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Mark Allocation

Candidates are required to answer **ALL** questions in Section A **[25 marks]** and **ONE** question in Section B **[25 marks]**. Maximum total=**[50 marks]**.

1. A markscheme often has more marking points than the total allows. This is intentional.

2. Each marking point has a separate line and the end is shown by means of a semicolon (;).

3. An alternative answer or wording is indicated in the markscheme by a slash (/). Either wording can be accepted.

4. Words in brackets ( ) in the markscheme are not necessary to gain the mark.

5. Words that are underlined are essential for the mark.

6. The order of marking points does not have to be as in the markscheme, unless stated otherwise.

7. If the candidate's answer has the same "meaning" or can be clearly interpreted as being of equivalent significance, detail and validity as that in the markscheme then award the mark. Where this point is considered to be particularly relevant in a question it is emphasized by ***OWTTE*** (or words to that effect).

8. Occasionally, a part of a question may require an answer that is required for subsequent marking points. If an error is made in the first marking point then it should be penalized. However, if the incorrect answer is used correctly in subsequent marking points then **follow through** marks should be awarded. When marking indicate this by adding **ECF** (error carried forward) on the script.

9. Do **not** penalize candidates for errors in units or significant figures, **unless** it is specifically referred to in the markscheme.

SECTION A

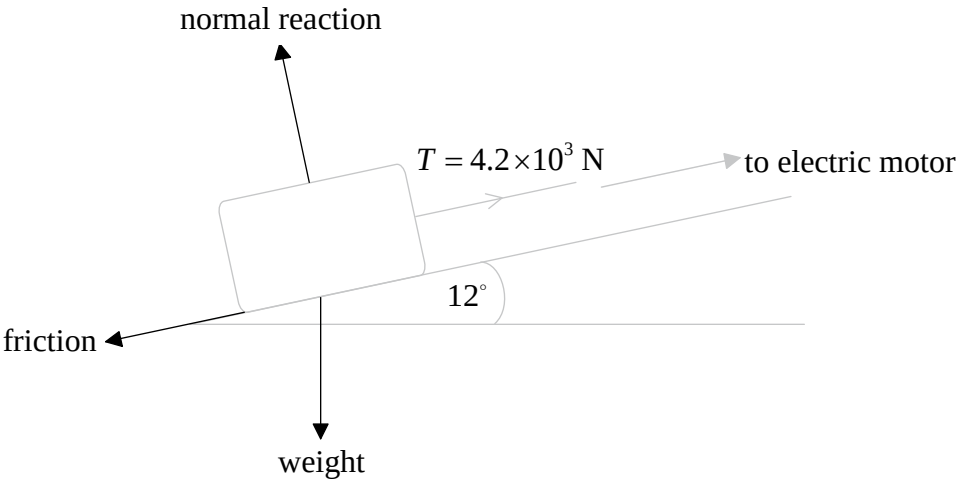
1. (a) smooth curve that goes through all error bars; ***[1]***
Do not allow thick or hairy or doubled lines, or lines where the curvature changes abruptly.
Do not allow lines that touch horizontal ends of error bars but miss the verticals.

(b) (i) (no)
reference to going through all the error bars;
the line is a curve/not straight / straight line would not pass through all the points / equal increments in l give rise to unequal increments in d; ***[2]***

(ii) mentions or shows clear extrapolation to l axis; } *(allow from curve or straight line)*
read-off to within a square (0.50 ± 0.05 m); ***[2]***
Award [1max] if no extrapolation seen on graph.
Answer must match read-off to 2+sig fig.

(c) two data points on line correctly read and more than 0.5 apart on l-axis;
$d^2 = kl$ ***or*** $d = k\sqrt{l}$;
two or more correct calculations of k from readings;
comment that two or more values are not equal (even with error bar consideration) therefore hypothesis is not valid; ***[4]***
*Award **[3 max]** if l-axis values differ by less than 0.5.*

2. (a)



(normal) reaction/N/R and weight/force of gravity/gravity force/gravitational force/mg/w/W with correct directions;
friction/frictional force/F/F_f with arrow pointing down ramp along surface of ramp; ***[2]***
Do not allow "gravity" as label. Do not allow "drag" as label for friction.

