

Efficiency

Question Paper

Level	GCSE (9-1)
Subject	Combined Science: Trilogy - Physics
Exam Board	AQA
Topic	6.1 Energy
Sub-Topic	Efficiency
Difficulty Level	Bronze Level
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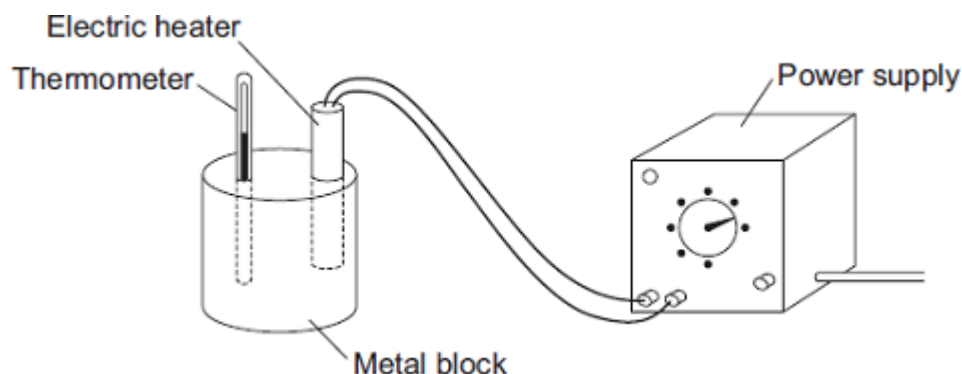
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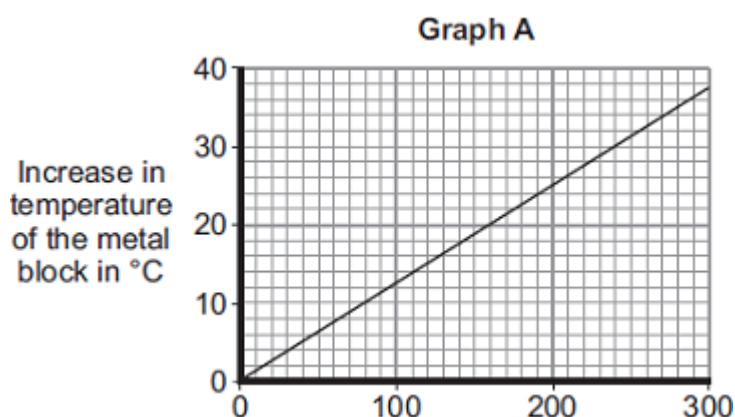
Grade Boundaries:

- Q1.(a)** A student used the apparatus drawn below to investigate the heating effect of an electric heater.



- (i) Before starting the experiment, the student drew **Graph A**.

Graph A shows how the student expected the temperature of the metal block to change after the heater was switched on.



Describe the pattern shown in **Graph A**.

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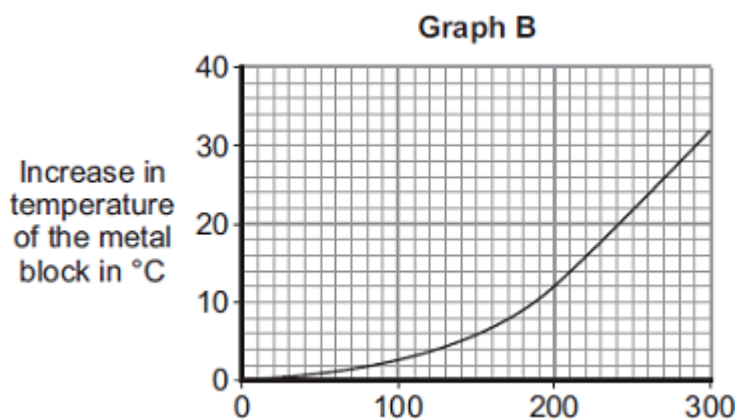
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- (ii) The student measured the room temperature. He then switched the heater on and measured the temperature of the metal block every 50 seconds.

