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## Physics A

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Annotations available in RM Assessor

| Annotation | Meaning |
| :---: | :---: |
| BOD | Benefit of doubt given |
| CON | Contradiction |
| 3 | Incorrect response |
| ECF | Error carried forward |
| L1 | Level 1 |
| L2 | Level 2 |
| 43 | Level 3 |
| TE | Transcription error |
| NBOD | Benefit of doubt not given |
| POT | Power of 10 error |
| $\bigcirc$ | Omission mark |
| SF | Error in number of significant figures |
| $\checkmark$ | 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 |
| :---: | :--- |
| reject | alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point |
| not | Answers which are not worthy of credit |
| Ignore | Answers which are not worthy of credit |
| Allow | Statements which are irrelevant |
| ( ) | Answers that can be accepted |
| - | Words which are not essential to gain credit |
| ECF | Error carried forward |
| AW | Alternative wording |
| ORA | Or reverse argument |

## 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.

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.
$\mathbf{M}$ 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.

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 Guidance.

SECTION A

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


| Question |  |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| 21 | (a) |  | Mass is a scalar (quantity) and velocity is a vector (quantity). <br> (Addition of) velocity depends on direction / sign / vector triangle / resolving (ORA) | B1 <br> B1 | Allow 'Velocity can be cancelled out' |
|  | (b) | (i) | An arrow from trolley to ramp along the string (for the tension) and a downwards arrow from the trolley (for the weight). | B1 | Allow arrows in correct directions anywhere on Fig. 21 Not arrow for the tension parallel to the ramp Not arrow perpendicular to the ramp for the weight Not two arrow heads in opposite directions along the string for the tension |
|  |  | (ii) | $\begin{aligned} & \left(s=1 / 2 a t^{2}\right) ; 0.80=1 / 2 \times 3.0 \times t^{2} \quad \text { (Any subject) } \\ & t=0.73(\mathrm{~s}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { C1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \end{aligned}$ | Note: Apply SF penalty if 0.7 s is on the answer line or the final answer <br> Allow 1 mark for $0.40(\mathrm{~s}) ; 9.8 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-2}$ used instead of $3.0 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-2}$ <br> Allow full credit for alternative methods, e.g: $\begin{align*} & v^{2}=2 \times 0.80 \times 3.0 ; v=2.19\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right) \\ & t=\frac{2.19}{3.0}  \tag{C1}\\ & t=0.73(\mathrm{~s}) \end{align*}$ |
|  |  |  | Total | 5 |  |




| Question |  |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance <br> Not force $=$ mass $\times$ acceleration <br> Not 'force $\propto$ change in momentum over time' |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24 | (a) |  | (Resultant) force is (directly) proportional / equal to the rate of change of momentum | B1 |  |
|  | (b) | (i) | Any two from: momentum, (total) energy and mass | B1 | Not: kinetic energy |
|  |  | (ii) | The force will have the same magnitude (at any time $t$ ) <br> The force is in the opposite direction / has negative value | B1 <br> B1 | Not 'This is because action = reaction' <br> Not Newton's third law Allow 1 mark for a correct graph if there is no description or explanation |
|  | (c) |  | Method 1: Momentum is conserved $\begin{aligned} & 1.7 \times 10^{-27} \times 500 \text { or } 1.7 \times 10^{-27} \times(-) 420 \text { or } 2.0 \times 10^{-26} \times v \\ & 1.7 \times 10^{-27} \times 500=1.7 \times 10^{-27} \times-420+2.0 \times 10^{-26} \times v \\ & v=78\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right) \end{aligned}$ <br> Method 2: Kinetic energy is conserved $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \times 1.7 \times 10^{-27} \times 500^{2} \text { or } 1 / 2 \times 1.7 \times 10^{-27} \times 420^{2} \text { or } \\ & 1 / 2 \times 2.0 \times 10^{-26} \times v^{2} \\ & 1 / 2 \times 1.7 \times 10^{-27} \times 500^{2}=1 / 2 \times 1.7 \times 10^{-27} \times 420^{2}+1 / 2 \times 2.0 \times \\ & 10^{-26} \times v^{2} \\ & v=79\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right) \end{aligned}$ | C1 <br> C1 <br> A1 <br> C1 <br> C1 <br> A1 | Allow 1 mark for $6.8\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$; +420 used instead of -420 <br> Allow full credit for correct use of 'velocity of approach = velocity of recession', e.g: $\begin{aligned} & \text { 'speed' of approach }=(-) \text { 'speed' of recession C1 } \\ & 500=v+420 \\ & V=80\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right) \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | Total | 7 |  |



