> <p>Indicative scientific points related to difference in radiation from the Sun and Earth may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun's radiation includes visible/UV/other types of EM radiation • radiation emitted by Earth is infrared • radiation from the Sun has more energy /power/ intensity/is more ionising than radiation from the Earth • atmosphere does not absorb (much) light/radiation from Sun • atmosphere/greenhouse gases absorb radiation from Earth • Sun's radiation/light gives energy for plants/photosynthesis <p>Indicative scientific points related to the greenhouse effect may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If energy in > energy out Earth will heat up • Earth's radiation is absorbed. • Sun's radiation is transmitted • atmosphere/gases absorb infrared/radiation from Earth • these (greenhouse) gases include carbon dioxide (and methane & water) • this results in global warming <p>Example of ideas of energy/radiation is trapped</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Radiation from the Sun cannot escape' • 'Prevents radiation from the Sun leaving' • 'Heat is trapped' <p>Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.</p>

Question			Answer	Mark	Guidance
			<p>Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1 – 2 marks)</p> <p>(Level 0) Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)</p>		
			Total	6	

Question			Answer	Mark	Guidance
10	a		water/ H ₂ O (1); generator/ dynamo/ alternator (1); magnet/ electromagnet (1)	3	
	b		38 %	1	
			Total	4	
11	a		333	1	
	b		2 nd box (no of kWh × cost of 1 kWh)	1	
	c		1 st & 3 rd boxes (colder in March, used electric lights more)	2	one mark each
			Total	4	

Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
				Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.
		Total	6	

Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
13	a	230 V \times 2.5 A (1); = 575 (W)(1)	2	575 with no working gets both marks
	b	600 W \times (5 \times 60 s) (1); = 180 000 (J) (1)	2	3000 J = 1 mark 180 000 / 180 k / 0.18 M with no working gets both marks
	c	Two of: Is easier (concept) to understand; a joule is a (much) smaller unit than a kWh; joules = 3600000 x kWh; idea that an electricity bill in joules has many figures; easier to read/manage/calculate with; kWh is a traditional unit that everyone is used to;	2	Any two points Allow reverse arguments e.g. longer, bigger
		Total	6	

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