



## AP Physics B 1999 Scoring Guidelines

**The materials included in these files are intended for non-commercial use by AP teachers for course and exam preparation; permission for any other use must be sought from the Advanced Placement Program. Teachers may reproduce them, in whole or in part, in limited quantities, for face-to-face teaching purposes but may not mass distribute the materials, electronically or otherwise. These materials and any copies made of them may not be resold, and the copyright notices must be retained as they appear here. This permission does not apply to any third-party copyrights contained herein.**

These materials were produced by Educational Testing Service (ETS), which develops and administers the examinations of the Advanced Placement Program for the College Board. The College Board and Educational Testing Service (ETS) are dedicated to the principle of equal opportunity, and their programs, services, and employment policies are guided by that principle.

The College Board is a national nonprofit membership association dedicated to preparing, inspiring, and connecting students to college and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 3,900 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations. Each year, the College Board serves over three million students and their parents, 22,000 high schools, and 3,500 colleges, through major programs and services in college admission, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are the SAT®, the PSAT/NMSQT™, the Advanced Placement Program® (AP®), and Pacesetter®. The College Board is committed to the principles of equity and excellence, and that commitment is embodied in all of its programs, services, activities, and concerns.

Copyright © 2001 by College Entrance Examination Board. All rights reserved. College Board, Advanced Placement Program, AP, and the acorn logo are registered trademarks of the College Entrance Examination Board.

## Question 1 (15 points)

(a) 3 points

For a correct expression of Newton's Gravitation law

$$F = \frac{GM_1 M_2}{R^2}$$

1 point

For correct substitution/calculation in formula

$$g_{Mars} = \frac{GM_M}{R_M^2} = \frac{G(0.11)M_E}{(0.53R_E)^2} = \frac{0.11}{(0.53)^2} g_E$$

1 point

For expressing  $g_M$  in terms of  $g_E$ 

$$g_M = \frac{0.11}{(0.53)^2} g_E \quad \text{OR} \quad g_M = 0.39 g_E$$

1 point

However, the third point for expressing  $g_M$  in terms of  $g_E$  is not awarded if no points have been awarded up to that part.

(b) 2 points

For the correct formula for weight:  $W = Mg$ 

1 point

For the correct value of  $g$  for Mars, where any value of  $g$  signifying Mars is acceptable,

$$\text{such as } 0.39g_E, 3.8 \text{ m/s}^2, g_{Mars}, \frac{0.11}{(0.53)^2} g_E, \text{ etc.}$$

1 point

$$W = (11.5 \text{ kg})(3.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 44 \text{ N}$$

*(Alternate solution)**(Alternate points)*For correct calculation using  $F = \frac{GM_1 M_2}{R^2}$ , where the student has calculated the

mass of Mars, the radius of Mars and uses the correct mass of Sojourner.

(A student needs to have memorized the mass of the Earth and its radius to do this.)

2 points

(c) 2 points

For indication that sine or cosine is needed as a necessary factor for computation of  $N$ 

1 point

For correct formula and calculation

1 point

$$N = Mg_M \cos \theta$$

$$N = (11.5 \text{ kg})(3.8 \text{ m/s}^2) \cos 20^\circ = 41 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{OR} \quad N = (11.5 \text{ kg})(3.8 \text{ m/s}^2) \sin 70^\circ = 41 \text{ N}$$

## 1999 Physics B Solutions

Distribution  
of points

Question 1 (continued)

(d) 2 points

For correct statement that  $F_{\text{net}} = 0$ 

1 point

For a correct reason such as  $a = 0$ , OR  $v = \text{constant}$ , OR Newton's First law

