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# EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

## Examination for General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

### Science

5124/1

#### Paper 1

2020

#### Additional Material(s):

Electronic calculator (non programmable) and / or Mathematical tables

Graph paper

Soft clean eraser

Soft pencil (type B or HB is recommended)

Time 2 hours

Marks: 85

#### Instructions to Candidates

1 Write the **centre number** and your **examination number** on every page of this question paper and on the separate Answer Booklet/paper provided.

2 There are **three** sections in this paper.

#### (i) Section A

There are **twenty** questions in this section. Answer all questions. For each question, there are four possible answers, **A, B, C** and **D**. Choose the one you consider correct and record your choice by marking it with a cross (X) on the **answer grid provided** on the question paper.

#### (ii) Section B

Answer all questions. Write your answers in the **spaces provided** on the question paper.

Read very carefully the instructions on the answer sheet.

#### (iii) Section C

Answer any **two** questions. Write your answer on a separate **answer booklet provided**.

#### Information for candidates

1 Any rough working should be done in this question paper.

2 At the end of the examination:

(i) Fasten the separate answer booklet/papers used securely to the question paper.

(ii) Circle the numbers of the section C questions you have answered in the grid below.

3 The **Periodic Table** is printed on page **18**.

4 Cell phones are not allowed in the examination room.

5 Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Candidate's Use	Examiner's Use
Section A	
Section B	
Section C	1
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## ANSWER GRID FOR SECTION A

Put a cross (X) on the letter indicating your choice of answer.

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2	A	B	C	D
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3	A	B	C	D
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4	A	B	C	D
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5	A	B	C	D
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6	A	B	C	D
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9	A	B	C	D
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12	A	B	C	D
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13	A	B	C	D
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14	A	B	C	D
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19	A	B	C	D
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20	A	B	C	D
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## SECTION A [20 marks]

Answer **all** the questions on the answer grid provided.

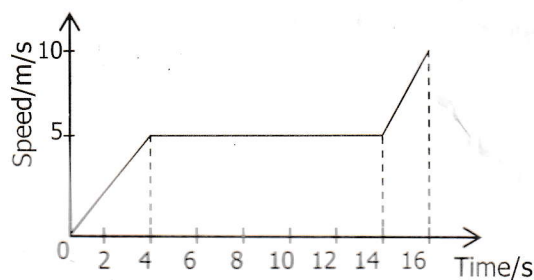
**A1** How many significant figures are there in the number 0.050200?

- A 2
- B 3
- C 5
- D 6

**A2** A stone of mass 400g is lowered into a measuring cylinder containing water. The water level rises from 300cm<sup>3</sup> to 500cm<sup>3</sup>. What is the density of the stone?

- A 0.50g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- B 0.80g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- C 1.33g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- D 2.00g/cm<sup>3</sup>

**A3** The graph below shows the speed of an athlete during a race.



What is the distance travelled by the athlete?

- A 50m
- B 65m
- C 75m
- D 90m

**A4** A 4kg brick is dropped from the top of a building whose height is 30m. What is the velocity with which it reaches the ground?

- A 7.5m/s
- B 24.5m/s
- C 120.0m/s
- D 1 200.0m/s

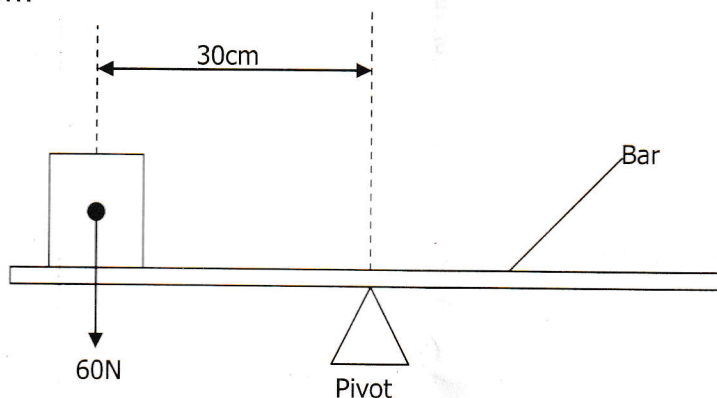
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- A5** The diagram below shows an object moving with a constant velocity when a force  $E$  of 30N is applied.



What is the value of the opposing force  $F$ ?

