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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	how close the (measured) value is to the true value (of the quantity)	A1
1(b)(i)	$(\rho =) m / V$	C1
	$= 31.3 \times 10^{-3} / (1.53 \times 10^{-2})^3 = 8.7 \times 10^3 \text{ (kg m}^{-3}\text{)}$	A1
1(b)(ii)	$(0.5 / 31.3)$ or $(0.01 / 1.53)$	C1
	% uncertainty = $(0.016 \times 100) + 3 \times (0.0065 \times 100)$	
	= 4%	A1
1(b)(iii)	The ranges (of the densities of A and B) overlap or the (calculated) density of A is within the range of the density of B or the difference in densities is within the uncertainty (of B)	M1
	(so) they could be the same	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	in (rotational) equilibrium	B1
	<u>sum / total</u> of CW moments about a point = <u>sum / total</u> of ACW moments about the (same) point.	B1
2(b)(i)	The magnitudes of the moments about A are: (1700×3.0) $(660 \times x)$ (1300×5)	C1
	Correct magnitude of any one moment about A.	
	Correct magnitudes of a second moment about A.	C1
	$(1700 \times 3.0) + (660 \times x) = (1300 \times 5)$	A1
	$x = 2.1 \text{ m}$	

Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(ii)	(Upthrust $\Rightarrow$) $11 \times 9.81 + 1300 = 1400$ (N)	A1
2(b)(iii)	$y = \text{Upthrust} / \rho g A$ $= 1400 / (990 \times 9.81 \times \pi \times (0.78 / 2)^2)$ $= 0.30$ m	C1
	OR	A1
	$[P = F / A = 1400 / \pi \times (0.78 / 2)^2 = 2930]$ $y = P / \rho g$ $= 2930 / (990 \times 9.81)$ $= 0.30$ m	(C1)
		(A1)
2(b)(iv)	line with a non-zero value of depth at distance = 0	B1
	A line from distance = 0 to distance = 6.0 m with a gradient that is always positive	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	$a = (v^2 - u^2) / 2s$	C1
	$= (22^2 - 13^2) / (2 \times 180)$	
	$= 0.88 \text{ m s}^{-2}$	A1
	OR [$t = (180 \times 2) / (22 + 13) = 10.3$ $180 = 13 \times 10.3 + \frac{1}{2} a \times 10.3^2$ or $180 = 22 \times 10.3 - \frac{1}{2} a \times 10.3^2$ or $22 = 13 + a \times 10.3$	(C1)
	$a = 0.88 \text{ m s}^{-2}$	(A1)
3(a)(ii)	$(\Delta)E = \frac{1}{2}m(\Delta)v^2$	C1
	gain in KE $= \frac{1}{2}m(v^2 - u^2)$	C1
	$= \frac{1}{2} \times 9400 \times (22^2 - 13^2)$	
	$= 1.5 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$	A1
	OR $W = Fs$ $= ma \times d$	(C1)
3(b)(i)	gain in KE $= 9400 \times 0.88 \times 180$	(C1)
	$= 1.5 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$	(A1)
3(b)(i)	rate of change of momentum	B1
3(b)(ii)	(Force $\Rightarrow$) $(2.5 \times 10^4 - 21 \times 10^4) / 15 = - 1.2 \times 10^4 \text{ (N)}$	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)(iii)	The change of momentum (for S and R to come to rest) is the same	B1
	(Average) force on R (to come to rest) is $(-21 \times 10^4 / 23 =) 0.91 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$ or (Average) force on R (to come to rest) is less than the force on S / less than F	B1
	(S will come to rest in) less time (than R).	B1
	OR	(B1)
	The change of momentum (for S and R to come to rest) is the same	
	Time for S to come to rest is $(-21 \times 10^4 / 1.2 \times 10^4 =) 17.5 \text{ s}$ (and time for R to come to rest is 23 s)	(B1)
	(S comes to rest in) less time (than R).	(B1)

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	(micro)wave (from the transmitter) reflects (at metal/sheet)	B1
	The incident and reflected waves superpose	B1
	(resultant) amplitude is maximum at an antinode	B1
	(resultant) amplitude is minimum/zero at a node	B1
	$\lambda = c / f$ $= 3 \times 10^8 / 6.3 \times 10^9$	C1
	$= 0.048 \text{ m}$	A1
4(b)(ii)	distance PQ $= \frac{1}{4}\lambda$ $= 0.048 / 4$ $= 0.012 \text{ m}$	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
4(b)(iii)	(Distance QR is the) same (as PQ) <u>and</u> one of: - Distance (between maxima / minima) does not depend on intensity - distance depends <u>only</u> on wavelength - wavelength is unchanged / constant	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	$T = 5.8 \times 5.0 \times 10^{-4}$ $= 2.9 \times 10^{-3}$	C1
	$\lambda = vT$ or $v = f\lambda$ <u>and</u> $f = 1 / T$	C1
	$\lambda = 330 \times 2.9 \times 10^{-3}$ or $\lambda = 330 / 345$ $= 0.96 \text{ m}$	A1
5(b)	(loudspeaker) moves away (from the microphone)	B1
	at an increasing speed / whilst accelerating	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	$V = IR$ $= 0.85 \times 3.3 \times 10^{-3}$	C1
	$= 2.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V}$	A1
6(b)(i)	$(A \Rightarrow) \rho L / R$	C1
	$= 1.8 \times 10^{-8} \times 0.24 / 3.3 \times 10^{-3} = 1.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ (m}^2\text{)}$	A1
6(b)(ii)	$(n \Rightarrow) 2.6 \times 10^{22} / (1.3 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.24) = 8.3 \times 10^{28} \text{ (m}^{-3}\text{)}$	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
6(b)(iii)	$v = I / nAq$	C1
	$= 0.85 / (8.3 \times 10^{28} \times 1.3 \times 10^{-6} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19})$	
	$= 4.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m s}^{-1}$	A1
	OR	(C1)
	$v = IL / Nq$	
6(c)(i)	$= 0.85 \times 0.24 / (2.6 \times 10^{22} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19})$	(A1)
	$= 4.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m s}^{-1}$	
	Length (of Q) is greater (than P)	B1
	(Average cross-sectional) area (of Q) is less (than P)	B1
	Resistance is proportional to length / (cross-sectional) area	M1
6(c)(ii)	(so) the resistance (of Q) is greater (than P)	A1
	A line starting from a non-zero value of drift speed at distance = 0	B1
	A line with an increasing positive gradient	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	nucleon number of Q = 226 and <u>proton</u> number of R = 86	B1
7(b)	$4(u) \times 1.5 \times 10^7$ or $222(u) \times v$	C1
	$v = 4(u) \times 1.5 \times 10^7 / 222(u)$	C1
	$= 2.7 \times 10^5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	A1

Question	Answer	Marks
7(c)	Any three from: • momentum • charge • nucleon number • neutron number • proton number	B3