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## Physics A

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## Annotations available in RM Assessor

| Annotation | Meaning |
| :---: | :---: |
| BOD | Benefit of doubt given |
| CON | Contradiction |
| * | Incorrect response |
| ECF | Error carried forward |
| L1 | Level 1 |
| L2 | Level 2 |
| 13 | Level 3 |
| TE | Transcription error |
| NBOD | Benefit of doubt not given |
| POT | Power of 10 error |
| $\wedge$ | Omission mark |
| SF | Error in number of significant figures |
| - | Correct response |
| 2 | Wrong physics or equation |

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

| Annotation | Meaning |
| :---: | :--- |
| $/$ | 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 | Whswers that can be accepted |
| ( ) | Underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark |
| ECF | Alternative wording |
| AW | Or reverse argument |
| ORA |  |

## MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

## Generic version as supplied by OCR Sciences

## CATEGORISATION OF MARKS

The marking schemes categorise marks on the MACB scheme.

B marks: These are awarded as 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 answers.

M marks: These are method marks upon which A-marks (accuracy marks) later depend. For an M-mark to be scored, the point to which it refers must be seen in the candidate's answers. If a candidate fails to score a particular M-mark, then none of the dependent A-marks can be scored.

C marks: These are compensatory method marks which can be scored even if the points to which they refer are not written down by the candidate, providing 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 working which shows the candidate knew the equation, then the $\mathbf{C}$-mark is given.

A marks: These are accuracy or answer marks, which either depend on an M-mark, or allow a C-mark to be scored.

## Note about significant figures:

If the data given in a question is to 2 sf, then allow to 2 or more significant figures.
If an answer is given to fewer than 2 sf , then penalise once only in the entire paper.
Any exception to this rule will be mentioned in the Additional Guidance.

| Question | Answer | Marks |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| 1 | C | 1 |  |
| 2 | C | 1 |  |
| 3 | B | 1 |  |
| 4 | C | 1 |  |
| 5 | B | 1 |  |
| 6 | C | 1 |  |
| 7 | A | 1 |  |
| 8 | A | 1 |  |
| 9 | A | 1 |  |
| 10 | D | 1 |  |
| 11 | D | 1 |  |
| 12 | D | 1 |  |
| 13 | A | 1 |  |
| 14 | B | 1 |  |
| 15 | C | 1 |  |
| 16 | B | 1 |  |
| 17 | D | 1 |  |
| 18 | A | 1 |  |
| 19 | B | 1 |  |
| 20 | D | 1 |  |
|  |  | 20 |  |


| Question |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| 21 | (a) | $\begin{aligned} & \left(\mathrm{KE}=1 / 2 \times 0.900 \times 2.0^{2}\right) \\ & \text { kinetic energy }=1.8(\mathrm{~J}) \end{aligned}$ | B1 |  |
|  | (b) | Constant velocity from 0 to $0.3(0 \mathrm{~s}) /$ up to $0.3(0 \mathrm{~s}) /$ up to the crash / at the start <br> Velocity decreases / deceleration from $\underline{0.3}(0 \mathrm{~s})$ to $\underline{0.8(0 \mathrm{~s})}$ <br> Zero velocity / stationary after 0.8 (s) / towards the end gradient (of the graph) = velocity | B1 <br> B1 <br> B1 <br> B1 | Allow speed instead of velocity <br> Allow 0.30 to 0.40 <br> Allow 0.30 to 0.40 and 0.76 to 0.80 <br> Allows slows down <br> Possible ECF <br> Allow slope instead of gradient <br> Allow gradient is $2.0\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$ / gradient is constant (up to 0.30 <br> s) / straight line (up to 0.30 s ), so velocity / speed is constant <br> Allow gradient decreases (between 0.30 s and 0.80 s ), so <br> velocity / speed decreases <br> Allow gradient is zero (after 0.80 s ), so velocity / speed is zero |
|  | (c) | $\begin{aligned} & s=0.5(\mathrm{~m}) \quad \mid \quad t=0.5(\mathrm{~s}) \\ & a=(-) \frac{2.0}{0.5} \quad \text { or } \quad 0=2.0^{2}+2 \times a \times 0.5 \\ & \text { deceleration }=(-) 4.0\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-2}\right) \end{aligned}$ | C1 <br> A1 | Allow other correct methods <br> Possible ECF from (b) <br> Allow 1 sf answer Ignore sign |
|  |  | Total | 7 |  |



| Question |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| 23 | (a) | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Earth mentioned (as an integral part of the system) } \\ \text { The Earth has (equal and) opposite momentum to the } \\ \text { (falling) ball (so momentum is conserved) } \\ \text { or } \\ \text { The Earth moves upwards / towards the ball (with a tiny } \\ \text { speed, so momentum is conserved) }\end{array}$ | M1 | Not 'ground' |
| Allow: The Earth experiences an upward force (and moves |  |  |  |  |
| upwards) |  |  |  |  |$]$


| Question |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |  |
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| $\mathbf{2 4}$ | (a) | (i) | Current $=0.030(A)$ <br> $(I=A n e v) ; 0.030=3.8 \times 10^{-6} \times 5.0 \times 10^{25} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times V$ <br> $V=9.9 \times 10^{-4}\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$ | C1 | A1 |


