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**Physics A**

**H556/03: Unified physics**

Advanced GCE

**Mark Scheme for Autumn 2021**

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| Annotation  |  | Meaning   |
|---|--|---|
|  | Correct response                       | Used to indicate the point at which a mark has been awarded ( <b>one tick per mark awarded</b> ).   |
|  | Incorrect response                     | Used to indicate an incorrect answer or a point where a mark is lost.   |
| <b>AE</b>   | 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.  |
| <b>BOD</b>  | Benefit of doubt given                 | Used to indicate a mark awarded where the candidate provides an answer that is not totally satisfactory, but the examiner feels that sufficient work has been done.   |
| <b>BP</b>   | Blank page                             | Use BP on additional page(s) to show that there is no additional work provided by the candidates.   |
| <b>CON</b>  | Contradiction                          | No mark can be awarded if the candidate contradicts himself or herself in the same response.  |
| <b>ECF</b>  | Error carried forward                  | Used in <u>numerical answers only</u> , unless specified otherwise in the mark scheme. Answers to later sections of numerical questions may be awarded up to full credit provided they are consistent with earlier incorrect answers. Within a question, ECF can be given for AE, TE and POT errors but not for XP. |
| <b>L1</b>   | Level 1                                | L1 is used to show 2 marks awarded and L1^ is used to show 1 mark awarded.  |
| <b>L2</b>   | Level 2                                | L2 is used to show 4 marks awarded and L2^ is used to show 3 marks awarded.   |
| <b>L3</b>   | Level 3                                | L3 is used to show 6 marks awarded and L3^ is used to show 5 marks awarded.   |
| <b>POT</b>  | Power of 10 error                      | This is usually linked to conversion of SI prefixes. Do not allow the mark where the error occurs. Then follow through the working/calculation giving ECF for subsequent marks if there are no further errors.  |
| <b>SEEN</b>   | Seen                                   | To indicate working/text has been seen by the examiner.   |
| <b>SF</b>   | Error in number of significant figures | Where more SFs are given than is justified by the question, do not penalise. Fewer significant figures than necessary will be considered within the mark scheme. <b>Penalised only once in the paper.</b>   |
| <b>TE</b>   | Transcription error                    | This error is when there is incorrect transcription of the correct data from the question, graphical read-off, formulae booklet or a previous answer. Do not allow the relevant mark and then follow through the working giving ECF for subsequent marks.   |
| <b>XP</b>   | Wrong physics or equation              | Used in <u>numerical answers only</u> , unless otherwise specified in the mark scheme. Use of an incorrect equation is wrong physics even if it happens to lead to the correct answer.  |

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| ^ | Omission | Used to indicate where more is needed for a mark to be awarded (what is written is not wrong but not enough). |
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Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme (to include abbreviations and subject-specific conventions).

| Annotation | Meaning   |
|------------|---|
| /          | alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point |
| Reject     | Answers which are not worthy of credit                        |
| Not        | Answers which are not worthy of credit                        |
| Ignore     | Statements which are irrelevant                               |
| Allow      | Answers that can be accepted                                  |
| ()         | Words which are not essential to gain credit                  |
| —          | Underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark    |
| ECF        | Error carried forward   |
| AW         | Alternative wording   |
| ORA        | Or reverse argument   |

