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EXAM QUESTION PACK

4.3.1 CHANGES OF STATE AND THE PARTICLE MODEL (PACK 1)

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Q1.

A student wanted to determine the density of a small piece of rock.

(a) Describe how the student could measure the volume of the piece of rock.

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(4)

(b) The volume of the piece of rock was 18.0 cm^3.

The student measured the mass of the piece of rock as 48.6 g.

Calculate the density of the rock in g/cm^3.

Use the equation:

$$\text{density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$$

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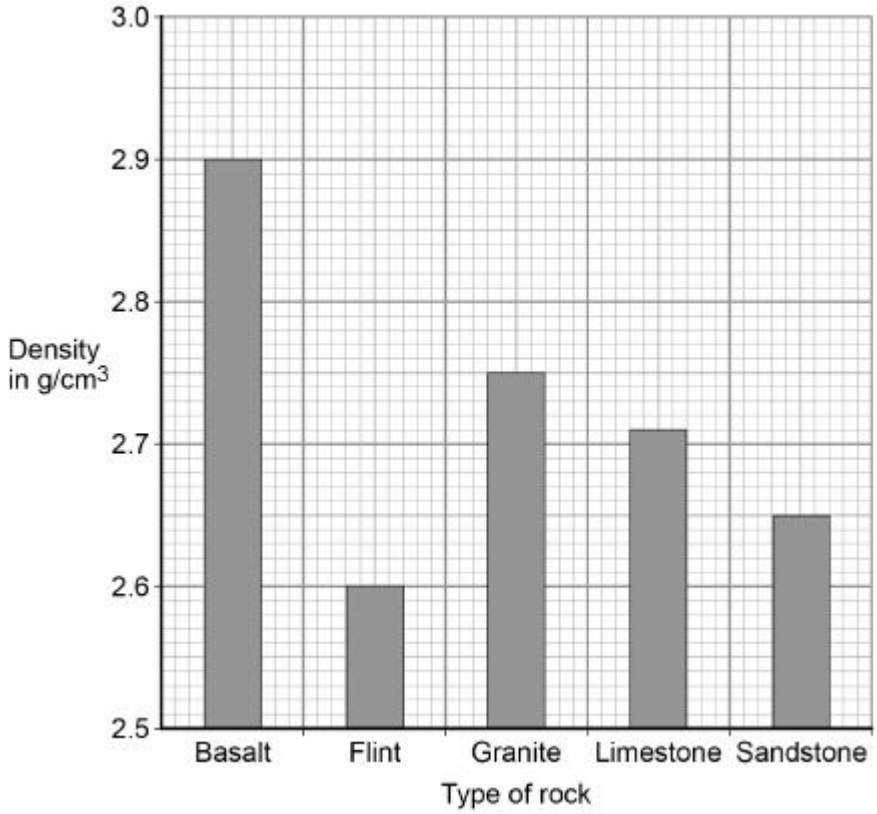
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Density = _____ g/cm^3

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The graph below shows the densities of different types of rock.

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(c) What is the most likely type of rock that the student had?

Tick **one** box.

Basalt ☐

Flint ☐

Granite ☐

Limestone ☐

Sandstone ☐

(1)

(d) Give **one** source of error that may have occurred when the student measured the volume of the rock.

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(e) How would the error you described in part **(d)** affect the measured volume of the rock?

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(1)

(Total 9 marks)

Q2.

The diagram below shows a wind turbine.



(a) At a particular wind speed, a volume of 2.3×10^4 m^3 of air passes the blades each second.

The density of air is 1.2 kg/m^3.

Calculate the mass of air passing the blades per second.

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Mass of air per second = _____ kg

(3)

(b) The power output of the turbine is directly proportional to the kinetic energy of the air passing the blades each second.

Describe the effect on the power output when the wind speed is halved.

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(3)

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(c) At a different wind speed, the wind turbine has a power output of 388 kW.

The mass of air passing the wind turbine each second is 13 800 kg.

Calculate the speed of the air passing the blades each second.

Assume that the process is 100% efficient.

