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# Electricity part 7 AQA Triple Physics

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Time: **74 minutes**

Marks: **70 marks**

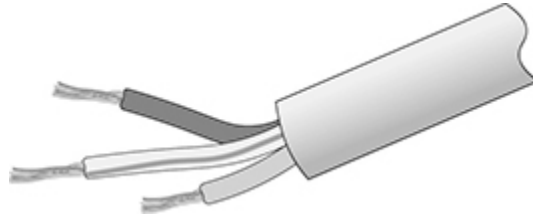
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1.

An electrical appliance is connected to the mains electricity supply using a three-core cable.

The figure below shows a three-core cable.



(a) What colour is the insulation covering the live wire inside the cable?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Blue

Brown

Green and yellow

Orange

(1)

(b) What colour is the insulation covering the neutral wire inside the cable?

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Blue

Brown

Green and yellow

Orange

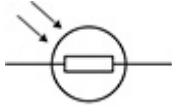
(1)

The plug connected to the cable contains a fuse.

A fuse contains a wire that is designed to melt when the current is too great.

(c) What is the circuit symbol for a fuse?

Tick (✓) **one** box.



(1)

(d) The wire in the fuse melts when there is a charge flow of 2.0 C in a time of 0.40 s.

Calculate the current in the wire when it melts.

Use the equation:

$$\text{current} = \frac{\text{charge flow}}{\text{time}}$$

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Current = \_\_\_\_\_ A

(2)

(e) The mass of the wire is 0.016 g.

specific latent heat of fusion of the wire = 60 000 J/kg

Calculate the change in thermal energy needed to melt the wire.

Use the Physics Equations Sheet.

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Change in thermal energy = \_\_\_\_\_ J

**(3)**

(f) The fuse transfers some energy to the surroundings as it melts.

How does transferring energy to the surroundings affect the total energy needed to melt the fuse?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

The total energy will be smaller.

The total energy will be the same.

The total energy will be greater.

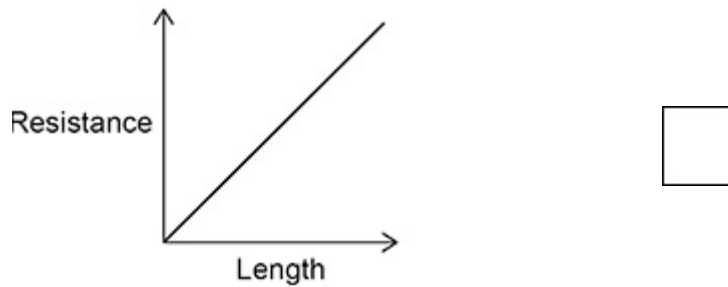
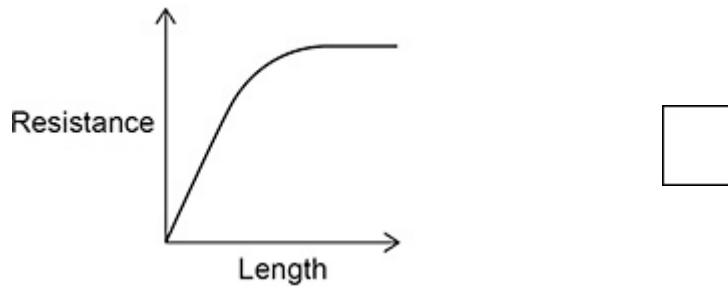
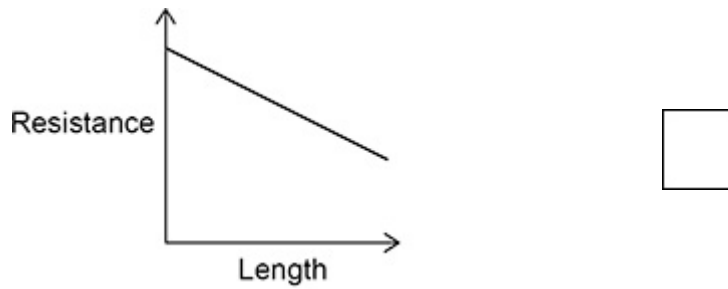
**(1)**

**(Total 9 marks)**



- (b) Which graph shows the relationship between the resistance of a wire at constant temperature and its length?

Tick (✓) **one** box.