The student calculated the increase in temperature of the metal block and plotted **Graph B**.



After 300 seconds, **Graph B** shows the increase in temperature of the metal block is lower than the increase in temperature expected from **Graph A**.

Suggest **one** reason why.

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- (iii) The power of the electric heater is 50 watts.

Calculate the energy transferred to the heater from the electricity supply in 300 seconds.

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Energy transferred = J

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- (b) The student uses the same heater to heat blocks of different metals. Each time the heater is switched on for 300 seconds.

Each block of metal has the same mass but a different specific heat capacity.

Metal	Specific heat capacity in J/kg°C
Aluminium	900
Iron	450

Lead	130
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Which **one** of the metals will heat up the most?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.

aluminium

iron

lead

Give, in terms of the amount of energy needed to heat the metal blocks, a reason for your answer.

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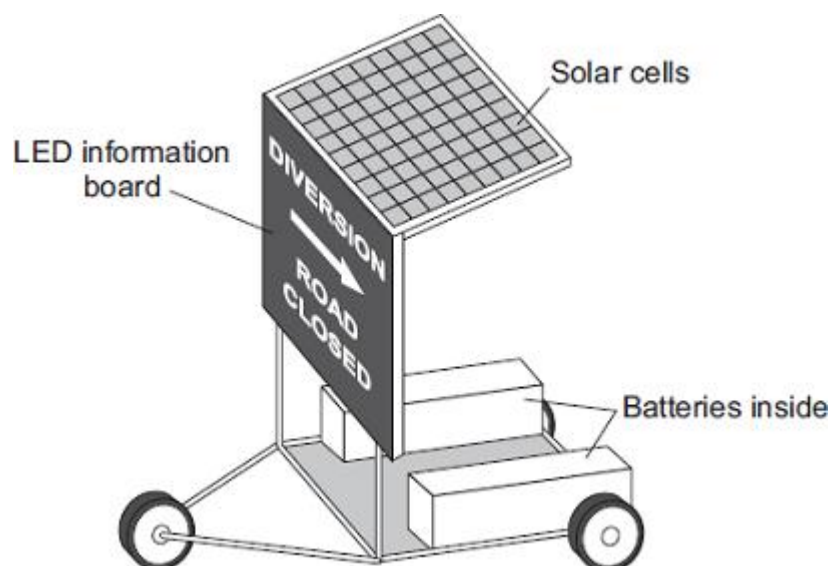
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Q2. The picture shows a temporary road traffic information board.



The batteries power the LEDs used in the information board.
The solar cells keep the batteries charged.

(a) Use words from the box to complete each of the following sentences.

chemical	electrical	light	sound
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The solar cells transfer light energy to energy.

The batteries transfer energy to electrical energy.

The LEDs transfer electrical energy to energy.

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- (b) When the total energy input to the solar cells is 200 joules, the useful energy output from the solar cells to the batteries is 50 joules.

Calculate the efficiency of the solar cells.

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Efficiency =

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- (c) Which **one** of the following statements gives the reason for using solar cells to charge the batteries?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Solar cells will charge the batteries day and night.

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The information board can be used anywhere it is needed.

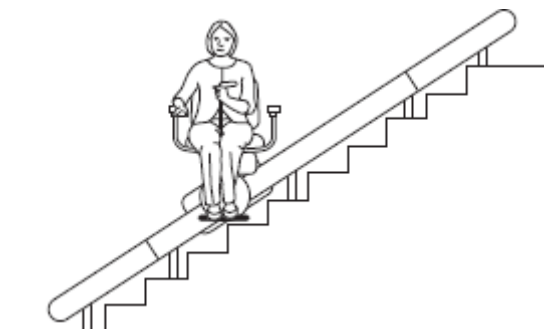
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A small number of solar cells produce a lot of electricity.

