

Physics B (Advancing Physics)

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

Unit **G491**: Physics in Action

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1. Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme.

/	= alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
(1)	= separates marking points
not	= answers which are not worthy of credit
reject	= answers which are not worthy of credit
ignore	= statements which are irrelevant
allow	= answers that can be accepted
()	= words which are not essential to gain credit
—	= underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ecf	= error carried forward
AW	= alternative wording
ora	= or reverse argument

2. Annotations: the following annotations are available on SCORIS.

✓	= correct response
×	= incorrect response
bod	= benefit of the doubt
nbod	= benefit of the doubt not given
ECF	= error carried forward
^	= information omitted
POT	= power of 10 error
SF	= significant figures
RE	= repeated error
NAQ	= not answered question
FT	= follow through
CON	= contradiction
?	= unclear
AE	= arithmetic error

Expected Answers			Marks	Additional Guidance
1	a	A ✓	1	not $C s^{-1}$
1	b	V ✓	1	not $J C^{-1}$
1	c	S ✓	1	not $A V^{-1}$ not Ω^{-1}
2	a	95 Ω 105 Ω ✓	1	both correct for the one mark
	b	use of a correct potential divider formula e.g. $R_1 \times V / (R_1 + R_2)$ ✓ m $= 95 \times 10 / 200 = 4.75 \text{ V}$ ✓ e	1 1 1	accept recognisable symbols / numbers method allow calculation of current, but must be clear e.g. either $I = 0.05$ OR $0.05 \underline{A}$ (using 95 + 105) Ω not (100 + 100) Ω give BOD on 200 Ω total evaluation allow ecf on incorrect values from (a)
3	a	A ✓	1	
	b	C ✓	1	
4		rotate the filter (and observe reflection) ✓ change angle r (and observe reflection) ✓ see if intensity of (reflected) light fluctuates ✓ from max to min / min to max for 90° rotation of filter ✓ <u>at minimum</u> intensity see if intensity of reflected light depends on angle r / position of reflection ✓ minimum intensity indicates degree of polarisation ✓	3	credit any three points max 3 accept AW throughout not any credit for describing set up of Fig 4.1 accept glare for intensity and zero for minimum intensity accept <u>minimum intensity</u> when filter is crossed (with direction of vibration of reflected light) / vertical / at 90° to plane of polarisation ORA maximum when parallel accept max – min – max for a 180° rotation / min – max - min i.e. don't penalise min if filter's polarisation is horizontal QWC award 3 rd mark only if answer is well organised and clear

Expected Answers		Marks	Additional Guidance
5	a	$(\pm 1.25 / 50) = \pm 2.5\%$ / $\pm 3\%$ ✓	1 working not required accept answers in range $\pm 2\%$ to $\pm 3\%$ not answers expressed to more than 2 SF
5	b	the uncertainties (in either p.d. or wind speed) increase as the wind speed / p.d. increases / the % uncertainties (in either p.d. or wind speed) are constant / the % uncertainties in wind speed are larger than those in p.d. ✓	1 accept AW not the uncertainties in wind speed are larger than those in p.d.
5	c	output only starts to increase for wind speeds above 1.5 m s^{-1} / ✓ output starts linearly (to about $20 - 30 \text{ m s}^{-1}$) ✓ sensitivity decreases at higher wind speeds / the rate of increase of the p.d. decreases at higher wind speeds ✓	2 accept any 2/3 different correct features accept does not pass through the origin not proportional accept output initially increases at constant rate not reference to graph gradient alone must have region clear for any of the marks accept output p.d. starts to level off at higher wind speeds accept output increases at lower rate at higher windspeed ignore slower rate not any credit for answers involving uncertainties here
6	a	144 (bits) ✓	1
	b	18 (bytes) ✓	1
	c	$2^{144} = 2.2(3) \times 10^{43}$ ✓	1 accept ecf (a)/8 evaluated without method not any other value accept ecf $2^{\text{bits from (a)}}$ evaluated not any other value
7	a	mass = ρV and 2 nd lens has less volume (but same density) ✓	1 accept less material of same <u>density</u> / lens is thinner and has same <u>density</u>
7	b	(higher index) means greater slowing / bending / refraction of light so thinner / less curved lens is needed (to achieve same power / curvature added to wavefronts) ✓	1 accept correct answers based on rays or bending of light including Snell's Law (now off spec) but must link explanation of index to lens shape not just it bends the light by the same amount
Section A total		20	

Expected Answers			Marks	Additional Guidance
8	ai	straight line graph B half gradient of A ✓ and passing through origin	1	expect graph B to pass through points (0, 0) and (1.4, 5 ± 0.2) not any credit for freehand line outside marking tool look at graph labels
8	ii	straight line graph C four times gradient of A ✓ and passing through origin	1	expect graph C to pass through (0, 0) and (0.4, 11.4 ± 1.0) not any credit for freehand line outside marking tool
8	bi	proportionality / straight line through origin ✓	1	accept obeys Hooke's law not linear
8	ii	$\sigma = 1.2(8) \times 10^8 \text{ Pa}$ / $1.3 \times 10^8 \text{ Pa}$ ✓	1	accept points from F(x) graph other than max values accept $Y = FL / (eA)$ for 1 method marks / with correct substitution for 2 nd mark accept final answers in range 1.8 to 1.9 × 10 ¹¹ Pa final evaluation allow ecf on incorrect σ / ε values POT power of ten error max 2/3
		$\varepsilon = 0.00070$ ✓	1	
		$Y = \sigma / \varepsilon = 1.8(3) \times 10^{11} \text{ Pa}$ ✓	1	

