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# **End-of-Topic A4 Quick-Mark Homeworks**

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# Teacher's Introduction

These End-of-Topic Quick-Mark Homeworks are designed to test and consolidate students' knowledge of the **AQA GCSE (9–1) Physics** course, **Topics 1–4**.

The first half of the course is split into 10 topics, each covered by over 50 questions, for a total of over 500 questions.

The questions increase in difficulty across each homework, with an extension section at the bottom of each homework. The **Fundamentals** section on each homework is targeted at students aiming for grade 4–5. The **Challenge** section is targeted at students aiming for grade 6. The **Extension** section is targeted at students aiming for grade 7 and above. All Higher-tier-only content is in the extension section, so the main body of the homework is suitable for students completing Foundation-tier exams.

All of the topics are in the same order as in the specification.

Maths questions and some shorter-answer questions may contain working or explanation that is not required in the answer so that students can more easily understand and follow difficult answers.

The homeworks are intended to be used at the end of each topic, but they can also be used at the end of the course to aid revision. Alternatively, you may choose to use them as tests in class or for students to work through by themselves or in pairs to test their understanding of the course material.

The first set of fundamentals questions for each homework are presented in the second section for use with weaker students who may struggle with the full homework. These can be cut down the middle to use one test at a time or test two topics at a time.

Answers are presented at the back of the resource, enabling students to check their answers, or teachers to mark students' work, quickly and easily.

I hope you find this resource useful in your teaching.

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# Topic 1A — Energy Changes in a

## Fundamentals

- The mass of an object is 12.5 g. What is the object's mass in kg?
- How is energy stored in a battery?
- What is the standard unit of energy?
- What type of energy do we say an object has if it is travelling at a constant velocity?
- State how energy is stored before and after an electric remote-controlled boat starts to move.
- The temperature of a cup of tea drops from 80 °C to 35 °C. What is the temperature change?
- Calculate the gravitational potential energy of a 5 kg weight raised 1.6 km above the ground.
- State the equation used to calculate the gravitational potential energy of an object.
- How much gravitational potential energy does a 25 g bouncy ball gain if it is raised by 3 m?
- What piece of apparatus could be used to measure the temperature change of a copper block?
- Given that  $\Delta E = m c \Delta\theta$ , where  $m = 1.2 \text{ kg}$ ,  $c = 185 \text{ J / kg } ^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\Delta\theta = 35 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , calculate  $\Delta E$ .
- Define the watt, W, the unit of power.
- Describe how you could measure the change in temperature of a material.
- Describe the energy transfer that occurs when a kettle is used to boil water.
- Explain what is meant by elastic potential energy.
- How many times should you repeat a temperature measurement of an insulated material? Why?
- Why does a more powerful microwave heat up food faster than a less powerful microwave?

- What happens to the speed is halved?
- How is energy stored in a battery?
- What is the kinetic energy of a 2 kg object travelling at 3 m/s?
- Given that  $E_e = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$  and  $e = 3.2 \text{ cm}$ , calculate  $E_e$ .
- What are the units of power?
- A 450 g block is heated. Its temperature increases by 10 °C. Calculate the energy transferred. Use the specific heat capacity of the block.
- How much kinetic energy does a boat have if it weighs 1000 kg and is moving at 2 m/s?
- A plane has a mass of 2000 kg and is moving at 240 m/s. What is its kinetic energy?
- How long will an object take to fall from a height of 10 m and has a power of 100 W?
- How much energy is transferred in a half minute if a power of 100 W is used?
- If it takes 30 s for a kettle to boil a litre of water, how much energy is transferred?
- Why does the ambient temperature of a room increase when a heater is used?
- Describe how you could measure the thermal energy of a material.
- Describe how energy is transferred when a piano is pushed across a floor.
- Why do the tyres of a car get hot when they have been driven? Explain.
- Why is a 2 kW kettle faster than a 1 kW kettle at boiling a litre of water?
- Explain what is meant by the term 'power'.

## Extension

- How high will a projectile go if it travels vertically from the ground starting at 30 km/h?
- A javelin of mass 2 kg is thrown vertically to a height of 43.6 m. What is its maximum gravitational potential energy?
- What is the kinetic energy in kJ of a skydiver weighing 70 kg falling at a terminal velocity of 50 m/s?
- A skydiver jumps out of a plane. Assuming no air resistance, how fast is the skydiver travelling after falling 100 m?
- If a ball is dropped from a height of 2.0 m from rest, how fast will it be going before it hits the ground?
- If the extension of a spring is doubled, by what factor does its elastic potential energy increase?
- What is the dependent variable when measuring the specific heat capacity of a material?
- What do we call an object or a group of objects when dealing with energy changes?
- Given that  $\Delta E = m c \Delta\theta$ , where  $m = 22 \text{ mg}$ ,  $c = 84.1 \text{ J / kg } ^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\Delta\theta = 37.5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , calculate  $\Delta E$ .
- 500 J of thermal energy is transferred to a kettle of water (c = 385 J / kg °C). How much does the temperature of the water increase?
- How fast can a resistor heat up? A resistor with a rating is 8 W, its resistance is 100 Ω. How long does it take to reach maximum power?
- A 2 kW motor runs for 5 minutes. How much energy is transferred?
- Two identical kettles are used to boil water. Explain why one kettle will take longer than the other to boil the water.
- Why does the kinetic energy of a car increase when it is moving at a negative value for velocity?
- Describe how energy is transferred in the explosion of a firecracker.
- When a current flows through a resistor, it gets hot. Explain why this happens.
- What happens to the temperature of a metal when it is heated, and why?
- If a rocket with its engines firing is moving upwards, why will it eventually stop?

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# Topic 1B — Efficiency and Energy

## Fundamentals

1. State the change in energy stores when a ball is dropped from rest.
2. Three beakers are wrapped in three different materials in a thermal insulator experiment. What is the independent variable?
3. Are the following objects good insulators or good conductors? Oven gloves. Metal tongs.
4. Name one way in which a coal-powered furnace wastes energy.
5. Why does a TV become warm after being on for a long time?
6. How is energy wasted by a crane on a construction site?
7. State the relationship for efficiency in terms of energy transfer.
8. What piece of apparatus would you use to measure the temperature of a rod of material?
9. State the energy transfer in a tennis ball being hit by a racquet.
10. Name two types of non-renewable energy resource.
11. What is the efficiency of a transformer with a power input of 100 kW and power output of 80 kW?
12. What is a renewable energy resource?
13. Why is housing insulation lined with a silver veneer?
14. Describe the energy transfer occurring for a bullet when a gun is fired.
15. Why is oil used to surround moving parts in a car engine?
16. What is meant by 'dissipated energy'?
17. Why is using renewable energy resources more favourable than using non-renewable energy resources?

1. Name one type of energy resource that is currently suitable for use.
2. Which is more thermally insulating – wood or a plastic rod?
3. In an experiment to measure the thermal capacity of a material as the thermal energy is transferred to it, what is the dependent variable?
4. Name one way by which energy losses can be reduced for a power station.
5. Name one factor that affects the thermal capacity of a material, such as its mass.
6. What is the main energy store in a battery?
7. If a computer has a power input of 100 W and an efficiency of 80%, what is its power output?
8. What is the efficiency of a power station if its output power is 200 MW and its input power is 250 MW?
9. Which is the more efficient energy resource – nuclear or solar?
10. How is energy wasted in a power station?
11. Name two renewable energy resources that can be used to directly produce electricity.
12. Explain what happens to the energy in a power station when an electrical circuit is closed.
13. You are building a house. How can you make it as efficient as possible?
14. Why can't geothermal energy be used as a resource worldwide?
15. What advantage do hydrogen fuel cells have over fossil fuels?
16. Why is coal a non-renewable energy resource?
17. Why is efficiency important for an electronic device?

## Extension

1. Name one advantage of wind energy as an energy resource.
2. A campfire has a total input energy of 2.7 kJ and a useful energy output of 850 J. What is its efficiency as a decimal?
3. A radiator is made out of unpainted copper. What is one thing that can be done to improve its efficiency?
4. Which is the better insulator – a sheet of housing insulation or a vacuum?
5. A TV has a power input of 900 W and an efficiency of 70%. What is its useful power output?
6. The air at the top of a room is colder than the air at the bottom of the room – true or false?
7. How can a sailing boat be improved so it catches the wind more efficiently?
8. Which is a more reliable energy resource – wind, tidal or solar?
9. A robot has a total input energy of 1.4 kJ and a useful energy output of 780 J. What is its efficiency as a decimal?
10. At what time of day is the solar constant at its lowest?
11. Name two renewable energy resources that can be used on Mars.
12. Explain why a solar panel is directed at the sun.
13. Why is burning fossil fuels not a sustainable environment?
14. If a light bulb is connected to a solar panel, will it still work?
15. Describe how energy is transferred in a refrigerator.
16. Why must scientists use renewable energy resources?
17. Where in the world is the most solar energy and why?
18. Why can't scientists use only renewable energy resources?

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# Topic 2A – Current, Potential Difference

## Fundamentals

1. What is the standard unit of charge?
2. An LED emits light when supplied with a current – true or false?
3. How much charge passes through a filament lamp if it is left on for 90 s and the current is 1.5 A?
4. What is the word equation that defines current in terms of charge and time?
5. What does the resistance of a thermistor depend on?
6. State Ohm's law in any form.
7. What is the potential difference of a component with a resistance of  $250\ \Omega$  and a current of  $100\ \text{mA}$ ?
8. A charge of  $80\ \text{C}$  flows through a circuit in  $20\ \text{s}$ . Calculate the current in the circuit.
9. A  $1.2\ \text{A}$  current is applied through a  $330\ \Omega$  resistor. What is the potential difference across the resistor?
10. What is the current in a  $200\ \Omega$  resistor if  $80\ \text{C}$  of charge passes through it in one minute?
11. Describe the current–potential difference graph for a filament lamp.
12. What is the independent variable in an experiment measuring the resistance of wires with different diameters?
13. Why must a circuit be closed for the components in it to work?
14. Explain what is meant by an ohmic component.
15. Explain how an LDR can be used to solve a real-world problem.
16. Describe the current–potential difference graph for a diode.
17. Would the resistance of a wire increase or decrease if its diameter was increased, and why?

