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GCSE PHYSICS

Foundation Tier Paper 1

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Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a ruler
- a scientific calculator
- the Physics Equations Sheet (enclosed).

Instructions

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Fill in the box at the top of this page.

Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

In all calculations, show clearly how you work out your answer.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
 - The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
 - You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

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0 1

Figure 1 shows a cyclist riding along a flat road.

Figure 1



Energy can't
be created
or destroyed.

0 1 1

Complete the sentence.

Choose answers from the box.

stretching or
compressions
need vertical
displacement

chemical, elastic p

[2 marks]

As the cyclist accelerates, the chemical energy store in
the cyclist's body decreases and the kinetic energy of
the cyclist increases.

0 1 2

The mass of the cyclist is 80 kg. The speed of the cyclist is 12 m/s.

Calculate the kinetic energy of the cyclist.

Use the equation:

$$\text{kinetic energy} = 0.5 \times \text{mass} \times (\text{speed})^2$$

[2 marks]

$$KE = 0.5 \times 80 \times 12^2 = 5760$$

Kinetic energy = 5760 J

0 1 3

When the cyclist uses the brakes, the bicycle slows down.

This causes the temperature of the brake pads to increase by 50 °C.

The mass of the brake pads is 0.040 kg.

The specific heat capacity of the material of the

Calculate the change in thermal energy of the brake pads.

Use the equation:

change in thermal energy = mass × specific heat capacity × temperature change

[2 marks]

$$E = 0.040 \times 480 \times 50 = 960$$

Change in thermal energy = 960 J

0 1 4

How is the internal energy of the particles in the brake pads affected by the increase in temperature?

← Tick one box. increase in thermal energy

[1 mark]

Decreased

Increased

Not affected

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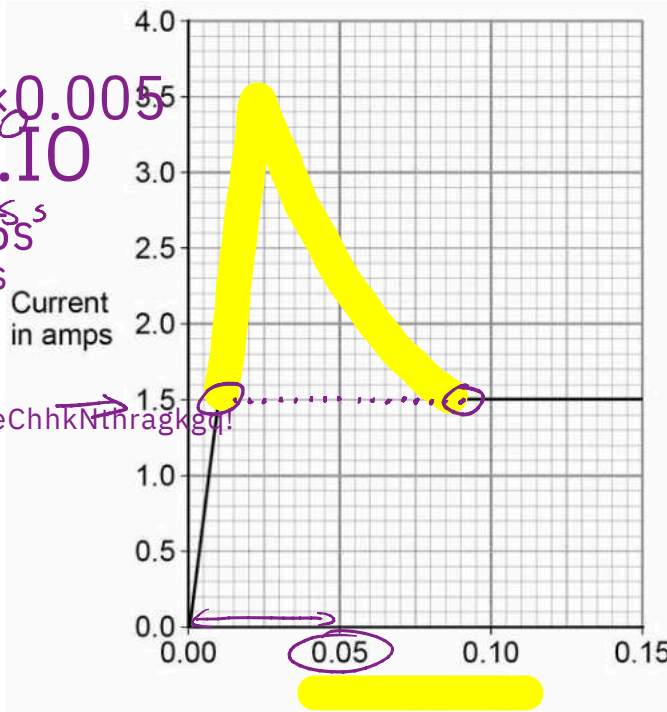
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0 2

Figure 2 shows how the current through a filament lamp changes after the lamp is switched on.

Figure 2

square
little square
= 16×0.005
 $0.08s = s.10$
 $y = 0.005s$
 $0.08s$



16×0.005
 $=$
 $0.08s$

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0 2

The normal current through the filament lamp is 1.5 A.

For how many seconds is the current through the filament lamp greater than 1.5 A?

Tick one box.

[1 mark]

- 0.01 s
- 0.08 s
- 0.09 s
-

÷

0.14

0 2 2

Why might the filament inside a lamp melt when the lamp is first switched on?

[1 mark]

0

The current goes above 1.5A.

0 2 3

The lamp is connected to a 24 V power supply. The current through the lamp is 1.5 A.

Calculate the power of the lamp.

Use the equation:

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

[2 marks]

$$P = 24 \times 1.5 = 36$$

Power = 36 W

0 2 4

LED lamps are much more efficient than filament lamps.

What does this statement mean?

Tick one box.

[1 mark]

LED lamps have a similar power output to filament lamps. → LED lamps waste a smaller proportion of the input energy than filament lamps. LED lamps have a higher power input than filament lamps. LED lamps waste a larger proportion of the input energy than filament lamps.

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$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful output power}}{\text{total input power}}$$

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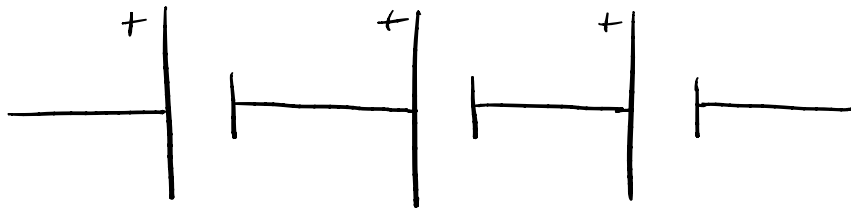
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0 3 1

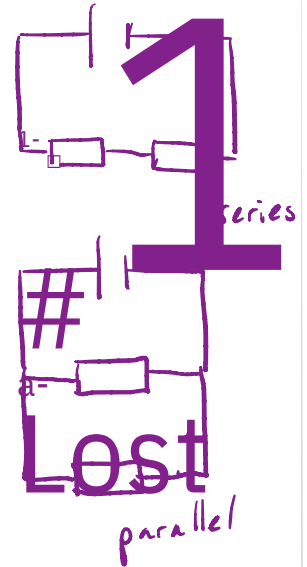
Draw a diagram to show how 1.5 V cells should be connected together to give a potential difference of 4.5 V.

