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## Unit 1 Mechanics, materials and atoms

Mark scheme

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# Level of response marking instructions

Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor. The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level. There are marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

## Step 1 Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level and then use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 3 with a small amount of level 4 material it would be placed in level 3 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 4 content.

## Step 2 Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the Indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

| Question | Answers | Additional comments/Guidelines | Mark | AO |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **01.1** | Doubling of energy AND use of $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ (J) seen with answer $1.63 \times 10^{-13}$ (J) (≥3 sf) ✓ | | 1 | AO3 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **01.2** | Idea that excess energy is shared between the electron and the positron and the recoiling nucleus as kinetic energy✓<br><br>Maximum KE that is available to each of the electron and the positron is $0.23 \times 10^{-13}$ (J) to $0.25 \times 10^{-13}$ (J) ✓ | Condone lack of reference to recoiling nucleus<br><br>Accept answer of $0.47 \times 10^{-13}$ (J) shared between electron and positron | 2 | AO1 × 1<br><br>AO2 × 1 |
| **Total** | | | **3** | |

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| **02.1** | It has magnitude and direction ✓ | allow the product of a scalar / mass and a vector (velocity) is a vector | 1 | AO1 |

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| **02.2** | Calculates total initial momentum $-14.4\ \text{kg m s}^{-1}$ ✓<br>Idea that momentum is conserved in the collision✓<br>Truck **X** must be moving to the left so that total momentum after the collision is (also) to the left<br>**OR**<br>Truck **X** cannot be moving to the right otherwise net momentum would be to the right / momentum not conserved ✓ | Max 2 if there is the assumption that X and Y move together after the collision<br>Allow a clear indication of direction<br>Allow if v is calculated there is a change in sign and a conclusion that the sign change shows change in direction | 3 | AO2 |
| **Total** | | | **4** | |

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| **03.1** | The gamma radiation is detected at a distance inside the detector<br>OR<br>The gamma radiation is emitted at a distance inside the source holder ✓<br>So the measured values of $d$ will be shorter than the true value ✓ | Ignore any random errors<br>MP2 depends on MP1<br>If no other mark awarded allow 1 mark for the idea that the correct measurement is inside the gamma source to inside the detector | 2 | AO4 |

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| **03.2** | Subtract the background count rate ✓<br>Repeat and calculate a mean ✓ | Allow increase time of measurements | 2 | AO4 |
| **Total** | | | **4** | |

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| **04.1** | Attempts to calculate the area under graph ✓<br><br>Distance = 0.046 to 0.049 ✓<br><br>Time = $19 \times 10^{-3}$ to $19.5 \times 10^{-3}$ **AND**<br><br>Use of average speed = $\frac{\text{their distance from an area}}{\text{time}}$ ✓ | Allow other correct methods<br><br>Ignore POT in MP3<br><br>Their distance must be from a valid method<br>expect to see $2.4$ to $2.6\ \text{m s}^{-1}$ | 3 | AO2 × 2<br>AO3 × 1 |

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| **04.2** | Determines $a$ or uses $f = ma$ with their $a$ ✓<br><br>$770\ \text{N}$ ✓ | Expect to see $\frac{3.2}{2.3 \times 10^{-3}} = 1390\ \text{m s}^{-2}$<br><br>Accept answer in the range $690\ \text{N}$ to $870\ \text{N}$ consistent with read-offs for $\Delta t$ of $2.0$ to $2.5\ \text{ms}$<br>Do not penalise POT error if penalised in **04.1** | 2 | AO2 × 1<br>AO3 × 1 |
| **Total** | | | **5** | |

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| **05.1** | $^{99}_{42}\text{Mo} \rightarrow {}^{99\text{m}}_{43}\text{Tc} + {}^{0}_{-1}\beta^{-} + \overline{\nu_e}$<br>All numbers correct ✓<br>$\overline{\nu_{(e)}}$ ✓ | Do not accept incorrect number on the neutrino for MP1<br>Do not accept 99m for Mo<br>accept $\bar{\nu}$ but not $\nu$ | 2 | AO1 × 1<br>AO2 × 1 |

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| **05.2** | (Technetium) nucleus is in an excited state ✓<br>The idea that the resulting gamma emission is not immediate. ✓ | Do not allow atom for nucleus<br>Condone isotope or nuclide for nucleus<br>allow excess energy in nucleus | 2 | AO1 |