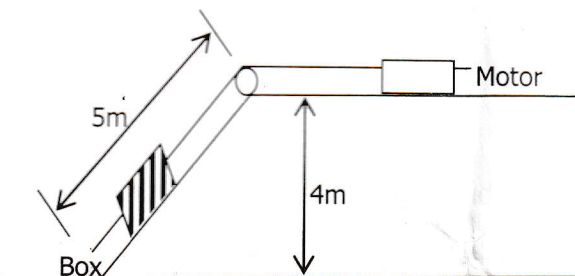
- A** 0N  
**B** 15N  
**C** 30N  
**D** 300N
- A6** A 60N object is placed on a uniform bar that was balanced at its mid-point as shown in the diagram below.



Which of the following will rebalance the beam?

	Magnitude of force	Position of force
<b>A</b>	30N	60cm to the left of the pivot
<b>B</b>	30N	60cm to the right of the pivot
<b>C</b>	45N	45cm to the right of the pivot
<b>D</b>	90N	20cm to the left of the pivot

- A7** A motor is used to pull a 10kg box along a 5 meter long incline to the top of the decline as shown in the diagram below.



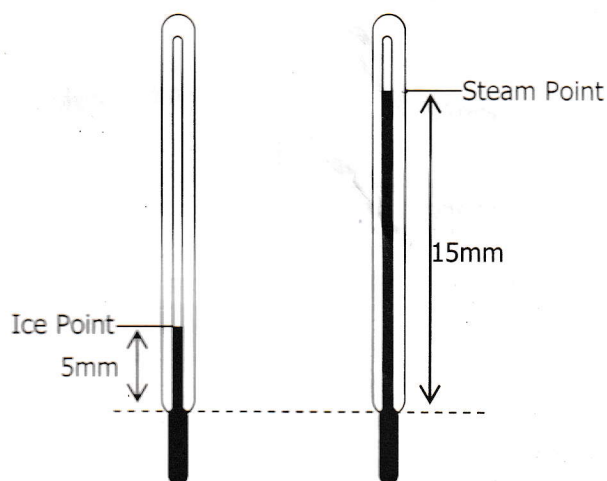
Ignoring all frictional forces, determine the work done against gravity in pulling the box from the foot of the incline to the top of the decline. (Take  $g$  as 10N/kg)

- A** 40J  
**B** 50J  
**C** 400J  
**D** 500J



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- A8** A girl whose mass is 50kg climbs a ladder of height 8m in 10 seconds. What is the power developed by the girl?
- A** 40W  
**B** 400W  
**C** 500W  
**D** 5 000W
- A9** A machine with a velocity ratio of 6 requires 800J of work to raise a load of 60kg through a vertical distance of 1m.
- Find the efficiency of the machine.
- A** 0.45  
**B** 0.75  
**C** 4.5  
**D** 75.0
- A10** The diagrams below show the length of mercury threads at the ice and steam points.

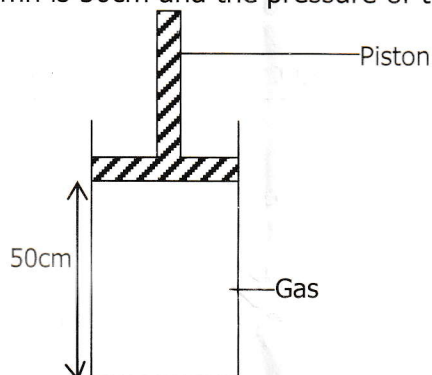


What will be the temperature if the length of the mercury thread is 25mm?

- A** 5°C  
**B** 8°C  
**C** 33°C  
**D** 50°C

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- A11** The diagram below shows a cylinder with a gas trapped inside at a constant temperature. The length of the gas column is 50cm and the pressure of the gas is 20Pa.



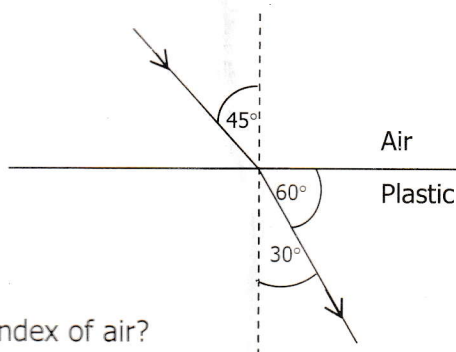
If the piston is pushed a distance of 30cm inside, what is the new pressure of the gas?

- A** 8Pa
- B** 12Pa
- C** 30Pa
- D** 50Pa

- A12** Which of the following correctly gives the properties of a sound wave?

