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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1	A is the correct answer B is not the correct answer as wavelength is a distance C is not the correct answer as d is a distance D is not the correct answer as θ is an angle	(1)
2	C is the correct answer A is not the correct answer as there is a small current In the reverse direction correct answer as there is a small current In the reverse direction D is not the correct answer as there is a small current when the p.d. < 0.7 V	(1)
3	B is the correct answer A is not the correct answer as this would reduce the detail C is not the correct answer as this would have no effect on detail D is not the correct answer as this would reduce the detail	(1)
4	D is the correct answer A is not the correct answer as a larger charge would decrease drift velocity B is not the correct answer as a larger diameter would decrease drift velocity C is not the correct answer as a larger current would increase drift velocity	(1)
5	B is the correct answer A is not the correct answer as the time period can be determined from the graph C is not the correct answer as the wave could be transverse or longitudinal D is not the correct answer as the wave could be transverse or longitudinal	(1)
6	B is the correct answer A is not the correct answer as the wavelength is $2/3$ of the length VY C is not the correct answer as the wavelength is $2/3$ of the length VY D is not the correct answer as the wavelength is $2/3$ of the length VY	(1)
7	C is the correct answer A is not the correct answer as these would be in antiphase B is not the correct answer as these would be in antiphase D is not the correct answer as this is incorrect	(1)
8	C is the correct answer A is not the correct answer as $T = \mu v^2$ or $T \propto m/l$ so $2l$ is $T/2$ B is not the correct answer as $T = \mu v^2$ or $T \propto m/l$ so $2l$ is $T/2$ D is not the correct answer as $T = \mu v^2$ or $T \propto m/l$ so $2l$ is $T/2$	(1)
9	D is the correct answer A is not the correct answer as this corresponds to the smallest energy change B is not the correct answer as this corresponds to the smallest energy change C is not the correct answer as this corresponds to the smallest energy change	(1)
10	C is the correct answer A is not the correct answer as light transmitted Is unpolarised as this is unchanged B is not the correct answer as light reflected must be polarised as it Is absorbed by the filter D is not the correct answer as light reflected must be polarised as it Is absorbed by the filter	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
11	Waves <u>reflect</u> off surrounding objects / surfaces	(1)
	Time to return is detected	(1)
	This time can be used to determine the distance/position of an object	(1)
Total for question 11		3

Question Number	Answer	Mark
12	Use of conservation of charge	(1)
	Use of conservation of energy	(1)
	Algebra leading to given expression	(1)
	<u>Example of derivation</u> (conservation of charge) $I = I_1 + I_2$ $\frac{V_{tot}}{R_{tot}} = \frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2}$ (conservation of energy) $V_{tot} = V_1 = V_2$ $\frac{1}{R_{tot}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$ $\frac{1}{R_{tot}} = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1 R_2}$ $R_{tot} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$	3
Total for question 12		3

Question Number	Answer	Mark
13(a)	Use of $R = \frac{\rho l}{A}$ (1) Use of cross-sectional area = width \times thickness (1) Thickness of layer of carbon = $1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{m}$ (1) <u>Example of calculation</u> $8.8 \Omega = \frac{3.7 \times 10^{-5} \Omega \text{ m} \times 0.12 \text{ m}}{0.042 \text{ m} \times t}$ $t = 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{m}$	3
13(b)(i)	Use of $R = V/I$ to calculate I (1) Or ratio of resistances = ratio of p.d.s (1) Calculate p.d. across the internal resistance (see 0.1V) (1) Or calculate whole circuit resistance (see 9.4 Ω) (1) $r = 0.63 \Omega$ (1) <u>Example of calculation</u> $I = \frac{1.4}{8.8} = 0.16 \text{ A}$ $r = \frac{0.1 \text{ V}}{0.16 \text{ A}} = 0.63 \Omega$	3
13(b)(ii)	Reading on voltmeter = 0.35 V (1) <u>Example of calculation</u> $\frac{V}{3.0 \text{ cm}} = \frac{1.4 \text{ V}}{12.0 \text{ cm}}$ $V = 0.35 \text{ V}$	1
Total for question 13		7

