

MARK SCHEME

GCSE

PHYSICS

AQA - COMBINED SCIENCE

P1 - TEST 3

ENERGY

Intermediate

Mark schemes

1.

*unless answers state otherwise advantages and disadvantages
relate to hydroelectric
ignore answers that relate to the disadvantages of coal*

advantages

any **two** from:

- renewable
- can meet electricity demand quickly
*allow idea of pumped storage to meet demand quickly
allow short start-up time*
- pumped storage to store energy for later use
- no air pollution / named gas eg sulfur dioxide / nitrogen oxides
*allow harmful gases
ignore no carbon dioxide / greenhouse gases as an advantage*
- no acid rain
- no fuel needed / no fuel cost
- does not cause global warming
*ignore reference to running cost
ignore can be used as a leisure area*

disadvantages

any **two** from:

- relies on rainfall / not as reliable (as coal)
- destruction of wildlife habitats (during construction)
accept displacement of people
- higher set-up cost
*ignore unsightly
ignore large area needed*

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2.

(a) advantage

any **one** from:

- produce no / little greenhouse gases / carbon dioxide
allow produces no / little polluting gases
allow doesn't contribute to global warming / climate change
allow produce no acid rain / sulphur dioxide
reference to atmospheric pollution is insufficient
produce no harmful gases is insufficient
- high(er) energy density in fuel
accept one nuclear power station produces as much power as several gas power stations
nuclear power stations can supply a lot of or more energy is insufficient
- long(er) operating life
allow saves using reserves of fossil fuels or gas

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disadvantage

any **one** from:

- produce (long term) radioactive waste
accept waste is toxic
accept nuclear for radioactive
- accidents at nuclear power stations may have far reaching or long term consequences
- high(er) decommissioning costs
accept high(er) building costs
- long(er) start up time

1

(b) (i) 12 000 (kWh)

allow 1 mark for correct substitution eg

$$2000 \times 6$$

or

$$2\,000\,000 \times 6$$

or

$$\frac{12\,000\,000}{1000}$$

an answer of 12 000 000 scores 1 mark

2

- (ii) any idea of unreliability, eg
 - wind is unreliable
reference to weather alone is insufficient
 - shut down if wind too strong / weak
 - wind is variable

1

(c) any **one** from:

- cannot be seen
- no hazard to (low flying) aircraft / helicopters
- unlikely to be or not damaged / affected by (severe) weather
unlikely to be damaged is insufficient
- (normally) no / reduced shock hazard
safer is insufficient
less maintenance is insufficient
installed in urban areas is insufficient

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3.

(a) water moves (from a higher level to a lower level)

1

transferring GPE to KE

1

rotating a turbine to turn a generator

accept driving or turning or spinning for rotating
moving is insufficient

1

transferring KE to electrical energy

transferring GPE to electrical energy gains 1 mark of the 2 marks
available for energy transfers

1

(b) (TVs in stand-by) use electricity

accept power / energy

1

generating electricity (from fossil fuels) produces CO₂

accept greenhouse gas
accept sulfur dioxide

1

(CO₂) contributes to global warming

accept climate change for global warming
accept greenhouse effect if CO₂ given
accept acid rain if linked to sulfur dioxide

1

- (c) a factor other than scientific is given, eg economic, political or legal
personal choice is insufficient

1

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4.

- (a) 16 800 000

*allow 1 mark for substitution into correct equation
ie $100 \times 4200 \times 40$*

2

- (b) 7

allow ecf from part (a)

1

- (c) Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response.

No relevant content.

0 marks

There is a brief explanation of the advantages and disadvantages of using solar energy to heat the water rather than using an electric immersion heater, including either advantages or disadvantages from the **examples** below.

Level 1 (1–2 marks)

There is some explanation of the advantages **and** disadvantages of using solar energy to heat the water rather than using an electric immersion heater, with at least **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage from the **examples** below.

Level 2 (3–4 marks)

There is a clear, balanced and detailed explanation of the advantages **and** disadvantages of using solar energy to heat the water rather than using an electric immersion heater, with a minimum of **two** advantages and **two** disadvantages from the **examples** below.

Level 3 (5–6 marks)

examples of the points made in the response

advantages

- a renewable energy source
- energy is free
- does not pollute the atmosphere
accept specific examples of polluting gases
- no fuel is burnt
- energy can be stored (in the water)

disadvantages

- only available in daylight hours
- availability fluctuates
accept unreliable energy source
- insufficient hours of sunlight in some countries
- average low intensity in some countries

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5.

(a) 80 °C

1

$$\Delta E = 0.5 \times 3400 \times 80$$

1

$$\Delta E = 136\,000 \text{ (J)}$$

an answer of 136 000 (J) scores 3 marks

1

(b) energy is dissipated into the surroundings

allow any correct description of wasted energy

1

(c) put a lid on the pan

allow any sensible practical suggestion

eg add salt to the water

1

(d) efficiency = 300/500

1

efficiency = 0.6

an answer of 0.6 or 60% scores 2 marks

allow efficiency = 60%

an answer of 0.6 with a unit scores 1 mark

an answer of 60 without a unit scores 1 mark

1

(e) lower rate of energy transfer

1

(so) potato soup will remain at a higher temperature

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6.

