

# Mark Scheme (Results)

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Pearson Edexcel International Advanced  
Subsidiary Level In Physics (WPH12)  
Paper 01 Waves and Electricity

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1	<p><b>B is the correct answer</b> (A path difference of <math>\lambda</math> would cause constructive interference)</p> <p>A is not the correct answer as this path difference would cause destructive interference</p> <p>C is not the correct answer as this phase difference would cause neither constructive nor destructive interference</p> <p>D is not the correct answer as this phase difference would cause destructive interference</p>	(1)
2	<p><b>D is the correct answer</b> (Polarised waves have oscillations in one direction and perpendicular to the direction of wave travel)</p> <p>A is not the correct answer as the single plane of polarisation includes the direction of wave travel and is not perpendicular to it</p> <p>B is not the correct answer as polarised waves do not contain many planes</p> <p>C is not the correct answer as polarised waves do not contain many directions</p>	(1)
3	<p><b>D is the correct answer</b> (Total resistance in series is <math>10\Omega</math> and <math>2.5\Omega</math> in parallel)</p> <p>A is not the correct answer as the two resistances are the wrong way around</p> <p>B is not the correct answer as this assumes the formulae for series and parallel resistors are the same</p> <p>C is not the correct answer as this assumes the formulae for series and parallel resistors are the same</p>	(1)
4	<p><b>A is the correct answer</b> (Both points X and Y represent positions on the graph where there is infinite resistance as the current is zero)</p> <p>B is not the correct answer as there is a non-infinite resistance at Z</p> <p>C is not the correct answer as there is also infinite resistance at Y</p> <p>D is not the correct answer as there is a non-infinite resistance at Z</p>	(1)
5	<p><b>D is the correct answer</b> (Drift velocity is <math>I/nqA</math>)</p> <p>A is not the correct answer as drift velocity is not <math>I/nA</math></p> <p>B is not the correct answer as drift velocity is not <math>nqA/I</math></p> <p>C is not the correct answer as drift velocity is not <math>nA/I</math></p>	(1)
6	<p><b>B is the correct answer</b> (<math>hf = \Phi + KE_{\max}</math> so increasing <math>f</math> increases <math>KE_{\max}</math>)</p> <p>A is not the correct answer as electrons are released instantaneously</p> <p>C is not the correct answer as increasing intensity only increases the number of electrons released and each electron still has the same kinetic energy</p> <p>D is not the correct answer as it is higher frequency, not wavelength, that eventually passes a threshold value to release electrons</p>	(1)
7	<p><b>A is the correct answer</b> (Reading on <math>V_1</math> decreases, readings on <math>V_2</math> and A increase)</p> <p>B is not the correct answer as the decreased resistance of the thermistor will lead to a greater share of the p.d. across the fixed resistor</p> <p>C is not the correct answer as the meter readings show what would happen if the temperature decreased</p> <p>D is not the correct answer as none of the three meter readings would change in the ways stated</p>	(1)

8	<p><b>C is the correct answer</b> (Both transverse and longitudinal waves can be refracted)</p> <p>A is not the correct answer as it is only electromagnetic waves that travel at the same speed in a vacuum – there are other transverse waves which travel at different speeds</p> <p>B is not the correct answer as transverse waves have vibrations that are perpendicular to the direction of wave travel</p> <p>D is not the correct answer as light is a transverse wave that can travel through liquids</p>	(1)
9	<p><b>C is the correct answer</b> (The diffraction grating is set up so that it is parallel to the screen)</p> <p>A is not the correct answer as <math>\theta</math> is calculated by taking measurements of diffraction grating to screen distance and the distance between bright dots then using trigonometry</p> <p>B is not the correct answer as the diffraction grating should be perpendicular to the laser light beam</p> <p>D is not the correct answer as the distance between the bright dots is best measured using a metre rule</p>	(1)
10	<p><b>A is the correct answer</b> (Evidence for the wave nature of electrons came from experiments involving diffraction)</p> <p>B is not the correct answer</p> <p>C is not the correct answer</p> <p>D is not the correct answer</p>	(1)

