

Cambridge IGCSE™ (9–1)

PHYSICS (9–1)
Paper 4 Extended Theory
MARK SCHEME
Maximum Mark: 80

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Students did not sit exam papers in the June 2020 series due to the Covid-19 global pandemic.

This mark scheme is published to support teachers and students and should be read together with the question paper. It shows the requirements of the exam. The answer column of the mark scheme shows the proposed basis on which Examiners would award marks for this exam. Where appropriate, this column also provides the most likely acceptable alternative responses expected from students. Examiners usually review the mark scheme after they have seen student responses and update the mark scheme if appropriate. In the June series, Examiners were unable to consider the acceptability of alternative responses, as there were no student responses to consider.

Mark schemes should usually be read together with the Principal Examiner Report for Teachers. However, because students did not sit exam papers, there is no Principal Examiner Report for Teachers for the June 2020 series.

Cambridge International will not enter into discussions about these mark schemes.

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Science-Specific Marking Principles

- 1 Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly.
- The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored.
- Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection).
- The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.

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5 'List rule' guidance

For questions that require *n* responses (e.g. State **two** reasons ...):

- The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided
- Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards *n*
- Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards n
- Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response
- Non-contradictory responses after the first *n* responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form, (e.g. $a \times 10^{n}$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (a) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	(a =) (v-u)/t OR (62-6.0)/35 OR 56/35	C1
	1.6 m/s ²	A1
1(a)(ii)	$(F =) ma OR \Delta p / \Delta t OR 2.5 \times 10^5 \times 1.6 OR (62 \times 2.5 \times 10^5 - 6.0 \times 2.5 \times 10^5) / 35$	C1
	$4.0\times10^5\text{N}$	A1
1(a)(iii)	$(p =) mv \text{ OR } 2.5 \times 10^5 \times 6.0$	C1
	$1.5 \times 10^6 \mathrm{kg}\mathrm{m/s}$	A1
1(b)	curve of decreasing gradient from (0,0) to a point along dashed line	B1
	straight line of positive gradient after <i>t</i> = 35 s	B1
	gradient not zero at $t = 35$ s OR no change of gradient (at $t = 35$ s)	B1
1(c)	thermal energy AND in something specific (e.g. brakes / air / tyres) OR kinetic energy of air	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	0 (N) AND 8.0 N	B1
2(b)	(k=) F/x OR 8.0/0.15	C1
	53 N/m OR 0.53 N/cm	A 1
2(c)(i)	elastic potential (energy)	B1
2(c)(ii)	15 cm	B1
2(c)(iii)	7.5 cm OR 2(c)(ii)/2	B1

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	liquid levels in the two limbs of the tube are equal	B1
3(b)	molecules collide with the walls (of the container)	B1
	momentum of molecules changes (reverses)	B1
	this causes a force AND force spread out (over area of walls)	B1
3(c)(i)	$(p_2 =) p_1 V_1 / V_2 = 1.0 \times 10^5 \times 60 / 50$	C1
	1.2×10 ⁵ Pa	A1
3(c)(ii)	$p_2 = p_{\text{atm}} + h\rho g \text{ OR } 1.2 \times 10^5 - 1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ OR } 2.0 \times 10^4 \text{ OR } (\rho =) 2.0 \times 10^4 / (0.15 \times 10)$	C1
	1.3 × 10⁴ kg m ⁻³	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	temperature at which liquid turns into gas	B1
4(b)(i)	$(E =) mc\Delta T \text{ OR } 0.30 \times 4200 \times (100 - 95)$	C1
	6300 J	A 1
4(b)(ii)	$(C =) E/\Delta T \text{ OR } 6300/84$	C1
	75J/°C	A1
4(b)(iii)	molecules do work against attractive force as they evaporate	B1
	more energetic molecules more likely to escape	B1
	average energy of remaining molecules decreases	B1

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Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	(point) where incident parallel rays meet after passing through lens OR origin of rays that emerge parallel after passing through lens	M1
	on principal axis OR use of term paraxial OR centre line	A1
5(b)(i)	enlarged virtual upright two correct answers underlined AND no more than one wrong answer underlined	M1
	three correct answers underlined AND no wrong answer underlined	A 1
5(b)(ii)1	both principal focuses marked at points 5.0 cm from the optical centre	B1
5(b)(ii)2	 any two construction lines from: line from top of I towards far principal focus and traced back from lens horizontally line from top of I to (and through) centre of lens horizontal line from top of I to lens and traced back to near principal focus 	B2
	O marked with top at intersection	B1
5(b)(iii)	2.7 cm ≥ distance ≥ 3.1 cm	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	$(\lambda =) v/f OR 340/20000 OR 340/20$	C1
	0.017 m AND 17 m	A 1
6(b)	(longitudinal wave) vibration direction parallel to propagation / energy travel direction	B1
	transverse wave vibration direction perpendicular to propagation / energy travel direction	B1
	consists of rarefactions AND compressions	B1

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(c)	diffraction mentioned	B1
	wavelength of sound from drum / low frequency sound greater (than wavelength of high frequency sound)	B1
	more diffraction of sound from drum OR less diffraction of high frequency sound	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)(i)	(copper) contains free electrons	B1
	good <u>electrical</u> conductor	B1
7(a)(ii)	magnetic material OR easily magnetised	B1
	temporary magnetic material OR easily demagnetised	B1
7(b)(i)	alternating / changing / varying magnetic field (produced by X)	B1
	(electromagnetic) induction in Y	B1
	(alternating) electromotive force (e.m.f.) between terminals of Y / in Y	B1
7(b)(ii)	current in X increases	B1
	to supply the power used in Y/the lamp	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)	990 / (54 / 1.2) OR 990 / 45 OR (number of cells in pack =) 54 / 1.2 OR 45	C1
	22	A 1
8(b)(i)	$(P =) EI OR 1.2 \times 3.5$	C1
	4.2 W OR 4.2 J/s	A1

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Question	Answer	Marks
8(b)(ii)	thick wires have a smaller resistance	B1
	less thermal energy generated in wires	B1
	more efficient OR less risk of fire / insulation melting	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)	digital signal: consists of high and low states / voltages	B1
	analogue signal: continuously varying voltage	B1
9(b)(i)	AND gate OR gate AND AND	B1
9(b)(ii)	when the inputs differ AND 'AND gate' produces 0 AND 'OR gate' produces 1	B1
9(c)(i)	both inputs to upper NOR gate are 0s	B1
9(c)(ii)	two (identical) inputs to NAND gate are 1s	M1
	lower input to lower NOR gate is 1	M1
	output Q is 0	A1

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Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)	equal number of electrons OR equal number of protons	B1
10(b)(i)	¹³ ₅ X	C1
	⁰ ₋₁ β	C1
	¹³ Y	A1
10(b)(ii)	 any three from: β-particles have charge of smaller size β-particles have smaller mass β-particles have less energy β-particles travel faster/less time near to air molecule effect/force on electrons in air molecules less 	В3

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