(b) recognize that friction $= T - W \sin\theta$;
$W \sin\theta = 3.1 \times 10^3$ N;
friction $= 1.1 \times 10^3$ N; ***[3]***

3. (a) no radioactive waste;
no radiation risks to users;
lower expense of decommissioning / easier to decommission / easier to install / lower set-up cost;
transportation and storage less hazardous/safer;
simpler technology;
cannot be used for military purposes;
fossil fuels can be extracted/found more easily;
no chance of catastrophic accident/meltdown/Chernobyl; ***[2 max]***

(b) U-235 is (much) more fissionable that U-238 / U-238 is a good absorber of neutrons / U-238 removes neutrons from the reaction / U-238 cannot produce a chain/sustainable reaction;
(naturally occurring) uranium (ore) contains more U-238 (atoms) than U-235 (atoms) / very little U-235 in ore;
in fuel enrichment, U-238 is removed / the percentage of U-235 is increased / the ratio of U-235 to U-238 is increased / amount of U-235 increases; ***[3]***

(c) (i) energy required $= \left(620 \times 25 \times 4.2 \times 10^{3} = \right) 6.51 \times 10^{7}$ J ;

mass of U-235 required $= \left(\frac{6.51 \times 10^{7}}{2.0 \times 10^{13}} = \right) 3.3 \times 10^{-6}$ kg ; ***[2]***

(ii) energy supplied $= 23 \times 740 \times 3600 \times$ time ;

time $= \left(\frac{6.51 \times 10^{7}}{23 \times 740 \times 3600} = \right) 1.1$hr / 1 hour 4 minutes; ***[2]***

*Award **[1 max]** for correct answer expressed in seconds (3825 s).*

(d) kinetic energy of fission fragments into thermal energy / nuclear energy into thermal energy of the coolant/water/steam;
thermal energy into kinetic energy of (rotating) magnets/coils/turbines/generators (then to electrical energy); ***[2]***
Do not accept "heat energy" or "mechanical energy".

SECTION B

4. **Part 1** Electric fields and radioactive decay

(a) the force exerted per unit charge;
on a positive small/test charge; ***[2]***

(b) $E = \frac{ke}{r^2} = \frac{9\times10^{9}\times1.6\times10^{-19}}{10^{-30}}$;
$= 1.4\times10^{21}\,\mathrm{N\,C^{-1}}$ ***or*** $\mathrm{V\,m^{-1}}$; ***[2]***

(c) (i) into the (plane of the) paper; ***[1]***

(ii) $Ee = Bev$ ***or*** $E = Bv$;
$= \left(2.3\times10^{-4}\times3.9\times10^{6} =\right) 900/897$;
$\mathrm{N\,C^{-1}}$ ***or*** $\mathrm{V\,m^{-1}}$; ***[3]***

(d) *proton number*: 8
nucleon number: 17 } *(both needed)* ***[1]***

(e) $16.9991\mathrm{u} + 1.0073\mathrm{u} - [14.0031\mathrm{u} + 4.0026\mathrm{u}]$;
$= -7.00\times10^{-4}$;
$7.000\times10^{-4}\times931.5 = 0.6521\,\mathrm{MeV}$;
(~0.7 MeV) ***[3]***

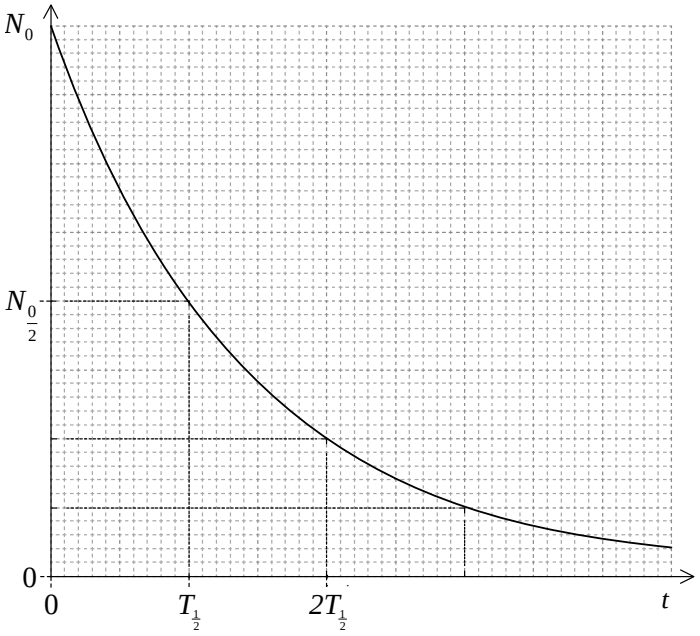
(f) (i) *isotope*:

