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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.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	two scale readings recorded	1
1(a)(ii)	l_0 = difference between the two scale readings recorded in the table	1
1(a)(iii)	increasing values of <i>l</i> in table	1
	correct e values	1
1(b)	graph:	1
	axes correctly labelled and right way round	
	suitable scales	1
	all plots correct to ½ small square	1
	good line judgement, thin, continuous line	1
1(c)	triangle method used and seen on graph	1
	at least half of candidate's line used	1
1(d)	k correct to 2 or 3 significant figures	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	$V_{\rm T}$ to at least 1 d.p. and < 4 V	1
	$I_{\rm T}$ to at least 2 d.p. and < 1 A	1
2(a)(ii)	P _⊤ correct	1
2(b)(i)	$V_X < V_T$ and I_X present	1
2(b)(ii)	P _X present and units V, A and W	1
2(c)(i)	$V_{\rm Y}$ < $V_{\rm T}$ and $I_{\rm 2}$ present	1
2(c)(ii)	$P_{\rm Y}$ present and $P_{\rm X}$ + $P_{\rm Y}$ = $P_{\rm T}$ within 10%	1
2(d)	statement matches results	1
	idea of within (or beyond) limits of experimental accuracy explained, e.g. close enough, very close, too far apart	1
2(e)	lamps and voltmeter in parallel	1
	correct symbols for lamps, ammeter and voltmeter in correct circuit	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	ray-trace: normal through block	1
	normal at centre of AB	1
3(b)	ray-trace: P_1 and P_2 at minimum distance apart of 5.0 cm	1
3(c)(i)	a correct to ± 1 mm	1
3(c)(ii)	b correct to ± 1 mm and both with correct unit	1
3(c)(iii)	n correct, 2 or 3 significant figures with no unit	1
	n = 1.4 to 1.6	1
3(d)(i)	second set of lines seen on trace in approximately the correct positions and a and b recorded	1
3(d)(ii)	n within 10% of value in (b)	1
3(e)	any two from: lining up the pins exactly / seeing pins clearly drawing accurate, thin lines getting pins vertical / bent pins placing block accurately on drawn outline / the outline is larger than the block	2

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Question	Answer	Marks
4	method:	1
	MP1 measure room / starting temperature	
	MP2 measure the time to raise water temperature to boiling point	1
	MP3 repeat with the other two containers	1
	control variables:	2
	MP4 any two from: same starting temperature / same room temperature same volume / mass / amount of water	
	MP5 keep Bunsen burner flame constant / same distance from flame to bottom of beaker	
	table:	1
	MP6 table to show container and heating time	
	conclusion:	1
	MP7 comparison of heating times and suitable comment made	

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