1. Which is the bigger current,  $100\ \text{mA}$  or  $1\ \text{A}$ ?
2. A current varies between  $0.5\ \text{A}$  and  $1.5\ \text{A}$  in a loop – true or false?
3. The circuit symbol for a filament lamp is a circle with a cross inside – true or false?
4. The current at a point in a circuit is  $2.3\ \text{A}$ . After  $3\ \text{s}$ , how much charge has passed through the point?
5. The potential difference across a component stays constant. When the resistance is increased, what happens to the current?
6. What is the resistance of a component if the potential difference is  $2.7\ \text{V}$  and the current is  $0.3\ \text{A}$ ?
7. What is the current through a component connected to a  $5\ \text{V}$  battery if the resistance is  $100\ \Omega$ ?
8. How much time elapses for  $1\ \text{C}$  of charge to pass through a  $2.0\ \text{k}\Omega$  resistor if the potential difference is  $12\ \text{V}$ ?
9. What is the dependence of resistance on length when measuring the resistance of wires of different lengths and a potential difference of  $2\ \text{V}$  is applied?
10. How much charge passes through a component after  $45\ \text{s}$  if the potential difference is  $12\ \text{V}$  and the current is  $0.5\ \text{A}$ ?
11. How does a higher potential difference affect the current through a filament lamp?
12. How does an increase in temperature affect the resistance of a thermistor?
13. Describe the circuit symbol for a filament lamp.
14. Describe how you can measure the current through a component in a circuit.
15. Explain what is meant by a non-ohmic component.
16. Why must there be a closed loop in a circuit for a current to flow?
17. Describe a circuit that can measure the resistance of a component.

## Extension

1. A diode is connected the wrong way round in a circuit. What is the current flowing through the circuit?
2. What is the potential difference across a  $220\ \Omega$  resistor if  $0.8\ \text{C}$  of charge pass through it in  $35\ \text{s}$ ?
3. How much charge has passed through a  $400\ \Omega$  resistor after  $30\ \text{s}$  if the potential difference across it is  $2\ \text{V}$ ?
4. The potential difference across an LED with a resistance of  $100\ \Omega$  is  $4.5\ \text{V}$ . If it runs for  $30\ \text{s}$ , how much charge passes through it?
5. What is the potential difference across a  $150\ \Omega$  resistor if  $2.5\ \text{C}$  of charge passes through it in  $75\ \text{s}$ ?
6. What circuit component could you use to detect when water is boiling in a kettle?
7. For a filament bulb, does a higher potential difference mean the bulb is dimmer or brighter?
8. Describe the resistance of a diode connected in the reverse direction.
9. What is the resistance of a component if the potential difference across it is  $12\ \text{V}$  and the current through it in  $50\ \text{s}$  is  $0.5\ \text{A}$ ?
10. Name a variable that you could investigate when investigating the I–V characteristics of a filament lamp.
11. What is the potential difference across a component if the current through it is  $0.5\ \text{A}$  and the resistance is  $100\ \Omega$ ?
12. Suggest a reason why the resistance of a filament lamp increases after the wire has been heated.
13. Why does the current through a filament lamp decrease when the potential difference is decreased?
14. Why is it useful to know the resistance of a component?
15. Logic circuits output devices are diodes useful in a circuit.
16. Why does the resistance of a wire increase when the length of wire increases?

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# Topic 2B — Series, Parallel Circuits and A

## Fundamentals

1. The potential difference across each component in a series circuit is the same – true or false?
2. What equation would you use to find the total resistance of two resistors connected in series?
3. For components connected in parallel, how does the potential difference across each component compare?
4. Is an ammeter connected in series or in parallel to a component when used to measure its current?
5. The potential difference across a  $100\ \Omega$  resistor is  $4\ \text{V}$ . What is the potential difference across a  $200\ \Omega$  resistor connected in parallel with it?
6. What is the frequency of the domestic electric supply in the UK?
7. Two  $450\ \Omega$  resistors are connected in series to a  $9\ \text{V}$  battery. What is the potential difference across one resistor?
8. What colour is the live wire in a three-core cable?
9. Is the mains electricity supply direct or alternating?
10. What colour is the earth wire in a three-pin plug?
11. Two  $300\ \Omega$  resistors are connected in series to a  $9\ \text{V}$  battery. What is the current in the circuit?
12. Describe what a direct potential difference is.
13. Why is an exposed live wire dangerous if an appliance is plugged into the mains?
14. How would you test an LED to find out whether it works correctly?
15. Why are house lights connected using a parallel circuit?
16. Describe the circuit diagram of a parallel circuit.
17. Why does the total resistance increase when you add more resistors in series with each other?

1. Describe the total resistance of two resistors connected in parallel.
2. A  $4\ \text{V}$  battery and a  $200\ \Omega$  resistor are connected in series. What is the current through the resistor?
3. What is the total resistance of a  $1\ \text{k}\Omega$  resistor and a  $100\ \Omega$  resistor connected in parallel?
4. Two  $100\ \Omega$  filament lamps are connected in parallel to a  $9\ \text{V}$  battery. What is the current through each lamp?
5. Three  $1\ \text{k}\Omega$  resistors are connected in parallel. What is the total current out of the battery?
6. What colour is the live wire in a three-core cable?
7. What is the potential difference across the live and neutral wire in a three-core cable?
8. An AC power supply is connected to a  $1.5\ \text{V}$  battery. What is the current through the battery?
9. What happens if a live wire touches a metal appliance?
10. What is the potential difference across the live and neutral wire in the UK?
11. Three  $400\ \Omega$  resistors are connected in series. What is the total resistance?
12. Why is there an earth wire in a three-core cable?
13. A variable resistor is connected in series with a battery and a lamp. What happens to the lamp's brightness as the resistance of the variable resistor is increased?
14. Describe what an earth wire is used for.
15. Explain why all the lights in a house are connected in parallel.
16. Why must a voltmeter be connected in parallel to measure the potential difference across a component?
17. Explain what is meant by a parallel circuit.

## Extension

1. Three wires, each carrying  $0.1\ \text{A}$ , join together in parallel to form a new wire. What is the current in this new wire?
2. What is the resistance of a lamp connected to a  $7\ \text{V}$  battery if a resistor connected in series has a potential difference of  $3\ \text{V}$  and a current of  $70\ \text{mA}$ ?
3. A  $100\ \Omega$  resistor and a  $330\ \Omega$  resistor are connected in series to a  $9\ \text{V}$  battery. What is the current in each resistor?
4. The total resistance of two resistors connected in parallel is less than the resistance of the smallest resistor – true or false?
5. What is the potential difference across a  $200\ \Omega$  resistor if it is connected in series with a  $50\ \Omega$  resistor and a  $5\ \text{V}$  battery?
6. A  $70\ \text{mA}$  current flows through two  $100\ \Omega$  resistors connected in series. What is the potential difference of the power supply?
7. The total current through two  $30\ \Omega$  resistors connected in parallel is  $75\ \text{mA}$ . What is the current through each resistor?
8. A light bulb plugged into the mains has a resistance of  $250\ \Omega$ . How much current passes through it?
9. The total current through two resistors connected in parallel is  $0.5\ \text{A}$ . One resistor has a resistance of  $100\ \Omega$ . What is the resistance of the other resistor?
10. What is the potential difference across a  $100\ \Omega$  resistor if a current of  $0.2\ \text{A}$  flows through it?
11. An extractor fan is connected to a  $230\ \text{V}$  AC power supply. The resistance of the fan is  $460\ \Omega$ . What is the current through it?
12. What happens to the current through a lamp if the resistance of the lamp is increased?
13. Why does a lamp get dimmer if it is connected in series with another resistor?
14. Why are wires connected to a three-core cable connected in parallel to the earth wire?
15. Why does a lamp get dimmer if it is connected in parallel with another resistor?
16. When testing a lamp, why is it better to connect it in parallel with a resistor than in series with a resistor?

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# Topic 2C — Power, the National Grid and

## Fundamentals

1. State the equation for power in terms of potential difference and current.
2. What is the power rating of a thermistor if a potential difference of 3 V is measured when 0.3 A passes through it?
3. What is the potential difference across a 0.7 W LED if the current through it is 0.15 A?
4. If a 100 W device is switched on for 45 s, how much energy does it use?
5. What is the power rating of a microwave if it is plugged into the mains (230 V) and the current is 3.3 A?
6. If a 3 W bulb and a 2 W bulb are switched on, how much energy do they use in two minutes?
7. How much energy does a 700 W microwave use in 20 s? Give your answer in kJ.
8. How much energy does a 9.0 V battery lose if it discharges 200 C?
9. What do step-down transformers do?
10. Two objects of opposite charge are placed near each other. Is the force between them attractive or repulsive?
11. When an object gains electrons, does it become positively charged or negatively charged?
12. Describe the national grid.
13. Why is the power of an electrical appliance dependent on the current flowing through it?
14. Describe the change in energy store when a phone battery is charged using the mains.
15. Describe how static electricity is produced.
16. Why is the power of an electrical appliance dependent on the potential difference?
17. What are step-up transformers used for, and why?

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1. What is the potential difference across a resistor if 36 kJ of energy is dissipated when a current of 250 mA passes through it?
2. What is the resistance of a resistor if a potential difference of 12 V is measured across it and a current of 250 mA passes through it?
3. A 1200 W hairdryer is used for one minute. Which energy store is increased?
4. How much work is done by a 1200 W hairdryer if it is used for one minute and it has a resistance of 120 Ω?
5. What is the current in a resistor if the potential difference across it is 3 V and the power is 0.6 W?
6. What is the power rating of a resistor if the potential difference across it is 80 V and the current is 80 Ω?
7. A transistor has a power rating of 100 mW. How long does it take for 50 μC of charge to pass through it if the potential difference across it is 5 V?
8. Describe the change in energy store when two objects are brought together.
9. Name two examples of static electricity.
10. How much charge does a 100 W appliance use if it is plugged into the mains (230 V) and it is used for one hour?
11. If a positively charged object and a negatively charged object are brought close together, what would happen?
12. How can you tell if two objects are like-charged or unlike-charged?
13. Name one way to reduce the risk of being struck by lightning.
14. Why are sparks produced when two objects are brought near each other?
15. Explain what is meant by the term 'static electricity'.
16. Describe how rubbing a rod and the cloth together produces static electricity.
17. Describe the electric field between two spheres in close proximity.

