



# Cambridge IGCSE™ (9–1)

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**PHYSICS**

**0972/03**

Paper 3 Theory (Core)

**For examination from 2023**

MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 80

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**Specimen**

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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.

**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.

<b>6</b>	<p><u>Calculation specific guidance</u></p> <p>Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, <b>unless</b> the question states ‘show your working’.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For answers given in standard form (e.g. <math>a \times 10^n</math>) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (<math>a</math>) 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><u>Guidance for chemical equations</u></p> <p>Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.</p> <p>State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.</p>

**Mark categories**

<b>B</b> marks	These are <u>independent</u> marks, which do not depend on other marks. For a <b>B</b> mark to be awarded, the point to which it refers must be seen specifically in the candidate’s answer.
<b>M</b> marks	These are <u>method</u> marks upon which <b>A</b> marks later depend. For an <b>M</b> 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 <b>M</b> mark, the later <b>A</b> mark cannot be awarded either.
<b>C</b> 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 <b>C</b> mark and the candidate does not write down the actual equation but does correct working which shows the candidate knew the equation, then the <b>C</b> mark is awarded. If a correct answer is given to a numerical question, all of the preceding <b>C</b> marks are awarded automatically. It is only necessary to consider each of the <b>C</b> marks in turn when the numerical answer is not correct.
<b>A</b> marks	These are <u>answer</u> marks. They may depend on an <b>M</b> mark or allow a <b>C</b> mark to be awarded by implication.

**Abbreviations and guidance**

/	Alternative answers for the same marking point.
<u>underline</u> (brackets)	Actual word underlined must be used by candidate (grammatical variants accepted). The word or phrase in brackets is not required but sets the context.
<b>AND / and</b>	Statements on both sides of the <b>AND</b> are needed for that mark.
<b>OR / or</b>	Indicates alternative answers, any one of which is satisfactory for scoring the marks.
<b>NOT / not</b>	Indicates that an incorrect answer is not to be disregarded but cancels another otherwise correct alternative offered by the candidate for this mark.
<b>Accept / Acc</b>	A less than ideal answer which should be marked correct.
<b>Ignore / Ig</b>	Indicates that something which is not correct or irrelevant is to be disregarded.
<b>e.c.f.</b>	'error carried forward'
<b>o.w.t.t.e.</b>	'or words to that effect'
<b>s.f.</b>	'significant figures' – answers are normally acceptable to any number of significant figures $\geq 2$ . Any exceptions to this general rule will be specified in the mark scheme.
Arithmetic errors	If the <b>only</b> error in arriving at a final answer is clearly an arithmetic one, all but the final <b>A</b> mark can be awarded. Regard a power of ten error as an arithmetic error.
Transcription errors	If the <b>only</b> error in arriving at a final answer is because given or previously calculated data has clearly been misread but used correctly, all but the final <b>A</b> mark can be awarded.
Fractions	Only accept these where specified in the mark scheme.
Crossed-out work	Work which has been crossed out and not replaced but can easily be read, should be marked as if it had not been crossed out.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	72 (s)	B1
1(b)	(average speed =) $\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$ $\frac{120}{54}$ 2.2(2) (m / s)	C1 A1
1(c)	area under line <b>OR</b> three areas indicated <b>OR</b> (dist =) (av.) speed $\times$ time <b>OR</b> $\frac{1}{2} (b + h) \times L$ $\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 4.0$ <b>OR</b> 7 (m) seen <b>OR</b> $6 \times 3.5$ <b>OR</b> 21 (m) $6 \times 3.5$ <b>OR</b> 21 (m) <b>AND</b> $\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \times 3.5 \times 4.0$ <b>OR</b> 7 (m) <b>OR</b> 14 (m) (21 + 14 =) 35 (m)	C1 C1 C1 A1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	$W = mg$ <b>OR</b> ( $m =$ ) $\frac{W}{g}$ $\frac{3.0}{9.8}$ 0.31 (kg)	C1 A1
2(b)(i)	any <b>four</b> from: partly fill the measuring cylinder with water <b>o.w.t.t.e.</b> determine/read volume of water in measuring cylinder (submerge/sink) metal in water determine/read new volume of water (and metal) find difference between final and initial volumes	B4
2(b)(ii)	wood floats	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(iii)	$D = \frac{M}{V}$	C1
	$\frac{405}{150}$	C1
	2.7 (g / cm <sup>3</sup> )	A1
3(a)(i)	(moment =) force × distance	C1
	150 × 0.5	C1
	75	A1
	Nm	B1
3(a)(ii)	accept any example involving turning forces	B1
3(b)	increase distance (of force from pivot)	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	Fig. 4.1. solar / Sun	B1
	Fig. 4.2. wind / Sun	B1
4(b)(i)	any <b>two</b> from: (renewable sources) are replaceable in a short time no (atmospheric) pollution conserves fossil fuels do not contribute to global warming	B2
4(b)(ii)	any <b>one</b> from: dependent on weather supply of energy is intermittent	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)(i)	(pressure) increases	B1
5(a)(ii)	any <b>four</b> from: (air) molecules/particles have more (kinetic) energy / move faster more frequent collisions harder collisions (with walls) collisions with walls idea of collisions causing force	B4
5(b)	$P = \frac{F}{A}$ in any form words or symbols	C1
	5.4 9.2	C1
	0.59 (N / cm <sup>2</sup> )	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	(26 – 23 =) 3 (°C)	B1
6(b)	any <b>three</b> from: use metal pipe paint black or use black pipe use matt or dull (paint) (place) reflector behind pipe use long(er) pipe use pipe with great(er) surface area slow(er) flow rate (place) glass / (clear) plastic cover over pipe	B3
6(c)	infrared (radiation through space / air)	B1
	conduction <u>through</u> pipe	B1



Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	wavelength correctly indicated	B1
7(b)	12 (cm)	B1
7(c)	$\frac{40}{60}$ 0.67 (Hz)	C1 A1
7(d)	direction of travel perpendicular to direction of vibration <b>o.w.t.t.e.</b>	B1
7(e)	any component of the electromagnetic spectrum <b>OR</b> seismic S-waves	B1
8(a)	(angle) z	B1
8(b)	3 curved waves after gap	M1
	diverging	A1
	equal gaps for equal wavelengths	B1
Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)(i)	microwaves	B1
9(a)(ii)	$3.0 \times 10^8$ (m / s)	B1
9(a)(iii)	ultraviolet <b>or</b> X-rays <b>or</b> gamma / $\gamma$ -rays	B1
9(b)(i)	X-rays: any <b>one</b> from: detecting broken bones / damaged teeth <b>OR</b> detecting / treating cancer <i>gamma:</i> any <b>one</b> from: detecting / treating cancer <b>OR</b> sterilising (hospital) equipment / food	B1 B1
9(b)(ii)	any <b>two</b> from: ionising radiations / high frequency / high energy (e-m radiation) (may) damage or mutate cells / DNA (may) cause radiation burns	B2

Question	Answer	Marks
10(a)	heater clearly identified	B1
10(b)	change (size of) current (in heater) (and so) change temperature of heater or output of heater	B1
10(c)	$V = IR$ in any form <b>or</b> $\frac{V}{I}$ $\frac{250}{2}$ 125 ( $\Omega$ ) fuse (large) current melts fuse wire <b>o.w.t.t.e.</b>	C1 C1 A1 M1 A1

Question	Answer	Marks
11(a)	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">A</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">description</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">number of neutrons</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Z</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">element symbol</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">proton number</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">X</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">nucleon number</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">number of atoms</div> </div>	B1 B1 B1

Question	Answer	Marks
11(b)	$\frac{18}{6}$ <b>or</b> 3 half-lives seen or implied	<b>C1</b>
	$\frac{1}{8}$ <b>or</b> division by 8	<b>C1</b>
	1.5 (mg)	<b>A1</b>

Question	Answer	Marks
12(a)(i)	ultraviolet (radiation) visible light (rays) infrared (radiation) any <b>one</b> for 1 mark <b>all three</b> for both marks	<b>B2</b>
12(a)(ii)	hydrogen <b>and</b> helium	<b>B1</b>
12(b)	any <b>three</b> from: wavelength from distant galaxy is measured/compared with wavelength (of line spectrum) on Earth wavelength from distant galaxy is longer <b>OR</b> shifted to (wards) red end of spectrum distant galaxy is receding <b>OR</b> moving away from the Earth evidence that the Universe is expanding	<b>B3</b>

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