# Sensing Devices
## Mark Scheme 1

| Level | International A Level |
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| Subject | Physics |
| Exam Board | CIE |
| Topic | Current of Electricity |
| Sub Topic | Sensing Devices |
| Paper Type | Theory |
| Booklet | Mark Scheme 1 |

**Time Allowed:**      **66 minutes**

**Score:**      **/55**

**Percentage:**      **/100**

| A* | A | B | C | D | E | U |
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| >85% | '77.5% | 70% | 62.5% | 57.5% | 45% | <45% |

1 **(a)**  $V/E = R/R_{tot}$      or      $0.5 = I \times 3900$      C1
               $1.0/1.5 = R/(R + 3900)$      or      $1.0 = 0.5R/3900$      1
               $R = 7800\Omega.$      or      $R = 7800\Omega$      A0    **[2]**

     **(b)**      $V = 1.5 \times (7800/\{7800 + 1250\})$      or      $I = 1.5/(7800 + 1250)$      C1
                  $= 1.29$ V..      or      $V = IR = 1.29$ V      A1    **[2]**

     **(c)**      Combined resistance of R and voltmeter is 3900 $\Omega$      C1
              reading at 0 °C is 0.75 V      A1    **[2]**

                                                    **Total**    **[6]**

2   **(a**   $V_B = 1000$ mV
         when strained, $V_A = 2000 \times 121.5/(121.5 + 120.0)$
                        $= 1006.2$ mV
         change $= 6.2$ mV (*allow 6 mV*)      A1    [3]

     **(b)** (    **1.** resistor between $V_{IN}$ and $V^-$ **and** $V^+$ connected to earth      B1
                 resistor between $V^-$ and $V_{OUT}$      B1    [2]

             **2.** P / + sign shown on earth side of voltmeter      B1    [1]

         **(ii)**   ratio of $R_F/R_{IN} = 40$      M1
                $R_{IN}$ between $100\Omega$ and $10k\Omega$      A1    [2]
                *(any values must link to the correct resistors on the diagram)*

3   **(a**   **(i)**   light-dependent resistor/LDR      B1    [1]

         **(ii)**   strain gauge      B1    [1]

         **(iii)**   quartz/piezo-electric crystal      B1    [1]

     **(b)** (   resistance of thermistor decreases as temperature increses      M1
             *etiher*     $V_{OUT} = V \times R / (R + R_T)$
             *or*         current increases <u>and</u> $V_{OUT} = IR$      A1
             $V_{OUT}$ increases      A1    [3]

         **(ii)**   *either*    change in $R_T$ with temperature is non-linear
              *or*       $V_{OUT}$ is not proportional to $R_T$/ change in $V_{OUT}$ with $R_T$ is non-linear      M1
              so change is non-linear      A1    [2]

4 **(a** 30 litres → 54 litres *(allow ± 4 litres on both limits)*  A1  [1]

 **(b)**  only 0.1 V change in reading for 10 litre consumption *(or similar numbers)*  B1
   above about 60 litres gradient is small compared to the gradient at about 40 litres
      B1  [2]

  **(ii)** voltmeter reading (nearly) zero when fuel is left  C1
    voltmeter reads only about 0.1 V when 10 litres of fuel left in tank  A1  [2]
    *("voltmeter reads zero when about 4 litres of fuel left in tank" scores 2 marks)*

5 **(a)** any value greater than, or equal to, $5\,k\Omega$  B1  [1]

 **(b) (i)** 'positive' shown in correct position  B1  [1]

  **(ii)** $V^+$ = (500/2200) × 4.5
      ≈ 1 V  B
    $V^- > V^+$ so output is negative  M1
    green LED on, (red LED off)  A1  [3]
    *(allow full ecf of incorrect value of $V^+$)*

  **(iii)** *either* $V^+$ increases *or* $V^+ > V^-$  M1
    green LED off, red LED on  A1  [2]

6 **(a)** <u>thin / fine</u> metal wire  B1
    lay-out shown as a grid  B1
    encased in plastic  B1  [3]

 **(b) (i)** gain (of amplifier)  B1  [1]

  **(ii)** for $V_{OUT}$ = 0, then $V^+ = V^-$ or $V_1 = V_2$  C1
    $V_1$ = (1000/1125) × 4.5  C1
    $V_1$ = 4.0 V  A1  [3]

  **(iii)** $V_2$ = (1000 / 1128) × 4.5
      = 3.99 V  C1
    $V_{OUT}$ = 12 × (3.99 – 4.00)
      = (–) 0.12 V  A1  [2]

7 **(a) (i)** strain gauge                                                                B1    [1]

   **(ii)** piezo-electric / quartz crystal / transducer                                    B1    [1]

   **(b)** circuit:  coil of relay connected between sensing circuit output and earth        B1
                     switch across terminals of external circuit                            B1
                     diode in series with coil with correct polarity for diode              B1
                     second diode with correct polarity                                     B1    [4]

8 **(a)** resistance of wire $= \rho L / A$ ................................................................................................. B1
         as crack widens, $L$ increases ...........................................................................M1
                         and $A$ decreases ...........................................................................M1
         so resistance increases ...........................................................................A0    [3]

   **(b)** $\Delta L / L = \Delta R / R$ ...........................................................................B1
                     $= (146.2 - 143.0) / 143.0 \times 100$ ...........................................................................C1
         $\Delta L / L = 2.24\%$ ...........................................................................A1    [3]

                                                                                        **[Total: 6]**