1 point

(e) 3 points

For a correct formula for power

1 point

$$P = \frac{W}{t}$$

For a correct formula for distance

1 point

$$d = vt$$

For a correct calculation of distance

1 point

$$d = \frac{vW}{P} = \frac{(6.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/s})(5.4 \times 10^3 \text{ J})}{10 \text{ W}}$$

$$d = 362 \text{ m}$$

*(Alternate solution)**(Alternate points)*

For correct formulas for work and power

1 point

$$W = Fd \text{ and } P = Fv$$

For combining these to yield a correct formula for the distance

1 point

$$d = \frac{vW}{P}$$

For a correct calculation

1 point

$$d = \frac{(6.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/s})(5.4 \times 10^3 \text{ J})}{10 \text{ W}} = 362 \text{ m}$$

(f) 3 points

For correct formula  $P = Fv$ , so  $F = \frac{P}{v}$ 

1 point

For correct substitutions using the correct percentage of 0.01%

1 point

$$F = \frac{(0.0001)(10 \text{ W})}{6.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/s}}$$

For correct calculation of force

1 point

$$F = 0.15 \text{ N} \quad (0.149 \text{ N and } 0.1 \text{ N were acceptable})$$

## 1999 Physics B Solutions

Distribution  
of points

Question 2 (15 points)

(a) 3 points

For the expression  $V = W/q$ 

1 point

For the expression  $W = \Delta K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ 

1 point

For correct substitutions and answer

1 point

$$V = \frac{mv^2}{2q} = \frac{(9.31 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(6.0 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s})^2}{2(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})}$$

$$V = 1.0 \times 10^4 \text{ V}$$

(b) 2 points

For correct answer, i.e., upper plate indicated as the one at the higher potential

1 point

For proper justification for correct answer

1 point

Examples:  $F_x$  is up, therefore  $E$  is down;  $E$  points in the direction of decreasing potential.

Electrons travel toward higher potential.

The justification point was not awarded if the lower plate was indicated as being at the higher potential

(c)

i. 1 point

For  $v_x = \frac{x}{t}$ 

1 point

$$t = \frac{x}{v_x} = \frac{0.04 \text{ m}}{6.0 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}} = 6.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}$$

ii. 5 points

For each of the following relationships necessary in the solution:

$$V = Ed$$

1 point

$$E = F/q$$

1 point

$$F = ma$$

1 point

$$y = \frac{1}{2}at^2, v_{0y} = 0$$

1 point

For correct substitutions and answer

1 point

$$y = \frac{qVt^2}{2dm} = \frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(200 \text{ V})(6.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s})^2}{2(0.012 \text{ m})(9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})}$$

$$y = 6.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

## 1999 Physics B Solutions

Distribution  
of points

Question 2 (continued)

(d) 2 points

For a correct qualitative comparison of  $F_g$  vs  $F_E$ , or  $g$  vs  $a_E$ , or the distances traveled

1 point

Examples:  $F_g$  is much less than  $F_E$   
 $g$  is much less than  $a_E$ For additional quantitative comparison of  $F_g$  vs.  $F_E$  or  $g$  vs.  $a_E$  by computing actual numerical values

1 point

Example:  $F_g = mg = (9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 8.9 \times 10^{-30} \text{ N}$ 

$$F_E = qE = \frac{qV}{d} = \frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(200 \text{ V})}{0.012 \text{ m}} = 1.9 \times 10^{-14} \text{ N}$$

so  $F_E \ll F_g$

(e) 2 points

For indicating that the path is a straight line, not horizontal

1 point

For correct reason, such as an indication that  $F = 0$ , or  $a = 0$ .

1 point

## Question 3 (15 points)

(a) 4 points

As the cart rolls down the ramp, potential energy is changed to kinetic energy.

