## GCE A LEVEL MARKING SCHEME

SUMMER 2022

A LEVEL<br>PHYSICS - UNIT 3 1420U30-1

## INTRODUCTION

This marking scheme was used by WJEC for the 2022 examination. It was finalised after detailed discussion at examiners' conferences by all the examiners involved in the assessment. The conference was held shortly after the paper was taken so that reference could be made to the full range of candidates' responses, with photocopied scripts forming the basis of discussion. The aim of the conference was to ensure that the marking scheme was interpreted and applied in the same way by all examiners.

It is hoped that this information will be of assistance to centres but it is recognised at the same time that, without the benefit of participation in the examiners' conference, teachers may have different views on certain matters of detail or interpretation.

WJEC regrets that it cannot enter into any discussion or correspondence about this marking scheme.

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## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

## Recording of marks

Examiners must mark in red ink.
One tick must equate to one mark (except for the extended response question).
Question totals should be written in the box at the end of the question.
Question totals should be entered onto the grid on the front cover and these should be added to give the script total for each candidate.

## Marking rules

All work should be seen to have been marked.
Marking schemes will indicate when explicit working is deemed to be a necessary part of a correct answer.
Crossed out responses not replaced should be marked.
Credit will be given for correct and relevant alternative responses which are not recorded in the mark scheme.
Extended response question
A level of response mark scheme is used. Before applying the mark scheme please read through the whole answer from start to finish. Firstly, decide which level descriptor matches best with the candidate's response: remember that you should be considering the overall quality of the response. Then decide which mark to award within the level. Award the higher mark in the level if there is a good match with both the content statements and the communication statement.

Marking abbreviations
The following may be used in marking schemes or in the marking of scripts to indicate reasons for the marks awarded.

| cao | $=$ correct answer only |
| :--- | :--- |
| ecf | $=$ error carried forward |
| bod | $=$ benefit of doubt |


| Question |  |  | Marking details | Marks available |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | A01 | AO2 | AO3 | Total | Maths | Prac |
| 1 | (a) | (i) |  | [The activity is the] rate of decay or [the number of] disintegrations / decays per second (or unit time [of a sample of radioactive nuclei] (1) Accept number of radioactive emissions per second Becquerel or becquerel or Bq (1) Accept s ${ }^{-1}$ | 2 |  |  | 2 |  |  |
|  |  | (ii) | $\begin{aligned} & \lambda=\frac{\ln 2}{3.3 \times 10^{5}}=2.1 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}(1) \\ & e^{\lambda t}=\frac{A_{0}}{A} ; \quad t=\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \left(\frac{A_{0}}{A}\right)(1) \\ & t=\frac{1}{\left(2.1 \times 10^{-6}\right)} \ln \left(\frac{1}{0.2}\right)=7.7 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{~s}=[8.9 \mathrm{day}](1) \end{aligned}$ <br> Alternative: <br> Taking logs of $A=\frac{A_{0}}{2^{n}}$ e.g. $\ln A=\ln A_{0}-n \ln 2$ or $n \ln 2=\ln \frac{A_{0}}{A}$ (1) <br> Substitution: $n \ln 2=\ln \frac{100}{20}$ [leads to $n=2.32$ ] (1) <br> Correct answer $7.7 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{~s}=[8.9$ day] (1) |  | 3 |  | 3 | 3 |  |
|  |  | (iii) | Safe outside the body or stopped by the skin or danger or dangerous if swallowed / inhaled (1) <br> Highly ionising (1) <br> Any reference to damage e.g. damage DNA, kills cells, cause cancer, cause radiation poisoning, causes mutations (1) |  |  | 3 | 3 |  |  |


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| (b) | Attempt at masses: LHS - RHS i.e. 0.005229 [u] or 0.004131 [u] or 0.006327 [u] (1) <br> Attempt at conversion to MeV or mass i.e. $\times 931$ or $\times 1.66 \times 10^{-27}$ (1) <br> Attempt at conversion to Ji.e. $\times 1.6 \times 10^{-13}$ or $\times c^{2}$ (1) Expect $7.8 \times$ $10^{-13}[\mathrm{~J}]$ <br> Rearrangement and incorporating $98 \%$ or statement ignoring $98 \%$ i.e. $v=\sqrt{\frac{2 E}{m}}(1)$ N.B. Accept 4 u or 4.0026 u or 4.0015 u $1.52 \times 10^{7}$ or $1.35 \times 10^{7}$ or $1.67 \times 10^{7}\left[\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right]$ ecf on $98 \%$ and one arithmetic slip (1) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 |  | 5 | 5 |  |
|  | Question 1 total | 4 | 6 | 3 | 13 | 8 | 0 |