**General rule:** For substitution into an equation, allow any subject – unless stated otherwise in the guidance

| Question     |     |        | Answer  | Marks                               | Guidance  |
|--------------|-----|--------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1            | (a) | (i)    | $(F = ma =) 190 \times 10^3 = 2.1 \times 10^5 a$<br>$a = 0.90 \text{ (m s}^{-2}\text{)}$  | <b>M1</b><br><b>A0</b>              | $a = 0.905$ to 3 SF   |
|              |     | (ii)   | $(v^2 = u^2 + 2as \text{ gives}) 36 = 2 \times 0.90 \times s$<br>$s = 20 \text{ (m)}$   | <b>C1</b><br><b>A1</b>              | <b>Allow</b> any valid <i>suvat</i> approach; <b>allow ECF</b> from (a)(i)<br><b>Note</b> using $a = 1$ gives $s = 18\text{(m)}$  |
|              |     | (iii)1 | $P = Fv$<br><br>One correct calculation<br>e.g. $F = 100 \times 10^3$ and $v = 42$ gives $P = 4.2 \times 10^6 \text{ (W)}$<br><br>$Fv = \text{constant}$  | <b>B1</b><br><b>B1</b><br><b>B1</b> | Equation must be seen (not inferred from working)<br><b>Allow</b> any corresponding values of $F$ and $v$ ; working must be shown. No credit for finding area below curve<br><b>Allow</b> $F$ is proportional to $1/v$ <b>or</b> graph is hyperbolic <b>or</b> correct calculation of $Fv$ at <u>two</u> points (or more) |
|              |     | (iii)2 | $(P = VI = 4.2\text{MW so}) 4.2 \times 10^6 = 25 \times 10^3 \times I$<br><br>$I = 170 \text{ (A)}$   | <b>C1</b><br><b>A1</b>              | <b>Allow</b> $P = 4\text{MW}$ <b>or ECF</b> from (iii)1<br><br>Expect answers between 160 - 170 (A)   |
|              | (b) | (i)    | $R (= \rho L/A) = 1.8 \times 10^{-8} \times 1500/1.1 \times 10^{-4}$<br><br>$R = 0.25 \text{ (}\Omega\text{)}$  | <b>C1</b><br><b>A1</b>              |   |
|              |     | (ii)   | $E = \sigma/\epsilon = T/A\epsilon \text{ (so } T = EA\epsilon\text{)}$<br><br>$T = 1.2 \times 10^{10} \times 1.1 \times 10^{-4} \times 0.013$<br><br>$T = 1.7 \times 10^4 \text{ (N) or } 17 \text{ (kN)}$ | <b>C1</b><br><b>C1</b><br><b>A1</b> | <b>or</b> calculation of $\sigma = 1.56 \times 10^8 \text{ (Nm}^{-2}\text{)}$<br><br><b>or</b> $T = 1.56 \times 10^8 \times 1.1 \times 10^{-4}$   |
| <b>Total</b> |     |        |   | <b>13</b>                           |   |

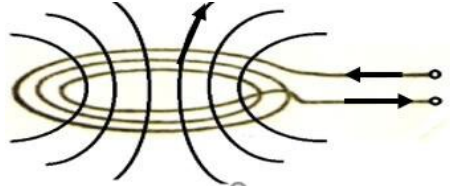
| Question |     |      | Answer   | Marks                      | Guidance   |
|----------|-----|------|--|----------------------------|--|
| 2        | (a) | (i)  | $R = 3000 + 1500$<br><br>$V = 12 \times 1500/4500 = 4(.0) \text{ (V)}$                             | <b>C1</b><br><br><b>A1</b> | $R = 4500 \text{ (}\Omega\text{)}$<br><br><i>or</i> $I = V/R = 12/4500 = 2.67 \text{ mA}$<br>$V_{1500} = 2.67 \text{ mA} \times 1.5 \text{ k}\Omega = 4.0 \text{ (V)}$ |
|          |     | (ii) | $V (= 12 \times 1500/1600) = 11.25 \text{ (V)}$<br><br>$\Delta V = 11.25 - 4.0 = 7.25 \text{ (V)}$ | <b>C1</b><br><br><b>A0</b> |  |
|          | (b) |      | <b>see next page</b>   |                            |  |