Expected Answers		Marks	Additional Guidance
8	c	1	description of metallic bonding
		1	accept any 2 relevant points credit clear well labelled diagrams QWC <u>examples</u> of acceptable technical terms underlined accept other appropriate technical terms used correctly
		1	explanation of elastic not plastic behaviour accept AW accept move from equilibrium position and then return accept <u>electron glue</u> not any confusion with slip / sliding / plastic / ductile / malleable for this and also loses QWC mark i.e. max 2 if mentioned QWC <u>examples</u> of acceptable technical terms underlined
		1	accept shorthands for positive / negative charge + / - / +ve / -ve
QWC do not award full marks unless 3 or ✓ more appropriate technical terms used or if any one term is used incorrectly or if answer in terms of plastic behaviour do not accept incorrectly used technical terms			
Total		10	

Expected Answers		Marks	Additional Guidance
9	a	22 (mV) ✓	1 not 21 mV
9	b	Time period = 0.90 ✓ ms ✓	2 reading 0.90 from graph ; recognition of ms / 10^{-3} s provided $T \leq 5$ ms accept e.g. 5 waves / 4.5 ms for 2 marks
		$f = 1/T = 1/(0.90 \times 10^{-3}) = 1100$ (Hz) ✓	1 evaluation accept 1111 (Hz) allow ecf on incorrect T up to 5 ms accept POT error 1.1 Hz scores 2/3
9	c	$\varepsilon = \sigma / Y = 2.0 / (72 \times 10^9)$ ✓	1 method mark evaluation accept ora $\sigma = \varepsilon Y = 2.2 \text{ Pa} \approx 2.0 \text{ Pa}$ for full credit accept calculator value for full credit accept 2.7×10^{-11} (show that) / 2.8×10^{-11} not any credit for 2.8×10^{-2}
		$= 2.7(8) \times 10^{-11}$ ✓	
9	d	resolution = length / pixel $= (10.5 / 4.0) \times 0.20 \times 10^{-3} / 400 \approx 1.3 \mu\text{m}$ ✓	1 evaluation accept estimates in the range 1.2 to 1.5 μm without apparent method
9	ei	ε at 900 V = $1.3 \times 10^{-9} \times 900 = 1.1(7) \times 10^{-6}$ ✓	1 evaluation accept 1.2×10^{-6}
		$x = \varepsilon L = 1.17 \times 10^{-6} \times 8 \times 10^{-3}$ ✓	1 method allow 2 marks if both parts calculated together
		$= 9.3(6) \times 10^{-9} \text{ (m)} / 9.4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ (m)}$ ✓	1 evaluation accept 9.6×10^{-9} (m using rounded strain) not 9×10^{-9}
	ii	$9.36 \times 10^{-9} / 260 \times 10^{-12} \approx 36$ ✓	1 accept 35 / 37 from rounded strain allow ecf on incorrect extension from i
Total		11	

		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
10	a	(a gas) in which some atoms / molecules / particles have lost <u>electrons</u> ✓	1	idea of atom's loss of <u>electrons</u> ignore gain of electrons accept e ⁻ symbol / clearly labelled diagrams
		to become positive ions / charged ions ✓	1	idea of production of positive ions ignore production of -ve ions not any credit for just contains + and - charges
10	b	$\lambda = c / f = 1.0(3) \times 10^{-7} \text{ (m)}$ ✓	1	evaluation mark accept $1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ (m)}$
10	c	$E = VQ / = 240 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ ✓	1	method in symbols / numbers
		$= 3.8(4) \times 10^{-17} \text{ (J)}$ ✓	1	evaluation accept $4 \times 10^{-17} \text{ (J)}$
10	di	240 V ✓	1	both p.d.s to $\pm 5 \text{ V}$
		120 V ✓	1	
	ii	0.26(4) μA from graph ✓	1	read from graph tolerance $\pm 0.005 \mu\text{A}$ method in words / numbers accept $4.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ (W)}$ pixel ⁻¹ accept answers in range 290 to 301 W evaluation allow ecf on incorrect current
		power = $2.64 \times 10^{-7} \times 180 \times 6.2 \times 10^6$ ✓ = 295 (W) ✓	1 1	
		Total	10	

Expected Answers			Marks	Additional Guidance
11	ai	9.6 (Ω) ✓	1	not 10 (Ω)
	ii	graph curves <u>upwards</u> / gradient increases ✓	1	not just curves not resistance is gradient accept Y's resistance rises as I or V rises
11	bi	resistance of X changes (as S is moved) and changes I / V of lamp ✓	1	credit change in R linked to I or V for 1 st mark credit correct sense of change for 2 nd mark ORA for reducing the resistance of X must have complete logical explanation for both marks accept good discussions of potential divider of X with Y and correct sense of change
		increasing resistance of X reduces current through Y / reduces p.d. across Y / reduces power of Y ✓	1	
11	ii	2 A ✓ 24 / ecf current x 12 (W) ✓	2	one mark for each correct value no method needed accept power estimates in range 2.0 to 2.2 W not 2.34 (W) misreading graph scale accept 3.1 / 3.7 (W) (using $V_{\text{lamp}} = 12 - V_X$)
		given (p.d. \approx 2.3 V) 2.1 (W) ✓	1	
11	c	greater range of current / p.d. / power control ✓	1	accept AW or any sensible high level answer accept is able to turn lamp off not more efficient / accurate / precise / reliable / sensitive / resolution / easy to control / cheaper / safer / better
		from zero (to max 2A / 12 V / 24 W) ✓	1	
Total			9	
Section B total:			40	
Paper total:			60	

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