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Subject Details: Physics SL Paper 2 Markscheme

Candidates are required to answer all questions. Maximum total = 50 marks.

- **1.** Each row in the "Question" column relates to the smallest subpart of the question.
- 2. The maximum mark for each question subpart is indicated in the "Total" column.
- **3.** Each marking point in the "Answers" column is shown by means of a tick (\checkmark) at the end of the marking point.
- **4.** A question subpart may have more marking points than the total allows. This will be indicated by "**max**" written after the mark in the "Total" column. The related rubric, if necessary, will be outlined in the "Notes" column.
- **5.** An alternative wording is indicated in the "Answers" column by a slash (/). Either wording can be accepted.
- **6.** An alternative answer is indicated in the "Answers" column by "**OR**". Either answer can be accepted.
- 7. An alternative markscheme is indicated in the "Answers" column under heading **ALTERNATIVE 1** etc. Either alternative can be accepted.
- **8.** Words inside chevrons **« »** in the "Answers" column are not necessary to gain the mark.
- **9.** Words that are underlined are essential for the mark.
- **10.** The order of marking points does not have to be as in the "Answers" column, unless stated otherwise in the "Notes" column.
- 11. If the candidate's answer has the same "meaning" or can be clearly interpreted as being of equivalent significance, detail and validity as that in the "Answers" column then award the mark. Where this point is considered to be particularly relevant in a question it is emphasized by **OWTTE** (or words to that effect) in the "Notes" column.
- **12.** Remember that many candidates are writing in a second language. Effective communication is more important than grammatical accuracy.
- 13. Occasionally, a part of a question may require an answer that is required for subsequent marking points. If an error is made in the first marking point then it should be penalized. However, if the incorrect answer is used correctly in subsequent marking points then **follow through** marks should be awarded. When marking, indicate this by adding **ECF** (error carried forward) on the script. "ECF acceptable" will be displayed in the "Notes" column.
- **14.** Do **not** penalize candidates for errors in units or significant figures, **unless** it is specifically referred to in the "Notes" column.

| C | Questi | on | Answers | Notes | Total |
|----|--------|----|--|---|-------|
| 1. | а | | $\Delta p = 0.45 \times 19 \ \textbf{OR} \ \ a = \frac{19}{0.055} \ \checkmark$ $\text{w= } F = \frac{0.45 \times 19}{0.055} \text{ » } 160 \text{ «N» } \checkmark$ | Allow [2] marks for a bald correct answer. Allow ECF for MP2 if 19 sin22 OR 19 cos22 used. | 2 |
| 1. | b | i | horizontal speed = 19 x cos 22 «= 17.6 m s ⁻¹ » \checkmark time = « $\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{speed}} = \frac{11}{19 \cos 22} = 0.62 \text{ «s» } \checkmark$ | Allow ECF for MP2 | 2 |
| 1. | b | ii | initial vertical speed = 19 x sin 22 «= 7.1 m s ⁻¹ » ✓ «7.12 x 0.624 - 0.5 x 9.81 x 0.624 ² =» 2.5 «m» ✓ ball does not hit wall <i>OR</i> 2.5 «m» > 2.4 «m» ✓ | Allow ECF from (b)(i) and from MP1 Allow $g = 10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ | 3 |
| 1. | С | | air resistance opposes «direction of» motion <i>OR</i> air resistance opposes velocity ✓ on the way up «vertical» acceleration is increased <i>OR</i> greater than g ✓ on the way down «vertical» acceleration is decreased <i>OR</i> smaller than g ✓ | Allow deceleration/acceleration but meaning must be clear | 2 |
| 1. | d | | 13 «rad» s ⁻¹ ✓ | Unit must be seen for mark Accept Hz Accept 4 π «rad» s ⁻¹ | 1 |

| Q | uestic | on | Answers | Notes | Total |
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| 2. | a | | «He behaves as ideal gas if» $p \propto T$ «at constant V» \checkmark uses two points to show that $p \propto T$ \checkmark | MP1 can also be described as $\frac{p}{T} = k$ OR $\frac{p}{T} = \frac{nR}{V}$ | 2 |
| 2. | b | | $\frac{100 \times 10^{3} \times 10^{-3}}{250 \times 8.31} = \text{«0.048 mol» } \checkmark$ $\text{«0.048 x 4 =» 0.19 «g» } \checkmark$ | Allow any correct data point to be used. Allow ECF from MP1 | 2 |
| 2. | С | | recognizes that pressure will double ✓ graph will be steeper <i>OR</i> gradient will be larger ✓ graph will still go through the origin ✓ | MP1 can be expressed as e.g." $p \propto n$ " OR " $\frac{nR}{V}$ will double". Accept $pv = 2nRT$ for MP1 . | 2 max |

