



**Topic Test: OxfordAQA**  
**International A level Physics**  
Thermal Physics

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Time: **59 minutes**

Marks: **39 marks**

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**1**(a) The first law of thermodynamics can be written  $\Delta Q = \Delta U + \Delta W$ 

State the usual meaning of each term in the equation.

 $\Delta Q$  \_\_\_\_\_ $\Delta U$  \_\_\_\_\_ $\Delta W$  \_\_\_\_\_**(3)**

(b) A fixed mass of gas in a cylinder is heated in two stages:

stage 1 at constant volume, when 10.0 kJ of heat is supplied,  
 stage 2 when it expands isothermally and does 6.0 kJ of work.

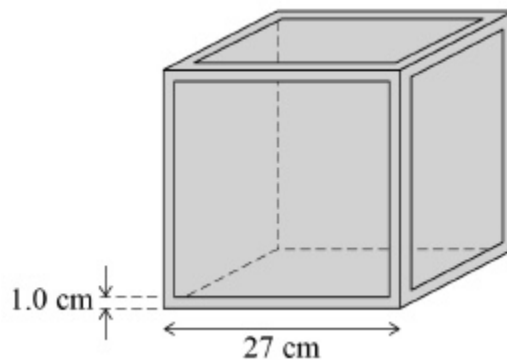
Apply the first law of thermodynamics to each of these processes and complete the table to show, for each process, the values of  $\Delta Q$ ,  $\Delta U$  and  $\Delta W$ .

|                            | $\Delta Q$ | $\Delta U$ | $\Delta W$ |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| stage 1<br>constant volume | +10.0 kJ   |            |            |
| stage 2<br>isothermal      |            |            | +6.0 kJ    |

**(4)****(Total 7 marks)****2**

The diagram shows a hollow cube of external dimension 27 cm.

The walls and lid of the cube are made from an insulating material which is 1.0 cm thick.



The cube is filled with 14.3 kg of ice at 0 °C.

The outer surface of the cube is maintained at 25 °C.

It takes 2 days for all the ice to melt.

The specific latent heat of fusion of ice is 334 kJ kg<sup>-1</sup>

(a) Show that the energy needed to melt the ice is about  $5 \times 10^6$  J.

energy = \_\_\_\_\_ J

(1)

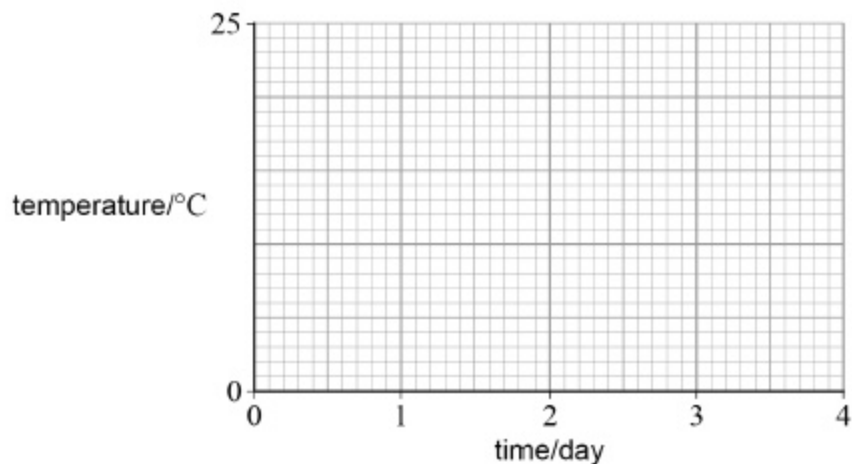
(b) Calculate the thermal conductivity of the insulating material used to make the cube.

thermal conductivity = \_\_\_\_\_ W m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>

(4)

- (c) After the ice has melted, the cube is left in the same conditions for 2 more days.

Sketch a graph to show the variation with time of the temperature of the contents of the cube over the 4-day period.