Use the correct circuit symbol for a cell. #it

[2 marks]

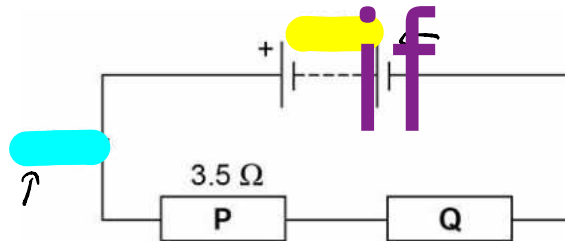


$$1.5\Omega + 1.5\Omega + 1.5\Omega = 4.5\Omega$$



A student built the circuit shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3



Calculate the total resistance of the circuit in Figure 3.

Use the equation:

0 3 2

resistance
= current

potential difference

$$\frac{\text{potential difference}}{\text{current}}$$

[2 marks]

$$R = 12 \div 1.6 = 7.5$$

Total resistance = 7.5 Ω

0 3 3

The resistance of P is 3.5 Ω.

Calculate the resistance of Q.

25.8

[1 mark]

Total R = 7.5 Ω 7.5 - 3.5 = 4.0 Ω

Resistance of Q = 4.0 Ω

0 3 4

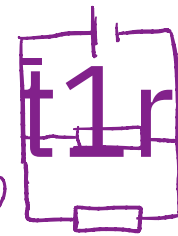
The student connects the two resistors in Figure 3 in parallel.

What happens to the total resistance of the circuit?

Tick one box.

-1
It decreases

It increases



[1 mark]

In parallel

Give a reason for your answer. $R_T < R_{\text{lowest resistor}}$ [1 mark]

Total resistance in parallel < resistance of the smallest resistor
parallel < resistance of the smallest resistor

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0 4

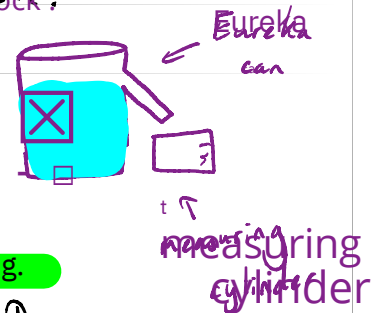
A student wanted to determine the density of a small piece of rock.

0 4

Describe how the student could measure the volume of the piece of rock.

[4 marks]

Take a Eureka can and a measuring cylinder. Fill the Eureka can with water to the level of the spout. Gently place the rock in the water. The water level rises and is collected in the measuring cylinder from the spout. The volume of the displaced water (measured with the scale on the measuring cylinder) is equal to the volume of the rock.



0 4 2

The volume of the piece of rock was 18.0 cm³.

The student measured the mass of the piece of rock as 48.6 g.

Calculate the density of the rock in g/cm³.

Use the equation:

mass
density

= volume

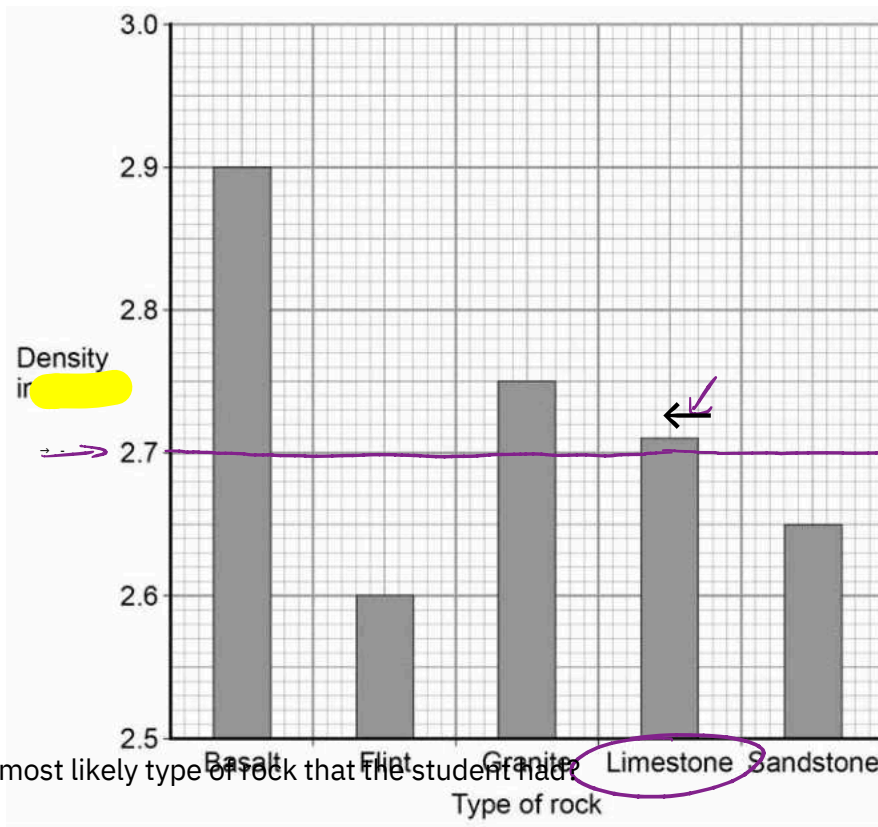
$$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{48.6}{18.0} = 2.70$$

[2 marks]

Density = 2.70 g/cm³

Figure 4 shows the densities of different types of rock.

Figure 4



4.3

What is the most likely type of rock that the student had?

Tick one box.

[1 mark]

Basalt

Flint

Sandstone

G r a n i t e

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04.4 Give one source of error that may have occurred when the student measured the box volume of the rock.

