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MARK SCHEME

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptions for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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Mathematics-Specific Marking Principles

1 Unless a particular method has been specified in the question, full marks may be awarded for any correct method. However, if a calculation is required then no marks will be awarded for a scale drawing.

2 Unless specified in the question, non-integer answers may be given as fractions, decimals or in standard form. Ignore superfluous zeros, provided that the degree of accuracy is not affected.

3 Allow alternative conventions for notation if used consistently throughout the paper, e.g. commas being used as decimal points.

4 Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, e.g. wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored (isw).

5 Where a candidate has misread a number or sign in the question and used that value consistently throughout, provided that number does not alter the difficulty or the method required, award all marks earned and deduct just 1 A or B mark for the misread.

6 Recovery within working is allowed, e.g. a notation error in the working where the following line of working makes the candidate's intent clear.

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Annotations guidance for centres

Examiners use a system of annotations as a shorthand for communicating their marking decisions to one another. Examiners are trained during the standardisation process on how and when to use annotations. The purpose of annotations is to inform the standardisation and monitoring processes and guide the supervising examiners when they are checking the work of examiners within their team. The meaning of annotations and how they are used is specific to each component and is understood by all examiners who mark the component.

We publish annotations in our mark schemes to help centres understand the annotations they may see on copies of scripts. Note that there may not be a direct correlation between the number of annotations on a script and the mark awarded. Similarly, the use of an annotation may not be an indication of the quality of the response.

The annotations listed below were available to examiners marking this component in this series.

Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	More information required
	Accuracy mark awarded zero
	Accuracy mark awarded one
	Accuracy mark awarded two
	Accuracy mark awarded three
	Independent mark awarded zero
	Independent mark awarded one
	Independent mark awarded two
	Independent mark awarded three
	Benefit of the doubt
	Communication mark
	Incorrect
	Follow through
Highlighter	Highlight a key point in the working
	Ignore subsequent work
	Method mark awarded zero
	Method mark awarded one
	Method mark awarded two
	Method mark awarded three

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Annotation	Meaning
MR	Misread
O	Omission
Off-page comment	Allows comments to be entered at the bottom of the RM marking window and then displayed when the associated question item is navigated to.
On-page comment	Allows comments to be entered in speech bubbles on the candidate response.
Pre	Premature rounding/approximation
SC	Special case
SEEN	Indicates that work/page has been seen
TE	Transcription error
	Correct
XP	Correct answer from incorrect working

MARK SCHEME NOTES

The following notes are intended to aid interpretation of mark schemes in general, but individual mark schemes may include marks awarded for specific reasons outside the scope of these notes.

Types of mark

M Method marks, awarded for a valid method applied to the problem.

A Accuracy mark, awarded for a correct answer or intermediate step correctly obtained. For accuracy marks to be given, the associated Method mark must be earned or implied.

B Mark for a correct result or statement independent of Method marks.

When a part of a question has two or more 'method' steps, the M marks are in principle independent unless the scheme specifically says otherwise; and similarly where there are several B marks allocated. The notation 'dep' is used to indicate that a particular M or B mark is dependent on an earlier mark in the scheme.

Abbreviations

awrt answers which round to
cao correct answer only
dep dependent
FT follow through after error
isw ignore subsequent working
nfww not from wrong working
oe or equivalent
rot rounded or truncated
SC Special Case
soi seen or implied

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	$-8 + 4a - 2b - 2 = 0$ oe	**B1**	
	$27 + 9a + 3b - 2 = 40$ oe	**B1**	
	Solves *their* linear equations in a and b to find the value of one unknown	**M1**	
	$a = 2$ and $b = -1$ nfww	**A2**	**A1** for $a = 2$ or $b = -1$
2	Correct graph of $y = \lvert x - 2 \rvert$ AND $x \leqslant -2.5$, $x \geqslant -0.25$	**3**	**B1** for correct graph of $y = \lvert x - 2 \rvert$ and **B1** for $x \leqslant -2.5$ or $x \geqslant -0.25$ or **B1 STRICT FT** for *their* critical values from the two intersections of *their* straight-line section of graph providing it has negative gradient