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<b>11a</b>	<p>Recognises that node to node distance = <math>\lambda/2</math>  <b>Or</b> <math>\lambda = L/2</math> stated (1)</p> <p>Wavelength = 0.85m (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u>  Node to node distance = <math>\lambda/2</math>.  String has 4 loops so total length of string is <math>2\lambda</math>  <math>\lambda = 1.70 \text{ m} / 2 = 0.85 \text{ m}</math>.</p>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>11b</b>	<p>Use of <math>v = \sqrt{T/\mu}</math> (1)  Use of <math>T = mg</math> (1)  <math>v = 21 \text{ m s}^{-1}</math> (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u>  <math>T = mg = 0.20 \text{ kg} \times 9.81 \text{ N kg}^{-1} = 1.96 \text{ N}</math>  <math>v = \sqrt{T/\mu} = \sqrt{(1.96 \text{ N} / 4.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg m}^{-1})} = 20.9 \text{ m s}^{-1}</math></p>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>11c</b>	<p><math>T</math> and <math>\mu</math> are the same  <b>Or</b> (As <math>f</math> decreases,) <math>\lambda</math> increases (1)</p> <p>Speed would be the same  <b>Or</b> There is no effect (on the speed) (1)</p>	<b>(2)</b>
	<b>Total for question 11</b>	<b>7</b>

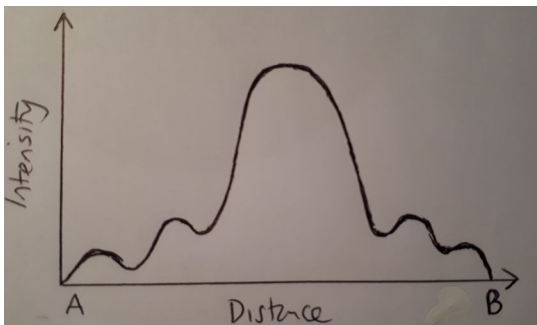
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12ai	Use of $I = P/A$ (1) Maximum energy received in one hour = $3.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ J}$ (1)  <u>Example of calculation</u> $P = I \times A = (1100 \text{ Wm}^{-2}) \times (9.2 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}^2) = 1.0 \times 10^{16} \text{ W}$ $E = P \times t = (1.0 \times 10^{16} \text{ W}) \times (60 \times 60) = 3.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ J}$	(2)												
12aii	Calculates total energy usage in 2014 (1) <b>Or</b> Calculates total energy received by solar panels in 1 year (1)  Comparison of energies (hours with hours or years with years) to come to a correct conclusion. (1)  Allow e.c.f. from values in (a)(i)  Possible comparisons: <table><tr><th>Total energy worldwide in 2014</th><th>Total energy received by solar panels</th></tr><tr><td>23800 TWh (in a year)</td><td>87,600,000 TWh (if using 24 hours)</td></tr><tr><td>23800 TWh (in a year)</td><td>43,800,000 TWh (if using 12 hours)</td></tr><tr><td><math>8.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ J}</math> (in a year)</td><td><math>3.2 \times 10^{23} \text{ J}</math> (if using 24 hrs)</td></tr><tr><td><math>8.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ J}</math> (in a year)</td><td><math>1.6 \times 10^{23} \text{ J}</math> (if using 12 hrs)</td></tr><tr><td><math>9.8 \times 10^{15} \text{ J}</math> (in an hour)</td><td><math>3.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ J}</math> (in an hour)</td></tr></table> <u>Example of calculation</u> Total $E$ worldwide in 1 year = $23,800 \times (3.6 \times 10^{15} \text{ J}) = 8.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ J}$ $8.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ J} / 3.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ J} = 2.4$ (hours), so worldwide electrical energy consumption for 2014 would be produced in less than 3 hours	Total energy worldwide in 2014	Total energy received by solar panels	23800 TWh (in a year)	87,600,000 TWh (if using 24 hours)	23800 TWh (in a year)	43,800,000 TWh (if using 12 hours)	$8.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ J}$ (in a year)	$3.2 \times 10^{23} \text{ J}$ (if using 24 hrs)	$8.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ J}$ (in a year)	$1.6 \times 10^{23} \text{ J}$ (if using 12 hrs)	$9.8 \times 10^{15} \text{ J}$ (in an hour)	$3.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ J}$ (in an hour)	(2)
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12b	<b>MAX 2</b> from:  Sand(storms) reduce amount/intensity/energy/power of light (1)  Fewer electrons released in the (solar) panel (1)  Sand(storms) absorbs/blocks/reflects some light (1)  Sand(storms) reduces area of panel/desert (1)	(2)												
	<b>Total for question 12</b>	<b>6</b>												

