

INTERNATIONAL A-LEVEL PHYSICS

PH04

Unit 4 Energy and energy resources

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	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
01.1	80.2 or 80.3 or 80.4 (°C)	1	Only accept these values.

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
01.2	Determines freezing time ✓	3	Allow 7 to 8 (mins)
	Use of $E = Pt$ OR $Q = mL \checkmark$		For MP2: If time used is within range 6.0 to 8.5, condone use in minutes. If time is outside this range, t must be used seconds. For MP2: condone use of 7.8 for Q .
	Allow 0.022 to 0.025 (kg) ✓		2 sf answer only.

	Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
	01.3	During changing state: (average) PE decreases AND (average) KE doesn't change ✓	2	Allow alternative ways of referring to each time period. Condone reference to seconds rather than minutes.
		During cooling: (average) KE decreases AND (average) PE doesn't change ✓		If no other mark awarded, allow 1 mark for a correct description of only the PE during both periods OR of only the KE during both periods OR of a decrease in PE while changing state <u>and</u> a decrease in KE during cooling.
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Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
02.1	3 from: ✓ ✓ ✓	3	Allow 1 mark for an explanation in terms of the pressure/Gay-Lussac law.
	(temperature decrease means) internal energy of gas decreases OR mean kinetic energy/speed of particles decreases OR quotes kinetic energy equation		For MP1: Condone lack of reference to "mean" for KE or speed.
	frequency of collisions (with container) decreases OR (magnitude/rate of) momentum change/impulse (of collisions) decreases		
	links (rate of) change of momentum to force		For MP3: Must be some reference to particles for the change in momentum or force.
	links force to (change in) pressure eg pressure = force/area		For MP4: Stating $p = \frac{F}{A}$ is insufficient unless referenced to an area of a container.

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
02.2	Use of $n = \frac{m}{M}$ OR $\rho = \frac{m}{V}$, with $pV = nRT \checkmark$ Use of both equations with correct rearrangement to give required formula \checkmark	2	Do not allow credit if M (rather than m) is used as part of density equation in their derivation.

Uses a data point from the line of best fit \checkmark Converts temperature to kelvin \checkmark Substitutes into $p = \frac{\rho RT}{M} \checkmark$ $3.9 \times 10^{-2} \text{ (kg mol}^{-1)} \checkmark$	4	For MP1: Condone POT error For MP3, p must be in in correct POT. Allow alternative method using the gradient:
Substitutes into $p = \frac{\rho RT}{M} \checkmark$		
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$3.9 \times 10^{-2} \text{ (kg mol}^{-1}) \checkmark$		Allow alternative method using the gradient:
		Allow alternative method using the gradient:
		Attempts to determine a gradient, with ΔT step of at least 130. Condone POT error. \checkmark
		Determines a gradient value in the range 340 to 350. \checkmark
		Equates their gradient value to $\frac{\rho R}{M}$ \checkmark
		$3.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ or } 3.9 \times 10^{-2} \text{ (kg mol}^{-1)} \checkmark$
		2sf answers only.
		Accept answers of 38 or 39 if $g \mod^{-1}$ clearly the unit stated.

Total

9

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
03.1	2π and 60 seen in calculation to give a value that rounds to 1.47 \times 10^3 \checkmark	1	

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
03.2	Quotes and uses $E = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 \checkmark$	2	For MP1: Do not allow $1.4 imes 10^4$ for ω
	Value that rounds to 9.9×10^7 OR 1.0×10^8 (J) \checkmark		For MP2: Expect 1.04×10^8 from 1.5×10^3 OR 9.9×10^7 from 1.47×10^3 . For MP2: Allow 9.8×10^7 from $\omega = 1.46 \times 10^3$

