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QUESTION 1

- 1.1 D✓✓ (2)
- 1.2 D✓✓ (2)
- 1.3 B✓✓ (2)
- 1.4 D✓✓ (2)
- 1.5 A✓✓ (2)
- 1.6 C✓✓ (2)
- 1.7 B✓✓ (2)
- 1.8 A✓✓ (2)
- 1.9 A✓✓ (2)
- 1.10 C✓✓ (2)
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QUESTION 2

2.1

**Accepted labels**F F_a /applied force/50 N✓f (kinetic) friction/ F_f / f_k ✓T F_T /Tension/ F_{tension} ✓**Notes**

- Mark awarded for label and arrow.
- Do not penalise for length of arrows since drawing is not to scale.
- Any other additional force(s): Max $\frac{2}{3}$
- If everything correct, but no arrows: Max $\frac{2}{3}$

(3)

2.2

When a net force is applied on an object, the object will accelerate in the direction of the force and the acceleration is directly proportional to the force✓ and inversely proportional to the mass of the object.✓

(2)

Accept Newton's second law in terms of momentum

2.3.1

$$f_k = \mu_k N \checkmark$$

$$= 0,3[(6)(9,8) + (3)(9,8)] \checkmark$$

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2.3.2 $= 26,46 \text{ N} \checkmark$ (3)

POSITIVE MARKING FROM Q 2.3.1 LEFT AS NEGATIVE Block X $F_{\text{net}} = ma$ $-F + T + f = ma$ $-50 + T + 26,46 \checkmark = -6a \checkmark \dots\dots\dots(1)$	Block Y $F_{\text{net}} = ma$ $T = 3a \checkmark \dots\dots\dots(2)$
Solving equation (1) and (2): $-50 + 3a + 26,46 = -6a \checkmark$ $a = 2,62 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \checkmark$	
POSITIVE MARKING FROM Q 2.3.1 LEFT AS POSITIVE Block X $F_{\text{net}} = ma$ $F - T - f = ma$ $50 - T - 26,46 \checkmark = 6a \checkmark \dots\dots\dots(1)$	Block Y $F_{\text{net}} = ma$ $T = -3a \checkmark \dots\dots\dots(2)$
Solving equation (1) and (2): $+50 - 3a - 26,46 = +6a \checkmark$ $a = 2,62 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \checkmark$	

2.4.1 Each body in the universe attracts every other body with a force that is directly proportional to the product of their masses $\checkmark$ and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between their centres. $\checkmark$ (2)

If charges are mentioned $\frac{0}{2}$

2.4.2

OPTION 1 $F_{\text{planet M}} = \frac{1}{2} F_{\text{Earth}} \checkmark$ $\frac{G(2M_E)(m)}{x^2} \checkmark = \frac{1}{2} \frac{G(M_E)(m)}{R^2} \checkmark$ $x = 2R \checkmark$	OPTION 2 $g_{\text{planet M}} = \frac{1}{2} g_{\text{Earth}} \checkmark$ $\frac{G(2M_E)}{x^2} \checkmark = \frac{1}{2} \frac{G(M_E)}{R^2} \checkmark$ $x = 2R \checkmark$
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(4)
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**QUESTION 3**

3.1 0,6 m ✓ (1)

3.2.1	DOWNWARD AS POSITIVE $v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta y$ $= (1,5)^2 + 2(9,8)(2)$ ✓ $v_f = 6,44 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ✓	DOWNWARD AS NEGATIVE $v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta y$ $= (-1,5)^2 + 2(-9,8)(-2)$ ✓ $v_f = 6,44 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ✓
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(3)