[1 mark]

Not all the displaced water is collected

in the

in the measuring cylinder.

OTHER ANSWERS: Eye wasn't aligned with scale when measuring. Eyebrow wasn't level with spout to begin with. aligned with scale when measuring.

Volume could be lower

Your answer may change based on your previous answer.

0.45
How would the error you identify in the question

Same element (same atomic number) but different no. of neutrons (different mass no.)
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0 5

Americium-241

241⁹⁵Am is an isotope of americium

0 5

Which of the isotopes given in Table 1 is not an isotope of americium?

[2 marks]

no. of protons
 no. of neutrons
 no. of protons

Isotope	Mass number	Atomic number
A	243	95
B	243	94
C	242	95

Isotope B

Give a reason for your answer.

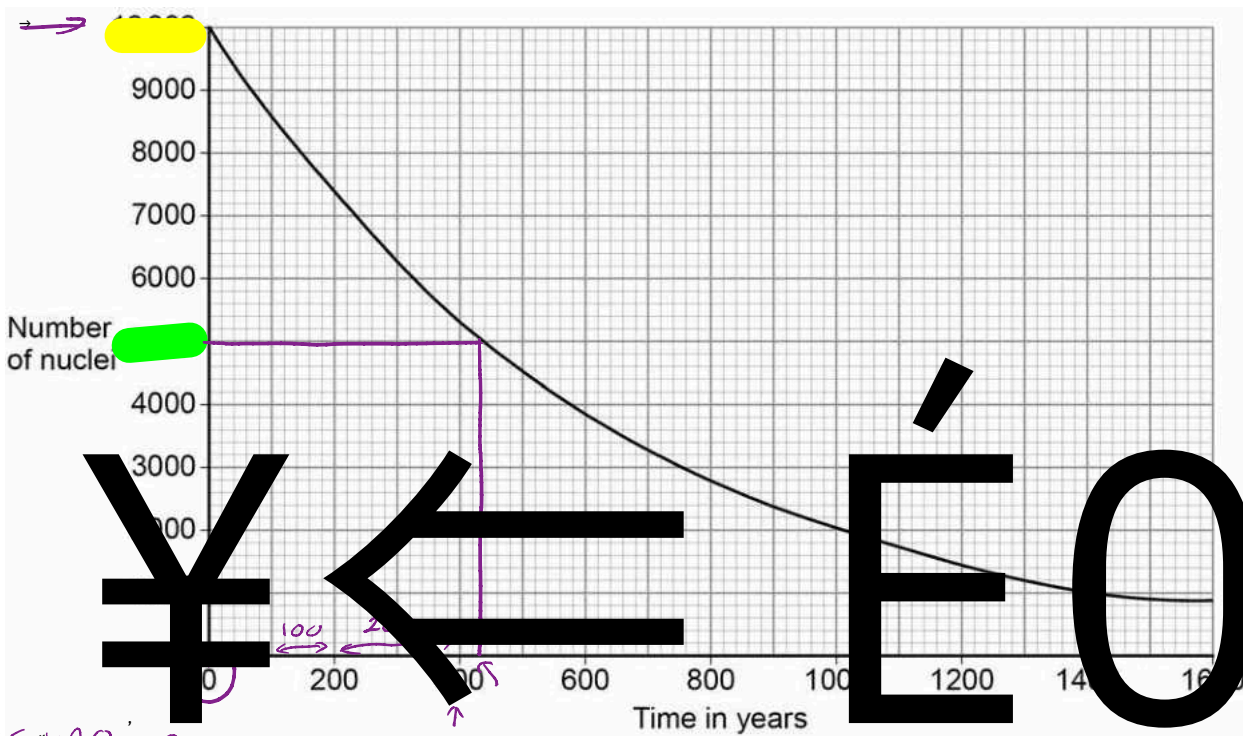
Americium has an atomic number of 95
 OR B has an atomic number of 94.
 OR B does not have the same atomic number as americium.

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Figure 5 shows how the number of americium-241 nuclei in a sample changes with time.

Figure 5



$is\ 5 \times 20 = 30$

$400 + 30 = 430$

30

How many years does it take for the number of americium-241 nuclei to decrease from 10 000 to 5000?

Time =

430

[1 mark]
430years

What is the half-life of americium-241?

Half-life =

430

[1 mark]
years

$50000 = \frac{1}{2} \times 100000$

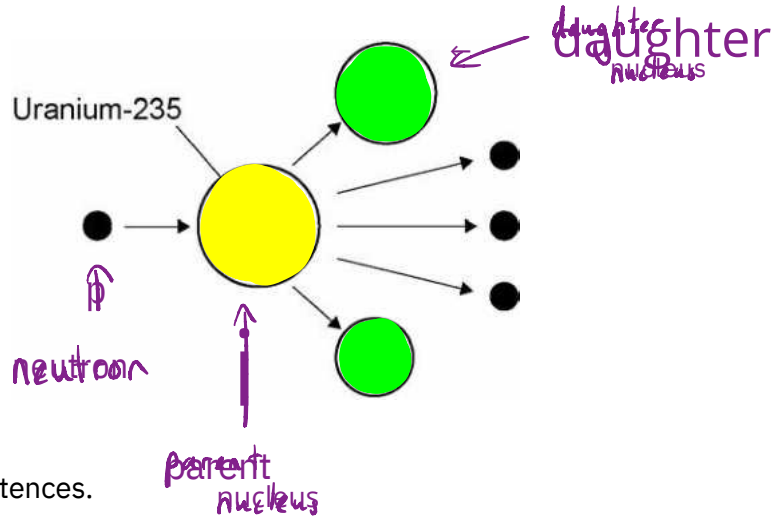
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Nuclear power can be used to generate electricity through nuclear fission.

Show the process of nuclear fission.