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Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
03.3		3	In either method, condone <i>t</i> not converted. Allow more than 2 sf answer.
	Use of $T = I\alpha$ to get α (-1.30 rad s ⁻²) \checkmark		For MP1: Condone missing minus sign.
	Use of $\omega = \omega_0 + \alpha t \checkmark$		For MP2: Allow recognisable ω_0 , but must use negative value for α
	1200 (rad s ⁻¹) \checkmark		
	OR		
	Use of $T\Delta t = \Delta(I\omega)$ to get $\Delta \omega$ (313) \checkmark		
	Subtracts their $\Delta \omega$ from $1.5 \times 10^3 \checkmark$		For MP2: Allow subtraction from recognisable ω_0
	1200 (rad s ⁻¹) \checkmark		

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
03.4	(Changing from steel to carbon fibre:)	3	Allow reverse arguments.
	Lower density means lower moment of inertia (for same volume and shape) ✓		 MP1 is for linking density to moment of inertia ✓ E.g. (For same volume and shape), moment of inertia depends on mass, and mass depends on density
	(lower moment of inertia means) greater angular speed needed to have same energy stored \checkmark		MP2 is for considering the relationship between the moment of inertia, the angular speed and the energy stored \checkmark
	(so) breaking stress needs to be considered due to (large) centripetal force/acceleration due to greater/maximum angular speed \checkmark		MP3 is for linking breaking stress to centripetal force/acceleration or maximum angular speed ✓

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Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
04.1	Max three from: ✓ ✓ ✓	5	
	Adds proton rest-mass to mass of B		Expect 12.01394 u OR 1.996×10 ⁻²⁶ kg
	Calculates a mass defect OR a difference in rest-mass energies		Expect 0.01714 u , $2.847 \times 10^{-29} \text{ kg}$ OR 15.966 MeV. Condone not including proton mass (0.99014 u).
	Multiplies rest-mass or mass defect in u by 931.5 MeV OR converts mass in u to kg and uses $E = mc^2$		Expect 15.966 MeV, or 16.014 MeV using $E = mc^2$. Expect 922.3 MeV without proton rest-mass.
	Adds kinetic energy contributed by proton		Allow 0.619 or 0.675 MeV
	16.6 (MeV) ✓		
	3 sf answer, from some relevant working \checkmark		

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
04.2	Momenta are equal (in magnitude) AND opposite (in direction) \checkmark	4	
	Momentum calculation to show velocity of alpha is 2x velocity of Be \checkmark Uses $E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ with mass of Be as twice mass of alpha \checkmark (So) KE of alpha is twice KE of Be \checkmark		For MP2 and MP3, treat u as a mass unit (not an initial velocity). Allow "8" for mass of Be and "4" for mass of alpha.

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
04.3	Converts MeV to J to get 4.64×10^{-13} J \checkmark	3	For MP1: allow " $2.9 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-13}$ "
	Quotes and uses either $V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$ OR $W = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \checkmark$		For MP2 there must be a subject for the equation.
	$6.0 \times 10^{-15} \text{ (m) OR} 5.95 \times 10^{-15} \text{ (m) seen } \checkmark$		For MP3, allow 5.96×10^{-15} Withhold MP3 if r^2 seen in working.

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	04.4	Two from: 🗸 🗸	2	
		Small de Broglie wavelengths (attainable with electron diffraction) OR de Brogie wavelength comparable/same order of magnitude to nuclear radius		Allow electrons are not affected by strong nuclear force.
		Closest approach method depends on (kinetic) energy of alpha		
		Closest approach only provides an upper limit OR closest approach provides an over-estimate		

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Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
05.1	Use of $I = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2} \checkmark$	2	
	4.0×10^{26} (W) \checkmark		Expect 3.96×10^{26} (W). Do not accept 1 sf answer.

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
05.2	Multiplies 900 by 2 other data ✓	2	Condone power of ten errors or omissions.
	970 (MW) ✓		

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
05.3	Use of $\rho = \frac{m}{V}$ to get mass of 1350 kg \checkmark	3	
	Use of $Q = mc\Delta\theta \checkmark$		For MP2, expect $\Delta \theta$ = 280 °C. For MP2, condone using one temperature in K, or adding 273 to their temperature
	$5.7 \times 10^8 \text{ (J s}^{-1}) \checkmark$		difference. Allow ecf for their mass or for using 0.75 for m .