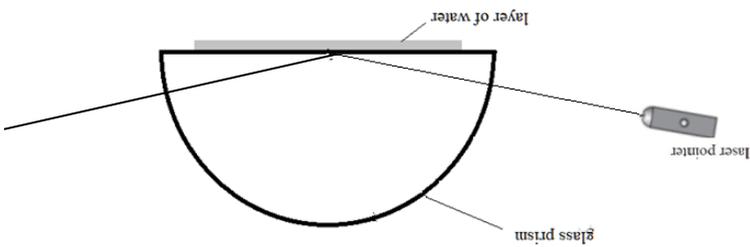
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14(a)	<p>10°C corresponds to 2.0 Ω (1)</p> <p>Use of ratio of resistances (1)</p> <p>Use of corresponding ratio of p.d.s (1)</p> <p>To a p.d. of 0.7(06) V (1)</p> <p>If temperature goes below this level then resistance of thermistor increases (1)</p> <p>So p.d. to heater (switch) increases and so heater switch does perform as required (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u> $\frac{V}{R} = \frac{2.0}{15 + 2.0}$ $6.0 = \frac{V}{17}$ $V = 0.706 \text{ V}$</p> <p>Or</p> <p>10°C corresponds to 2.0 Ω (1)</p> <p>Use of $I = V/R$ for whole circuit (1)</p> <p>Use of $V = IR$ for thermistor (1)</p> <p>To a p.d. of 0.7(06) V (1)</p> <p>If temperature goes below this level then resistance of thermistor increases (1)</p> <p>So p.d. to heater (switch) increases and so heater switch does perform as required (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u> $I = 6.0 \text{ V} / (2 + 15) \Omega$ $= 0.353 \text{ A}$ $V = 0.353 \text{ A} \times 2.0 \Omega$ $= 0.706 \text{ V}$</p>	6
14(b)	<p>Increase in temperature results in more electrons released (1)</p> <p>Or Increase in temperature results in more electrons moving into conduction band (1)</p> <p>So resistance decreases (dependent on MP1) (1)</p> <p>[allow converse argument]</p>	2
	Total for question 14	8

Question Number	Answer	Mark
15(a)	Electrons can exhibit wave behaviour (1)	4
	Electrons diffract as they pass through the graphite Or graphite acts as a diffraction grating (1)	
	Structure of graphite must be ordered/ regular / layered (1)	
	The (de Broglie) wavelength of the electrons is similar to the spacing of gaps between atoms (1)	
15(b)(i)	Use of $V = W/Q$ (1)	2
	$W = 3.8 \times 10^{-16}$ (J) (1)	
	<u>Example of calculation</u> $W = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{C} \times 2400 \text{V} = 3.84 \times 10^{-16} \text{J}$	
15(b)(ii)	Use of $E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ (1)	2
	$v = 2.9 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ (1)	
	(allow ecf from (b)(i))	
	<u>Example of calculation</u> $E_k = 3.8 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J} = \frac{1}{2}9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} \times v^2$ $v = 2.90 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	
15(b)(iii)	(Increasing the accelerating p.d.) would increase the (maximum) momentum of the electrons (1)	3
	Or (Increasing the accelerating p.d.) would increase the (maximum) velocity of the electrons (1)	
	Use of $\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$ so (de Broglie) wavelength of the electrons decreases (1)	
	So the diameter of the circles would decrease (1) Or Distance between maxima decreases	
Total for question 15		11