Figure 6

6.1



0 1

Complete the sentences.

Choose answers from the box.

[3 marks]

gamm X
~~alpha rays~~ ~~light rays~~ ~~proton~~ ~~neutron~~ ~~nucleus~~ ~~X-rays~~

During the process of nuclear fission a uranium nucleus absorbs a neutron

Electromagnetic radiation is released in the form of gamma rays.

0 6 2

The UK needs at least 25 000 000 kW of electrical power at any time.

A nuclear power station has an electrical power output of 2 400 000 kW

Calculate how many nuclear power stations are needed to provide 25 000 000 kW of electrical power.

[2 marks]

$$\frac{25000000}{2400000} = \frac{125}{12} = 10.41\bar{6}$$

↳ can't have 0.4116 power stations so round up

Number of nuclear power stations = 11

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06. State two environmental issues caused by generating electricity using nuclear power stations.

[2 marks]

1 Waste is radioactive.

Fuel is non-renewable.

OTHER ANSWERS: • waste has a long half-life
waste is toxic
• waste must be buried
risk of catastrophic accidents.

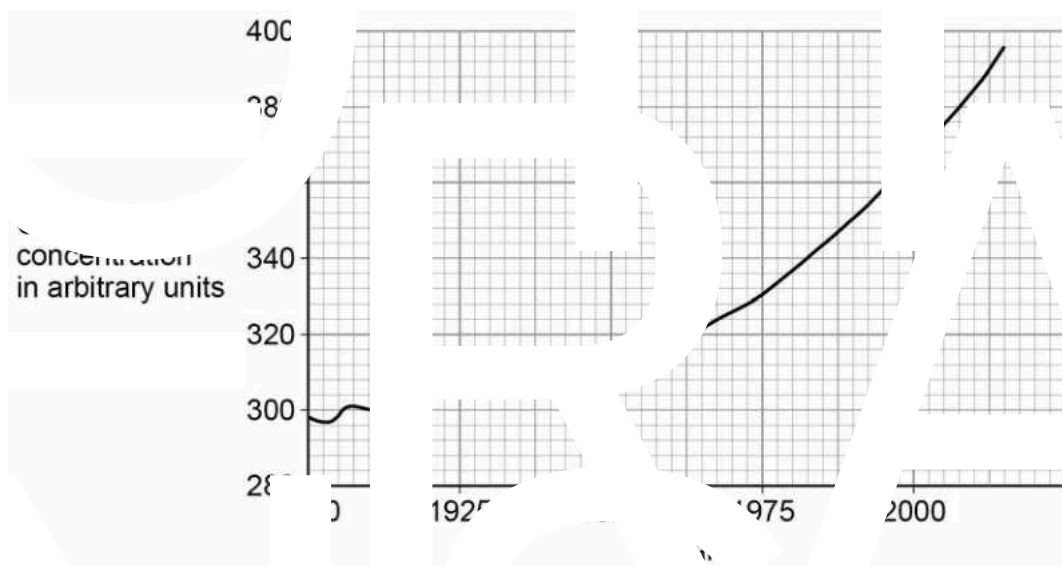
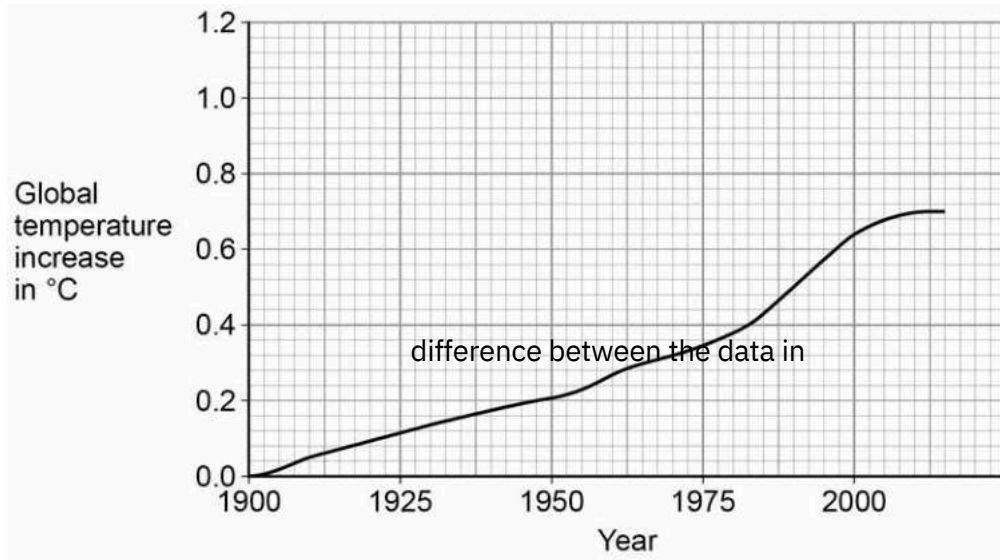


Figure 8 shows how the global temperature has changed over the past 115 years.

Figure 8



Give one similarity and one

Figure 7 and Figure 8.

[2 marks]

Similarity both show a positive correlation.

Difference

to carbon dioxide concentration continues to increase, whereas temperature increase levels off.

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0 7 The plug of an electrical appliance contains a fuse.
What is the correct circuit symbol for a fuse?

0 7 Tick one box. T



[1 mark]

designed current.
to blow circuit
(break) above a given

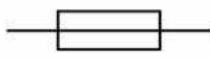
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designed current.
(break) above a given



Safety feature of a circuit designed to 'blow' (break) above a given current.

Y



Diode



thermistor



0 7 The appliance is connected to the mains electrical supply. The mains potential difference is 230 V.

Calculate the energy transferred when 13 C of charge flows through the appliance.