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
05.4	Calculates area of floor \checkmark Use of $\frac{kA\Delta\theta}{L} \checkmark$ Correct conclusion based on comparison from relevant working \checkmark	3	MP1: Expect to see $\pi 21^2$ or 1385 m^2 MP2: Condone POT error for <i>L</i> or <i>Q</i> . Ecf for their area. MP3: Expect rate of heat transfer to be 410 kW or <i>L</i> to be 1.8(4) m, so unsuitable.
Total		10	

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
06.1	Energy required to separate a nucleus into individual nucleons OR into constituent protons and neutrons \checkmark	1	Allow reverse description.

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
06.2	Uses proton number (90) and neutron number (142) to calculate mass of nucleons \checkmark	4	For MP1, expect 3.884×10^{-25} kg OR 233.89 u.
	Calculates their mass defect OR difference in rest-mass energies between nucleons and Th nucleus ✓		For MP2, expect mass defect of $3.220\times 10^{-27}~kg$ OR $1.913~u.$
	Uses $E = mc^2$ with mass defect, total mass of nucleons OR mass of Th nucleus \checkmark		For MP3, rest-mass energy of nucleons is $3.4958{\times}10^{-8}~J$ and of Th is $3.4668{\times}10^{-8}~J$
	$2.90 imes10^{-10}$ (J) 🗸		

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
06.3	Proton number = 91; nucleon number = 233 \checkmark	1	

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
06.4	Calculates one binding energy ✓	3	For MP1, expect, in MeV, 1771.723 for U, 1142.882 for Xe, and 812.166 for Sr.
	Calculates difference in their binding energies \checkmark		For MP2, expect 182.33 MeV. For MP2, do not allow ecf for inclusion of neutrons.
	$2.9 imes10^{-11}$ (J) 🗸		

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
06.5	06.5 Different fissions produce different (pairs of) nuclides ✓		Allow idea that reaction in 06.4 doesn't always happen
	OR		
	Different nuclides have different binding energy (per nucleon) \checkmark		

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
06.6	Quotes and uses $\rho = \frac{m}{V}$ to get volume \checkmark Uses $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ to get radius of 5.9×10^{-2} m \checkmark	2	For MP1, expect $V = 8.42 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$ For MP2, need to see either r^3 as subject or $r = \sqrt[3]{}$ Condone $5.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
06.7		2	For MP1, expect $A = 4.4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^2$
	Uses surface area of sphere OR shows that $\sigma = \frac{3}{r} \checkmark$		
	50 (m ⁻¹) \checkmark		Treat "50" as 2 sf answer. Allow answers that round to 50 from using different values of r (0.058, 0.059 or 0.06) in surface area equation.

Question	Marking guidance	Mark	Comments
06.8	Comment about condition needed to sustain a chain reaction \checkmark	3	For MP1: e.g. at least 1 neutron (on average) per fission needed to proceed to next generation of fission
	Comment linking surface area or larger value of σ to (rate of) neutron loss \checkmark		For MP2: e.g. larger surface area leads to greater (rate of) neutron loss
	Comment about consequence of neutron loss on rate of fission \checkmark		For MP3, e.g. fewer neutrons induce fission of uranium nuclei
			Do not allow idea that fewer neutrons are <u>produced</u> by fission events.

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Question	Кеу	Answer
07	С	-100 J -300 J
08	Α	insulating the metal block
09	В	2
10	В	$\frac{2R}{p}$
11	С	+16 GJ
12	Α	$9.0 imes 10^{20}$
13	В	0.56 km s^{-1}
14	В	$I = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ I \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I \\ I \\ 0 \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} $
15	D	2.9 fm
16	D	slow neutrons are more likely to be absorbed by the nuclear fuel.