For indicating conservation of energy

1 point

Initial energy = final energy

For indicating the proper energies

1 point

This point given for either of the following two equations

P.E. = K.E.

$$mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

For making the proper substitution of  $y_0$  for  $h$

1 point

$$mg y_0 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

For the correct answer

1 point

$$v = \sqrt{2gy_0}$$

*Alternate solution**(Alternate points)*

Find acceleration using Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law and use kinematic equations

1 point

For making the proper substitution for the distance traveled

3 points

For the correct answer

(b)

i. 2 points

As the loop enters the field, the magnetic flux changes, resulting in an induced emf, which can be found using Faraday's law or more simply from the given equation  $\mathcal{E} = B\ell v$

For correct substitution of one value,  $h$  for  $\ell$ , or  $\sqrt{2gy_0}$  for  $v$  from part (a)

1 point

For the correct answer, which requires both substitutions into this equation

1 point

$$\mathcal{E} = Bh\sqrt{2gy_0}$$

(b)

ii. 2 points

The current in the loop is related to the resistance and voltage by the

$$\text{equation } V = IR, \text{ or } I = \frac{V}{R}$$

For the correct substitution of  $Bh\sqrt{2gy_0}$  for  $V$

1 point

For the correct answer

1 point

$$I = \frac{Bh\sqrt{2gy_0}}{R}$$

## 1999 Physics B Solutions

Distribution  
of points

Question 3 (continued)

(c) 1 point

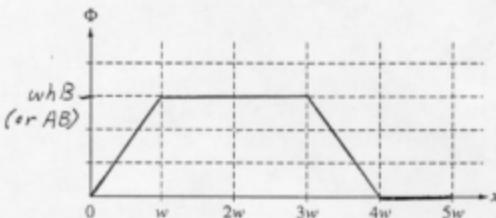
As the loop enters the field, a current is induced in the loop so as to oppose the change in flux.

For an indication that the current is counterclockwise, as shown by arrows or words.

1 point

(d)

i. 3 points

For giving the correct label on the vertical axis as  $whB$  or  $BA$ 

1 point

(The label could be at any point on the vertical axis as long as it was consistent with the graph drawn.)

For drawing a horizontal, non-zero line between  $w$  and  $3w$ 

1 point

For straight lines of constant and proper slope between 0 and  $w$  and between  $3w$  and  $4w$ 

1 point

(The first has positive slope; the second has negative slope.)

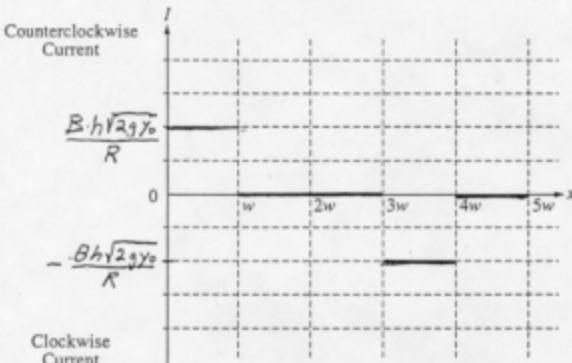
The flux is zero from  $4w$  to  $5w$ , but it was not required to show this on the graph.

(If the last two points above were not awarded, 1 point was given if the shape of the graph was a trapezoid with parallel top and bottom lines. For example, this point would be given if the graph were horizontal between  $w$  and  $2w$  with straight sloped lines between 0 and  $w$  and between  $2w$  and  $3w$ .)

## Question 3 (continued)

(d)

ii. 3 points



For proper labeling of the graph with  $I = \frac{Bh\sqrt{2gy_0}}{R}$  or the answer found in part (b)ii.

1 point

(The label could be at any point on the vertical axis as long as it was consistent with the graph drawn.)

