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PUBLISHED**Generic Marking Principles**

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.

Mathematics Specific Marking Principles	
1	Unless a particular method has been specified in the question, full marks may be awarded for any correct method. However, if a calculation is required then no marks will be awarded for a scale drawing.
2	Unless specified in the question, answers may be given as fractions, decimals or in standard form. Ignore superfluous zeros, provided that the degree of accuracy is not affected.
3	Allow alternative conventions for notation if used consistently throughout the paper, e.g. commas being used as decimal points.
4	Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, e.g. wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored (isw).
5	Where a candidate has misread a number in the question and used that value consistently throughout, provided that number does not alter the difficulty or the method required, award all marks earned and deduct just 1 mark for the misread.
6	Recovery within working is allowed, e.g. a notation error in the working where the following line of working makes the candidate's intent clear.

Mark Scheme Notes

The following notes are intended to aid interpretation of mark schemes in general, but individual mark schemes may include marks awarded for specific reasons outside the scope of these notes.

Types of mark

- M** Method mark, awarded for a valid method applied to the problem. Method marks are not lost for numerical errors, algebraic slips or errors in units. However, it is not usually sufficient for a candidate just to indicate an intention of using some method or just to quote a formula; the formula or idea must be applied to the specific problem in hand, e.g. by substituting the relevant quantities into the formula. Correct application of a formula without the formula being quoted obviously earns the M mark and in some cases an M mark can be implied from a correct answer.
- A** Accuracy mark, awarded for a correct answer or intermediate step correctly obtained. Accuracy marks cannot be given unless the associated method mark is earned (or implied).
- B** Mark for a correct result or statement independent of method marks.
- DM or DB** When a part of a question has two or more ‘method’ steps, the M marks are generally independent unless the scheme specifically says otherwise; and similarly, when there are several B marks allocated. The notation DM or DB is used to indicate that a particular M or B mark is dependent on an earlier M or B (asterisked) mark in the scheme. When two or more steps are run together by the candidate, the earlier marks are implied and full credit is given.
- FT** Implies that the A or B mark indicated is allowed for work correctly following on from previously incorrect results. Otherwise, A or B marks are given for correct work only.
- A or B marks are given for correct work only (not for results obtained from incorrect working) unless follow through is allowed (see abbreviation FT above).
 - For a numerical answer, allow the A or B mark if the answer is correct to 3 significant figures or would be correct to 3 significant figures if rounded (1 decimal place for angles in degrees).
 - The total number of marks available for each question is shown at the bottom of the Marks column.
 - Wrong or missing units in an answer should not result in loss of marks unless the guidance indicates otherwise.
 - Square brackets [] around text or numbers show extra information not needed for the mark to be awarded.

Abbreviations

AEF/OE	Any Equivalent Form (of answer is equally acceptable) / Or Equivalent
AG	Answer Given on the question paper (so extra checking is needed to ensure that the detailed working leading to the result is valid)
CAO	Correct Answer Only (emphasising that no ‘follow through’ from a previous error is allowed)
CWO	Correct Working Only
ISW	Ignore Subsequent Working
SOI	Seen Or Implied
SC	Special Case (detailing the mark to be given for a specific wrong solution, or a case where some standard marking practice is to be varied in the light of a particular circumstance)
WWW	Without Wrong Working
AWRT	Answer Which Rounds To