(1)

- (c) The student used a cell that had a potential difference of 1.50 V.

Explain why the cell was **not** an electrical hazard to the student in the investigation.

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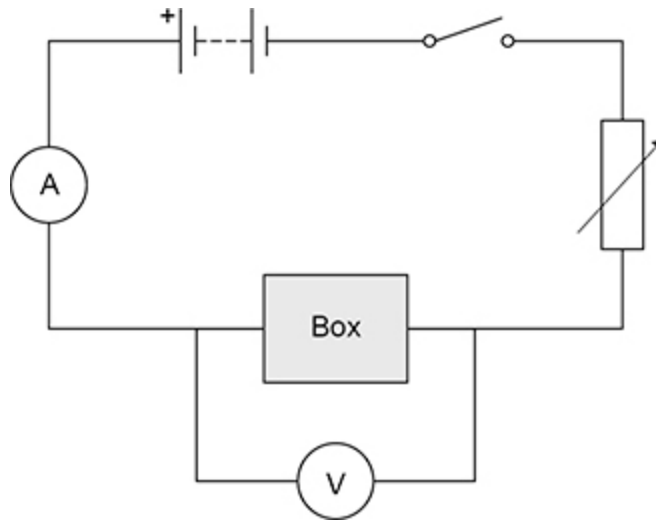
(Total 9 marks)

3.

A student had an unknown electrical component inside a sealed box.

Figure 1 shows the circuit the student used to identify the component.

Figure 1



The student varied the potential difference across the component and measured the current in the component.

The table below shows the results when the potential difference across the component was 6.0 V.

Potential difference in volts	Current in amps			
	1st reading	2nd reading	3rd reading	Mean
6.0	0.26	0.21	0.25	X

(a) Calculate value X in above table.

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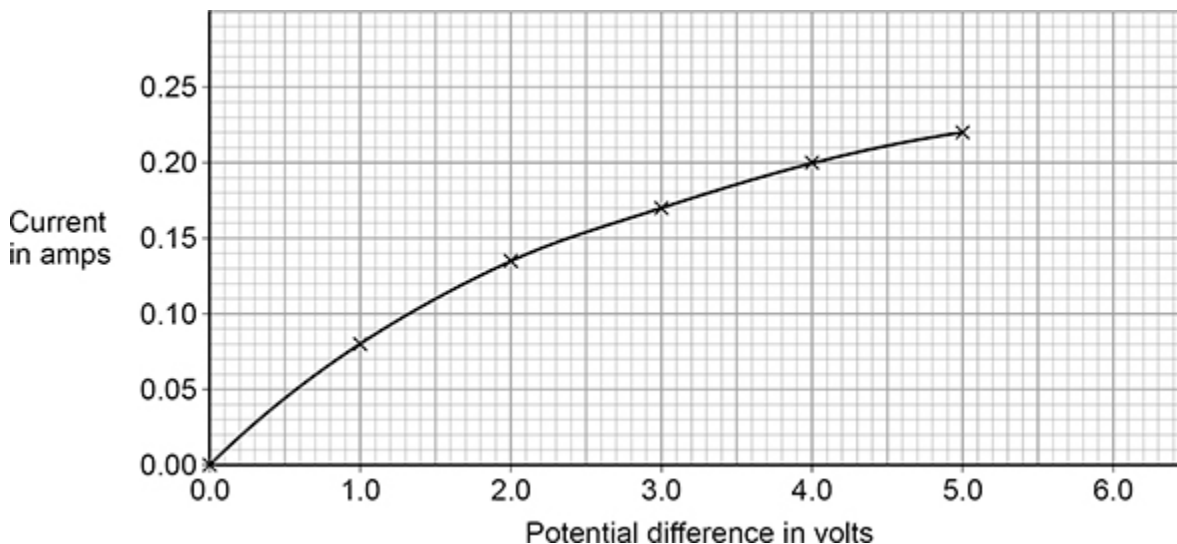
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X = \_\_\_\_\_ A

(2)

Figure 2 shows the results.

Figure 2



- (b) Calculate the power of the component when the potential difference across the component is 3.0 V.

Use **Figure 2** and the equation:

$$\text{power} = \text{potential difference} \times \text{current}$$

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Power = \_\_\_\_\_ W

(3)

- (c) Complete the sentence.

Choose the answer from the box.

