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Physics A

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Unit **G485**: Fields, Particles and Frontiers of Physics

Mark Scheme for June 2011

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If the data given in a question is to 2 sf, then allow answers to 2 or more significant figures.

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Any exception to this rule will be mentioned in the Additional Guidance.

Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional guidance
1	(a)	Electromotive force is the energy transferred (from one form of energy) to <u>electrical per</u> unit charge	B1	Allow: 'electrical energy (gained) per unit charge' Not: electrical energy per coulomb
	(b)	Magnetic flux is the product of the (magnetic) flux density and the area (normal to the field)	B1	Allow: $\phi = BA$, where B = (magnetic) flux density and A = area. If $\phi = BA \cos \theta$ is used, then θ must be defined as the angle (between the normal to the plane of the area and the magnetic field) Do not allow 'field strength' for 'flux density'
	(c) (i)	A changing (magnetic) flux is produced (in the primary coil / in the iron core) The iron core links this (magnetic) flux / (magnetic) flux density to the secondary coils The changing (magnetic) flux / (magnetic) flux density through secondary induces e.m.f. (in secondary coils)	B1 B1 B1	Allow: A changing (magnetic) flux density is produced (in the primary coil) but not ' <i>changing (magnetic) field</i> ' Allow: The rate of change of (magnetic) flux (linkage) induces an e.m.f. (in the secondary coil)
	(ii)	Any <u>one</u> from: More coils / turns on secondary Less coils / turns on primary Laminate the core	B1	Not: Increase frequency of alternating supply
	(d) (i)	$\frac{n_s}{4200} = \frac{12}{230}$ (Any subject) number of turns = 219 or 220	C1 A1	Note: A bald answer 219 or 220 scores 2 marks
	(ii)	current = $(12.0 - 11.8) / 0.35$ current = 0.57 (A) ----- $P = VI$ or $P = I^2R$ or $P = V^2 / R$ $P = 0.2 \times 0.57$ or $P = 0.57^2 \times 0.35$ or $P = 0.2^2 / 0.35$ power = 0.114 (W) or 0.11 (W)	C1 A1 C1 A1	Possible e.c.f. from (ii)1
		Total	12	

Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional guidance
2	(a)	capacitance = charge / potential difference	B1	Allow: p.d. and voltage Not: charge per volt or coulombs per p.d
	(b) (i)	$V = Q/C$ and $Q =$ constant in series circuit $V = \frac{450}{450 + 150} \times 6.0$ potential difference = 4.5 (V)	C1 A1	Allow: 1 mark for an answer of 1.5 (V) Note: Using (b)(ii), alternative marking scheme $V = 6.75 \times 10^{-4} / 150 \times 10^{-6}$ C1 $V = 4.5$ V A1
	(ii)	charge = $150 \times 10^{-6} \times 4.5$ charge = 6.75×10^{-4} (C)	B1	Possible e.c.f. Note: Using (b)(iii) ... $Q = 6.0 \times 1.125 \times 10^{-4} = 6.75 \times 10^{-4}$ (C)
	(iii)	$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{150} + \frac{1}{450}$ (working in μF) capacitance $C_T = 1.125 \times 10^{-4}$ (F) or 113 μF	B1	Possible alternative: capacitance = $6.75 \times 10^{-4} / 6.0$ capacitance = 1.125×10^{-4} (F) or 113 μF Possible e.c.f. from (ii)
	(c) (i)	time constant = CR time constant = $1.125 \times 10^{-4} \times 45 \times 10^3$ time constant = 5.06 (s)	M1 A0	Note: The mark is for multiplying correct C and R values Possible e.c.f. from (b)(iii)
	(ii)	Graph starting from 6.0 (V) Correct shaped curve Approximately correct value of V at CR	B1 B1 B1	Note: The (exponential decay) curve must not touch or cut the time axis Note: V is 2 to 2.5 (V) at $t \approx 5$ s

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	(iii)	$\frac{1}{2} \times 4.5^2 \times 150 \times 10^{-6}$ and $\frac{1}{2} \times 1.5^2 \times 450 \times 10^{-6}$ $\text{ratio} = \frac{0.5 \times 4.5^2 \times 150 \times 10^{-6}}{0.5 \times 1.5^2 \times 450 \times 10^{-6}}$ $\text{ratio} = 3$ <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> $\frac{1}{2} Q^2 / C_{150}$ and $\frac{1}{2} Q^2 / C_{450}$ $\text{ratio} = C_{450} / C_{150}$ $\text{ratio} = 3$	<p>C1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>C1</p> <p>A1</p>	<p>Allow: with or without the 10^{-6}</p> <p>Possible e.c.f. from (b)(i) and (b)(ii)</p> <p>Allow: full credit for correct use of either $\frac{1}{2} QV$ or $\frac{1}{2} Q^2 / C$</p>
	(iv)	<p>The ratio remains constant</p> <p>The charge / Q is the same for both capacitors</p>	<p>B1</p> <p>B1</p>	
Total			13	