| Question |       | Answer   | Marks    | Guidance   |
|----------|-------|--|----------|--|
|          | (b) * | <p><b>Level 3 (5–6 marks)</b><br/>Clear description of a valid experiment which would lead to accurate results, sensible suggestions for table, graph and accuracy</p> <p><i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.</i></p> <p><b>Level 2 (3–4 marks)</b><br/>Reasonable description of experiment and sensible suggestion for table <b>or</b> graph <b>or</b> accuracy, or attempt at all three</p> <p><i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.</i></p> <p><b>Level 1 (1–2 marks)</b><br/>Attempt at experiment and attempt at table <b>or</b> graph <b>or</b> accuracy</p> <p><i>There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.</i></p> <p><b>0 marks</b><br/>No response or no response worthy of credit.</p> | B1 x 6   | <p><b>Indicative scientific points may include:</b></p> <p><b>Experiment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagram(s) to show electrical circuit and/or set-up of apparatus</li> <li>• Use ammeter in series to measure current <math>I</math> through LED</li> <li>• Use micrometer to measure thickness of (one sheet of) tracing paper</li> <li>• or use calliper with <math>m</math> sheets of thickness <math>t</math>; measure <math>t</math> and use <math>x = mt</math></li> <li>• Measure <math>I</math> for various <math>x</math></li> <li>• Calculate <math>\ln I</math></li> </ul> <p><b>Results table</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need columns for total thickness <math>x</math> (or number of sheets <math>m</math> and <math>x = mt</math>), current <math>I</math>, <math>\ln(I)</math></li> <li>• Units if included should be appropriate and presented in an appropriate format e.g. <math>\ln(I/\text{mA})</math></li> </ul> <p><b>Graph</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• plot <math>\ln I</math> against <math>x</math></li> <li>• expect straight line graph with negative gradient and non-zero intercept</li> <li>• gradient = <math>-n</math> and <math>y</math>-intercept <math>c = \ln k</math></li> <li>• <math>k = e^c</math> (alternatively, <math>k</math> is the current when no sheets of paper are used)</li> </ul> <p><b>Accuracy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• work in darkened room/constant low light conditions</li> <li>• keep distance between light-source and LDR constant</li> <li>• use same power light source and same LDR throughout</li> <li>• position yourself so as not to cast shadow on LDR</li> <li>• clamp equipment to bench to ensure distances do not change</li> </ul> |
|          |       | <b>Total</b>   | <b>9</b> |  |

| Question     |         | Answer  | Marks                                   | Guidance   |
|--------------|---------|---|---|--|
| 3            | (a)     | GPE is the work done in bringing an object from infinity (to that point)  | <b>B1</b>                               | <b>Ignore</b> any equations  |
|              | (b) (i) | GPE = (-) $GMm/r$<br>GPE = (-) $6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 2 \times 10^{30} \times 810 / 1.5 \times 10^{11}$<br>GPE = (-) $7.2 \times 10^{11}$ (J)   | <b>C1</b><br><b>C1</b><br><b>A0</b>     | Mark is for full substitution, including $6.67 \times 10^{-11}$ for G  |
|              | (ii)    | $v = 2\pi r/T = 2\pi \times 1.5 \times 10^{11} / 3.16 \times 10^7$ (= 29.8 km s <sup>-1</sup> )<br><br>KE = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = 0.5 \times 810 \times (29.8 \times 10^3)^2$<br><br>KE = $3.6 \times 10^{11}$ (J)   | <b>C1</b><br><br><b>M1</b><br><b>A1</b> | <b>Allow</b> proof by algebraic method for full marks e.g. $mv^2/r = GMm/r^2$<br><br>so $mv^2 = GMm/r$<br><br>Therefore KE/GPE = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2/(GMm/r) = \frac{1}{2}$ |
|              | (iii)   | total energy = (-) $(7.2 \times 10^{11} - 3.6 \times 10^{11})$<br><br>total energy = (-) $3.6 \times 10^{11}$ (J)   | <b>M1</b><br><b>A0</b>                  | working must be shown; <b>ECF (i) and (ii)</b>   |
|              | (c) (i) | <u><b>A</b></u> = $470/8.8 \times 10^{-13} = 5.3 \times 10^{14}$ (Bq)<br><br>$\lambda = \ln 2/(88 \times 3.16 \times 10^7)$ (= $2.5 \times 10^{-10}$ s <sup>-1</sup> )<br><br>( $A = \lambda N$ ); $N$ (= $5.3 \times 10^{14} / 2.5 \times 10^{-10}$ ) = $2.1 \times 10^{24}$ | <b>C1</b><br><b>C1</b><br><b>A1</b>     | Mark is for correct calculation of A (in Bq <b>or</b> decays per s)<br><br>Mark is for correct working to give $\lambda$ in s <sup>-1</sup>                              |
|              | (ii)    | $P = P_0 \exp(-\lambda t)$<br><br>$P = 470 \exp(-\ln 2 \times 100 / 88)$<br><br>$P = 210$ (W)   | <b>C1</b><br><b>C1</b><br><b>A1</b>     | <b>Allow</b> formula in terms of $N$ or $A$<br><br><b>Allow</b> calculation in terms of $N$ or $A$ ; <b>allow ECF</b> for $N$ or $A$                                     |
| <b>Total</b> |         |   | <b>13</b>                               |  |



