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for the guidance of teachers**

**9702 PHYSICS**

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Paper 2 (AS Structured Questions), maximum raw mark 60

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1	$10^{-9}$ .....	B1	
	c .....	B1	
	mega .....	B1	
	tera .....	B1	[4]
2	(a) scalar .....	B1	
	scalar .....	B1	
	vector .....	B1	[3]
	(b) (i) 1 gradient (of graph) is the speed/velocity ( <i>can be scored here or in 2</i> ).....	B1	
	<u>initial gradient</u> is zero .....	B1	[2]
	2 gradient (of line/graph) becomes constant .....	B1	[1]
	(ii) speed = $(2.8 \pm 0.1) \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .....	A2	[2]
	( <i>if answer &gt; <math>\pm 0.1</math> but <math>\leq \pm 0.2</math>, then award 1 mark</i> )		
	(iii) curved line never below given line and starts from zero .....	B1	
	continuous curve with increasing gradient .....	B1	
	line never vertical or straight .....	B1	[3]
3	(a) <i>either</i> energy (stored)/work done represented by area under graph		
	or energy = <u>average</u> force $\times$ extension .....	B1	
	energy = $\frac{1}{2} \times 180 \times 4.0 \times 10^{-2}$ .....	C1	
	= 3.6 J .....	A1	[3]
	(b) (i) <i>either</i> momentum before release is zero .....	M1	
	so sum of <u>momenta</u> (of trolleys) after release is zero .....	A1	
	or force = rate of change of momentum (M1)		
	force on trolleys equal and opposite (A1)		
	or impulse = change in momentum (M1)		
	impulse on each equal and opposite (A1)		[2]
	(ii) 1 $M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$ .....	B1	[1]
	2 $E = \frac{1}{2} M_1V_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} M_2V_2^2$ .....	B1	[1]
	(iii) 1 $E_K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ and $p = mv$ combined to give .....	M1	
	$E_K = p^2 / 2m$ .....	A0	[1]
	2 $m$ smaller, $E_K$ is larger because $p$ is the same/constant .....	M1	
	so trolley B .....	A0	[1]

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- 4 (a) when a wave (front) passes by/incident on an edge/slit ..... M1  
 wave bends/spreads (into the geometrical shadow) ..... A1 [2]
- (b)  $\tan \theta = \frac{38}{165}$   
 $\theta = 13^\circ$  ..... C1  
 $d \sin \theta = n\lambda$  ..... C1  
 $d = 2.82 \times 10^{-6}$  ..... C1  
 number =  $(1/d) 3.6 \times 10^5$  ..... A1 [4]
- (c) P remains in same position ..... B1  
 X and Y rotate through  $90^\circ$  ..... B1 [2]
- (d) *either* screen not parallel to grating  
*or* grating not normal to (incident) light ..... B1 [1]
- 5 (a) region/area where a charge experiences a force ..... B1 [1]
- (b) (i) left-hand sphere (+), right-hand sphere (-) ..... B1 [1]
- (ii) 1 correct region labelled C within 10 mm of central part of plate  
 otherwise within 5 mm of plate ..... B1 [1]
- 2 correct region labelled D area of field not included for (b)(ii)1 ..... B1 [1]
- (c) (i) arrows through P and N in correct directions ..... B1 [1]
- (ii) torque = force  $\times$  perpendicular distance (between forces) ..... C1  
 $= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 5.0 \times 10^4 \times 2.8 \times 10^{-10} \times \sin 30$   
 $= 1.1 \times 10^{-24} \text{ N m}$  ..... A1 [2]
- 6 (a) (i)  $P = VI$  ..... C1  
 $60 = 12 \times I$   
 $I = 5.0 \text{ A}$  ..... A1 [2]
- (ii) *either*  $V = IR$  *or*  $P = I^2 R$  *or*  $P = V^2 / R$  ..... C1  
*either*  $12 = 5 \times R$  *or*  $60 = 5^2 \times R$  *or*  $60 = 12^2 / R$  ..... M1  
 $R = 2.4 \Omega$  ..... A0 [2]
- (b)  $R = \rho L / A$  ..... C1  
 $A = \pi \times (0.4 \times 10^{-3})^2 (= 5.03 \times 10^{-7})$  ..... C1  
 $L = (2.4 \times 5.03 \times 10^{-7}) / (1.0 \times 10^{-6})$   
 $= 1.2 \text{ m}$  ..... A1 [3]
- (c) resistance is halved ..... M1  
*either* current is doubled *or* power  $\propto 1/R$  ..... M1  
 power is doubled ..... A1 [3]

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- 7 (a) nuclei/atoms with same proton number/atomic number ..... B1  
nuclei/atoms contain different numbers of neutrons/different atomic mass ..... B1 [2]
- (b) (i) 92 ..... A1 [1]  
(ii) 146 ..... A1 [1]
- (c) (i) mass =  $238 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27}$  ..... C1  
=  $3.95 \times 10^{-25}$  kg ..... A1 [2]
- (ii) volume =  $\frac{4}{3} \pi \times (8.9 \times 10^{-15})^3$  (=  $2.95 \times 10^{-42}$ ) ..... C1  
density =  $(3.95 \times 10^{-25}) / (2.95 \times 10^{-42})$   
=  $1.3 \times 10^{17}$  kg m<sup>-3</sup> ..... A1 [2]
- (d) nucleus contains most of mass of atom ..... B1  
either nuclear diameter/volume very much less than that of atom  
or atom is mostly (empty) space ..... B1 [2]