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Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right-hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

2. Emboldening

2.1 In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available 'any **two** from' is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following bullet points is a potential mark.

2.2 A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.

2.3 Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of **or**. Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a / ; eg allow smooth / free movement.

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which candidates have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that 'right + wrong = wrong'.

Each error / contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of error / contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution? (1 mark)

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	green, 5	0
2	red*, 5	1
3	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system. (2 marks)

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	Neptune, Mars, Moon	1
2	Neptune, Sun, Mars, Moon	0

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a candidate writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown.

However, if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution / working and this is shown in the 'extra information' column or by each stage of a longer calculation.

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward

Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only.

Papers should be constructed in such a way that the number of times errors can be carried forward are kept to a minimum. Allowances for errors carried forward are most likely to be restricted to calculation questions and should be shown by the abbreviation e.c.f. in the marking scheme.

3.6 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets

(…..) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.8 Ignore / Insufficient / Do <u>not</u> allow

Ignore or insufficient are used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.

Do **not** allow means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.

Quality of Written Communication and levels marking

In Question 9(b) candidates are required to produce extended written material in English, and will be assessed on the quality of their written communication as well as the standard of the scientific response.

Candidates will be required to:

- use good English
- organise information clearly
- use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

The following general criteria should be used to assign marks to a level:

Level 1: basic

- Knowledge of basic information
- Simple understanding
- The answer is poorly organised, with almost no specialist terms and their use demonstrating a general lack of understanding of their meaning, little or no detail
- The spelling, punctuation and grammar are very weak.

Level 2: clear

- Knowledge of accurate information
- Clear understanding
- The answer has some structure and organisation, use of specialist terms has been attempted but not always accurately, some detail is given
- There is reasonable accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar, although there may still be some errors.

Level 3: detailed

- Knowledge of accurate information appropriately contextualised
- Detailed understanding, supported by relevant evidence and examples
- Answer is coherent and in an organised, logical sequence, containing a wide range of appropriate or relevant specialist terms used accurately.
- The answer shows almost faultless spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / spec ref
1(a)	Blue		1	AO1 2.4.1f
1(b)(i)	bigger the diameter the greater the maximum (safe) current	accept positive correlation accept as one goes up so does the other	1	AO2 2.4.1e
1(b)(ii)	4		1	AO2 2.4.1e
Total			**3**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / spec ref
2(a)(i)	gravitational		1	AO1 2.6.2c
2(a)(ii)	planet		1	AO1 2.6.2c
2(a)(iii)	nuclear fusion		1	AO1 2.6.2b
2(b)	gold		1	AO1 2.6.2f
2(c)	Deneb has a much greater mass than the Sun	accept a specific mass greater than 2 times the mass of the Sun Deneb has a mass greater than the Sun is insufficient	1	AO3 2.6.2e
Total			**5**	