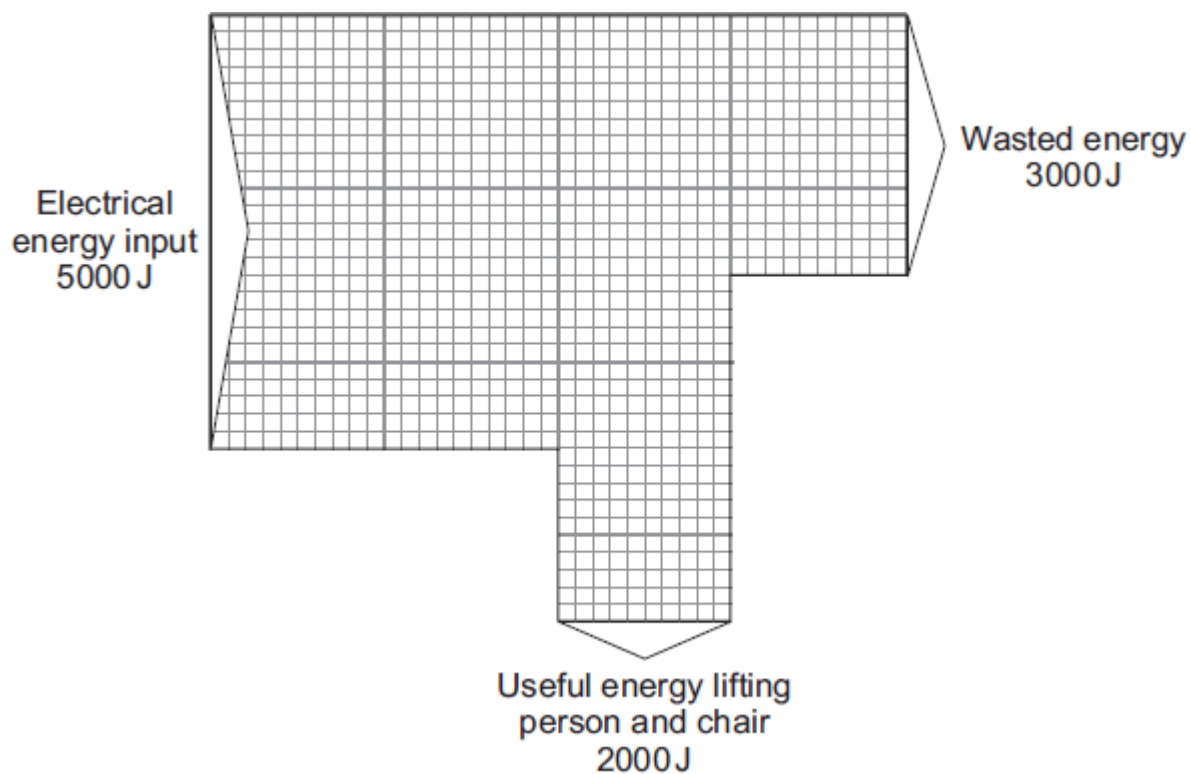
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- Q3.** A person uses a stairlift to go upstairs. The stairlift is powered by an electric motor.



The Sankey diagram shows the energy transfers for the electric motor.



- (a) Complete the following sentence.

The electric motor wastes energy as energy.

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- (b) Use the equation in the box to calculate the efficiency of the electric motor.

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful energy transferred by the device}}{\text{total energy supplied to the device}}$$

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Efficiency =

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(Total 3 marks)

- Q4.** The picture shows a solar-powered aircraft. The aircraft has no pilot.



Photo by NASA.

- (a) On a summer day, 175 000 joules of energy are supplied to the aircraft's solar cells every second. The useful energy transferred by the solar cells is 35 000 joules every second.
- (i) Use the equation in the box to calculate the efficiency of the solar cells.

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful energy transferred by the device}}{\text{total energy supplied to the device}}$$

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Efficiency =

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- (ii) What happens to the energy that is **not** usefully transferred by the solar cells?