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3(a)	4! × 3! oe	**M1**	
	144	**A1**	
3(b)	${}^4C_2 \times {}^9C_5 + {}^4C_3 \times {}^9C_4 + {}^4C_4 \times {}^9C_3$ oe	**M2**	**M1** for one correct product
	1344	**A1**	
	Alternative method		
	${}^{13}C_7 - ({}^4C_1 \times {}^9C_6 + {}^9C_7)$ oe	**(M2)**	**M1** for ${}^{13}C_7 - {}^4C_1 \times {}^9C_6$ or ${}^{13}C_7 - {}^9C_7$ oe
	1344	**(A1)**	
4(a)	$\frac{(1-\sin x)^2 + \cos^2 x}{\cos x(1-\sin x)}$ or $\frac{1-2\sin x+\sin^2 x+\cos^2 x}{\cos x(1-\sin x)}$ oe	**M1**	Common denominator
	$\frac{2-2\sin x}{\cos x(1-\sin x)}$ oe	**A1**	Use of $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$
	$\frac{2(1-\sin x)}{\cos x(1-\sin x)}$ and correct completion to given answer, 2sec x	**A1**	Fully justified with sufficient detail
4(b)	$\cos\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{2}{3}$ oe	**M1**	
	At least one correct half angle: 48.19[89…] or 311.8[10…]	**A1**	
	$[\theta =]$ 96.4 or 96.37[9…], 623.6 or 623.62[06…]	**A1**	and no other angles in range
5(a)	$(x-4)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 40$ oe, isw or $x^2 + y^2 - 8x - 4y - 20 = 0$ oe, isw	**B2**	**B1** for $r^2 = 40$ or $r = \sqrt{40}$ oe, soi
5(b)	$16 + (y-2)^2 = 40$ oe	**M1**	**FT** *their* equation of the circle providing it is the equation of a circle
	$(y-2)^2 = 24$ or $y^2 - 4y - 20 = 0$	**A1**	Obtain correct quadratic equation in any form
	$(0, 2 \pm \sqrt{24})$ isw or equivalent exact form	**A1**	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	$\ln y = mx + c$ soi	**B1**	
	Correct method to find m e.g. $m = \frac{\ln 75 - \ln 15}{2 - 1}$ oe or $-m = \ln 15 - \ln 75$ oe OR $m = \ln 5$ oe	**M1**	**FT** *their c* if necessary
	Correct method to find c e.g. $\ln 15 =$ *their*$(\ln 5)$ [1] $+ c$ oe or $\ln 75 =$ *their*$(\ln 5)$ (2) $+ c$ oe or $\ln 75 = 2(\ln 15 - c) + c$ oe OR $c = \ln 3$ oe, soi	**M1**	**FT** *their m* if necessary
	$y = 3 \times 5^x$ nfww, mark final answer	**A1**	
7	$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \frac{2x+2}{x^2+2x}$	**2**	**B1** for $\frac{d(-\ln(x^2+2x))}{dx} = \frac{1}{x^2+2x} \times f(x)$ soi
	Equates *their* first derivative to 0 and simplifies as far as $2(x + 1) = x(x + 2)$ oe	**M1**	**FT** *their* $\frac{dy}{dx}$
	$x^2 - 2 = 0$ or $x^2 = 2$	**A1**	
	$x = \sqrt{2}$ $[x = -\sqrt{2}]$	**A1**	
	Justification that the negative solution should be rejected e.g. $x = -\sqrt{2}$ results in $y = 2 - \ln(2 - 2\sqrt{2})$ which is impossible	**B1**	
8(a)(i)	[Velocity:] $\frac{(2t-3)^3}{3 \times 2}$ $(+ c)$	**M1**	Allow for $k(2t - 3)^3$
	$\frac{(2 \times 3 - 3)^3}{6} + c = 6$ $[c = \frac{3}{2}]$	**M1**	Correct calculation which can be used to find c
	[Velocity at time t] $= \frac{(2t-3)^3}{6} + \frac{3}{2}$ oe	**A1**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
8(a)(ii)	$\frac{(2t-3)^3}{6} + \frac{3}{2} = 0$	**M1**	**FT** *their* expression for v in terms of t providing of the form $\frac{(2t-3)^3}{a} + b$ where a and b are non-zero constants
	$2t - 3 = \sqrt[3]{-9}$ or $2t - 3 = -2.08[0\ldots]$oe	**A1**	
	$t = \frac{3+\sqrt[3]{-9}}{2}$ oe isw or $t = 0.46[0]$ or $0.4599[\ldots]$	**A1**	
8(a)(iii)	[Displacement:] $\frac{(2t-3)^4}{4\times2\times6} + \frac{3}{2}t\ (+d)$	**M1**	**FT** *their* expression for v in terms of t providing of the form $\frac{(2t-3)^3}{a} + b$ where a and b are non-zero constants