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Speed of air = _____ m/s

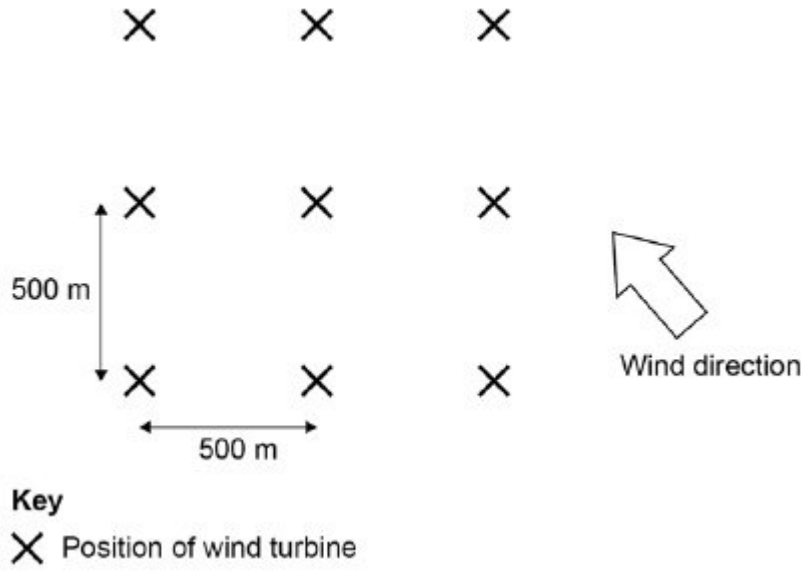
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Q3.

The wind turbines in a wind farm must have a minimum distance of 500 m between them for maximum efficiency.

The diagram shows the position of nine wind turbines in a wind farm.



(a) Suggest **one** way in which the layout of this wind farm ensures maximum efficiency when the wind direction changes.

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(1)

The average mass of air passing through the blades of one wind turbine is 51 000 kg per second.

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The density of air is 1.2 kg / m^3

(b) Write down the equation that links density, mass and volume.

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(1)

(c) Calculate the volume of air passing through the blades of one wind turbine in one second.

Give the unit.

Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

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Volume in one second = _____ Unit _____

(5)

(d) The average power output from one of the wind turbines in the diagram is 1.6×10^6 W

The average power output of a nuclear power station is 2.4×10^9 W

Calculate the number of wind turbines needed to generate power equal to one nuclear power station.

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Number of wind turbines = _____

(2)

(e) The UK requires a minimum electrical power of 2.5×10^{10} W at any time.

Give **two** reasons why wind turbines alone are unlikely to be used to meet this requirement.

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(2)
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Q4.

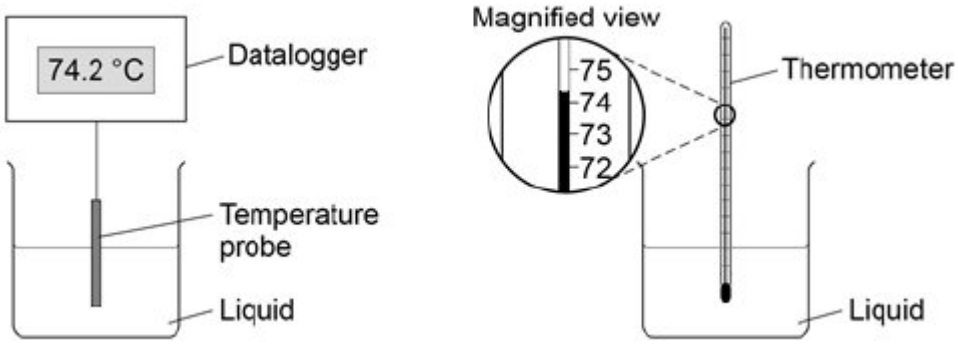
Two students investigated the change of state of stearic acid from liquid to solid.

They measured how the temperature of stearic acid changed over 5 minutes as it changed from liquid to solid.

Figure 1 shows the different apparatus the two students used.

Figure 1

Student A's apparatus **Student B's apparatus**



(a) Choose **two** advantages of using student **A**'s apparatus.

Tick **two** boxes.

Student **A**'s apparatus made sure the test was fair. ☐

Student **B**'s apparatus only measured categoric variables. ☐

Student **A**'s measurements had a higher resolution. ☐

Student **B** was more likely to misread the temperature. ☐

(2)

(b) Student **B** removed the thermometer from the liquid each time he took a temperature reading.

What type of error would this cause?

Tick **one** box.

