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Abbreviations

/	Alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point.
()	Bracketed content indicates words which do not need to be explicitly seen to gain credit but which indicate the context for an answer. The context does not need to be seen but if a context is given that is incorrect then the mark should not be awarded.
—	Underlined content must be present in answer to award the mark. This means either the exact word or another word that has the same technical meaning.

Mark categories

B marks	These are <u>independent</u> marks, which do not depend on other marks. For a B mark to be awarded, the point to which it refers must be seen specifically in the candidate's answer.
M marks	These are <u>method</u> marks upon which A marks later depend. For an M mark to be awarded, the point to which it refers must be seen specifically in the candidate's answer. If a candidate is not awarded an M mark, then the later A mark cannot be awarded either.
C marks	These are <u>compensatory</u> marks which can be awarded even if the points to which they refer are not written down by the candidate, providing subsequent working gives evidence that they must have known them. For example, if an equation carries a C mark and the candidate does not write down the actual equation but does correct working which shows the candidate knew the equation, then the C mark is awarded. If a correct answer is given to a numerical question, all of the preceding C marks are awarded automatically. It is only necessary to consider each of the C marks in turn when the numerical answer is not correct.
A marks	These are <u>answer</u> marks. They may depend on an M mark or allow a C mark to be awarded by implication.

Annotations

✓	Indicates the point at which a mark has been awarded.
X	Indicates an incorrect answer or a point at which a decision is made not to award a mark.
XP	Indicates a physically incorrect equation ('incorrect physics'). No credit is given for substitution, or subsequent arithmetic, in a physically incorrect equation.

ECF	Indicates 'error carried forward'. Answers to later numerical questions can always be awarded up to full credit provided they are consistent with earlier incorrect answers. <u>Within</u> a section of a numerical question, ECF can be given after AE, TE and POT errors, but not after XP.
AE	Indicates an arithmetic error. Do not allow the mark where the error occurs. Then follow through the working/calculation giving full subsequent ECF if there are no further errors.
POT	Indicates a power of ten error. Do not allow the mark where the error occurs. Then follow through the working/calculation giving full subsequent ECF if there are no further errors.
TE	Indicates incorrect transcription of the correct data from the question, a graph, data sheet or a previous answer. For example, the value of 1.6×10^{-19} has been written down as 6.1×10^{-19} or 1.6×10^{19} . Do not allow the mark where the error occurs. Then follow through the working/calculation giving full subsequent ECF if there are no further errors.
SF	Indicates that the correct answer is seen in the working but the final answer is incorrect as it is expressed to too few significant figures.
BOD	Indicates that a mark is awarded where the candidate provides an answer that is not totally satisfactory, but the examiner feels that sufficient work has been done ('benefit of doubt').
CON	Indicates that a response is contradictory.
I	Indicates parts of a response that have been seen but disregarded as irrelevant.
M0	Indicates where an A category mark has not been awarded due to the M category mark upon which it depends not having previously been awarded.
^	Indicates where more is needed for a mark to be awarded (what is written is not wrong, but not enough). May also be used to annotate a response space that has been left completely blank.
SEEN	Indicates that a page has been seen.

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Question	Answer	Mark
1(a)	mass / volume	B1
1(b)(i)	absolute uncertainty = $4.0 \times (5 / 100)$ = $(\pm) 0.2 \text{ cm}$	B1
1(b)(ii)	percentage uncertainty = $2 + 4 + (5 \times 2)$	C1
	= $(\pm) 16\%$	A1
1(c)	$p = F / A$ or $p = W / A$	C1
	$p = (19.5 \times 10^{-3} \times 9.81) / (4.0 \times 10^{-2})^2$	C1
	= 120 Pa	A1

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Question	Answer	Mark
2(a)(i)	$P = Fv$	C1
	$= 18 \times 1.4$	A1
	$= 25 \text{ W}$	
2(a)(ii)	$a = F / m$	C1
	$a = 18 / 72 = 0.25 \text{ (ms}^{-2}\text{)}$	C1
	$t = 1.4 / 0.25$	
	$= 5.6 \text{ s}$	A1
2(b)(i)	$a = (54 - 18) / 72$ or $36 / 72 (= 0.50 \text{ ms}^{-2})$	C1
	$v^2 = 2 \times 0.50 \times 9.5$	C1
	$v = 3.1 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	A1
2(b)(ii)	$W = 54 \times 9.5$	A1
	$= 510 \text{ J}$	
2(b)(iii)	curved line from the origin	M1
	gradient of line increases	A1
2(c)	(force due to) air resistance increases/changes/not constant or air resistance increases with speed	B1