## Extension

1. 1 kWh = 3.6 MJ. How much work, in kWh, is done by a transformer to transfer 90 kC if its potential difference is 20 kV? (Assume 100 % efficiency.)
2. Given that 1 mAh = 3.6 C, how long (in hours) does a 2000 mAh battery take to discharge at a constant current of 0.5 A?
3. 10 V is produced in a generator on a bike when a cyclist does 3 kJ of work on it. How much charge does the generator produce?
4. If the potential difference between two charged objects is kept at 17 kV and a current of 0.9 μC is seen, how much energy is transferred?
5. How much work is done to transfer 200 mC of charge through a 330 Ω resistor in 14 s? (Hint: first calculate the current.)
6. What do the electric field lines look like for a negatively charged sphere?
7. The charge capacity of modern-day batteries is measured in mAh. What is 1 mAh in coulombs?
8. Compare the decrease in potential difference by step-down transformers to the increase in potential difference by step-up transformers.
9. 50 C of charge passes through a 3 W bulb in 35 s. What is the potential difference across the bulb?
10. How long does it take for a 100 W appliance to use 1 kWh of energy if the potential difference across it is 230 V?
11. 14 V is produced in a generator on a bike when a cyclist does 9 kJ of work on it. How much charge does the generator produce?
12. By substituting the equation  $E = QV$  into the equation  $P = \frac{E}{t}$ , show that  $E = QV$ .
13. Two metal spheres are connected to each other by a wire. Describe the forces between the spheres and the direction of the electric field lines between them.
14. Explain how static electricity can be dangerous.
15. How is an electrical appliance protected against static electricity?
16. Explain why a charged paint can be used to spray paint.
17. Why is using a transformer to transfer energy more efficient than using a cable?
18. Why do objects made of different materials attract each other?

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# Topic 3A – Changes of State

## Fundamentals

1. What is the density of a  $2.3 \text{ m}^3$  box if its mass is  $650 \text{ g}$ ?
2. What is the density of a cube with sides  $2 \text{ m}$  if its mass is  $4 \text{ kg}$ ?
3. Name the change of state when an indoor ice rink is made from liquid water.
4. The particles in a gas are more tightly packed than those in a solid – true or false?
5. What is the volume of a  $2.5 \text{ kg}$  tube of copper with a density of  $8940 \text{ kg / m}^3$ ?
6. Name a piece of apparatus suitable for measuring the diameter of a glass tube.
7. Condensation is an example of boiling – true or false?
8. Given  $Q = m c \Delta\theta$ , what is  $\Delta\theta$  when  $m = 2 \text{ kg}$ ,  $c = 450 \text{ J / kg }^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\Delta E = 20 \text{ J}$ ?
9. Given that  $E = m L$ , what is the latent heat of lead if  $220 \text{ kg}$  of lead changes state after being heated with  $191.6 \text{ MJ}$ ?
10. Given that  $\Delta E = m c \Delta\theta$ , what is  $\Delta\theta$  when  $m = 3.1 \text{ kg}$ ,  $c = 340 \text{ J / kg }^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\Delta E = 24.9 \text{ kJ}$ ?
11. What is the effect of latent heat of fusion?
12. What happens to the temperature when a change of state occurs?
13. Explain what is meant by the particle model.
14. Describe how you would measure the volume of an irregularly shaped object.
15. Explain what is meant by the conservation of mass for a system of particles.
16. Explain what latent heat is.
17. Explain the difference between evaporation and boiling.
18. Explain the difference between melting and sublimation.

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1. What is the density of a cube with sides  $1.9 \text{ kg}$ ?
2. When water is boiled, the volume of water is reduced – true or false?
3. If the total kinetic energy of a system of particles is  $0.7 \text{ kJ}$ , what is the total potential energy?
4. Name the two changes of state that occur when an ice cube is placed into a hot liquid.
5. Water is frozen and melted in a closed system. What happens to the total energy?
6. When a gas is heated, what happens to the average speed of the particles?
7. What is the specific heat capacity of a metal if its temperature increases by  $10^\circ\text{C}$  when  $20 \text{ kJ}$  of energy is added to a  $5 \text{ kg}$  block?
8. An  $850 \text{ g}$  bar of gold is heated with  $11.2 \text{ kJ}$  of thermal energy. What is the temperature change?
9. In an experiment measuring the latent heat of fusion of ice, you would use to determine the mass of ice melted.
10. What is the temperature of a metal if it is heated with  $11.2 \text{ kJ}$  of energy and its mass is  $2.5 \text{ kg}$ ?
11. What is the mass of a substance if it takes  $300 \text{ kJ}$  to melt it and its latent heat of fusion is  $1200 \text{ kJ / kg}$ ?
12. Name a variable you need to measure to determine the latent heat of water.
13. Explain how changes of state affect the internal energy of a system.
14. Explain what internal energy is.
15. Describe the temperature changes during the melting and boiling of a substance with energy input.
16. Why does snow take a long time to melt?
17. Describe what happens to the particles of a substance during a change of state.
18. Explain how the higher temperature of a gas results in the structure of the gas.

## Extension

1. What is the density of a sphere with a mass of  $2.2 \text{ g}$  and a radius of  $2.3 \text{ cm}$ ?
2. What is the mass of a sphere with a density of  $375 \text{ kg / m}^3$  and a radius of  $1.8 \text{ cm}$ ?
3. Name the two changes of state which occur when rain droplets appear on a warm window pane.
4. Calculate the mass of an ice cube if it melts in a glass of water and releases  $334 \text{ kJ}$  of energy. ( $L_{\text{water}} = 334 \text{ kJ / kg}$ )
5. Compare the motion of particles in a gas and in a liquid.
6. The mass of Earth is  $6.0 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$  and its radius is  $6400 \text{ km}$ . What is its density?
7. At the temperature when a change of state occurs, added energy is stored as kinetic energy of the particles – true or false?
8. Calculate the energy transfer when an  $80 \text{ g}$  ice cube melts in a glass of  $0^\circ\text{C}$  water. ( $L_{\text{ice/water}} = 334 \text{ kJ / kg}$ )
9. A lead ball with a radius of  $8.0 \text{ mm}$  is heated with  $0.1 \text{ kJ}$ . What is its temperature change? ( $L_{\text{lead}} = 129 \text{ J / kg }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\rho_{\text{lead}} = 11340 \text{ kg / m}^3$ )
10. A  $60 \text{ g}$  ice cube is heated with  $11.2 \text{ kJ}$  of energy. What is the final temperature of the water? ( $L_{\text{ice/water}} = 334 \text{ kJ / kg}$ )
11. Name one advantage of using a thermocouple instead of a thermometer to measure the heat of water.
12. The latent heat of fusion of ice is  $334 \text{ kJ / kg}$ . What is the latent heat of fusion of a substance if it takes  $11.2 \text{ kJ}$  to melt  $2.5 \text{ kg}$  of it?
13. Give a word for a substance that is a solid at room temperature but a liquid at higher temperatures.
14. Why do droplets form on the outside of a glass of water?
15. In terms of particle model, explain why a hovercraft is better than a car.
16. Explain why a hovercraft is better than a car.
17. Explain the difference between evaporation and boiling.
18. Describe how the structure of a metal changes when it is heated.

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# Topic 3B — The Particle Model

## Fundamentals

1. The arrangement of molecules in a gas is very ordered – true or false?
2. Describe the effect on the average speed of particles when the temperature of a gas increases.
3. What happens to the pressure of a gas being heated in a sealed box?
4. The temperature of a gas is dependent on the potential energy between each particle – true or false?
5. Describe the relationship between pressure and volume at a constant temperature.
6. If a gas is described by  $V = 2.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa m}^3$  and  $P = 7.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ , what is its volume?
7. What is the standard unit of pressure?
8. What is the volume change, in  $\text{m}^3$ , when the volume of a gas changes from  $25 \text{ cm}^3$  to  $134 \text{ cm}^3$ ?
9. If a gas at a constant temperature has the relationship  $P V = 3.4 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa m}^3$  and its volume is  $2.5 \text{ m}^3$ , what is its pressure?
10. A gas at constant temperature and mass has its volume tripled. By what factor has its pressure decreased?
11. For Boyle's law,  $P V = \text{constant}$ . To hold true, what properties of a gas must stay constant?
12. Explain how the temperature of a gas is related to the motion of its particles.
13. Explain how increasing the volume of a gas decreases the pressure.
14. Explain how a gas exerts a pressure on a container wall.
15. Why does an unsealed balloon fly away when it is released?
16. Why would heating a sealed balloon cause it to expand?

1. What property of a gas is affected by the temperature?
2. A low-temperature gas is heated to a high-temperature. Describe the effect on the average speed of the particles.
3. Denser gases exert a greater pressure. Explain why.
4. A gas undergoes a change where  $V_1 = 0.8 \text{ m}^3$  and  $P_1 = 1.3 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$  and  $V_2 = 2.7 \text{ m}^3$ . What is  $P_2$ ?
5. A fixed mass of gas is compressed to a volume  $V_2 = 0.4 \text{ m}^3$  and the pressure is  $p_2 = 2.4 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ . What was the initial volume  $V_1$ ?
6. A gas undergoes a change where  $V_1 = 0.8 \text{ m}^3$  and  $P_1 = 1.3 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$  and  $P_2 = 2.4 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ . What is  $V_2$ ?
7. A fixed mass of gas is compressed to a volume  $V_2 = 0.4 \text{ m}^3$  and the pressure is  $p_2 = 2.4 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ . What is  $p_1$ ?
8. If the temperature of a gas is increased, what effect does this have on the average speed of the particles?
9. A piston compresses a gas. What happens to the pressure?
10. Do particles with a higher average speed exert a greater pressure on the container wall?
11. Describe the arrangement of particles in a solid wall due to its particles.
12. Why would a gas exert a pressure on a container wall? What would cause it to pop?
13. What happens to the pressure of a gas in a bicycle pump as the volume decreases?
14. Before a bicycle pump is used, the pressure of the air inside a bicycle pump is low. Explain why the pressure increases when the pump is used.
15. Explain why the pressure of a gas increases when the volume decreases.
16. If an amount of gas is compressed, what happens to the pressure?