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- (b) The aircraft propellers are driven by electric motors. As well as the solar cells, there are fuel cells that provide additional power to the electric motors.

- (i) Suggest **one** advantage of the aircraft having fuel cells as well as the solar cells.

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- (ii) Give **one** environmental advantage of using electric motors to drive the aircraft propellers rather than motors that burn a fuel.

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- (iii) Eventually, the designers want to produce an unmanned aircraft that can fly at twice the height of a passenger jet for up to six months.

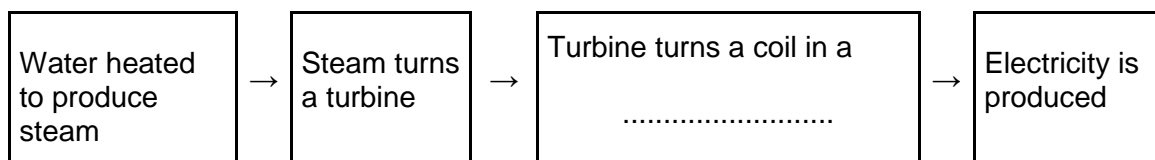
Suggest **one** possible use for an aircraft such as this.

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(Total 6 marks)

- Q5.** (a) In Britain most power stations burn fuel to produce heat. The diagram shows the stages by which the heat is transferred into electrical energy. Complete the diagram by filling in the missing word.



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- (b) A fuel burning power station uses 2000 joules of fuel energy to generate 600 joules of electrical energy. The rest of the fuel energy is wasted as heat.
- (i) For every 600 joules of electrical energy generated, how much fuel energy is wasted as heat?

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- (ii) Calculate the efficiency of the power station. Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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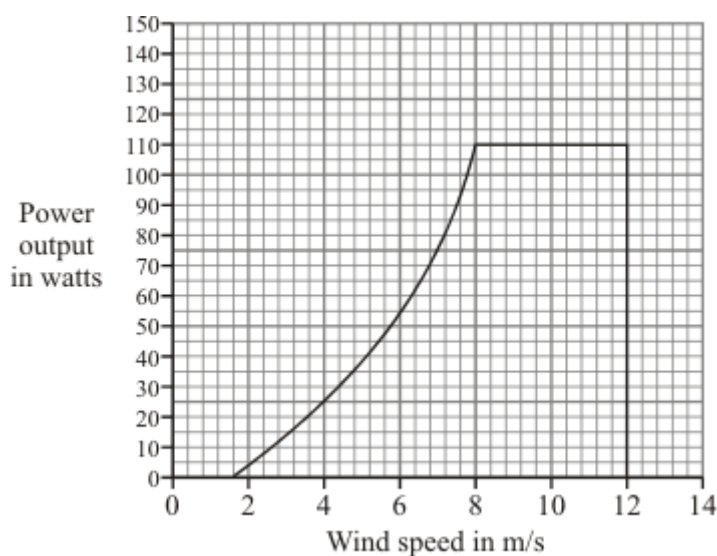
- (c) List **A** gives three energy resources used to generate electricity. List **B** gives environmental problems that may be caused by using different energy resources.

Draw a straight line from each energy resource in List **A** to the environmental problem it may cause in List **B**. Draw **three** lines only.

List A Energy resource	List B Environmental problem that may be caused
Wind	Destroys the habitat of wading birds in river estuaries
Tides	Produces a lot of noise
Falling water (hydroelectricity)	Produces the gas sulphur dioxide
	Floods land used for farming or forestry

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- (d) A small wind generator is used to charge a battery. The graph shows the power output of the generator at different wind speeds.



- (i) What is the maximum power produced by the generator?

..... watts

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- (ii) The generator is designed to stop if the wind speed is too high.

At what wind speed does the generator stop working?

..... m/s

(1)

- (iii) Give **one** disadvantage of using a wind generator to charge a battery.

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(Total 10 marks)