(2)

(Total 7 marks)

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A cola drink of mass 0.200 kg at a temperature of 3.0 °C is poured into a glass beaker. The beaker has a mass of 0.250 kg and is initially at a temperature of 30.0 °C.

specific heat capacity of glass = 840 J kg<sup>-1</sup>K<sup>-1</sup>

specific heat capacity of cola = 4190 J kg<sup>-1</sup>K<sup>-1</sup>

- (i) Show that the final temperature,  $T_f$ , of the cola drink is about 8 °C when it reaches thermal equilibrium with the beaker.  
Assume no heat is gained from or lost to the surroundings.

(2)

- (ii) The cola drink and beaker are cooled from  $T_f$  to a temperature of  $3.0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  by adding ice at a temperature of  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .  
 Calculate the mass of ice added.  
 Assume no heat is gained from or lost to the surroundings.

specific heat capacity of water =  $4190\text{ J kg}^{-1}\text{ K}^{-1}$   
 specific latent heat of fusion of ice =  $3.34 \times 10^5\text{ J kg}^{-1}$

mass \_\_\_\_\_ kg

(3)

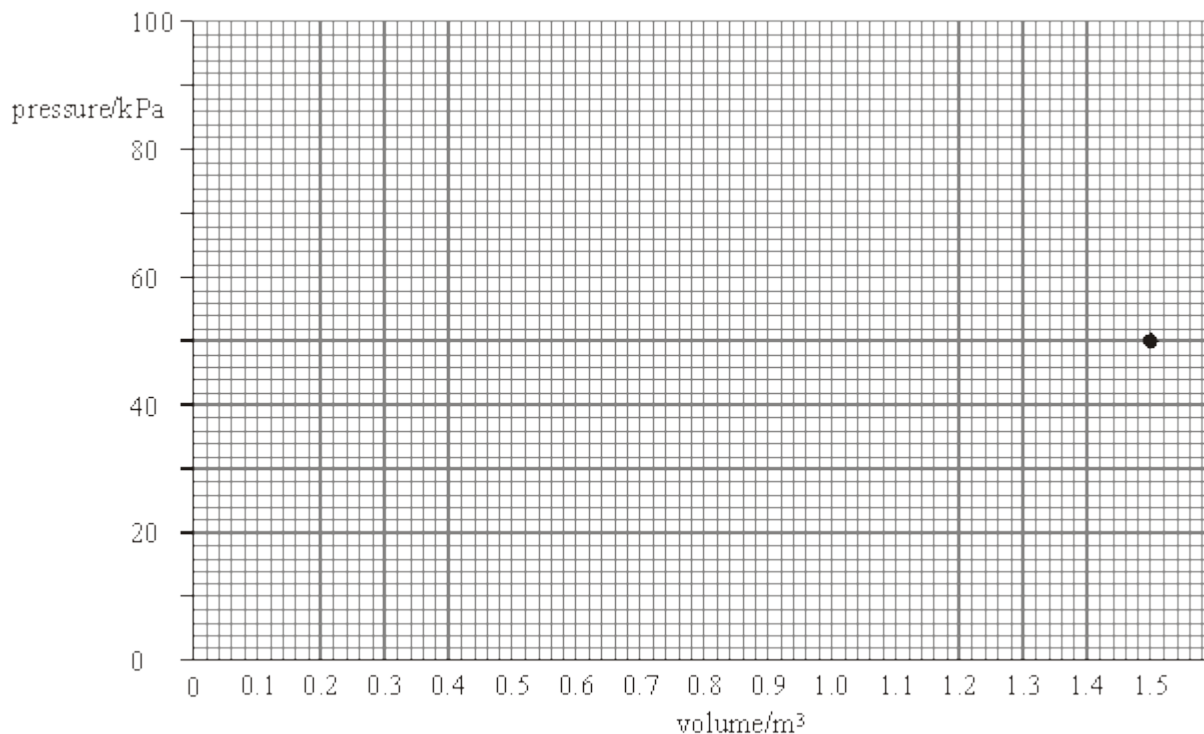
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**Figure 1** shows a  $p$ - $V$  graph that you are to use to illustrate the process of a gas undergoing two changes.