## Extension

1. A gas undergoes a change where  $p_1 = 1.9 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $p_2 = 2.6 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$  and  $V_2 = 14952 \text{ cm}^3$ . What was  $V_1$  in  $\text{cm}^3$ ?
2. A gas undergoes a change where  $p_1 = 0.8 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $p_2 = 4.2 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$  and  $V_2 = 2.7 \text{ cm}^3$ . What was  $V_1$ ?
3. The volume of a coolant gas in a fixed cylinder is increased at a constant temperature. What happens to its pressure?
4. If you heat a sealed balloon, the temperature of the air inside the balloon increases – true or false?
5. The particles of a gas collide more if the pressure of the gas is high – true or false?
6. If two gases at the same temperature are made up of particles with different masses, which particles move faster?
7. If the pressure, volume and mass of a gas are constant, describe its temperature.
8. A gas is compressed in a piston. Describe what happens to the gas.
9. If the volume of a gas is increased, what happens to the pressure? What happens to the temperature?
10. Two gases have the same mass and are contained in the same volume. One gas has particles with a higher average speed. Which gas exerts more pressure?
11. Explain what happens to the pressure of a gas in a fully inflated bicycle pump as the volume decreases.
12. Describe how a gas exerts a pressure on a container wall. How is this used to operate a piston?
13. Describe how air exerts a pressure on the walls of the lungs. How do they breathe in?
14. Explain the change in pressure of a gas in a piston when the volume is decreased.
15. Describe how the pressure of a gas in a piston changes when the volume is decreased.

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# Topic 4A – Atoms and Isotopes

## Fundamentals

- The radius of a nucleus is  $1 \times 10^{-14}$  m. Write this in femtometres, fm.
- What is the approximate radius of an atom?
- Where would you find the protons in an atom?
- If the number of electrons and protons in an atom is equal, there is no net charge – true or false?
- What particles are neutral in charge in the atom?
- A sulphur atom has 16 protons and 16 neutrons. How many electrons does it have?
- An atom of carbon has a mass number of 12 and an atomic number of 6. How many neutrons does it have?
- An isotope of uranium has a mass number of 235 and an atomic number of 92. How many neutrons does it have?
- A magnesium atom has 12 protons and 12 neutrons. What is its mass number?
- What metal was used for the thin film in the Geiger–Marsden scattering experiment?
- What are atoms of the same element but which have a different number of neutrons called?
- Describe the previously accepted plum pudding model.
- Explain what is meant by an ion.
- Why did the Geiger–Marsden experiment and Rutherford's model disprove the plum pudding model?
- Describe what happens when an electron emits electromagnetic radiation.

- The radius of a carbon nucleus is 3.8 fm. Write this in metres.
- The radius of the nucleus is 10% of the radius of the atom. What is the radius of the atom?
- If the radius of an atom is 0.1 nm, what is the radius of the nucleus?
- An isotope of carbon has 6 protons and 7 neutrons. How many more neutrons does it have than the most common isotope of carbon?
- An ion of chromium has 24 protons and 24 neutrons. How many electrons does it have?
- Plutonium has 150 protons and 150 neutrons. What is its mass number?
- Copper has 35 neutrons and a mass number of 63. How many protons does it have?
- The discovery of the neutron was a result of the discovery of the nucleus. How was this possible?
- What is different about the properties of an element?
- The number of protons in the nucleus of the element of the periodic table is 11. How many electrons does it have?
- An electron drops from the 3rd energy level to the 2nd. What type of radiation is emitted?
- Explain why isotopes of the same element have different chemical properties.
- Describe how electrons are arranged in an atom.
- Describe the nucleus of an atom.
- In the Geiger–Marsden experiment, some of the alpha particles were deflected. Why?
- Explain why Rutherford's model of the atom is better than the plum pudding model.

## Extension

- What must be absorbed/emitted for the arrangement of electrons in an atom to change?
- Most of the volume of an atom is empty space – true or false?
- Tritium is an isotope of hydrogen with a mass number of 3. How many neutrons does it have?
- A nucleus contains 2 protons and is an isotope with 2 fewer neutrons than the element's most common isotope. What is its mass number?
- What did James Chadwick's experiments prove the existence of?
- What do the atomic number represent?
- The energy levels Bohr suggested were only a theory. Why were they accepted as true?
- The larger the drop in energy level of an electron, the larger the energy of the emitted radiation – true or false?
- Name the components of the plum pudding model.
- How many subatomic particles are in the nucleus of an atom?
- When Geiger and Marsden performed their experiment, what did they discover?
- Describe the plum pudding model of the atom.
- Describe what happens when an electron emits electromagnetic radiation.
- Why was the plum pudding model of the atom replaced by Rutherford's model?
- Explain why alpha particles (helium nuclei) would be deflected by a nucleus.

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# Topic 4B — Atoms and Nuclear Radiation

## Fundamentals

1. What is the relative charge of an  $\alpha$ -particle?
2. What is the relative charge of a  $\beta$ -particle?
3. Approximately what is the range of a  $\beta$ -particle in the air?
4. What is the range of a  $\gamma$ -particle in the air?
5. What is the standard unit for activity?
6. What property of  $\alpha$ -particles makes them the most dangerous type of nuclear radiation to ingest?
7. For the nuclear reaction equation  $^{19}_8\text{O} \rightarrow ^{19}_X\text{F} + ^0_{-1}\beta$ , what is X?
8. Other than  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  radiation, name a type of nuclear radiation.
9.  $\alpha$ -particles have the greatest ionising power compared to other forms of nuclear radiation – true or false?
10. For the nuclear reaction equation  $^{24}_{11}\text{Na} \rightarrow ^X_{12}\text{Mg} + ^0_{-1}\beta$ , what is X?
11. Give a word to describe the nature of radioactive decay of a single atom.
12. The emission of  $\beta$  radiation causes a change in the mass of the nucleus involved – true or false?
13. What is  $\gamma$  radiation?
14. Explain what is meant by radioactive contamination.
15. Explain what is meant by 'activity'.
16. Explain what happens to the count rate of a radioactive sample after one half-life, and why.
17. Explain why  $\alpha$ -particles wouldn't be very good for monitoring the thickness of metal sheets in a factory.

1. Do stable nuclei or unstable nuclei have a higher activity?
2. A radioactive object has an activity of  $1.9 \times 10^8$  Bq. How many nuclei decay each second?
3. An  $\alpha$ -particle can be stopped by a sheet of paper. How many atoms does it pass through?
4. What is the half-life of a radioactive substance if 10 years its mass drops to one-eighth of its original mass? Which types of nuclear radiation are most likely to be emitted?
5. For the nuclear reaction equation  $^X_3\text{Li} \rightarrow ^9_4\text{Be} + ^0_{-1}\beta$ , what is X?
6. For the nuclear reaction equation  $^X_6\text{C} \rightarrow ^{14}_7\text{N} + ^0_{-1}\beta$ , what is X?
7. For the nuclear reaction equation  $^{244}_{94}\text{Pu} \rightarrow ^{240}_{92}\text{U} + ^4_2\text{He}$ , what is X?
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11. Half-life is the time taken for the activity of a radioactive substance to halve – true or false?
12. How much of 2 kg of a radioactive substance is left after 36 hours if its half-life is 12 hours?
13. Name a reason scientists are concerned about working with radioactive substances.
14. Describe what a Geiger-Müller tube is used for.
15. Describe why a lead container is used to store radioactive substances.
16. If you were to ingest a radioactive substance, which type of nuclear radiation would be most dangerous?
17. Explain what is meant by 'background radiation'.

## Extension

1. If the half-life of californium-251 is 900 years, how much of 1 g is left after 4500 years?
2. If the half-life of uranium-235 is 700 million years, how much of 1 kg is left after  $2.1 \times 10^9$  years?
3. When an  $\alpha$ -particle is emitted during a decay process, how many protons are lost from the nucleus?
4. For the nuclear reaction equation  $^{244}_{94}\text{Pu} \rightarrow ^{240}_{92}\text{U} + ^4_2\alpha$ , what is X?
5. Name a type of nuclear radiation that would be suitable for detecting smoke from a fire.
6. For the nuclear reaction equation  $^{244}_{94}\text{Pu} \rightarrow ^{240}_{92}\text{U} + ^4_2\alpha + ^1_0\text{n}$ , what is X?
7. The activity of a radioactive substance decreases as time goes on – true or false?
8. What is a  $\beta$ -particle?
9. Name a type of radiation used for sterilising food or killing bacteria.
10. When a  $\beta$ -particle is emitted, the mass number of the nucleus changes into what?
11. If an  $\alpha$ -particle is emitted, how many neutrons are lost from the nucleus?
12. Why are radioactive substances used in medicine?
13. Explain why isotopes with long half-lives are used in medicine.
14. Explain why the half-life of a radioactive substance is important even though radioactive substances are used in medicine.
15. Why is it important to have research on radioactive substances?
16. Describe how the half-life of a radioactive substance affects its mass and charge.

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# Topic 4C — Fusion, Fission and Radioac

## Fundamentals

- Are nuclear power stations a man-made or natural source of background radiation?
- A radiation dose is measured in sieverts (Sv). How many sieverts is 1 mSv?
- Are the two nuclear products from fission similar or different in mass?
- The level of background radiation can vary between locations – true or false?
- The average person in Cornwall is exposed to 6.9 mSv of radiation each year. Name a natural source of radiation that would cause this.
- Name a variable that can create the level of background radiation to change.
- What happens to the process when the neutron emitted from the fission of an isotope cause another atom to fission?
- The larger the dose of radiation, the greater the risk of cancer – true or false?
- Apart from the kinetic energy of the products of fission, how is energy released?
- Where does fusion naturally occur?
- Fusion can only release energy for light elements – true or false?
- What is nuclear fission?
- Why must radioactive isotopes used in medical imaging have short half-lives?
- Describe how a radioactive tracer can be used to detect a blockage in the body.
- Describe radiotherapy.
- Why does the radiation in radiotherapy also kill the healthy cells?
- Why is fusion a more desirable energy resource than fission?

- What is the process that changes the structure of an atom?
- Radiation can cause cancer – true or false?
- What type of nuclear reaction releases its energy?
- Name a variable that can create the level of background radiation to change.
- A dose of 10 Sv would cause death. How many 30 mSv doses would cause this?
- Name a man-made source of radiation.
- Name a natural source of radiation.
- Nuclear industry emits radiation. Name a radiation dose of 20 mSv per day?
- Only some of the products of fission release energy – true or false?
- Gamma rays are produced in fission – true or false?
- Name something that undergoes fission.
- Why would uranium-235 be used as a radioactive tracer?
- Why would iodine-131 be used as a radioactive tracer?
- Explain how a chain reaction works.
- Explain how medical tracers work.
- Chernobyl is the site of a nuclear power station. Why is it still dangerous?
- The Manhattan Project developed atomic bombs. Why did they use a chain reaction?