	$\frac{(2\times2.5-3)^4}{48} + \frac{3}{2}(2.5) + d = 4$	**M1**	Correct calculation which can be used to find d
	[Displacement:] $\frac{(2t-3)^4}{48} + \frac{3}{2}t - \frac{1}{12}$	**A1**	
	[Displacement at $t = 3$] $\frac{293}{48}$ oe isw or $6.1[0]$ oe	**A1**	
8(b)	$\frac{dv}{dt} = (2t - 3)^2$ oe, soi or $\frac{d}{dt}(\textit{their } v) = k(2t-3)^2$ where k is a non-zero constant	**B1**	**FT** *their* expression for v in terms of t providing of the form $\frac{(2t-3)^3}{a} + b$ where a and b are non-zero constants, if necessary
	Correct small changes relationship: $\frac{\delta v}{0.02} = \textit{their}(2 \times 2.5 - 3)^2$ oe	**M1**	**FT** $\textit{their}\left.\frac{dv}{dt}\right\|_{t=2.5}$
	$\delta v = 0.08$	**A1**	
9(a)	$2\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)$ or $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{64-25-25}{-2(5)(5)}\right)$ oe	**M1**	
	1.85 or 1.854 to 1.855	**A1**	
9(b)(i)	5 × *their* 1.85 [×2]	**M1**	**FT** *their* 1.85 providing it is less than 2π
	18.5 or 18.54 to 18.55	**A1**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
9(b)(ii)	$\frac{1}{2} \times 5^2 \times$ *their* 1.85	**M1**	**FT** *their* 1.85 providing it is less than 2π
	Correct plan e.g. $\left[2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times\right] 5^2$ (*their* 1.85– sin(*their* 1.85)	**M1**	**dep** previous **M1**
	22.4 or 22.21 to 22.38 nfww	**A1**	
10	$n = 7$ soi	**B1**	
	$5 \times \frac{7 \times 6}{2} \times 2^5 \times a^2 = 30240$ oe	**B1**	
	$5 \times 7 \times 2^6 \times a = b^2$	**B1**	
	$a = 3$ only, nfww	**B1**	
	$b = \pm\sqrt{6720}$ oe, isw, nfww	**B1**	
			If first **B1** only scored then **SC1** for $a = 3\sqrt{5}$ or $\sqrt{45}$ or 6.71 or 6.708[2…] only and **SC1** for $b = \pm\sqrt{1344\sqrt{5}}$ or ±54.8[2…]
11(a)	Correct use of $\pi r^2 h = 330$ to find an expression that can be used to eliminate h e.g. $h = \frac{330}{\pi r^2}$ or $\pi r h = \frac{330}{r}$	**M2**	**M1** for $\pi r^2 h = 330$ soi
	Correct substitution and completion to given answer e.g. $2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r \times \frac{330}{\pi r^2} = 2\pi r^2 + \frac{660}{r}$	**A1**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
11(b)	Correct derivative: $4\pi r - 660r^{-2}$, isw	**B2**	**B1** for one correct term
	$4\pi r - \frac{660}{r^2} = 0$ and solves for r	**M1**	**FT** *their* derivative providing that at least one term is correct
	$r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{660}{4\pi}}$ oe, isw or 3.74 or 3.744[94…] rot to 3 or more dp	**A1**	
	Second derivative $\frac{d^2S}{dr^2} = 4\pi + 1320r^{-3}$ **and** When $r = 3.74$, $\frac{d^2S}{dr^2} > 0$ oe [hence minimum] or $\frac{d^2S}{dr^2} = 12\pi$ or 37 to 38 [hence minimum] or as $r > 0$, $\frac{d^2S}{dr^2} > 0$ [hence minimum] OR correctly finds the values of the first derivative at 3.74 oe $\pm h$, where h is small [hence minimum]	**A1**	**dep** on previous mark
12(a)	$\begin{pmatrix} 5\sqrt{3}\cos 60 \\ 5\sqrt{3}\sin 60 \end{pmatrix}$ oe or $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{15}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ oe $\begin{pmatrix} 10\cos 30 \\ 10\sin 30 \end{pmatrix}$ oe or $\begin{pmatrix} 5\sqrt{3} \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ oe	**2**	**B1** for each or for correct components not stated in vector form

