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**GCSE**  
**PHYSICS**

8463/1H

Higher Tier

Paper 1

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**Mark Scheme**

## Question 1

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
01.1	decrease		1	4.3.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
01.2	Use $p_1V_1=p_2V_2$ : $150 \times 2.0 = p_2 \times 1.5$	<i>correctly substituting values</i>	1	4.3.3.2
	Rearrange for $p_2$ : $p_2 = 150 \times 2.0 / 1.5$	<i>correct rearrangement</i>	1	
	Calculate $p_2 = 200\text{kPa}$	<i>final correct answer</i>	1	

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01.3	The gas particles are compressed into a smaller space, so the number of collisions with the container walls <u>per second</u> increases.	<i>number of collisions is insufficient – number in a specific time, frequency, or rate of collisions must be mentioned</i>	1	4.3.3.2
	Each collision exerts a force on the wall of the cylinder.		1	
	<u>Increased frequency of collisions leads to a greater total force</u> which increases pressure.		1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
01.4	Particles move randomly/in random directions	<i>Accept: particles move freely</i>	1	4.3.1.1 4.3.3.1
	Particles move with a range of speeds	<i>Accept: particles move continuously in straight lines until they collide</i>	1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
01.5	<i>Mass = density x volume</i> <i>(<math>m = \rho \times V</math>)</i>			4.3.1.1
	mass = $0.0012 \times 325$		1	
	mass = 0.39 (g)	Accept: $3.9 \times 10^{-4}$ kg (or correctly state answer in kg)	1	

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## Question 2

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
02.1	Light emitting diode	Accept LED	1	4.2.1.1

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02.2	230 (V)		1	4.2.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
02.3	The potential difference supplied alternates between <u>positive and negative</u>	Allow voltage or current for potential difference	1	4.2.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
02.4	10 A fuse circled		1	4.2.3.2 4.2.4.1
	<i>Current = Power / Voltage</i> <i>(<math>I = P/V</math>)</i>			
	Current = $2000/230$			
	Current = <b>8.7</b> (A)		1	
	13A fuse does not offer enough protection	Accept: too high current rating does not offer enough protection / is dangerous	1	
	the 5A fuse would blow unnecessarily/prevent the washing machine from working properly	Accept: too low current rating prevents washing machine from working properly	1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
02.5	If the live wire comes into contact with the metal case, the case would become live (posing a risk of electric shock).		1	4.2.3.2
	The earth wire provides a low-resistance path to the ground <i>or</i> the electricity is conducted through the earth wire		1	
	causing a surge in current that blows the fuse and disconnects the circuit		1	

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## Question 3

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
03.1	Gravitational potential energy at the top of the flight = $m g h$ $E_p = 0.160 \times 9.8 \times 12 = 18.82 \text{ (J)}$		1	4.1.1.2 4.1.2.1
	Kinetic energy when caught $= \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ $18.82 = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.160 \times v^2$		1	
	$v^2 = 18.82 \times 2 / 0.160$ or $v^2 = 235.2$		1	
		<i>alternative method</i>		
		$mgh = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ or $gh = \frac{1}{2} v^2$ 1 mark		
		$9.8 \times 12 = \frac{1}{2} \times v^2$ 1 mark		
		$235.2 = v^2$ 1 mark		
		<i>alternative method</i>		
		$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ so $v^2 = 0 + (2 \times 9.8 \times 12)$ 1 mark		
		for recognising $u$ is zero 1 mark		
	<i>answer</i> $v = 15.34$		1	
	$v = 15 \text{ (m/s)}$ 2 sig fig		1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
03.2	Work done = Energy transferred $\Delta W = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ $\Delta W = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.160 \times 15^2$	Allow error carried forward for incorrect mass conversion from 3.1 Allow error carried forward for incorrect speed from 3.2		4.1.1.1
	Or  $\Delta W = mgh$ $\Delta W = 0.160 \times 9.8 \times 12$		1	
	$\Delta W = 19 \text{ (J)}$	allow 18.85J (or 18.9J), 18.82J (or 18.8J)	1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
03.3	$E_e = \frac{1}{2} ke^2$ $72 = \frac{1}{2} \times k \times 0.3^2$		1	4.1.1.2
	$2 \times 72 / 0.3^2 = k$		1	
	$k = 1600 \text{ (N/m)}$		1	

