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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO Spec reference
1(a)	Direction of arrow from centre of gold nucleus directly away from X	Judge by eye	1	6.2.1 AO1
(b)	$6.2 \text{ MeV} = 6.2 \times 10^6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ $KE = 1/2 mv^2$ $v^2 = 2 KE/m = 2 \times 6.2 \times 10^6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} / 6.64 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ $v = 1.73 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$		1 1	3.3.2 4.5.1 AO2
(c)	$\Delta W = Q\Delta V$ sp $EPE = V \times Q$ $1/2 mv^2 = Qq/4 \pi \epsilon_0 r$ $1/2 mv^2 = Ze \times 2e/4 \pi \epsilon_0 r_c$ $r_c = Ze^2/\pi \epsilon_0 mv^2$	Must be clear how the 4 cancelled – watch for 2 disappearing	1 1 1	6.2.4 AO3
(d)	$Z = 79$ $r_c = Ze^2/\pi \epsilon_0 mv^2 = 79 \times (1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2 / \pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 6.64 \times 10^{-27} \times (1.73 \times 10^7)^2$ $r_c = 3.7 \times 10^{-14}$		1 1	6.2.4 AO2
2(a)	Lines leaving spheres perpendicular to surface Arrows from positive Suitable pattern between repelling spheres		1 1 1	6.2.1 AO1
(b)	One problem with one related solution eg difficulty of affecting the field using metal instruments – use wooden ruler difficulty in measuring distances between curved objects – set up ruler with set squares fixed or use light and measure distance between shadows		1 1	1.1.2 AO3
(c)	$F \propto 1/r^2$ or $F = Q_1 Q_2 / 4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2$ $Fr^2 = \text{constant}$ or $mr^2 = \text{constant}$	Constant if you don't change units = 33 000	1 1	6.2.2 AO2

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	Data tested for at least 3 data sets and conclusion e.g. $0.02^2 \times (0.0827 \times 9.81) = 3.2 \times 10^{-4}$ (N m ²) $0.025^2 \times 0.053 \times 9.81 = 3.2 \times 10^{-4}$ $0.030^2 \times 0.0368 \times 9.81 = 3.2 \times 10^{-4}$		1	
(d)	$F = Q_1 Q_2 / 4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2$ $Q^2 = F r^2 4\pi\epsilon_0$ $Q^2 = 3.2 \times 10^{-4} \times 4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$ $Q = 1.9 \times 10^{-7}$ C	Allow using a pair of values from table for full marks	1 1	6.2.2 AO2
3(a)	The potential difference between the lines is constant but the distance is not.		1	6.2.4 AO2
(b)	At least 4 lines drawn perpendicular to surface of the cable arrows pointing away from the cable		1 1	6.2.1 AO1
(c)	$V \propto 1/r$ $Vr = \text{constant}$ $300 \times 10 = 200 \times d$ $d = 15$ cm		1 1	6.2.4 AO2
(d)	P is at a distance of 12.5 cm $300 \times 10 = 12.5 \times V$ $V = 240$ V		1 1	6.2.4 AO2
4(a)	At least 6 lines drawn – equidistant arrows pointing down		1 1	6.2.1 AO1
(b)	Path deflected upwards	Ignore size of deflection	1	6.2.3 AO1
(c)	Use of $E = F/Q = V/d$ or $F = ma$		1	3.2.1

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	$F/Q = V/d$ $F = VQ/d$ $ma = VQ/d$ $a = VQ/md$ $a = 1500 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} / 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \times 0.025 = 1.1 \times 10^{16} \text{ m s}^{-2}$		1 1	6.2.3 AO2
(d)	Time between plates = length of plates/ speed of electrons $t = 0.04/3 \times 10^7 = 1.3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}$ Use of suvat for vertical displacement $s = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$ and $u = 0$ $s = \frac{1}{2} 1.1 \times 10^{16} \times (1.3 \times 10^{-9})^2$ $s = 0.01 \text{ m} = 10 \text{ mm}$ or $0.0098 \text{ m} = 9.8 \text{ mm}$ Distance from top plate = $12.5 \text{ mm} - 10 \text{ mm} = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ (or 2.7 mm)	Use of rounded numbers gives $s = 8.5 \text{ mm}$ and so final answer = 4 mm	1 1 1 1	3.1.2 3.1.3 6.2.3 AO2
5(a)	Use of $C = Q/V$ $V = Q/4\pi \epsilon_0 R$ $C = Q/4\pi \epsilon_0 R / Q = 4\pi \epsilon_0 R$	Clear substitution seen for second mark	1 1	6.2.4 AO1
(b)	$C = 4\pi \epsilon_0 R = 4 \times \pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 0.20 = 2.2 \times 10^{-11}$ F (Farads)		1 1	6.2.4 AO1
(c)	$E = V/r$ $V = Er = 3 \times 10^6 \times 0.20 = 6 \times 10^5 \text{ V}$		1 1	6.2.4 6.2.2 AO2
(d)	Use of $Q = VC = 2.2 \times 10^{-11} \times 6 \times 10^5 = 1.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C}$ Number of excess charges = $1.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C} / 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} = 8.3 \times 10^{13}$	Be aware of possible e.c.f. from answer to 5.2 and 5.3 Could also use $V = Q/4\pi \epsilon_0 R$	1 1	6.1.1 AO2
6(a)	$F = Q_1 Q_2 / 4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2$ $F = (1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2 / 4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times (5.3 \times 10^{-11})^2$		1	6.2.2 AO2

