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Advanced Subsidiary GCE

Unit G491: Physics in Action

Mark Scheme for June 2012

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1. Annotations available in Scoris

Annotation	Meaning
1.1001	Benefit of doubt given
[H•]]]	Contradiction
×	Incorrect response
1-19-1	Error carried forward
	Follow through
	Not answered question
2.000	Benefit of doubt not given
LIT-) a	Power of 10 error
	Omission mark
	Rounding error
87	Error in number of significant figures
V	Correct response
	Arithmetic error
2	Wrong physics or equation

Annotations on detailed mark scheme

Annotation	Meaning
1	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
(1)	Separates marking points
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

Subject Specific Marking Instructions.

The following questions should be annotated with ticks to show where marks have been awarded in the body of the text: 8(c), 10(b)(i)&(ii). QWC ticks or crosses on pen symbol please.

Do not penalise RE rounding errors more than once on the paper. SF penalty only on 9 (b) max 2 SF on uncertainty calculation. Expect 'show that' calculations to be worked out to 1 figure beyond the value given.

Section A

Qı	lestio	on		Answer		Marks	Guidance
1						3	all 4 lines correct scores 3
			units	equivale	ents		2 / 3 lines correct scores 2
			A	J s ⁻¹			1 line correct scores 1
			V				
			W				
			Ω				
				·			
					Total	3	

Question		on	Answer		Marks	Guidance	
2						3	all 4 lines correct scores 3
			properties		definitions		2 / 3 lines correct scores 2
			stiff		the force per unit cross-sectional area		1 line correct scores 1
			stress	\sim	difficult to indent or scratch		
			hard		a small strain for a large stress on a material		
			tough		needs a large energy to break and create a		
					new fracture surface		
					Total	3	

Section A

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)		$V_{\text{out}} = R_1 \times V_{\text{in}} / (R_1 + R_2) / = 20 \times 6 \text{ V} / (20 + 80)$	1	method in correct algebra / numbers accept resistance ratio = voltage ratio arguments allow 1 mark for current = 0.060 A / 60 mA must clearly be a current
			= 1.2 (V)	1	evaluation must give answer to 2 SF for show that mark
	(b)		$V^2 / R / (1.2)^2 / 20$ = 0.072 (W)	1	method in correct algebra / numbers accept $I^2 R / IV$ only with correct substitution (formulae on data sheet) allow ecf on I OR V from (a) accept $(1.0)^2 / 20$ from show that evaluation accept 0.050 (W) from show that not ecf on incorrect current within (b)
			Total	4	

Question		on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)		$\Delta R / \Delta T \qquad / \qquad = (2500 - 1000) / (400 - 0)$	1	method for clear attempt at gradient in algebra / words / numbers accept Δ dependent / Δ independent OR Δ y/ Δ x not any credit for $R / T = 1750 / 200 = 8.8$ ($\Omega \ ^{\circ}C^{-1}$) not just mention of gradient
			= 3.8 / 3.75 ($\Omega {}^{\circ}C^{-1}$)	1	evaluation accept in range 3.6 to 3.9 (Ω °C ⁻¹) for other triangles
	(b)		constant (sensitivity) up to <i>T</i> in range 400 to 500 °C	1	not to 600 °C / above 500 °C not R grows linearly with T
			(then) decreases (as <i>T</i> rises)	1	accept curves down / levels off / approaches zero / gradient decreases not just line starts to curve
			Total	4	