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## Question 4

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
04.1	A datalogger can take many readings in the same time that a human can take one.  Dataloggers do not need to rest or take breaks.	Either for 1 mark  Do not allow dataloggers are more accurate/precise.	1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
04.2	A bar chart.		1	
	The material type is not a <u>continuous variable</u>  or  The material type is a <u>categoric variable</u>	Either for one mark	1	

Question	Answers	Mark	Spec. Ref.
04.3	<b>Level 3:</b> The design/plan would lead to the production of a valid outcome. All key steps are identified and logically sequenced. Including a risk assessment, repeats and mean, and identification of control variables	5–6	4.1.2.1
	<b>Level 2:</b> The design/plan would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome but should include some at least one of the following: risk assessment, repeats and calculating mean, the identification of control variables. Most steps are identified, but the plan is not fully logically sequenced.	3–4	
	<b>Level 1:</b> The design/plan would not lead to a valid outcome. Some relevant steps are identified, but links are not made clear.	1–2	
	<b>No relevant content</b>	0	
	<p><b>Indicative content:</b></p> <p><b>Method</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Initial temperature recorded by datalogger</li> <li>○ Stop clock used to time 15 minutes</li> <li>○ Final temperature recorded by datalogger</li> <li>○ Repeat with different materials</li> <li>○ The control is the result with no insulation</li> </ul> <p><b>Calculations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Temperature difference = initial temperature – final temperature</li> <li>○ Repeats are made and a mean average is calculated</li> </ul> <p><b>Control variables</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Initial temperature</u> should be the same for each material</li> <li>○ Thickness of the insulator should be the same for each material</li> <li>○ The mass/volume of the water should be the same for each material</li> </ul> <p><b>Risk assessment</b></p> <p>The risk is identified: hot water can cause burns or scalds</p> <p>Precautions: Stand when doing the practical / allow equipment to cool before moving or packing away.</p>		

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04.4	The resolution is 0.1 °C		1	

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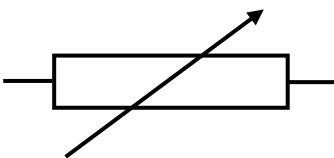
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Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
05.1	6V – 2V = 4 (V)		1	4.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
05.2	$R = V / I$ $= 4 / 20$		1	4.2.1.3
	Current = <b>0.2</b>		1	
	Unit: <b>A</b>	Allow amps or amperes	1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
05.3	The total resistance will be less		1	4.2.2
	The current will increase	Allow: voltage across resistor will be less	1	
	So the lamp will be brighter		1	

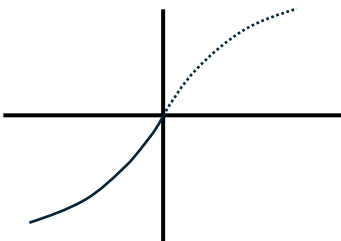
Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
05.4	$E = Q V$			4.2.4.2
	$Q = 180 / 6$		1	
	Charge = <b>30</b> (C)		1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
05.5			1	4.2.1.1



Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
05.6	Sensible x-axis scale	(0 to 1.0 amps)	1	4.2.1.4
	All points correct	Allow 1 mark for 4 points correct	2	
	Appropriate curve drawn from the origin		1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
05.7	Current read from graph (in the range 0.56 to 0.58 A)		1	4.2.1.2
	$Q = It$ $Q = 0.57 \times (6 \times 60)$	Allow ecf for incorrect current reading	1	
	Charge = <b>205</b> (C)	Allow: 202 (using 0.56A) and 209 (using 0.58A)	1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
05.8	Correct shape by eye 		1	4.2.1.4

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## Question 6

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
06.1	Most of the alpha particles go <u>straight through</u> the gold lead suggesting that <u>most of an atom is empty space</u>		1	4.4.1.3
	Some alpha particles were deflected by <u>small angles</u> suggesting that there was a <u>positive nucleus</u> in the atom		1	
	because the <u>alpha particles are positive</u> and are <u>repelled</u>		1	
	Very few alpha particles are deflected through <u>large angles</u> suggesting that the nucleus is <u>very small</u>		1	
	and contains <u>most of the mass</u> of the atom		1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
06.2	They have the same number of protons (& electrons)		1	4.4.1.2
	Au-197 has 2 more neutrons than Au- 195		1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
06.3	Alpha radiation is very ionising		1	4.4.2.1
	Ionising radiation can cause cells to mutate / die / become cancerous		1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
06.4	Irradiation is exposure to ionising radiation		1	4.4.2.4
	When contamination occurs then the thing that is contaminated becomes radioactive/gives off radiation	Allow: when radioactive dust/particles fall on a substance	1	