For recognizing that the current was zero between  $w$  and  $3w$  and showing it with a horizontal line

1 point

For showing horizontal, non-zero lines of opposite sign between  $0$  and  $w$  and between  $3w$  and  $4w$

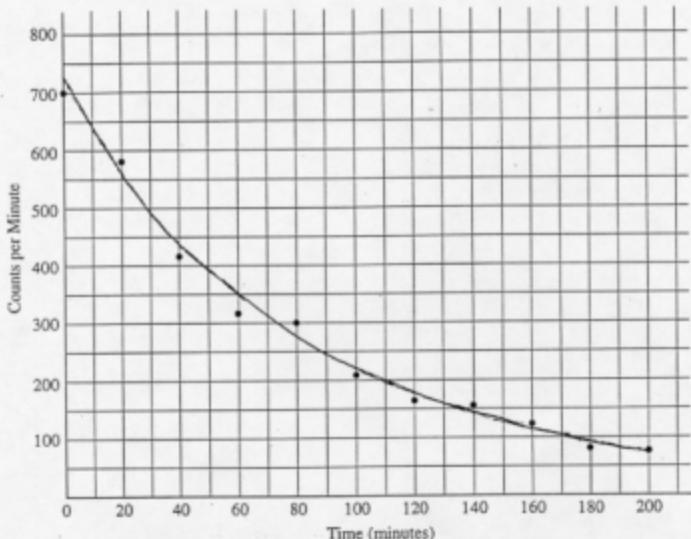
1 point

The current is zero from  $4w$  to  $5w$ , but it was not required to show this on the graph.

(Because of the labeling of the axis "Counterclockwise Current" as positive, which was confusing to some, starting negative (from  $0$  to  $w$ ) and ending positive (from  $3w$  to  $4w$ ) was also acceptable for the third point above. Using slopes consistent with (d)i. also received the two graphing points.)

Question 4 (15 points)

(a) 2 points



For a smooth curve

1 point

For reasonable best fit (with dots above and below curve)

1 point

(No points awarded for (a) for a straight line or a "point-to-point" curve)

(b) 2 points

For answer between 50 and 64 minutes, or for answer consistent with incorrect curve,  
including straight line

1 point

For showing or explaining that one can read from the graph the time at which the  
count is halved, or by use of the equation  $N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$  and two points (data points  
or points on curve)

1 point

## 1999 Physics B Solutions

Distribution  
of points

Question 4 (continued)

(c) 3 points

For indicating the atomic mass and mass number of the alpha particle:  ${}^4_2\alpha$ 

1 point

For showing  $Z = 81$ 

1 point

For showing  $A = 208$ 

1 point

(Full credit awarded for  $Z = 81$  and  $A = 208$  alone)*(Alternate partial credit answers)* $Z = 208 \quad A = 81$ *(Alternate points)*

2 points

 $Z = 79 \quad A = 210$ 

2 points

 $Z = 210 \quad A = 79$ 

1 point

Show incorrect values for the alpha particle, but consistent  $Z$  and  $A$  given those values

2 points

Show incorrect values for the alpha particle, consistent  $Z$  and  $A$  given those values,but  $Z$  and  $A$  reversed

1 point

(d)

i. 4 points

For conversion to like units

1 point

 $6.09 \text{ MeV} = 9.7 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$ 

For use of both the kinetic energy and the momentum equation

1 point

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$p = mv$$

Solving for  $v_\alpha$  and substituting

$$v_\alpha = \sqrt{2K/m}$$

$$p = m\sqrt{2K/m} = \sqrt{2Km}$$

$$p_\alpha = \sqrt{2(9.7 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J})(6.64 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})}$$

For consistent answer

1 point

For correct units

1 point

$$p_\alpha = 1.1 \times 10^{-19} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$$

## 1999 Physics B Solutions

Distribution  
of points

Question 4 (continued)

(d)

ii. 2 points

For showing conservation of momentum of Tl and  $\alpha$ 

1 point

$$p_{\text{Tl}} = -|p_{\alpha}|$$

$$m_{\text{Tl}} v_{\text{Tl}} = 1.1 \times 10^{-19} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

For showing the mass of Tl:  $(208)(1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})$ 