Section A

Q	uestic	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5	(a)		m = v/u / = 0.01 / 10	1	method in algebra / words / numbers (formula not on data
					sheet)
			= 0.001	1	evaluation ignore - sign(s) accept fraction 1/1000
	(b)		P = 1 / f / = $1/v - 1/u$	1	method recall of power of lens / manipulation of formula
			= 1 / 0.01 – 1 / (-10)	1	correct substitution (Cartesian – sign goes with value 10)
			= 100.(1) (D) / 100 (D)	1	evaluation accept P = $1/f \approx 1/v = 100$ D for 3 marks
					allow 99.9 D (sign error) 2 marks max
					not 3 rd mark for negative final answers
					accept $P = 1/v + 1/u = 100.(1)$ (D) for 3 marks if fully
					consistent with real is positive sign convention but no part
					marks
					Look out for
					<i>v</i> and <i>u</i> values interchanged giving 100.1 (D), scores max 1
					mark for formula rearranged or $P = 1 / f$
			Total	5	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance	
6	method started: 3.5 cm / 13.2 cm	1	Accept 1 st mark for evidence of estimate	
	OR (3.5 cm x 3072 pixels) / (9.8 cm) OR \approx 310 pixel cm ⁻¹		length arrow / length image / $\approx \frac{1}{4}$ /	
			length arrow / height image / $\approx \frac{1}{3}$	
	method cont: pixels per arrow length of 1100 ± 100 pixels	1	$4096 / 4 \approx 1000$ pixels / $3072 / 3 \approx 1000$ pixels accept Pythagorean solutions / components of arrow	
	evaluation (distance = resolution x no. pixels) = 30 light years pixel ⁻¹ x 1100 pixels = 33 000 light years	1	evaluation accept in range $(33 \pm 3) \times 1000$ light years allow only max 2 for correct methods with larger measuring errors in extended range $(33 \pm 10) \times 1000$ light years	
	Total	3		

Mark Scheme

Question		on	Answer		Guidance
7			1 5.0	1	
			2 0.5 (kW)	1	
			Total	2	
			Total section A	24	

Section E	3
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Question		on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
8	(a)	(i)	stress / strain / 14 MPa / 0.082	1	method
			= 170	1	evaluation accept 171 ignore POT errors here
			= 170 MPa / 170 MNm ⁻²	1	answer must have consistent POT with unit
					accept 1.7 x 10 ⁸ Pa / N m ⁻²
		(ii)	$F = \sigma A$ / = 14 x 10 ⁶ x 1.9 x 10 ⁻⁷	1	method in algebra / words / numbers
			= 2.66 (N) / 2.7 (N)	1	evaluation not 2.6 (N) RE (penalise RE only once on
					paper)
	(b)	(i)	any 2 from 4 points about the sample: plastic behaviour /	2	accept will not return to original size / shape not inelastic
			very large increase in strain for small increase in stress /		accept strain increases at a high rate not rapidly / quickly
					accept starts to neck / tear
			gets stiffer OR larger $\Delta \sigma$ for small $\Delta \varepsilon$ OR		not any credit for Y.M. decreases not easier / harder to
			larger ΔF for small Δx /		stretch
					not any credit for molecular explanations here
			up to x 6 original length for breaking OR x 5 at strain 4		not any credit for just descriptions of what the graph does
					not any credit for then breaks
		(ii)	breaking strain ε = 5.1	1	read from graph accept in range 5.05 to 5.15
			$x = \varepsilon L = 5.1 \times 15 \text{ cm}$	1	method in algebra / words / numbers
					accept use of extension = 0.082 x 15 for method mark only
			= 76.5 (cm)	1	evaluation expect in range 75.8 to 77.3 (cm)
					allow ecf on strains in range 5 to 5.5 for max 2
					allow 2/3 for bare 75 (cm)
	(C)		originally long chains are <u>amorphous</u> / crumpled / folded /	1	accept suggestions for pre-elastic limit
			<u>random</u> / spaghetti-like ;		accept suggestions about <u>cross links</u> restricting movement
			monomers rotate / bonds rotate / chains slip past each	1	or preventing return once broken
			other / chains line up / disentangle / unfold / becomes		not any credit here for macroscopic plastic behaviour
			more <u>crystalline</u> ;		accept good diagram evidence even if not labelled
			(inter / intra molecular / cross links / hydrogen bonds)	1	
			bonds break OR once molecules aligned bonds		accept aligned molecules increase stiffness
			themselves are being stretched ;		QWC mark only if one technical term has been
			QWC for any underlined term used correctly	1	appropriately used and spelled correctly
			Total	14	

