GCSE Physics

Density

Mark Scheme

Time available: 30 minutes
Marks available: 22 marks

1. (a) **Level 2:** The method would lead to the production of a valid outcome. Key steps are identified and logically sequenced.

3–4

Level 1: The method would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Some relevant steps are identified, but links are not made clear.

1–2

No relevant content

0

Indicative content

- part fill a measuring cylinder with water
- measure initial volume
- place object in water
- measure final volume
- volume of object = final volume − initial volume

- fill a displacement / eureka can with water
- water level with spout
- place object in water
- collect displaced water
- measuring cylinder used to determine volume of displaced water

(b) $\text{density} = \frac{48.6}{18.0}$

1

density = 2.70 (g/cm^3)

1

*an answer of 2.70 (g/cm^3) scores **2** marks*

(c) limestone

1

(d) eye position when using measuring cylinder
or
water level in can (at start) not at level of spout
or
not all water displaced by stone is collected in container

1

(e) volume would be lower / higher

1

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2.

Level 3 (5–6 marks):
Clear and coherent description of both methods including equation needed to calculate density. Steps are logically ordered and could be followed by someone else to obtain valid results.

Level 2 (3–4 marks):
Clear description of one method to measure density **or** partial description of both methods. Steps may not be logically ordered.

Level 1 (1–2 marks):
Basic description of measurements needed with no indication of how to use them.

0 marks:
No relevant content.

Indicative content

For both:
- measure mass using a balance
- calculate density using $\rho = m / V$

Metal cube:
- measure length of cube's sides using a ruler
- calculate volume

Small statue:
- immerse in water
- measure volume / mass of water displaced
- volume of water displaced = volume of small statue

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3.

(a) range of speeds

1

moving in different directions

accept random motion

1

(b) internal energy

1

(c) density = mass / volume

1

(d) 0.00254 / 0.0141

1

0.18

1

*accept 0.18 with no working shown for the **2** calculation marks*

kg / m^3

1

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