3.2.2	OPTION 1 POSITIVE MARKING FROM Q 3.2.1 DOWNWARD AS POSITIVE $v_f = v_i + a\Delta t$ ✓ $6,44 = 1,5 + (9,8)\Delta t$ ✓ $\Delta t = 0,50 \text{ s}$ ✓	OPTION 1 POSITIVE MARKING FROM Q 3.2.1 DOWNWARD AS NEGATIVE $v_f = v_i + a\Delta t$ ✓ $-6,44 = -1,5 + (-9,8)\Delta t$ ✓ $\Delta t = 0,50 \text{ s}$ ✓
	OPTION 2 POSITIVE MARKING FROM Q 3.2.1 DOWNWARD AS POSITIVE $\Delta y = \left(\frac{v_i + v_f}{2}\right) \Delta t$ ✓ $2 = \left(\frac{1,5 + 6,44}{2}\right) \Delta t$ ✓ $\Delta t = 0,50$	OPTION 2 POSITIVE MARKING FROM Q 3.2.1 DOWNWARD AS NEGATIVE $\Delta y = \left(\frac{v_i + v_f}{2}\right) \Delta t$ ✓ $[-2 = \left(\frac{-1,5 + (-6,44)}{2}\right) \Delta t]$ ✓ $\Delta t = 0,50 \text{ s}$ ✓
	OPTION 3 DOWNWARD AS POSITIVE $\Delta y = v_i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a \Delta t^2$ ✓ $[2 = 1,5 \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} (9,8) \Delta t^2]$ ✓ $\Delta t = 0,50 \text{ s}$ ✓	OPTION 3 DOWNWARD AS NEGATIVE $\Delta y = v_i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a \Delta t^2$ ✓ $[-2 = -1,5 \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} (-9,8) \Delta t^2]$ ✓ $\Delta t = 0,50 \text{ s}$ ✓

(3)

3.2.3	OPTION 1 DOWNWARD AS POSITIVE $v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta y$ ✓ $0^2 = v_i^2 + 2(9,8)(-0,8)$ ✓ $v_i = 3,96 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$, upwards ✓	OPTION 1 DOWNWARD AS NEGATIVE $v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta y$ ✓ $0^2 = v_i^2 + 2(-9,8)(0,8)$ ✓ $v_i = 3,96 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$, upwards ✓
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(4)

3.3 **POSITIVE MARKING FROM QUESTION 3.2.1 & QUESTION 3.2.3**

$F_{\text{net}} \Delta t = m(v_f - v_i)$ ✓
 $F_{\text{net}}(0,2) = 0,5(3,96 - (-6,44))$ ✓
 $F_{\text{net}} = 26 \text{ N}$, upwards ✓

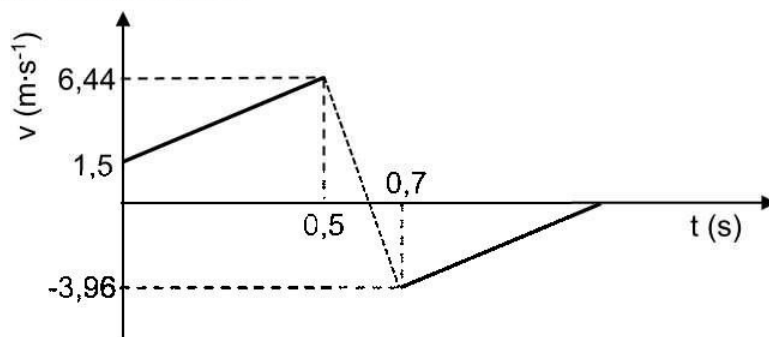
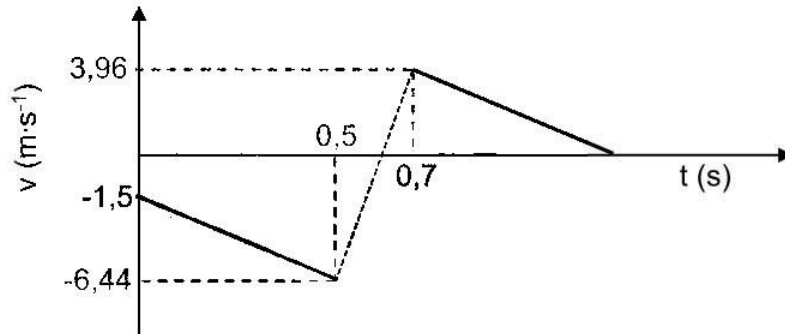
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3.4

POSITIVE MARKING FROM QUESTION 3.1 TO QUESTION 3.3**Criteria**

- First part starts at $v = 1,5 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ and ends at $6,44 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ✓
- Second part starts at $v = 3,96 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ until $v = 0 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ✓
- Shape (parallel lines) ✓
- Both axes labelled ✓

DOWNWARD AS POSITIVE**DOWNWARD AS NEGATIVE**(4)
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QUESTION 4

4.1 East✓ (1)

4.2 Newton's Third Law (of Motion) ✓

(Mark independently)