<b>decreases</b>	<b>stays the same</b>	<b>increases</b>
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As the potential difference across the component increases, the gradient of the graph \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)

(d) What is the component in the sealed box?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Diode

Filament lamp

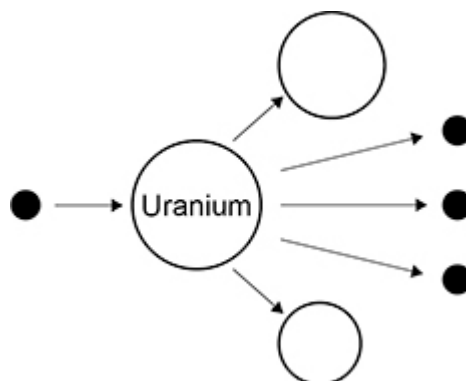
Resistor at constant temperature

(1)  
(Total 7 marks)

4.

The process of nuclear fission is used in nuclear power stations.

The figure below shows the process of nuclear fission.



(a) Complete the sentences.

Choose answers from the box.

<b>electrons</b>	<b>gamma rays</b>	<b>neutrons</b>	<b>nuclei</b>	<b>protons</b>
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In nuclear power stations, energy is released from uranium

\_\_\_\_\_.

The uranium in above figure splits into two parts and releases three

\_\_\_\_\_.

The process of nuclear fission releases electromagnetic radiation in the form of

\_\_\_\_\_.

(3)

Use the Physics Equations Sheet to answer parts (a) and (b).

(b) Write down the equation which links energy ( $E$ ), power ( $P$ ) and time ( $t$ ).

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(1)

(c) A nuclear power station has a power output of 500 MW.

Calculate the energy output in 3600 s.

Give your answer in J.

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Energy output = \_\_\_\_\_ J

(3)

(d) Radioactive waste produced by nuclear power stations has a long half-life.

Suggest **one** precaution taken to reduce the hazard caused by radioactive waste from power stations.

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(1)

(e) Nuclear power stations do **not** generate electricity every day of the year.

One nuclear power station generated electricity for 92% of a year.

one year = 365 days

Calculate the number of days during the year that the nuclear power station generated electricity.

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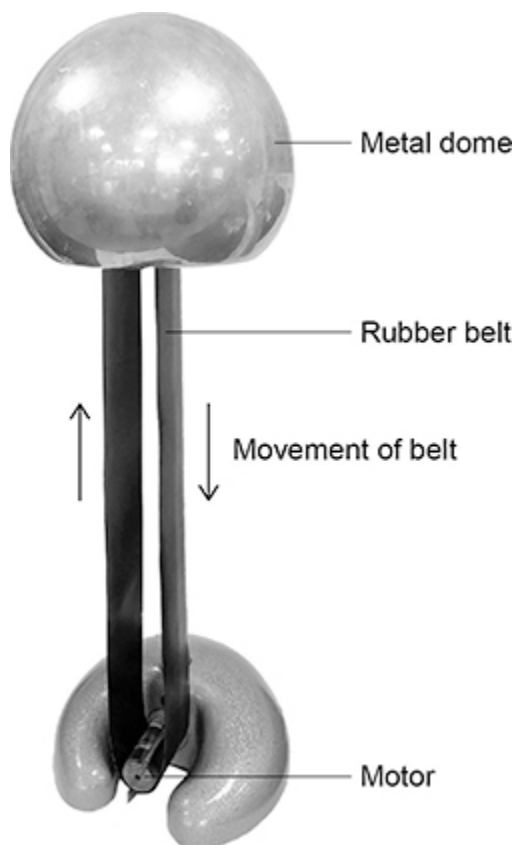
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Number of days = \_\_\_\_\_

(2)  
(Total 10 marks)

**5.** Figure 1 shows a static electricity generator.

**Figure 1**



The rubber belt is turned by a motor.

As the rubber belt moves, charge is transferred from the rubber belt to the metal dome.

- (a) **Figure 2** shows a student touching the metal dome of the static electricity generator. The dome is negatively charged.

**Figure 2**



Explain why the student's hair stands up on end.

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**(3)**

The charged metal dome creates an electric field.

- (b) What is an electric field?

