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1 **A1** (a) scalars: energy, power and time

A1 [2] vectors: momentum and weight

(b) (i) triangle with right angles between 120 m and 80 m, arrows in correct direction and result displacement from start to finish arrow in correct direction and labelled R

B1 [1]

average speed (= 200/27) = $7.4 \,\mathrm{m \, s^{-1}}$ (ii) 1.

A1 [1]

resultant displacement (= $[120^2 + 80^2]^{1/2}$) = 144 (m)

C₁

average velocity (= 144/27) = 5.3(3) m s⁻¹

A1

direction (= $tan^{-1} 80/120$) = 34° (33.7)

A1 [3]

2 (a) systematic: the reading is larger or smaller than (or varying from) the true reading by a constant amount

B1

random: scatter in readings about the true reading

B1 [2]

(b) precision: the size of the smallest division (on the measuring instrument)

B1

accuracy: how close (diameter) value is to the true (diameter) value

B1 [2]

3 (a) (gravitational potential energy is) the energy/ability to do work of a mass that it has or is stored due to its position/height in a gravitational field

B1

kinetic energy is energy/ability to do work a object/body/mass has due to its speed/velocity/motion/movement

B1 [2]

(b) (i) s = [(u + v)t]/2

 $s = 2.3(4) \,\mathrm{m}$

0.01 mm for the micrometer

or acceleration = 9.8/9.75 (using gradient)

C1

$$= [(7.8 + 3.9) \times 0.4]/2$$

=
$$[(7.8 + 3.9) \times 0.4]/2$$
 or $s = 3.9 \times 0.4 + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.75 \times (0.4)^2$

A1 [3]

(ii)
$$a = (v - u)/t$$
 or gradient of line

C₁

C1

=
$$(7.8 - 3.9)/0.4 = 9.8 (9.75) \text{ m s}^{-2}$$
 (allow $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ small square in readings)

Α1

[2]

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(iii	i) KE = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$		C1	



(iii) KE =
$$\frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

change in kinetic energy =
$$\frac{1}{2} mv^2 - \frac{1}{2} mu^2$$

= $\frac{1}{2} \times 1.5 \times (7.8^2 - 3.9^2)$

C1

$$= 34 (34.22) J$$

A1

[3]

(c) work done = force × distance (moved) or Fd or Fx or mgh or mgd or mgx

M1

=
$$1.5 \times 9.8 \times 2.3 = 34$$
 (33.8) J (equals the change in KE)

A1 [2]

4 (a) (resultant force = 0) (equilibrium)

5.3 (N) - upthrust = 4.8 (N)

therefore: weight – upthrust = force from thin wire (allow tension in wire)

B1 [1]

(b) difference in weight = upthrust or upthrust = 0.5 (N)

 $0.5 = \rho ghA$ or m = 0.5/9.81 and $V = 5.0 \times 13 \times 10^{-6}$ (m³)

C1

$$\rho = 0.5/(9.81 \times 5.0 \times 13 \times 10^{-6})$$

C1

$$= 780 (784) \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

Α1 [3]

5 (a) the total momentum of a system (of colliding particles) remains constant M1

provided there is no resultant external force acting on the system/isolated or closed system

Α1 [2]

(b) (i) the total kinetic energy before (the collision) is equal to the total kinetic energy after (the collision)

B1 [1]

(ii)
$$p = mv = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \times 500 = 8.4 (8.35) \times 10^{-25} \text{ Ns}$$

Α1 [1]

(iii) 1.
$$mv_A \cos 60^\circ + mv_B \cos 30^\circ$$
 or $m(v_A^2 + v_B^2)^{1/2}$

B1

2.
$$mv_{A} \sin 60^{\circ} + mv_{B} \sin 30^{\circ}$$

B1 [2]

(iv) 8.35×10^{-25} or $500m = mv_A \cos 60^\circ + mv_B \cos 30^\circ$

 $0 = mv_A \sin 60^\circ + mv_B \sin 30^\circ$ or using a vector triangle

C1

$$v_{\rm A} = 250 \, \rm m \, s^{-1}$$

A1

$$v_{\rm B} = 430 (433) \,\rm m \, s^{-1}$$

A1

[3]

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(a) ohm is volt per ampere or volt/ampere

B1 [1]

(b) (i) $R = \rho l / A$

R is 1/4

$$R_P = 4\rho(2l)/\pi d^2$$
 or $8\rho l/\pi d^2$ or $R_Q = \rho l/\pi d^2$ or

ratio idea e.g. length is halved hence R halved and diameter is halved hence C1

$$R_Q (= 4\rho l/\pi 4d^2) = \rho l/\pi d^2$$

= $R_P/8$
(= 12/8) = 1.5 Ω

A1 [3]

(ii) power =
$$I^2R$$
 or V^2/R or VI

C₁

C1

=
$$(1.25)^2 \times 12 + (10)^2 \times 1.5$$
 or $(15)^2/12 + (15)^2/1.5$ or 15×11.25

Α1 [3]

(iii)
$$I_P = (15/12 =) 1.25$$
 (A) and $I_Q = (15/1.5 =) 10$ (A)

C1

$$v_P/v_Q = I_P n A_Q e/I_Q n A_P e \text{ or } (1.25 \times \pi d^2)/(10 \times \pi d^2/4)$$

C₁

A1 [3]

7 (a) (i) alter distance from vibrator to pulley alter frequency of generator (change tension in string by) changing value of the masses

B2 [2]

[1]

- (ii) points on string have amplitudes varying from maximum to zero/minimum
- **B**1

(b) (i) 60° or $\pi/3$ rad

any two

Α1 [1]

(ii) ratio =
$$[3.4/2.2]^2$$

C1

$$= 2.4 (2.39)$$

Α1 [2]

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- (a) α -particle is 2 protons and 2 neutrons; β^+ -particle is positive electron/positron α -particle has charge +2e; β ⁺-particle has +e charge α -particle has mass 4u; β-particle has mass (1/2000)u α -particle made up of hadrons; β ⁺-particle a lepton
 - any three B3 [3]
 - **(b)** ${}^{1}_{1}p \rightarrow {}^{1}_{0}n + {}^{0}_{1}\beta + {}^{0}_{0}\nu$
 - M1 all terms correct all numerical values correct (ignore missing values on ν) Α1 [2]
 - В1 (c) (i) 1. proton: up, up, down/uud 2. neutron: up, down, down/udd В1 [2]
 - (ii) up quark has charge +2/3 (e) and down quark has charge -1/3 (e) **B**1 total is +1(e) [1]