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Leaving Certificate 2017

Marking Scheme

Physics

Ordinary Level

Note to teachers and students on the use of published marking schemes

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Marking schemes are working documents. While a draft marking scheme is prepared in advance of the examination, the scheme is not finalised until examiners have applied it to candidates' work and the feedback from all examiners has been collated and considered in light of the full range of responses of candidates, the overall level of difficulty of the examination and the need to maintain consistency in standards from year to year. This published document contains the finalised scheme, as it was applied to all candidates' work.

In the case of marking schemes that include model solutions or answers, it should be noted that these are not intended to be exhaustive. Variations and alternatives may also be acceptable. Examiners must consider all answers on their merits, and will have consulted with their Advising Examiners when in doubt.

Future Marking Schemes

Assumptions about future marking schemes on the basis of past schemes should be avoided. While the underlying assessment principles remain the same, the details of the marking of a particular type of question may change in the context of the contribution of that question to the overall examination in a given year. The Chief Examiner in any given year has the responsibility to determine how best to ensure the fair and accurate assessment of candidates' work and to ensure consistency in the standard of the assessment from year to year. Accordingly, aspects of the structure, detail and application of the marking scheme for a particular examination are subject to change from one year to the next without notice.

General Guidelines

In considering this marking scheme the following points should be noted.

- 1. In many instances only key words are given, words that must appear in the correct context in the candidate's answer in order to merit the assigned marks.
- 2. Marks shown in brackets represent marks awarded for partial answers as indicated in the scheme.
- 3. Words, expressions or statements separated by a solidus, /, are alternatives which are equally acceptable.
- 4. Answers that are separated by a double solidus, //, are answers which are mutually exclusive. A partial answer from one side of the // may not be taken in conjunction with a partial answer from the other side.
- 5. The descriptions, methods and definitions in the scheme are **not** exhaustive and alternative valid answers are acceptable. Marks for a description may be obtained from a relevant diagram, depending on the context.
- 6. Each time an arithmetical slip occurs in a calculation, one mark is deducted.
- 7. The context and the manner in which the question is asked and the number of marks assigned to the answer in the examination paper, determine the detail required in any question. Therefore, in any instance, it may vary from year to year.

Section A				(120 marks)
Question 1	Three 40 marks	e questions to b	e answered.	
•	was set up to measu	re <i>a</i> . the acceler	ation due to gravity.	
••••		5,	,	
(i) Draw a lab	elled diagram of the	e apparatus used	in this experiment.	6 + 2 × 3
labelled di	agram to show:			
timer: tim	-	<pre>// stop-watch</pre>	ob // picket fer // photogate etort stand // calculator	e (and timer) 3
incorre	abels, deduct 2 ect experiment, maxi d methods are accep		g gging methods, which fi	it the scheme
	asurements were tal e these measuremer		g?	4 × 3
	s // length (of //period /tim		// selected <i>v</i> versus <i>t</i> // slope of graph	3 3
	ength using a metre he time using a stop		// start program / data // drop picket fence	gate 3 3
partial ans	swer			(3)
• •	e these measurements the (for t and s) into the		ılate g?	3 × 3
$g = \frac{2s}{t^2}$	$s = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \qquad //g =$	$=\frac{4\pi^2 l}{T^2}/T=2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$	-	3×3
one erro	re.g. $g = \frac{2s}{t}$ // $g = \frac{2s}{t}$	$=\frac{4\pi l}{T^2}$		(2×3)
partial a	nswer e.g. substitute	into the equation	on, gives a detail	(3)
	-	the student mig	ht have taken to get an	
accurate	result. rallax error, etc.		// swing through sma	7 or 6 or 4 or 2
partial a				(2)
use the s	smallest time value r	ecorded for <i>t</i> , et	c. // use accurate digita	l timer, etc.
partial a	nswer		1 st and 3 rd line	(2) 25 7
			1 st or 3 rd line	