In its initial state, the gas has a pressure of  $50\text{ kPa}$  and a volume of  $1.5\text{ m}^3$ ; this is plotted on the graph.

First, the gas undergoes an isothermal change from an initial volume of  $1.5\text{ m}^3$  to  $0.85\text{ m}^3$  followed by a compression at constant pressure to a volume of  $0.35\text{ m}^3$ .



**Figure 1**

(a) Show that the final pressure of the gas is about 90 kPa.

(2)

(b) Complete the graph in **Figure 1** to show both changes.

(2)

(c) (i) Use your graph to estimate the work done during the whole process.

(3)

(ii) State and explain whether the work in part (c)(i) is done *on* or *by* the gas.

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(1)

**(Total 8 marks)**

**5**

(a) Define the Avogadro constant.

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(1)

- (b) (i) Calculate the mean kinetic energy of krypton atoms in a sample of gas at a temperature of 22 °C.

mean kinetic energy \_\_\_\_\_ J

(1)

- (ii) Calculate the mean-square speed,  $(c_{\text{rms}})^2$ , of krypton atoms in a sample of gas at a temperature of 22 °C.

State an appropriate unit for your answer.

mass of 1 mole of krypton = 0.084 kg

mean-square speed \_\_\_\_\_ unit \_\_\_\_\_

(3)

- (c) A sample of gas consists of a mixture of krypton and argon atoms.  
The mass of a krypton atom is greater than that of an argon atom.  
State and explain how the mean-square speed of krypton atoms in the gas compares with that of the argon atoms at the same temperature.

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(2)

(Total 7 marks)

**6**

Which is the correct unit for U-value?

- A  $\text{J m}^{-2} \text{K}^{-1}$
- B  $\text{J K}^{-1}$
- C  $\text{W m}^{-2} \text{K}^{-1}$
- D  $\text{W}^2 \text{K}^{-1}$

**(Total 1 mark)****7**Which process would cause the internal energy of a gas to change by  $-40 \text{ J}$ ?

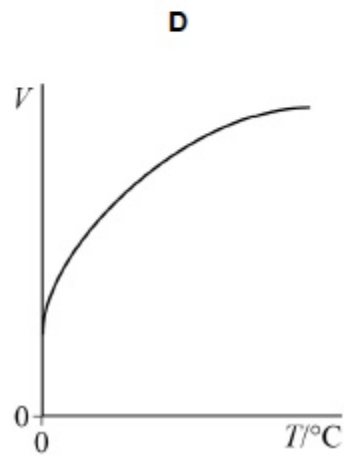
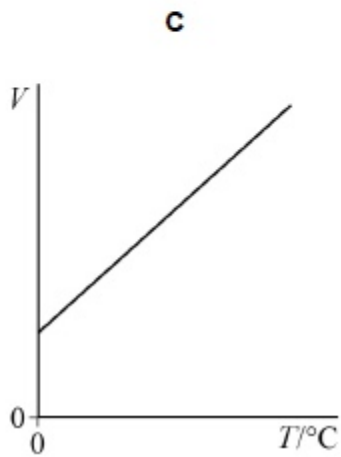
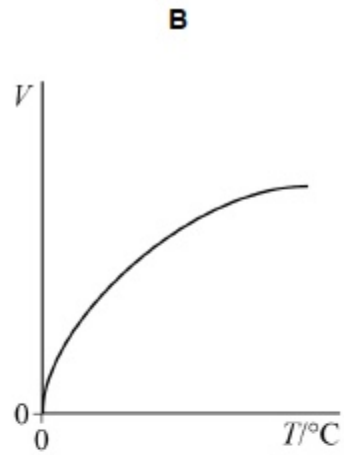
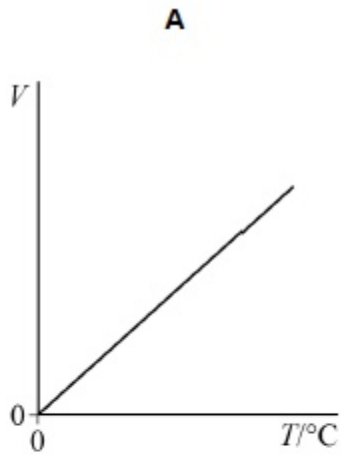
- A The gas is cooled losing  $120 \text{ J}$  of energy and expands doing  $80 \text{ J}$  of work.
- B The gas is cooled losing  $120 \text{ J}$  of energy and  $80 \text{ J}$  of work is done on the gas by compressing it.
- C The gas is heated gaining  $120 \text{ J}$  of energy and expands doing  $80 \text{ J}$  of work.
- D The gas is heated gaining  $120 \text{ J}$  of energy and  $80 \text{ J}$  of work is done on the gas by compressing it.