## Extension

- Changes in the blood can be seen after a dose of 100 mSv. How many 0.005 mSv dental X-rays would cause this?
- The average radon dose in the UK is 1.3 mSv / year. How much is a Briton irradiated with each day?
- How does the mass of the resultant nuclei from fusion compare to the combined masses of the two initial nuclei?
- The risk of developing cancer due to background radiation is very low – true or false?
- A chain reaction starts with 1 neutron and releases 2 neutrons each time; after five iterations, how many neutrons are there?
- In a chain reaction starting with 1 neutron and releasing 3 neutrons each time, after six iterations how many neutrons are there?
- Name a property needed from a radioactive material used as a battery to power a space probe in outer space.
- Apart from the products from uranium fission, name something that makes up nuclear waste.
- A fission bomb has a mass of fuel area of 100 kg. How much fuel is used in explosions, in a fission bomb?
- What type of fission reaction is used in a nuclear power station?
- Radon gas contributes to background radiation. Name a natural source of radon gas.
- Apart from the natural sources of radiation, name a man-made source of radiation.
- Describe how you can use a radioactive tracer to detect a blockage in an organ using radionuclide imaging.
- Before the 1930s, radium was used in paint because the people stop using it. Why did they stop using it?
- Brachytherapy uses a radioactive source to treat cancer. Name a source used in brachytherapy.
- Why are the consequences of a nuclear power station accident more serious than a coal power station accident?

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# Fundamentals Tests

## Topic 1A — Energy Changes in a System

- 1 The mass of an object is 12.5 g. What is the object's mass in kg?
- 2 How is energy stored in a battery?
- 3 What is the standard unit of energy?
- 4 What type of energy do we say an object has if it is travelling at a constant speed?
- 5 State how energy is stored before and after an electric remote-controlled car starts.
- 6 The temperature of a cup of tea drops from 27 °C to 33 °C. What is the temperature change?
- 7 Calculate the gravitational potential energy of a 5 kg weight raised 1.6 km.
- 8 State the equation used to calculate the gravitational potential energy of an object.
- 9 How much gravitational potential energy does a 25 g bouncy ball gain if it is raised 1.2 m?
- 10 What piece of apparatus could be used to measure the temperature change of a liquid?
- 11 Given that  $\Delta E = m c \Delta\theta$ , where  $m = 1.2 \text{ kg}$ ,  $c = 185 \text{ J / kg }^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\Delta\theta = 35 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , calculate the energy transferred.
- 12 Define the watt, W, the unit of power.
- 13 Describe how you could measure the change in temperature of a material.
- 14 Describe the energy transfer that occurs when a kettle is used to boil water.
- 15 Explain what is meant by elastic potential energy.
- 16 How many times should you repeat a temperature measurement of an insulator?
- 17 Why does a more powerful microwave heat up food faster than a less powerful one?

## Topic 1B — Efficiency and Energy Resources

- 1 State the change in energy stores when a ball is dropped from rest.
- 2 Three beakers are wrapped in three different materials in a thermal insulation experiment. What is the independent variable?
- 3 Are the following objects good insulators or good conductors? Oven gloves.
- 4 Name one way in which a coal-powered furnace wastes energy.
- 5 Why does a TV become warm after being on for a long time?
- 6 How is energy wasted by a jackhammer on a construction site?
- 7 State the equation for efficiency in terms of energy transfer.
- 8 What piece of apparatus would you use to measure the temperature of a liquid?
- 9 State the energy transfer in a tennis ball being hit by a racquet.
- 10 Name two types of non-renewable energy resource.
- 11 What is the efficiency of a transformer with a power input of 100 kW and a power output of 80 kW?
- 12 What is a renewable energy resource?
- 13 Why is housing insulation lined with a silver veneer?
- 14 Describe the energy transfer occurring for a bullet when a gun is fired.
- 15 Why is oil used to surround moving parts in a car engine?
- 16 What is meant by 'dissipated energy'?
- 17 Why is using renewable energy resources more favourable than using non-renewable resources?

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## Topic 2A — Current, Potential Difference and

- 1 What is the standard unit of charge?
- 2 An LED emits light when supplied with a current – true or false?
- 3 How much charge passes through a filament lamp if it is left on for 90 s and a current of 0.2 A flows through it?
- 4 What is the word equation that defines current in terms of charge and time?
- 5 What does the resistance of a thermistor depend on?
- 6 State Ohm's law in any form.
- 7 What is the potential difference of a component with a resistance of 250  $\Omega$  and a current of 0.2 A flows through it?
- 8 A charge of 80 C flows through a circuit in 20 s. Calculate the current in the circuit.
- 9 A 1.2 mA current is applied through a 230  $\Omega$  resistor. What is the potential difference across the resistor?
- 10 What is the current in a 200  $\Omega$  resistor if 80 C of charge passes through it in 10 s?
- 11 Describe the current–potential difference graph for a filament lamp.
- 12 What is the independent variable in an experiment measuring the resistance of a filament lamp?
- 13 Why must a circuit be closed for the components in it to work?
- 14 Explain what is meant by an ohmic component.
- 15 Explain how an LDR can be used to solve a real-world problem.
- 16 Describe the current–potential difference graph for a diode.
- 17 Would the resistance of a wire increase or decrease if its diameter was increased?

## Topic 2B — Series and Parallel Circuits and Mains Electricity

- 1 The potential difference across each component in a series circuit is the same – true or false?
- 2 What equation would you use to find the total resistance of two resistors connected in series?
- 3 For components connected in parallel, how does the potential difference across each component compare?
- 4 Is an ammeter connected in series or in parallel to a component when used to measure the current through it?
- 5 The potential difference across a 100  $\Omega$  resistor is 4 V. What is the potential difference across a 200  $\Omega$  resistor connected in parallel with it?
- 6 What is the frequency of the domestic electric supply in the UK?
- 7 Two 450  $\Omega$  resistors are connected in series to a 9 V battery. What is the potential difference across each resistor?
- 8 What colour is the live wire in a three-core cable?
- 9 Is the mains electricity supply direct or alternating?
- 10 What colour is the earth wire in a three-pin plug?
- 11 Two 450  $\Omega$  resistors are connected in series to a 9 V battery. What is the potential difference across each resistor?
- 12 Describe what a direct potential difference is.
- 13 Why is an exposed live wire dangerous if an appliance is plugged into the mains?
- 14 How would you test an LED to find out whether it works correctly?
- 15 Why are house lights connected using a parallel circuit?
- 16 Describe the circuit diagram of a parallel circuit.
- 17 Why does the total resistance increase when you add more resistors in series?

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## Topic 2C — Power, the National Grid and Static Electricity

- 1 State the equation for power in terms of potential difference and current.
- 2 What is the power rating of a thermistor if a potential difference of 3 V is across it and a current of 0.05 A flows through it?
- 3 What is the potential difference across a 0.7 W LED if the current through it is 0.01 A?
- 4 If a 100 W device is switched on for 45 s, how much energy does it use?
- 5 What is the power rating of a microwave if it is plugged into the mains (230 V) and it uses 1.5 kWh of energy in 10 hours?
- 6 If a 3 W bulb and a 2 W bulb are switched on, how much energy in total do they use in 10 hours?
- 7 How much energy does a 700 W microwave use in 10 minutes? Give your answer in kWh.
- 8 How much energy does a 9.0 V battery lose if it discharges 200 C?
- 9 What do step-down transformers do?
- 10 Two objects of equal mass and charge are placed near each other. Is the force between them attractive or repulsive?
- 11 When an object gains electrons, does it become positively charged or negatively charged?
- 12 Describe the national grid.
- 13 Why is the power of an electrical appliance dependent on the current flowing through it?
- 14 Describe the change in energy store when a phone battery is charged using a power supply.
- 15 Describe how static electricity is produced.
- 16 Why is the power of an electrical appliance dependent on the potential difference across it?
- 17 What are step-up transformers used for, and why?

## Topic 3A — Changes of State

- 1 What is the density of a 2.3 m<sup>3</sup> box if its mass is 650 kg?
- 2 What is the density of a cube with sides 2 m if its mass is 4 kg?
- 3 Name the change of state when an indoor ice rink is made from liquid water.
- 4 The particles in a gas are more tightly packed than those in a solid – true or false?
- 5 What is the volume of a 2.5 kg tube of copper with a density of 8940 kg / m<sup>3</sup>?
- 6 Name a piece of apparatus suitable for measuring the diameter of a water droplet.
- 7 Condensation is another name for boiling – true or false?
- 8 Given that  $\Delta E = m c \Delta\theta$ , what is  $\Delta\theta$  when  $m = 2 \text{ kg}$ ,  $c = 1.5 \text{ J / kg }^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\Delta E = 6 \text{ J}$ ?
- 9 Given that  $E = m L$ , what is the latent heat of fusion if 220 kg of lead changes from solid to liquid and 191.6 MJ is used?
- 10 Given that  $\Delta E = m c \Delta\theta$ , what is  $\Delta\theta$  when  $m = 3.1 \text{ kg}$ ,  $c = 340 \text{ J / kg }^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\Delta E = 3.6 \text{ J}$ ?
- 11 What is the latent heat of fusion?
- 12 What happens to the temperature when a change of state occurs?
- 13 Explain what is meant by the particle model.
- 14 Describe how you would measure the volume of an irregularly shaped object.
- 15 Explain what is meant by the conservation of mass for a system of particles.
- 16 Explain what latent heat is.
- 17 Explain the difference between evaporation and boiling.
- 18 Explain the difference between melting and sublimation.

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### Topic 3B — The Particle Model of a Gas

- 1 The arrangement of molecules in a gas is very ordered – true or false?
- 2 Describe the effect on the average speed of particles when the temperature of a gas is increased.
- 3 What happens to the pressure of a gas being heated in a sealed box?
- 4 The temperature of a gas is dependent on the potential energy between its particles. True or false?
- 5 Describe the relationship between pressure and volume at a constant temperature.
- 6 If a gas is described by  $P V = 2.8 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa m}^3$  and  $P = 7.0 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$ , what is its volume?
- 7 What is the standard unit of pressure?
- 8 What is the volume change, in  $\text{m}^3$ , when the volume of a gas changes from  $0.2 \text{ m}^3$  to  $0.5 \text{ m}^3$  at constant temperature and pressure?
- 9 If a gas at a constant temperature has the relationship  $P V = 3.4 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa m}^3$  and its volume is  $0.1 \text{ m}^3$ , what is its pressure?
- 10 A gas at constant temperature and mass has its volume tripled. By what factor does its pressure decrease?
- 11 For Boyle's law,  $P V = \text{constant}$ . To hold true, what properties of a gas must be constant?
- 12 Explain how the temperature of a gas is related to the motion of its particles.
- 13 Explain how increasing the volume of a gas decreases the pressure.
- 14 Explain how a gas exerts a pressure on a container wall.
- 15 Why does an unsealed balloon fly away when it is released?
- 16 Why would heating a sealed balloon cause it to expand?