(a) the store of chemical energy (in the battery) decreases

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the internal energy of the surrounding air increases.

1

accept description of energy becoming less usefully stored for 2 marks

(b) kinetic energy = $\frac{1}{2}$ mass \times velocity²

1

(c) $E_K = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.8 \times 12^2$

1

$E_K = 57.6$ (J)

1

allow 57.6 (J) without working shown for 2 marks

(d) lower proportion of wasted energy

accept less energy is wasted

1

higher proportion of energy is converted into kinetic energy

accept more kinetic energy

1

(e) **Level 2 (3–4 marks):**

A relevant and coherent argument which demonstrates processing and numerical analysis of the information presented and draw a conclusion which is logically consistent with the reasoning and refers to payback time for the vehicles.

Level 1 (1–2 marks):

Simple comparisons are made which demonstrate a basic ability to numerically analyse the information presented. The conclusion, if present, may not be consistent with the calculations.

0 marks:

No relevant content

Indicative content

- The electric car costs £12 000 more to buy
- Running cost of electric car = £3 000
- Running cost of petrol engine car = £24 000
- Total cost of electric car = £30 000
- Total cost of petrol engine car = £39 000
- The electric car cost £1 750 less to run each year
- The electric car will save £9 000
- Additional cost is covered in 6.9 years
- So the electric car will be cheaper over the 12 year lifetime

or

Electric

$$27000 / 12 = 2250$$

$$\text{Annual cost} = 2250 + 250 = 2500$$

Petrol

$$15000 / 12 = 1250$$

$$\text{Annual cost} = 1250 + 2000 = 3250$$

So electric is £750 cheaper per year

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7.

(a)
$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful output energy transfer}}{\text{total input energy transfer}} (\times 100)$$

$$\text{allow efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful output}}{\text{total input}} (\times 100)$$

1

(b) (efficiency =) $\frac{1.2 \times 10^{18}}{1.3 \times 10^{18}} (\times 100)$

1

= 0.92

or

92 (%)

allow an answer that rounds to 0.92

or

92 (%)

1

ignore units

an answer of 0.92 or 92 (%) scores 2 marks

(c) at a high potential difference and a low current

1

(d) power = $\frac{\text{energy transferred}}{\text{time}}$

allow $P = \frac{E}{t}$

1

(e) $8000 = \frac{E}{1200}$

if a conversion of 8000 has been attempted, this mark can be awarded

1

(E =) 1200×8000

if a conversion of 8000 has been attempted, this mark can be awarded

1

(E =) 9 600 000 (kJ)

this answer only

1

an answer of 9 600 000 (kJ) scores 3 marks

(f) any **four** from:

(environmental advantages)

- renewable / sustainable (energy source)
- conserves fossil fuels
- no release of pollutant gases e.g. sulfur dioxide
- no release of greenhouse gases

allow does not release carbon dioxide

- does not contribute to global warming

(environmental disadvantages)

- noise pollution
- visual pollution
- bird kill
- not always windy so more use of fossil fuel power stations

ignore destruction of habitat

***max 3** marks if only refers to advantages or disadvantages*

ignore references to cost

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8.

(a) **Level 3 (5–6 marks):**

A full, detailed and coherent plan covering all the major steps is provided, which outlines what needs to be measured to calculate specific heat capacity. The steps are set out in a logical manner that could be followed by another person to calculate the specific heat capacity.

Level 2 (3–4 marks):

The substantive content of a plan is present but may be missing some steps. The plan may not be in a completely logical sequence but leads towards the calculation of the specific heat capacity.

Level 1 (1–2 marks):

Simple statements relating to relevant apparatus or steps are made but they may not be in a logical order. The plan would not allow another person to calculate specific heat capacity.

0 marks:

No relevant content.

Indicative content

- measure the mass of metal
- correct use of balance
- description of how work is done or energy transferred to metal
eg electrical work, mechanical work (eg dropping lead shot)
- how energy transfer or work done is measured
eg electrical using joulemeter, mechanical decrease in potential energy store of falling lead shot
- equate work done / energy transferred = increase in thermal energy store of the metal
- calculate specific heat capacity

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(b) $4\,600 = 1 \times 657 \times \text{temperature change}$

1

temperature change = $4\,600 / 657$

1

= $7 \text{ (}^\circ\text{C)}$

allow 7 with no working shown for 3 marks

1

(c) Type of material

1

(d) heat loss

1

then any **one** from:

- turned off the power supply too early
- incorrectly measured mass of material
- incorrectly measured temperature
- incorrectly read the change in thermal energy

1

(e) would give a more accurate value **or** the calculated specific heat capacity will be smaller

1

because the bubble wrap insulates the material **or** prevents heat loss

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