Question 2 40 marks

An experiment was set up to measure the specific heat capacity of a sub	stance.
(i) Draw a labelled diagram of the apparatus used in this experiment.	6 + 2 × 3
labelled diagram to show liquid / water in a calorimeter // block of metal	6
method of heating stirrer thermometer joulemeter insulation any	two 2×3
incorrect experiment, maximum mark 6 + 3 Note: no labels, deduct 2	
(ii) What measurements were taken during the experiment.	3 × 3
mass	3
accept weight 3-1 marks temperature	3
detail e.g. specific mass / temperature // energy	3
inconsistency between the apparatus and the measurements maximur	m mark 3
partial answer	(3)
(iii) How was the mass of the substance determined? mass of calorimeter and water - mass of calorimeter //	6 or 3
(using an electronic) balance plus detail e.g. tare	6
partial answer e.g. weigh it, by subtraction	(3)
(<i>iv</i>) How was the specific heat capacity of the substance determined?	3 × 3
any formula consistent with method e.g. $m_1c_1\Delta\theta_1 = m_2c_2\Delta\theta_2$ // $\Delta E = m_1c_1\Delta\theta_1$	$ic\Delta\theta$ 3 × 3
one error	(2 × 3)
partial answer e.g. one part correct // attempts word version of the f	ormula (3)
 (v) State one precaution which the student might have taken to get an accurate result lagging, use sensitive thermometer / use a thermometer graduated t ensure that heating coil is completely immersed in the liquid, stir the large temperature change, no parallax when reading the thermometer any one 	liquid,
the precaution can be implied from the diagram if it has not already l awarded marks above	been
partial answer e.g. repeat / average / no parallax	(2)

Question 3 40 marks

		ed out an exp s the data rea			-	of a concave mirror.
me	Lable Show	u (cm)	15	25	45]
		<i>v</i> (cm)	30	17	13	
(<i>i</i>) Dr	raw a label	led diagram o	of the appara	atus used in	this experim	ent. 4 × 3
	labelled c	liagram to sh	ow:			
	image / s correct a detail e.g	g. crosswire creen rrangement . optical benc		-		lines correct 4×3
	••	ate method r labels, deduc		ark 3×3		
		lid alternativ				
(<i>ii</i>)	How did arranged	the observer to record the	know that t e data?			: ly 6 or 3 inverted image 6
	partial an	swer e.g. me	ntions scree	า		(3)
(<i>iii</i>)	distance f distance f partial an		ect/crosswire ge/screen to	to the mirro the mirror	r	3 3 (3)
(iv)	data abov	the value for ve		ngth j of the	mirror, usin	4×3
		$\frac{f_2 + f_3}{3} = \frac{30.2}{3}$	(1) -)10.07 cm			4 × 3
		6 6	==)10.07 cm			4 ^ 3
	$\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f}$					(2 × 3)
	$\frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{30} =$	$=\frac{2}{30}+\frac{1}{30}=\frac{3}{30}$	$(\Rightarrow f_1)$	=10)		(2 × 3 + 2)
	$\frac{1}{25} + \frac{1}{17} = \frac{1}{45} + \frac{1}{13} = \frac{1}{45} + \frac{1}{13} = \frac{1}{13} $	her calculatio $\frac{17+25}{(17)(25)0} = \frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{13+45}{(45)(13)} = \frac{58}{58}$ + 1 mark g+1 mark	$\frac{42}{25} \iff f_2 =$			
	partial an					(3)
(v)		ht it be an ad experiment.	vantage to u	ise a darken	ed room whe	en carrying 4 or 2

out this experiment.	4 or 2
greater accuracy, more reliable result, minimise errors, the image	
might be clearer, helps to get a sharp image etc. any	one 4
partial answer	(2)

A student carried out an experiment to measure the focal length of a concave mirror.

Question 4 40 marks

An experiment was set up to investigate the variation of the resistance R of a metallic conductor with its temperature Θ .