**(Total 1 mark)**

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A fixed mass of an ideal gas is at a constant pressure.

Which graph shows the variation of volume with temperature in °C?



A

B

C

D

(Total 1 mark)

**9**

A fixed mass of an ideal gas initially has a volume  $V$  and an absolute temperature  $T$ . Its initial pressure could be doubled by changing its volume and temperature to

- A  $V/2$  and  $4T$
- B  $V/4$  and  $T/2$
- C  $2V$  and  $T/4$
- D  $4V$  and  $2T$

(Total 1 mark)

**10**

Which assumption is made about the particles when using the kinetic theory model of a gas?

- A They have negligible mass.
- B They have negligible volume.
- C They have the same speed.
- D They travel in the same direction.

(Total 1 mark)

## Mark schemes

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- (a)  $\Delta Q$ : (heat) energy supplied to the gas (1)  
 $\Delta U$ : increase in internal energy of the gas (1)  
 $\Delta W$ : (mechanical) work done by the gas (1)

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(b)

|                 | $\Delta Q$    | $\Delta U$     | $\Delta W$ |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| constant volume |               | +10.0 (kJ) (1) | 0 (1)      |
| isothermal      | +6.0 (kJ) (1) | 0 (1)          |            |

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- (a)  $Q (= ml = 14.3 \times 334000) = 4.7(8) \times 10^6 \text{ J } \checkmark$   
*Answer to 2 or more sf*

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- (b) Calculation of surface area  $A = 6 \times 0.25 \times 0.25 = 0.375 \text{ m}^2 \checkmark$   
*Condone use of 0.26 or 0.27 in calculating area*

$$\text{Rate of energy transfer} = \frac{4776200}{2 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60} = 27.64 \text{ W } \checkmark$$

*Condone a recognisable attempt at time e.g.  $24 \times 60 \times 60$  or  $2 \times 24 \times 60$  for second mark*

$$\text{Use of Rate of energy transfer} = \frac{kA\Delta\theta}{L} \checkmark$$

*ecf their rate and their area for third mark*

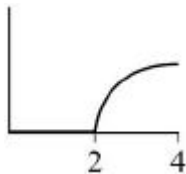
$$k = 0.025 - 0.030 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \checkmark$$

*no ecf for final mark*

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- (c) Temperature = 0 °C for 2 days  $\checkmark$

Curve with decreasing gradient from 2–4 days  $\checkmark$



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(i) (heat supplied by glass = heat gained by cola)

(use of  $m_g c_g \Delta T_g = m_c c_c \Delta T_c$ )

*1<sup>st</sup> mark for RHS or LHS of substituted equation*

$$0.250 \times 840 \times (30.0 - T_f) = 0.200 \times 4190 \times (T_f - 3.0) \quad \checkmark$$

*2<sup>nd</sup> mark for 8.4°C*

$$(210 \times 30 - 210 t_f = 838 T_f - 838 \times 3)$$

$$T_f = 8.4(1) \text{ (°C)} \quad \checkmark$$

*Alternatives:*

*8°C is substituted into equation (on either side shown will get mark)*

*✓*

*resulting in 4620J~4190J ✓*

*or*

*8°C substituted into LHS ✓ (produces  $\Delta T = 5.5^\circ\text{C}$  and hence)*

$$= 8.5^\circ\text{C} \sim 8^\circ\text{C} \quad \checkmark$$

*8°C substituted into RHS ✓*

*(produces  $\Delta T = 20^\circ\text{C}$  and hence)*

$$= 10^\circ\text{C} \sim 8^\circ\text{C} \quad \checkmark$$

- (ii) (heat gained by ice = heat lost by glass + heat lost by cola)