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*13	<p>This question assesses a student’s ability to show a coherent and logically structured answer with linkages and fully-sustained reasoning.</p> <p>Marks are awarded for indicative content and for how the answer is structured and shows lines of reasoning.</p> <p>The following table shows how the marks should be awarded for indicative content.</p> <table><tr><th>Number of indicative marking points seen in answer</th><th>Number of marks awarded for indicative marking points</th></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>5–4</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>3–2</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr></table> <p>The following table shows how the marks should be awarded for structure and lines of reasoning.</p> <table><tr><th></th><th>Number of marks awarded for structure of answer and sustained line of reasoning</th></tr><tr><td>Answer shows a coherent and logical structure with linkages and fully sustained lines of reasoning demonstrated throughout</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Answer is partially structured with some linkages and lines of reasoning</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Answer has no linkages between points and is unstructured</td><td>0</td></tr></table> <p><b>Indicative content</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ultrasound is <u>reflected</u> from boundaries/baby</li><li>• (This reflection is caused by) change in density</li><li>• Time taken between pulse being sent and received measured</li><li>• Speed of ultrasound is known</li><li>• Speed = distance/time can be used (to calculate the distance to boundary)</li><li>• Clear indication that this calculation includes ½ time or ½ distance</li></ul> <p>(Candidates can potentially achieve 1 linkage mark if they have scored both IC1 and IC2. They can potentially achieve 1 linkage mark if they have scored 3 of IC3-6)</p>	Number of indicative marking points seen in answer	Number of marks awarded for indicative marking points	6	4	5–4	3	3–2	2	1	1	0	0		Number of marks awarded for structure of answer and sustained line of reasoning	Answer shows a coherent and logical structure with linkages and fully sustained lines of reasoning demonstrated throughout	2	Answer is partially structured with some linkages and lines of reasoning	1	Answer has no linkages between points and is unstructured	0	
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	<b>Total for question 13</b>	<b>(6)</b> <b>6</b>																				

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14a	Minimum energy required to release/emit a (photo)electron (from the surface of the metal) (1)	(1)
14b	Ultraviolet has a higher (photon) energy (than visible light) (1)  Ultraviolet (photons) have an energy greater than the work function <b>Or</b> Visible light (photons) have an energy less than the work function (1)  <b>OR</b> Ultraviolet has a higher frequency (than visible light) (1)  Ultraviolet has a frequency greater than the threshold frequency <b>Or</b> Visible light has a frequency less than the threshold frequency (1)  (Allow converse statements for MP1)	(2)
14ci	(Increased intensity means) more <u>photons</u> per second (1)  (More photons leads to) more electrons emitted (per second) (1)  Reading on ammeter is increased <b>Or</b> Current is increased (1)  (For MP1 there needs to be an indication of rate e.g. “per unit time”)	(3)
14cii	Use of $E = hf$ (1)  Use of $V = W/Q$ (1)  Use of $hf = \Phi + \frac{1}{2} mv_{\max}^2$ (1)  Work function = $7.6 \times 10^{-19}$ (J) (1)  <b><u>Example of Calculation</u></b> $hf = \Phi + \frac{1}{2} mv_{\max}^2 = hf = \Phi + QV$ $hf = (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}) (2.00 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}) = 1.33 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$ $QV/eV = (1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}) (3.59 \text{ V}) = 5.74 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ $hf - eV = 7.56 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$	(4)
<b>Total for question 14</b>		<b>10</b>

