

# **Physics B (Advancing Physics)**

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

Unit **G491**: Physics in Action

## **Mark Scheme for January 2011**

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## 1. Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme.

/	= alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
<b>(1)</b>	= separates marking points
<b>not</b>	= answers which are not worthy of credit
<b>reject</b>	= answers which are not worthy of credit
<b>ignore</b>	= statements which are irrelevant
<b>allow</b>	= 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

## 2. Annotations: the following annotations are available on SCORIS.

✓	= correct response
×	= incorrect response
bod	= benefit of the doubt
nbod	= benefit of the doubt <b>not</b> given
ECF	= error carried forward
^	= information omitted
POT	= power of 10 error
SF	= significant figures
RE	= repeated error
NAQ	= not answered question
FT	= follow through
CON	= contradiction
?	= unclear
AE	= arithmetic error

Expected Answers			Marks	Additional Guidance
1	a	A ✓	1	<b>not</b> $C s^{-1}$
1	b	V ✓	1	<b>not</b> $J C^{-1}$
1	c	S ✓	1	<b>not</b> $A V^{-1}$ <b>not</b> $\Omega^{-1}$
2	a	$95 \Omega$ $105 \Omega$ ✓	1	both correct for the <b>one</b> mark  <b>accept</b> recognisable symbols / numbers method <b>allow</b> calculation of current, but must be clear e.g. either $I = 0.05$ OR $0.05 \underline{A}$ (using $95 + 105$ ) $\Omega$ not $(100 + 100) \Omega$ give BOD on $200 \Omega$ total  evaluation <b>allow</b> ecf on incorrect values from (a)
	b	use of a correct potential divider formula e.g. $R_1 \times V / (R_1 + R_2)$ ✓ m	1	
		$= 95 \times 10 / 200 = 4.75 V$ ✓ e	1	
3	a	A ✓	1	
	b	C ✓	1	
4		rotate the filter (and observe reflection) ✓ change angle $r$ (and observe reflection) ✓  see if intensity of (reflected) light fluctuates ✓  from max to min / min to max for $90^\circ$ rotation of filter ✓  <u>at minimum</u> intensity see if intensity of reflected light depends on angle $r$ / position of reflection ✓  minimum intensity indicates degree of polarisation ✓	3	credit any three points <b>max 3</b> <b>accept</b> AW throughout <b>not</b> any credit for describing set up of Fig 4.1  <b>accept</b> glare for intensity and zero for minimum intensity <b>accept</b> <u>minimum intensity</u> when filter is crossed (with direction of vibration of reflected light) / vertical / at $90^\circ$ to plane of polarisation ORA maximum when parallel <b>accept</b> max – min – max for a $180^\circ$ rotation / min – max - min i.e. don't penalise min if filter's polarisation is horizontal  <b>QWC</b> award 3 <sup>rd</sup> mark only if answer is well organised and clear

Expected Answers		Marks	Additional Guidance
5	a	$(\pm 1.25 / 50) = \pm 2.5\%$ / $\pm 3\%$ ✓	1 working not required <b>accept</b> answers in range $\pm 2\%$ to $\pm 3\%$ <b>not</b> answers expressed to more than 2 SF
5	b	the uncertainties (in either p.d. or wind speed) increase as the wind speed / p.d. increases / the % uncertainties (in either p.d. or wind speed) are constant / the % uncertainties in wind speed are larger than those in p.d. ✓	1 <b>accept</b> AW  <b>not</b> the uncertainties in wind speed are larger than those in p.d.
5	c	output only starts to increase for wind speeds above $1.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ / ✓  output starts linearly (to about $20 - 30 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ) ✓  sensitivity decreases at higher wind speeds / the rate of increase of the p.d. decreases at higher wind speeds ✓	2  <b>accept</b> any 2/3 different correct features <b>accept</b> does not pass through the origin <b>not</b> proportional <b>accept</b> output initially increases at constant rate <b>not</b> reference to graph gradient alone <b>must</b> have region clear for any of the marks  <b>accept</b> output p.d. starts to level off at higher wind speeds <b>accept</b> output increases at lower rate at higher windspeed <b>ignore</b> slower rate <b>not</b> any credit for answers involving uncertainties here
6	a	144 (bits) ✓	1
	b	18 (bytes) ✓	1
	c	$2^{144} = 2.2(3) \times 10^{43}$ ✓	1 <b>accept</b> ecf (a)/8 evaluated without method <b>not</b> any other value  <b>accept</b> ecf $2^{\text{bits from (a)}}$ evaluated <b>not</b> any other value
7	a	mass = $\rho V$ and 2 <sup>nd</sup> lens has less volume (but same density) ✓	1 <b>accept</b> less material of same <u>density</u> / lens is thinner and has same <u>density</u>
7	b	(higher index) means greater slowing / bending / refraction of light <b>so</b> thinner / less curved lens is needed ( to achieve same power / curvature added to wavefronts) ✓	1 <b>accept</b> correct answers based on rays or bending of light including Snell's Law (now off spec) but <b>must link</b> explanation of index to lens shape <b>not</b> just it bends the light by the same amount
<b>Section A total</b>		<b>20</b>	