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| 3. | а | | identifies units of σ as C m ⁻² \checkmark $\frac{C}{m^2} \times \frac{Nm^2}{C^2}$ seen and reduced to N C ⁻¹ \checkmark | Accept any analysis (eg dimensional) that yields answer correctly | 2 |
| 3. | b | i | horizontal force F on ball = $T \sin 30 \checkmark$ $T = \frac{mg}{\cos 30} \checkmark$ $F \ll mg \tan 30 = 0.025 \times 9.8 \times \tan 30 = 0.14 \ll N \checkmark$ | Allow g= 10 N kg ⁻¹ Award [3] marks for a bald correct answer. Award [1max] for an answer of zero, interpreting that the horizontal force refers to the horizontal component of the net force. | 3 |
| 3. | b | ii | $E = \frac{0.14}{1.2 \times 10^{-6}} = 1.2 \times 10^{5} \text{ w} \checkmark$ $\sigma = \left(\frac{2 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 0.14}{1.2 \times 10^{-6}}\right) = 2.1 \times 10^{-6} = 2$ | Allow ECF from the calculated F in (b)(i) Award [2] for a bald correct answer. | 2 |
| 3. | С | | $\frac{Q}{0.22^2} = \frac{1.2 \times 10^{-6}}{0.18^2} \checkmark$ «+»1.8 x 10 ⁻⁶ «C» \(\forall 2sf \(\forall | Do not award MP2 if charge is negative Any answer given to 2 sig figs scores MP3 | 3 |

| C | Question | n Answers | Notes | Total 2 |
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| 4. | а | $^{205}_{82}$ Pb \checkmark $^{0}_{-1}$ e AND $^{0}_{0}$ υ_{e} \checkmark | | |
| 4. | b | Reference to proton repulsion <i>OR</i> nucleon attraction \checkmark strong force is short range <i>OR</i> electrostatic/electromagnetic force is long range \checkmark more neutrons «than protons» needed «to hold nucleus together» \checkmark | | 2 max |
| 4. | c | 135 130 125 120 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 any α change correct ✓ any β change correct ✓ diagram fully correct ✓ | Award [2 max] for a correct diagram without arrows drawn. For MP1 accept a (-2, -2) line with direction indicated, drawn at any position in the graph. For MP2 accept a (1, -1) line with direction indicated, drawn at any position in the graph. Award [1] max for a correct diagram with all arrows in the opposite direction | 3 |

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| 5. | а | | energy is not propagated by standing waves ✓ amplitude constant for travelling waves <i>OR</i> amplitude varies with position for standing waves <i>OR</i> standing waves have nodes/antinodes ✓ phase varies with position for travelling waves <i>OR</i> phase constant inter-node for standing waves ✓ travelling waves can have any wavelength <i>OR</i> standing waves have discrete wavelengths ✓ | OWTTE | 2 max |
| 5. | b | i | «sound» wave «travels down tube and» is reflected ✓ incident and reflected wave superpose/combine/interfere ✓ | OWTTE Do not award MP1 if the reflection is quoted at the walls/container. | 2 |
| 5. | b | ii | nodes shown at water surface AND $\frac{2}{3}$ way up tube (by eye) ✓ | Accept drawing of displacement diagram for correct harmonic without nodes specifically identified. Award [0] if waveform is shown below the water surface | 1 |
| 5. | b | iii | $\lambda = 0.74 \text{ mm} \checkmark$ $f = \ll \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{320}{0.74} = 430 \text{ m/s} \checkmark$ | Allow ECF from MP1 | 2 |

| (| Question | Answers | Notes | Total |
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| 6. | a | there is a potential difference across the internal resistance OR there is energy/power dissipated in the internal resistance ✓ when there is current «in the cell»/as charge flows «through the cell» ✓ | Allow full credit for answer based on $V = \varepsilon - Ir$ | 2 |
| 6. | b | ALTERNATIVE 1 pd dropped across cell = $6.5 \text{ «V»} \checkmark$ internal resistance = $\frac{6.5}{0.9} \checkmark$ 7.2 « Ω » \checkmark ALTERNATIVE 2 $\varepsilon = I(R+r) \text{ so } \varepsilon = V + Ir \checkmark$ 21.0 = $14.5 + 0.9 \times r \checkmark$ 7.2 « Ω » \checkmark | Alternative solutions are possible Award [3] marks for a bald correct answer | 3 |
| 6. | С | power arriving at cell = 680 x 0.35 x 0.45 = «107 W» ✓ power in external circuit = 14.5 x 0.9 = «13.1 W» ✓ efficiency = 0.12 <i>OR</i> 12 % ✓ | Award [3] marks for a bald correct answer Allow ECF for MP3 | 3 |
| 6. | d | <pre>«energy from Sun/photovoltaic cells» is renewable OR non-renewable are running out ✓ non-polluting/clean ✓ no greenhouse gases OR does not contribute to global warming/climate change ✓</pre> | OWTTE Do not allow economic aspects (e.g. free energy) | 2 max |