	Nature	Speed in air
<b>A</b>	Longitudinal	340m/s
<b>B</b>	Longitudinal	$3.0 \times 10^8$ m/s
<b>C</b>	Transverse	340m/s
<b>D</b>	Transverse	$3.0 \times 10^8$ m/s

- A13** The diagram below shows the movement of a ray of light from air to plastic.



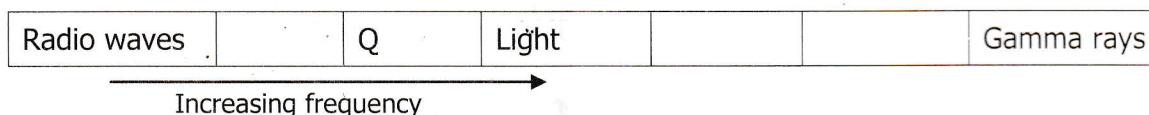
Which ratio is the refractive index of air?

- A**  $\frac{\sin 45^\circ}{\sin 60^\circ}$
- B**  $\frac{\sin 45^\circ}{\sin 30^\circ}$
- C**  $\frac{\sin 30^\circ}{\sin 45^\circ}$
- D**  $\frac{\sin 60^\circ}{\sin 45^\circ}$



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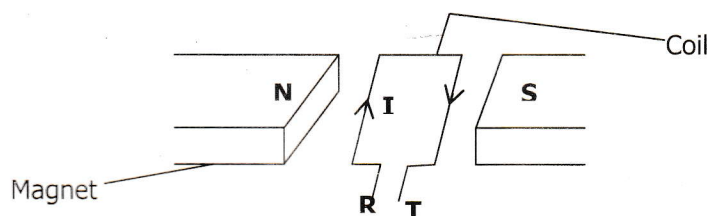
**A14** The diagram below shows the main sections of the electromagnetic spectrum in order of increasing frequency.



Which of the following is an application used by **Q**?

- A** Sterilisation
- B** Satellite television
- C** Killing cancerous cells
- D** Television remote controller

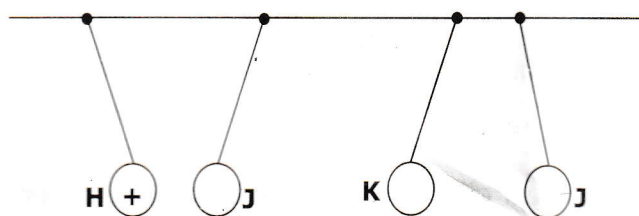
**A15** The diagram below shows a coil in a magnetic field, connected to a DC supply.



As the current **I** flows in the coil, in which direction will the coil rotate and what must be connected to parts **R** and **T**?

	Direction of rotation of coil	Part Connected to R and T
<b>A</b>	Clockwise	Split-ring commutator
<b>B</b>	Clockwise	Slip-rings
<b>C</b>	Anticlockwise	Split-ring commutator
<b>D</b>	Anticlockwise	Slip-rings

**A16** The diagram below illustrates what happens when metal balls **H**, **J** and **K** suspended by insulating threads are brought closer to each other.

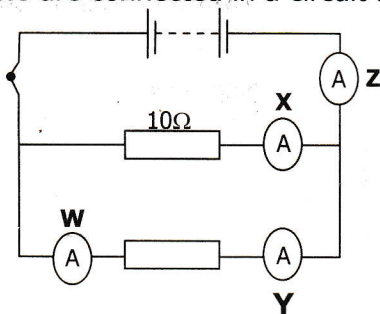


If the charge on **H** is positive, what charges are on ball **J** and **K**?

- |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|
|          | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> |
| <b>A</b> | Negative | Positive |
| <b>B</b> | Negative | Negative |
| <b>C</b> | Positive | Negative |
| <b>D</b> | Negative | Positive |

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**A17** Two resistors are connected in a circuit as shown in the diagram below.



Which labelled ammeter has the highest current reading?

- A W
- B X
- C Y
- D Z

**A18** What is the cost of running a 100W lamp for 30 minutes if electrical energy costs K10 per unit.

- A K0.05
- B K0.50
- C K30.0
- D K300.0

**A19** The following can be used in detecting alpha particles, beta particles and gamma rays.

- 1 Photographic film
- 2 Diffusion cloud chamber
- 3 G-m tube
- 4 Spark-counter

Which of the above **cannot** be used to detect beta particles and gamma rays?