A systematic error ☐

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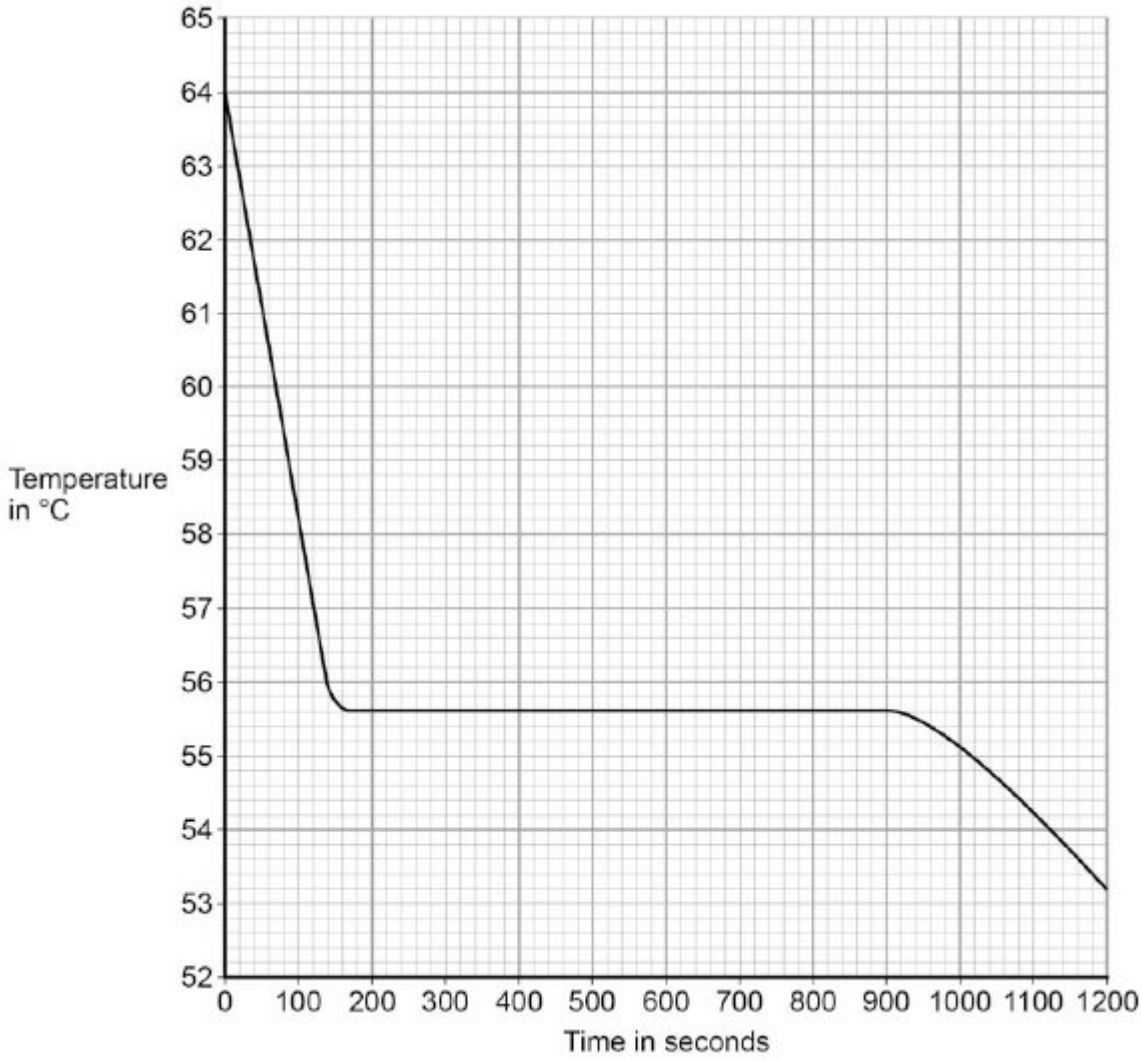
A random error ☐

A zero error ☐

(1)

(c) Student **A**'s results are shown in **Figure 2**.

Figure 2



What was the decrease in temperature between 0 and 160 seconds?

Tick **one** box.

8.2 °C ☐

8.4 °C ☐

53.2 °C ☐

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55.6 °C ☐

(1)

(d) Use **Figure 2** to determine the time taken for the stearic acid to change from a liquid to a solid.

Time = _____ seconds

(1)

(e) Calculate the energy transferred to the surroundings as 0.40 kg of stearic acid changed state from liquid to solid.

The specific latent heat of fusion of stearic acid is 199 000 J / kg.

Use the correct equation from the Physics Equations Sheet.

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Energy = _____ J

(2)

(f) After 1200 seconds the temperature of the stearic acid continued to decrease.

Explain why.

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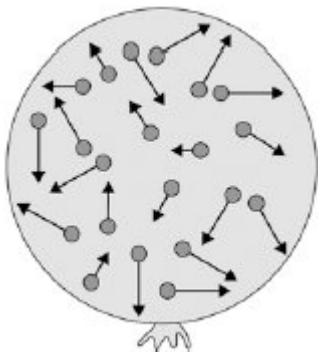
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Q5.

The figure below shows a balloon filled with helium gas.



(a) Describe the movement of the particles of helium gas inside the balloon.

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(2)

(b) What name is given to the total kinetic energy and potential energy of all the particles of helium gas in the balloon?

Tick **one** box.

External energy ☐

Internal energy ☐

Movement energy ☐

(1)

(c) Write down the equation which links density, mass and volume.

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(1)

(d) The helium in the balloon has a mass of 0.00254 kg.

The balloon has a volume of 0.0141 m^3.