| Question |     |   | Answer   | Marks         | Guidance  |
|----------|-----|---|--|---------------|---|
| 4        | (a) | * | <p><b>Level 3 (5 - 6 marks)</b><br/>Clear explanation using kinetic theory ideas <b>and either</b> a clear proof using formulae <b>or</b> a correct calculation</p> <p><i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.</i></p> <p><b>Level 2 (3 – 4 marks)</b><br/>A partial explanation using kinetic theory ideas <b>and either</b> a partial proof using formulae <b>or</b> a partial calculation</p> <p><i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most part relevant and supported by some evidence.</i></p> <p><b>Level 1 (1 – 2 marks)</b><br/>An attempt at either explanation <b>or</b> proof <b>or</b> calculation</p> <p><i>There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.</i></p> <p><b>0 marks</b><br/><i>No response or no response worthy of credit.</i></p> | <b>B1 x 6</b> | <p><b>Indicative scientific points may include:</b></p> <p><b>Explanation using kinetic theory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pressure = force/area</li> <li>• force is caused by air molecules colliding with oven walls</li> <li>• Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law states force = rate of momentum change</li> <li>• increased temperature means each molecule has greater KE</li> <li>• hence greater velocity and hence greater momentum</li> <li>• and more collisions with walls per second</li> <li>• hence greater rate of momentum change on hitting walls.</li> <li>• This would lead to greater pressure if <math>N</math> remained constant</li> <li>• so number of molecules in oven must decrease (air escapes)</li> <li>• so fewer but 'harder' collisions at higher temperatures giving constant pressure.</li> <li>• Rms velocity <math>c</math> increases with temperature but number <math>N</math> decreases and so effects balance out to keep total KE (<math>\frac{1}{2}Nmc^2</math>) constant</li> </ul> <p><b>Proof using formulae</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• equate <math>pV = NkT</math> and <math>E = \frac{3}{2}NkT</math> to show <math>E = \frac{3}{2}pV</math></li> <li>• in an ideal gas, all internal energy <math>E</math> is kinetic energy</li> <li>• so <math>E</math> is independent of temperature</li> </ul> <p><b>Calculation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal energy = <math>\frac{3}{2}pV = 1.5 \times 0.065 \times 1.0 \times 10^5 = 9.8 \text{ kJ}</math></li> <li>• At <math>T = 293\text{K}</math>, <math>N = pV/kT = 1.6 \times 10^{24}</math> and <math>n = 2.7</math> moles</li> <li>• At <math>T = 473\text{K}</math>, <math>N = 1.0 \times 10^{24}</math> and <math>n = 1.7</math> moles</li> <li>• so we can show that <math>NT</math> (and/or <math>nT</math>) remain constant</li> </ul> |

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|--------------|-----|-------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| 4            | (b) | (i)   |    | <p><b>B1</b></p> <p><b>B1</b></p> | <p>One correct line (or dot and cross) drawn<br/>Line must go through centre of coil<br/><b>Allow</b> an incomplete line or a complete circle round the coil<br/><b>Ignore</b> direction of arrow</p> <p>More than one line drawn<br/>All lines drawn must go through centre of coil and follow correct shape and <u>direction</u> of field<br/><b>Ignore</b> spacing of lines<br/><b>Ignore</b> any lines to the right of the coil</p> |
|              |     | (ii)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (the magnetic) flux (of the coil) links the <u>base / saucepan</u></li> <li>• (the size/direction of) the flux linkage (constantly) <u>changes/alternates</u> (causing an alternating induced e.m.f.)</li> <li>• (induced) <u>current</u> is large because metal/base/saucepan has low resistance</li> </ul> | <p><b>B1 x 2</b></p>              | <p>2 out of 3 possible marking points</p> <p><b>Allow</b> (the magnetic) field lines cut the (base of the) <u>saucepan</u></p> <p><b>Allow</b> the (magnetic) field constantly changes/alternates<br/><b>Allow</b> a bald statement of Faraday's Law</p>  |
|              |     | (iii) | <p>The resistance of glass-ceramic/the (cook's) hand is (very) large</p> <p>So (induced) <u>current</u> (or heating effect of <u>current</u>) is zero/negligible</p>  | <p><b>M1</b></p> <p><b>A1</b></p> | <p><b>Allow</b> glass-ceramic/hand is an insulator/not a (good) conductor</p> <p><b>Do not allow</b> the induced <u>e.m.f.</u> is (very) small</p>  |
| <b>Total</b> |     |       |   | <b>12</b>                         |   |