Section	В
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Question		on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
9	(a)		4	1	
	(b)		$(0.001 \times 100\% / 1.019) = 0.1 (\%)$	1	accept 0.098% but not more than 2 SF not 0.0981 (%)
	(C)	(i)	t = Q / I / = 10 (µC) / 1.1 (µA) / 10 x 10 ⁻⁶ / 1.1 x 10 ⁻⁶	1	method in algebra / words / numbers / units
			= 9.1 (s)	1	evaluation accept 9 (s) accept ORA showing 1.1 μ (A) x 10 (s) = 11 μ C (>10 μ C) not 3.6 s (using 2.8 μ A) but can score 1 st mark if method clear
		(ii)	$R + r = \varepsilon / I / = 1.019 / (1.1 \times 10^{-6})$	1	method not credit for $V = IR$ OR $V = \varepsilon - IR$
			$R + r = 926.4 \text{ k}\Omega$	1	allow 1/3 for getting as far as $V = 1.0186 V$ evaluation accept working to 2 SF 930 k Ω
			R = 926.4 k Ω - 350 Ω \approx 926 k Ω /	1	max 2 if evaluating R_{meter} only as 930 k Ω and no discussion
			R >> r / r negligible compared to R		of r OR for using 2.8 μ A and r leading to 364 k Ω
		(iii)	V = /r / = 1.1 x 10 ⁻⁶ x 350	1	method not any ecf here not just $V = IR$
			= 0.39 m(V) / 0.385 m(V)	1	evaluation accept 3.85 x 10 ⁻⁴ (V) accept 0.4 m(V) accept other methods eg potential divider allow 0.38 m(V)
	(d)		suggested problem explanation	2	be flexible about exchanging problem \Leftrightarrow explanation so long as linked but needs quality somewhere take $\epsilon = V_{standard} = 1.019 V$
			$I > 2.8 \mu\text{A}$ $V < V_{\text{standard}}$ $/ V < \varepsilon$		problem accept too much current or charge (drawn) /
			$Q > 10 \ \mu C$ $V < V_{\text{standard}} / V < \varepsilon$		too little time to make measurement
			$V \leq V_{\text{standard}} / V \leq \varepsilon$ V_{lost} across r greater V_{lost} across r greater		not inaccurate calibration / less precise / higher % error
			systematic error V_{lost} across r		
			meter over-reads not all V _{standard} across meter		accept cell polarises / internal resistance increases
			Total	11	

Section	В
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Question		on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
10	(a)	(i)	4096	1	not just 2 ¹²
		(ii)	(1920 x 1080 x 12 x 3) = 74.6 M(bits)	1	needs 3 SF here for show that mark
					accept computer M giving 71.(2) M(bits)
		(iii)	= 74.6 x 10 ⁶ x 120 / bandwidth \approx bit rate / = bit rate / 2	1	method accept use of show that value $/$ factors of $\frac{1}{2}$
			= 9.(0) G(Hz) / 8.96 G(Hz) / 8.95 G(Hz)	1	evaluation accept factors of ½ i.e. 4.4(8) G(Hz)
					allow ect on incorrect bits from (ii) x 120
	(b)	(i)	waves are transverse / oscillations perp to direction of	1	accept evidence from diagram / clear representation of
	(~)	(.)	travel		transverse wave needs labels for oscillation + travel
					not just sine wave
			unpolarised: all possible directions of oscillation /	1	accept diagrams at least 3 directions of oscillation
					ignore wave travels in all directions
			nolarised: one direction of oscillation /	1	accent diagram with one direction of oscillation / partially
				1	polarised light
			For diagrams: directions need double headed arrows to		ignore wave travels in one direction
			score and labelled un/polarised		if no diagrams only award 3 marks for very clear well
					expressed written answers
		(ii)	Lin to 3 of following polarisation points:	4	
		(11)	a polarising filter transmits plane polarised light	4	accept polarising filter only allows one direction of vibration
			fixed filter must be at 90° to L-crystal (polarisation direction)		not filters in opposite directions
			/ forms crossed polar filters ;		
			which do not transmit light / block light ;		allow other workable switching solutions / sensible details
			Up to 2 of following switching points (to a max 4 total):		OWC final mark only awarded if four points clearly
			L-crystal filter switched on by voltage		explained
			voltage switched from one eve / lens to other alternately		
			TV signal synchronised with frame rate		
			Total	11	
			Total Section B	36	
1			Total for paper	60	

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