Calculate the density of helium. Choose the correct unit from the box.

m^3 / kg	**kg / m^3**	**kg m^3**

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Density = _____ Unit _____

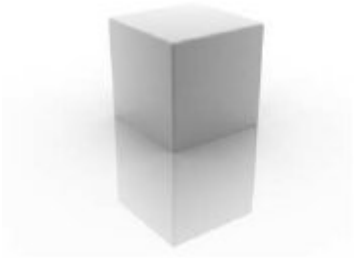
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Q6.

A student wants to calculate the density of the two objects shown in the figure below.

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Metal cube



Small statue

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Describe the methods that the student should use to calculate the densities of the two objects.

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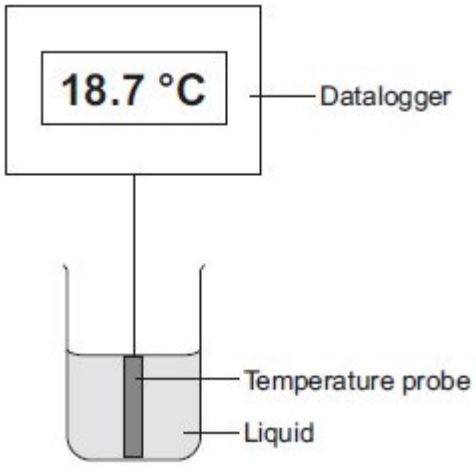
Q7.

A student investigated the cooling effect of evaporation.

She used the equipment (datalogger and probe) shown in **Figure 1** to measure how the temperature of a liquid changed as the liquid evaporated.

Figure 1

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(a) Which type of variable was the temperature in this investigation?

Tick (✔) **one** box.

	Tick (✔)
control	
dependent	
independent	

(1)

(b) Before the investigation started, the student checked the accuracy of three different temperature probes. The student put the probes in a beaker of boiling water that had a temperature of 100.0 °C.
The readings from the three temperature probes are shown in **Figure 2**.

Figure 2

Probe A	Probe B	Probe C
99.8	100.1	103.2

Which **one** of the temperature probes, **A**, **B** or **C**, was **least** accurate?

Write the correct answer in the box.

Give a reason for your answer.

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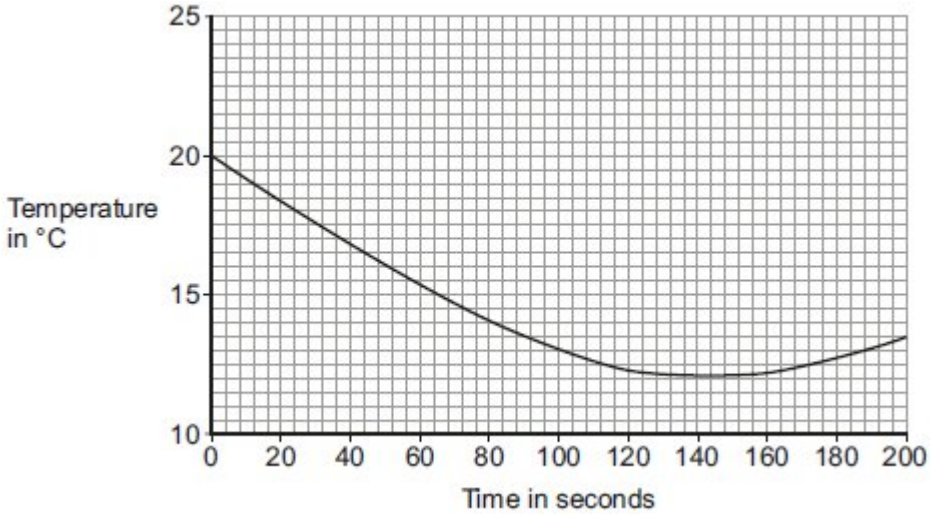
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(2)

(c) **Figure 3** shows how the temperature recorded changed during the investigation.

Figure 3

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(i) Use **Figure 3** to determine the lowest temperature recorded as the liquid evaporated.

Temperature = _____ °C

(1)

(ii) Use **Figure 3** to determine how long it took for all the liquid to evaporate. Give a reason for your answer.

Time = _____ seconds

Reason: _____

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(2)

(iii) How would increasing the starting temperature of the liquid above 20 °C affect the rate of evaporation of the liquid?

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(1)

(Total 7 marks)

Q8.

Solid, liquid and gas are three different states of matter.

(a) Describe the difference between the solid and gas states, in terms of the arrangement and movement of their particles.

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(4)

(b) What is meant by 'specific latent heat of vaporisation'?

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(2)

(c) While a kettle boils, 0.018 kg of water changes to steam.

Calculate the amount of energy required for this change.

Specific latent heat of vaporisation of water = 2.3×10^6 J / kg.

