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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. Boldening

- 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 bullet points 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 candidates 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)

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

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

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

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a candidate 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, 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 or by each stage of a longer calculation.

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.

3.8 Ignore / Insufficient / Do not allow

Ignore or insufficient is used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.

Do **not** allow means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.

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Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1	red supergiant	do not accept red giant	1
	supernova		1
	black hole		1
Total			3

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Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)(i)	bat(s)		1
2(a)(ii)	any example in the inclusive range 5 ↔ 29 Hz / hertz	appropriate number and unit both required	1
2(b)(i)	A, C, D	all three required and no other	1
2(b)(ii)	D, E	both required and no other	1
2(c)	sound cannot travel through a vacuum / (empty) space / free space	accept there is no medium (for the sound to travel through) do not accept there is no air (for the sound to travel through)	1
	(because) there is / are nothing / no particles to vibrate	accept because there is / are nothing / no particles between them and the source (of the sound)	1
Total			6

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Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)	grid	accept any unambiguous indication	1
3(b)(i)	A (only)		1
3(b)(ii)	D (only)		1
3(c)	less than		1
Total			4

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Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)	increases		1
4(b)(i)	B		1
4(b)(ii)	tension in the wire		1
4(b)(iii)	C		1
Total			4

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Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)	all correct M L L	allow 1 mark for one correct	2
5(b)	speed	accept 'velocity'	1
5(c)(i)	any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it's natural • slowest • furthest (from the centre of the Earth) 	accept 'others are artificial / made by humans'	1
5(c)(ii)	as the (average) distance decreases the speed increases	accept 'there is a negative correlation (between them)' do not accept 'they are inversely proportional'	1
Total			5

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Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)	a force		1
6(b)	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more powerful magnet • reduce the gap (between magnet and coil) • increase the area of the coil • more powerful cell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more turns (on the coil) 	do not allow 'bigger magnet' do not allow 'bigger cell' accept battery for cell accept add a cell accept increase current / potential difference allow 'more coils on the coil' do not allow 'bigger coil'	2
6(c)	reverse the (polarity) of the cell	allow 'turn the cell the other way round' accept battery for cell	1
	reverse the (polarity) of the magnet	allow 'turn the magnet the other way up'	1
Total			5

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Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	360	allow 1 mark for correct substitution ie 300×1.2 provided no subsequent step shown	2
7(b)	the force is applied further from the axis of rotation or this increases the moment of the force	accept pivot / (tree) stump for 'axis of rotation'	1
	increases the force on the (tree) stump		1
Total			4

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Question 8

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(a)	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (sound with frequency) above 20 000 hertz / 20 kHz • frequencies above (human) audible range • (sound) cannot be heard by humans 		2
8(b)	<p>either two appropriate points gain 1 mark each</p> <p>or one appropriate point (and) appropriate qualification / amplification</p>	<p>either both pro / con or one of each</p> <p>examples</p> <p>other mammals (sufficiently) similar to humans (1) so results appropriate (1)</p> <p>unethical to experiment on humans (1) so it is better to experiment on mice (1)</p> <p>knowledge / techniques will benefit humans (1) and also other animals (1)</p> <p>experiments were justified because ultrasound has proved useful (1)</p>	2

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question	answers	extra information	mark
8(c)	examples publish / tell doctors / the public (1) ...their evidence / results / research / data (1) carry out more research / tests (1) ...to make sure / check reliability (1)	allow a wide variety of appropriate responses valid point (1) appropriate example / qualification / expansion / etc (1) allow just 'stop using them / ultrasonic waves' for 1 mark only allow using them (only) for industrial purposes for 1 mark only	2
Total			6

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Question 9

question	answers	extra information	mark
9(a)(i)	answer in the range 3.0 ↔ 3.1 inclusive	accept for 1 mark 3.6 ÷ 1.2 or 3.7 ÷ 1.2 or 36 ÷ 12 or 37 ÷ 12 or 18 ÷ 6 or 18.5 ÷ 6 or 10.2 ÷ 3.4 or 102 ÷ 34 or answer in the range but with a unit eg 3 cm	2
9(a)(ii)	(principal) focus / focal (point(s)) / foci / focus	accept 'focusses' accept focals do not accept focal length	1
9(a)(iii)	at the intersection of virtual / imaginary rays	or 'where virtual / imaginary rays cross' or the rays of (real) light do not cross or the image on the same side (of the lens) as the object or the image is drawn as a dotted line or the image is upright do not accept 'cannot be put on a screen' do not accept any response which refers to reflected rays	1
9(b)(i)	another correct observation about relationship between values of d (but) not the relationship between corresponding values for magnification	example 15 is three times bigger than 5 but 2.0 is not three times bigger than 1.2	1 1

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question	answers	extra information	mark
9(b)(ii)	when the distance / d increases the magnification increases	<p>or the converse</p> <p>accept 'there is a <u>positive</u> correlation'</p> <p>do not accept any response in terms of proportion / inverse proportion</p>	1
9(b)(iii)	(student has) no evidence (outside this range)	accept data / results / facts for 'evidence'	1
Total			8

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