### Topic 4A — Atoms and Isotopes

- 1 The radius of a nucleus is  $1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}$ . Write this in femtometres, fm.
- 2 What is the approximate radius of an atom?
- 3 Where would you find the protons in an atom?
- 4 If the number of electrons and protons in an atom is equal, there is no net charge. True or false?
- 5 What particles are neutral in charge in the atom?
- 6 A sulphur atom has 16 protons and 16 neutrons; how many electrons does it have?
- 7 An atom of carbon has a mass number of 12 and an atomic number of 6. How many neutrons does it have?
- 8 An isotope of uranium has a mass number of 235 and an atomic number of 92. How many neutrons does it have?
- 9 A magnesium atom has 12 protons and 12 neutrons. What is its mass number?
- 10 What metal was used for the alpha beam in the Geiger–Marsden scattering experiment?
- 11 What are atoms of the same element but which have a different number of neutrons called?
- 12 Describe the previously accepted plum pudding model.
- 13 Explain what is meant by an ion.
- 14 Why did the Geiger–Marsden experiment and Rutherford's model disprove the plum pudding model?
- 15 Describe what happens when an electron emits electromagnetic radiation.

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## Topic 4B — Atoms and Nuclear Radiation

- 1 What is the relative charge of an  $\alpha$ -particle?
- 2 What is the relative charge of a  $\beta$ -particle?
- 3 Approximately what is the range of a  $\beta$ -particle in the air?
- 4 What is the range of a  $\gamma$ -particle in the air?
- 5 What is the standard unit for activity?
- 6 What property of  $\alpha$ -particles makes them the most dangerous type of nuclear radiation?
- 7 For the nuclear reaction equation  $^{19}_8\text{O} \rightarrow ^{19}_X\text{F} + ^0_{-1}\beta$ , what is X?
- 8 Other than  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  radiation, name a type of ionising radiation.
- 9  $\alpha$ -particles have the greatest ionising power compared to other forms of ionising radiation. True or false?
- 10 For the nuclear reaction equation  $^{24}_{11}\text{Na} \rightarrow ^X_{12}\text{Mg} + ^0_{-1}\beta$ , what is X?
- 11 Give a word and describe the nature of radioactive decay of a single atom.
- 12 The emission of  $\beta$  radiation causes a change in the mass of the nucleus in the parent nucleus. True or false?
- 13 What is  $\gamma$  radiation?
- 14 Explain what is meant by radioactive contamination.
- 15 Explain what is meant by 'activity'.
- 16 Explain what happens to the count rate of a radioactive sample after one half-life.
- 17 Explain why  $\alpha$ -particles wouldn't be very good for monitoring the thickness of a material.

## Topic 4C — Fusion, Fission and Radioactive Decay

- 1 Are nuclear power stations a man-made or natural source of background radiation?
- 2 A radiation dose is measured in sieverts (Sv). How many sieverts is 1 mSv?
- 3 Are the two nuclear products from fission similar or different in mass?
- 4 The level of background radiation can vary between locations – true or false?
- 5 The average person in Cornwall is exposed to 6.9 mSv of radiation each year. Name a source of background radiation that would cause this.
- 6 Name a variable that can cause the level of background radiation to change.
- 7 What is the name of the process when the neutrons emitted from the fission of one atom cause the fission of another atom to fission?
- 8 The larger the dose of radiation, the greater the risk of cancer – true or false?
- 9 Apart from the kinetic energy of the products of fission, how is energy released?
- 10 Where does fusion naturally occur?
- 11 Fusion can release energy for light elements – true or false?
- 12 What is the name of the process when a nucleus splits into two smaller nuclei?
- 13 Why must radioactive isotopes used in medical imaging have short half-lives?
- 14 Describe how a radioactive tracer can be used to detect a blockage in the blood.
- 15 Describe radiotherapy.
- 16 Why does the radiation in radiotherapy also kill the healthy cells?
- 17 Why is fusion a more desirable energy resource than fission?

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# Answers

## Topic 1A — Energy Changes in a System

### Fundamentals

- 0.0125 kg
- As chemical energy
- Joule, J
- Kinetic energy
- Before: chemical energy; after: kinetic energy
- $80 - 35 = 45\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $5 \times 9.8 \times 1600 = 78\text{ kJ}$
- $E_p = mgh$
- $0.025 \times 9.8 \times 3 = 0.74\text{ J}$
- A thermometer
- $1.2 \times 18 = 21.6$  or 7.8 kJ
- 1 watt is equal to the energy transfer of 1 joule per second
- Use a thermometer to measure the temperature of the material before and after the change, then calculate the difference
- The energy is transferred electrically to thermal energy
- Elastic potential energy is the way energy is stored in a compressed or stretched spring
- At least three times; to ensure the measurement is reliable
- More power means more energy is incident on the food per second, causing it to heat more quickly

### Challenge

- It is divided by 4
- As kinetic energy
- 9 J
- $7.2 \times 10^{-4}$  or 0.72 mJ
- Joules per kilogram per degree Celsius, J / kg  $^{\circ}\text{C}$
- 390 J / kg  $^{\circ}\text{C}$
- 9.1 J
- 1.7 GJ
- 5400 s or 1.5 hours
- 3750 J
- 2 kW
- The higher the mass, the more material there is that must be raised by 1  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; therefore, more energy is needed
- Measure the temperature change and the mass of the object, then use the specific heat equation
- Before: it is stored as gravitational potential energy; after: it is stored as kinetic energy (until it hits the ground)
- Kinetic energy of the car is transferred to thermal energy in the tyres
- Because energy is transferred twice as quickly
- The amount of energy required to raise the temperature of 1 kg of a substance by 1  $^{\circ}\text{C}$

### Extension

- 3.54 m
- 855 J
- 252 kJ
- 44.3 m/s
- 6.3 m/s
- By a factor of 4
- Temperature
- A system
- 69.4 J
- 16.2  $^{\circ}\text{C}$
- 20 m/s
- The 1.5 kW motor
- The mass of water  
energy (and, then, to boil
- Velocity is squared  
there is no such
- Before: it is stored  
stored as thermal
- The current is electric  
wire to be stored
- The temperature  
there is an increase  
system has some
- For the rocket to  
the rocket to travel  
other forms

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# Topic 1B — Efficiency and Energy Resources

## Fundamentals

1. Gravitational potential energy → Kinetic energy
2. The types of material
3. Oven gloves are good insulators; metal tongs are good conductors
4. Carried away by light and sound to be dissipated and stored as thermal energy
5. Energy is transferred by the current to the TV (a thermal energy store)
6. The kinetic energy is dissipated mechanically and eventually stored as thermal energy
7. Efficiency = Useful output energy transfer / Total input energy transfer
8. Thermometer
9. Kinetic energy (racket ball) + Elastic potential energy → Kinetic energy (tennis ball) + Sound energy
10. Coal/oil/nuclear
11.  $80 / 100 = 80\%$  or 0.8
12. A renewable energy resource is one that is being (or can be) replenished as it is used
13. The silver veneer reflects any infrared radiation, reducing heat loss by radiation
14. Chemical energy is transferred to kinetic energy and thermal energy
15. Oil acts as a lubricant to prevent the engine wasting energy through heat or sound
16. Energy that becomes unrecoverable (and, therefore, is wasted) during an energy transfer
17. They are a more long-term solution and don't produce greenhouse gases so are better for the environment

## Challenge

1. Hydroelectricity
2. A copper rod
3. The temperature of the substance the materials are insulating
4. Painting the inside of the kettle a silver colour / building the kettle from thermally insulating materials / removing limescale from the heating element
5. The amount of material
6. Via thermal energy
7. 300 W
8. 76.6 % or 0.766
9. Nuclear
10. Through the conduction of its walls, windows and doors
11. Biofuel/solar
12. It stays the same because energy can neither be created nor destroyed
13. Build a large, light wheel / ensure the paddles have a large surface area
14. It requires thermal activity just below the surface of Earth's crust
15. It doesn't produce large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> as fossil fuels do
16. There is a limited amount of coal buried underground and it takes millions of years to form
17. It is better for the environment and for the durability of the device (as it won't overwork itself)

## Extension

1. It is renewable / it
2. 0.32
3. Paint the inside of radiator away from
4. A vacuum
5. 630 W
6. False (hot gases are less dense)
7. Larger sail (bigger)
8. Tidal energy
9. 0.56
10. Night-time
11. Solar/geothermal
12. The laser beam is stored as thermal energy becomes too hot
13. Burning fossil fuels greenhouse gas, climate change
14. No; light from the panel, and the bulb energy as heat
15. Heat conducts into pump has to work energy)
16. To ensure we have future demand (oil run out). Also, more environmental effects
17. Near the equator (entire year) and in
18. They alone don't decision – such as businesspeople, as

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# Topic 2A – Current, Potential Difference and

## Fundamentals

1. Coulomb, C
2. True (a current means charges flow through the LED which do work)
3.  $1.5 \times 90 = 140 \text{ C}$
4. Current = Charge / Time
5. Temperature
6.  $V = I R$  (or, Potential difference = Current  $\times$  Resistance)
7.  $250 \times 100 = 25 \text{ V}$
8.  $80 \text{ C} / 20 \text{ s} = 4 \text{ A}$
9.  $1.2 \text{ mA} \times 330 \Omega = 400 \text{ mV}$  or  $0.40 \text{ V}$
10.  $80 / 60 = 1.33 \text{ A}$
11. The graph is curved at large values of potential difference between
12. The diameter of the wire
13. A current will not flow if there is a break in the circuit, meaning no charge will reach the components
14. An ohmic component is one which obeys Ohm's law, i.e. its current–potential difference graph is linear
15. Any suitable application, e.g. using an LDR to turn on street lights when it's dark enough in the evening
16. For negative potential differences, no current flows; for positive potential differences, a diode is ohmic (linear graph)
17. As the diameter increases, so does the resistance (because resistance is proportional to the amount of material)