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| **05.3** | Uses consecutive half-lives ✓<br>Determines number of half-lives to give time taken = 48 (hours) ✓ | allow determination of λ and reference to $A = A_0 e^{-\lambda t}$ for MP1 | 2 | AO2 × 1<br>AO3 × 1 |

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| **05.4** | Max 2 from: ✓ ✓<br>Half-life which is long enough for the patient to be examined<br>Half-life which is short enough that it doesn't remain active in the patient for a long time and damage the body<br>Emits gamma so is detectable<br>Not harmful to patients because (low-energy) gamma emitted (no beta or alpha) | Allow weak beta emitted<br>Accept low toxicity argument | 2 | AO1 |
| **Total** | | | **8** | |

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| **06.1** | There is no resultant moment (about any point) ✓<br>There is no resultant force ✓ | | 2 | AO1 |

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| **06.2** | Uses $W = mg$ to determine weight of skateboard (47 N) ✓<br>Adds to the weight of the child and halves to give 204 (N) ✓ | Allow 200 (N) (2sf) but not 203 (N) | 2 | AO2 |

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| **06.3** | $F_A = 30$ (N) or $F_B = 330$ (N) ✓<br>Takes moments about **P**<br>ACW moment = $330\ x$ ✓<br>CW moment = $(4.8 \times 9.81)\ 32.5\cos 15 + (30 \times 53\cos 15)$ ✓<br>Uses POM to give $x = 9.1$ (cm) ✓ | Allow mp2 and mp3 to be combined<br>Allow mp2 and mp3 in terms of $F_A$ and/or $F_B$<br>Accept answer in m if unit correct | 4 | AO2 × 2<br>AO3 × 2 |
| **Total** | | | **8** | |

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| **07.1** | Both act on the same object<br>**OR**<br>are different types of force ✓ | | 1 | AO3 |

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| **07.2** | Drag increases with speed ✓<br><br>Resultant force decreases (since drag increases and thrust is constant) ✓<br><br>When drag = thrust, resultant force is zero (so constant speed) and correct reference to Newton's 1st or 2nd law ✓ | Ignore references to friction<br>Accept air resistance for drag<br>Accept driving force for thrust<br>Condone engine force<br>Accept balanced force for resultant force is zero | 3 | AO1 × 2<br>AO2 × 1 |

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| **07.3** | (Effective surface area decreases) which decreases drag ✓<br>Idea that there is a resultant force acting which causes the car to accelerate<br>**OR**<br>Idea that resultant force zero at greater terminal velocity ✓ | Accept air resistance for drag<br>MP2 must follow from correct ideas about the forces | 2 | AO3 |
| **Total** | | | **6** | |

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| **08.1** | $v$ = (15 sin 38 =) 9.2 (9.23) (m $s^{-1}$) ✓ | | 1 | AO1 |

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| **08.2** | Correct substitution into equation of uniform motion or conservation of energy✓<br>4.31 (≥3 sf) (m) ✓ | Expect to see $\frac{(0)-9.2^2}{2\times-9.81}$<br>MP2 dependent on MP1<br>Condone $v$ = 9.2 and $a$ = + 9.81<br>4.34 if 9.23 used<br>allow ecf from **08.1** for MP1 only | 2 | AO1 × 1<br>AO2 × 1 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **08.3** | Correct use of an equation of uniform motion ✓<br>0.937 (≥3 sf) (s) ✓ | ecf incorrect value from **08.1** or **08.2**<br>MP2 dependent on MP1<br>Do not allow u and $a$ to have the same sign<br>0.941 if 4.34 used | 2 | AO1 × 1<br>AO2 × 1 |

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| **08.4** | Correct use of equation of uniform motion $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ ✓<br><br>Calculates time to fall from max height to $2.56\ \text{m}$ = 0.60 (0.602) s ✓<br><br>1.5 (1.54) (s) ✓ | Use of $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ and solving for $t$ can gain full marks | 3 | AO1 × 1<br>AO2 × 1<br>AO3 × 1 |

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| **08.5** | Finds horizontal component of velocity<br>**OR** uses $d = 1.5 \times u$ ✓<br><br>18 (m) ✓ | ecf incorrect value from **08.4** | 2 | AO1 × 1<br>AO2 × 1 |