Question Number	Answer	Mark
16(a)	Interference/superposition takes place (1) Destructive (interference) occurs when (the two reflective) waves meet in antiphase (and these wavelengths are missing) (1) If the path difference is equal to $(n + 1/2) \lambda$ [Allow If $2d = (n + 1/2) \lambda$] (1)	3
16(b)	Use of path difference = $2d$ (1) Use of minimum occurs when path difference = $\lambda / 2$ (1) Use of $n = c/v$ (with $v = f\lambda$) (1) wavelength in air = 6.0×10^{-7} m (1) <u>Example of calculation</u> Path difference = $2 \times 6.5 \times 10^{-8}$ m = 1.3×10^{-7} m wavelength in coating = $2 \times 1.3 \times 10^{-7}$ m = 2.6×10^{-7} m wavelength in air = 2.6×10^{-7} m \times 2.3 = 5.98×10^{-7} m = 598 nm	4
16(c)	Use of $I = P/A$ (1) Use of $P = E/t$ (1) Use of Efficiency = useful power output/power input (1) Efficiency = 0.31 Or 31% (1) <u>Example of calculation</u> Power incident on solar array = $1.1 \text{ kW m}^{-2} \times 8.7 \text{ m}^2 \times \cos 60 = 4.785 \text{ kW}$ Power output from solar array = $5.4 \times 10^6 \text{ J} \div 3600 \text{ s} = 1.5 \text{ kW}$ Efficiency = $1.5 \text{ kW} \div 4.785 \text{ kW} = 0.313$	4
	Total for question 16	11

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*17(a)	<p>This question assesses a student’s ability to show a coherent and logically structured answer with linkages and fully-sustained reasoning. Marks are awarded for indicative content and for how the answer is structured and shows lines of reasoning. The following table shows how the marks should be awarded for structure and lines of reasoning.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="308 510 1235 824"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="308 510 975 667"></th> <th data-bbox="975 510 1235 667">Number of marks awarded for structure of answer and sustained line of reasoning</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 667 975 725">Answer shows a coherent and logical structure with linkages and fully sustained lines of reasoning demonstrated throughout</td> <td data-bbox="975 667 1235 725">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 725 975 784">Answer is partially structured with some linkages and lines of reasoning</td> <td data-bbox="975 725 1235 784">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 784 975 824">Answer has no linkages between points and is unstructured</td> <td data-bbox="975 784 1235 824">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Total marks awarded is the sum of marks for indicative content and the marks for structure and lines of reasoning</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="308 929 1066 1223"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="308 929 464 987">IC points</th> <th data-bbox="464 929 620 987">IC mark</th> <th data-bbox="620 929 857 987">Max linkage mark</th> <th data-bbox="857 929 1066 987">Max final mark</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 987 464 1021">6</td> <td data-bbox="464 987 620 1021">4</td> <td data-bbox="620 987 857 1021">2</td> <td data-bbox="857 987 1066 1021">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 1021 464 1055">5</td> <td data-bbox="464 1021 620 1055">3</td> <td data-bbox="620 1021 857 1055">2</td> <td data-bbox="857 1021 1066 1055">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 1055 464 1088">4</td> <td data-bbox="464 1055 620 1088">3</td> <td data-bbox="620 1055 857 1088">1</td> <td data-bbox="857 1055 1066 1088">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 1088 464 1122">3</td> <td data-bbox="464 1088 620 1122">2</td> <td data-bbox="620 1088 857 1122">1</td> <td data-bbox="857 1088 1066 1122">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 1122 464 1155">2</td> <td data-bbox="464 1122 620 1155">2</td> <td data-bbox="620 1122 857 1155">0</td> <td data-bbox="857 1122 1066 1155">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 1155 464 1189">1</td> <td data-bbox="464 1155 620 1189">1</td> <td data-bbox="620 1155 857 1189">0</td> <td data-bbox="857 1155 1066 1189">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="308 1189 464 1223">0</td> <td data-bbox="464 1189 620 1223">0</td> <td data-bbox="620 1189 857 1223">0</td> <td data-bbox="857 1189 1066 1223">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Indicative content</p> <p>IC1 <u>Photons</u> (of ultraviolet light)</p> <p>IC2 cause (photo)electrons to be emitted</p> <p>IC3 from (the surface of) the magnesium / ribbon</p> <p>IC4 as the (photon) energy is greater than the work function of magnesium Or as the frequency of the ultraviolet light is greater than the threshold frequency of magnesium</p> <p>IC5 The electrons are attracted to the positively charged gauze (and create the current).</p> <p>IC6 When the polarity is reversed the current is zero because the electrons no longer have enough kinetic energy to move across the gap Or When the polarity is reversed the current is zero because the work function of copper is larger than the photon energy Or When the polarity is reversed the current is zero because the threshold frequency of copper is larger than the frequency of ultraviolet light</p>		Number of marks awarded for structure of answer and sustained line of reasoning	Answer shows a coherent and logical structure with linkages and fully sustained lines of reasoning demonstrated throughout	2	Answer is partially structured with some linkages and lines of reasoning	1	Answer has no linkages between points and is unstructured	0	IC points	IC mark	Max linkage mark	Max final mark	6	4	2	6	5	3	2	5	4	3	1	4	3	2	1	3	2	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
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17(b)(i)	<p>Greater intensity increases the rate of photons emission from the lamp (1)</p> <p>This leads to an increased (emission) rate of (photo)electrons (crossing the airgap) (1)</p> <p>So greater rate of flow of charge (1)</p> <p>Or increase in current (1)</p>	3
17(b)(ii)	<p>Use of $c = f\lambda$ (1)</p> <p>Use of $E = hf$ (1)</p> <p>Converts work function and photon energy to the same unit (1)</p> <p>$E = 2.0$ (eV)= which is less than ϕ so photoelectric effect will not take place Or $E = 3.1 \times 10^{-19}$ (J) which is less than 5.9×10^{-19} (J) so photoelectric effect will not take place Or threshold frequency (f_0) = 8.9×10^{14}(Hz) which is greater than 4.7×10^{14}(Hz) so photoelectric effect will not take place (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u> Frequency of light = $3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1} / 6.33 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ = $4.74 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$ $E = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s} \times 4.74 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}$ = $3.14 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ $\phi = 3.7 \text{ V} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J V}^{-1}$ = $5.92 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$</p>	4
Total for question 17		13

