



# GCE

## Physics A

Advanced GCE

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

# Mark Scheme for January 2013

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## Annotations

The following annotations are available on the marking scheme:

/	=	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
(1)	=	separates marking points
allow	=	answers that can be accepted
not	=	answers which are not worthy of credit
reject	=	answers which are not worthy of credit
ignore	=	statements which are irrelevant
()	=	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

The following annotations are available in SCORIS.

Annotation	Meaning
	correct response
	incorrect response
	arithmetic error
	benefit of the doubt (where professional judgement has been used)
	benefit of the doubt <b>not</b> given
	error carried forward
	information omitted
	contradiction (in cases where candidates contradict themselves in the same response)

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Annotation	Meaning
	rounding error
	error in the number of significant figures
	error in the power of 10 in a calculation
	wrong physics or equation
	not answered question
	follow through

Highlighting is also available to highlight any particular points on the script.

The following questions should be annotated with ticks to show where marks have been awarded in the body of the text:  
Q5(e), 6(d), 7(a), 8(a) and Q9(a)

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**CATEGORISATION OF MARKS**

The marking schemes categorise marks on the MACB scheme.

**B** marks: These are awarded as independent marks, which do not depend on other marks. For a **B**-mark to be scored, the point to which it refers must be seen specifically in the candidate's answers.

**M** marks: These are method marks upon which **A**-marks (accuracy marks) later depend. For an **M**-mark to be scored, the point to which it refers must be seen in the candidate's answers. If a candidate fails to score a particular **M**-mark, then none of the dependent **A**-marks can be scored.

**C** marks: These are compensatory method marks which can be scored even if the points to which they refer are not written down by the candidate, providing subsequent working gives evidence that they must have known it. For example, if an equation carries a **C**-mark and the candidate does not write down the actual equation but does correct working which shows the candidate knew the equation, then the **C**-mark is given.

**A** marks: These are accuracy or answer marks, which either depend on an **M**-mark, or allow a **C**-mark to be scored.

**Note about significant figures and rounding errors:**

If the data given in a question is to 2 sf, then allow answers to 2 or more sf. If an answer is given to fewer than 2 sf, then penalise once only in the entire paper. Any exception to this rule will be mentioned in the Guidance.

Penalise a rounding error once only in the entire paper.

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Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a) (i)	Any <u>two</u> from: Correct direction of movement of electrons Electrons deposited on <b>Y</b> / removed from <b>X</b> An equal number of electrons removed and deposited on plates (AW)	B1 × 2	
	(ii)1	$Q = 40 \times 10^{-6} \times 100 (= 4.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ C})$ $4.0 \times 10^{-3} = 1.6 \times C$ $C = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (F)}$	C1 C1 A1	<b>Allow:</b> 2 marks for $2.5 \times 10^n \text{ (F)}$ , where $n \neq -3$ (POT error)
	(ii)2	Graph starts at <u>origin</u> and has positive gradient A straight line graph that passes between 1-2 V at 100 s	M1 A1	
	(b) (i)	$CR = 4.7 \times 10^{-6} \times 220 (= 1.03 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s})$ $4.00 = 6.00e^{-\frac{t}{1.03 \times 10^{-3}}}$ $t = -\ln(4.00 / 6.00) \times 1.03 \times 10^{-3}$ time = $4.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (s)}$	C1 C1 A1	<b>Note:</b> Answer to 3 sf is $4.19 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (s)}$ <b>Allow:</b> 2 marks for $t = -\lg(4.00 / 6.00) \times 1.03 \times 10^{-3} = 1.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}$
	(ii)	speed = $\frac{0.100}{4.2 \times 10^{-4}}$ speed = $240 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$	B1	Possible ecf from (b)(i)
<b>Total</b>			<b>11</b>	