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| **08.6** | Max 2 from:<br>Reaches lower maximum height ✓<br><br>Reaches maximum height at an earlier time ✓<br><br>The ball will pass under the crossbar or hit the crossbar lower ✓ | Condone horizontal distance would be less for MP3 | 2 | AO2 × 1<br>AO3 × 1 |
| **Total** | | | **12** | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **09.1** | Uses gradient of the graph to determine the Young modulus ($188\ \text{GPa}$) including clear manipulation of powers of $10$ ✓ | Condone use of a single point (eg $0.0032$, $600 \times 10^{6}$) | 1 | AO3 |

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| **09.2** | Rotate the turnbuckle so that the screws move closer together which will increase the extension of /strain in the cable ✓ | | 1 | AO4 |

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| **09.3** | Determines pitch $\left(\frac{1.3}{2}\right)$ and calculates ratio ✓ | Expect to see $22$ or $21.5$ | 1 | AO2 |

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| **09.4** | Determines initial strain = $0.00105$ to $0.00115$ ✓ | allow a calculation using the Young modulus and stress | 1 | AO3 |

| Question | Answers | Additional comments/Guidelines | Mark | AO |
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| **09.5** | Determines additional strain = $0.0058$ ✓<br>strain = $0.0068$ to $0.0069$ ✓ | expect to see $\frac{8\times1.3\times10^{-3}}{1.8}$ | 2 | AO1 × 1<br>AO3 × 1 |

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| **09.6** | Use of stress = $\frac{F}{A}$ **OR** $E = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon}$ ✓<br><br>Determines the stress as candidate's **09.5** × $1.9 \times 10^{11}$ ✓<br>T = $4.0 \times 10^4$ to $5.1 \times 10^4$ (N) ✓ | No credit for answers based on 210 MPa<br>Allow a value of stress read from graph consistent with their **09.5**<br>Expect $1.28 \times 10^9$ (Pa)<br>allow ecf from **09.5** | 3 | AO1 × 1<br>AO2 × 2 |
| **Total** | | | **9** | |

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| **10.1** | Calculates mean value of $d$ **OR** half range ✓<br>Calculates mean value of $d$ **AND** half range to get $2\%$ ✓ | expect to see 80/80.2 and/or 1.5<br>Condone $1.9\%$ to $2$ sf | 2 | AO2 × 2 |

| Question | Answers | Additional comments/Guidelines | Mark | AO |
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| **10.2** | Best-fit line ✓ | | 1 | AO2 |

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| **10.3** | Uses $E_p = F \times d$ to show $x^2 = \frac{2\mu mgd}{k}$ ✓ | | 1 | AO3 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **10.4** | Use of large triangle to find gradient ✓<br>Correct use of formula ✓<br>$\mu = 0.29$ to $0.31$ ✓ | the minimum length of horizontal side is $7.0 \times 10^{-2}$<br>Penalise POT error in mp3 only | 3 | AO3 × 2<br>AO2 × 1 |
| **Total** | | | **7** | |

| Question | Key | Answer | AO |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11** | **A** | $m(gs - \frac{v^2}{2})$ | AO3 |
| **12** | **C** | $4.18 \times 10^7$ C kg$^{-1}$ | AO3 |
| **13** | **D** | $m(a + g) + D$ | AO3 |
| **14** | **D** |  | AO2 |
| **15** | **C** |  | AO3 |
| **16** | **D** | 10% | AO3 |

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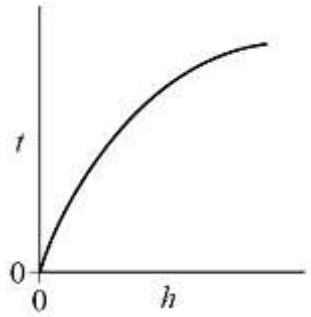
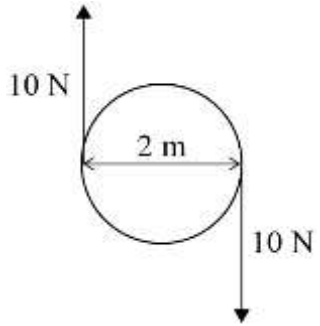
| **17** | **B** | $\Delta p \propto F$ $\Delta E_k \propto F^2$ | AO1 |
| **18** | **B** | α, $\beta^-$, $\beta^-$ | AO1 |
| **19** | **C** | 24 m | AO1 |
| **20** | **D** | kg $m^2$ $s^{-3}$ | AO3 |
| **21** | **C** | 4500 N | AO2 |
| **22** | **C** | Very few of the alpha particles were deflected through a large angle. | AO1 |
| **23** | **A** |  | AO2 |
| **24** | **A** |  | AO1 |

**Total 14 marks**