

FOR TEACHERS ONLY

The University of the State of New York
REGENTS HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION

PHYSICAL SETTING/PHYSICS

Thursday, June 25, 2026 — 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., only

RATING GUIDE

Directions to the Teacher:

Refer to the directions on page 2 before rating student papers.

Updated information regarding the rating of this examination may be posted on the New York State Education Department's website during the rating period. Check this website at: <https://www.nysed.gov/state-assessment/high-school-regents-examinations> and select the link "Scoring Information" for any recently posted information regarding this examination. This site should be checked before the rating process for this examination begins and several times throughout the Regents Examination period.

Directions to the Teacher

Follow the procedures below for scoring student answer papers for the Regents Examination in Physical Setting/Physics. Additional information about scoring is provided in the publication *Information Booklet or Scoring Regents Examinations in the Sciences*.

Allow 1 credit for a correct response to each item.

At least two science teachers must participate in the scoring of each student's responses to the Part B–2 and Part C open-ended questions on a student's paper. Each of these teachers should be responsible for scoring a selected number of the open-ended questions on each answer paper. No one teacher is to score more than approximately one-half of the open-ended questions on a student's answer paper. Teachers may not score their own students' answer papers.

Students' responses must be scored strictly according to the Scoring Key and Rating Guide. For open-ended questions, credit may be allowed for responses other than those given in the rating guide if the response is a scientifically accurate answer to the question and demonstrates adequate knowledge, as indicated by the examples in the rating guide. Do not attempt to correct the student's work by making insertions or changes of any kind. On the student's separate answer sheet, for each question, record the number of credits earned and the teacher's assigned rater/scorer letter.

Fractional credit is *not* allowed. Only whole-number credit may be given for a response. If the student gives more than one answer to a question, only the first answer should be rated. Units need not to be given when the wording of the question allows such omissions.

For hand scoring, raters should enter the scores earned in the appropriate boxes printed on the separate answer sheet. Next, the rater should add these scores and enter the total in the box labeled "Total Raw Score." Then the student's raw score on the written test should be converted to a scale score by using the conversion chart that will be posted on the Department's website at: <https://www.nysed.gov/state-assessment/high-school-regents-examinations> on the day of the examination. The student's scale score should be entered in the box labeled "Scale Score" on the student's answer sheet. The scale score is the student's final examination score.

Schools are not permitted to rescore any of the open-ended questions on this exam after each question has been rated once, regardless of the final exam score. Schools are required to ensure that the raw scores have been added correctly and that the resulting scale score has been determined accurately.

Because scale scores corresponding to raw scores in the conversion chart may change from one administration to another, it is crucial that for each administration, the conversion chart provided for that administration be used to determine the student's final score.

Teachers should become familiar with the Department publication *Regents Examination in Physical Setting/Physics: Rating Guide for Parts B–2 and C*. This publication can be found on the New York State Education Department’s website <https://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/state-assessment/physics-rating-guide.pdf>. This guide provides a set of directions, along with some examples, to assist teachers in rating parts B–2 and C of the Regents Examination in Physical Setting/Physics.

Scoring Criteria for Calculations

For each question requiring the student to *show all calculations, including the equation and substitution with units*, apply the following scoring criteria:

- Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution of values with units. If the equation and/or substitution with units is not shown, do *not* allow this credit. Allow credit if the student has listed the values with units and written a correct equation.
 - Allow 1 credit for the correct answer (number and unit). If the number is given without the unit, allow credit if the credit for units was previously deducted for this calculation problem.
 - Penalize a student only once per calculation problem for incorrect or omitted units.
 - Allow credit if the answer is not expressed with the correct number of significant figures.
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Part B–2

51 [1] Allow 1 credit for $2.96 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$.

52 [1] Allow 1 credit for $4.2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}$.

53 [1] Allow 1 credit for 2.0 m.

54 [1] Allow 1 credit for 20. N/m.

55 [1] Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution with units *or* for an answer, with units, consistent with the student's response to question 54. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$PE_s = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

or

$$PE_s = \frac{1}{2}(20. \text{ N/m})(0.120 \text{ m})^2$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(2.40 \text{ N})(0.120 \text{ m})$$

56 [1] Allow 1 credit for the correct answer with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to question 54 and/or 55.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$PE_s = 0.14 \text{ J}$$

or

$$A = 0.14 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$$

Note: Do *not* penalize the student more than 1 credit for errors in units in questions 55 and 56.