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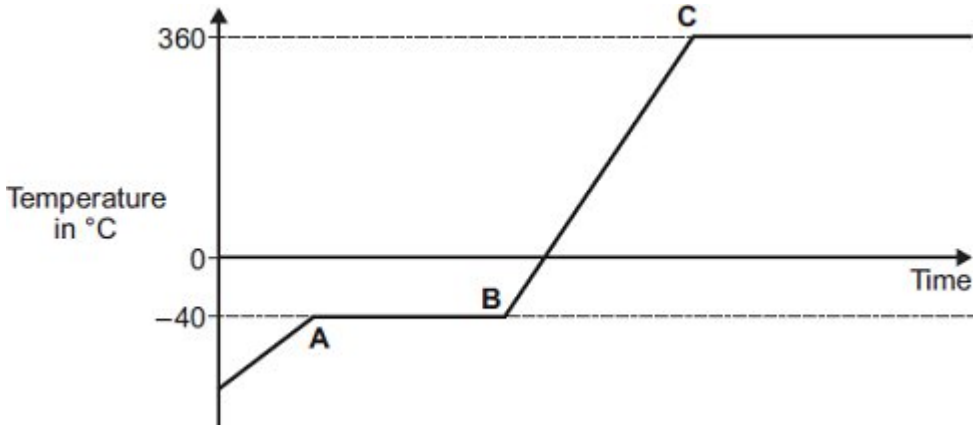
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Energy required = _____ J

(2)

(d) The graph shows how temperature varies with time for a substance as it is heated.

The graph is **not** drawn to scale.



Explain what is happening to the substance in sections **AB** and **BC** of the graph.

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Section **AB** _____

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Section **BC** _____

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(4)

(Total 12 marks)

Q9.

(a) A company is developing a system which can heat up and melt ice on roads in the winter. This system is called 'energy storage'.

During the summer, the black surface of the road will heat up in the sunshine.

This energy will be stored in a large amount of soil deep under the road surface. Pipes will run through the soil. In winter, cold water entering the pipes will be warmed and brought to the surface to melt ice.

The system could work well because the road surface is black.

Suggest why.

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(1)

(b) (i) What is meant by specific latent heat of fusion?

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(2)

(ii) Calculate the amount of energy required to melt 15 kg of ice at 0 °C.

Specific latent heat of fusion of ice = 3.4×10^5 J/kg.

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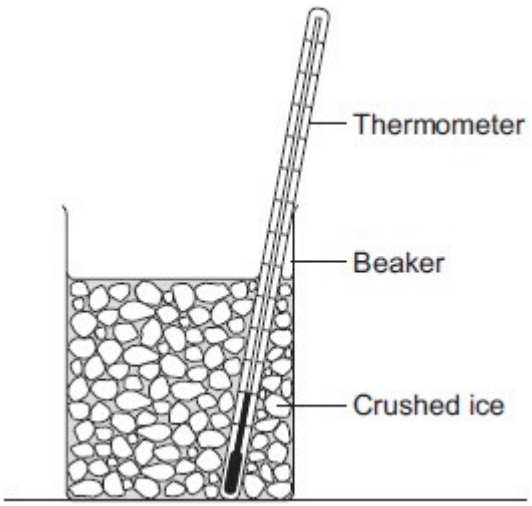
Energy = _____ J

(2)

(c) Another way to keep roads clear of ice is to spread salt on them.
When salt is added to ice, the melting point of the ice changes.

A student investigated how the melting point of ice varies with the mass of salt added.

The figure below shows the equipment that she used.



The student added salt to crushed ice and measured the temperature at which the ice melted.

(i) State **one** variable that the student should have controlled.

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(1)

(ii) During the investigation the student stirred the crushed ice.

Suggest **two** reasons why.

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

	Tick (✓)
To raise the melting point of the ice	
To lower the melting point of the ice	
To distribute the salt throughout the ice	
To keep all the ice at the same temperature	

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To reduce energy transfer from the surroundings to the ice	

(2)

(iii) The table below shows the data that the student obtained.

Mass of salt added in grams	0	10	20
Melting point of ice in °C	0	-6	-16

Describe the pattern shown in the table.

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(1)

(d) Undersoil electrical heating systems are used in greenhouses. This system could also be used under a road.

A cable just below the ground carries an electric current. One greenhouse system has a power output of 0.50 kW.

Calculate the energy transferred in 2 minutes.

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Energy transferred = _____ J

(3)

(e) **In this question you will be assessed on using good English, organising information clearly and using specialist terms where appropriate.**

A local council wants to keep a particular section of a road clear of ice in the winter.

Describe the advantages and disadvantages of keeping the road clear of ice using:

- energy storage
- salt
- undersoil electrical heating.

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Extra space _____

(6)

(Total 18 marks)

Q10.

In this question you will be assessed on using good English, organising information clearly and using specialist terms where appropriate.

The information in the box is about the properties of solids and gases.

Solids: • have a fixed shape • are difficult to compress (to squash). Gases: • will spread and fill the entire container • are easy to compress (to squash).