| Question |  |  | Marking details | Marks available |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | AO1 | AO2 | AO3 | Total | Maths | Prac |
| 2 | (a) | (i) |  | $\begin{aligned} & n=\frac{p V}{R T}=\frac{1.2 \times 10^{5} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-3}}{8.31 \times 293.0}=[0.0789 \mathrm{~mol}](1) \\ & n N_{\mathrm{A}}=0.0789 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}=4.75 \times 10^{22}(1) \end{aligned}$ <br> Alternative: $\begin{aligned} & N=\frac{p V}{k T}=\frac{1.2 \times 10^{5} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-3}}{1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 293.0}(1) \\ & =4.75 \times 10^{22}(1) \end{aligned}$ |  | 2 |  | 2 | 2 |  |
|  |  | (ii) | Valid method e.g. $\frac{1}{2} m v^{2}=\frac{3}{2} k T$ (1) <br> Answer $=1350\left[\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right]$ ecf on $N(1)$ | 1 | 1 |  | 2 | 2 |  |
|  | (b) | (i) | Combine: $n R T=\frac{1}{3} N m \overline{c^{2}}(1)$ <br> Substitution of $N=n N_{\mathrm{A}}$ or $n=1$ so $N=N_{\mathrm{A}}(1)$ <br> KE [of a molecule] $=\frac{1}{2} m \overline{c^{2}}$ or $U=N \frac{1}{2} m \overline{c^{2}}$ can be implied if everything is clear (1) <br> So use or implied $k=\frac{R}{N_{\mathrm{A}}}$ and convincing algebra (1) <br> Common alternative for full marks: <br> $n R T=\frac{1}{3} N m \overline{c^{2}}$ (1) <br> $N k T=\frac{1}{3} N m \overline{c^{2}}(1)$ (implies $1^{\text {st }}$ line if $1^{\text {st }}$ line omitted) <br> $\mathrm{KE}=\frac{1}{2} m \overline{c^{2}}$ (1) (can be implied if everything clear) <br> Algebra leading to $K E=\frac{3}{2} k T(1)$ | 4 |  |  | 4 | 2 |  |


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|  |  |  | Another alternative for full marks: <br> $\mathrm{KE}=\frac{1}{2} m \overline{c^{2}}$ (1) <br> Substituting from $p V=\frac{1}{3} N m \overline{c^{2}}$ into above e.g. KE $=\frac{1}{2} \frac{3 p V}{N}$ (1) <br> Substituting $p V=N k T$ into above e.g. $\mathrm{KE}=\frac{1}{2} \frac{3 N k T}{N}$ (1) Hence KE $=\frac{3}{2} k T$ (1) <br> Alternative for a maximum of 3 marks: <br> Internal energy or $U=\frac{3}{2} n R T$ (1) $U=\frac{3}{2} N k T$ <br> This is for $N$ molecules, hence KE $=\frac{3}{2} k T$ (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (ii) | $\frac{3}{2} \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 293=6.07 \times 10^{-21}[\mathrm{~J}]$ |  | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  |
|  | (iii) | $4.75 \times 10^{22}$ ecf $\times 6.07 \times 10^{-21}$ ecf $=288$ [J] |  | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  |
| (c) | (i) | Ideal gas - kinetic energy only or no PE (1) <br> Liquid - kinetic energy and potential energy (1) <br> Link PE to intermolecular forces or separation of molecules or intermolecular force / separation mentioned for liquid (1) | 3 |  |  | 3 |  |  |
|  | (ii) | At absolute zero or $0[\mathrm{~K}]$ or $-273\left[{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right]$ <br> Do not accept $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ OR - 273 K (treat as neutral, don't penalise they may have said something else that is correct e.g. absolute zero) | 1 |  |  | 1 |  |  |
|  |  | Question 2 total | 9 | 5 | 0 | 14 | 8 | 0 |