## Challenge

1. A battery
2. False (current is the same throughout a series circuit)
3. False (it is a cross centred within a circle)
4.  $6.9 \text{ C}$
5. The current must decrease
6.  $135 \Omega$
7.  $5 \text{ mA}$
8.  $210 \text{ s}$
9. The current through the component
10.  $0.51 \text{ C}$
11. It causes a lower resistance
12. Its resistance decreases
13. A rectangular box (like the ordinary resistor) with an arrow diagonally crossing through it
14. Measure the current passing through it, an ammeter. Use a stop clock to time how long it takes for an ammeter to measure the charge for. Then use  $Q = I \times t$  to find the charge that has passed through in that time.
15. Current always flows in the same direction
16. A potential difference is created by an imbalance of charge carriers between two points. The energy stored by this imbalance allows charge carriers to flow
17. Ammeter in series, voltmeter in parallel, both connected to a cell

## Extension

1.  $0 \text{ A}$
2.  $5.0 \text{ V}$
3.  $0.15 \text{ C}$
4.  $1.4 \text{ C}$
5.  $5.0 \text{ V}$
6. A thermistor
7. Brighter
8. Very high
9.  $75 \Omega$
10. The length / mass of wires used
11.  $3.6 \text{ V}$
12. The duration of time causes the wire to increase its resistance to increase
13. The resistance increases depending on the filament lamp
14. It can be used to building a circuit with a component well
15. They don't allow any output below
16. The longer the wire flows through, so meets

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## Topic 2B — Series and Parallel Circuits and M

### Fundamentals

1. False (it is only the same for components connected in parallel)
2.  $R_T = R_1 + R_2$
3. The potential difference across each component is the same
4. Connected in series
5. Also 4 V
6. 50 Hz
7.  $9 / 2 = 4.5$  V
8. Brown
9. Alternating
10. Green and yellow stripes
11.  $9 / (2 \times 300) = 15$  mA
12. A direct potential difference (a supply) is one that is constant in direction (i.e. remains either positive or negative)
13. If you were to touch the live wire you would receive an electric shock, which could be fatal. An exposed live wire could also come into contact with something else, resulting in high currents which could start a fire.
14. Connect the LED in series to a DC power supply and resistor, and turn on the supply. Swap round the connections of the LED and repeat.
15. You can choose which light/s you want on/off; you aren't required to have all the lights on at any one time. Also, if one bulb blows, the rest of the lights are still usable.
16. A parallel circuit is made up of several series circuits joined together at intersections
17. There is only one path for the charge to flow through, and so it must pass through each resistor; therefore, every resistor affects the current

### Challenge

1. The total resistance is less
2. 35 mA
3.  $1660 \Omega$  or  $1.66 \text{ k}\Omega$
4. 45 mA
5. 2.2 A
6. Blue
7. 0 V
8. 3 V
9. The earth wire safely discharges the appliance from any excess charge
10. 230 V
11.  $1250 \Omega$
12. If there is a fault in the appliance, any unwanted charge can be safely discharged to the earth wire
13. The larger the resistance of the variable resistor, the lower the potential difference across the lamp, meaning the lamp dims
14. An alternating potential difference is one that reverses every time period (i.e. it flips between positive and negative)
15. This ensures that the wires can't come loose and come into contact with each other
16. The potential difference across components connected in parallel is the same, so a measurement can be reliably taken
17. An alternating current changes direction every time period, i.e. it flips from positive to negative

### Extension

1. 0.3 A
2.  $57.1 \Omega$
3.  $I_{100} = I_{330} = 21$  mA
4. True (there are two paths for the current when the resistor is removed, so less resistance)
5. 4 V
6. 14 V
7. 37.5 mA
8. 0.92 A
9. 30 mA
10. The neutral wire current would flow
11. 0.32 A
12. The circuit is now working
13. Adding more resistors provides more paths for the current to flow, though these paths are not infinite (an infinity isn't there).
14. For easy identification, make it clearer with a label. Also, simply breaks the circuit if the earth wire (voltage) is broken
15. A current is made up of charges which can only flow in one direction. The current splits at a junction depending on the resistance of the branches
16. A parallel circuit is made up of several series circuits joined together at intersections. To determine which resistor will still be on, you need to know the potential difference across each resistor

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# Topic 2C – Power, the National Grid and Static Electricity

## Fundamentals

1.  $P = VI$  (or power = potential difference  $\times$  current)
2.  $P = IV = 3.0 \times 0.3 = 0.9 \text{ W}$
3.  $V = P / I = 0.7 / 0.15 = 4.67 \text{ V}$
4.  $E = Pt = 100 \times 45 = 4500 \text{ J}$  or  $4.5 \text{ kJ}$
5.  $P = IV = 3.3 \times 230 = 760 \text{ W}$
6.  $E = Pt = (3 + 2) \times 120 = 600 \text{ J}$
7.  $700 \times 100 = 70 \text{ kJ}$
8.  $9.0 \times 200 = 1800 \text{ J}$  or  $1.8 \text{ kJ}$
9. They decrease the p.d. to domestic levels
10. Attractive
11. Negatively charged
12. The national grid is a system of cables and transformers linking power stations to consumers
13. The higher the current, the more charges present, and, therefore, the more energy in the system
14. It starts as electrical energy in the mains, before being transferred to chemical energy in the battery
15. When two insulating materials are rubbed against each other, charges transfer from one material to the other, creating an imbalance. This imbalance is known as static electricity.
16. The higher the potential difference, the more the charges will want to flow, so more energy is present in the system
17. They increase the p.d. of the power which in turn decreases the current ( $P = IV$  must stay balanced). A smaller current means less wasted energy as heat.

## Challenge

1.  $12 \text{ V}$
2.  $64 \Omega$
3. The  $1200 \text{ W}$  hairdryer
4.  $11.5 \text{ J}$
5.  $167 \text{ mA}$
6.  $97 \text{ W}$
7.  $25 \text{ ms}$
8. It gets stronger
9. Attraction and repulsion of two charged objects
10.  $470 \text{ C}$
11. The two negative spheres would stick to the positive sphere, but on opposite sides
12. Like-charged objects will repel; oppositely charged objects will attract
13. Grounding the object to earth / reducing friction of object with other objects
14. The electrons are attracted to the positively charged object. When the gap is small enough (the p.d. is large enough) the electrons jump across, ionising the air as they do. This is what we see as a spark.
15. Static electricity is the build-up of charge which won't move, usually caused by two insulating materials rubbing against each other
16. The negative charges of the acetate rod are rubbed off onto the cloth so it becomes positively charged. The cloth now has an excess of negative charges so is negatively charged. The opposite charges attract.
17. The field lines will point radially outwards except for those between the spheres which will look squashed and be pressed up against each other. Field lines never cross one another.

## Extension

1.  $500 \text{ kWh}$
2.  $2.5 \text{ hr}$
3.  $300 \text{ C}$
4.  $66 \text{ mJ}$
5.  $0.94 \text{ J}$
6. The lines and arcs are more concentrated at the sphere
7.  $3.6 \text{ C}$
8. The decrease in p.d. is greater than the increase in current through the transformers
9.  $V = (Pt) / Q = (3 \times 10^6) / 3000 = 1000 \text{ V}$
10.  $5400 \text{ s}$  or  $1.5 \text{ hours}$  (answer from Q5)
11.  $68 \text{ C}$
12.  $E = Pt = (IV)t$ , and  $Q = It$   
 $E = (It)V = QV$
13. They attract
14. If a high enough potential difference is produced. This causes a discharge
15. An electric field is created by the imbalance of charges on the object
16. The charged paint is attracted to the sphere, forming an even coat of paint
17. The step-up transformer increases the voltage, the current decreases. A lower current means less heat loss in the cables
18. To ensure the charge is attracted to the object. If the object is not charged, the charge would dissipate

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# Topic 3A – Changes of State

## Fundamentals

1.  $0.65 / 2.3 = 0.283 \text{ kg / m}^3$
2.  $4 / 2^3 = 0.5 \text{ kg / m}^3$
3. Freezing
4. False (gases are less dense than solids, hence their particles are further apart)
5.  $2.5 / 8940 = 2.80 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$
6. Vernier calipers
7. False (condensation is when a gas transitions to a liquid, the opposite of boiling)
8.  $20 / (2 \times 1.5) = 6.7 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
9.  $191\,600 / 220 = 871 \text{ kJ / kg}$
10.  $24\,900 / (3.1 \times 340) = 23.6 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
11. A change of state from a solid to a liquid
12. It stays the same
13. A scientist decided to describe a system as being made of particles that interact via collisions and potentials
14. Place the object into a tank of water with a known volume. Then, measure the new volume of the water and calculate the difference.
15. The conservation of mass says when a system changes state (e.g. from a liquid to a gas), mass is conserved
16. Latent heat is the energy needed for a substance to change state with no temperature change
17. A liquid can evaporate at any temperature but only on its surface, whereas a liquid can boil from anywhere in its volume but only beyond its boiling point
18. Melting is when a solid changes to a liquid, whereas sublimation is when a solid changes to a gas

## Challenge

1.  $560 \text{ kg / m}^3$
2. False (in a closed system the mass will always stay constant)
3. 1.9 kJ
4. Melting and boiling
5. Stays constant
6. They move faster
7.  $2000 \text{ J / kg }^\circ\text{C}$
8.  $2.5 \text{ kJ / kg}$
9. A digital balance (compare before and after)
10.  $7.00 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
11. 0.29 kg
12. The heat loss from the beaker
13. Changes of state can be reversed, whereas chemical changes cannot be reversed
14. The total energy of the system held by the particles in the system
15. At the melting point the graph is horizontal, then it's linear up until the boiling point where it is again horizontal
16. The energy supplied by the Sun needs to overcome the latent heat of water before it changes state
17. The particles arrange into structures resulting in an increase in density
18. Each particle is moving faster on average than in other states, so particles collide more and, therefore, are further apart

## Extension

1.  $43 \text{ kg / m}^3$
2. 9.16 g
3. Boiling and condensation
4. 98.8 g
5. Gas particles move faster
6.  $5.4 \times 10^3 \text{ kg / m}^3$
7. False; it is stored as latent heat. Energy stays constant.  
26.7 kJ  
32  $^\circ\text{C}$
10. 39.7  $^\circ\text{C}$
11. Higher resolution
12. The particles must overcome their potential energy
13. Internal energy – potential energy
14. Evaporated water condenses to form a liquid
15. The particles of a gas are spaced out than a liquid, so they move more easily, resulting in a higher rate of evaporation
16. The steam releases latent heat, transferring more energy to the water
17. Latent heat is needed to overcome the intermolecular forces. This energy has been used to heat the liquid is cooler.
18. Measure the volume of water displaced and calculate the density

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# Topic 3B — The Particle Model of a Gas

## Fundamentals

1. False (gas particles are in constant random motion)
2. Speed increases
3. It increases
4. False (it is dependent on the average kinetic energy of the particles)
5. They are inversely proportional
6.  $(2.8 \times 10^5) / (7.0 \times 10^4) = 4.0 \text{ m}^3$
7. Pascal, Pa
8.  $134 - 25 = 109 \text{ cm}^3 = 1.09 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$
9.  $1.36 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$
10. 3
11. Temperature and mass
12. The faster the particles of a gas move, the more energy the gas has, and, therefore, the higher its temperature
13. Increasing the volume means the particles travel further between collisions with the walls; therefore, the pressure is lower
14. Gas particles collide with the wall, exerting a small perpendicular force on the wall. The force due to lots of particles is observed as pressure.
15. The pressure of the gas inside the balloon causes the gas to escape out of the hole, and, due to Newton's third law, the balloon flies away
16. Increasing the temperature of the gas inside the balloon causes the pressure to increase. As the rubber balloon is stretchy, the increase in pressure will cause the balloon to expand.