1 point

(This point also given for alternate ways of showing Tl mass, such as  $v_{\text{Tl}} = \frac{4}{208} v_{\alpha}$ )

$$v_{\text{Tl}} = 3.28 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$K_{\text{Tl}} = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{Tl}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} (208)(1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})(3.28 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s})^2$$

$$K_{\text{Tl}} = 1.9 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J}$$

(e) 2 points

$$K_{\text{tot}} = (K_{\alpha} + K_{\text{Tl}})N_0 = (9.7 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J} + 1.9 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J})(6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1})$$

$$K = 6 \times 10^{11} \text{ J} \quad \text{or} \quad 3.7 \times 10^{24} \text{ MeV}$$

For summing  $K_{\alpha} + K_{\text{Tl}}$ 

1 point

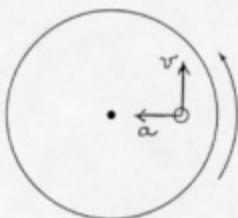
For multiplying total energy by Avogadro's number

1 point

*Alternatively, 1 point awarded for using equation  $\Delta E = (\Delta m)c^2$  and mentioning binding energy or mass difference*

Question 5 (10 points)

(a) 2 points



For any properly labeled, vertical vector pointing upward

1 point

For any properly labeled, horizontal vector pointing to the left

1 point

(b) 2 points

$$v = \frac{\text{circumference}}{\text{period}} = \frac{2\pi R}{T} = \frac{2\pi(0.14\text{ m})}{1.5\text{ s}} = 0.60\text{ m/s}$$

For indicating use of circumference for distance traveled in one revolution,

$$\text{such as } \frac{\text{circumference}}{\text{period}} \text{ OR } \frac{2\pi R}{T}$$

1 point

For correct answer

1 point

Answer ranges accepted:  $0.187\pi \rightarrow 0.190\pi$  m/s OR  $0.58 \rightarrow 0.60$  m/s

(c) 4 points

$$F_t = F_c$$

$$\mu mg = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\mu rg} = \sqrt{(0.5)(0.14\text{ m})(9.8\text{ m/s}^2)} = 0.83\text{ m/s}$$

For correct expression of centripetal force

1 point

For correct expression of frictional force

1 point

For equating centripetal force to frictional force

1 point

For correct answer

1 point

Answer range:  $0.80\text{ m/s} \rightarrow 0.84\text{ m/s}$

Question 5 (continued)

(d) 2 points

For indicating no change to answer in part (c)

1 point

For any reasonable explanation, such as the masses cancel

1 point

(No points awarded for explanation if it is without statement of no change.)

## Question 6 (10 points)

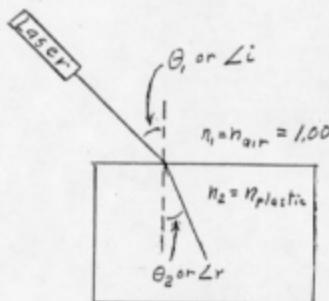
(a) 6 points

For a verbal description of the procedure

An example of a complete procedure would be: Place the laser on the table so that the beam will travel along the white screen placed on the tabletop. Locate the plastic block so that the light enters it at an angle to the normal to the surface of the plastic. Draw a line representing the surface of the block and the incident ray. Mark where the ray exits the block and remove the block. Draw a ray from the exit point back to the normal and incident ray. Measure the angle of incidence and the angle of refraction. Use Snell's law and the fact that the index of refraction in air is unity to calculate the index of refraction of the plastic.

1 point

(Shorter descriptions were also acceptable for this point.)



Points awarded for diagram

For all the correct rays drawn and meeting at the interface

1 point

For both  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  measured from the normal

1 point

For  $\theta_2 < \theta_1$ 

1 point

For all quantities being labeled on the diagram, including  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ 

1 point

( $n_1$  and  $n_2$  could also be described in the text.)