- A 4
- B 1 and 4
- C 2 and 4
- D 1, 2 and 3

**A20** A radioactive source which has a half-life of 1 hour gives a count rate of 100 counts per second at the start of an experiment and 25 counts per second at the end.

How long in hours did the experiment take?

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4



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**Section B [45 marks]**

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Write your answers in the spaces provided on the question paper.

**B1** An object of mass 75kg on earth is taken to the moon where the gravitational field strength is 1.6N/kg.

(a) What is the mass of the object on the moon?

..... [1]

(b) Calculate the weight of the object on the moon.

Weight: ..... [2]

(c) Give **two** differences between mass and weight.

(i) ..... [1]  
 .....

(ii) ..... [1]  
 .....

**[Total: 5 marks]**

**B2** A bullet of mass 50g moving with an initial speed of 500m/s penetrates a wall and comes to rest in 0.2 seconds.

(a) Calculate the deceleration of the bullet over the 0.2 seconds.

Deceleration: ..... [2]

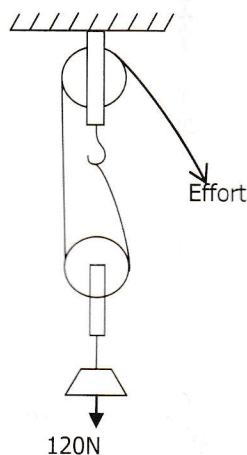
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- (b) Determine the retarding force acting on the bullet.

Force: ..... [2]

[Total: 4 marks]

- B3** Figure B3.1 below shows a pulley systems.



**Figure B3.1**

- (a) State the velocity ratio of the pulley shown in **figure B3.1** above.

..... [1]

- (b) If the efficiency of the pulley is 75%, what is its M.A?

M. A: ..... [2]

- (c) If the load is 120N, what is the size of the effort?

Effort: ..... [2]



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(d) What work is done by the effort if the load is lifted 0.5m?

Work done: ..... [2]

[Total: 7 marks]

**B4** Waves travel at a speed of 30m/s through a medium. If 10 waves pass through a point per second,

(a) calculate the

(i) frequency of the wave,

Frequency: ..... [2]

(ii) wavelength of the wave.

Wavelength: ..... [2]

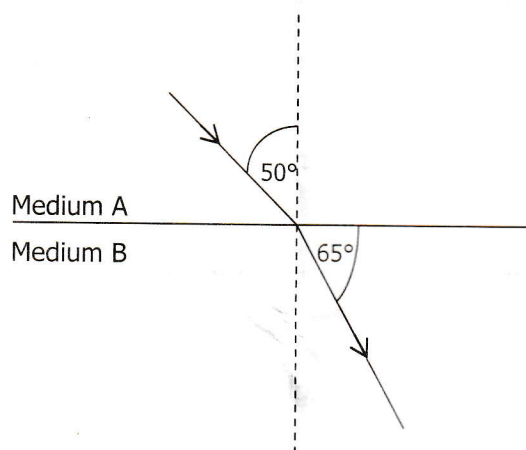
(b) What does loudness of a sound depend on?

..... [1]

[Total: 5 marks]

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**B5** Figure B5.1 below shows a ray of light moving from one medium to another.



**Figure B5.1**

**(a)** Find the angle of refraction.

Angle of refraction: ..... [1]

**(b)** Calculate the refractive index of medium **B**.

Refractive index: ..... [2]

**(c)** Which of the two media is denser than the other?

..... [1]

**[Total: 4 marks]**



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**B6** Figure B6.1 shows an object **O** placed in front of a thin converging lens of focal point **F**.