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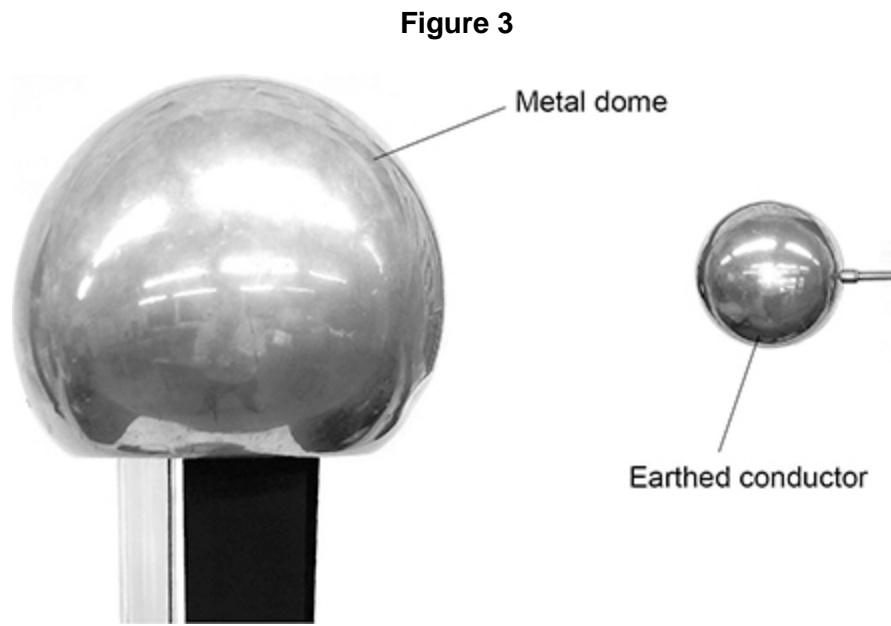
- (c) How does the electric field strength vary as the distance from the charged metal dome increases?

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(1)

**Figure 3** shows the negatively charged metal dome and an earthed conductor.



When the earthed conductor is moved towards the metal dome, there is a spark between the dome and the earthed conductor.

- (d) The spark transfers 0.60 J of energy, and 2.0  $\mu\text{C}$  of charge is transferred from the dome to the earthed conductor.

Calculate the potential difference between the metal dome and the earthed conductor.

Use the Physics Equations Sheet.

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Potential difference = \_\_\_\_\_ V

**(4)**

- (e) Which of the following changes would increase the distance a spark can jump between the dome and the earthed conductor?

Tick ( $\checkmark$ ) **one** box.

Decreased charge on the metal dome

Decreased electric field strength

Decreased electrical resistance of air

Decreased potential difference

**(1)**

**(Total 10 marks)**

6.

Figure 1 shows a student putting a coin into a vending machine that sells food.

Figure 1



- (a) The vending machine is connected to the mains electricity supply.  
What is the frequency and the potential difference of the mains electricity supply in the UK?

Frequency = \_\_\_\_\_ Hz

Potential difference = \_\_\_\_\_ V

(2)

The vending machine identifies the value of the coin by measuring the resistance of the coin.

- (b) The power dissipated by the coin is 340 mW when the current in the coin is 0.75 A.

Calculate the resistance of the coin.

Use the Physics Equations Sheet.

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Resistance = \_\_\_\_\_  $\Omega$

(4)

(c) Coins that are dirty are **not** recognised by the vending machine.

Suggest **one** reason why.

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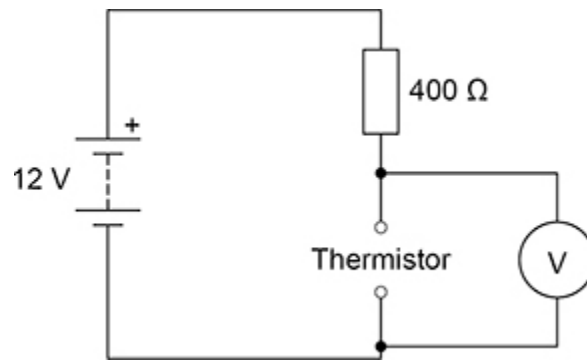
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**Figure 2** shows part of a different circuit that is used to monitor the temperature inside the vending machine.