Expected Answers		Marks	Additional Guidance
8	ai straight line graph <b>B</b> half gradient of <b>A</b> ✓ and passing through origin	1	<b>expect</b> graph <b>B</b> to pass through points (0, 0) and (1.4, 5 ± 0.2) <b>not</b> any credit for freehand line outside marking tool <b>look at graph labels</b>
8	ii straight line graph <b>C</b> four times gradient of <b>A</b> ✓ and passing through origin	1	<b>expect</b> graph <b>C</b> to pass through (0, 0) and (0.4, 11.4 ± 1.0) <b>not</b> any credit for freehand line outside marking tool
8	bi proportionality / straight line through origin ✓	1	<b>accept</b> obeys Hooke's law <b>not</b> linear
8	ii $\sigma = 1.2(8) \times 10^8 \text{ Pa}$ / $1.3 \times 10^8 \text{ Pa}$ ✓ $\varepsilon = 0.00070$ ✓ $Y = \sigma / \varepsilon = 1.8(3) \times 10^{11} \text{ Pa}$ ✓	1 1 1	<b>accept</b> points from F(x) graph other than max values <b>accept</b> $Y = FL / (eA)$ for 1 method marks / with correct substitution for 2 <sup>nd</sup> mark <b>accept</b> final answers in range 1.8 to 1.9 × 10 <sup>11</sup> Pa final evaluation allow ecf on incorrect $\sigma / \varepsilon$ values <b>POT</b> power of ten error max 2/3

Expected Answers		Marks	Additional Guidance
8	c	1	description of metallic bonding
		1	<b>accept</b> any 2 relevant points credit clear well labelled diagrams <b>QWC</b> <u>examples</u> of acceptable technical terms underlined <b>accept</b> other appropriate technical terms used correctly
		1	<b>explanation</b> of elastic <b>not</b> plastic behaviour <b>accept</b> AW <b>accept</b> move from equilibrium position and then return <b>accept</b> <u>electron glue</u> <b>not</b> any confusion with slip / sliding / plastic / ductile / malleable for this and also loses <b>QWC</b> mark i.e. max 2 if mentioned  <b>QWC</b> <u>examples</u> of acceptable technical terms underlined
		1	<b>accept</b> shorthands for positive / negative charge + / - / +ve / -ve
<b>QWC</b> do <b>not</b> award full marks unless 3 or ✓ more appropriate technical terms used or if any <b>one</b> term is used incorrectly or if answer in terms of plastic behaviour do <b>not</b> accept incorrectly used technical terms			
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>	

Expected Answers		Marks	Additional Guidance
9	a	22 (mV) ✓	1 not 21 mV
9	b	Time period = 0.90 ✓ ms ✓	2 reading 0.90 from graph ; recognition of ms / $10^{-3}$ s provided $T \leq 5$ ms <b>accept</b> e.g. 5 waves / 4.5 ms for 2 marks
		$f = 1/T = 1/(0.90 \times 10^{-3}) = 1100$ (Hz) ✓	1 evaluation <b>accept</b> 1111 (Hz) <b>allow</b> ecf on incorrect T up to 5 ms <b>accept</b> POT error 1.1 Hz scores 2/3
9	c	$\varepsilon = \sigma / Y = 2.0 / (72 \times 10^9)$ ✓	1 method mark evaluation <b>accept</b> ora $\sigma = \varepsilon Y = 2.2 \text{ Pa} \approx 2.0 \text{ Pa}$ for full credit <b>accept</b> calculator value for full credit <b>accept</b> $2.7 \times 10^{-11}$ (show that) / $2.8 \times 10^{-11}$ <b>not</b> any credit for $2.8 \times 10^{-2}$
		$= 2.7(8) \times 10^{-11}$ ✓	
9	d	resolution = length / pixel $= (10.5 / 4.0) \times 0.20 \times 10^{-3} / 400 \approx 1.3 \mu\text{m}$ ✓	1 evaluation <b>accept</b> estimates in the range 1.2 to 1.5 $\mu\text{m}$ without apparent method
9	ei	$\varepsilon$ at 900 V = $1.3 \times 10^{-9} \times 900 = 1.1(7) \times 10^{-6}$ ✓	1 evaluation <b>accept</b> $1.2 \times 10^{-6}$
		$x = \varepsilon L = 1.17 \times 10^{-6} \times 8 \times 10^{-3}$ ✓	1 method <b>allow</b> 2 marks if both parts calculated together
		$= 9.3(6) \times 10^{-9} \text{ (m)} / 9.4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ (m)}$ ✓	1 evaluation <b>accept</b> $9.6 \times 10^{-9}$ (m using rounded strain) <b>not</b> $9 \times 10^{-9}$
	ii	$9.36 \times 10^{-9} / 260 \times 10^{-12} \approx 36$ ✓	1 <b>accept</b> 35 / 37 from rounded strain <b>allow</b> ecf on incorrect extension from i
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	



