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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.

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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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).
- 4 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.

5 'List rule' guidance (see examples below)

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.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	(average thickness =) $2.4 \div 8$	C1
	(average thickness =) 0.3 (cm)	A1
1(b)	any four from: measuring cylinder partially filled with water / displacement can filled with water volume of water recorded / empty measuring cylinder under spout coin(s) in water OR water covers all coin(s) new volume noted / displaced water collected in measuring cylinder (average) volume of a coin = increase in volume OR increase in volume \div number of coins	B4

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	moment = force \times distance from pivot in any form	C1
	(distance of force from pivot = $(25 - 10) =$) 15 (cm)	C1
	8×15	C1
	120	A1
	N cm	B1
2(b)	arrow giving clockwise moment	B1
	arrow drawn 10 cm from pivot by eye	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	$W = m \times g$ in any form	C1
	0.12×10	C1
	(weight =) 1.2 (N)	A1
3(b)	Line from T–U to decreasing acceleration	B1
	Line from U–V to moving with constant speed	B1
3(c)	(distance travelled =) area under the graph	C1
	2×20	C1
	40 (m)	A1
3(d)	20 OR answer = (c) answer \div 2	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	thermal (energy)	B1
	light (energy)	B1
4(b)	chemical (energy)	B1
4(c)	energy transferred from cell = energy dissipated in lamp	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	Any three from: kinetic energy (of wind / air) turns / drives turbine (blades) (turbine blades) turn generator coil turns in magnetic field	B3
5(b)(i)	any one from: a dilute source of energy dependent on weather / intermittent supply	B1
5(b)(ii)	any two from: renewable source of energy no atmospheric pollution conserves fossil fuels do not contribute to global warming	B2

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6(a)	<table><tr><th>statement</th><th>gas</th><th>solid</th></tr><tr><td>molecules are closely packed</td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>molecules are free to move around from place to place</td><td>✓</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>molecules are far apart compared to their size</td><td>✓</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>molecules can only vibrate about a fixed position</td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>molecules change position randomly</td><td>✓</td><td></td></tr></table>			statement	gas	solid	molecules are closely packed		✓	molecules are free to move around from place to place	✓		molecules are far apart compared to their size	✓		molecules can only vibrate about a fixed position		✓	molecules change position randomly	✓		B4
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6(b)(i)	Brownian (movement)			B1																		
6(b)(ii)	any three from: air consists of particles / is not continuous (fluid) air particles bombard / collide with smoke (particles) air particles moving (freely) at high speed air particles moving randomly air particles are very small (compared with smoke particles)			B3																		

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	hydrogen (gas)	B1
7(b)(i)	27 (°C)	B1
7(b)(ii)	–10 (°C) to 110 (°C)	B1
7(b)(iii)	0 (°C) AND 100 (°C)	B1
7(c)	use / consequence of thermal expansion identified	B1
	description of effect	B1
	explanation of effect	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)(i)	(amplitude =) 0.9 (cm)	B1
8(a)(ii)	(wavelength =) $112 \div 8$	C1
	(wavelength =) 14 (cm)	A1
8(a)(iii)	(frequency =) $8 \div 2$	C1
	(frequency =) 4 (Hz)	A1
8(b)(i)	bottom left box labelled infrared	B1
	bottom right box labelled ultraviolet	B1
8(b)(ii)	treating cancer / identifying cancer / gamma ray photography / sterilise medical equipment	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)(i)	normal at X correct by eye	B1
9(a)(ii)	reflected ray for Y has angle $i = \text{angle } r$ by eye	B1
9(b)	horizontal ray drawn to continue through F	B1
	ray to centre drawn to continue undeviated	B1
	image drawn correctly where rays cross	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)(i)	(soft) iron (bar)	B1
10(a)(ii)	<u>variable</u> resistor	B1
10(a)(iii)	any two from: increasing the resistance (will) decrease the current (decreasing the current will) decrease the strength (of the electromagnet)	B2
10(b)	$(R =) V \div I$ in any form	C1
	$(R =) 12 \div 1.5$	C1
	$(R =) 8.0 \text{ } (\Omega)$	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
11(a)(i)	the ammeters all have the same reading	B1
11(a)(ii)	the reading on A ₁ is the biggest	B1
11(a)(iii)	lamps have normal brightness (in parallel) or brighter (than lamps in series)	B1
	If one lamp fails the other lamp is still lit	B1
11(b)(i)	24 (Ω)	B1
11(b)(ii)	(resistance of one lamp / 12 (Ω)) is more (than the combined resistance (of lamps in parallel))	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
12(a)(i)	146	B1
12(a)(ii)	positive	B1
	95	B1
12(b)	tick in 3rd box	B1
	tick in 4th box	B1
12(c)	idea of 2 half-lives	C1
	$(432 \times 2) = 864$ (years)	A1