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<b>15a</b>	<p>There is a decrease in speed/velocity (1)</p> <p>Part of the wavefront meets the boundary before the rest (1)</p> <p>(Ignore references to density and refractive index) (Allow MP2 for correct addition to the diagram by eye for wavefronts both before and after the boundary)</p>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>15bi</b>	<p>Use of <math>v = \sqrt{\frac{g\lambda}{2\pi}}</math> to find speed in deep water (1)</p> <p>Use of <math>v = \sqrt{gd}</math> to find speed in shallow water (1)</p> <p>Calculates ratio of speeds (1)</p> <p>Correctly equates ratio of speeds to ratio of sine of each angle (1)</p> <p><math>r = 17^\circ</math> (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u>  <math>v = \sqrt{\frac{g\lambda}{2\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{(9.81\text{ms}^{-2} \times 15\text{ m})}{2\pi}} = 4.8\text{ ms}^{-1}</math> (deep water)  <math>v = \sqrt{gd} = \sqrt{(9.81\text{ ms}^{-2} \times 0.50\text{ m})} = 2.2\text{ ms}^{-1}</math> (shallow water)  ratio of speeds = <math>(4.8\text{ ms}^{-1}) / (2.2\text{ ms}^{-1}) = 2.2</math>  <math>\sin r = \sin (40) / 2.2 = 0.29</math>  <math>r = 17^\circ</math></p>	<b>(5)</b>
<b>15bii</b>	<p>Use of <math>f = 1/T</math> and <math>v = f\lambda</math> to find speed of wave (1)</p> <p>Use of <math>v = \sqrt{\frac{g\lambda}{2\pi}}</math> to find same speed in deep water, confirming that deep water equation is the correct equation for this wave (1)</p> <p>Deep water equation only works if <math>d &gt; 342 / 2</math> so <math>d</math> must be <math>&gt; 171\text{m}</math> (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u>  <math>f = 1 / 14.8\text{ s} = 0.0676\text{ Hz}</math>  <math>v = 0.0676\text{ Hz} \times 342\text{ m} = 23.1\text{ ms}^{-1}</math>  <math>v = \sqrt{\frac{g\lambda}{2\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{(9.81\text{ms}^{-2} \times 342\text{ m})}{2\pi}} = 23.1\text{ ms}^{-1}</math> (deep water)</p>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>Total for question 15</b>		<b>10</b>



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<b>16a</b>	Waves spread out (as they pass through the gap) (1)	
	Each point on the wave(front) acts as a source of new/secondary wave(lets) (1)	
		<b>(2)</b>
<b>16b</b>	Maximum intensity halfway between A and B (by eye) (1)	
	Central maximum broader than other maxima (by eye) (1)	
	Central maximum greater than twice the height from zero intensity (by eye) of other maxima (1)	
		
		<b>(3)</b>
	<b>Total for question 16</b>	<b>5</b>

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<b>17a</b>	Energy (supplied) to/per unit charge <b>Or</b> Work done (supplied) to/per unit charge <b>Or</b> The work done moving unit charge around the whole circuit	(1) <b>(1)</b>
<b>17bi</b>	Use of sum of e.m.f. = sum of p.d. <b>Or</b> see $\mathcal{E} = V + Ir$ with correct substitutions  $r = 1.9 \times 10^{-2} \Omega$  <u>Example of calculation</u> $\mathcal{E} = V + Ir$ , $12.0 \text{ V} = 11.81 \text{ V} + (9.83 \text{ A}) r$ . so $r = 0.0193 \Omega$	(1)   (1)   <b>(2)</b>
<b>17bii</b>	Plot $V$ against $I$ Determine the gradient Gradient is $-r$  <b>OR</b> Plot $I$ against $V$ Determine the gradient Gradient is $-(1/r)$  <b>OR</b> Plot $(\mathcal{E} - V)$ against $I$ Determine the gradient Gradient is $r$	(1) (1) (1)  (1) (1) (1)  (1) (1) (1)  <b>(3)</b>