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## Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
07.1	<u>Energy to get to 100°</u> $E = m c \Delta\theta$			4.1.1.3
	$\Delta\theta = 100 - 18 = 82^\circ$			4.1.1.4
	$E = 0.76 \times 4200 \times 82$ $= 261,744 \text{ (J)}$		1	4.3.2.2
	<u>Energy to vaporise</u> $E = ml_v$	Allow ecf for incorrect temperature change	1	4.3.2.3
	$= 0.76 \times 2,260$ $= 1,717,600 \text{ (J)}$		1	
	<u>Total Energy</u> $= 261,744 + 1,717,600$ $= 2,979,344 \text{ (J)}$	Allow ecf for incorrectly calculated energies	1	
	<u>Time</u> $E = P t$ $T = 2,979,344 / 450$ $= 6,621 \text{ (seconds)}$	Allow answer rounding to 110 minutes / 6,600 seconds with correct calculation	1 1	

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## Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
08.1	$^{222}\text{Rn} + {}^4\text{He}$	Correct mass numbers	1	4.4.2.2
	$_{86}\text{Rn} + {}_2\text{He}$	Correct atomic numbers	1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
08.2	After 4 days → 50% After 8 days → 25% After 12 days → <b>12.5%</b>	An answer of 12.5% scores both marks  Recognising that it is 3 half-lives scores 1 mark if no others awarded	2	4.4.2.3

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
08.3	A neutron is absorbed by a nucleus	Allow: a neutron hits a nucleus	1	4.4.4.1
	Which then splits into 2 smaller nuclei		1	
	Releasing 2 or 3 more neutrons	Allow: releasing more neutrons	1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
08.4	The water acts as a <u>moderator</u> to <u>slow neutrons</u>	Accept: moderator reduces the energy of the neutrons	1	4.4.4.1
	The water acts as a <u>coolant</u> to take heat <u>energy away from the reactor</u>		1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
08.5	26.3% (gas) + 0.6% (coal) = <b>26.9%</b>		1	4.1.3

Question	Answers	Mark	Spec. Ref.
08.6	<b>Level 2:</b> Advantages and disadvantages of nuclear as well as wind and solar are compared	3–4	4.1.3
	<b>Level 1:</b> Some comparisons are made	1–2	
	<b>No relevant content</b>	0	
	<b>Indicative content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nuclear supplies reliable continuous electricity but wind and solar only work when the conditions are right</li> <li>Nuclear supplies a lot of energy from only one power station whereas wind and solar need a lot of space/land</li> <li>Wind and solar produce little waste but nuclear produces radioactive waste</li> <li>Wind and solar are free energy resources but nuclear fuel needs to be refined</li> <li>Wind and solar are renewable but nuclear fuel is non-renewable</li> </ul> <p><i>Ignore discussion of CO<sub>2</sub> or greenhouse gas emissions</i></p>		

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## Question 9

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
09.1	Friction causes electrons to move <u>from</u> the cloth to the rod		1	4.2.5.1
	Electrons have a negative charge		1	
	The cloth becomes positively charged		1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
09.2	The Perspex rod is <u>repelled</u> and rotates away	<i>Perspex rod moves/rotates is not sufficient</i>	1	4.2.5.1

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
09.3	The ruler is an electrical conductor	<i>Allow: it is a conductor</i>	1	4.2.5.1

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## Question 10

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
10.1	Nuclear fusion is when two small nuclei combine to form a larger nucleus (releasing energy)		1	4.4.4.2
	Some of the mass is given off as energy	<i>Allow mass is converted into energy</i>	1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
10.2	$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful power out}}{\text{total power in}} \times 100\%$ $30\% = (3000 / P) \times 100\%$			4.1.2.2
	$P = 3000 \times (100\% / 30\%)$		1	
	Minimum output P = <b>10,000</b> (W)		1	

Question	Answers	Extra Information	Mark	Spec. Ref.
10.3	(As the solar panel absorbs energy from the sun) the thermal energy store of the water increases		1	4.1.1.1

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