same proton number/element/number of protons ***and*** different number of neutrons/nucleon number/neutron number; *(both needed)*

half-life:

time for the activity (of a radioactive sample) to fall by half its original value / time for half the radioactive/unstable nuclei/atoms (in a sample) to decay; ***[2]***

(ii)



(approximately) exponential shape;

minimum of three half lives shown;

graph correct at $\left[T_{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{N_0}{2}\right]$, $\left[2T_{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{N_0}{4}\right]$, $\left[3T_{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{N_0}{8}\right]$; ***[3]***

Part 2 Change of phase

(g) temperature is a measure of the (average) kinetic energy of the molecules;
at the boiling point, energy supplied (does not increase the kinetic energy) but (only) increases the potential energy of the molecules/goes into increasing the separation of the molecules/breaking one molecule from another / *OWTTE*; ***[2]***

(h) (energy gained by cold water is) $0.300 \times 4180 \times [34.6 - 15.2]$ / 24327;
(energy lost by cooling water is) $0.012 \times 4180 \times [100 - 34.6]$ / 3280;
(energy lost by condensing steam is) $0.012L$;
$1.75 \times 10^6 (\text{J kg}^{-1})$ /
$\dfrac{[\text{their energy gained by cold water} - \text{their energy lost by cooling water}]}{0.012}$; ***[4]***
*Award **[4]** for 1.75×10^6 (J kg^{-1}).*
*Award **[2 max]** for an answer that ignores cooling of condensed steam.*

(i) some of the energy (of the condensing steam) is lost to the surroundings;
so less energy available to be absorbed by water / rise in temperature of the water would be greater if no energy lost; ***[2]***

5. Part 1 Simple harmonic motion (SHM) and waves

(a) the acceleration (of a particle/P) is (directly) proportional to displacement;
and is directed towards equilibrium/in the opposite direction to displacement; ***[2]***
Do not accept "directed towards the centre".

(b) (i) 0.30 s; ***[1]***

(ii) max velocity $= 0.74\ (\pm 0.02)\ \text{m s}^{-1}$;
recognize max velocity $= \omega x_0$;
$\omega = \left(\frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{0.30} = \right) 20.9\ \text{rad s}^{-1}$;
$x_0 = \left(\frac{0.74}{20.9} = \right) 3.5\ (\pm 0.2) \times 10^{-2}\ \text{m}$; ***[4]***

or

identifies displacement with area;
uses one quarter of a cycle;
answer in the range of 30 to 40 mm;
answer in the range of 33 to 37 mm;

(iii) $v = 0.64\ (\pm 0.2)\ \text{m s}^{-1}$;
use $v = \omega\sqrt{(x_0^{\,2} - x^2)}$ to get $x = 1.7\ (\pm 0.2) \times 10^{-2}\ \text{m}$; ***[2]***

or

recognition that $x = x_0 \cos \omega t$;
$x \left(= 35 \cos \left[\frac{2\pi}{0.3} \times 0.2 \right] \right) = 17.5\ \text{mm}$;

(c) (i) the direction of energy propagation is at right angles to the motion of the particles/atoms/molecules in the medium; ***[1]***

(ii) $\lambda = \frac{v}{f} = vT$;
$= (0.40 \times 0.3 =)\ 0.12\ \text{m}$; ***[2]***

(iii) $n / 1.8 = \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}$;
to give $\lambda_2 = 0.067\ \text{m}$; ***[2]***

Part 2 Voltage–current *(V–I)* characteristics

(d) *X*: graph is a straight line and through the origin / resistance is constant;
so because $V \propto I$ it is ohmic;