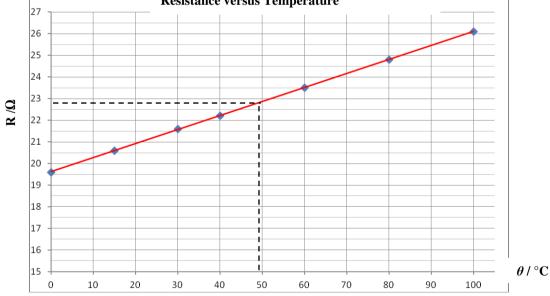
(i) Draw a labelled diagram of the apparatus used in this experiment.	4 × 3
ohmmeter/multimeter, heating-source, conductor/resistor each one (3) all three	23 × 3
detail e.g. insulation, container, thermometer	3
partial answer	(3)
Note: no labels deduct 2	
accept valid alternatives methods	

(ii) How was the value of the resistance of the metallic conductor measured?
 6 or 3
 ohmmeter / multimeter (set to read ohms)
 partial answer e.g. reference to measuring voltage or current / resistance meter
 (3)

The table shows the measurements obtained during the experiment.

<i>Ө</i> (°C)	0	15	30	40	60	80	100
<i>R</i> (Ω)	19.6	20.6	21.6	22.2	23.5	24.8	26.1

iii) Using the data in the table, draw a graph on graph paper to show the	
variation of resistance of the metallic conductor with temperature.	3 + 6 + 3
label axes correctly, (name / symbol / unit acceptable)	3
plot six points correctly	6
-1 for each error thereafter	
straight line	3
if graph paper is not used, maximum mark 3 × 3	
Resistance versus Temperature	



(iv) What does the graph tell you about the relationship between the resistance	е
of a metallic conductor and its temperature?	6 or 3
resistance increases with temperature // linear $$ // $$ \propto (on kelvin scale) partial	6 (3)
(v) Use your graph to find the temperature of the metallic conductor when it h resistance of 22.8 Ω .	as a 4 or 2

47 – 50 (°C) // answer consistent with graph	4
evidence of using the graph at 22.8 Ω	(2)

SEC	TION B (280 Marks)					
Five questions to be answered						
Questi						
Take th	ne <u>best 8</u> from 10 parts					
(a)	Name an example of (i) a vector quantity (ii) a scalar quantity. correct examples of each partial answer e.g. examples in reverse order, definitions given	7 or 4 4 + 3 (4)				
(b)	A door handle is used to open a door.					
	Calculate the moment of the force applied in the diagram. Force $= 40 \text{ N}$	7 or 4				
	Distance = 0.12 m					
	(<i>M</i> = <i>Fd</i> = 40 × 0.12 = 40 × 0.12 =) 4.8 N m	7				
	partial answer	(4)				
(<i>c</i>)		_				
	(i) electrical current and (ii) length. (i) ammeter protractor (ii) metre stick barometer	7 or 4 7				
	one correct	(4)				
(d)	Conduction is one method of heat transfer. Name the other two methods.	7 or 4				
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(j) Name one method of detecting radiation? 7 or 4 Geiger-Muller tube, Geiger counter, solid state detector, cloud chamber, bubble chamber, GLE, photographic film, radiometer, radiation sensor, etc. 7 partial answer (4)

Question 6 56 marks

A fairground sling-shot is shown below. Springs attached to the pod are used to store a

form of potential energy. When the pod and springs are released, this potential energy is used to exert a <u>force</u> which gives the pod an upward <u>acceleration</u>. At the pod's highest point, the occupants experience apparent weightlessness for a short time, before <u>gravity</u> causes the pod to fall back towards the ground.



(<i>i</i>)	Explain the underlined terms. <i>force</i> : causes an object to accelerate partial answer	// $F = ma$	3(6 or 3) 6 (3)
	acceleration: rate of change of velocity	// $a = \frac{v - u}{t}$	6
	partial answer	L	(3)
	gravity: force of attraction between masses	// $g = G \frac{M}{d^2}$	6
	partial answer	u	(3)
(<i>ii</i>)	What form of energy does the pod have due to its mo kinetic (energy) partial answer	otion?	<mark>6 or 3</mark> 6 (3)
(iii)	What form of energy does the pod have at its highest potential (energy) partial answer	point?	<mark>6 or 3</mark> 6 (3)
(iv)	Why do the occupants experience apparent weightles highest point? freefall / no reaction force / no support force	ssness at the pod's	3 3
	mass of the pod is 400 kg. eaches a maximum height of 50 m above its point of re	lease.	
(v)	Calculate the potential energy stored in the springs be released. (PE = $mgh = 400 \times 9.8 \times 50 =$) 196 000 J partial answer e.g. correct equation	efore the pod is	6 or 3 6 (3)
(vi)	Draw a diagram to show the forces acting on the pod diagram to show: downward force/ weight, upward for partial answer e.g. any one		<mark>6 or 3</mark> 6 (3)
(vii)	Calculate the momentum of the pod when it has a spectrum of $p = mv = 400 \times 8 = 3200 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$	eed of 8 m s ⁻¹ .	6 or 3 6
	partial answer e.g. correct equation		(3)
(viii) State one energy loss that might prevent the pod from height. friction / air resistance partial answer	reaching its maxim	um <mark>5 or 3</mark> 5 (3)