- 57** [1] Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution with units. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Examples of 1-credit responses:

$$F_e = \frac{kq_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

$$F_e = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(4.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})(3.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{(0.25 \text{ m})^2}$$

or

$$F_e = \frac{(8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2)(-4.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})(3.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C})}{(0.25 \text{ m})^2}$$

- 58** [1] Allow 1 credit for the correct answer with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to question 57.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$F_e = 1.7 \text{ N} \quad \text{or} \quad -1.7 \text{ N}$$

Note: Do *not* penalize the student more than 1 credit for errors in units in questions 57 and 58.

- 59** [1] Allow 1 credit for 3.1 N *or* -3.1 N *or* for an answer that is consistent with the student's response to question 58.

Note: Do not accept an answer with a magnitude less than 1.4 N.

- 60** [1] Allow 1 credit for a correct answer *or* for an answer that is consistent with the student's response to question 58. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

- The magnitude of charge A is greater than the magnitude of Charge C.
- Charge A is greater.

- 61** [1] Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution with units. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$E = mc^2$$

$$E = (1.00 \times 10^3 \text{ kg})(3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})^2$$

- 62** [1] Allow 1 credit for the correct answer with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to question 61. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$E = 9.00 \times 10^{19} \text{ J}$$

Note: Do *not* penalize the student more than 1 credit for errors in units in questions 61 and 62.

- 63** [1] Allow 1 credit for $3.02 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$.

- 64** [1] Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to question 63. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$E_{\text{photon}} = hf$$

$$f = \frac{E_{\text{photon}}}{h}$$

$$f = \frac{3.02 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}}$$

- 65** [1] Allow 1 credit for the correct answer with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to questions 63 and/or 64.

Examples of 1-credit responses:

$$f = 4.56 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

Note: Do *not* penalize the student more than 1 credit for errors in units in questions 64 and 65.

Part C

- 66 [1] Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution with units. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{t}$$

$$a = \frac{57.2 \text{ m/s} - 0 \text{ m/s}}{3.5 \text{ s}}$$

- 67 [1] Allow 1 credit for the correct answer with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to question 66.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$a = 16 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Note: Do *not* penalize the student more than 1 credit for errors in units in questions 66 and 67.

- 68 [1] Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution with units. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}(70.0 \text{ kg})(57.2 \text{ m/s})^2$$

- 69 [1] Allow 1 credit for the correct answer with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to question 68.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$KE = 1.15 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$$

Note: Do *not* penalize the student more than 1 credit for errors in units in questions 68 and 69.

- 70** [1] Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution with units. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$\Delta PE = mg \Delta h$$

$$\Delta PE = (70.0 \text{ kg})(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(139 \text{ m})$$

- 71** [1] Allow 1 credit for the correct answer with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to question 70.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$\Delta PE = 9.55 \times 10^4 \text{ J}$$

Note: Do *not* penalize the student more than 1 credit for errors in units in questions 70 and 71.

- 72** [1] Allow 1 credit for 30. Ω .

- 73** [1] Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to question 72. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$I = \frac{12 \text{ V}}{30. \Omega}$$

- 74** [1] Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to questions 72 and/or 73. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$I = 0.40 \text{ A}$$

Note: Do *not* penalize the student more than 1 credit for errors in units in questions 73 and 74.

- 75** [1] Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to question 74. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Examples of 1-credit responses:

$$P = I^2 R$$

or

$$P = VI$$

$$P = (0.40 \text{ A})^2(10 \Omega)$$

$$P = (4.0 \text{ V})(0.40 \text{ A})$$

- 76** [1] Allow 1 credit for the correct answer with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to questions 74 and/or 75. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$P = 1.6 \text{ W}$$

Note: Do *not* penalize the student more than 1 credit for errors in units in questions 75 and 76.

- 77** [1] Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution with units. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Examples of 1-credit responses:

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

$$\theta_2 = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{n_1 \sin \theta_1}{n_2} \right)$$

or

$$\sin \theta_2 = \frac{n_1 \sin \theta_1}{n_2} = \frac{(1.00)(\sin 37^\circ)}{1.33}$$

$$\theta_2 = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{(1.00)(\sin 37^\circ)}{1.33} \right)$$

- 78** [1] Allow 1 credit for the correct answer with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to question 77. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

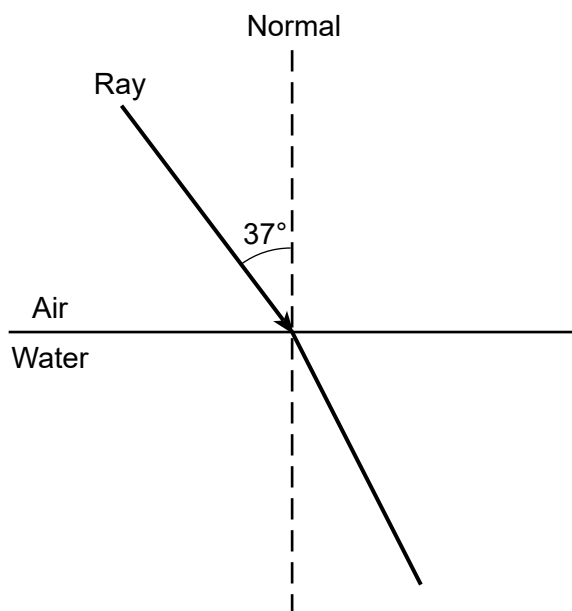
Example of a 1-credit response:

$$\theta_2 = 27^\circ$$

Note: Do *not* penalize the student more than 1 credit for errors in units in questions 77 and 78.

