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These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

**GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:**

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

**GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:**

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

**GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:**

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

**GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:**

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

**GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:**

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

**GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:**

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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| Question | Answer   | Marks     |
|----------|--|-----------|
| 1(a)     | $(F =) ma$ or $35 \times 2.6$                              | <b>C1</b> |
|          | 91 N   | <b>A1</b> |
| 1(b)(i)  | straight line from origin to dashed line / $t_1$           | <b>B1</b> |
|          | gradually decreasing gradient until the line is horizontal | <b>B1</b> |
| 1(b)(ii) | area <u>under</u> the line or area between line and x-axis | <b>B1</b> |

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|----------|---|-----------|
| 2(a)(i)  | $(p =) \rho gh$ or $940 \times 10 \times 3.3$   | <b>C1</b> |
|          | $3.1 \times 10^4$ Pa                            | <b>A1</b> |
| 2(a)(ii) | atmospheric pressure acts at both ends of crack | <b>B1</b> |
| 2(b)     | (surface) level decreases / drops               | <b>B1</b> |
|          | pressure (at level of crack) decreases          | <b>B1</b> |

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|----------|---|-----------|
| 3(a)     | line continues from (7.0, 0.19) <b>and</b> curves upwards   | <b>B1</b> |
| 3(b)     | (extension =) 8.5 (cm)  | <b>C1</b> |
|          | 3.1–3.2 N   | <b>A1</b> |
| 3(c)     | (limit of proportionality is) not reached <b>and</b> load shared / distributed equally or tension in each spring 4.5 N or limit of proportionality now 14 N | <b>B1</b> |
|          | or tension in each spring halved or tension in each spring < 7.0 N  | <b>B1</b> |

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|-----------|---|-----------|
| 4(a)      | (kinetic energy =) $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$ <b>and</b> $m$ is the mass of the object   | <b>B1</b> |
| 4(b)(i)   | $(\Delta Q =) mc\Delta T$ <b>or</b> $0.60 \times 560 \times 25$   | <b>C1</b> |
|           | $8.4 \times 10^3 \text{ J}$   | <b>A1</b> |
| 4(b)(ii)  | $v^2 = 2\Delta Q / m$ <b>or</b> $8.4 \times 10^3 = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.60 \times v^2$ <b>or</b> $(v^2 =) 2.8 \times 10^4 \text{ (m}^2/\text{s}^2)$                               | <b>C1</b> |
|           | 167 m / s   | <b>A1</b> |
| 4(b)(iii) | some internal / thermal energy lost (to ground / air) <b>or</b> work done to shatter rock<br><b>or</b> rock bounces <b>or</b> energy used to compress ground <b>or</b> rock melts | <b>B1</b> |
| 5(a)(i)   | 1 difference between maximum and minimum marked temperatures  | <b>B1</b> |
|           | 2 distance moved by (end of) thread per unit temperature rise   | <b>B1</b> |

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| 5(a)(ii) | large bulb / quantity of mercury<br>greater increase in volume<br><br><b>or</b><br><br>narrow bore<br>greater distance / difference (for a given increase in volume) | <b>M1A1</b> |
| 5(b)     | traps the liquid above the constriction (so that the reading is maintained)  | <b>B1</b>   |
| 5(c)     | they / molecules gain <u>kinetic</u> energy / move faster  | <b>B1</b>   |
|          | move apart <b>or</b> push each other apart   | <b>B1</b>   |
|          | mercury expands (up the tube)  | <b>B1</b>   |

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| 6(a)     | (hard) steel   | <b>B1</b> |
| 6(b)     | (place compass near to a pole and) mark a dot at further end of needle                 | <b>B1</b> |
|          | move compass so the first end coincides with the dot <b>and</b> mark second dot        | <b>B1</b> |
|          | repeat (many times) <b>and</b> join up dots  | <b>B1</b> |
| 6(c)     | magnetism <u>induced</u> in iron bar <b>or</b> poles <u>induced</u> on iron bar        | <b>B1</b> |
|          | end P becomes an N-pole  | <b>B1</b> |
|          | unlike poles attract <b>or</b> (force of) attraction greater than friction / repulsion | <b>B1</b> |

| Question | Answer  | Marks     |
|----------|---|-----------|
| 7(a)(i)  | $1/R_T = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2$ <b>or</b> $1/R_T = 1/3.6 + 1/1.8$ <b>or</b> $(R_T =) R_1 R_2 / (R_1 + R_2)$ <b>or</b><br>$1.8 \times 3.6 / (1.8 + 3.6)$ | <b>C1</b> |
|          | 1.2 ( $\Omega$ )  | <b>C1</b> |
|          | 4.0 $\Omega$  | <b>A1</b> |
| 7(a)(ii) | $(I =) V/R$ <b>or</b> 6.0 / 4.0   | <b>C1</b> |
|          | 1.5 (A)   | <b>A1</b> |
| 7(b)(i)  | work done / energy (released) per <u>unit</u> charge (passed through component)   | <b>B1</b> |
| 7(b)(ii) | voltmeter symbol <b>and</b> across 2.8 $\Omega$ resistor  | <b>B1</b> |