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1(a)	$600g \times 15 [= 90\,000]$	M1	Attempt potential energy.
	Total work done by crane = $[90\,000 + 10\,000 =] 100\,000 \text{ J}$	A1	
		2	
1(b)	$100\,000 = 12\,500 \times t$	M1	Use of work done = power \times time to set up an equation from which t can be found.
	Time = 8 s	A1 FT	FT on <i>their</i> work done = 100 000
	Alternative scheme for question 1(b)		
	Average force $F = \frac{\text{Total WD}}{15}$ Average velocity $v = \frac{s}{t} = \frac{15}{t}$ $P = Fv \rightarrow 12500 = \frac{\text{Total WD}}{15} \times \frac{15}{t}$	M1	A complete method, using $P = Fv$, for setting up an equation from which t can be found.
	Time = 8 s	A1 FT	
		2	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2(a)	$0 = u^2 - 2 \times 10 \times 20$ OR $0 = u - 10t$ and $20 = vt + \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times t^2$ or $20 = ut - \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times t^2$ or $20 = \frac{u+0}{2} \times t$	M1	Complete method to set up an equation in u only. Use of $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ or finding time to reach maximum height ($t = 2$) and using this value to set up another equation in u only.
	$u = 20$	A1	
		2	
2(b)	$15 = 20t - \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times t^2$	M1	Use of $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ and attempt to set up an equation from which a relevant t value can be found. Must be using <i>their</i> u and $a = -10$
	$t = 1$ or $t = 3$	A1	
	Total time = 2 s	A1	CWO
	Alternative method for question 2(b)		
	$5 = \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times t^2$	M1	Use of $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ and attempt to set up an equation from which a relevant t value can be found. Must be using $u = 0$ and $a = 10$
	$t = 1$	A1	
	Total time = 2 s	A1	CWO
		3	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3(a)	PE lost in 50 m = $(m + 300)g \times 50 \sin 3$	B1	
	$(m + 300)g \times 50 \sin 3 - 40\,000 = 0$	M1	Use of the work-energy equation.
	$m = 1230$ to 3 sf	A1	$m = 1228.6$
	Alternative method for question 3(a)		
	Resistance force $R = \frac{40\,000}{50}$ [= 800 N]	B1	
	$(m + 300)g \sin 3 - R = 0$	M1	Apply Newton's second law to the system, 3 terms.
	$m = 1230$ to 3 sf	A1	$m = 1228.6$
		3	
3(b)	$T + 300g \sin 3 - 200 = 0$ (Trailer) or $mg \sin 3 = T + 600$ (Car)	M1	Apply Newton's 2nd law either to the trailer or to the car using $a = 0$, three terms in either case.
	$T = 43[.0]$ N to 3 sf	A1	
		2	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(a)	Forward force exerted by cyclist driving force = $\frac{180}{6}$ [= 30 N]	B1	
	$DF - F - 70g \sin \alpha = 70 \times -0.2$	M1	Attempt Newton's second law, 4 terms required. A value must be used for $\sin \alpha$.
	$30 - F - 70g \times 0.05 = 70 \times -0.2$	A1	Correct equation
	$F = 9$	A1	From exact working only
		4	
4(b)	$\frac{180}{v} - F - 70g \times \sin \alpha = 0$	M1	Apply Newton's second law up the hill with $a = 0$. Must have 3 relevant terms using their F from 4(a) . A value for $\sin \alpha$ must be used.
	$v = 4.09 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	A1	Allow $\frac{45}{11}$
		2	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5(a)	Attempt to resolve vertically or horizontally	M1	Correct number of terms.
	$G \sin 60^\circ + 2F \sin 40^\circ - 10 = 0$	A1	Correct resolution vertically.
	$F + G \cos 60^\circ - 2F \cos 40^\circ = 0$	A1	Correct resolution horizontally.
	Attempt to solve simultaneously for F or G	M1	From equations with 3 relevant terms in each
	$F = 4.53, G = 4.82$	A1	For both correct.
		5	
5(b)	$G \sin 60^\circ + 2 \times 3 \sin 40^\circ - 10 = 0$	M1	Resolve forces parallel to the 10 N force and equate this expression to zero, 3 terms.
	$G = 7.09$ to 3 sf	A1	
		2	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(a)	For an attempt at integration	*M1	Power of at least one term increased by 1 and the coefficient changed.
	$v = 4t^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{2}{5}t^{\frac{3}{2}} [+C]$	A1	Correct v
	$4t^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{2}{5}t^{\frac{3}{2}} = 0$	DM1	Equating <i>their</i> 2-term v to zero and attempt to solve for t or k .
	$k = 10$	A1	Final answer $t = 10$ is A0
		4	
6(b)	Max speed when $2t^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{3}{5}t^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$	M1	Attempt to solve $a = 0$ and find a value of t .
	$t = \frac{10}{3}$	A1	
	Maximum speed = 4.87 ms^{-1} to 3 sf	B1	Allow maximum speed as $\frac{8\sqrt{30}}{9}$
		3	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(c)	For an attempt at integration of <i>their</i> v	*M1	Power of at least one term increased by 1 and the coefficient changed.
	$s = \frac{8}{3}t^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{4}{25}t^{\frac{5}{2}} [+C]$	A1	Correct s
	Substitute their $t = \frac{10}{3}$ and $t = 10$	DM1	Use their $t = 10$ and their $t = \frac{10}{3} (\neq 0)$ correctly.
	Distance = 20.7 m	A1	Distance = 20.7479...
		4	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7(a)	$0.6^2 = 0 + 2a \times 0.45$	M1	Use of constant acceleration equations to find a .
	$a = 0.4$	A1	
	$R = 0.1g \times \cos \alpha = 0.1g \times \frac{24}{25} = 0.1g \times \cos 16.3^\circ \left[R = \frac{24}{25} = 0.96 \right]$	B1	Must use a value for $\cos \alpha$.
	$0.1g \times \frac{7}{25} - F = 0.1 \times 0.4 \quad [0.28 - F = 0.04 \rightarrow F = 0.24]$	M1	Newton's second law, 3 terms.
	$F = \mu \times 0.1g \times \frac{24}{25} \left[F = \frac{24\mu}{25} = 0.96\mu \right]$	M1	Use of $F = \mu R$, where R is a component of $0.1g$
	$\mu = 0.25$	A1	AG Must be from exact working $\mu = 0.25$ only

