Mark schemes

1 electromagnet becomes stronger (*not* becomes magnetic) iron moves left – implied OK
plunger goes up push switch goes to off or circuit broken unless plunger moves down

for 1 mark each

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2 (i) relay

accept solenoid

*do **not** accept magnetic switch*

1

(ii) a current flows through the coil (of the electromagnet)
or a current flows through the electromagnet
or a (magnetic) field is produced

accept 'electricity' for 'current'

*accept the electromagnet is activated **or** magnetised **or** turned on*

*do **not** accept answer in terms of magnetic charge*

1

the (iron) arm is attracted to the electromagnet

*accept the arm pivots **or** moves towards the electromagnet*

1

the contacts are pushed together

*do **not** accept contacts attract*

1

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3 (a) plastic or rubber

accept any named plastic
*do **not** accept wood*

1

it is a (good) insulator **or** it is a poor conductor

ignore mention of heat if in conjunction with electricity

1

(b) *The answer to this question requires ideas in good English in a sensible order with correct use of scientific terms. Quality of written communication should be considered in crediting points in the mark scheme.*

Maximum of 2 marks if ideas not well expressed.

pulls iron bolt down **or** attracts the iron bolt **or** moves bolt out of plunger

answers in terms of charges attracting or repelling gain no credit

1

plunger pushed / moved to the right (by spring) **or** plunger released

1

push switch opens / goes to off / goes to right

accept circuit is broken

for maximum credit the points must follow a logical sequence

*3 correct points but incorrect sequence scores **2** marks only*

ignore reset action

1

[5]

4 (a) move a (magnetic / plotting) compass around the wire

1

the changing direction of the compass needle shows a magnetic field has been produced

OR

sprinkle iron filings onto the card (1)

tapping the card will move the filings to show the magnetic field (pattern) (1)

1

(b) **Level 2 (3–4 marks):**
A detailed and coherent explanation is provided. The response makes logical links between clearly identified, relevant points that explain how the ignition circuit works.

Level 1 (1–2 marks):
Simple statements are made. The response may fail to make logical links between the points raised.

0 marks:
No relevant content.

Indicative content

- closing the (ignition) switch causes a current to pass through the electromagnet
- the iron core (of the electromagnet) becomes magnetised
- the electromagnet / iron core attracts the (short side of the) iron arm
- the iron arm pushes the (starter motor) contacts (inside the electromagnetic switch) together
- the starter motor circuit is complete
- a current flows through the starter motor (which then turns)

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5 (a) (i) increase

1

(ii) A and B
and
B and C

both required for the mark

either order

1

(iii) any **two** from:

- size of nail
  or
  nail material

  allow (same) nail

- current

  allow (same) cell

  allow p.d.

  same amount of electricity is insufficient

- (size of) paper clip

- length of wire

  accept type / thickness of wire

2

(b) 4

1

B picks up the same number as C, so this electromagnet would pick up the same number as A
or
direction of current does not affect the strength of the electromagnet

allow it has got the same number of turns as A

1

(c) 2

allow 1 or 3

1

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6 Quality of written communication: One mark for correct sequencing.
bolt out ® plunger up ® switch off / circuit broken

1

any **five** from

- high current flows
- electromagnet is stronger
- the iron bolt is pulled out
- the plastic plunger moves up
- the switch is lifted / open / off
  accept circuit is broken
- no current flowing
- to re-set the plunger must be pushed down

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7 (a) an electromagnet can be switched off
accept a permanent magnet cannot be switched off

or
an electromagnet is stronger
accept control the strength

1

(b) 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 apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.

Level 3 (5 – 6 marks):
there is a description of how the electromagnet is made
and
there is a description of how the strength of the electromagnet can be varied
and
there is a description of how the strength of the electromagnet can be tested

Level 2 (3 – 4 marks):
there is a description of how the electromagnet is made
and either
there is a description of how the strength of the electromagnet can be varied
or
there is a description of how the electromagnet can be tested

Level 1 (1 – 2 marks):
there is a basic description of how to make an electromagnet
or
there is a basic description of how the strength of the electromagnet can be varied
or
there is a basic description of how the electromagnet can be tested

Level 0 (0 marks):
No relevant / correct content

examples of the points made in the response

Details of how to make an electromagnet
- wrap the wire around the nail
- connect the wire to the power supply (with connecting leads and croc clips)
- switch on the power supply

accept a current should be sent along the wire

Details of how to vary the strength of the electromagnet
- change the number of turns (on the coil)
- change the current (through the coil)
- change the separation of the turns

allow change the potential difference (across the coil)

accept wrap the coil more tightly

Details of how to test the electromagnet
- suspend paperclips from the electromagnet
- the more paperclips suspended, the stronger the electromagnet is
- clamp the electromagnet at different distances from the paperclip(s)
- the further the distance from which paperclips can be attracted the stronger the electromagnet is
- test before and after making alterations to change the strength
- compare the results from before and after making alterations
- use de-magnetised paper clips

accept count the number of paperclips

*with different current **or** p.d. **or** no. of turns*

***or** core and see if the number changes/increases*

6

[7]

8 (a) current flows
coil / core magnetised / electromagnet activated / energised / turned on
attracts iron bar causing bolt to be pulled out

each for 1 mark

4

(b) more turns
bigger current / e.m.f
softer iron core

any two for 1 mark each

2

(c) to relock door / return iron bar / to lock door

for 1 mark

1

(d) iron bar would still be attracted / coil still magnetised so still works

for 1 mark each

yes + wrong answer

0 marks

yes + current still flows

1 mark

yes + still magnetised / iron bar still attracted

2 marks

2

[9]

9 (a) the magnets are not touching

1

but (each) experiences a force

allow but there is a force of attraction between them

1

(b) place a (plotting) compass near the (north / south) pole of the magnet and mark the direction that the compass points

1

move the (plotting) compass around the bar magnet (to the other pole) marking at (regular) intervals the direction the compass points

1

join the points up and add an arrow pointing from the north pole to the south pole

1

(c) (closing switch S) causes a current in the coil

allow switches on the electromagnet

1

a magnetic field is created

1

a force of attraction acts on the ball bearing

1

so the ball bearing accelerates (towards the iron rod)

1

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