Use your knowledge of kinetic theory to explain the information given in the box.

You should consider:
- the spacing between the particles
- the movement of individual particles
- the forces between the particles.

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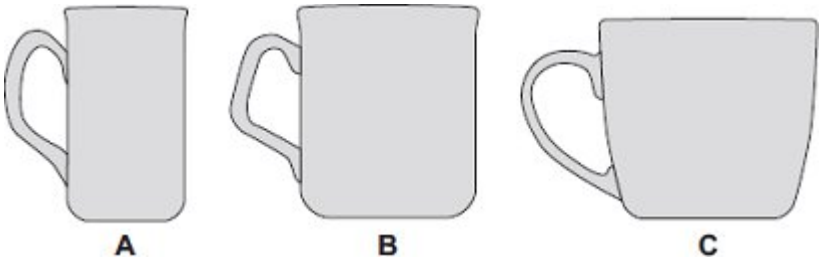
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Q11.

The diagram shows three cups **A**, **B** and **C**.

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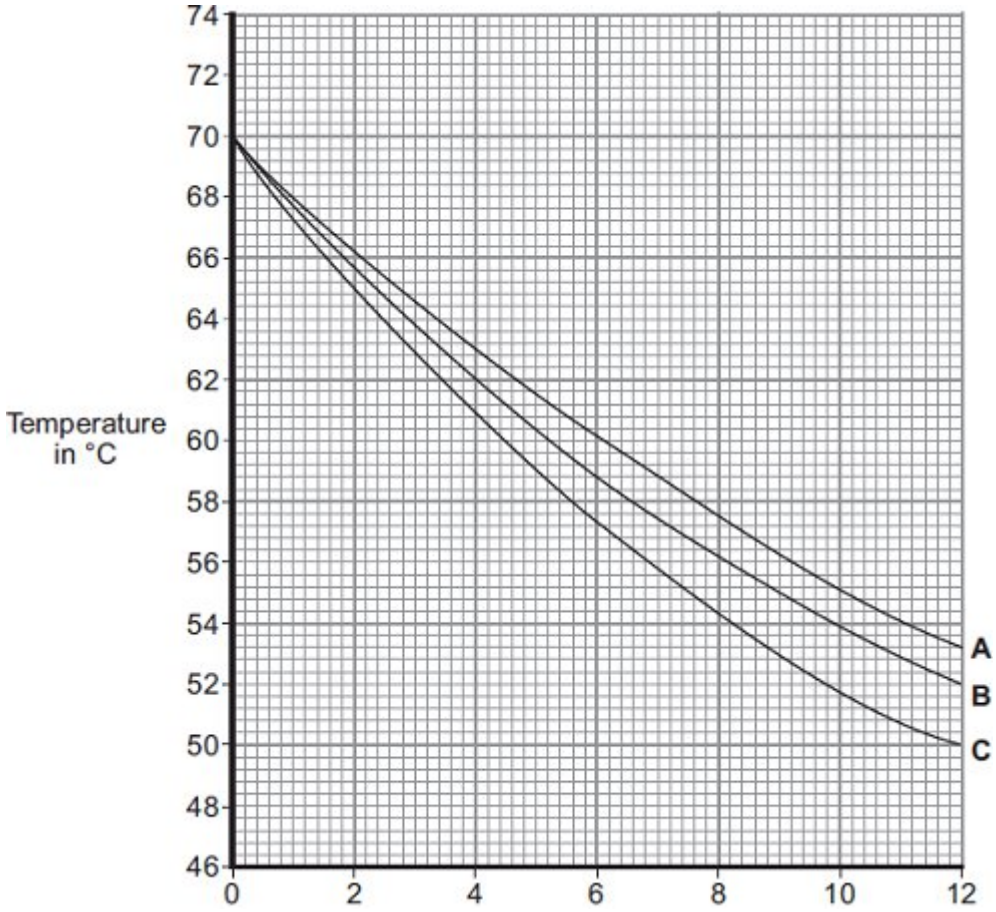


Energy is transferred from hot water in the cups to the surroundings.

(a) Some students investigated how the rate of cooling of water in a cup depends on the surface area of the water in contact with the air.

They used cups **A**, **B** and **C**. They poured the same volume of hot water into each cup and recorded the temperature of the water at regular time intervals.

The results are shown on the graph.



(i) What was the starting temperature of the water for each cup?

Starting temperature = _____ °C

(1)

(ii) Calculate the temperature fall of the water in cup **B** in the first 9 minutes.

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Temperature fall = _____ °C

(2)

(iii) Which cup, **A**, **B** or **C**, has the greatest rate of cooling? ☐

Using the graph, give a reason for your answer.

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(2)

(iv) The investigation was repeated using the bowl shown in the diagram.

The same starting temperature and volume of water were used.