| Question |  |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| 25 | (a) | (i) | 4 (cm) | B1 |  |
|  |  | (ii) | (As the wave spreads out the) amplitude decreases intensity $\propto$ amplitude ${ }^{2}$ and therefore intensity decreases | M1 <br> A1 | Not 'displacement' <br> Not ' $A$ decreases' <br> Ignore 'energy is lost' <br> Allow $I \propto A^{2}$ <br> Note Do not allow this mark if we also have $I \propto 1 / x^{2}$ but allow this mark if we also have $I \propto 1 / x$ <br> Allow 1 mark for: <br> ( $I=P / A$ ) power is constant and as area increases the intensity decreases <br> or <br> intensity $\propto 1$ /area and as area increases the intensity decreases |
|  | (b) | (i) | The superposition of coherent waves | B1 | Not 'combine / meet / interact' for 'superposition' Allow 'superposition of waves with a constant phase difference (at the sources)' Allow 'waves that superpose constructively / destructively' |
|  |  | (ii) | path difference (is 4.5 cm , which) is $1.5 \lambda$ <br> Destructive interference occurs | M1 <br> A1 | Allow lengths are $5 \lambda \& 3.5 \lambda$ and phase difference $=180^{(0)}$ or waves are in anti-phase <br> Not $\lambda / 2$ out of phase <br> Not path difference is 1.5 cycles / periods / oscillations |
|  |  |  | Total | 6 |  |


| Question |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| 26 | (a) | $\sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{\mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-2}}{\mathrm{kgm}^{-1}}}$ clearly leading to $\mathrm{m} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$ <br> Homogeneous because $v$ and $(T / \mu)^{1 / 2}$ have same units | M1 <br> AO |  |
|  | (b) | $\text { ( } \mu=\text { mass/length })$ <br> Use (digital) balance / scales for mass <br> Use ruler / measuring tape for the length <br> Any one from: <br> 1. Measure mass to the nearest gram $/ 0.1 \mathrm{~g} / 0.01 \mathrm{~g} / 0.001$ $\mathrm{g} /$ 'high resolution' <br> 2. Measure length to (the nearest) mm <br> 3. Repeat for different length / mass (and determine average value for the mass per unit length) <br> 4. Use a longer length of wire (reduce the percentage uncertainty) <br> 5. Ensure there is no zero-error for the balance / scales or use calibrated balance / scales (AW) | B1 <br> B1 <br> B1 | Not 'weight', but allow 'weigh using scales to get mass' Allow for $\mu=T / v^{2}$ route: $T$ is measured using a newtonmeter or determine $T$ using $m g$ by measuring (hanging) mass $m$ using a balance / scales <br> Allow for $\mu=T / v^{2}$ route: Determine $v$ by measuring length using a ruler / tape measure (and also either stopwatch or stroboscope) <br> Allow any other sensible suggestion <br> Ignore incorrect use of the terms accuracy and precision <br> Not 'repeat measurements' for 3 <br> Allow 'determine gradient of mass against length graph' or 'determine gradient of $T-V^{2}$ graph' for 3 |
|  | (c) | Speed / $v$ (of the progressive wave) is the same <br> Wavelength / $\lambda$ decreases as frequency / $f$ increases <br> length $=\lambda / 2$ (for the first harmonic), length $=\lambda$ (for the second harmonic) and length $=3 \lambda / 2$ (for the third harmonic) | B1 B1 B1 | Allow $f \propto 1 / \lambda$ or $\lambda$ is halved when $f$ is doubled (AW) <br> Allow $L$ for length <br> Allow $\lambda=2 L / n$ ( $n$ is 1,2 and 3 ) <br> Not just $\lambda / 2, \lambda$ and $3 \lambda / 2$ next to the patterns |
|  |  | Total | 7 |  |


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| 27 | (a) |  | The minimum frequency of the EM waves / light / uv / photon for the removal of (surface) electron(s) | B1 | Allow 'minimum / smallest frequency of EM wave to cause photoelectron emission' <br> Not wave |
|  | (b) | (i) | $h f=\phi+K E_{(\max )}$ and kinetic energy $=0\left(\right.$ at $\left.f_{0}\right)$ (therefore $\phi=h f_{0}$ ) | B1 |  |
|  |  | (ii) | Data point (to with $1 / 2$ small square) and a reasonable straight (best-fit) line drawn with a straight edge / ruler | B1 | Not freehand / wobbly line |
|  |  | (iii) | Correct conversion from eV to J using $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ $($ gradient $=h)$ <br> gradient determined and $h=(6.4$ to 7.4$) \times 10^{-34}(\mathrm{~J} \mathrm{~s})$ | B1 <br> B1 | Note this can be a single value of $\phi$ or $\Delta \phi$ <br> Allow value of $h$ must be given to 2 or 3 SF |
|  |  | (iv) | Draw a worst-fit line (and determine gradient / h) (AW) <br> $\%$ uncertainty $=(h$ from biii $-h$ from worst line $) \times 100 \div h$ from biii <br> or <br> Calculate the average $h$ using $f_{0}$ and $\phi$ (values) <br> $\%$ uncertainty $=(1 / 2$ range $\div$ average $h) \times 100$ | B1 <br> B1 <br> B1 <br> B1 | Allow (line of) maximum / minimum gradient <br> Ignore sign <br> Allow gradient instead of $h$ |
|  |  |  | Total | 7 |  |

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