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7(a)	Alternative scheme for question 7(a)		
	Attempt PE loss or KE gain	M1	Use of either $PE = mgh$ or $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
	$PE \text{ loss} = 0.1 \times g \times 0.45 \sin 16.3 = 0.1 \times g \times 0.45 \times \frac{7}{25} \left[= \frac{63}{500} = 0.126 \right]$ $KE \text{ gain} = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.1 \times 0.6^2 \left[= \frac{9}{500} = 0.018 \right]$	A1	Both correct.
	$R = 0.1g \times \cos \alpha = 0.1g \times \frac{24}{25} = 0.1g \times \cos 16.3^\circ \left[R = \frac{24}{25} = 0.96 \right]$	B1	Must use a value for $\cos \alpha$.
	$0.1 \times g \times 0.45 \times \frac{7}{25} = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.1 \times 0.6^2 + F \times 0.45$ $\left[\frac{63}{500} = \frac{9}{500} + \mu \times \frac{54}{125} \right] \text{ or } [0.126 = 0.018 + \mu \times 0.432]$	M1	Use of work-energy equation as PE loss = KE gain + WD against friction
	$F = \mu \times 0.1g \times \frac{24}{25} \left[F = \frac{24\mu}{25} = 0.96\mu \right]$	M1	Use of $F = \mu R$, where R is a component of $0.1g$
	$\mu = 0.25$	A1	AG Must be from exact working $\mu = 0.25$ only
		6	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7(b)	$0.1 \times 0.6 = 0.5v$	M1	Use of conservation of momentum, 2 terms.
	$v = 0.12$	A1	
	For B $0.5g \times \frac{7}{25} - 0.275 \times 0.5g \times \frac{24}{25} = 0.5a$ [leading to $a = 0.16$]	B1	Apply Newton's second law for particle B , 3 terms. Allow correct unsimplified expression in a only.
	$s_A = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.4t^2$ $s_B = 0.12t + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.16t^2$	*M1	Attempt an expression for either s_A or s_B . Must see $u_A = 0$ and $u_B \neq 0$ but u_B must have been found from a momentum equation.
	For both s_A and s_B and attempt to solve $s_A = s_B$ to find t	DM1	Must be from 3 terms leading to a 2-term quadratic. If energy used in 7(a) then must find $a = 0.4$ for A . Their working must be leading to a positive t value.
	Required time is $t = 1$ s	A1	
		6	