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|--------------|-----|--|---|--|---|
| 5            | (a) | the (sound) wave reflects at the water (surface)   | <b>B1</b>   | <b>Allow</b> the (two) waves interfere/superpose<br><b>Do not allow</b> interact/combine |   |
|              |     | reflected wave interferes/superposes with the incident wave  | <b>B1</b>   |  |   |
|              |     | to produce a (resultant) wave with a node at the water surface <u>and</u> an antinode at the top of the tube | <b>B1</b>   |  |   |
|              |     | $l = \lambda/4$  | <b>B1</b>   |  |   |
|              | (b) | (i)  | $l = (v/4)(1/f) - k$<br>Correct comparison with $y = mx + c$  | <b>M1</b><br><b>A1</b>   | Correct manipulation of equation <b>must</b> be shown   |
|              |     | (ii)   | large triangle used to determine gradient<br>gradient calculated correctly<br>$v = 320 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$ | <b>B1</b><br><b>B1</b><br><b>B1</b>  | $\Delta x > 0.6 \times 10^{-3}\text{s}$<br>Expect between 80 and 82 (m s <sup>-1</sup> )<br><b>Allow</b> $320 \pm 20$ ; <b>allow ECF</b> from an incorrect gradient         |
|              | (c) | (i)  | Value of $1/F$ determined correctly from graph<br>$F = 350 \text{ (Hz)}$  | <b>C1</b><br><b>A1</b>   | <b>Allow values between</b> $2.83 \times 10^{-3}\text{s}$ and $2.84 \times 10^{-3}\text{s}$<br><b>Allow</b> only alternative methods which use values from line of best fit |
|              |     | (ii)   | $(100 (\Delta F/F) =) 100 \Delta v/v$<br>$+ \frac{100 (\Delta l + \Delta k)}{(l + k)}$                            | <b>B1</b><br><b>B1</b>   |   |
| <b>Total</b> |     |  | <b>13</b>   |  |   |

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|--------------|---------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| 6            | (a)     | At $t = 0$ (and $t = 15, 30$ ) the (magnitude of the) centripetal force equals $R - W$ (as only vertical forces act on the tourist)  | <b>B1</b>                           | <b>Allow</b> at $t = 0$ ( <b>or</b> the bottom of the circle) the centripetal force is provided by the resultant/ upwards/vertical force                       |
|              | (b) (i) | (For circular motion) there must (always) be a resultant force towards the centre<br><br>The resultant force is not always vertical/sometimes has a horizontal component<br><br>This can only be provided by friction/cannot be provided by $R$ and $W$ / $R$ and $W$ are always vertical/only $F$ is horizontal | <b>B1 x 2</b>                       | any 2 from 3 marking points<br><br><b>Allow</b> $F$ provides the horizontal (component of the) centripetal force   |
|              | (ii)    | Sine wave with period 30 min and amplitude 0.050 (N)<br><br>Correct phase, i.e. <u>negative</u> sine wave  | <b>B1</b><br><b>B1</b>              | Must start at the origin   |
|              | (iii)   | $F = 0.050 \cos 40^\circ$<br><br>$F = 0.038$ (N)   | <b>C1</b><br><b>A1</b>              | <b>Allow</b> alternative methods e.g. triangle of forces<br><b>Allow ECF</b> from graph if used  |
|              | (c)     | $m = 650/g$ <b>or</b> $m = 650/9.81$ (= 66.3 kg)<br><br>( $F = mr\omega^2$ gives)<br>$d = 0.050 / m\omega^2 = 0.050 / 66.3 \times (3.5 \times 10^{-3})^2$<br><br>$d = 62$ (m)  | <b>C1</b><br><b>C1</b><br><b>A1</b> | <b>Not</b> $m = 650$ kg or $m = 65$ kg<br><br><b>or</b> ( $F = mv^2/r$ and $v = 2\pi r/T$ gives)<br>$d = 0.050 \times (30 \times 60)^2 / (4\pi^2 \times 66.3)$ |
| <b>Total</b> |         |  | <b>10</b>                           |  |

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