When object A exerts a force on object B, object B simultaneously exerts an oppositely directed force of equal magnitude on object A. ✓ ✓ (3)

4.3

**OPTION 1
TO THE LEFT AS POSITIVE**

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sum p_i &= \sum p_f \\ m_i v_{it} &= m_1 v_{f1} + m_2 v_{f2} \end{aligned} \right\} \checkmark \text{Any one}$$

$$0 \checkmark = 60v_{f1} + (4)(3) \checkmark$$

$$v_f = -0,20$$

$$\therefore v_f = 0,20 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \checkmark$$

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$$0 \checkmark = 60v_{f1} + (4)(-3) \checkmark$$

$$v_f = 0,20 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \checkmark$$

OPTION 2

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Delta p_{\text{boy}} &= -\Delta p_{\text{object}} \\ m_b(v_{bf} - v_{bi}) &= -m_o(v_{of} - v_{oi}) \end{aligned} \right\} \checkmark \text{Any one}$$

$$60(v_{bf} - 0) \checkmark = -4(3 - 0) \checkmark$$

$$v_{bf} = -0,20$$

$$\therefore v_{bf} = 0,20 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \checkmark$$

(4)

4.4.1 Increases ✓

(1)

4.4.2 Increases ✓

(1)

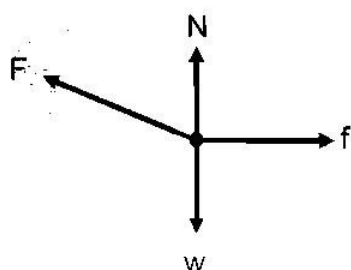
4.4.3 Δp_{object} increases✓, which causes Δp_{boy} to increase✓

(2)

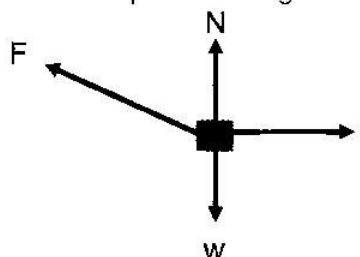
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QUESTION 5

5.1



Accept force diagram:

**Accepted labels**

w	F_g / F_w / weight/588 N/gravitational force ✓
F	F_a /applied force ✓
f	(kinetic) friction/ F_f / f_k ✓
N	F_N /Normal/ F_{normal} ✓

Notes

- Mark awarded for label **and** arrow.
- Do not penalise for **length** of arrows since drawing is not to scale.
- Any other additional **force(s)**: Max $\frac{3}{4}$
- If everything **correct**, but **no arrows**: Max/Maks $\frac{3}{4}$

(4)

- 5.2 Work done on an object by a constant force F is $F \Delta x \cos \theta$, where F is the magnitude of the force, Δx the magnitude of the displacement and θ the angle between the force and the displacement. ✓✓

OR

The work done on an object is the product of the force and the displacement of the object in the direction of the displacement. ✓✓

(2)

5.3

OPTION 1

$$W_{\text{net}} = \Delta K$$

$$W_F + W_f = \frac{1}{2}m(v_f^2 - v_i^2) \quad \left. \vphantom{W_F + W_f = \frac{1}{2}m(v_f^2 - v_i^2)} \right\} \text{Any one}$$

$$(80)(2)\cos\theta + (8)(2)\cos 180^\circ \quad \checkmark = \left[\frac{1}{2}(7)(1,5^2 - 0^2) \right] \quad \checkmark$$

$$\theta = 81,42^\circ \quad \checkmark$$

OPTION 2

$$W_{\text{nc}} = \Delta K + \Delta U$$

$$W_F + W_f = \frac{1}{2}m(v_f^2 - v_i^2) + mg(h_f - h_i) \quad \left. \vphantom{W_F + W_f = \frac{1}{2}m(v_f^2 - v_i^2) + mg(h_f - h_i)} \right\} \text{Any one}$$

$$(80)(2)\cos\theta + (8)(2)\cos 180^\circ \quad \checkmark = \left[\frac{1}{2}(7)(1,5^2 - 0^2) + 0 \right] \quad \checkmark$$

$$\theta = 81,42^\circ \quad \checkmark$$

(4)

- 5.4 Increases ✓✓

(2)