Draw on the graph in part **(b)** another line to show the expected result.

(1)

(v) After 4 hours, the temperature of the water in each of the cups and the bowl was 20°C.

Suggest why the temperature does **not** fall below 20°C.

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(1)

(b) (i) The mass of water in each cup is 200 g.

Calculate the energy, in joules, transferred from the water in a cup when the temperature of the water falls by 8°C.

Specific heat capacity of water = 4200 J / kg°C.

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Energy transferred = _____ J

(3)

(ii) Explain, in terms of particles, how evaporation causes the cooling of water.

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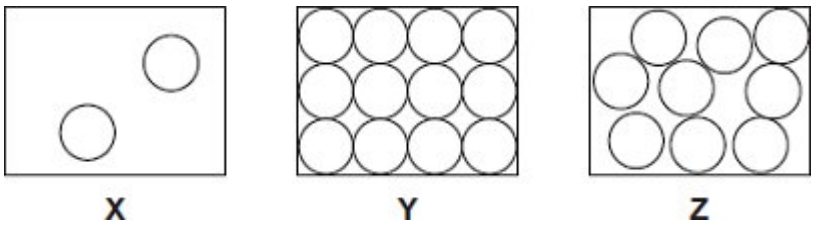
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Q12.

(a) The diagrams, **X**, **Y** and **Z**, show how the particles are arranged in the three states of matter.



X Y Z

(i) Which **one** of the diagrams, **X**, **Y** or **Z**, shows the arrangement of particles in a liquid?

Write the correct answer in the box. ☐

(1)

(ii) Which **one** of the diagrams, **X**, **Y** or **Z**, shows the arrangement of particles in a gas?

Write the correct answer in the box. ☐

(1)

(b) Draw a ring around the correct answer in each box to complete each sentence.

(i) In a gas, the particles are

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moving randomly.
not moving.

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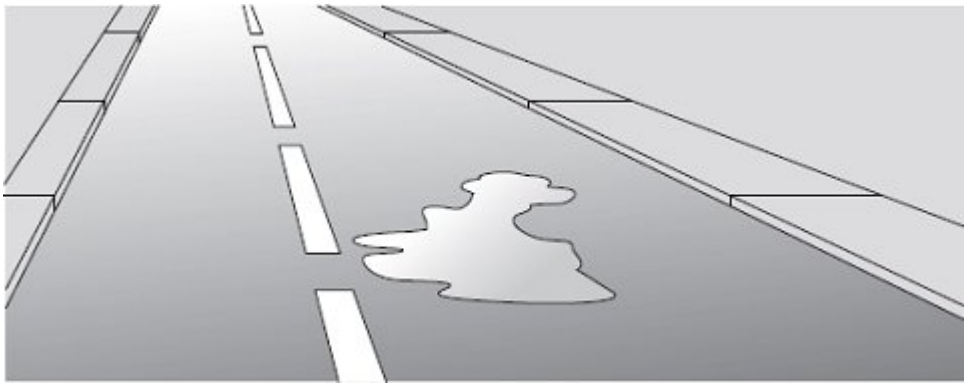
stronger than

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(ii) In a solid, the forces between the particles are | equal to / weaker than | the forces between the particles in a liquid.

(1)

(c) The picture shows a puddle of water in a road, after a rain shower.



(i) During the day, the puddle of water dries up and disappears. This happens because the water particles move from the puddle into the air.

What process causes water particles to move from the puddle into the air?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.

condensation **evaporation** **radiation**

(1)

(ii) Describe **one** change in the weather which would cause the puddle of water to dry up faster.

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(1)

(Total 6 marks)

Q13.

According to kinetic theory, all matter is made up of small particles. The particles are constantly moving.

Diagram 1 shows how the particles may be arranged in a solid.

Diagram 1



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(a) One kilogram of a gas has a much larger volume than one kilogram of a solid.

Use kinetic theory to explain why.

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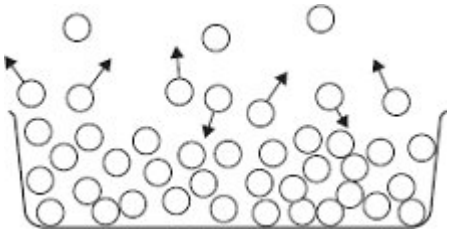
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(b) **Diagram 2** shows the particles in a liquid. The liquid is evaporating.

Diagram 2



(i) How can you tell from **Diagram 2** that the liquid is evaporating?

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(1)

(ii) The temperature of the liquid in the container decreases as the liquid evaporates.

Use kinetic theory to explain why.