## Challenge

1. Their average kinetic energy
2. True (temperature and pressure for a gas are directly proportional)
3. True (the more tightly packed the gas particles are, the higher the number of collisions, i.e. pressure)
4.  $0.1 \text{ m}^3$
5.  $0.61 \text{ m}^3$
6.  $p_1 = 6.7 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
7.  $4.6 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
8. The temperature increases
9. It increases
10. Larger
11. Perpendicular to the wall
12. Pressing on the bubble causes a decrease in its volume which increases the pressure of the bubble, up to the point where the bubble can take no more
13. The temperature increases because work has been done on the gas to get it into the tyre
14. The pump forces new air into the tyre. As there are now more particles, the pressure in the tyre increases, which, in turn, causes the tyre to stretch and increase in volume.
15. The smaller volume means the particles don't travel as far between collisions. The kinetic energy of the particles is constant, so they must collide with the walls more.
16. The volume has halved but so has the amount of gas; therefore, the pressure would be the same as before

## Extension

1.  $0.0205 \text{ m}^3$
2.  $14.2 \text{ cm}^3$
3. It decreases
4. True (doing work increases internal energy of the gas)
5. True (more collisions with the container, results in higher pressure)
6. The lighter particles move faster
7. Constant
8. The pressure, in a gas, increases with temperature
9. It also decreases with increasing volume
10. The gas with the higher temperature
11. The pressure in the tyre bursts. The pump forces new gas, so the temperature increases
12. Increasing the volume reduces the pressure
13. The volume of air we breathe in, decreases. The lower pressure outside the tyre pushes inwards.
14. Each particle has the same average kinetic energy; the temperature with the container is the same as the pressure
15. The explosion increases the pressure which means the tyre bursts. Increasing the pressure

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# Topic 4A – Atoms and Isotopes

## Fundamentals

- 10 fm
- $1 \times 10^{-10}$  m
- In the nucleus
- True (each electron and proton has equal and opposite charge which cancels the other's effect)
- Neutrons
- 16
- $12 - 6 = 6$
- $235 - 92 = 143$
- $12 + 12 = 24$
- Gold
- Isotopes
- Negatively charged particles embedded in a sphere of positive charge
- An atom has either lost or gained an electron to become an ion
- Some  $\alpha$ -particles were scattered at large angles, not predicted by the plum pudding model
- The electron will move closer to the nucleus, to a lower energy level

## Challenge

- 0.09 nm
- $1 / 10\,000$
- $1.3 \times 10^{-14}$  m
- 2
- 22
- 244
- The mass number is 64 and it has 29 electrons
- False (the discovery of the proton came nine years after the nuclear model)
- The number of electrons
- The proton
- Electromagnetic radiation (accept photon)
- Isotopes have a varying number of neutrons which contribute a lot to the mass of an atom, but not to its charge
- Electrons are arranged in different energy levels orbiting around the nucleus
- A nucleus made up of positive protons and neutral neutrons orbited by negative electrons in orbital shells
- The nucleus of the atom was heavier and less charged compared to the  $\alpha$ -particles, so some were reflected
- The repeatable Geiger-Marsden experiment showed that the majority of the mass of an atom is concentrated at the atom's centre and is positively charged

## Extension

- Electromagnetic radiation
- True (the majority of the mass is concentrated at the centre)
- 2
- 3
- The neutron
- The number of protons
- They agreed with the plum pudding model
- True (conservation of mass)
- The electron and proton
- 3
- To verify their results, they repeated their experiment and their results are reliable
- He theorised electrons orbit the nucleus based on their energy levels
- An electron orbits the nucleus at a fixed energy and jumps between energy levels
- Later experiments showed that the nucleus is subdivided into protons and neutrons
- The nucleus is small and dense and has the least charge

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# Topic 4B — Atoms and Nuclear Radiation

## Fundamentals

1. +2
2. -1
3. 1 m
4. Unlimited
5. Becquerel, Bq
6. Short penetration depth / high ionising power
7.  $8 - (-1) = 9$
8. Neutron radiation
9. True (they have the highest mass so they have the largest energy)
10.  $24 - 0 = 24$
11. Random/unpredictable
12. False ( $\beta$  radiation has an extremely small mass so doesn't affect the mass of the nucleus)
13. High-energy electromagnetic (EM) radiation
14. When a substance is exposed or subjected to the unwanted presence of radioactive atoms
15. The activity of a radioactive substance is the rate at which its radioactive nuclei decay
16. Its count rate is halved because there is now half the number of unstable nuclei that can decay
17.  $\alpha$ -particles wouldn't be able to penetrate the metal; therefore, a detector wouldn't be able to tell whether the metal thickness was varying

## Challenge

1. Unstable nuclei
2.  $1.9 \times 10^8 / \text{s}$
3. Helium
4. 3 years
5.  $\alpha$  radiation and neutron radiation
6. The least ionising
7.  $X = 9$  and  $Y = 4$
8.  $X = 14$  and  $Y = 7$
9. 92
10. 234
11. False (it is the time it takes for half a radioactive sample to decay; the decay of a single nucleus is unpredictable)
12. 0.25 kg
13. To reduce the risk of radioactive contamination / to reduce the amount of irradiation on their bodies
14. It monitors the count rate of radioactive substances
15. No type of nuclear radiation (except  $\alpha$  particles), but they are harmless) can penetrate the lead
16. Gamma radiation because it can easily pass through the skin as it has no charge, so it's unlikely to ionise anything
17. Irradiation is when a substance is subjected to nuclear radiation from a radioactive substance

## Extension

1. 0.0313 g
2. 0.125 kg
3. 2
4. 2
5.  $\alpha$  radiation
6. 239
7. True (the activity of a substance decreases by half each half-life)
8. An electron
9.  $\gamma$  radiation
10. A proton
11. 3
12. Nuclear radiation is ionising depending on the type of radiation
13. Naturally occurring radioactive isotopes have long half-lives quickly
14. The half-life of a substance is the time taken for half of billions of decays to be lost
15. So other scientists can study it and better understand it
16. The relative change in the number of nucleons in the nucleus stays the same

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# Topic 4C — Fusion, Fission and Radioactive Em

## Fundamentals

1. Man-made source
2. 0.001 Sv
3. Similar
4. True (it depends on many factors, including level of radon gas or proximity to nuclear waste)
5. Radon gas / radiation from ores in the ground
6. Location/occupation
7. A chain reaction
8. True (a large dose means more ionising radiation that can cause cells to mutate, leading to cancer)
9. Via  $\gamma$  radiation
10. In stars
11. True (it can occur for heavier elements, but more energy is needed than for fission)
12. The splitting of a large and unstable nucleus
13. So they can stay in the body causing damage after the imaging has been done
14. A detector monitoring the radiation from the tracer will see the tracer stop
15. The use of nuclear radiation to destroy or control unwanted tissue
16. The radiation doesn't distinguish between the atoms of healthy cells and those of cancerous cells
17. Its waste product isn't radioactive / its fuel, hydrogen, is very common / its energy output per mass input ratio is high

## Challenge

1. Mutation
2. False (radiation can ionise any atom and so destroy any cell, even if it is cancerous)
3. Fusion
4. Occupation/location
5. 333
6. Nuclear waste from power stations / nuclear fallout / nuclear accidents
7. Cosmic rays from space / radon gas / plants / radioactive soil and rocks
8.  $5.48 \times 10^{-5}$  Sv
9. False (all the products of fission have kinetic energy)
10. True (they are part of the by-products along with the daughter atoms and more neutrons)
11. Two or three neutrons / gamma rays / two smaller nuclei
12. Its long half-life means it would stay in the body, radiating ionising  $\alpha$ -particles, when it naturally decays
13. Its short half-life means it will quickly decay, and it emits  $\gamma$  radiation when it decays
14. A neutron causes a heavy nucleus to split, releasing more neutrons and two new nuclei. The new neutrons then go on to split more nuclei, and so on.
15. Radioactive tracers are deposited into a region of the body. They emit either  $\beta$  or  $\gamma$  radiation which can then be detected outside the body
16. Both the fuel and the waste from the accident have a long half-life, so the site is still radioactive after 30 years
17. An uncontrolled chain reaction quickly sweeps through the fissile material resulting in a mass emission of energy, i.e. an explosion

## Extension

1. 20 000
2.  $3.56 \times 10^{-6}$  Sv
3. Its mass is greater
4. False (if this were true it would be more common than air)
5. 32
6. 729
7. Long half-life
8. Radioactive contamination of the reactor
9. The fusion bomb explosion is larger
10. An uncontrolled chain reaction
11. Natural radiation from cosmic rays / contamination
12. Fallout from nuclear accidents / medical uses
13. By depositing a tracer with a long half-life into the organ and then detecting the radiation
14. It was discovered that radium is dangerous and radium is dangerous for cancer
15. The high dose of radiation kills not only the cancerous cells but also the healthy cells
16. The Sun's large mass and high pressure and temperature which lets fusion

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