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Physics 4451**

**PHY2F            Unit Physics 2**

**Mark Scheme**

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## MARK SCHEME

### 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 lines 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 students 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)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	4,8	0
2	green, 5	0
3	red*, 5	1
4	red*, 8	0

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

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

### 3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a student 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, as shown in the column 'answers', 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;

### 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.

## **Quality of Written Communication and levels marking**

In Question 8 students 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.

Students 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.

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**PHY2F****Question 1**

<b>question</b>	<b>answers</b>	<b>extra information</b>	<b>mark</b>
<b>1(a)(i)</b>	half / 50 %		1
<b>1(a)(ii)</b>	Measure the radon gas level in more homes in this area		1
<b>1(b)(i)</b>	86		1
<b>1(b)(ii)</b>	222		1
<b>Total</b>			<b>4</b>

**PHY2F****Question 2**

<b>question</b>	<b>answers</b>	<b>extra information</b>	<b>mark</b>
<b>2(a)(i)</b>	6		1
<b>2(a)(ii)</b>	variable resistor		1
<b>2(a)(iii)</b>	voltmeter		1
<b>2(b)(i)</b>	point at 3 V ringed		1
<b>2(b)(ii)</b>	The student misread the ammeter.		1
<b>2(b)(iii)</b>	1 (volt)	accept every volt	1
<b>2(c)</b>	as one increases so does the other  <b>or</b>  directly proportional  <b>or</b>  positive correlation	accept a numerical description, eg when one doubles the other also doubles	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>7</b>

**PHY2F****Question 3**

<b>question</b>	<b>answers</b>	<b>extra information</b>	<b>mark</b>
<b>3(a)</b>	mass and speed		1
<b>3(b)(i)</b>	<b>A</b> velocity = 0 (m/s)	reason cannot score if B or C chosen  accept speed for velocity accept not moving accept lowest velocity / speed	1  1
<b>3(b)(ii)</b>	220	allow 1 mark for correct substitution, ie $55 \times 4$ provided no subsequent step shown	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>5</b>

**PHY2F****Question 4**

<b>question</b>	<b>answers</b>	<b>extra information</b>	<b>mark</b>
<b>4(a)(i)</b>	720	allow <b>1</b> mark for correct substitution, ie $72 \times 10$ provided no subsequent step shown	<b>2</b>
<b>4(a)(ii)</b>	720  or  their <b>(a)(i)</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>4(b)(i)</b>	gravitational potential	allow gravitational  allow potential	<b>1</b>
<b>4(b)(ii)</b>	432  watt / W	allow <b>1</b> mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{21\,600}{50}$ provided no subsequent step shown	<b>2</b>  <b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>7</b>

**PHY2F****Question 5**

<b>question</b>	<b>answers</b>	<b>extra information</b>	<b>mark</b>
<b>5(a)(i)</b>	circuit not complete	accept circuit is broken accept switch / s are open / off	1
<b>5(a)(ii)</b>	9	allow 1 mark for correct substitution, ie $0.5 \times 18$ provided no subsequent step shown	2
<b>5(a)(iii)</b>	36		1
<b>5(b)</b>	can be switched on / off from top or bottom of stairs		1
<b>5(c)(i)</b>	(electric) shock	accept fitting becomes live accept answers giving a possible consequence of electric shock, eg death	1
<b>5(c)(ii)</b>	connect the <u>earth</u> wire		1
<b>Total</b>			<b>7</b>

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**PHY2F****Question 6**

<b>question</b>	<b>answers</b>	<b>extra information</b>	<b>mark</b>
<b>6(a)</b>	<b>B</b>  gradient / slope is the steepest / steeper	reason only scores if B is chosen	1
		answers must be comparative  accept steepest line  ignore greatest speed	1
<b>6(b)</b>	(velocity includes) direction	'it' refers to velocity	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>3</b>

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## Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
<b>7(a)</b>	2.75	allow <b>1</b> mark for correct substitution, ie $\frac{11}{4}$  or $\frac{23 - 12}{4}$  provided no subsequent step shown	2
	m/s <sup>2</sup>		1
<b>7(b)</b>	driving force increases		1
	frictional force increases	accept air resistance / drag for frictional force	1
	driving force > frictional force		1
<b>Total</b>			<b>6</b>

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## Question 8

question	answers	extra information	mark
<b>8(a)</b>	electrons transfer / removed	do <b>not</b> accept negatively charged atoms for electrons	1
	to the rod / from the cloth	this only scores if first mark given  this does not score if there is reference to any original charge on cloth or rod  'it' refers to the rod  accept negative charge transfer to rod / removed from cloth for <b>1</b> mark  transfer of positive charge / positive electrons scores zero	1
<b>8(b)(i)</b>	rods / charges repel		1
	creating downward / extra force (on the balance)	accept pushing (bottom) rod downwards  do not accept increasing the weight / mass  charges attracting scores zero	1

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## Question 8 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(b)(ii)	the (repulsion) force increases as the distance between the <u>charges</u> decreases	<p>accept there is a negative correlation between (repulsion) force and distance between <u>charges</u></p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>(repulsion) force and distance between <u>charges</u> are inversely proportional</p> <p>for both marks</p> <p>examples of 1 mark answers</p> <p>force increases as distance decreases</p> <p>force and distance are inversely proportional</p> <p>negative correlation between force and distance</p> <p>repels more as distance decreases</p> <p>if given in terms of attracting or attraction force this mark does not score</p>	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>6</b>

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