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- 1 (a) density = mass / volume B1 [1]
- (b) density of liquids and solids same order as spacing similar / to about 2×  
density of gases much less as spacing much more  
or density of gases much lower hence spacing much more B1 [2]
- (c) (i) density =  $68 / [50 \times 600 \times 900 \times 10^{-9}]$   
= 2520 (allow 2500) kg m<sup>-3</sup> C1  
A1 [2]
- (ii)  $P = F / A$  C1  
=  $68 \times 9.81 / [50 \times 600 \times 10^{-6}]$  C1  
=  $2.2 \times 10^4$  Pa A1 [3]
- 2 (a) torque is the product of one of the forces and the distance between forces  
the perpendicular distance between the forces M1  
A1 [2]
- (b) (i) torque =  $8 \times 1.5 = 12$  Nm A1 [1]
- (ii) there is a resultant torque / sum of the moments is not zero  
(the rod rotates) and is not in equilibrium M1  
A1 [2]
- (c) (i)  $B \times 1.2 = 2.4 \times 0.45$  C1  
 $B = 0.9(0)$  N A1 [2]
- (ii)  $A = 2.4 - 0.9 = 1.5$  N / moments calculation A1 [1]
- 3 (a) (i) horizontal velocity =  $15 \cos 60^\circ = 7.5$  m s<sup>-1</sup> A1 [1]
- (ii) vertical velocity =  $15 \sin 60^\circ = 13$  m s<sup>-1</sup> A1 [1]
- (b) (i)  $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$   
 $s = (13)^2 / (2 \times 9.81) = 8.6(1)$  m A1 [1]  
using  $g = 10$  then max. 1
- (ii)  $t = 13 / 9.81 = 1.326$  s or  $t = 9.95 / 7.5 = 1.327$  s A1 [1]
- (iii) velocity =  $6.15 / 1.33$  M1  
=  $4.6$  m s<sup>-1</sup> A0 [1]
- (c) (i) change in momentum =  $60 \times 10^{-3} [-4.6 - 7.5]$  C1  
=  $(-0.73)$  N s A1 [2]
- (ii) final velocity / kinetic energy is less after the collision or  
relative speed of separation < relative speed of approach  
hence inelastic M1  
A0 [1]

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- 4 (a) electrical potential energy (stored) when charge moved and gravitational potential energy (stored) when mass moved  
due to work done in electric field and work done in gravitational field B1 B1 [2]
- (b) work done = force  $\times$  distance moved (in direction of force)  
and force =  $mg$   
 $mg \times h$  or  $mg \times \Delta h$  M1 A1 [2]
- (c) (i)  $0.1 \times mgh = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$   
 $0.1 \times m \times 9.81 \times 120 = 0.5 \times m \times v^2$   
 $v = 15.3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  B1 B1 A0 [2]
- (ii)  $P = 0.5 m v^2 / t$   
 $m / t = 110 \times 10^3 / [0.25 \times 0.5 \times (15.3)^2]$   
 $= 3740 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$  C1 C1 A1 [3]
- 5 (a) ohm = volt / ampere B1 [1]
- (b)  $\rho = RA / l$  or unit is  $\Omega \text{ m}$   
units:  $\text{VA}^{-1} \text{ m}^2 \text{ m}^{-1} = \text{NmC}^{-1} \text{ A}^{-1} \text{ m}^2 \text{ m}^{-1}$   
 $= \text{kg m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2} \text{ A}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ A}^{-1} \text{ m}^2 \text{ m}^{-1}$   
 $= \text{kg m}^3 \text{ s}^{-3} \text{ A}^{-2}$  C1 C1 A1 [3]
- (c) (i)  $\rho = [3.4 \times 1.3 \times 10^{-7}] / 0.9$   
 $= 4.9 \times 10^{-7} (\Omega \text{ m})$  C1 A1 [2]
- (ii) max = 2.(0) V  
min =  $2 \times (3.4 / 1503.4) = 4.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V}$  A1 A1 [2]
- (iii)  $P = V^2 / R$  or  $P = VI$  and  $V = IR$   
 $= (2)^2 / 3.4$   
 $= 1.18$  (allow 1.2) W C1 A1 [2]
- (d) (i) power in Q is zero when  $R = 0$  B1 [1]
- (ii) power in Q = 0 / tends to zero as  $R = \text{infinity}$  B1 [1]

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- 6 (a) extension is proportional to force (for small extensions) B1 [1]
- (b) (i) point beyond which (the spring) does not return to its original length when the load is removed B1 [1]
- (ii) gradient of graph =  $80 \text{ N m}^{-1}$  A1 [1]
- (iii) work done is area under graph /  $\frac{1}{2} Fx$  /  $\frac{1}{2} kx^2$   
 $= 0.5 \times 6.4 \times 0.08 = 0.256$  (allow 0.26) J C1  
A1 [2]
- (c) (i) extension =  $0.08 + 0.04 = 0.12 \text{ m}$  A1 [1]
- (ii) spring constant =  $6.4 / 0.12 = 53.3 \text{ N m}^{-1}$  A1 [1]
- 7 (a) nuclei with the same number of protons and a different number of neutrons B1  
B1 [2]
- (b) (i) (mass + energy) (taken together) is conserved (B1)  
momentum is conserved (B1)  
one point required max. 1 B1 [1]
- (ii)  $a = 1$  and  $b = 0$  B1  
 $x = 56$  B1  
 $y = 92$  B1 [3]
- (c) proton number = 90 B1  
nucleon number = 235 B1 [2]