Use the equation:

energy transferred = charge flow × potential difference

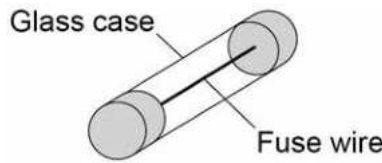
[2 marks]

$$E = 13 \times 230 = 2990$$

Energy transferred = 2990 J

Figure 9 shows the structure of a fuse.

Figure 9



0 7 3

Write down the equation that links charge flow, current and time.

[1 mark]

charge flow = current \times time
 $Q = I t$

0 7 4

The fuse wire melts when 1.52 coulombs of charge flows through the fuse in 0.40 seconds.

Calculate the current at which the fuse wire melts.

[3 marks]

charge flow = current \times time
 \div time of charge \Rightarrow current

$\frac{1.52}{0.40} = 3.8$

Current = 3.8 A

0 7 5

The mass of the fuse wire is 0.00175 kg. The specific latent heat of fusion of the fuse wire is 205 000 J/kg.

Calculate the energy needed to melt the fuse wire.

Use the Physics Equations Sheet. material without the material without changing the

[2 marks]

thermal energy for a change of state = mass \times specific latent heat

$E = m L = 0.00175 \times 205000 = 358.75$
 ≈ 359

Energy = 359 J

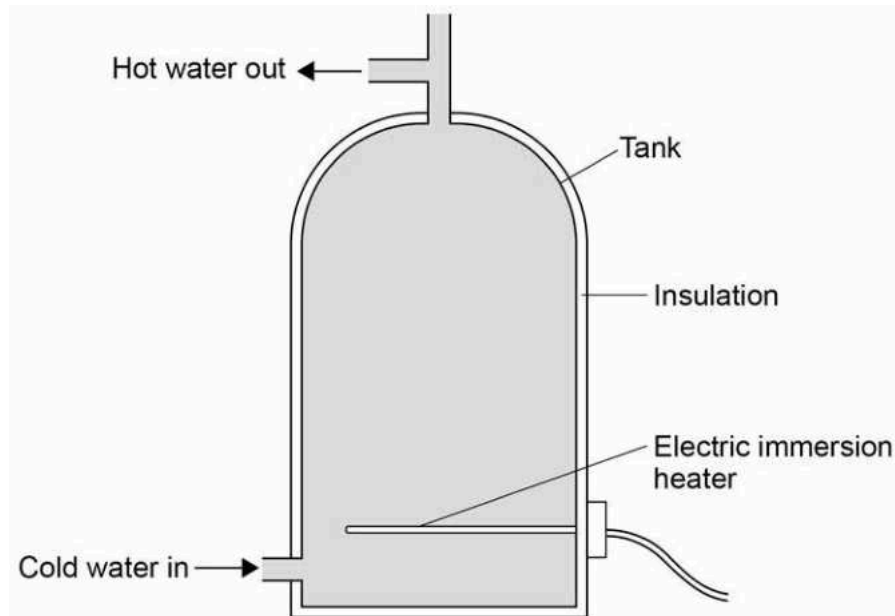
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0 8

Figure 10 shows a hot water tank made of copper.

Figure 10



0 8 1

Copper has a higher thermal conductivity than most metals.

How does the rate of energy transfer through copper compare with the rate of energy transfer through most metals?

Tick one box.

conducts more_

per second

Higher Lower The same

conducts more energy per second energy [1 mark]

0 8 2

The tank is **insulated**. When the water is hot, the immersion heater switches off.

Complete the sentences.

[2 marks]

Compared to a tank with no insulation, the rate of energy transfer from the water in an insulated tank is lower

This means that the water in the insulated tank stays hotter for longer.

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Figure 11 shows how temperature varies with time for water in a tank heated with an immersion heater.

Figure 12 shows how temperature varies with time for water in a tank heated with a solar panel.