**Figure 2**



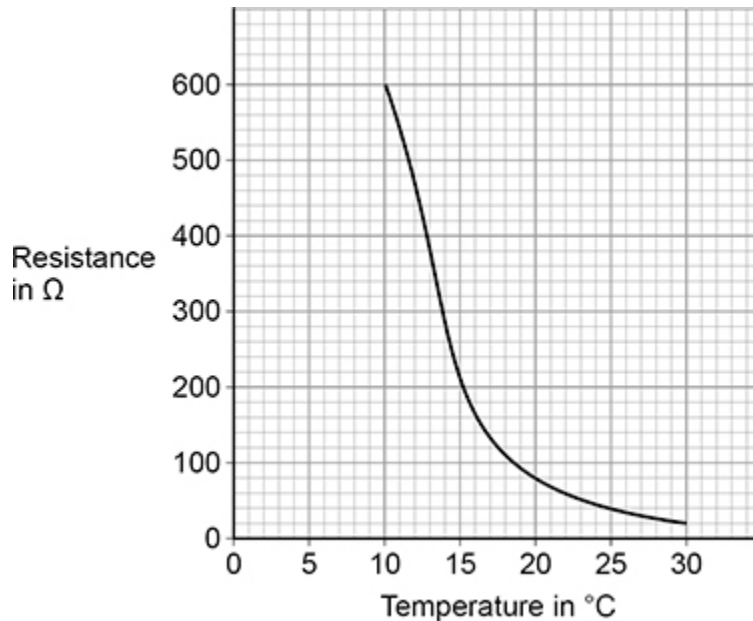
(d) The circuit symbol for a thermistor has not been included.

Draw the circuit symbol for a thermistor in the box below.

(1)

Figure 3 shows how the resistance of the thermistor varies with temperature.

Figure 3



- (e) The cooling system inside the vending machine turns on when the temperature of the thermistor is above 20 °C.

Determine the potential difference across the thermistor when the temperature is 20 °C.

Use the Physics Equations Sheet.

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Potential difference = \_\_\_\_\_ V

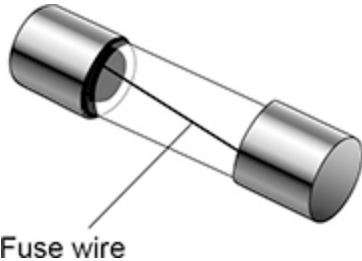
(5)  
(Total 13 marks)

**7.**

The live wire in a three-core cable is connected to a fuse inside a plug.

A fuse contains a wire that is designed to melt when the current gets too great.

The figure below shows a fuse.

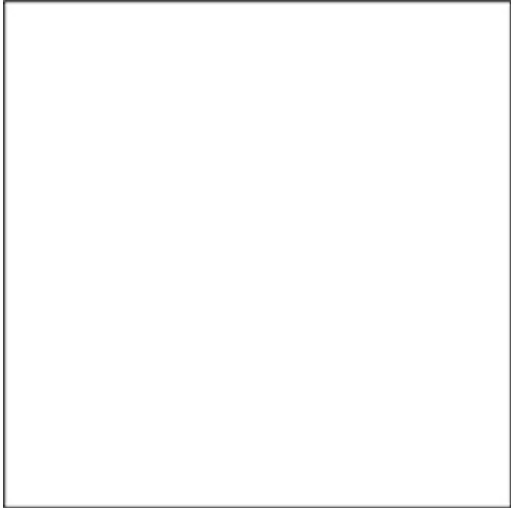


(a) What colour is the insulation covering the live wire in a three-core cable?

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**(1)**

(b) Draw the circuit symbol for a fuse in the box below.



**(1)**

(c) The fuse wire melts when there is a charge flow of 2.0 C for 400 ms.

Calculate the current in the fuse wire.

Use the Physics Equations Sheet.

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Current = \_\_\_\_\_ A

**(4)**

(d) When the fuse wire is at its melting point, the additional energy needed to melt the wire is 1.02 J.

specific latent heat of fuse wire = 60 kJ/kg

Calculate the mass of the fuse wire.

Use the Physics Equations Sheet.

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Mass = \_\_\_\_\_ kg

**(4)**

(e) The calculation in part (d) assumes there is no energy transferred to the surroundings.

How would the time taken for the wire to melt be affected if some energy was transferred to the surroundings?

Give a reason for your answer.

