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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Specification reference
01.1	force – newtonmeter **or** amount of masses/weights on end of spring extension – ruler		1 1	AO2 4.5.3
01.2	measure the length of the spring with the ruler apply a known force/ (hang up the spring and) hang a known weight on it measure the length again find the extension by subtracting the original length from the stretched length		1 1 1 1	AO2 AO3 4.5.3
01.3	to get more accurate/precise measurements		1	AO2 AO3 4.5.3
01.4	either: • repeat it • ignore it when they are calculating the mean		1	AO2 AO3 4.5.3
01.5	line graph the data are continuous/all numbers and no words/names		1 1	AO2 4.5.3
02.1	non-contact – weight/force of the Earth on the wood contact force – upthrust/upwards force on the water on the wood		1 1	AO1 AO2 4.5.1.2
02.2	the forces are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction		1 1	AO1 AO2 4.5.1.1 4.5.1.4

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02.3	water resistance contact force		1 1	AO1 AO2 4.5.1.2
03.1	work done = force × distance	accept W = Fs	1	AO1 4.5.2
03.2	work done = 20 × 30 = 600 (Nm or J)		1 1	AO2 4.5.2
03.3	newton metres/N m joules/J		1	AO1 4.5.2
03.4	friction		1	AO1 4.5.2

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03.5	chemical energy store will decrease (food/oxygen) thermal energy store (of the surroundings) will increase	do not accept answers involving changes in kinetic energy store N.B. at constant speed the kinetic energy store will stay at a constant level	1	AO2 4.5.2
04.1	any sensible suggestion e.g., • difficult to see the undetected position of the ruler to measure from • difficult to see the extension		1	AO3 4.5.3
04.2	ignore the outlier 17 average of the other two readings = $\frac{10+12}{2}$ = 11		1	AO2 4.5.3

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04.3	one mark for correct plotting of four points one mark for correct plotting of remaining points one mark for curved line of best fit one mark for appropriate y-axis label and scale		4	AO2 AO3 4.5.3
04.4	no the line is not straight/linear (through origin)		1 1	AO3
05.1	the first column is should be labelled mass in grams and not weight which would be in newtons (N) they should convert g to kg and then to N using weight = mass (in kg) × g		1 1	AO2 4.5.1.3
05.2	one mark for correct value of force converted from g one mark for correct plotting of at least four points one mark for correctly labelled y-axis one mark for appropriate line of best fit		4	AO2 4.5.1.3 4.5.3
05.3	original length = intercept on x axis/when force on sample is zero = 3.0 cm	allow 2.5 – 3.5 cm	1 1	AO3 4.5.3
05.4	as the force increases the material becomes less stiff/easier to stretch/the same increase in force produces a bigger increase in length		1	AO2 AO3 4.5.3
05.5	it would not be suitable the extension is not proportional to the force		1 1	AO3 4.5.3

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4.5.3</td></tr>
<tr><td>06.2</td><td>inelastic deformation is deformation where the object does not return to its original size and shape when the force is removed</td><td></td><td>1</td><td>AO1
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<tr><td>06.3</td><td><table><tr><th>Statement</th><th>Correct</th></tr><tr><td>the graph for the plastic bag shows a non-linear relationship between force and extension</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>the graph for the plastic bag shows that is proportional to extension</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>a graph that is a straight line is likely to be for a spring</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>the material that produced a linear graph has been inelastically deformed</td><td></td></tr></table></td><td>one mark for each correct row</td><td>2</td><td>AO3
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<tr><td>07.1</td><td>extension = stretched length - unstretched length
= 3 cm - 2 cm/0.03 - 0.02
= 1 cm/ 0.01 m</td><td></td><td>1
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<tr><td>07.2</td><td>force = spring constant × extension</td><td>allow F = ke</td><td>1</td><td>AO1
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<tr><td>07.3</td><td>$2 = k \times 0.01$
$k = \frac{2}{0.01} = 200$ N/m</td><td></td><td>1
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07.4	energy = 0.5 × spring constant × extension^2 = 0.5 × 200 × 0.01^2 = 0.01 J	allow E = $\frac{1}{2}ke^2$	 1 1	AO2 4.5.3
07.5	0.01 J the work done on the spring is equal to the elastic energy stored in the spring		1 1	AO2 4.5.3
08.1	up arrow: force of the workbench on the tub down arrow: force of the Earth on the tub down arrow should be larger than the up arrow	accept 'normal' or 'reaction' accept 'weight' do not accept 'gravity' one mark for two equal length arrows in opposite directions	1 1 1	AO2 4.5.1.4
08.2	the weight can be resolved into two components, one down the ramp and one at 90 degrees to the ramp there is a force of friction opposing the component of weight down the ramp which is smaller than the component of the weight (so there is a resultant force down the ramp and the tub accelerates)		1 1 1	AO2 4.5.1.4
08.3	one mark for correct x and y labels one mark for horizontal line		2	AO3

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08.4	any sensible suggestion, e.g., • as the mass increases, the frictional force increases • as the mass increases, the component of the weight down the slope also increases, so the two effects cancel out		1	AO3

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09.1	free body diagram e.g., up arrow: normal/reaction left arrow: driving force/18 000N right arrow: resistive force/12 000 N down arrow: weight/15 kN right arrow should be longer than all the other arrows	one mark for arrow left labelled driving force/18000 N one mark for arrow right labelled resistive force/12000 N one mark for arrow downwards labelled weight/15 kN one mark for arrow upwards labelled normal force weight and normal arrows the same length, driving force arrow longer than resistive force arrow	4	AO2 4.5.1.1 4.5.1.2 4.5.1.4

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09.2	horizontally: resultant = 18 000 - 12 000 = 6000 N to the left vertically: resultant = 15 000 - 15 000 = 0 N		1 1 1	AO2 4.5.1.4
09.3	weight = 15 000 N weight = mass x gravitational field strength 15 000 = mass x 9.8 mass = $\frac{15000}{9.8}$ = 1531kg		1 1 1 1	AO2 4.5.1.3
09.4	both vertical arrows would change slightly in length but still cancel out/be the same size the horizontal arrows would not change		1 1 1	AO3 4.5.1.2 4.5.1.3 4.5.1.4
10.1	appropriate scale diagram e.g., 1 cm = 10 N answer = 153 N (allow 148 – 158)	one mark for clear scale one mark for parallelogram drawn one mark for answer	3	AO3 4.5.1.4

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10.2	(if angle increases) that tension increases because the component of the tension decreases/so that the resultant of the two tension forces stays the same		1 1	AO3 4.5.1.4
10.3	the tension in the second arrangement is bigger the angle between the vertical component of tension and the weight is bigger in the second arrangement		1 1	AO3 4.5.1.4