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
12(b)	$t\begin{pmatrix}\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}\\ \frac{15}{2}\end{pmatrix}$ oe and $\begin{pmatrix}0\\1000\end{pmatrix}+(t-100)\begin{pmatrix}5\sqrt{3}\\5\end{pmatrix}$ oe	**2**	**B1** for each
	$\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}t = 5\sqrt{3}(t-100)$ and $\frac{15}{2}t = 1000 + 5(t-100)$ oe OR finds the magnitude d, or d^2, for $\begin{pmatrix}\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}t\\ \frac{15}{2}t\end{pmatrix}-\begin{pmatrix}5\sqrt{3}t-500\sqrt{3}\\5t+500\end{pmatrix}$ and equates to 0	**2**	**M1 FT** for one correct equation from *their* displacement vectors or for *their* $\begin{pmatrix}\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}t\\ \frac{15}{2}t\end{pmatrix}-\begin{pmatrix}5\sqrt{3}t-500\sqrt{3}\\5t+500\end{pmatrix}$
	$t = 200$ obtained from both equations OR as the only solution from $d = 0$ [hence collide]	**A1**	
	Alternative method		
	$(t+100)\begin{pmatrix}\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}\\ \frac{15}{2}\end{pmatrix}$ oe and $\begin{pmatrix}0\\1000\end{pmatrix}+t\begin{pmatrix}5\sqrt{3}\\5\end{pmatrix}$ oe	**(2)**	**B1** for each
	$\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}(t+100) = 5\sqrt{3}t$ and $\frac{15}{2}(t+100) = 1000 + 5t$ oe OR finds the magnitude d, or d^2, for $\begin{pmatrix}\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}t+250\sqrt{3}\\7.5t+750\end{pmatrix}-\begin{pmatrix}5\sqrt{3}t\\5t+1000\end{pmatrix}$ and equates to 0	**(2)**	**M1 FT** for one correct equation from *their* displacement vectors or for *their* $\begin{pmatrix}\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}t+250\sqrt{3}\\7.5t+750\end{pmatrix}-\begin{pmatrix}5\sqrt{3}t\\5t+1000\end{pmatrix}$
	$t = 100$ obtained from both equations OR as the only solution from $d = 0$ [hence collide]	**(A1)**	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
13	$\sin\theta(2\sin^2\theta - 3\cos\theta)$ [= 0]	**B1**	
	[$\sin\theta = 0$] $\theta = 0$ and no other solutions in range from this factor	**B1**	
	$2(1 - \cos^2\theta) = 3\cos\theta$ oe	**M1**	
	Write in solvable form: $-2\cos^2\theta - 3\cos\theta + 2$ [= 0] oe	**A1**	
	Factorises or solves *their* 3-term quadratic in $\cos\theta$ e.g. $(2\cos\theta - 1)(\cos\theta + 2)$ [= 0]	**M1**	
	$\theta = \pm\frac{\pi}{3}$ or ± 1.05 or ± 1.047[19…] and no other solutions in range from this factor	**A1**	

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