Question 7 56 marks

A ray of light can undergo both reflection and refraction.

 (i) What is meant by reflection of light? rebounding / bouncing of light from a surface partial answer 	6 or 3 6 (3)
angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection incident ray, the normal, and the reflected ray are coplanar two lines correct one line correct	9 (6)
partial answer	(3)
The periscope, like the one in the diagram, is an application of the reflection light that allows a person to see over objects.	of
(iii) Draw a diagram to show how a periscope works.	3 × 3
two mirrors/ prisms facing each other mirrors at 45° correct ray path (in either direction) tubing tubing any 3 lines any 2 lines	3 × 3 (2 × 3)
Mirror any line	(3)
The diagram shows the word AMBULANCE written so that a driver can read it correctly in a car mirror.	
 (iv) Explain why the driver can read the word correctly in the mirror. (the mirror causes an apparent) left to right reversal // lateral inversion partial answer 	<mark>6 or 3</mark> 6 (3)
Total internal reflection of light occurs in optical fibres which are used to tran information. (v) Draw a labelled diagram to show how total internal reflection occurs.	nsmit 6 + 3
diagram showing indication of 2 media, $i > C / i = r$, internal reflection	6 + 3
diagram with one omission partial answer Note: no labels deduct 2 i > C	(6) (3)
(vi) Draw a labelled diagram to show how an optical fibre transmits light	
	or 6 or 3
diagram showing fibre, multiple internal reflections	9
diagram with one omission	(6)
partial answer	(3)
Note: no labels deduct 2 Optic fibre	
(vii) An optical fibre cable has a refractive index of 1.5.	or 6 or 4
$(n = \frac{1}{\sin C} = 1.5$ $\sin C = 0.6666)$ $C = 41.8^{\circ}$	8
one error	(6)
partial answer e.g. correct equation	(4)
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Question 8 56 marks

Frequency and wavelength are properties associated with waves.

(<i>i</i>)	What is meant by the frequency of a wave?		6 or 3
	number of waves passing per second partial answer		6 (3)
(<i>ii</i>)	State the relationship between the frequency of a wave and	l its wavelength.	6 or 3
	$f = \frac{v}{\lambda} // f \propto \frac{1}{\lambda} // c = f\lambda$		6
	partial answer	,	(3)
арр	diagram shows a person standing near an ambulance as it roaches with its siren on. As the ambulance passes, the son observes a change in the frequency of the siren.		and -

person observes a change in the frequency of the siren. (*iii*) What name is given to this effect?

()			
	Doppler partial answer e.g. exam	nple	6 (3)
(iv)	Explain, with the aid of	a labelled diagram, how this phenomenon occurs.	4 × 3
		diagram to show:	
	\frown	moving wave source	3
		wave fronts	3
		as the moving wave source approaches	3
/ /		the waves get closer together	3
	source	<pre>// conversely as the wave</pre>	
		source moves away the waves are further apart $(2\times$	3)
$\setminus \setminus$		accept valid alternatives	
		a labelled diagram may merit full marks	
		partial answer e.g. the Doppler wave equation	(3)
		Note: no labels deduct 2, no diagram maximum marl	k 3 × 3
	λ		