		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
10	a	(a gas) in which some atoms / molecules / particles have lost <u>electrons</u> ✓	1	idea of atom's loss of <u>electrons</u> <b>ignore</b> gain of electrons <b>accept</b> e <sup>-</sup> symbol / clearly labelled diagrams
		to become positive ions / charged ions ✓	1	idea of production of positive ions <b>ignore</b> production of -ve ions <b>not</b> any credit for just contains + and - charges
10	b	$\lambda = c / f = 1.0(3) \times 10^{-7}$ (m) ✓	1	evaluation mark <b>accept</b> $1 \times 10^{-7}$ (m)
10	c	$E = VQ / = 240 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ ✓	1	method in symbols / numbers
		$= 3.8(4) \times 10^{-17}$ (J) ✓	1	evaluation <b>accept</b> $4 \times 10^{-17}$ (J)
10	di	240 V ✓	1	both p.d.s to $\pm 5$ V
		120 V ✓	1	
	ii	0.26(4) $\mu$ A from graph ✓	1	read from graph tolerance $\pm 0.005 \mu$ A method in words / numbers <b>accept</b> $4.7 \times 10^{-5}$ (W) pixel <sup>-1</sup> <b>accept</b> answers in range 290 to 301 W evaluation <b>allow</b> ecf on incorrect current
		power = $2.64 \times 10^{-7} \times 180 \times 6.2 \times 10^6$ ✓ = 295 (W) ✓	1 1	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	

Expected Answers			Marks	Additional Guidance
11	ai	9.6 ( $\Omega$ ) ✓	1	<b>not</b> 10 ( $\Omega$ )
	ii	graph curves <u>upwards</u> / gradient increases ✓	1	<b>not</b> just curves <b>not</b> resistance is gradient <b>accept</b> Y's resistance rises as $I$ or $V$ rises
11	bi	resistance of <b>X</b> changes (as <b>S</b> is moved) and changes $I$ / $V$ of lamp ✓	1	<b>credit</b> change in $R$ linked to $I$ or $V$ for 1 <sup>st</sup> mark  <b>credit</b> correct sense of change for 2 <sup>nd</sup> mark <b>ORA</b> for reducing the resistance of <b>X</b> must have complete logical explanation for both marks <b>accept</b> good discussions of potential divider of <b>X</b> with <b>Y</b> and correct sense of change
		increasing resistance of <b>X</b> reduces current through <b>Y</b> / reduces p.d. across <b>Y</b> / reduces power of <b>Y</b> ✓	1	
11	ii	2 A ✓      24 / ecf current x 12 (W) ✓	2	one mark for each correct value no method needed  <b>accept</b> power estimates in range 2.0 to 2.2 W <b>not</b> 2.34 (W) misreading graph scale <b>accept</b> 3.1 / 3.7 (W) (using $V_{\text{lamp}} = 12 - V_X$ )
		given      (p.d. $\approx$ 2.3 V) 2.1 (W) ✓	1	
11	c	greater range of current / p.d. / power control ✓	1	<b>accept</b> AW or any sensible high level answer  <b>accept</b> is able to turn lamp off <b>not</b> more efficient / accurate / precise / reliable / sensitive / resolution / easy to control / cheaper / safer / better
		from zero (to max 2A / 12 V / 24 W) ✓	1	
<b>Total</b>			<b>9</b>	
<b>Section B total:</b>			<b>40</b>	
<b>Paper total:</b>			<b>60</b>	

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