Figure 11

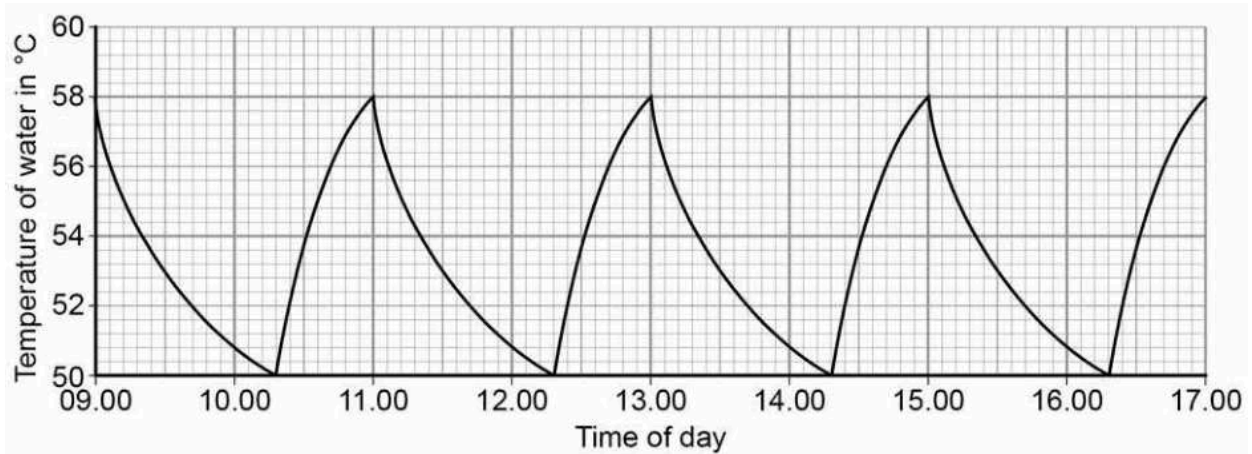
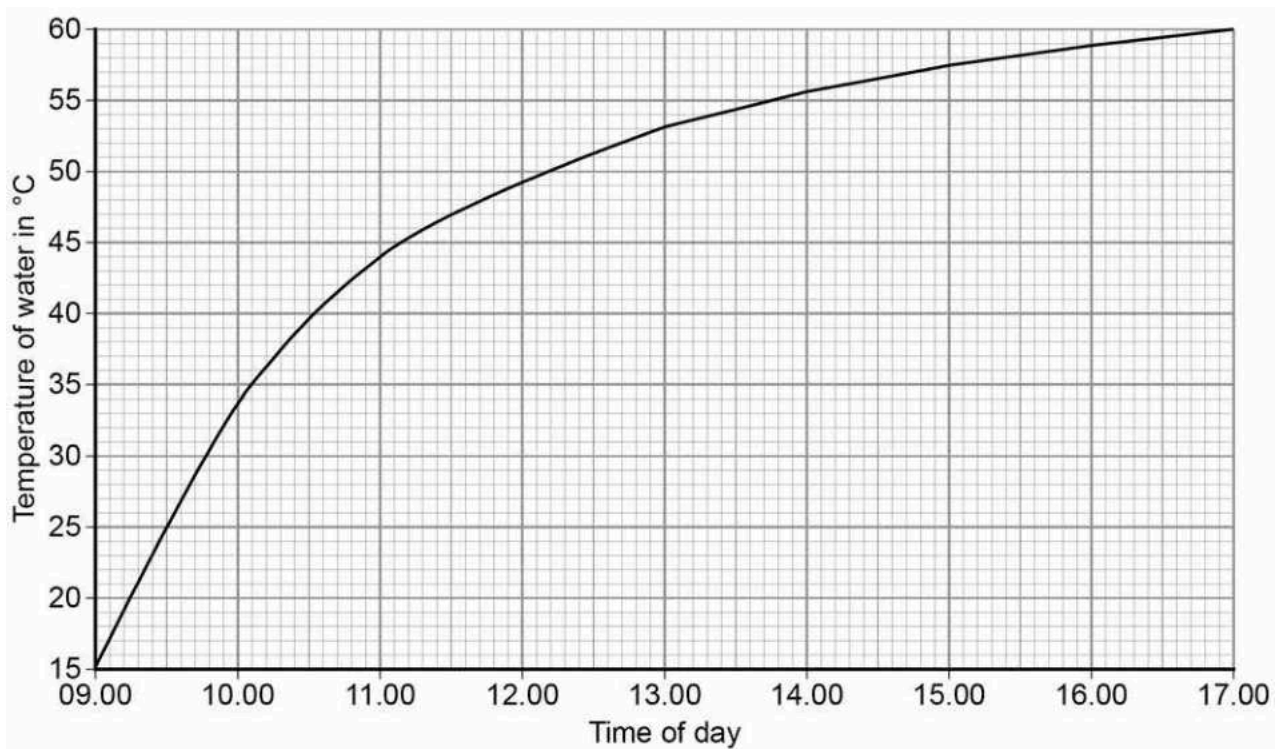


Figure 12



0 8 3

Give one advantage and one disadvantage of heating the water using solar panels rather than an immersion heater.

Use only information from Figure 11 and Figure 12.

[2 marks]

Advantage of solar panels Water is heated continuously.

Disadvantage of solar panels Temperature of the water is lower.

OR water may not be hot enough
OR it takes more time to heat the water.
it-takes more time to heat the water.

0 8 4

During one morning, a total of 4 070 000 J of energy is transferred from the electric immersion heater.

4 030 000 J of energy are transferred to the water.

Calculate the proportion of the total energy transferred to the water.

[2 marks]

$$\frac{4030000}{4070000} = 0.99017...$$

Proportion of total energy = 0.999 9

99.99%

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0 8 5

Write down the equation that links energy transferred, power and time.

[1 mark]

$$\text{power} = \frac{\text{energy transferred}}{\text{time}} \quad P = \frac{E}{t}$$

0 8 6

The power output of the immersion heater is 5000 W.

Calculate the time taken for the immersion heater to transfer 4 070 000 J of energy.

° mmmm-

Give the unit.

[4 marks]

$$\text{power} = \frac{\text{energy transferred}}{\text{time}}$$

$$P = \frac{E}{t} \quad \text{or } t = \frac{E}{P}$$

$$t = \frac{E}{P} = \frac{4\,070\,000}{5000} = 814$$

Time = 814 Unit seconds

13.57 minutes

12

0 9

Figure 13 shows a lift inside a building.

Figure 13



0 9 1

The motor in the lift does 120 000 J of work in 8.0 seconds.

Calculate the power output of the motor in the lift.

Use the equation:

Power
output = time

work done

[2 marks]

$$P = \frac{120000}{8.0} = 15000$$

Power output = 15000 W

Turn over ►

0 9 2

The power input to the motor is greater than the power output.

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Tick two reasons why.

Energy is transferred in heating the surroundings.

Friction causes energy to be transferred in non-useful ways.

The motor is connected to the mains electricity supply.