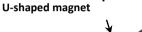
6 or 3

(v)	Name one practical application of this phenomenon. speed gun, (measuring) red shift, ultrasonic scanners, imaging	5 or 3
	used to study blood flow, used to study heart beat, weather forecasting, etc.	5
	partial answer e.g. general application such as medicine, radar, sonar	(3)
(<i>vi</i>)	An electrical storm is seen before it is heard. What does this indicate about the	
	•	6 or 3
	light travels faster than sound	6
	partial answer e.g. reversed	(3)
(vii)	State one other difference between sound waves and light waves. sound waves are longitudinal // light waves are transverse //	6 or 3
	sound waves need a medium // light waves may be polarised any one	6
	partial answer	(3)
(viii)	When timing a 100 m sprint, a person stands at the finishing line and starts the stopwatch when he hears the starting gun fired at the starting line. Calculate the difference in time the runner would receive if the stopwatch was started at <i>exactly</i> the same time as the starting gun was fired, i.e. without any delay caused by the time taken for the sound to travel 100 m .9 o	
		9
	$(t = \frac{s}{v} = \frac{100}{330} =) \ 0.3 \ s$	9
	one error	(6)
	partial answer	(3)
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Question 9 56 marks Magnetic fields can be detected near a magnet or a current-carrying conductor.

(i) What is a magnetic field?	6 or 3
a region/space where a magnetic force is felt / it effects a compass partial answer e.g. draws magnetic field	6 (3)
(<i>ii</i>) State one example of a good conductor and one example of a good	(-)
insulator.	2 × 3
one example of a good conductor	3
one example of a good insulator	3
(iii) Name the unit of voltage.	6
volt / V	6
partial answer	(3)

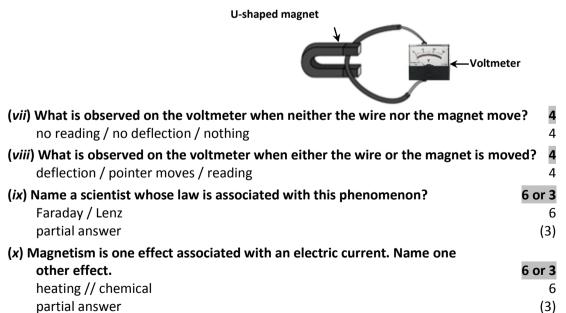
The diagram below shows a wire placed between the poles of a U-shaped magnet.



Battery

	,
(iv) What happens to the wire when current flows through it?	6 or 3
it moves // it experiences a force // gets hot	6
partial answer	(3)
(v) What happens when the direction of the current is reversed?	6 or 3
wire moves in the other direction	6
partial answer e.g. wire moves	(3)
(vi) Name one device based on this effect.	6 or 3
electric motor, speaker, (moving coil) galvanometer, etc.	6
partial answer	(3)

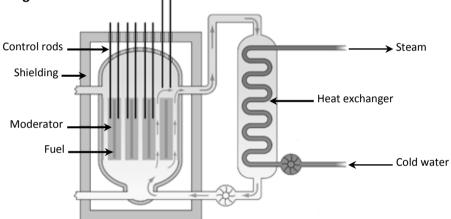
The wire is then disconnected from the battery and connected to a sensitive voltmeter.



Question 10 56 marks

Radiation is released when radioactive elements decay.	
(i) Name three types of radiation.	3 × 3
alpha / α, beta / β, gamma / γ	3 × 3
(ii) Which type of radiation has no charge?	3
gamma / γ	3
(iii) Which type of radiation is the least penetrating? alpha / α	3 3
(<i>iv</i>) Which type of radiation is not deflected by magnetic fields?	3
gamma / γ	3
(v) State one danger associated with nuclear radiation.	<mark>6 or 3</mark>
leukaemia, cancer, skin burns, hair loss, kills cells, damage DNA, etc.	6
partial answer	(3)
(vi) State one precaution that should be taken when handling radioactive sub protective clothing, tongs, etc.	ostances. 3 3

Radioactive fuels are used to generate power in a nuclear fission reactor like the one shown in the diagram.



