

GCSE

Physics A

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit A331/01: Unit 1 – Modules P1, P2, P3 (Foundation Tier)

Mark Scheme for January 2012

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Annotations

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

Annotation	Meaning
/	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
(1)	separates marking points
not/reject	answers which are not worthy of credit
ignore	statements which are irrelevant - applies to neutral answers
allow/accept	answers that can be accepted
(words)	words which are not essential to gain credit
words	underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ecf	error carried forward
AW/owtte	alternative wording
ORA	or reverse argument

Available in scoris to annotate scripts

?	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
BOD	benefit of doubt
CON	contradiction
×	incorrect response
ECF	error carried forward
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
·~	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
NBOD	no benefit of doubt

R	reject
	correct response
355	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
Λ	information omitted

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- a. If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
- b. Crossed out answers should be considered only if no other response has been made. When marking crossed out responses, accept correct answers which are clear and unambiguous.

e.g.

For a one mark question, where ticks in boxes 3 and 4 are required for the mark:

Put ticks (\checkmark) in the two correct boxes.	Put ticks (\checkmark) in the two correct boxes.	Put ticks (\checkmark) in the two correct boxes.
		*
		y <u>≥</u>
₹	✓	\checkmark
*	*	✓
This would be worth 1 mark.	This would be worth 0 marks.	This would be worth 1 mark.

c. The list principle:

If a list of responses greater than the number requested is given, work through the list from the beginning. Award one mark for each correct response, ignore any neutral response, and deduct one mark for any incorrect response, e.g. one which has an error of science. If the number of incorrect responses is equal to or greater than the number of correct responses, no marks are awarded. A neutral response is correct but irrelevant to the question.

d. Marking method for tick boxes:

Always check the additional guidance.

If there is a set of boxes, some of which should be ticked and others left empty, then judge the entire set of boxes.

If there is at least one tick, ignore crosses. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, e.g. shading or crosses. Credit should be given for each box correctly ticked. If more boxes are ticked than there are correct answers, then deduct one mark for each additional tick. Candidates cannot score less than zero marks.

e.g. If a question requires candidates to identify a city in England, then in the boxes

Edinburgh	
Manchester	
Paris	
Southampton	

the second and fourth boxes should have ticks (or other clear indication of choice) and the first and third should be blank (or have indication of choice crossed out).

Edinburgh			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Manchester	✓	×	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Paris				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Southampton	✓	×		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Score:	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	NR

n	Answer			Guidance	
(i)	furnace anywhere before turbine (1) turbine anywhere before generator (1) generator anywhere before transformer (1)	3	3	$furnace \to turbine \to generator \to transformer$	
(iii)	gas hydroelectric nuclear solar oil type of waste high level intermediate level low level low level hydroelectric wether type of waste dis buried solar concrete type of waste level buried concrete type of waste level low level buried stored under wether type of waste	(1) (1) (1) 2 chod of cposal in landfill sites ed with rete and d in large tainers carefully vater until it mes less	1	accept CO ₂ do not accept CO ² 2 or 3 correct lines = 2 marks 1 correct line = 1 mark	
((ii)	turbine anywhere before generator (1) generator anywhere before transformer (1) gas hydroelectric nuclear solar oil type of waste high level intermediate level low level low level high level low level low level some disconding transformer (1) met disconding transformer (1) met disconding transformer (1) met disconding transformer (1)	turbine anywhere before generator (1) generator anywhere before transformer (1) gas hydroelectric v (1) nuclear solar oil type of waste high level intermediate level low level low level low level turbine anywhere before generator (1) gas hydroelectric v (1) (1) method of disposal buried in landfill sites mixed with concrete and stored in large containers stored carefully under water until it becomes less active	turbine anywhere before generator (1) generator anywhere before transformer (1) gas hydroelectric nuclear solar oil type of waste high level intermediate level low level low level low level turbine anywhere before generator (1) generator (1) 2 type of transformer (1) 2 type of waste method of disposal buried in landfill sites mixed with concrete and stored in large containers stored carefully under water until it becomes less active	

Q	uesti	on	Answer			Marks	Guidance
1	(c)	(i)				1	
			Cancer can not be treated using radioactive materials because they damage living cells. Only doctors have anything to do with radioactive sources.				
			Radiation is used to contaminate food.				
			Radiation is used to sterilise surgical instruments.	✓	(1)		
		(ii)	half-life (1)			2	
			background (1)				
					Total	11	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	any four from: most penetrating;	4	allow standard comparisons. e.g. alpha-paper, beta - aluminium, gamma - lead
	least ionising;		
	can be detected outside the body;		
	least absorbed (by the body) / passes through body/skin;		do not accept no damage
	does least damage / named damage e.g. cause cancer, kills cells (4)		do not accept no damage do not accept strongest/weakest do not allow the curing of cancer
	Total	4	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)	(i)	emits (1) transmits (1) absorbs (1)	3	allow 'transmits' for the first response only if the mark has not been awarded for 'transmits' in the second marking point
		(ii)	reflects from ionosphere (1) straight lines from aerial to ionosphere to receiver (1)	2	ignore arrows ionosphere ionosphere the Earth receiver
	(b)	(i)	ultraviolet (1)	1	accept uv, u/v
		(ii)	protects them / exposure can cause cancer/cell damage (1)	1	'radiation causes mutation' allow UV health benefits e.g. vitamin D production
	(c)		heats atmosphere / global warming (1)	1	allow 'greenhouse effect'
			Total	8	

Question		on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4			B and F (2)	2	any order allow 'door screen'/'metal wallis'
			Total	2	

Questi	ion	Answer			Marks	Guidance
5 (a)		any three from: bias in sample/samples not matched/no contr e.g. all had cancer; small sample size; apparent correlation; idea that there is no mechanism for the microcausing cancer (3)	on; o mechanism for the microwaves		3	
(b)		microwaves are absorbed by water microwaves are not ionising radiation microwaves heat up cells microwaves are electromagnetic radiation	√	(1)	1	
				Total	4	

Question		on	Answer			Marks	Guidance
6	(a)	(i)	from an exploding asteroid from a cloud of dust and gas	✓	(1)	1	
			from a collision between planets from a collision between continents				
		(ii)	burning hydrogen fusion of hydrogen burning coal solar energy	<i>(</i>	1)	1	
		(iii)	comets stars galaxies moons universes		1)	2	

Question		on	Answer			Marks	Guidance
6	(a)	(iv)	4500 million (years old) (1)			1	
	(b)	(b) (i) 10.5 years (1)				1	
	(ii)					2	
			radar				
			parallax	✓	(1)		
			relative brightness of its star	✓	(1)		
			a laser measurer				
			send a space probe				
				•	_		
	(iii) none/0 (1)				1		
			Total				

Que	estion	Answer			Marks	Guidance
7 ((a)	They are large and orbit the Sun. They are usually made of rocks and ice, they spend most of their time outside the orbit of Neptune, but some visit the inner Solar System. They are usually made of rock, most of them are found between Mars and Jupiter. They can be large or small, but always orbit planets.	✓	(1)	1	
	(b)	A layer of material found in asteroids is found all over the world in rocks formed about the time the dinosaurs disappeared. Fossils suggest the dinosaur numbers were decreasing for hundreds of thousands of years. There are the remains of a very large crater in the Gulf of Mexico. Fossils of the same type of dinosaur are found on different continents. A large amount of dust thrown into the	✓ ✓	(1)	3	
		atmosphere causes the whole world to have a winter that lasts for hundreds of years. There have been many other extinctions during the history of the world.	√	(1)		
				Total	4	

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