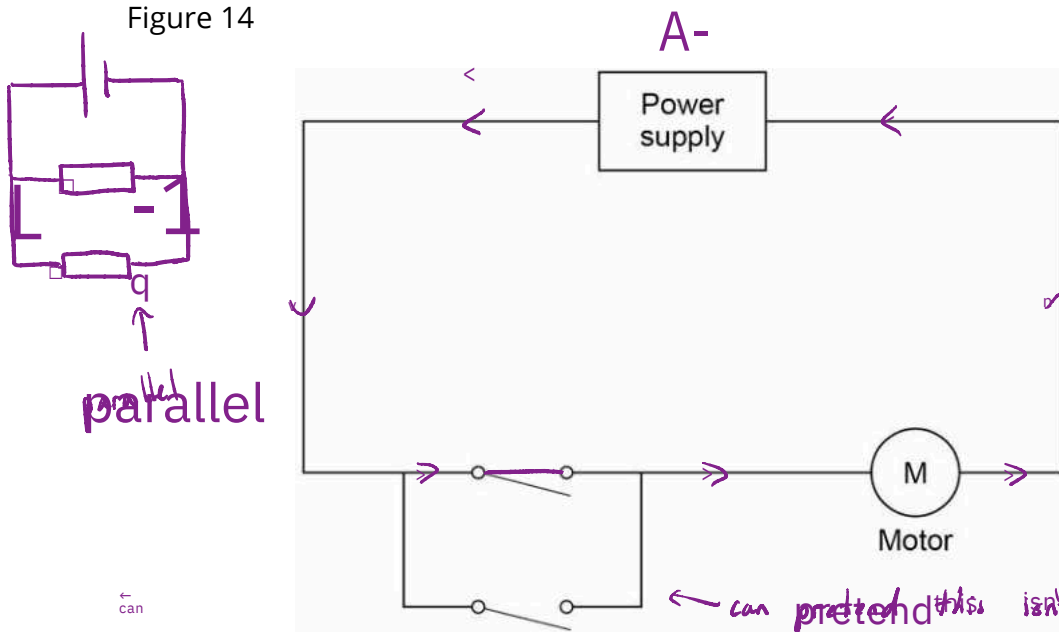
The motor is more than 100% efficient.

There are only four people in the lift.

[2 marks]

Figure 14 shows part of the circuit that operates the lift motor.

Figure 14



The lift can be operated using either of the two switches.

Explain why.

[2 marks]

The switches are in parallel, so closing either switch completes the circuit.

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hmm

Write down the equation that links gravitational field strength, gravitational potential energy, height and mass.

[1 mark]

gravitational potential energy = mass \times gravitational field strength \times height

$$E_p = mgh$$

0	9	5
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The lift goes up 14 m. The total mass of the people in the lift is 280 kg.

gravitational field strength = 9.8 N/kg

Calculate the increase in gravitational potential energy of the people in the lift.

Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

$E_p = mgh = 280 \times 9.8 \times 14 = 38416 \approx 38000$

[3 marks]

Increase in gravitational potential energy = 38000 J

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1 0

Figure 15 shows a student walking on a carpet.

Figure 15
Figure 1



1 0 1

The student becomes negatively charged because of the friction between his socks and the carpet.

Explain why the friction causes the student to become charged.

[2 marks]

There is a transfer of electrons ✓ from the
carpet to the boy ✓

1 0 2

The student's head is represented by the sphere in Figure 16.

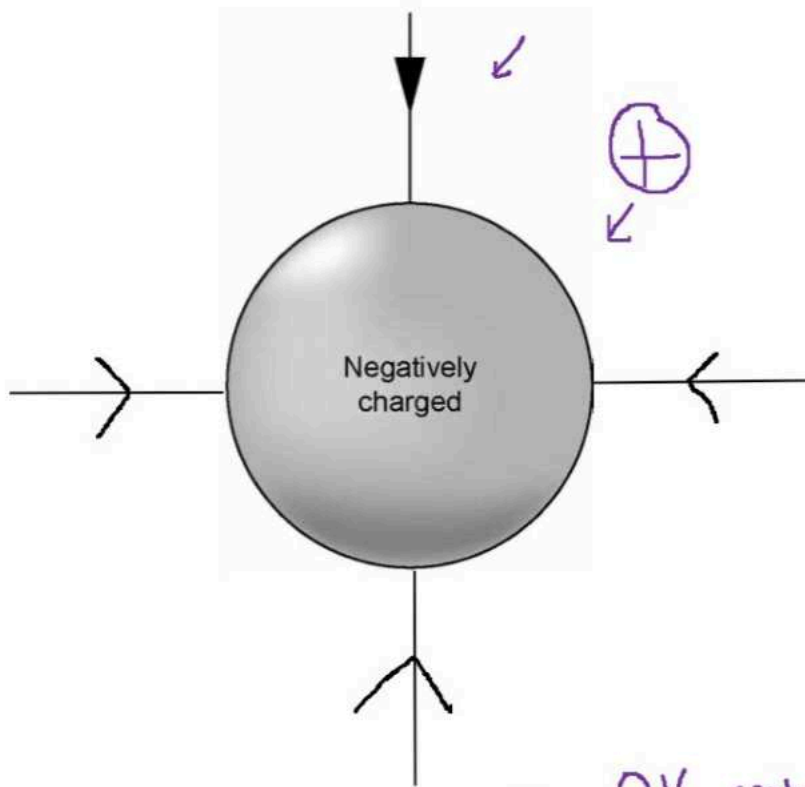
The student is negatively charged. The arrow shows part of the electric field around the student's head.

Draw three more arrows on Figure 16 to complete the electric field pattern. Draw **three** more arrows on Figure 2 to complete the electric field pattern.

[1 mark]

Figure 16

Figure 2



OV, conductor

1 0 3

The negatively charged student touches a metal tap and receives an electric shock.

Explain why:

[3 marks]

There is a potential difference between the student and the tap ✓

This causes a flow of electrons from the student to the tap ✓

This means that the charge has been earthed ✓

Turn over ►

1 0 4

Some carpets have thin copper wires running through them. The student is less likely to receive an electric shock after walking on this type of carpet.

Suggest why.

[2 marks]

Copper is a good conductor so electrons flow through the wire instead of the student. Smaller pd between student and carpet so the student is less likely to receive an electric shock.