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Time taken would decrease

Time taken would stay the same

Time taken would increase

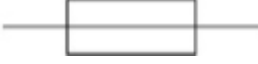
Reason \_\_\_\_\_

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**(2)**  
**(Total 12 marks)**

## Mark schemes

<b>1.</b>	(a) brown	1
	(b) blue	1
	(c) 	1
	(d) $\text{current} = \frac{2.0}{0.40}$	1
	current = 5.0 (A)	1
	(e) $m = 0.000016$ (kg) <b>or</b> $m = 1.6 \times 10^{-5}$ (kg)	1
	$E = 0.000016 \times 60\,000$ <i>allow a correct substitution using an incorrectly / not converted value of m</i>	1
	$E = 0.96$ (J) <i>allow an answer consistent with an incorrectly / not converted value of m</i>	1
	(f) the total energy will be greater	1
		<b>[9]</b>
<b>2.</b>	(a) <b>Level 3:</b> The method would lead to the production of a valid outcome. The key steps are identified and logically sequenced.	5–6
	<b>Level 2:</b> The method would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Most steps are identified, but the method is not fully logically sequenced.	3–4
	<b>Level 1:</b> The method would not lead to a valid outcome. Some relevant steps are identified, but links are not made clear.	1–2
	<b>No relevant content</b>	0

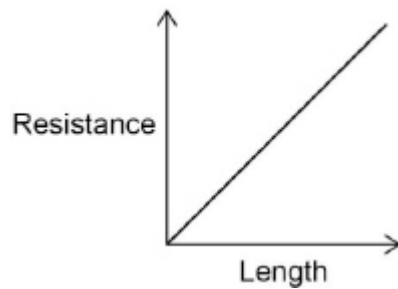
### Indicative content

- measure the length of the wire (between the crocodile clips) using the ruler
- length varied by moving crocodile clips
- current measured with ammeter
- potential difference measured with voltmeter
- calculate resistance for each length
- use  $V = IR$  to calculate resistance
- record current and pd for different lengths
  
- repeat readings of current and pd for each length and mean values calculated
- remove any anomalous readings
- ensure values of current are low to minimise heating of wire
- ensure circuit is disconnected between readings

### Level 2:

Varying the length of the wire. Measurements / equipment needed for pd and current.

(b)



1

(c) potential difference is (very) low

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(so) no risk of electric shock

**or**

(so) no risk of electrocution

*allow less risk of electric shock*

*allow so wire won't melt*

*allow so wire won't get hot*

1

[9]

3.

(a)

$$X = \frac{0.26 + 0.21 + 0.25}{3}$$

1

$X = 0.24$  (A)

*allow*  $X = \frac{0.26 + 0.25}{2} = 0.255$

*for 2 marks*

1

- (b) current = 0.17 (A) 1
- power =  $3.0 \times 0.17$   
*allow a correct substitution using a value of I in the range 0.16 to 0.18 A* 1
- power = 0.51 (W)  
*allow an answer consistent using a value of I in the range 0.16 to 0.18 A*  
*answers of 0.456, 5.1 or 51 score 2 marks* 1
- (c) decreases 1
- (d) filament lamp 1

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4.

- (a) nuclei 1
- neutrons 1
- gamma rays  
*this order only* 1
- (b) energy = power  $\times$  time  
**or**  
 $E = P \times t$  1
- (c)  $P = 500\,000\,000$  (W) 1
- $E = 500\,000\,000 \times 3600$   
*allow a correct substitution of an incorrectly / not converted value of P* 1
- $E = 1\,800\,000\,000\,000$  (J)  
**or**  
 $E = 1.8 \times 10^{12}$  (J)  
*allow an answer consistent with an incorrectly / not converted value of P* 1

- (d) any **one** from:
- bury the radioactive waste
  - put the radioactive waste in cooling ponds  
*allow store it for (at least) one half-life*
  - transport the radioactive waste in secure vessels
  - store the radioactive waste in metal containers
  - cover the radioactive waste in concrete  
*ignore references to high / medium / low level waste*  
*ignore label the waste as hazardous*

1

- (e) number of days =  $\frac{92}{100} \times 365$

1

number of days = 335.8  
*allow answers of 335 and 336 days*  
*allow an answer of 29.2 (days) for 1 mark*

1

[10]

5.