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|-----------|---|-----------|
| 7(b)(iii) | <u>total</u> resistance increases <b>or</b> resistance <u>of circuit / parallel combination</u> increases | <b>B1</b> |
|           | current (in $2.8 \Omega$ resistor) decreases  | <b>B1</b> |

| Question | Answer   | Marks     |
|----------|--|-----------|
| 8(a)     | substance <b>or</b> matter   | <b>B1</b> |
|          | rest <b>or</b> motion  | <b>B1</b> |
| 8(b)(i)  | (a region of space) where a mass experiences a force (due to gravitational attraction)   | <b>B1</b> |
| 8(b)(ii) | $(m =) \rho V$ <b>or</b> $1000 \times 2.4 \times 10^{-2}$ <b>or</b> 24 (kg)  | <b>C1</b> |
|          | 25 (kg) <b>or</b> 240 (N)  | <b>C1</b> |
|          | 250 N  | <b>A1</b> |
| 8(c)(i)  | $(\Gamma =) Fx$ <b>or</b> $250 \times 0.12$  | <b>C1</b> |
|          | 30 N m   | <b>A1</b> |
| 8(c)(ii) | 75 N   | <b>B1</b> |
| 8(d)(i)  | any <b>two</b> from:<br>friction (between axle and cylinder)<br>weight of rope<br>force not perpendicular (to radius)<br>rope wraps over itself (and increases moment) | <b>B2</b> |

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|----------|--|-----------|
| 8(d)(ii) | from chemical (energy) <b>or</b> chemical (energy) as first term   | <b>B1</b> |
|          | to gravitational potential (energy) <b>or</b> to thermal / heat (energy) as last term  | <b>B1</b> |
|          | to thermal / internal (energy) / heat <b>and</b> thermal / internal (energy) / heat  | <b>B1</b> |
| 8(e)     | no resultant force <b>or</b> forces balance / cancel <b>or</b> tension equals weight (of bucket) <b>or</b> upwards force equals downward force | <b>B1</b> |

| Question  | Answer  | Marks     |
|-----------|---|-----------|
| 9(a)      | the <u>vibration</u> direction is parallel to the wave / energy travel direction<br><b>or</b> longitudinal waves have compressions and rarefactions <b>or</b> transverse waves have crests and troughs <b>or</b> longitudinal waves cannot be polarised | <b>B1</b> |
| 9(b)(i)   | $(f =) v / \lambda$ <b>or</b> $0.17 / 0.019$  | <b>C1</b> |
|           | 8.9 Hz  | <b>A1</b> |
| 9(b)(ii)  | (frequency) stays constant <b>or</b> does not change  | <b>B1</b> |
| 9(b)(iii) | (speed) decreases   | <b>B1</b> |
|           | (Fig. 9.1 shows that) wavelength decreases <b>or</b> refraction is towards normal<br><b>or</b> $i > r$ <b>or</b> top of wave (in shaded region) lags behind bottom of wave  | <b>B1</b> |
| 9(c)(i)   | electromagnetic <b>and</b> transverse underlined  | <b>B1</b> |
| 9(c)(ii)  | $n = \sin(i) / \sin(r)$ <b>or</b> $(r =) \sin^{-1}(\sin(i) / n)$ <b>or</b> $(r =) \sin^{-1}(\sin(60^\circ) / 1.6)$  | <b>C1</b> |
|           | 33(°)   | <b>A1</b> |



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| Question  | Answer  | Marks     |
|-----------|---|-----------|
| 9(c)(iii) | 1 $n = 1 / \sin(c)$ or $(c =) \sin^{-1}(1/n)$ or $\sin^{-1}(1/1.6)$                                 | <b>C1</b> |
|           | 39°   | <b>A1</b> |
|           | 2 total internal reflection   | <b>B1</b> |
|           | $\theta > c$ or $57(^{\circ}) > 39(^{\circ})$ or angle of incidence greater than the critical angle | <b>B1</b> |
|           | 3 reflected ray at P (correct angle by eye)   | <b>B1</b> |
|           | light in air at 30° (by eye) to vertical surface  | <b>B1</b> |

| Question  | Answer  | Marks     |
|-----------|---|-----------|
| 10(a)(i)  | same number of protons or same number of electrons                          | <b>B1</b> |
| 10(a)(ii) | different number of neutrons  | <b>B1</b> |
| 10(b)(i)  | ${}^4_2\alpha$  | <b>B1</b> |
|           | ${}^{92}_{92}\text{U}$  | <b>B1</b> |
|           | ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$   | <b>B1</b> |
| 10(b)(ii) | (no. of half-lives =) $1.2 \times 10^5 / 2.4 \times 10^4$ or 5 (half-lives) | <b>C1</b> |
|           | relevant halving or $1/2^5$ or $1/32$ or $6400/32$                          | <b>C1</b> |
|           | 200 counts / second   | <b>A1</b> |

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| <b>Question</b> | <b>Answer</b>   | <b>Marks</b> |
|-----------------|---|--------------|
| 10(b)(iii)      | 1 curving (only) downwards with correct curvature   | <b>M1</b>    |
|                 | no straight section (by eye) anywhere in magnetic field   | <b>A1</b>    |
|                 | 2 (Fleming's) left-hand rule <b>or</b> motor rule <b>or</b> rule described <b>or</b> moving charge is a current                               | <b>B1</b>    |
| 10(c)(i)        | splitting of a <u>nucleus</u>   | <b>B1</b>    |
| 10(c)(ii)       | neutron fired at a plutonium nucleus <b>or</b> plutonium nucleus absorbs neutron  | <b>B1</b>    |
| 10(c)(iii)      | 1 no CO <sub>2</sub> / SO <sub>2</sub> / nitrogen oxides / greenhouse gases emitted <b>or</b> do not contribute to global warming / acid rain | <b>B1</b>    |
|                 | 2 reliable / not intermittent <b>or</b> smaller land area   | <b>B1</b>    |