(vii) What is nuclear fission?	2 × 3
splitting (of a large nucleus)	3
into two (smaller nuclei) // with release of energy / neutrons	3
partial answer e.g. defines fusion	(3)
(<i>viii</i>) Name a fuel used in nuclear reactors.	<mark>5 or 3</mark>
plutonium / Pu, (enriched) uranium / U, thorium / Th	5
partial answer	(3)
 (ix) State the function of (a) the control rods and (b) the shielding in a reactor. (a) control rate of reaction // absorbs neutrons partial answer e.g. refers to boron rods (b) prevents escape of radiation partial answer e.g. protection / safety 	2(6 or 3) 6 (3) 6 (3)
(x) What is the purpose of the heat exchanger?	<mark>6 or 3</mark>
converts (kinetic energy) energy to heat // brings energy to the generator	6
partial answer	(3)

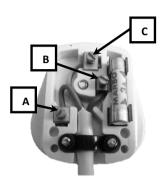
Question 11 56 marks

The Electricity Connection to your Home

The electricity connection to your home is an a.c. supply and comes through ESB Networks' main fuse and meter. The ordinary fuses or miniature circuit breakers in the distribution board respond to overloaded circuits by 'blowing' and switching off the flow of electricity in the circuit. Additional protection against electric shock or fire is provided by a Residual Current Device, RCD. In simple terms, an RCD detects an abnormal flow of electricity out of a circuit when, for instance, a cable is damaged or a fault develops in an appliance allowing electricity to 'leak' out. The RCD responds instantaneously to such 'leakage' and disconnects the supply from the circuit. All RCDs have a test button to check that the mechanism is working properly.

Making the Connection – Plugs and Cable Colours

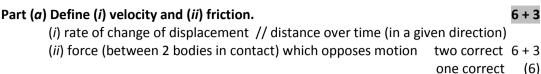
Almost all new electric appliances now come complete with a fitted 13 A 3-pin plug. The first thing to know is the colour code for connecting the cables to the appropriate pin/terminal in the plug. When you connect each wire to the appropriate terminal, it is most important that no loose strands of wire are exposed and that all the screw connections are fully tightened. You should also leave a little extra slack on the green/yellow wire within the plug in order to avoid strain on this vital connection. The ordinary 13 A plug suits most of the commonly used 'non-fixed' appliances in the home – heaters, washing machines, dryers, microwave ovens, tools, entertainment equipment, etc. Appliances with a higher loading should be permanently connected to their own circuit through a switch. The most vulnerable parts of many appliances are the connecting flex and the plug. Most electrical accidents associated with electric appliances are caused either by damaged flexes or wrongly-wired plugs. For your own safety, keep electric appliances well maintained and don't abuse them. (Adapted from *The Safe Use of Electricity in the Home*, ESB Networks)



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(a)	What is the function of the electricity meter? to measure the (electrical) energy used partial answer	7 or 4 7 (4)
(b)	What is meant by the term a.c.? alternating current partial answer	7 or 4 7 (4)
(c)	Name three safety devices found in domestic circuits. fuse, earth, miniature circuit breaker/ (trip) switch, residual current device an partial answer	7 or 4 ny 3 7 (4)
(d)	What is the cause of most accidents associated with electrical appliances? damaged flexes // wrongly-wired plugs partial answer	7 or 4 7 (4)
(e)	What is the function of the test button on an RCD? to check that the mechanism is working properly partial answer	7 or 4 7 (4)
(f)	Name the pins labelled A, B and C in the diagram. A – neutral; B – live; C – earth 1 st named pin matched correctly 3 marks, others matched correctly 2 marks e 1 st named mismatched pin by label/ colour 2 marks, others 1 mark each	7 7 ach
(g)	State one precaution that should be taken when wiring a plug. no loose strands of wire are exposed // all the screw connections are tightened // leave a little extra slack on the green/yellow wire within the plug partial answer	7 or 4 . 7 (4)
(h)	What is the maximum power that an appliance with a 13 A plug can use whe connected to a 220 V supply? (<i>P</i> = <i>IV</i> = 13 × 220=) 2860 W partial answer	en 7 or 4 7 (4)

Question 12 56 marks

Answer any **two** of the following parts, (a), (b), (c), (d).



partial

A car started from rest and accelerated at 0.4 m s⁻² to reach a top speed of 28 m s⁻¹. It maintained this speed for 200 seconds.

When the car approached its destination, the driver applied the brakes uniformly to bring it to a stop in 30 s.