*NB correct answer does not necessarily get full marks*

(heat gained by ice =  $mc\Delta T + ml$ )

heat gained by ice =  $m \times 4190 \times 3.0 + m \times 3.34 \times 10^5$  ✓

(heat gained by ice =  $m \times 346600$ )

*3<sup>rd</sup> mark is only given if the previous 2 marks are awarded*

heat lost by glass + heat lost by cola

=  $0.250 \times 840 \times (8.41 - 3.0) + 0.200 \times 4190 \times (8.41 - 3.0)$  ✓

(= 5670 J)

*(especially look for  $m \times 4190 \times 3.0$ )*

*the first two marks are given for the formation of the substituted equation not the calculated values*

$m (=5670 / 346600) = 0.016$  (kg) ✓

*if 8°C is used the final answer is 0.015 kg*

or (using cola returning to its original temperature)

(heat supplied by glass = heat gained by ice)

(heat gained by glass =  $0.250 \times 840 \times (30.0 - 3.0)$ )

heat gained by glass = 5670 (J) ✓

(heat used by ice =  $mc\Delta T + ml$ )

heat used by ice =  $m(4190 \times 3.0 + 3.34 \times 10^5)$  ✓ (=  $m(346600)$ )

$m (=5670 / 346600) = 0.016$  (kg) ✓

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- (a)  $pV = \text{constant}$  seen

C1

$p = 88$  kPa

A1

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- (b) completes correct shape curve to (0.85, 88 000 or 90000),

B1

then horizontal to  $0.35 \text{ m}^3$

B1

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(c) attempts to measure area [graph evidence or words]

C1

correct use of graph scale

C1

answer in range (80 – 91) KJ

A1

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(d) done **on** gas because it is compressed

B1

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(a) the number of atoms in 12g of carbon-12  
or the number of particles / atoms / molecules in one mole of substance ✓  
*not –  $N_A$  quoted as a number*

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(b) (i) mean kinetic energy ( $= 3 / 2 kT$ )  $= 3 / 2 \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times (273 + 22)$   
 $= 6.1 \times 10^{-21}$  (J) ✓  
 *$6 \times 10^{-21}$  J is not given mark*

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(ii) mass of krypton atom  
 $= 0.084 / 6.02 \times 10^{+23}$  ✓  
( $= 1.4 \times 10^{-25}$  kg)  
 $\overline{c^2}$  ( $= 2 \times$  mean kinetic energy / mass)  
 $= 2 \times 6.1 \times 10^{-21} / 1.4 \times 10^{-25}$ )  
 $= 8.7 - 8.8 \times 10^4$  ✓  
 $\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-2}$  or  $\text{J kg}^{-1}$  ✓

*1<sup>st</sup> mark is for the substitution which will normally be seen within a larger calculation.  
allow CE from (i)  
working must be shown for a CE otherwise full marks can be given for correct answer only  
no calculation marks if mass has a physics error i.e. no division by  $N_A$  note for CE  
answer = (i)  $\times 1.43 \times 10^{25}$*

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(c) (at the same temperature) the mean kinetic energy is the same  
or

gases have equal  $\frac{1}{2}mc_{rms}^2$

or

mass is inversely proportional to mean square speed /  $m \propto 1/\overline{c^2}$  ✓

$\overline{c^2}$  or mean square speed of krypton is less ✓

*1st mark requires the word mean / average or equivalent in an algebraic term*

*2nd mark 'It' will be taken to mean krypton. So, 'It is less' can gain a mark*

*allow 'heavier' to mean more massive'*

*allow vague statements like speed is less for 2nd mark but not in the first mark*

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6 C

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7 B

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8 C

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9 B

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10 B

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