Question Number	Answer	Mark
18(a)	<p>MAX 4</p> <p>A wavefront is a line on which all points are in phase (1)</p> <p>The wavefronts are parallel to the boundary (between air and glass) Or The wavefronts are perpendicular to the normal Or Light is (travelling) along the normal Or Light is (travelling) perpendicular to the (surface of the) glass block (1)</p> <p>So all of the (points on the) wavefront enter the glass at the same time (1)</p> <p>The wave slows down (as it enters the glass block) (1)</p> <p>But the whole wavefront travels the same distance in the same time (so the ray does not change direction) (1)</p>	4
18(b)	<p>Use of $n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$ (1)</p> <p>Substitution of $\theta_2 = 90^\circ$ (1)</p> <p>$c = 62^\circ$ (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u> $1.51 \times \sin c = 1.33 \times \sin 90^\circ$ $c = 61.7^\circ$</p>	3
18(c)	<p>Ray reflects off glass / water interface with no refracted ray (1)</p> <p>Angle of reflection = Angle of incidence (by eye) (1)</p> <p>Ray is undeviated at glass / air interface (1)</p> <p><u>Example</u></p> 	3

18(d)	(Some of) the light (travelling from the glass) is refracted/transmitted into the fingers/ridges/skin	(1)	4
	Dark areas where fingers/ridges/skin is in contact with glass	(1)	
	(Some of) the light (travelling from the glass) is reflected from the air/valley	(1)	
	Light areas where air is in contact with glass.	(1)	
Total for question 18			14

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