- 79 [1] Allow 1 credit for drawing the refracted ray $27^\circ \pm 2^\circ$ from the normal.

Example of a 1-credit response:



Note: Allow credit for a response consistent with the student's response to question 78.

- 80 [1] Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution with units. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$n = \frac{c}{v}$$

$$v = \frac{c}{n}$$

$$v = \frac{(3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{1.33}$$

- 81** [1] Allow 1 credit for the correct answer with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to question 80.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$v = 2.26 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

Note: Do *not* penalize the student more than 1 credit for errors in units in questions 80 and 81.

- 82** [1] Allow 1 credit for 88.3 N.

- 83** [1] Allow 1 credit for the equation and substitution with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to question 82. Refer to *Scoring Criteria for Calculations* in this rating guide.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$F_f = \mu F_N$$

$$F_f = (0.30)(88.3 \text{ N})$$

- 84** [1] Allow 1 credit for the correct answer with units *or* for an answer, with units, that is consistent with the student's response to question 82 and/or 83.

Example of a 1-credit response:

$$F_f = 26 \text{ N}$$

Note: Do *not* penalize the student more than 1 credit for errors in units in questions 83 and 84.

- 85** [1] Allow 1 credit for 3.8 m/s^2 *or* for an answer that is consistent with the student's response to question 84.

Regents Examination in Physical Setting/Physics

June 2026

Chart for Converting Total Test Raw Scores to Final Examination Scores (Scale Scores)

The *Chart for Determining the Final Examination Score for the June 2026 Regents Examination in Physical Setting/Physics* will be posted on the Department's website at: <https://www.nysed.gov/state-assessment/high-school-regents-examinations> on the day of the examination. Conversion charts provided for previous administrations of the Regents Examination in Physical Setting/Physics must NOT be used to determine students' final scores for this administration.

Online Submission of Teacher Evaluations of the Test to the Department

Suggestions and feedback from teachers provide an important contribution to the test development process. The Department provides an online evaluation form for State assessments. It contains spaces for teachers to respond to several specific questions and to make suggestions. Instructions for completing the evaluation form are as follows:

1. Go to <https://www.nysed.gov/state-assessment/teacher-feedback-state-assessments>.
2. Click [Regents Examinations](#).
3. Complete the required demographic fields.
4. Select the test title from the [Regents Examination](#) dropdown list.
5. Complete each evaluation question and provide comments in the space provided.
6. Click the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the page to submit the completed form.

Map to Core Curriculum

June 2026 Physical Setting/Physics			
Question Numbers			
Key Ideas	Part A	Part B	Part C
Standard 1			
Math Key Idea 1	1, 2, 6, 9, 15, 17, 18, 27	39, 40, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65	66, 67, 68, 69, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 80, 81, 83, 84
Math Key Idea 2	3, 4, 23, 25	41, 43, 46, 60	82
Math Key Idea 3		42, 45, 54	85
Science Inquiry Key Idea 1			
Science Inquiry Key Idea 2			
Science Inquiry Key Idea 3			
Engineering Design Key Idea 1			
Standard 2			
Key Idea 1			
Key Idea 2			
Standard 6			
Key Idea 1			
Key Idea 2	7, 14		
Key Idea 3		44	
Key Idea 4			
Key Idea 5			
Key Idea 6	11		
Standard 7			
Key Idea 1			
Key Idea 2			
Standard 4 Process Skills			
4.1	12, 21, 31, 32	36, 37, 38, 39, 51, 55, 56	68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76
4.3	5, 8, 10, 13, 30	43, 53	77, 78, 79, 80, 81
5.1	6, 16, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35	42, 45, 46, 48, 49, 54, 59	82, 83, 84, 85
5.3		50, 63	
Standard 4			
4.1	11, 12, 21, 30, 31, 32	36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 51, 55, 56	68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76
4.3	5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14	43, 52, 53	77, 78, 80, 81
5.1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35	38, 42, 45, 46, 48, 49, 54, 57, 58, 59, 60, 66, 67	66, 67, 82, 83, 84, 85
5.3		47, 50, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65	