| Question |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| (b) | Circuit with cell in series with an ammeter and variable <br> resistor. A voltmeter is connected across the variable <br> resistor / (terminals of the) cell | B1 | Allow this B1 mark for a clearly drawn circuit with correct <br> symbols for the cell, variable resistor, voltmeter and <br> ammeter. <br> Allow a battery symbol instead of symbol for a cell |  |
| Measure current and p.d. / voltage across variable resistor |  |  |  |  |
| / cell |  |  |  |  |$\quad$ B1 | Allow 'terminal p.d.' for p.d. across the cell |
| :--- |
| Allow 'measure $I$ and $V$ if the circuit is correct |
| Allow 'measure voltmeter and ammeter readings' if the |
| circuit is correct |
| Possible ECF for incorrect symbol for variable resistor |


| Question |  |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| 26 | (a) | (i) | $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ move in opposite directions | B1 | Allow $\mathbf{A}$ is moving up and $\mathbf{B}$ is moving down (or vice versa) Allow they have a phase difference of $180^{(0)}$ or $\pi(\mathrm{rad})$ Allow they are in antiphase |
|  |  | (ii) | $\begin{aligned} & \lambda=0.80(\mathrm{~m}) \\ & v=f \lambda ; \quad v=75 \times 0.80 \\ & v=60\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right) \\ & \text { absolute uncertainty }=\frac{2.0}{40} \times 60 \\ & \text { absolute uncertainty }=3.0\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right) \end{aligned}$ | C1 <br> A1 <br> A1 | Allow 80 (cm) for this C1 mark <br> Allow 1 mark for $30\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$ from the C1A1 marks; $\lambda=0.40$ m used <br> Note $60 \pm 3\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$ scores full marks <br> Allow 2 marks for $6000 \pm 300\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$; $\lambda$ in cm (POT error) <br> Allow 2 marks for $30 \pm 1.5\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right) ; \lambda=0.40 \mathrm{~m}$ used |
|  | (b) | (i) | Reflection (of progressive waves) at (fixed) end(s) / X/Y <br> Superposition (of these waves gives rise to the stationary wave) | B1 <br> B1 | Allow: 'interference' instead of 'superposition' |
|  |  | (ii) | The wavelength is twice the length of cord / distance between $\mathbf{X}$ and $\mathbf{Y}$ | B1 | Allow $\lambda=2 \mathrm{XY}$ or equivalent |
|  |  |  | Total | 7 |  |


| Question |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| 27 | (a) | -1.0 V to $2.6 \mathrm{~V}: I=0 /$ negligible and $R=\infty /$ (very) large (AW) <br> 2.6 V to 3.0 V : $R$ decreases <br> 3.0 V to 3.4 V : $R$ decreases <br> Justification of a B1 point in terms of $R=V / I$. <br> For example to show: <br> - $R$ is infinite: $R=2.0 / 0=\infty$ <br> - $R$ decreases: $R$ calculated once and has $R=\infty$, or $R$ calculated twice | B1 <br> B1 <br> B1 <br> B1 | Allow 'rapid decrease in $R$ ' <br> Allow 'slow decrease in $R$ ' <br> Not $R$ is constant (because it is a straight line) <br> Not $R=$ gradient $^{-1}$ <br> Ignore powers of 10 and units <br> Note: $V$ and $I$ values within $\pm 1$ small square |
|  | (b) | (The circuit does not work because) the LED is reverse biased / incorrect polarity of the cell (AW) <br> $V$ must be greater than 2.6 (V for the LED to be lit) <br> Use two (or more 1.5 V ) cells (in series) / use a supply greater than 2.6 (V) / use a $3.0(\mathrm{~V})$ supply | B1 <br> B1 <br> B1 | Allow: (For the circuit to work) the LED must be forwardbiased / 'reverse the LED' / 'reverse the cell' <br> Allow $\pm 0.1 \mathrm{~V}$ <br> Not $V$ must be equal to / 'at least' 2.6 V <br> Allow this mark even if the LED is reverse biased <br> Note: This B1 mark can be scored on Fig. 27.2 Allow this mark even if the LED is reverse biased |
|  | (c) | $\begin{aligned} & E=\frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3.0 \times 10^{8}}{480 \times 10^{-9}} \text { or } E=4.1(4) \times 10^{-19}(\mathrm{~J}) \\ & N=\frac{1.2 \times 10^{-3}}{4.1(4) \times 10^{-19}} \\ & N=2.9 \times 10^{15}\left(\mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{C} 1 \\ & \mathrm{C} 1 \\ & \mathrm{~A} 1 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  | Total | 10 |  |

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