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|  |  |  |  | AO1 | AO2 | AO3 | Total | Maths | Prac |
| 3 | (a) | (i) |  |  | Straight line through the origin [shows that acceleration is directly proportional to displacement] (1) <br> Negative slope [shows that the acceleration is always directed towards the fixed point] (1) | 2 |  |  | 2 |  |  |
|  |  | (ii) |  | Calculating gradient i.e. 60 or obtaining suitable point from graph e.g. -0.05, 3.0 (1) <br> Gradient $=[-] \omega^{2}$ or substitution into equation (1) $\omega=7.75\left[\mathrm{rad} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right]$ (1) <br> Allow 1 mark for slips such as: $\omega=\sqrt{\frac{3}{0.5}}$ <br> Allow 2 marks for $\omega=\sqrt{\frac{3}{0.5}}=2.45 \text { or } \omega=\sqrt{\frac{1.5}{0.03}}=7.07$ <br> Allow 3 marks for <br> Accept $\sqrt{\frac{1.75}{0.03}}=7.64\left[\mathrm{rad} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right]$ or $\sqrt{\frac{2}{0.033}}=7.8\left[\mathrm{rad} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right]$ or $\sqrt{\frac{2.4}{0.04}}=$ $7.85\left[\mathrm{rad} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right]$ <br> Allow 1 mark for: <br> $\omega=\sqrt{\frac{a_{\text {max }}}{A}}=7.7$ i.e. no evidence of data points used or substitution but method ok. <br> Alternative for full marks: <br> Using $a=\frac{v^{2}}{r}$ (which leads to $v=0.39$ ) (1) <br> Using $\omega=\frac{v}{r}$ (1) <br> Convincing correct answer e.g. 7.75 or $\frac{0.39}{0.05}$ (1) |  | 3 |  | 3 | 2 |  |



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| (b) |  |  | Indicative content: <br> Damping: <br> Damping linked to resistive force. It dissipates energy or linked to energy loss. <br> Amplitude decreases with time. <br> Link to energy loss to surroundings. <br> Critical damping. <br> Resonance: <br> Periodic force. <br> Happens when frequency is equal to the natural frequency. <br> Amplitude of oscillation becomes large. <br> Damping lowers the resonance peak. <br> Reasonable resonance graph. <br> Real systems: <br> Any sensible real system e.g. bridges / structural /swings, tuning circuit <br> Example of damping e.g. car suspension <br> With a description of the driving force <br> Explanation of whether resonance is good or bad. | 6 |  |  | 6 |  |  |



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| 4 | (a) |  | Angle where (1) accept diagram showing angle arc length equals the radius or approximately $57.3^{\circ}$ or $2 \pi=360^{\circ}$ (1) | 2 |  |  | 2 |  |  |
|  | (b) |  | Period, $T=105 \times 60=6300$ [s] or 105 [min] (1) <br> Substitution (regardless of unit): $\omega=\frac{2 \pi}{T}=\frac{2 \pi}{6300}$ (1) $=9.97 \times 10^{-4}\left[\mathrm{rad} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right](1)$ | 1 | 1 <br> 1 |  | 3 | 3 |  |
|  | (c) |  | $\begin{align*} & m \omega^{2} R=\frac{G M_{\mathrm{E}} m}{R^{2}}(1) \mathrm{Accept} \frac{m v^{2}}{r}=\frac{G M_{\mathrm{E}} m}{R^{2}} \\ & R^{3}=\frac{G M_{\mathrm{E}}}{\omega^{2}}\left[\mathrm{so}: R=\sqrt[3]{\frac{G M_{\mathrm{E}}}{\omega^{2}}}\right](1) \tag{1} \end{align*}$ |  | 2 |  | 2 | 1 |  |
|  | (d) |  | Substitution: $R=\sqrt[3]{\frac{\left(6.67 \times 10^{-11}\right)\left(6.0 \times 10^{24}\right)}{\left(9.97 \times 10^{-4}\right)^{2}}}$ ecf (1) $R=7380 \mathrm{k}[\mathrm{~m}](1)$ <br> Altitude above the surface of the Earth $=7380-6400=980 \mathrm{k}[\mathrm{m}](1)$ | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |  | 3 | 3 |  |
|  | (e) |  | $\begin{aligned} & R=\sqrt[3]{\frac{\left(6.67 \times 10^{-11}\right)\left(7.3 \times 10^{22}\right)}{\left(9.97 \times 10^{-4}\right)^{2}}} \text { ecf (1) } \\ & R=1698 \mathrm{k}[\mathrm{~m}](1) \end{aligned}$ <br> Correct conclusion based on candidate's answer e.g. not possible since inside Moon (1) <br> Alternative: <br> Substituting into equation to calculate period or to calculate mass (1) Correct answer e.g. to period (1) Correct conclusion based on period / mass e.g. period longer so not possible, mass smaller so not possible (1) |  |  | 3 | 3 | 1 |  |