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2	(a)	force per unit (positive) charge	B1	<b>Allow:</b> $E = \frac{F}{Q}$ , where $F$ = force on (a positive) charge $Q$
	(b) (i)	The direction is different (AW)	B1	
	(ii)	$E \propto 1/r^2$ or distance is doubled $\therefore E$ decreases by a factor of 4  electric field strength = $2.0 \times 10^5$ (N C <sup>-1</sup> )	C1  A1	<b>Not:</b> $E = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$ on its own <b>Allow</b> 1 sf answer
	(c) (i)	$F = \frac{Qq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$  $F_E = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \times (5.0 \times 10^{-11})^2}$  $F_E = 9.2 \times 10^{-8}$ (N)	C1  C1  A1	<b>Allow:</b> 1 mark if $Q = q = 1$ giving an answer of $3.6 \times 10^{30}$ (N)
	(ii)	$F_G = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \times 9.11 \times 10^{-31}}{(5.0 \times 10^{-11})^2}$  $F_G = 4.06 \times 10^{-47}$ (N)  ratio = $9.2 \times 10^{-8} / 4.06 \times 10^{-47}$  ratio = $2.3 \times 10^{39}$	C1      A1	<b>Note:</b> Deduct 1 mark if mass of two electrons or two protons is used, then ecf     <b>Possible ecf from (c)(i)</b>
	(iii)1	wavelength = $2.0 \times 10^{-10}$ (m) $\lambda = h / mv$  $p = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{2.0 \times 10^{-10}}$  $p = 3.3 \times 10^{-24}$ (kg m s <sup>-1</sup> )	C1   C1  A1	     <b>Possible ecf for incorrect wavelength</b>  <b>Note:</b> Answer to 3 sf is $3.32 \times 10^{-24}$ (kg m s <sup>-1</sup> ) <b>Allow:</b> 1 sf answer

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	(iii)2	$v = \frac{3.32 \times 10^{-24}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31}} (= 3.64 \times 10^6 \text{ m s}^{-1})$ $E_k = \frac{1}{2} \times 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \times (3.64 \times 10^6)^2$ $E_k = 6.0 \times 10^{-18} \text{ (J)}$ or $E_k = \frac{1}{2} p^2/m$ $E_k = \frac{1}{2} \times (3.32 \times 10^{-24})^2 / 9.11 \times 10^{-31}$ $E_k = 6.0 \times 10^{-18} \text{ (J)}$	C1 C1 A1 C1 C1 A1	Possible ecf from (iii)1 <b>Note:</b> Deduct 1 mark if mass of proton is used, then ecf  <b>Note:</b> Answer to 3 sf is $6.05 \times 10^{-18}$ (J) <b>Allow:</b> 1 sf answer  <b>Note:</b> Deduct 1 mark if mass of proton is used, then ecf
		<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	



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3	(a)	(Fleming's) left-hand rule	B1	
	(b)	The force is at right angles to the velocity (hence no work is done on the ions) / no (component of) force in the direction of motion / no (component of) acceleration in the direction of motion (AW)	B1	<b>Allow:</b> 'force is right angles to the motion'
	(c) (i)	$F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$ $\text{force} = \frac{1.2 \times 10^{-26} \times (4.0 \times 10^5)^2}{0.15}$ $\text{force} = 1.3 \times 10^{-14} \text{ (N)}$	C1 A1	<b>Note:</b> Answer to 3 sf is $1.28 \times 10^{-14}$ (N)
	(ii)	$F = BQv$ $1.28 \times 10^{-14} = B \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 4.0 \times 10^5$ $B = 0.20 \text{ (T)}$	C1 A1	Possible ecf from (c)(i) <b>Allow:</b> 1 sf answer of 0.2 (T)
	(iii)	$\text{number per second} = \frac{4.8 \times 10^{-9}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}}$ $\text{number per second} = 3.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$	C1 A1	<b>Allow:</b> 1 sf answer of $3 \times 10^{10}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )
	(d)	(height is smaller) hence less abundance (than lithium-7)  position suggests that the ions are less massive / lighter fewer neutrons (than lithium-7)	B1  B1	<b>Allow:</b> fewer / less (than lithium-7)
<b>Total</b>			<b>10</b>	