17c	<p>Calculates circuit current using <math>I = \mathcal{E} / \text{Total } R</math>  <b>Or</b> Calculates p.d. across fixed resistor using potential divider equation (1)</p> <p>Use of a power equation (to calculate Power dissipated in fixed resistor) (1)</p> <p>Divides final power by initial power  <b>Or</b> Divides difference in power by initial power  <b>Or</b> Calculates 70% of initial power (1)</p> <p>Calculated value for final power/initial power is greater than 70% of initial power so student incorrect  <b>Or</b> Calculated value for difference between initial and final power is less than 30% so student incorrect  <b>Or</b> Calculated value for 70% of initial power is less than the final power so student incorrect (1)</p> <p>(Candidates who use incorrect values of I, V or R in either power calculation for MP2 cannot be awarded MP3 or MP4)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u>  Initially <math>I = \mathcal{E} / \text{Total } R = 9.0 \text{ V} / (5.0 + 0.10 \, \Omega) = 1.76 \text{ A}</math>  Power of external resistor = <math>I^2 R = (1.76 \text{ A})^2 (5.0 \, \Omega) = 15.5 \text{ W}</math>  When <math>r = 0.50 \, \Omega</math>, <math>I = \mathcal{E} / \text{Total } R = 9.0 \text{ V} / (5.0 + 0.50 \, \Omega) = 1.64 \text{ A}</math>  Power of external resistor = <math>I^2 R = (1.64 \text{ A})^2 (5.0 \, \Omega) = 13.4 \text{ W}</math>  Percentage of original value = <math>(13.4 \text{ W}) / (15.5 \text{ W}) = 0.86</math> (or 86%)</p>	(4)
	<b>Total for question 17</b>	<b>10</b>

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<b>18a</b>	<p>Use of speed = distance / time (1)</p> <p>Calculates distance travelled by sound in 3s = 1020 (m)  <b>Or</b> calculates time taken for sound to travel 1 km = 2.94 (s)  <b>Or</b> calculates speed to travel 1000m in 3 seconds = 333 (ms<sup>-1</sup>) (1)</p> <p>Time taken by light to reach 1 km is almost instantaneous / <math>3.3 \times 10^{-6}</math> s so teacher is (approximately) correct. (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u>  For light, <math>t = d/v = 1000 \text{ m} / 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1} = 3.33 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}</math>  For sound, <math>t = d/v = 1000 \text{ m} / 340 \text{ ms}^{-1} = 2.94 \text{ s}</math>  Difference in arrival time = 2.94 s <math>\approx</math> 3 s</p>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>18bi</b>	<p>Use of <math>Q = It</math> (1)  <math>Q = 0.75 \text{ C}</math> (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u>  <math>Q = It = 25,000 \text{ A} \times (30 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}) = 0.75 \text{ C}</math></p>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>18bii</b>	<p>Use of <math>P = VI</math> (1)  <math>P = 3.0 \times 10^{13} \text{ W}</math> (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u>  <math>P = VI = (1.2 \times 10^9 \text{ V}) \times 25,000 \text{ A} = 3.0 \times 10^{13} \text{ W}</math></p>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>18biii</b>	<p>Use of <math>A = \pi r^2</math> (1)  Use of <math>R = \rho l/A</math> (1)  <math>\rho = 0.24 (\Omega \text{ m})</math> (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u>  Cross sectional area of wire = <math>\pi r^2 = \pi (2.5 \times 10^{-2})^2 = 1.96 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2</math>  <math>R = V/I = (1.2 \times 10^9 \text{ V}) / 25,000 \text{ A} = 48,000 \Omega</math>  <math>\rho = RA/l = (48,000 \Omega) (1.96 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2) / 400 \text{ m} = 0.235 \Omega \text{ m}</math></p>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>18biv</b>	<p>Air in the lightning channel has been ionised  <b>Or</b> Lightning channel unlikely to have a uniform diameter / CSA (1)</p>	<b>(1)</b>

<b>18ci</b>	Energy levels (in atoms) are discrete/specific	(1)	
	(Energy makes) <u>electrons</u> move up energy levels <b>Or</b> <u>Electrons</u> are excited	(1)	
	(Electrons) move back down energy levels, releasing <u>photons</u> <b>Or</b> (Electrons) are de-excited, releasing <u>photons</u>	(1)	
	Energy difference (between levels) is proportional to frequency of photon (resulting in line spectrum being produced) <b>Or</b> Photon energy is proportional to frequency (resulting in line spectrum being produced)	(1)	
<b>18cii</b>	Different atoms/elements have different (differences in) energy levels	(1)	<b>(4)</b>
	<b>Total for question 18</b>		<b>(1)</b> <b>16</b>