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QUESTION 6

6.1 Frequency✓ (1)

6.2 The sound source (bat) and the listener (bird watcher) have different velocities relative to the medium of sound propagation. ✓✓ (2)

6.3 0,4 m✓ (1)

$$6.4.1 \quad v = f \times \lambda \checkmark$$

$$340 = f \times 0,4 \checkmark$$

$$f = 850 \text{ Hz} \checkmark \quad (3)$$

6.4.2 **POSITIVE MARKING FROM QUESTION 6.4.1**

$$f_L = \frac{v \pm v_L}{v \pm v_s} f_s \quad \checkmark \quad \text{Any one}$$

$$f_L = \frac{v}{v - v_s} \cdot f_s$$

$$850 \checkmark = \frac{340}{340 + v_s} \checkmark (875) \checkmark$$

$$v_s = 10 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \text{ (away from the batwatcher)} \checkmark$$

(5)
[12]**QUESTION 7**

$$7.1 \quad Q = \frac{Q_1 + Q_2}{2}$$

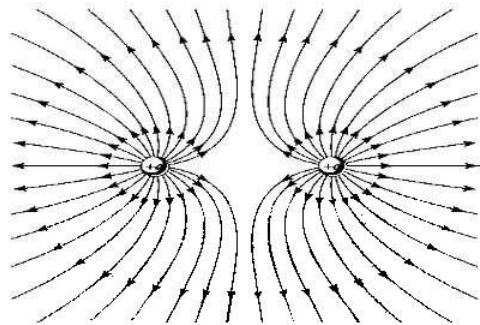
$$= \frac{(9 \times 10^{-6}) + (-5 \times 10^{-6})}{2} \checkmark$$

$$= 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} \checkmark$$

Accept $Q = \frac{(9\mu\text{C}) + (-5\mu\text{C})}{2} \checkmark$
 $= 2\mu\text{C} \checkmark$ (2)

7.2

Criteria for sketch	Marks
Correct direction of field lines	✓
Shape of electric field	✓
Field lines not crossing each other / Field lines start from sphere / No field lines inside the spheres	✓



(3)



7.3

$F_{RT} = \frac{kQ_1Q_2}{r^2} \checkmark$ $= \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(2 \times 10^{-6})(1 \times 10^{-6})}{(0,1)^2} \checkmark$ $= 1,8 \text{ N to the right}$	$F_{ST} = \frac{(9 \times 10^9)(2 \times 10^{-6})(1 \times 10^{-6})}{(0,2)^2} \checkmark$ $= 0,45 \text{ N to the left}$
$F_{\text{net}} = \frac{1,8 + (-0,45)}{1} \checkmark$ $= 1,35 \text{ N to the right} \checkmark$	

(5)

7.4

Electrostatic force experienced per unit positive charge placed (at that point).✓✓

(2)

7.5

POSITIVE MARKING FROM QUESTION 7.3**OPTION 1**

$$E = \frac{F}{q} \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{1,35}{1 \times 10^{-6}} \checkmark$$

$$= \underline{1,35 \times 10^6 \text{ N} \cdot \text{C}^{-1} \text{ to the right}} \checkmark$$

(3)

OPTION 2

$$E = \frac{kQ}{r^2}$$

$$E_1 = \frac{(9,0 \times 10^9)(2 \times 10^{-6})}{(0,1)^2}$$

$$= 1,80 \times 10^6 \text{ N} \cdot \text{C}^{-1} \text{ to the right} \checkmark$$

$$E_2 = \frac{(9,0 \times 10^9)(2 \times 10^{-6})}{(0,2)^2}$$

$$= 4,50 \times 10^5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{C}^{-1} \text{ to the left} \checkmark$$

$$E_{\text{net}} = 1,80 \times 10^6 \text{ N} - 4,50 \times 10^5$$

$$= \underline{1,35 \times 10^6 \text{ N} \cdot \text{C}^{-1} \text{ to the right}} \checkmark$$

(3)

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QUESTION 8

8.1 12 V ✓ (1)

8.2.1 $I = \frac{V}{R}$ ✓
 $= \frac{6}{8}$ ✓
 $= 0,75\text{ A}$ ✓ (3)