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|  | Alternative: <br> Can also work centripetal acceleration (1.7) (1) Calculate gravitational acceleration (1.6) (1) Not possible (since gravity too weak) (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Question 4 total | 4 | 6 | 3 | 13 | 8 | 0 |



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| (ii) |  <br> All 4 points correct (2) ecf |  | 3 |  | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| (iii) | Error bars in the corrected mean count are large enough to be shown on the graph [approx. 2 units min], but the uncertainty in $r$ is too small [less than one unit] |  |  | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |


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| (d) |  |  | $\ln 119=4.78$ or $\ln 87=4.47$ (1) <br> In $103=4.63$ or the other extreme (1) <br> $4.78-4.63$ or $4.66-4.47=$ [approx. 0.15 ] or $\frac{0.31}{2}$ ( 1 ) <br> No ecf allowed (since 103 and 16 are given) <br> Award 1 mark for $\frac{16}{103}=0.15 .0 .155,0.16$ <br> Award 2 marks for statement absolute uncertainty in $\log =$ fractional uncertainty in count |  | 3 |  | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| (e) | (i) | Taking logs: $\ln (N)=-n \ln (r)+\ln (k)(1)$ (accept $\ln I$ in lieu of $\ln N$ ) Plotting $\ln (N)$ on the $y$-axis against $\ln (r)$ on the $x$-axis or comparison with $y=m x+c$ (1) <br> Gradient $=-n(1)$ |  |  | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|  | (ii) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Minimum gradient }=\frac{3.94-7.00}{0.50-(-1.30)}=[-] 1.69 \pm 0.03(1) \\ & \text { Maximum gradient }=\frac{3.40-7.00}{0.50-(-1.17)}=[-] 2.16 \pm 0.03(1) \\ & \text { Mean gradient }=[-] 1.93 \pm 0.03(1) \text { ecf } \\ & \text { Uncertainty }=\frac{1}{2}(-1.69-(-2.16))=0.20-0.28 \text { (1) ecf accept } 0.2 \\ & \text { No sig fig penalty } \end{aligned}$ |  | 4 |  | 4 | 4 | 4 |
|  |  | Question 5 total | 0 | 14 | 7 | 21 | 17 | 21 |


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|  |  |  |  | A01 | AO2 | AO3 | Total | Maths | Prac |
| 6 | (a) |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { clockwise arrow (1) } \\ & 1,2,3,4 \text { in correct positions } \\ & \\ & 4 \end{aligned} 3^{1} 2^{(1)}$ |  | 2 |  | 2 |  |  |
|  | (b) |  | True because clockwise OR process 1 has greatest work than 3 (1) No work done for 2 \& 4 (1) <br> Apply ecf if needed |  |  | 2 | 2 |  |  |
|  | (c) |  | Attempt made at any area under the graph or enclosed or counting squares (1) <br> $9.25 i s h$ large squares or $9 \times 25$ small squares or correct trapezium / enclosed area method (1) <br> Answer $=4600 \pm 400$ [ J ] (1) |  |  | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |
|  | (d) |  | Heat flows from gas to surroundings (through piston) OR conduction through metal (1) Accept molecules collide with container [Thermal] equilibrium or same temperature as surroundings (1) |  | 1 | 1 | 2 |  |  |
|  | (e) |  | Any $4 \times(1)$ from: <br> - Volume increases [for expansion part] <br> - Work done by gas [for expansion but not compression] <br> - Internal energy decrease [for expansion but not compression] <br> - Increased PE linked to lower temperature or expansion <br> - KE or internal energy decrease linked to cooling or lower temperature or expansion <br> - [Process] too quick for heat transfer |  |  | 4 | 4 |  |  |



SUMMARY OF MARKS ALLOCATED TO ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

| Question | A01 | AO2 | AO3 | TOTAL MARK | MATHS | PRAC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 13 | 8 | 0 |
| 2 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 14 | 8 | 0 |
| 3 | 10 | 9 | 0 | 19 | 8 | 0 |
| 4 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 13 | 8 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 14 | 7 | 21 | 17 | 21 |
| 6 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 20 | 3 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 30 | 45 | 25 | 100 | 52 | 21 |