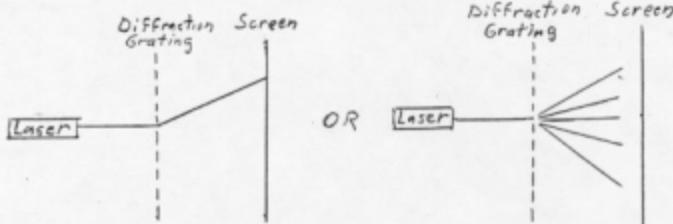
For the correct equation

1 point

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2 \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{\sin \angle i}{\sin \angle r} = n$$

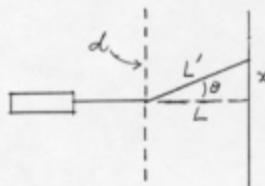
Question 6 (continued)

(b) 4 points



For diagram that must include laser, diffraction grating, screen, and some indication of bending or spreading of light at the grating, as shown above

1 point



For the labels on the diagram as shown above that correspond to those in the equation used  
For the equation and any necessary assumptions made

1 point

The equation could be any one of the following three.

1 point

$$n\lambda = d \sin \theta ; d \text{ and } \theta \text{ must also be shown in the diagram}$$

$$n\lambda = xd/L' ; d \text{ and } L' \text{ must be shown in the diagram}$$

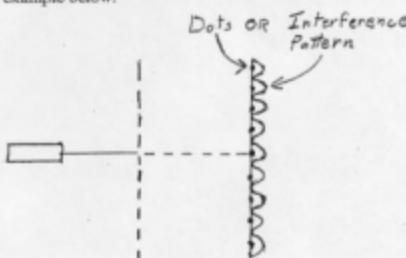
$$n\lambda = xd/L ; \text{ only for small angles using the approximation } \sin \theta = \tan \theta , \text{ and } d \text{ and } L \text{ must be shown in the diagram}$$

For indicating in some fashion that  $n$  is equal to the number of a particular bright line.

1 point

This could be with a verbal description or by showing successive dots or an interference pattern, as shown in the example below.

**Note:** Only one diagram was necessary if it included all the features described. For purposes of these standards several diagrams were used to clearly illustrate how the points were awarded.



## 1999 Physics B Solutions

Distribution  
of points

Question 7 (10 points)

(a) 2 points

For relating the thermodynamic states at point A and point C

1 point

$$\text{Examples: } \frac{P_A V_A}{T_A} = \frac{P_C V_C}{T_C} \text{ OR } P_A V_A = P_C V_C$$

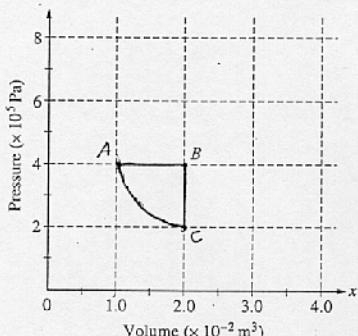
For finding the pressure at point C

1 point

$$P_C = P_A \frac{V_A}{V_C} = (4 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}) \left( \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^3}{2.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^3} \right)$$

$$P_C = 2.0 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa} \text{ OR } P_C = 2.0 \text{ atm}$$

(b) 4 points



For correctly plotting and labeling Point A

1 point

For correctly plotting and labeling Point C

1 point

For indicating that path CA is along an isotherm

1 point

For drawing a complete cycle with path AB shown as an isobaric process and path BC shown as an isochoric process.

1 point

**1999 Physics B Solutions****Distribution  
of points**

Question 7 (continued)

(c) 2 points

For statement that net work done by the gas is positive

1 point

For correct justification

1 point

Examples:

1. Work is related to area and the net area is positive.
2. More heat is absorbed in the cycle than is exhausted.
3. Expansion occurs at a higher pressure while compression occurs at a lower pressure.
4. Thermodynamic cycle is clockwise.

(d) 2 points

For statement that the device is a heat engine

1 point

For correct justification

1 point

Examples:

1. Work done by the system is positive.
2. Work done by the system is done at a higher temperature.
3. Heat is absorbed at a higher temperature and exhausted at a lower temperature.
4. Thermodynamic cycle is clockwise.