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MARK SCHEME

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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.

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 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.

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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.

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Examples of how to apply the list rule
State **three** reasons…. [3]

A

1	Correct	✓	**2**
2	Correct	✓	
3	Wrong	×	

B
(4 responses)

1	Correct, Correct	✓, ✓	**3**
2	Correct	✓	
3	Wrong	ignore	

C
(4 responses)

1	Correct	✓	**2**
2	Correct, Wrong	✓, ×	
3	Correct	ignore	

D
(4 responses)

1	Correct	✓	**2**
2	Correct, CON (of 2.)	×, (discount 2)	
3	Correct	✓	

E
(4 responses)

1	Correct	✓	**3**
2	Correct	✓	
3	Correct, Wrong	✓	

F
(4 responses)

1	Correct	✓	**2**
2	Correct	✓	
3	Correct CON (of 3.)	× (discount 3)	

G
(5 responses)

1	Correct	✓	**3**
2	Correct	✓	
3	Correct Correct CON (of 4.)	✓ ignore ignore	

H
(4 responses)

1	Correct	✓	**2**
2	Correct	×	
3	CON (of 2.) Correct	(discount 2) ✓	

I
(4 responses)

1	Correct	✓	**2**
2	Correct	×	
3	Correct CON (of 2.)	✓ (discount 2)	

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RM Assessor 3 annotations:

annotation	suggested use
tick	mark awarded (note the ticks are added up next to the tick annotation, check the total you enter agrees)
cross	no mark awarded
SEEN	indicates page seen
BOD	benefit of doubt given
NBOD	no benefit of doubt given
on page comment	gives a text box to write comment –much easier to use than in the previous version of RM assessor
ECF	error carried forward
^	omission mark
?	unclear
U UU	unit penalty applied unit penalty not applied because already applied earlier in same question

annotation	suggested use
wavy line (horizontal or vertical)	used to highlight a particular point
CON	contradiction
NAQ	not answered question
PD	poor diagram
SF SFSF	error in number of significant figures significant figure error not penalized.
POT POT POT	power-of-ten error POT penalty not applied as already applied
TV	too vague
I	ignore
SC	special case

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NOTES ABOUT MARK SCHEME SYMBOLS AND OTHER MATTERS

Brackets ( )	Brackets around words or units in the mark scheme are intended to indicate wording used to clarify the mark scheme, but the marks do not depend on seeing the words or units in brackets, e.g. 10 (J) means that the mark is scored for 10, regardless of the unit given. However, if a word in brackets is replaced with another word that is clearly wrong then the mark should not be awarded.
Underlining	Underlining indicates that this **must** be seen in the answer offered, or something very similar.
OR / or	This indicates alternative answers, any one of which is satisfactory for scoring the marks.
eeoo.	This means "each error or omission".
owtte.	This means “or words to that effect”.
Ignore	This indicates that something which is not correct or irrelevant i.e. it is not a contradiction (CON) is to be disregarded and does not incur a penalty.
Spelling	Be generous about spelling and use of English. If an answer can be understood to mean what we want, give credit. However, do not allow ambiguities, e.g. spelling which suggests confusion between reflection / refraction / diffraction or thermistor / transistor / transformer.
Not/NOT	This indicates that an incorrect answer is not to be disregarded, but cancels another otherwise correct alternative offered by the candidate, i.e. right plus wrong penalty applies.
ecf	meaning "error carried forward" is mainly applicable to numerical questions, but may in particular circumstances be applied in non-numerical questions. This indicates that if a candidate has made an earlier mistake and has carried an incorrect value forward to subsequent stages of working, marks indicated by ecf may be awarded, provided the subsequent working is correct, bearing in mind the earlier mistake. This prevents a candidate from being penalised more than once for a particular mistake, but **only** applies to marks annotated ecf in the mark scheme. **Always annotate ecf if applied.**
cao	correct answer only
Use of **NR**	(# or / key on the keyboard). Use this if the answer space for a question is completely blank or contains no readable words, figures or symbols.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	439 / 43.9	**1**
	454 / 45.4 and both answers with correct unit	**1**
1(a)(ii)	l_0 = top - bottom	**1**
1(b)(i)	439 / 43.9	**1**
1(b)(ii)	454 / 45.4 and both answers with correct unit	**1**
1(c)	Graph: Axes correctly labelled with quantity and unit and right way round	**1**
	Suitable scales	**1**
	All SIX plots (including 0, 0) correct to ½ small square	**1**
	Good line judgement, thin, continuous line	**1**
1(d)	l and l_0 clear and correct	**1**
	e clear and correct	**1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	$V_X = 1.2$	**1**
	$I_X = 0.26$	**1**
2(a)(ii)	$R_X = 4.62$	**1**
	units A, V and Ω seen correctly	**1**
2(b)	(No) – <u>too</u> different (owtte)	**1**
2(c)(i)	Resistors Z and X in parallel and named	**1**
	Voltmeter correctly placed	**1**
	Ammeter correctly placed, correct circuit and all symbols correct.	**1**
2(d)	2.2 (given to 2 significant figures)	**1**
2(e)	At least 4 additional values suggested	**1**
	All values within 1(Ω) to 20(Ω)	**1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	Normal at 90°	**1**
	Correctly placed lines at 40° ± 2° and 70° ± 2°	**1**
	Both 7.0 ± 0.2 cm	**1**
3(b)	P_1P_2 distance at least 50 mm on AB	**1**
3(c)	α 70 ± 2°	**1**
3(d)	Correct unit	**1**
3(e)	At least 3 extra angles suggested	**1**
	Range of at least 30°	**1**
3(f)	One of: Difficulty in lining up pins Thickness of mirror Thickness of pins / size of pin holes	**1**
3(g)	Any two from: Box 2 ticked Box 3 ticked Box 5 ticked	**2**

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Question	Answer	Marks
4	**MP1** Apparatus: (stop)watch / clock / timer	**1**
	MP2 Method: Heat water in a container to a specified temperature or to boiling point	**1**
	MP3 Method: Repeat for at least two additional containers	**1**
	MP4 Constant Variable: Volume of water	**1**
	MP5 Constant Variable: Starting temperature (of water) OR room temperature OR power of heater	**1**
	MP6 Table with columns to match their method. If MP2 correct, this needs type of container and time with unit (s)	**1**
	MP7 Compare times / durations (for the various containers) OR see which takes longer.	**1**

Additional graph notes:

NOTE: The principle to apply here is 'could I draw a significantly better line, using these points, under examination conditions?' If the answer is definitely 'yes', do not award the mark.
NOTE: If candidate's scale consists of actual readings at equal intervals this will produce a perfect straight line! The only mark available in this case is the first (axes right way round and labelled) So maximum 1.
If axes are wrong way round, the other 3 marks are still available.

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