8.2.2

OPTION 1	OPTION 2
$\frac{1}{R_p} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$ ✓ $= \frac{1}{14} + \frac{1}{12}$ ✓ $R_p = 6,46\ \Omega$ ✓	$R_p = \frac{R_1 \times R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$ ✓ $= \frac{14 \times 12}{14 + 12}$ ✓ $= 6,45\ \Omega$ ✓

(3)

8.2.3 **POSITIVE MARKING FROM QUESTION 8.1 & 8.2.2**

$$\varepsilon = I(R+r)$$

$$12 = 0,75(6,46 + 18 + r)$$

$$r = 1,54\ \Omega$$

(4)

8.2.4

OPTION 1 POSITIVE MARKING FROM QUESTION 8.2.1 & 8.2.2	OPTION 2 POSITIVE MARKING FROM QUESTION 8.2.1
$V_{II} = IR$ $= (0,75)(6,46)$ ✓ $= 4,845\text{ V}$ $I_{12\Omega} = \frac{V}{R}$ ✓ $= \frac{4,845}{12}$ ✓ $= 0,404\text{ A}$ ✓	$V_{lost} = Ir$ $= (0,75)(1,54)$ $= 1,155\text{ V}$ $V_{12\Omega} = \frac{12 - 1,155 - 6}{1}$ ✓ $= 4,845\text{ V}$ $I_{12\Omega} = \frac{V}{R}$ ✓ $I_{12\Omega} = \frac{4,845}{12}$ ✓ $= 0,404\text{ A}$ ✓

(4)

8.3

$$\text{Cost} = P \times \Delta t \times \text{tariff}$$

$$= 3,5 \times \frac{50}{60} \times 2,65$$

$$= \text{R}7,73$$

(4)

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**QUESTION 9**

9.1 Split ring (commutator) ✓ **Accept: Commutator** (1)

9.2 Anticlockwise ✓✓ (2)

9.3 Electrical to mechanical ✓ (1)

9.4.1
$$V_{\text{rms}} = \frac{V_{\text{max}}}{\sqrt{2}} \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{311}{\sqrt{2}} \checkmark$$

$$= 220 \text{ V} \checkmark$$
 (3)

9.4.2

POSITIVE MARKING FROM QUESTION 9.4.1

$$P_{\text{ave}} = \frac{V_{\text{rms}}^2}{R}$$

$$= \frac{220^2}{30} \checkmark$$

$$= 1\,613,33 \text{ W}$$

OPTION 1

$$P_{\text{ave}} = I_{\text{rms}} V_{\text{rms}} \checkmark$$

$$1\,613,33 = I_{\text{rms}} (220) \checkmark$$

$$I_{\text{rms}} = 7,33 \text{ A} \checkmark$$

OPTION 2

$$P_{\text{ave}} = I_{\text{rms}}^2 R \checkmark$$

$$1\,613,33 = I_{\text{rms}}^2 (30) \checkmark$$

$$I_{\text{rms}} = 7,33 \text{ A} \checkmark$$

OPTION 3

$$R = \frac{V_{\text{rms}}}{I_{\text{rms}}} \checkmark$$

$$30 = \frac{220}{I_{\text{rms}}} \checkmark$$

$$I_{\text{rms}} = 7,33 \text{ A} \checkmark$$

(4)

[11]



QUESTION 10

10.1 Minimum frequency of light needed to emit electrons from a certain metal surface. ✓✓ (2)

10.2 $7,2 \times 10^{14}$ Hz ✓✓ (2)

10.3 **OPTION 1**

POSITIVE MARKING FROM QUESTION 10.2

$$E_{k(max)} = hf - hf_0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$X = (6,63 \times 10^{-34})(1 \times 10^{15}) \checkmark - (6,63 \times 10^{-34})(7,2 \times 10^{14}) \checkmark$$

$$= 1,86 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \quad \checkmark$$

(4)

OPTION 2

$$\text{Gradient} = \frac{E_{k(max)2} - E_{k(max)1}}{f_2 - f_1} \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

$$6,63 \times 10^{-34} = \frac{X - 0}{10 \times 10^{14} - 7,2 \times 10^{14}}$$

$$x = 1,86 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} \quad \checkmark$$

(4)

10.4 Remains the same ✓

Intensity does not affect kinetic energy of the photons ✓

OR

Only frequency affects $E_{k(max)}$

OR

The frequency remains the same.

(2)

[10]**TOTAL:****150**