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Question	Answer	Mark
3(a)	solid straight line drawn between centre of sphere at X and at Y	B1
3(b)	$p = mv$ or $0.72 = mv$	C1
	$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ or $0.86 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$	C1
	$(m =) 0.72^2 / (2 \times 0.86) = 0.30 \text{ (kg)}$ or $v = 2E_K / p$ $v = (0.86 \times 2) / 0.72 = 2.4 \text{ (to 2 s.f.)}$ $m = 0.72 / 2.4 = 0.30 \text{ (kg)}$	A1
3(c)	$(\Delta)E = mg(\Delta)h$	C1
	$h = 0.86 / (0.30 \times 9.81)$ $= 0.29 \text{ m}$	A1
3(d)	$\cos \theta = (0.93 - 0.29) / 0.93$ so $\theta = 47^\circ$	A1
3(e)	moment = $(0.30 \times 9.81) \times 0.93 \times (\sin 47^\circ \text{ or } \cos 43^\circ)$ or moment = $(0.30 \times 9.81) \times [0.93^2 - (0.93 - 0.29)^2]^{0.5}$	C1
	$= 2.0 \text{ N m}$	A1

Question	Answer	Mark
3(f)	there is a <u>resultant</u> force (acting on sphere) or there is a <u>resultant</u> moment (about P acting on pendulum) (so) not in equilibrium	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	distance moved by wavefront/energy during one cycle/oscillation/period (of source) or <u>minimum</u> distance between two wavefronts or distance between two <u>adjacent</u> wavefronts	B1
4(b)	$v = \lambda / T$ or $v = f\lambda$ and $f = 1 / T$	C1
	$T = 460 \times 10^{-9} / 3.00 \times 10^8$	C1
	$= 1.5 \times 10^{-15} \text{ s}$	A1
4(c)	waves pass through/enter the slit(s)	B1
	waves spread (into geometric shadow)	B1
4(d)(i)	$n\lambda = d \sin \theta$	C1
	$G = \sin \theta / \lambda$	A1
	$d = 4 / G$	
4(d)(ii)	straight line from 400 nm to 700 nm that is always below printed line	M1
	straight line has smaller gradient than printed line and is 5 small squares high at wavelength of 700 nm	A1

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Question	Answer	Mark
5(a)	<u>sum of</u> e.m.f.(s) = <u>sum of</u> p.d.(s) or (algebraic) sum of e.m.f.(s) and p.d.(s) is zero	M1
	around a loop/around a <u>closed</u> circuit	A1
5(b)(i)	$I = 1.8 / 0.90$ $= 2.0 \text{ A}$	A1
5(b)(ii)	$Q = It$	C1
	number = $(2.0 \times 45) / 1.60 \times 10^{-19}$ $= 5.6 \times 10^{20}$	A1
5(b)(iii)	$4.0 = 1.8 + [2.0 \times (0.35 + R)]$ or $4.0 = 2.0 \times (0.90 + 0.35 + R)$	C1
	$R = 0.75 \Omega$	A1
5(c)(i)	$1.2 / 1.8 = 0.30 / L$	C1
	$L = 0.45 \text{ m}$	A1
5(c)(ii)	p.d. across XY decreases/p.d. across XP decreases	B1
	(so) P is moved towards Y/away from X/to the right	B1

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Question	Answer	Mark
6(a)(i)	(electron) neutrino	B1
6(a)(ii)	weak (nuclear force/interaction)	B1
6(a)(iii)	β^+ (particle)	B1
6(a)(iv)	(quark structure is) up up down or uud	B1
	$(2/3)e + (2/3)e - (1/3)e = (+)e$	B1
6(a)(v)	up up down changes to up down down or uud \rightarrow udd or up changes to down or u \rightarrow d	B1
6(b)(i)	$F = Eq$	C1
	ratio = $6/8$ = 0.75	A1
6(b)(ii)	ratio = $0.75 \times (16/12)$ = 1.0	A1
6(b)(iii)	horizontal straight line at a non-zero value of a	B1