Y: not ohmic because graph is not straight/is curved / resistance is not constant; ***[3]***

*Award **[3]** for an answer where resistance values are calculated to show constancy or otherwise.*

(e) (i) read-off of intersection of lines X and Y $[4.0, 6.0]$ / reference to 4.0 V **and** 6.0 mA; *(allow power of 10 error)*

$R_X = R_Y = \frac{6.0}{4.0 \times 10^{-3}} = 1.5 \times 10^3\,\Omega$;

resistance of combination $= 750\,\Omega$; ***[3]***

(ii) use the idea of potential divider $\frac{R}{750} = \frac{2.0}{6.0}$;

$R = 250\,\Omega$; ***[2]***

or

current $= 8$ mA;

$R = \frac{2.0}{0.008} = 250\,(\Omega)$;

(iii) total resistance $= 1000\,\Omega$;

total current $= 8.0 \times 10^{-3}$ A ***or*** pd $= 8.0$ V;

total power $= (8.0 \times 8.0 \times 10^{-3} =) 64$ mW; ***[3]***

6. **Part 1** Newton's laws and momentum

(a) the net (external) force acting on the system is zero / no force acting on system / system is isolated; ***[1]***

(b) (i) no external force/system is isolated so change in momentum is zero; (*do not accept momentum is conserved/constant)*
force on ball must be equal and opposite to force on the person;
so ball and person/Earth/pond move in opposite directions; ***[3]***

(ii) Newton's second law states that the rate of change of momentum is equal/proportional/directly proportional to the force acting;
the horizontal force acting on the ball is zero therefore the momentum must be constant/the rate of change of momentum is zero; ***[2]***

or

Newton's second law can be expressed as the force acting is equal to the product of mass and acceleration;
the horizontal force acting on the ball is zero therefore the acceleration is zero so velocity is constant (and therefore momentum is constant);

(c) $F = \frac{P}{v}$ ***or*** $\frac{0.75\times10^6}{44}$;
17 kN; ***[2]***

(d) (i) $3.7\times4.0 = 10\times v$;
$v = 1.5\,\text{m s}^{-1}$; ***[2]***

(ii) KE lost $= \frac{1}{2}\left[3.7\times10^3\times4.0^2\right] - \frac{1}{2}\left[10\times10^3\times1.5^2\right]$;
$= 18\,\text{kJ}$; ***[2]***

(e) initial KE $= \left(\frac{1}{2}\left[10\times10^3\times1.5^2\right] = \right)11250\,\text{J}$;
friction $= \frac{11250}{40}$;
$= 280\,\text{N}$; ***[3]***

or

use of kinematic equation to give $a = 0.274\,\text{m s}^{-1}$;
use of $F(=ma) = 10\times10^3 a$;
270/280 N;

Part 2 The greenhouse effect

(f) (i) methane/CH_4, water vapour/ H_2O , carbon dioxide/ CO_2 , nitrous oxide/ N_2O ; ***[1]***
*Award **[1]** for any two of the above.*

(ii) *mechanism*: ***[2]***
mention of resonance;
natural frequency of (resonating) greenhouse gas molecules is same as that of infrared radiation from Earth;

or

mention of energy level differences;
differences between energy levels of greenhouse gas molecules matches energy of infrared radiation from Earth;

explanation: ***[2]***
less infrared trapped if absorption is reduced;
so more infrared is transmitted through atmosphere;

or

more infrared is trapped if absorption is increased;
so more infrared is re-radiated back to Earth; ***[4 max]***
Allow only one variant for each alternative.

(g) more greenhouse gas therefore more infrared radiated back to Earth;
leading to an increase in temperature of glaciers/surface;
less glacier area so less reflection from glacier surface / *OWTTE*;
albedo defined as $\frac{\text{amount of radiation reflected}}{\text{amount of radiation absorbed}}$ therefore albedo reduced; ***[3 max]***

(h) $\frac{\Delta h}{h} = 2.5\times10^{-4}$;

use definition of volume expansion to get $\Delta T = \left(\frac{2.5\times10^{-4}}{6.2\times10^{-5}} =\right) 4.0\,\text{K}$; ***[2]***