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3	(a)	(Electric field strength is the) force <u>per</u> (unit positive) charge	B1	Allow: $E = F/Q$, F is the force on a (positive) charge Q
	(b)	Parallel and equally spaced lines at right angles to plates Correct <u>upward</u> direction of field shown on at least one field line	B1 B1	
	(c) (i)	An arrow vertically downwards at P	B1	
	(ii)	$E = \frac{3400}{0.050} \quad \text{or} \quad E = 6.8 \times 10^4 \text{ (V m}^{-1}\text{)}$ $a = \frac{EQ}{m}$ $a = \frac{6.8 \times 10^4 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31}} \quad \text{or} \quad a = \frac{1.09 \times 10^{-14}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31}}$ acceleration = $1.19 \times 10^{16} \text{ (m s}^{-2}\text{)}$ or $1.2 \times 10^{16} \text{ (m s}^{-2}\text{)}$	C1 C1 A0	Vital: Candidates using separation of 0.050 cm must be awarded full credit for the analysis shown below $E = \frac{3400}{0.050 \times 10^{-2}} \quad \text{or} \quad E = 6.8 \times 10^6 \text{ (V m}^{-1}\text{)} \quad \text{C1}$ $a = \frac{EQ}{m}$ $a = \frac{6.8 \times 10^6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31}}$ acceleration = $1.19 \times 10^{18} \text{ (m s}^{-2}\text{)}$ C1 A0
	(iii)	$t = \frac{0.04}{4.0 \times 10^7}$ time = $1.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ (s)}$	B1	Allow: $1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ (s)}$ or 10^{-9} (s)
	(iv)	initial vertical velocity = 0, final vertical velocity = at vertical velocity = $1.2 \times 10^{16} \times 1.0 \times 10^{-9}$ (Allow: $1 \times 10^{16} \times 1.0 \times 10^{-9}$) vertical velocity = $1.2 \times 10^7 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$	M1 A0	Vital: Candidates using separation of 0.050 cm must be awarded full credit for the analysis shown below vertical velocity = $1.2 \times 10^{18} \times 1.0 \times 10^{-9}$ M1 vertical velocity = $1.2 \times 10^9 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$ A0

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	(v)	$v^2 = (4.0 \times 10^7)^2 + (1.2 \times 10^7)^2$ velocity = 4.2×10^7 (m s ⁻¹) Or $v^2 = (4.0 \times 10^7)^2 + (1 \times 10^7)^2$ velocity = 4.1×10^7 (m s ⁻¹)	C1 A1 C1 A1	Possible ecf from (iv)
	(vi)	$KE = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ $KE = 0.5 \times 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \times (4.2 \times 10^7)^2$ kinetic energy = 8.04×10^{-16} (J) or 8.0×10^{-16} (J)	C1 A1	Possible ecf from (v) Allow: 1 sf answer if the answer comes out as 8.0×10^{-16} (J)
	(vii)	Graph starts at non-zero value for E_k Between 0 and 0.08 (m) the graph has increasing gradient Horizontal line after 0.080 (m)	B1 B1 B1	Note: The E_k value for the horizontal line > E_k value at $x = 0$
Total			15	

Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional guidance
4	(a)	$E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$ $\frac{(-)4.0 \times 10^{-9}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \times (1.75 \times 10^{-2})^2} \text{ and } \frac{5.0 \times 10^{-9}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \times (1.75 \times 10^{-2})^2}$ $E_B = 1.17 \times 10^5 \text{ (N C}^{-1}\text{)} \text{ and } E_A = 1.47 \times 10^5 \text{ (N C}^{-1}\text{)}$ field strength = $(1.17 + 1.47) \times 10^5 \text{ (N C}^{-1}\text{)}$ field strength = $2.64 \times 10^5 \text{ (N C}^{-1}\text{)}$ or $2.6 \times 10^5 \text{ (N C}^{-1}\text{)}$ direction = to the left / towards B	C1 C1 A1 B1	Ignore signs Allow: 2 marks for $2.9(4) \times 10^4 \text{ (N C}^{-1}\text{)}$ when the fields are subtracted Allow: 2 marks for $6.6 \times 10^4 \text{ (N C}^{-1}\text{)}$ for using $3.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$
	(b)	$F = \frac{Qq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$ $\text{force} = \frac{4.0 \times 10^{-9} \times 5.0 \times 10^{-9}}{4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times (3.5 \times 10^{-2})^2}$ force = $1.47 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (N)}$	C1 C1 A0	Ignore signs Allow: ϵ_0 in the equation
	(c)	(weight =) $4.5 \times 10^{-5} \times 9.81$ or (weight =) $4.4(1) \times 10^{-4} \text{ (N)}$ $\tan \theta = \frac{1.5 \times 10^{-4}}{4.41 \times 10^{-4}}$ angle = $18.8 \text{ (}^\circ\text{)}$ or $19 \text{ (}^\circ\text{)}$ (Allow: Full credit when angle is determined using a scale diagram)	C1 C1 A1	Allow: weight = $4.5 \times 10^{-5} \times g$ Note: Using force = $1.47 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (N)}$ gives an angle of 18.4° ; hence allow 18° Allow: 2 marks for $\theta = 71^\circ$; this is the complementary angle Allow: 1 mark for ' $\tan \theta = \frac{1.5 \times 10^{-4}}{4.5 \times 10^{-5}}, \theta = 73^\circ$ ', when mass is used instead of weight.
Total			9	

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5	(a)	Down(wards)	B1	Note: Can be on Fig. 5.1
	(b)	(Fleming's) left-hand rule	B1	Allow: Thumb in direction of force, first finger in direction of (magnetic) field and second finger in direction of (conventional) current
	(c) (i)	force = $BIL = 0.080 \times 4.0 \times 5.0 \times 10^{-2}$ force = 0.016 (N)	B1	
	(ii)	reading = 2.500 – 0.016 reading = 2.484 (N) The force on <u>core/magnets</u> is up(wards) (According to Newton's third law) the forces (on the rod and steel core/magnets) are equal <u>and</u> opposite	B1 B1 B1	Allow: 'up and down' as equivalent to 'opposite'
	(d)	Resistance increases by a factor of 4 Current decreases by a factor of 4 The force decreases by a factor of 4 force = 0.004 (N)	C1 C1 A1	Possible e.c.f. from (c)(i) Note: force = (c)(i) /4 can score full marks Special case: Allow 1 mark for (resistance doubles, current is halved, hence) force = 0.008 (N)
		Total	9	

Question	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional guidance
6 (a)	<p>Any <u>four</u> from 1 to 5:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the alpha particles went straight through (some deviated through small angles) Hence most of the atom is empty space Some / a very small number of alpha particles were scattered / repelled through large angles / angles more than 90° This showed the existence of (a tiny) positive nucleus The size of the nucleus is about 10^{-14} m <p> QWC: Award a mark for one conclusion correctly linked to an observation</p>	<p>B1×4</p> <p>B1</p>	<p>Must use ticks on Scoris to show where the marks are awarded</p> <p>Allow: 10^{-15} m</p>
(b)	<p>Any <u>five</u> from:</p> <p>Gravitational (force) This force is attractive AND is long-ranged / obeys ‘$1/r^2$ relationship’</p> <p><u>Strong</u> (nuclear force/interaction) This force is attractive (at larger distances) or repulsive at short distances AND is short-ranged / $\sim 10^{-14}$ m</p> <p>Electrostatic / electrical (force) / coulomb (force) This force is repulsive between protons / zero between neutrons / zero between protons and neutrons AND is long-ranged / obeys ‘$1/r^2$ relationship’</p>	<p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1</p>	<p>Allow: gravity</p> <p>Note: Do not allow ‘inverse square law’; allow ‘inverse square law with distance’</p> <p>Allow: Electromagnetic (interaction/force)</p>

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	(c) (i)	mass = $235 \times 1.7 \times 10^{-27}$ (= 3.995×10^{-25} kg) volume = $\frac{4}{3} \pi \times (8.8 \times 10^{-15})^3$ (= 2.855×10^{-42} m ³) density = mass/volume density = 1.4×10^{17} (kg m ⁻³)	C1 C1 A1	Allow: 1.66×10^{-27} kg for mass of nucleon Allow: 10^{17} (kg m ⁻³) for this estimation question Note: Omitting 235 gives 6.0×10^{14} (kg m ⁻³), allow 2 mark Allow: 1 mark if 92 or 143 is used to determine the mass of the nucleus; this gives a density value of 5.5×10^{16} (kg m ⁻³) and 8.5×10^{16} (kg m ⁻³) respectively
	(ii)	The nucleons / neutrons and protons are packed together with little or no empty space (AW)	B1	
		Total	14	

Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional guidance
7	(a)	The critical density is the density for which the universe will expand towards a (finite) limit or rate of expansion tends to zero / which will result in a <u>flat</u> universe	B1	Not: critical density is given by $\frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$
	(b)	Hubble constant = $\frac{65 \times 10^3}{10^6 \times 3.1 \times 10^{16}}$ Hubble constant = $2.1 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}^{-1}$ critical density = $\frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$ critical density = $\frac{3 \times (2.1 \times 10^{-18})^2}{8\pi \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11}}$ critical density = $7.9 \times 10^{-27} \text{ (kg m}^{-3}\text{)}$	B1 C1 A1	Possible e.c.f. from value of Hubble constant within this calculation
	(c) (i)	open: (density of universe < critical density hence) the universe will expand forever closed: (density of universe > critical density hence) the universe will (eventually stop expanding and then) contract / big crunch flat: (density of universe = critical density hence) the universe will expand towards a (finite) limit / rate of expansion tends to zero	B1 B1 B1	Allow: 'universe continues to expand' Not: 'The universe stops expanding' Special case: Award 1 mark for correct sketches if no explanation is given for open, closed and flat
	(ii)	Any <u>one</u> from: Existence of dark matter / black holes / neutrinos / dark energy / H_0 is not known accurately	B1	
Total			8	

Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional guidance
8	(a)	Less chance of infection	B1	
	(b)	Any <u>two</u> from: 1. Tracer is injected into the body / placed inside the body / circulates the body 2. Tracer is absorbed by organ / shows blockage 3. Beta detector / gamma camera (is used to detect radiation from the body)	B1×2	Note: No marks for ingesting substances (e.g barium)
	(c)	Any <u>five</u> from: 1. A positron / beta-plus emitting tracer / source is used 2. The positron annihilates with an electron (inside the patient) 3. This produces <u>two</u> gamma photons 4. The photons travels in opposite directions 5. The patient is surrounded by a ring of gamma detectors 6. The arrival times of the photons / delay time indicates location (of tumour inside the body) 7. A 3-D image is created (by the computer connected to the detectors)	B1×5	
		Total	8	

Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional guidance
9	(a)	Any <u>three</u> from 1 to 4: 1. A (piezoelectric) crystal / transducer is used to send <u>pulse(s)</u> of ultrasound (into the patient) 2. Wave / ultrasound / pulse / signal is <u>reflected</u> (at the boundary of tissue) 3. The (intensity of the) <u>reflected</u> signal depends on the acoustic impedances (at the boundary) 4. The (time of) delay is used to determine the depth / thickness ✎ QWC: Award a mark for correct sequencing of the steps in the process	B1×3 B1	Must use ticks on Scoris to show where the marks are awarded Allow: $\frac{I_{(r)}}{I_0} = \frac{(Z_2 - Z_1)^2}{(Z_2 + Z_1)^2}$ without symbols defined for the 3 rd marking point Note: Do not allow marking points 2 or 3 for gel-skin interface
	(b)	A-scan is one directional / B-scan involves different directions or angles / B-scan consists of many A-scans / B-scan produces 2-D or 3-D image	B1	
Total			5	

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10	(a)	A neutron is absorbed by a (massive / uranium) nucleus	B1	
		The nucleus splits into two (smaller/daughter) nuclei and (one or more) neutrons	B1	
	(b)	In a fission reaction there is a decreases in the mass	M1	Allow: The 'BE increases (in the reaction)'
		(According to $\Delta E = \Delta mc^2$) mass is converted into energy	A1	
		Or		
		The (total) binding energy of the products / smaller nuclei is greater than the binding energy of the original nucleus	M1	
		The difference in the binding energies is released as energy	A1	
	(c)	Moderator: water / graphite / carbon	B1	Note: If boron is mentioned, then do not award this B1 mark
		It slows down the (fast-moving) neutrons / reduces the (kinetic) energy of neutrons	B1	Allow: They become thermal neutrons
		Slow-moving neutrons have greater chance of causing fission (than fast-moving neutrons)	B1	
		Total	7	

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