- (a) electrons are transferred to the student

1

(so) her hair is negatively charged  
*allow each hair has the same (negative) charge*

1

(and) like charges repel  
*do not accept student being positively charged for MP1 and MP2*

1

- (b) the region (around a charged object) where another charged object experiences a force  
*allow space / area for region*  
*allow particle for object*

1

- (c) (electric field strength) decreases

1

(d)  $Q = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ (C)}$

1

$$0.6 = 2 \times 10^{-6} \times V$$

*allow a correct substitution of an incorrectly / not converted value of Q*

1

$$V = \frac{0.6}{2 \times 10^{-6}}$$

*allow a correct rearrangement of an incorrectly / not converted value of Q*

1

$$V = 300\,000 \text{ (V)}$$

*allow an answer consistent with an incorrectly / not converted value of Q*

1

(e) decreased electrical resistance of air

1

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6.

(a) 50 (Hz)

1

230 (V)

*this order only*

1

(b)  $340 \text{ mW} = 0.34 \text{ W}$

1

$$0.34 = 0.75^2 \times R$$

*allow a correct substitution of an incorrectly / not converted value of P*

1

$$R = \frac{0.34}{0.75^2}$$

*allow a correct rearrangement of an incorrectly / not converted value of P*

1

$$R = 0.60 \text{ (}\Omega\text{)}$$

*allow an answer consistent with an incorrectly / not converted value of P*

*allow a correct answer given to more than 2 sf*

1

- (c) the dirt changes the (measured) resistance of the coin  
**or**  
the (measured) resistance is different from the expected resistance (of the coin)  
*allow the measured resistance does not match the resistance of a known coin*  
*allow dirt stops charge flow (through the coin)*  
*allow dirt stops the current (in the coin)*

1

(d)



1

(e)  $R_{Total} = 400 + 80 (= 480 \Omega)$

1

$$12 = I \times 480$$

or

$$I = \frac{12}{480}$$

*allow a correct substitution / rearrangement with  $R_{Total}$  in range 470 - 490  $\Omega$*

1

$$I = 0.025 \text{ (A)}$$

*allow a correct calculation using  $R_{Total}$  in range 470 - 490  $\Omega$*

1

$$V = 0.025 \times 80$$

*allow a correct substitution using their calculated value of  $I$  (using  $V = IR$ ) and  $R_{Th}$  in range 70 - 90  $\Omega$*

1

$$V = 2.0 \text{ (V)}$$

*allow a correct calculation using their calculated value of  $I$  (using  $V = IR$ ) and  $R_{Th}$  in range 70 - 90  $\Omega$*

**OR**

$$\text{total } R = 400 + 80 (= 480) \text{ (1)}$$

$$\text{ratio (Th:R)} = 80:480 \text{ (1)}$$

$$\text{ratio} = 1:6 \text{ (1)}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{6} \times 12 \text{ (1)}$$

$$V = 2.0 \text{ (V) (1)}$$

*allow a range of  $R_{Th}$  between 70 and 90  $\Omega$*

*allow a correct ratio using a value of  $R_{Th}$  between 70 and 90  $\Omega$*

*allow a correct substitution using a value of  $R_{Th}$  between 70 and 90  $\Omega$*

*allow an answer in the range 1.8 (V) to 2.2 (V)*

1

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7.

(a) brown

1

(b)



1

(c)  $t = 0.400$  (s)

1

$$2.0 = I \times 0.400$$

*allow a correct substitution of an incorrectly / not converted value of  $t$*

1

$$I = \frac{2.0}{0.400}$$

*allow a correct rearrangement using an incorrectly / not converted value of  $t$*

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$$I = 5.0 \text{ (A)}$$

*allow an answer consistent with an incorrectly / not converted value of  $t$*

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(d)  $L = 60\,000$  (J/kg)

*allow full credit for a correct method using  $E = 0.00102$  (kJ)*

1

$$1.02 = m \times 60\,000$$

*allow a correct substitution of an incorrectly / not converted value of  $L$*

1

$$m = \frac{1.02}{60\,000}$$

*allow a correct rearrangement using an incorrectly / not converted value of  $L$*

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$$m = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ (kg)}$$

*allow an answer consistent with an incorrectly / not converted value of  $L$*

1

(e) time taken would increase

1

more energy would need to be transferred (in total)

*MP2 dependent on scoring MP1*

1

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