(iii) Draw a diagram indicating the main forces acting on the car when it was accelerating. 6 or 3 Fr Fe



Weight/W, reaction force/R, force from engine/ F_{e} , friction/ F_{r} two correct 6 one correct (3) 6 or 3 (iv) Calculate how long it took the car to reach its top speed

culculate no	w long it took the	car to reach its top speca.	0015
(v = u + at	$\Rightarrow 28 = 0 + 0.4t$	$\Rightarrow t = \frac{28}{0.4} =) 70 \text{ s}$	6
partial answe	er e.g. <i>v = u + at</i>		(3)

partial answer e.g. v = u + at

(v) Sketch the velocity-time graph for the journey. 7 or 4 correct velocity-time graph 7 partial (4)

Part (b) The heat pump in a fridge uses a fluid with a high specific latent heat.

(<i>i</i>) Explain the underlined terms. 2(6	5 or 3)
heat pump: means of transferring heat from a cold region to a warm region	6
partial answer e.g. device to transfer heat	(3)
<i>specific latent heat</i> : heat needed to change the state of 1 kg of a substance	6
partial answer e.g. refers to no change in temperature	(3)
A fridge lowers the temperature of 2 kg of water from 30 °C to 5 °C in 840 s.	
(<i>ii</i>) the energy removed from the water	4 × 3
$(E = mc\Delta\theta = 2 \times 4200 \times 25 =)\ 210\ 000\ J$	4 × 3
	(3 × 3)
	(2 × 3)
partial answer e.g. incomplete formula	(3)
(iii) the power of the fridge.	4 or 2
$(P = \frac{W}{t} = \frac{210000}{840} =)$ 250 W // answer consistent with (<i>ii</i>)	4
partial answer e.g. correct formula	(2)
	D

6 + 3

(3)

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Part (c) Mountain climbers encounter large changes in atmospheric pressure.

(<i>i</i>) Define pressure and state its unit.	2 × 3 + 4
force	3
per unit area	3
partial e.g. $P = \rho g h$	(3)
pascal / N m ⁻²	4
(<i>ii</i>) Describe an experiment to demonstrate that the atmosphere exerts pressur	e. 3×3
apparatus: e.g. can of water and heat source	3
procedure: e.g. boil water and put on lid	3
observation: e.g. can collapses	3
partial	(3)
accept valid alternatives e.g. sucking out air methods	
marks may be obtained from a diagram	

A weather balloon is released to test the weather at the height of Mount Everest, where atmospheric pressure is only 3.0×10^4 Pa.

The balloon has a volume of 2 litres when it is released from sea level.

(iii) Calculate the volume of the balloon when it reaches the height of		
Mount Everes	t.	9 or 6 or 3
$(P_1V_1 = P_2V_2$	$\Rightarrow (10.1 \times 10^4)(2) = (3.0 \times 10^4)(V_2) \Rightarrow V_2 = \frac{20.2}{3}) = 6.7 \text{ L}$	9
one error		(6)

partial answer e.g.
$$P_1V_1 = P_2V_2$$
 / $PV=k$ / Boyle's law

Part (<i>d</i>) (<i>i</i>) State Coulomb's law of force between electric charges. 2 × 3			
f	force proportional to the product of charges / $F \propto q_1 q_2$	3	
i	nversely proportional to the distance between the charges squared $/ \propto \frac{1}{d^2}$	3	
A capacitor can be used to store electric charge. A discharged capacitor with a capacitance of 6×10^{-2} F is connected in a circuit with a bulb, a switch and a 12 V d.c. power supply as shown.			
(<i>ii</i>)	What is observed when the switch is closed? bulb flashes partial e.g. bulb lights, current flows, etc.	6 or 3 6 (3)	
(<i>iii</i>)	(iii) What would be observed if a 12 V a.c. power supply had been used instead?4 or 2		
	bulb lights (continuously) partial e.g. bulb flashes	4 (2)	
(iv)	(<i>iv</i>) Calculate the charge stored on the capacitor when it is connected to the 12 V d.c.		
		r 6 or 3	
	$C = \frac{Q}{V} \Longrightarrow Q = CV = (6 \times 10^{-2})(12) = 0.72 \text{ C}$	9	
	one error partial answer	(6) (3)	
(<i>v</i>)	State one application of a capacitor.	3	
	store charge / conducts a.c. /(radio) tuning / filtering / smoothing / timing / store energy / flash camera / phone charger, etc.	3	

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