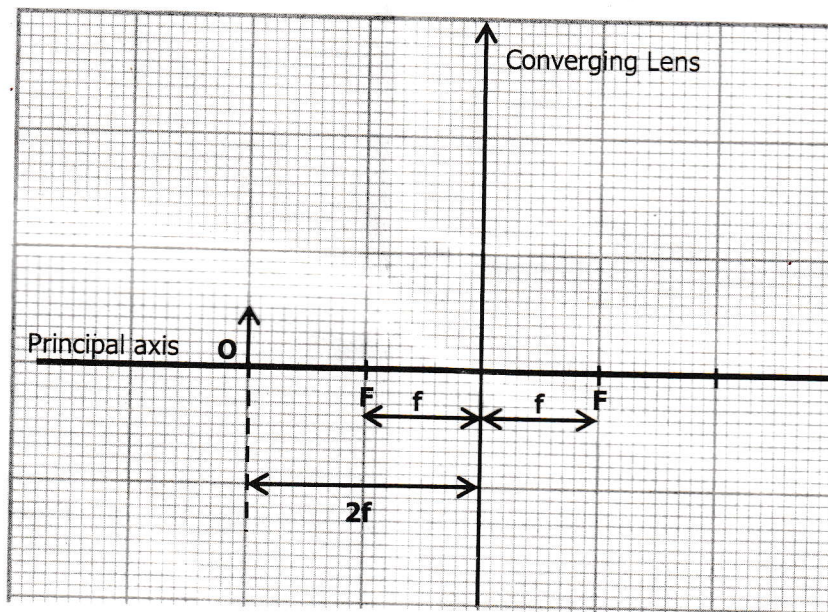


Figure B6.1

- (a) Complete the ray diagram to locate the position of the image formed by the converging lens.

[2]

- (b) State the characteristics of the image formed.

.....

[1]

- (c) Calculate the magnification of the lens.

Magnification: .....

[2]

**[Total: 5 marks]**

**B7** A step-up transformer increases the voltage of an a.c. supply from 110V to 220V. The primary coil dissipates a power of 1.1 kW and the transformer has an efficiency of 100%.

- (a) If the number of turns in the primary coil is 400, how many turns are in the secondary coil?

Turns in secondary coil: .....

[2]

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(b) How much current flows in the

(i) primary coil,

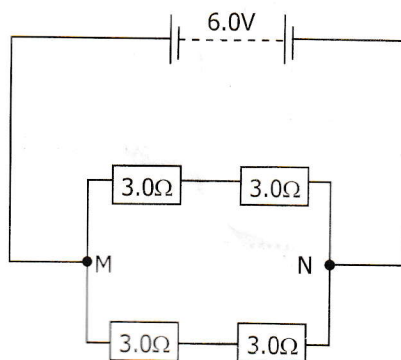
$I_p$ : ..... [2]

(ii) secondary coil?

$I_s$ : ..... [2]

[Total: 6 marks]

**B8** Figure B8.1 below shows two pairs of  $3.0\Omega$  resistors connected to a  $6.0V$  battery.



**Figure B8.1**

Calculate the

(a) resistance in the circuit between **M** and **N**,

Resistance: ..... [2]

(b) current through the battery,

Current: ..... [2]

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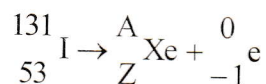
(c) power developed in the battery.

Power: ..... [2]

[Total: 6 marks]

- B9** Radioactive iodine is used to treat tumours of the thyroid gland. It decays by emitting beta particles and gamma radiation.

The beta emitting process is represented by the following equation:



- (a) What is the nucleon number of the new nucleus Xe formed?

Nucleon Number: ..... [1]

- (b) The half-life of iodine-131 is 8 days. The total dose of iodine given to a patient initially emits  $4 \times 10^8$  rays per second.

How many gamma rays does the total dose of iodine emit each second after 24 days?

Number of gamma rays: ..... [2]

[Total: 3 marks]



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**Section C [20 marks]**

Answer any **two (2)** questions from this section. Write your answers in the separate Answer Booklet provided.

- C1 (a) (i)** Explain the term absolute zero temperature. [1]  
**(ii)** State Charles' law. [1]

- (b)** The table **C1.1** below displays results of temperature against volume of air at a constant pressure of 720mm Hg.

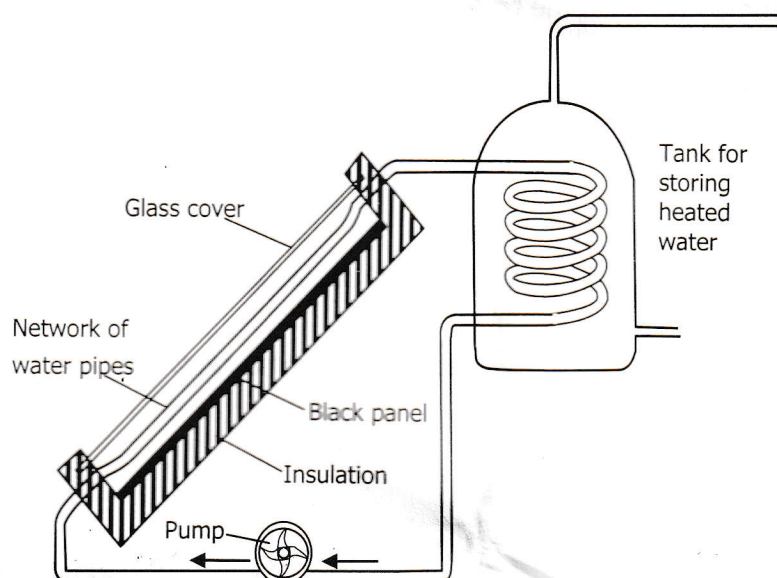
Temp ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	17	28	39	60	80	100
Volume ( $\text{cm}^3$ )	7.5	7.9	8.1	8.7	9.1	9.6
Temp (K)						

