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Paper 2 (AS Structured Questions), maximum raw mark 60

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1	(a) (i) 1% of ± 2.05 is ± 0.02	A1	[1]
	(ii) max. value is 2.08 V	A1	[1]
	(b) there may be a zero error/calibration error/systematic error which makes all readings either higher or lower than true value	M1 A1	[2]
2	(a) no resultant force/sum of forces zero no resultant moment/torque/sum of moments/torques zero	B1 B1	[2]
	(b) (i) each force is represented by the side of a triangle/by an arrow in magnitude and direction arrows joined, head to tail (could be shown on a sketch diagram)	M1 A1 B1	[3]
	(ii) if the triangle is 'closed' (then the forces are in equilibrium)	B1	[1]
	(c) triangle drawn with correct shape (incorrect arrows loses this mark) $T_1 = 5.4 \pm 0.2 \text{ N}$ $T_2 = 4.0 \pm 0.2 \text{ N}$	B1 B1 B1	[3]
	(d) forces in strings would be horizontal (so) no vertical force to support the weight	B1 B1	[2]
3	(a) evidence of use of area below the line distance = 39 m (allow $\pm 0.5 \text{ m}$) (if $> \pm 0.5 \text{ m}$ but $\leq 1.0 \text{ m}$, then allow 1 mark)	B1 A2	[3]
	(b) (i) 1 $E_K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ $\Delta E_K = \frac{1}{2} \times 92 \times (6^2 - 3^2)$ $= 1240 \text{ J}$	C1 A1	[2]
	2 $E_P = mgh$ $\Delta E_P = 92 \times 9.8 \times 1.3$ $= 1170 \text{ J}$	C1 A1	[2]
	(ii) $E = Pt$ $E = 75 \times 8$ $= 600 \text{ J}$	C1 A1	[2]
	(c) (i) energy = $(1240 + 600) - 1170$ $= 670 \text{ J}$	M1 A0	[1]
	(ii) force = $670/39 = 17 \text{ N}$	A1	[1]
	(d) frictional forces include air resistance air resistance decreases with decrease of speed	B1 B1	[2]

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- 4 (a) (i) solid has fixed volume and fixed shape/incompressible B1 [1]
- (ii) gas fills any space into which it is put B1 [1]
- (b) atoms/molecules have (elastic) collisions with the walls (of the vessel) B1
momentum of atom/molecule changes B1
so impulse (on wall)/force on wall B1
random motion/many collisions (per unit time) gives rise to
(constant) force/pressure B1 [4]
- (c) spacing (much) greater in gases than in liquids/about ten times C1
either spacing depends on $1/\sqrt[3]{\rho}$
or ratio of spacings is about 8.8 A1 [2]
- 5 (a) (i) 1 number of oscillations per unit time (not per second) B1 [1]
2 $n\lambda$ A1 [1]
- (ii) $v = \text{distance} / \text{time} = n\lambda/t$ M1
 $n/t = f$ hence $v = f\lambda$ A1
or f oscillations per unit time so $f\lambda$ is distance per unit time M1
distance per unit time is v so $v = f\lambda$ A1 [2]
- (b) (i) 1.0 period is $3 \times 2 = 6.0$ ms C1
frequency = $1/(6 \times 10^{-3}) = 170$ Hz A1 [2]
- (ii) wave (with approx. same amplitude and) with correct phase difference B1 [1]
- 6 (a) (i) movement/flow of charged particles B1 [1]
- (ii) work done per unit charge (transferred) B1 [1]
- (b) straight line through origin B1
resistance = V/I , with values for V and I shown M1
= 20Ω A0 [2]
(using the gradient loses the last mark)
- (c) (i) 0.5 A A1 [1]
- (ii) *either* resistance of each resistor is 20Ω *or* total current = 0.8 A C1
either combined resistance = 10Ω *or* $R = E/I = 10 \Omega$ A1 [2]
- (d) (i) 10 V A1 [1]
- (ii) power = EI C1
= $10 \times 0.2 = 2.0$ W A1 [2]

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- 7 (a) (i) *either* helium nucleus
or particle containing two protons and two neutrons B1 [1]
- (ii) allow any value between 1 cm and 10 cm B1 [1]
- (b) (i) energy = $(8.5 \times 10^{-13}) / (1.6 \times 10^{-13})$
= 5.3 MeV M1
A0 [1]
- (ii) number = $(5.3 \times 10^6) / 31$
= 1.7×10^5 (*allow 2 s.f. only*) C1
A1 [2]
- (iii) number per unit length = $(1.7 \times 10^5) / \text{(a)(ii)}$
correct numerical value A1
correct unit B1 [2]