GCSE Physics

Transformers and The National Grid

Mark Scheme

Time available: 65 minutes
Marks available: 59 marks

1. (a) any **one** from:

- too few turns / coils on the secondary

  allow number of turns / coils on the primary was increased

- p.d. across the primary was reduced

  ignore human error

1

(b) the p.d. (across the secondary) goes above 2V

allow p.d. across secondary is higher than p.d. across primary after 20 turns

1

(c) it increases (until the nails reach a constant temperature)

1

(d) $\frac{640}{4} = \frac{V_p}{1.75}$ **1**

$V_p = \frac{640 \times 1.75}{4}$ **1**

V_p = 280 (V) **1**

280 × I_p = 336

allow their calculated
$V_p \times I_p = 336$ **1**

I_p = 1.2 (A)

allow an answer that is consistent with their calculated value of V_p **1**

or

336 = I_s × 1.75 (1)

$I_s = \frac{336}{1.75}$ (1)

I_s = 192 (A) (1)

$I_p = 192 \times \frac{4}{640}$ (1)

allow

I_p = their calculated $I_s \times \frac{4}{640}$

I_p = 1.2 (A) (1)

allow an answer that is consistent with their calculated value of I_s

*an answer of 1.2 (A) scores **5** marks*

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2. (a) It is easily magnetised. **1**

(b) p.d. across the secondary coil is smaller (than p.d. across the primary coil) **1**

(c) ratio $\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{6}{12}$

accept any other correct ratio taken from the graph

1

$\frac{6}{12} = \frac{50}{N_p}$

use of the correct turns ratio and substitution or correct transformation and substitution

1

$N_p = 100$

*allow 100 with no working shown for **3** marks*

1

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3. (a) a magnetic field

accept electromagnetic field

heat is insufficient

1

that is alternating / changing

1

(b) 20

*allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie* $\frac{230}{11.5}$

provided no subsequent step

2

(c) (most) transformers are not 100% efficient

allow energy / power is lost to the surroundings

allow energy / power is lost as heat / sound

power is lost is insufficient

1

(d) (i) 0.01 (V)

1

because there is a change in p.d. each time (the number of turns changes)

allow because all the results (to 2 decimal places) are different

accept if results were to 1 decimal place, there might not be a difference

1

(ii) student 2 moved the coil more slowly (than student 1)

accept student 2 moved the coil at a different speed to student 1

do not accept student 2 moved the coil faster (than student 1)

1

(iii) both sets of results show the same pattern

accept trend for pattern

results are similar is insufficient

results follow a pattern is insufficient

1

(iv) (electromagnetic) induction

accept it is induced

do not accept electric / magnetic induction

1

(e) any **one** from:

- more economical / cheaper for the consumer

  allow more convenient

- easier/cheaper to replace if broken/lost

  allow in case one gets lost

- since fewer transformers need to be made less resources are used

  allow fewer plug sockets are needed

  allow fewer transformers are needed

  environmentally friendly is insufficient

1

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4. (a) an alternating current through the primary coil (in the charging base)

it must be clear which coil is being referred to

1

causes a changing / alternating magnetic field in / around the (iron) bar

1

which induces an (alternating) p.d. across the secondary coil (in the toothbrush)

accept induces an (alternating) current in the secondary coil

1

(b) 18

*allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie*

$$\frac{230}{7.2} = \frac{575}{n_s}$$

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5. (a) (i) Iron

1

(ii) 50

ignore references to current

reason only scores if 50 chosen

1

there are more turns on the secondary coil (than the primary coil)

accept it is a step-up transformer

not more coils

1

(b) (i) 200

1

(ii) any **one** from:

- Lighter
- smaller
- use very little power / current (when switched on with no load / phone attached).

accept more efficient

do not accept uses no power / current

a disadvantage of a traditional transformer is insufficient on its own

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6. Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.

0 marks
No relevant / correct content.

Level 1 (1–2 marks)
Either there is an attempt at a description of the construction of a transformer

or

a correct statement of the effect of one type of transformer on the input p.d.

Level 2 (3–4 marks)
There is a description of the construction of a transformer
and
a correct statement of the effect of one type of transformer on the input p.d.

Level 3 (5–6 marks)
There is a clear description of the construction of a transformer
and
there is a correct description of how transformers affect the input p.d.

details of construction:

extra information

a (laminated) core

core is made from a magnetic material / iron

2 coils

the coils are made from an electrical conductor / copper

the coils are covered in plastic / insulation

the coils are (usually) on opposite sides

step-up transformer has more turns on secondary coil than (its) primary (or vice versa)

step-down transformer has fewer turns on secondary coil than (its) primary (or vice versa)

effect on input p.d. :

step-up transformer, the output p.d. is greater (than the input p.d.)

accept voltage for p.d.

step-down transformer, the output p.d. is lower (than the input p.d.)

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7. (a) step-down

1

(b) (i) 1.6

correct order only **1**

12.8

1

(ii) values of p.d. are smaller than 230 V

1

(c) (i) a.c. is constantly changing direction

accept a.c. flows in two / both directions

accept a.c. changes direction(s)

a.c. travels in different directions is insufficient

1

d.c. flows in one direction only

1

(ii) an alternating current / p.d. in the primary creates a changing / alternating magnetic field

1

(magnetic field) in the (iron) core

current in the core negates this mark

accept voltage for p.d.

1

(and so) an alternating p.d.

1

(p.d.) is induced across secondary coil

1

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8. (a) 400 000

*allow **1** mark for correct substitution ie*

$$\frac{25000}{?} = \frac{800}{12800}$$

or

$$\frac{25}{?} = \frac{800}{12800}$$

2

(b) (i) any **one** from:

*do **not** accept any response in terms of heat insulation, safety or electric shock*

- (so that there is) no short circuit
- (so that the) current goes around the coil

  *do **not** accept electricity for current*
- (so that the) current does not enter the core

1

(ii) (easily) magnetised (and demagnetised)

accept '(it's) magnetic'
*do **not** accept 'because it's a conductor'*

1

(iii) alternating current in the primary (coil)

1

produces a changing magnetic field (in the core)

1

this induces an (alternating) potential difference across the secondary (coil)

1

(c) any **two** from:

- if the (local) power station breaks down / fails / demand / load exceeds supply
- electricity / power can be switched from elsewhere in the system / from other power station(s)
- electricity can be generated in places remote from customers
- (in total) fewer power stations are needed
- power available in rural / remote areas
- National Grid allows for (better) control of supply and demand

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