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	$F = 8.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$		1	
(b)	$8.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$		1	6.2.2 AO1
(c)	$F = ma$ $a = F/m = 8.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N} / 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} = 9.0 \times 10^{22} \text{ m s}^{-2}$		1	3.2.1 AO2
(d)	$E = KE + PE$ $\Delta W = Q\Delta V$ $E = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$ since $mv^2/r = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$ $mv^2 = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$ $E = \frac{e^2}{2} \times 4\pi\epsilon_0 r + -\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} = -\frac{e^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 r}$ $E = -(1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2 / 4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 5.3 \times 10^{-11}$ $E = 2.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$ $E = 2.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J} / 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = 13.57 \text{ eV}$	Also credit for full marks use of $\frac{1}{2} mv^2$ and $V = Q/4\pi\epsilon_0 r$ (EPE = $QQ/4\pi\epsilon_0 r$)	1	6.2.4
			1	5.4.4
			1	AO3
			1	
7(a)	$A = 120 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2 = 0.012$ $C = A\epsilon_0/d$ $C = 0.012 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} / 0.1 = 1.1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$		1	6.2.3
			1	AO1
(b)	$Q = CV = 1.1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F} \times 40 = 4.2 \times 10^{-11} \text{ C}$	possible e.c.f. here from 7(a)	1	6.1.1 AO1
(c)	$E = V/d = 40/0.01 = 400 \text{ V m}^{-1}$		1	6.2.3
			1	AO2
(d)	$\Delta W = Q\Delta V$ $= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 40 \text{ V} = 6.4 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$		1	6.2.3
			1	AO2

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(e)	<p>Level 3 (5–6 marks) Clear description, explanation and suitable calculations. <i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.</i></p> <p>Level 2 (3–4 marks) Clear description and some explanation, or some attempt at description, explanation and calculations. <i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most part relevant and supported by some evidence.</i></p> <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks) Limited description or explanation or calculation <i>The information is basic and communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence and the relationship to the evidence may not be clear.</i></p> <p>0 marks No response or no response worthy of credit</p>	<p>Indicative content:</p> <p>Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electron decelerates initially • electron does not reach A / stops / reverses direction • electron stops at halfway point. • electron accelerates back to B • Final kinetic energy = initial kinetic energy <p>Explanations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electron is attracted by B /repelled by A/ experiences force to the right • Electron does not have sufficient kinetic energy to reach plate A <p>Calculations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $E = F/Q$ so $F = EQ = 400 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C = 6.4 \times 10^{-17} N$ • $a = F/m = 6.4 \times 10^{-17} N / 9.11 \times 10^{-31} = 7.0 \times 10^{13} m s^{-2}$ to the right • $KE = 20 eV$ and Work done by electric field = 40 eV so can only reach halfway point • Final $KE = 20 eV$ 	<p>5–6</p> <p>3–4</p> <p>1–2</p> <p>0</p>	<p>6.2.3</p> <p>6.2.4</p> <p>6.2.1</p> <p>3.2.1</p> <p>AO2 × 3</p> <p>AO3 × 3</p>
8(a)	Is the work done in bringing unit positive charge from infinity to that point.	Must include positive	1	6.2.4 AO1
(b)	$V \propto 1/r$		1	6.2.4

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	$Vr = \text{constant}$ Data checked at least three times and conclusion e.g. $1800 \times 0.01 = 18$ $600 \times 0.03 = 18$ $300 \times 0.06 = 18$		1 1	AO2
(c)	$V = Q/4\pi\epsilon_0 r$ $Q = V \times 4\pi\epsilon_0 r = 18 \times 4 \times \pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$ $Q = 2.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$ $Q = 2 \text{ nC}$		1 1	6.2.4 AO2
(d)	Draw a tangent to the curve at 3 cm calculate the gradient of the tangent $E = 2.1 \times 10^4 \text{ V m}^{-1}$	Accept range from 1.9 to 2.3 Vm^{-1} Allow 210 if units quoted as V cm^{-1}	1 1 1	6.2.4 AO3
(e)	V at 6 cm = 300 V $\Delta W = Q\Delta V = 4 \times 10^{-9} \times 300 = 1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J}$		1 1	6.2.4 AO2