**Table C1.1**

- (i)** Copy and complete the table above. [2]  
**(ii)** Plot a graph of volume ( $\text{cm}^3$ ) against temperature (K). [4]  
**(iii)** From the graph, determine the volume of the air when the temperature was  $77^{\circ}\text{C}$ . [2]

**[Total: 10 marks]**

- C2** **Figure C2.1** below shows how a solar heater on a house roof is used to warm up water for a house.



**Figure C2.1**

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- (a) Why is the panel in the solar heater black? [1]
- (b) Why is there an insulating layer behind the panel? [1]
- (c) How does the water in the tank get heated? [2]
- (d) On average, each square metre of the solar panel receives 1 000 Joules of energy from the sun every second. Using this information, calculate the power input in kilowatts of the panel if its surface area is  $2\text{m}^2$ . [3]
- (e) The solar heater in the diagram has an efficiency of 60% (it wastes 40% of the solar energy it receives). What area of panel would be needed to deliver heat at the same rate, on average, as a 3kW immersion heater? [3]

[Total: 10 marks]

**C3** A radioactive substance **B** has a half-life of 4 years and undergoes radioactivity by giving out beta ( $\beta$ ) radiation.

- (a) Which of the containers aluminium, thin plastic or lead, lined would you use to safely store substance **B**? [1]
- (b) Copy and complete the **table C3.1**

Date	Mass of original radioactive substance left
1 July 2008	8kg
1 July 2012	
1 July 2020	

[2]

Table C3.1

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- (c) A Geiger counter was used to measure the activity (in counts per minute) from a radioactive sample in the laboratory over a period of years. Over this period, the background radiation was regularly measured at 4 counts/minute.

**Table C3.2** shows the results.

Time in years	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Recorded activities in counts/min	124	80	52	34	23	16	12
Activity due to sample alone	120						8

**Table C3.2**

- (i) Copy and complete the **table C3.2** on the activity of the sample alone. [1]
- (ii) Explain what is meant by background radiation. [1]
- (iii) Plot a graph of the values for **activity due to the sample alone** against the time. [4]
- (iv) Using your graph determine the half-life of the substance. [1]

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**[Total: 10 marks]**



## DATA SHEET

## The Periodic Table of the Elements

Group

I	II											III	IV	V	VI	VII	0								
<div>1H Hydrogen 1</div>																	0								
7Li Lithium 7	9Be Beryllium 4																11B Boron 5	12C Carbon 6	14N Nitrogen 7	16O Oxygen 8	19F Fluorine 9	20Ne Neon 10	2He Helium 2		
3Na Sodium 23	24Mg Magnesium 12																27Al Aluminium 13	28Si Silicon 14	31P Phosphorus 15	32S Sulphur 16	35.5Cl Chlorine 17	40Ar Argon 18			
39K Potassium 39	40Ca Calcium 20																70Ga Gallium 31	73Ge Germanium 32	75As Arsenic 33	79Se Selenium 34	80Br Bromine 35	84Kr Krypton 36			
55Rb Rubidium 85	88Sr Strontium 38																112Cd Cadmium 48	108Ag Silver 47	122Sb Antimony 51	128Te Tellurium 52	127I Iodine 53	131Xe Xenon 54			
87Cs Cesium 133	137Ba Barium 56																204Tl Thallium 81	207Pb lead 82	209Bi Bismuth 83	210Po Polonium 84	210At Astatine 85	222Rn Radon 86			
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1 Lanthanoid series  
03 Actinoid series

a = relative atomic mass  
x = atomic symbol  
b = proton (atomic) number

The volume of one mole of any gas is  $24 \text{ dm}^3$  at room temperature and pressure (r.t.p.).

$$N_A = 6.0 \times 10^{23} / \text{mol}; 1F = 96500C.$$