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4	(a) (i)	momentum / mass-energy / charge / proton number / baryon number / nucleon number	B1	<b>Not:</b> 'energy' on its own
	(ii)	Some basic labelling of neutron(s), Xe and Sr  Correct extension of diagram showing at least one of the neutrons interacting with <u>U-235</u> nucleus and producing neutron(s) and 'fragments'	B1  B1	
	(b) (i)	initial $m = 6.686 \times 10^{-27}$ (kg) or final $m = 6.681 \times 10^{-27}$ (kg) or $\Delta m = 0.005 \times 10^{-27}$ (kg)  $\Delta E = 0.005 \times 10^{-27} \times (3.0 \times 10^8)^2$  energy = $4.5 \times 10^{-13}$ (J)	C1  C1  A1	
	(ii)	kinetic (energy)	B1	<b>Not:</b> heat / sound <b>Allow:</b> (gamma) photons / EM radiation
	(iii)	$KE = \frac{3}{2} kT$ $KE = \frac{3}{2} \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 10^9$ $KE = 2.1 \times 10^{-14}$ (J)	C1  A1	<b>Allow:</b> 1 sf answer or $10^{-14}$ (J) because the temperature is given as $10^9$ K
	(iv)	Some nuclei will have KE greater than the mean KE (and hence cause fusion) (AW)	B1	
<b>Total</b>			<b>10</b>	



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6	(a)	(Fast-moving) electrons hit a metal / an anode The kinetic energy of the electrons is transferred into X-rays / photons / EM waves	B1 B1	<b>Allow:</b> (X-rays are produced by large) deceleration of electrons
	(b)	An X-ray photon interacts an electron (within the atom) The electron is ejected and the energy / frequency of the (scattered) photon is reduced	B1 B1	<b>Allow:</b> The electron is ejected and the wavelength of the (scattered) photon is increased
	(c) (i)	$I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$ $I = 3.0 \times 10^9 \times e^{-(6.5 \times 1.7)}$ intensity = $4.8 \times 10^4$ (W m <sup>-2</sup> )	C1 C1 A0	
	(ii)	power of beam = $4.8 \times 10^4 \times 5.0 \times 10^{-6}$ (= 0.24 W) power absorbed by tumour = 0.24/10 = 0.024 (W) time = 200/0.024 time = $8.3 \times 10^3$ (s)	C1 C1 A1	Possible ecf from (c)(i) <b>Allow:</b> 2 marks for $8.3 \times 10^2$ (s) if 10% is omitted <b>Note:</b> Using $5 \times 10^4$ (W m <sup>-2</sup> ) gives an answer of 8000 (s)
	(d)	X-ray beam passes through the patient at different angles / X-ray tube rotates around the patient A <u>thin</u> fan-shaped beam is used (AW) Images of 'slices' through the patient (in one plane are produced with the help of computer software) X-ray tube / detectors are moved along (the patient for the next slice through the patient) Advantage: 3D image / better contrast between different (soft) tissues	B1 B1 B1 B1 B1	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	

