

# Energy Changes in Systems

## Mark Scheme

<b>Level</b>	GCSE (9-1)
<b>Subject</b>	Combined Science: Trilogy - Physics
<b>Exam Board</b>	AQA
<b>Topic</b>	6.1 Energy
<b>Sub-Topic</b>	Energy Changes in Systems
<b>Difficulty Level</b>	Silver Level
<b>Booklet</b>	Mark Scheme

**Time Allowed:** 60 minutes

**Score:** /58

**Percentage:** /100

**Grade Boundaries:**

- M1.(a)** the store of chemical energy (in the battery) decreases 1
- the internal energy of the surrounding air increases. 1
- accept description of energy becoming less usefully stored for 2 marks*
- (b) kinetic energy =  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ mass} \times \text{velocity}^2$  1
- (c)  $E_k = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.8 \times 12^2$  1
- $E_k = 57.6 \text{ (J)}$  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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**M2.(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

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

*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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**M3.(a)** conduction

*must be in correct order*

1

convection

1

- (b) (i) 70

*accept  $\pm$  half a square  
(69.8 to 70.2)*

1

- (ii) 15

*accept 14.6 to 15.4 for 2 marks  
allow for 1 mark 70 – 55  
ecf from (b)(i)  $\pm$  half a square*

2

- (iii) C

1

biggest drop in temperature during a given time

*accept it has the steepest gradient this is a dependent*

1

- (iv) starting at 70 °C and below graph for C  
must be a curve up to at least 8 minutes

1

- (v) because 20 °C is room temperature  
*accept same temperature as surroundings*

1

- (c) (i) 6720

*correct answer with or without working gains 3 marks*

*6 720 000 gains 2 marks*

*correct substitution of  $E = 0.2 \times 4200 \times 8$  gains 2 marks*

*correct substitution of  $E = 200 \times 4200 \times 8$  gains 1 mark*

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- (ii) the fastest particles have enough energy  
*accept molecules for particles*

1

to escape from the surface of the water

1

therefore the mean energy of the remaining particles decreases  
*accept speed for energy*

1

the lower the mean energy of particles the lower the temperature (of the water)

*accept speed for energy*

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- M4.(a)** Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information in the [Marking guidance](#).

**0 marks**No relevant content.

**Level 1(1-2 marks)**There is a basic explanation of **one** featureora simple statement relating reduction in energy transfer to **one** feature.

**Level 2(3-4 marks)**There is a clear explanation of **one** featureora simple statement relating reduction in energy transfer to **two** features.

**Level 3(5-6 marks)**There is a detailed explanation of at least **two** featuresora simple statement relating reduction in energy transfer to all **four** features.

### Examples of the points made in response

#### *extra information*

*accept throughout:*

*heat for energy*

*loss for transfer*

plastic cap:

- plastic is a poor conductor  
*accept insulator for poor conductor*
- stops convection currents forming at the top of the flask so stopping energy transfer by convection
- molecules / particles evaporating from the (hot) liquid cannot move into the (surrounding) air so stops energy transfer by evaporation
- plastic cap reduces / stops energy transfer by conduction / convection / evaporation

glass container:

- glass is a poor conductor so reducing energy transfer by conduction
- glass reduces / stops energy transfer by conduction

vacuum:

- both conduction and convection require a medium / particles
- so stops energy transfer between the two walls by conduction and

convection

- vacuum stops energy transfer by conduction / convection

silvered surfaces:

- *silvered surfaces reflect infrared radiation*  
*accept heat for infrared*
- *silvered surfaces are poor emitters of infrared radiation*
- *infrared radiation (partly) reflected back (towards hot liquid)*
- *silvered surfaces reduce / stop energy transfer by radiation*

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- (b) (the ears have a) small surface area  
ears are small is insufficient

1

so reducing energy radiated / transferred (from the fox)  
accept heat lost for energy radiated  
do **not** accept stops heat loss

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- M5.** (a) (i) 2.1  
correct answer only

1

- (ii) 3.15  
**or**  
their (a)(i)  $\times 1.5$  correctly calculated  
allow **1** mark for correct substitution  
ie  $2.1 \times 1.5$   
**or**  
their (a)(i)  $\times 1.5$

2



*kilowatt-hour*

*accept kWh*

**or**

*a substitution  $2100 \times 5400$  scores 1 mark*

*$2100 \times 5400$  incorrectly calculated with answer in joules  
scores 2 marks*

*an answer of 11 340 000 scores 2 marks*

*an answer of 11 340 000 J scores 3 marks*

1

(iii) *most (input) energy is usefully transformed*

*accept does not waste a lot of energy*

*accept most of the output / energy is useful*

*do **not** accept it does not waste energy*

1

(b) *the room is losing energy / heat*

1

*at the same rate as the heater supplies it*

*this mark only scores if the first is scored*

*do **not** accept heater reaches same temperature as room /  
surroundings*

*rate of heat gain = rate of heat loss scores both marks*

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**M6.** *newton **or** N*

*metre **or** m*

*joules **or** J*

*all three correct 2 marks*

*two or one correct 1 mark*

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