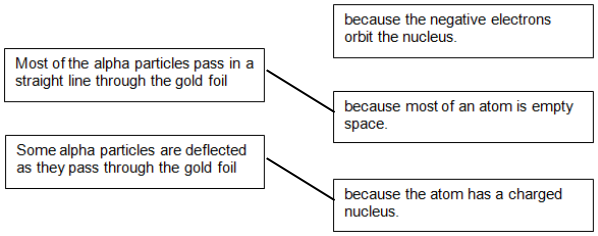
Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / spec ref
3(a)(i)	elastic potential		1	AO1 2.1.5b
3(a)(ii)	0 (cm)		1	AO1 2.1.5c
3(b)(i)	0.3 (kg)		1	AO2 2.1.5d
3(b)(ii)	3 (N) **or** their (b)(i) × 10 correctly calculated	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 0.3 × 10 **or** their (b)(i) × 10 provided no subsequent step shown	2	AO2 2.1.4d
3(b)(iii)	straight line through the origin passing through (3,6) **or** (their (b)(ii), 6)		1 1	AO1 AO2 2.1.5d
Total			**7**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / spec ref
4(a)	greater than		1	AO1 2.2.1g
4(b)(i)	6.3 kg m/s	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 0.45 × 14 provided no subsequent step shown an answer 5.4 gains **1** mark	2 1	AO1 AO2 2.2.2a
4(b)(ii)	speed of (foot)ball changes direction of (foot)ball changes	accept speed of (foot)ball decreases accept speed goes from 14 to 12 accept energy / momentum transferred to the wall velocity changes gains **2** marks	1 1	AO1 2.2.2a
Total			**6**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / spec ref
5(a)	K – switch L – variable resistor		1 1	AO1 2.3.2c
5(b)	3		1	AO2 2.3.2j
5(c)(i)	point at 4 V circled	allow if drawn on graph N	1	AO3 2.3.2e
5(c)(ii)	Taking more readings between 2 and 4 volts Re-doing any readings that may be anomalous		1 1	AO3 2.3.2e
5(c)(iii)	resistor	accept wire	1	AO1 2.3.2e
Total			**7**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / spec ref
6(a)(i)	**R** and **S** same resultant force	 reason may score only if **R** and **S** chosen	1 1	AO1 AO2 2.1.1b
6(a)(ii)	**P** resultant force is zero	 accept forces cancel reason may score only if **P** chosen	1 1	AO1 AO2 2.1.1d
6(b)	2.5 m/s^2	 allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{175}{70}$ **or** $175 = 70 \times$ a provided no subsequent step shown 	2 1	AO1 AO2 2.1.2a
Total			**7**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / spec ref
7(a)(i)	becomes negatively charged **or** gains electrons	accept the cloth will be attracted to the ruler do **not** accept loses positive charge	1	AO1 2.3.1b
7(a)(ii)	rod is negatively charged rod is not Perspex		1 1	AO3 2.3.1d
7(b)(i)	4	allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{108\,000}{27\,000}$ provided no subsequent step shown	2	AO2 2.3.2a
7(b)(ii)	any **one** from: • (draws a) smaller current (from the battery) • battery lasts longer (before recharging) • bulb does not get as hot • LED lasts longer (before needing replacing)		1	AO1 2.3.2o
Total			**6**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / spec ref
8(a)	electrons have a negative charge equal to the positive 'pudding'	accept electrons are negative accept the same as the positive charge accept balance / cancel the positive charge accept cancels the pudding allow for **1** mark charge on electrons equals charge of plum pudding **or** negative and positive charges are equal	1 1	AO1 2.5.1c
8(b)(i)		allow **1** mark for one correct line if more than one line drawn from any observation all those lines are wrong	2	AO1 2.5
8(b)(ii)	any **one** from: • 'plum pudding' atom has no empty space • 'plum pudding' does not have a nucleus • electrons are embedded **or** electrons do not orbit	accept electrons are inside	1	AO2 2.5

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / spec ref
8(c)	orbit of electrons too close to the nucleus	accept nucleus too big accept electrons are (much) smaller (than protons / neutrons) ignore a gap is shown between neutrons and protons	1	AO2 2.5.1a/b
8(d)	scientists found out new things about the atom		1	AO1 2.5.1d
Total			**7**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / spec ref
9(a)(i)	radiation in the environment	accept air for environment accept radiation around us all of the time specific examples only is insufficient	1	AO1 2.5.2b
9(a)(ii)	any **one** from: • nuclear power (stations) • nuclear weapons (testing) • nuclear accidents	accept (nuclear) fission accept nuclear waste accept coal power stations accept nuclear bombs / fallout accept named accident, eg Chernobyl or Fukushima accept named medical procedure which involves a radioactive source accept X-rays accept specific industrial examples that involve a radioactive source accept radiotherapy nuclear activity / radiation is insufficient smoke detectors is insufficient	1	AO1 2.5.2b
9(a)(iii)	electromagnetic radiation	accept electromagnetic wave	1	AO1 2.5.2c
9(a)(iv)	decrease <u>beta</u> radiation deflected (away from GM tube) <u>gamma</u> radiation not affected (by electric field)	 accept electric field stops beta particles reaching GM tube accept for **1** mark some radiation is deflected (away from GM tube) and some is not	1 1 1	AO1 2.5.2f

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / spec ref
9(b)	Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 5 and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.		6	AO3 2.5.2e/h

0 marks	Level 1 (1–2 marks)	Level 2 (3–4 marks)
No relevant content.	There is a brief evaluation in terms of **either** type of radiation emitted **or** half-life. **Or** a brief evaluation of a source in terms of both type of radiation emitted and half-life. **Or** a conclusion that **B** or **C** is suitable with a reason.	**Either** a clear evaluation to include consideration of type of radiation emitted **or** half-life for all sources. **Or** a full evaluation of C in terms of radiation and half-life.

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark

examples of the points made in the response	extra information
A – alpha • not able to penetrate the aluminium (foil)	
B and **C** – beta • amount of beta detected depends on the thickness of the foil • so a change in count rate would indicate a change in thickness	
D – gamma • travel through the foil with no attenuation	accept foil would not affect gamma ignore gamma can pass through lead
• change in thickness would not change count rate	
Half-life	
A (and) **C** • appropriate for application • level of radiation would remain (fairly) constant over a long time • source would not need to be changed frequently	have a long half-life is insufficient
B and **D** • rapid decay means levels detected would change rapidly (even if thickness does not change) • control mechanism would need constant recalibration • source need frequent replacement • rapid decay (may) increase radiation levels in workers environment	
Conclusion **C** is the only source suitable for this application	

Total			12