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7	(a)	<p>Any <u>six</u> from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protons / nuclei have spin or they behave like (tiny) magnets</li> <li>2. Protons precess around the magnetic field (provided by the strong electromagnet)</li> <li>3. The frequency of precession is known as the <i>Larmor frequency</i></li> <li>4. (Transmitting) coils provide (pulses of) radio waves (of frequency equal to the Larmor frequency)</li> <li>5. The protons absorb energy (from the radio waves) / resonate and enter into a high energy state (AW)</li> <li>6. When protons return back to their low energy state and they emit (photons of) radio waves</li> <li>7. The <i>relaxation time</i> is the (average) time taken for the protons to return back to their normal / low energy state</li> <li>8. The relaxation time depends on the tissues</li> </ol> <p>(A computer processes all the signals from the receiving coils and with the help of computer software generates a 3D image)</p>	B1 × 6	<p><b>Not:</b> Atoms / particles</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Must have reference to radio (waves) in 4 and 6</p> <p><b>Allow</b> 'excited' for 'high-energy state'</p> <p><b>Allow:</b> Relaxing protons emit radio waves</p>
	(b)	<p>Disadvantage: Patient with metallic objects cannot be scanned / patient has to remain still (for a long time) / confined space / difficult for patient suffering from claustrophobia / or another suitable suggestion</p> <p>Advantage: Non-ionising / non invasive / better contrast (between soft tissues) / or another suitable suggestion</p>	<p>B1</p> <p>B1</p>	<p><b>Not</b> '3 D image' because it is given in (a)</p>
<b>Total</b>			<b>8</b>	

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8	(a)	<p>Any <u>three</u> from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Interstellar dust and gas) cloud is drawn together by gravitational force / gravity</li> <li>Loss in (gravitational) PE / KE increases / temperature increases</li> <li>Fusion (of protons / hydrogen nuclei) takes place</li> <li>Energy is released in fusion reactions</li> <li>A stable star is formed when gravitational pressure is equal to internal / gas / radiation pressure</li> </ol> <p>QWC: The steps in the process are correctly sequenced</p>	<p>B1 × 3</p> <p>B1</p>	<b>Allow:</b> 'gravitational collapse'
	(b) (i)	<p>Any <u>two</u> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(extremely) dense / (very) hot / low luminosity</li> <li>no fusion reactions occur</li> <li>it is a remnant of a low-mass star</li> <li>correct reference to Fermi pressure / electron degeneracy / Chandrasekhar's limit</li> </ul>	B1 × 2	
	(ii)	<p>Red giant identified</p> <p>(It is cooler but has) large <u>surface</u> area (and therefore radiates large amounts of energy)</p>	<p>B1</p> <p>B1</p>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>8</b>	

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9	(a)	The night sky should be bright / have uniform brightness (but it is not) The line of sight ends on (the surface of a star) or 'number of stars $\propto r^2$ and intensity $\propto 1/r^2$ ' Any <u>two</u> assumptions about the Universe: Infinite / uniformly distributed matter or stars throughout / static / infinite age	B1 B1 B1	
	(b)	(recessional) speed of <u>galaxy</u> $\propto$ its distance (from the Earth) The universe is finite / it is expanding / it has a beginning / visible light is red-shifted (because of expansion of space) (AW)	B1 B1	<b>Allow:</b> $v = H_0 x$ , $v =$ (recessional) speed of galaxy, $x =$ distance and $H_0$ is Hubble constant / a constant
	(c) (i)	$v = H_0 x$ $3.4 \times 10^7 = H_0 \times 1.4 \times 10^{25}$ $H_0 = 2.4 \times 10^{-18}$ unit: $s^{-1}$	C1 A1 B1	<b>Note:</b> This is an independent mark <b>Note:</b> Allow full credit for an Hubble constant of 75 with unit $km\ s^{-1}\ Mpc^{-1}$
	(ii)1	age = $\frac{1}{2.4 \times 10^{-18}}$ age = $4.17 \times 10^{17}$ (s) age = $1.3 \times 10^{10}$ (years)	C1 A1	Possible ecf from (i)
	(ii)2	distance = $4.17 \times 10^{17} \times 3.0 \times 10^8$ (= $1.25 \times 10^{26}$ m) distance = $\frac{4.17 \times 10^{17} \times 3.0 \times 10^8}{3.1 \times 10^{16}}$ distance = $4.0 \times 10^9$ (pc)	C1 A1	Possible ecf from (ii)1
<b>Total</b>			<b>12</b>	

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