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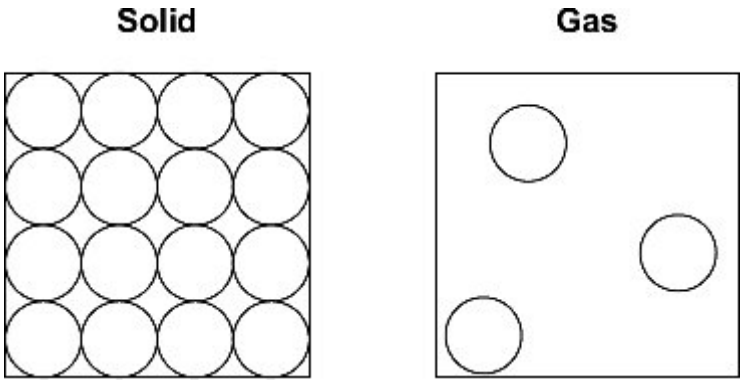
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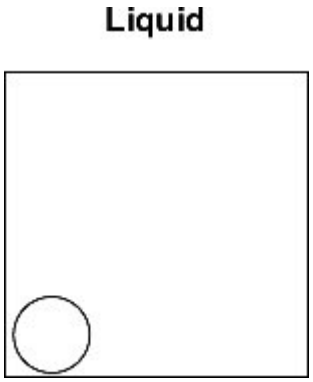
Q14.

(a) The diagrams show the arrangement of the particles in a solid and in a gas.

Each circle represents one particle.



(i) Complete the diagram below to show the arrangement of the particles in a liquid.



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(ii) Explain, in terms of the particles, why gases are easy to compress.

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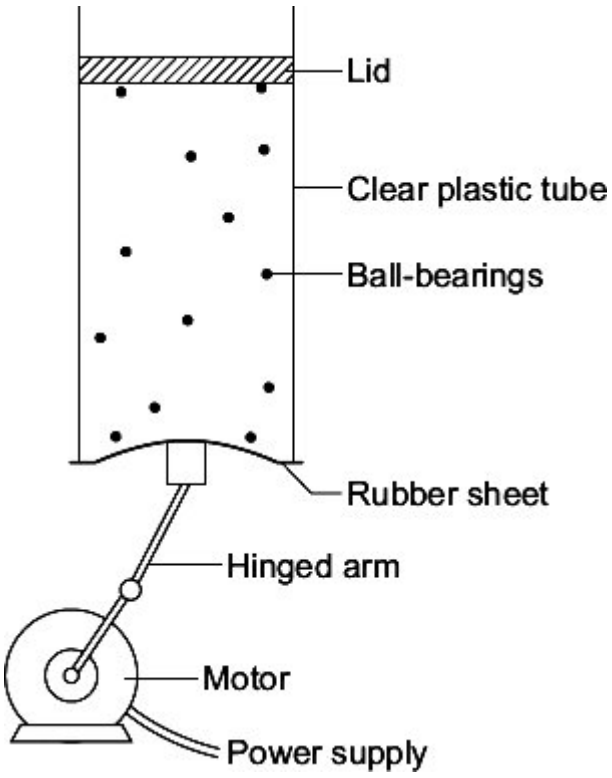
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(b) The diagram below shows the model that a science teacher used to show her students that there is a link between the temperature of a gas and the speed of the gas particles.

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The ball-bearings represent the gas particles. Switching the motor on makes the ball-bearings move around in all directions.



(i) How is the motion of the ball-bearings similar to the motion of the gas particles?

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(1)

(ii) The faster the motor runs, the faster the ball-bearings move. Increasing the speed of the motor is like increasing the temperature of a gas.

Use the model to predict what happens to the speed of the gas particles when the temperature of a gas is increased.

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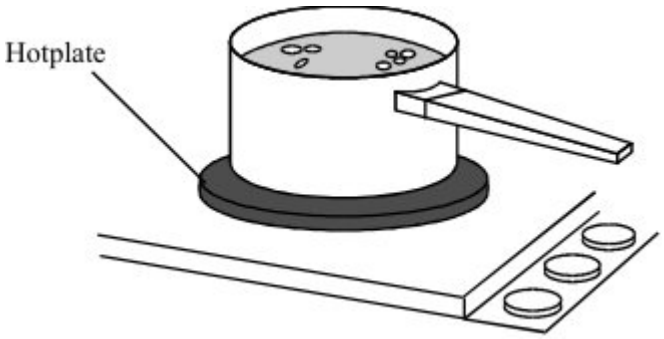
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Q15.

The drawing shows water being heated in a metal saucepan.

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(a) Explain, in terms of the particles in the metal, how heat energy is transferred through the base of the saucepan.

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(2)

(b) Energy is transferred through the water by convection currents. Explain what happens to cause a convection current in the water. The answer has been started for you.

As heat energy is transferred through the saucepan, the water particles at the bottom

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(3)

(c) Some energy is transferred from the hotplate to the air by *thermal radiation*. What is meant by *thermal radiation*?

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(Total 6 marks)

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