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A teacher used a Geiger-Muller tube and counter to measure the number of counts in 60 seconds for a radioactive rock.

1 1 1

The counter recorded 819 counts in 60 seconds. The background radiation count rate was 0.30 counts per second.

Calculate the count rate for the rock. counts per second

[3 marks]

$$\frac{819}{60} = 13.65 \text{ counts/second}$$

$$13.65 - 0.3 = 13.35$$

Count rate = 13.35 per second

1 1 2

A householder is worried about the radiation emitted by the granite worktop in his kitchen.

1 kg of granite has an activity of 1250 Bq. The kitchen worktop has a mass of 180 kg.

Calculate the activity of the kitchen worktop in Bq.

[2 marks]
[2 marks]

$$\begin{array}{l} \times 180 \text{ kg} \rightarrow 1250 \text{ Bq} \\ \downarrow \\ 180 \text{ kg} \rightarrow 1250 \times 180 = 225000 \end{array}$$

Activity = 225,000 Bq

1 1 3

The average total radiation dose per year in the UK is 2.0 millisieverts.

Table 2 shows the effects of radiation dose on the human body.

Table 2

Radiation dose in millisieverts	Effects
10000	Immediate illness; death within a few weeks; death within a few weeks
1000	Radiation sickness; unlikely to cause death
100	Lowest dose with evidence of causing cancer

The average radiation dose from the granite worktop is 0.003 millisieverts per day.

Explain why the householder should not be concerned about his yearly radiation dose from the granite worktop.

One year is 365 days.

One year is 365 days.

[2 marks]

$$0.003 \times 365 = 1.095 \text{ mSv}$$

1 1.4

This value calculated is significantly less than 100 mSv which is the lowest dose required to cause harm, so the householder does not need to be concerned.

1 1

Bananas are a source of background radiation. Some people think that the unit of radiation dose should be changed from sieverts to Banana Equivalent Dose.

Suggest one reason why the Banana Equivalent Dose may help the public be more aware of radiation risks.

[1 mark]

The banana equivalent dose makes it easier for people to understand radiation risks as the dose can be compared to an everyday object.

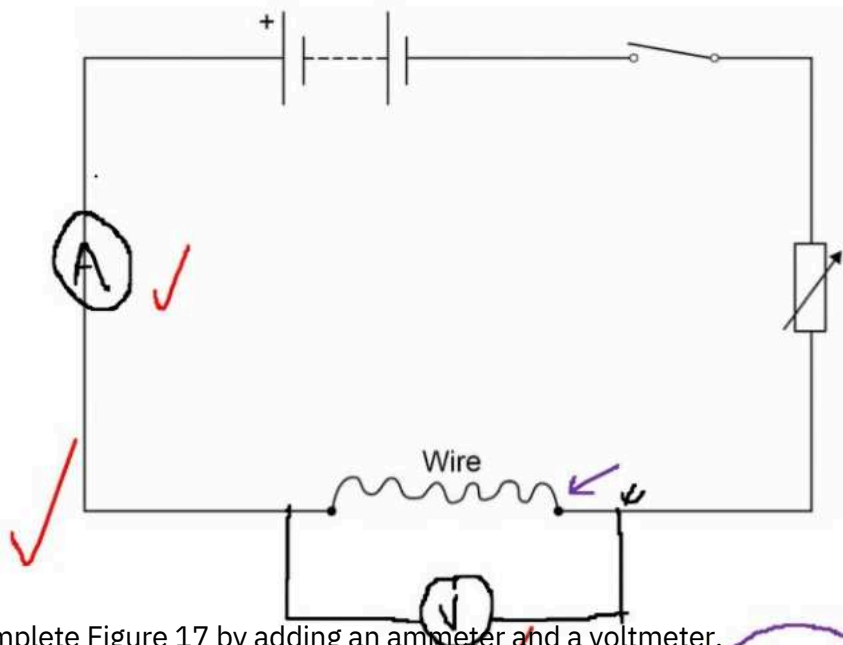
1 2

A student investigated how the resistance of a piece of nichrome wire varies with length.

Figure 17 shows part of the circuit the student used.

Figure 17

Figure 3



Complete Figure 17 by adding an ammeter and a voltmeter.

1 2 1

Use the correct circuit symbols. Complete Figure 3 by adding an ammeter and a voltmeter.

Use the correct circuit symbols.



$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

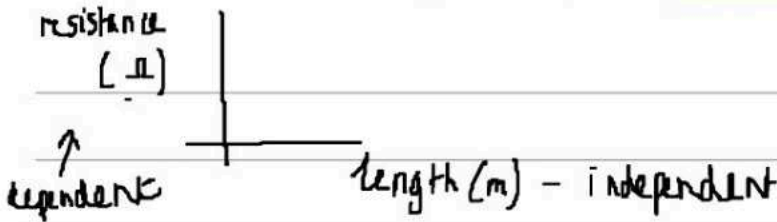
[3 marks]

1 2 2

Describe how the student would obtain the data needed for the investigation.

Your answer should include a risk assessment for one hazard in the investigation.

[6 marks]



Use a ruler to measure the length of the wire, then use an ammeter to measure the current through the wire and a voltmeter to measure the potential difference across the wire. Use $R = \frac{V}{I}$ to calculate the resistance for this length.

Vary the length of the wire and repeat. Take multiple voltage and current readings for the lengths of wire. - plot resistance against length. The wire could heat up if high currents are used. This could lead to burns, to avoid this we should use low currents.

for 6/6
all key points identified - written logically

1 2 3

Why would switching off the circuit between readings have improved the accuracy of the student's investigation?

Tick one box.

control variable - temp of wire

[1 mark]

The charge flow through the wire would not change.

The potential difference of the battery would not increase.

The power output of the battery would not increase.

The temperature of the wire would not change.

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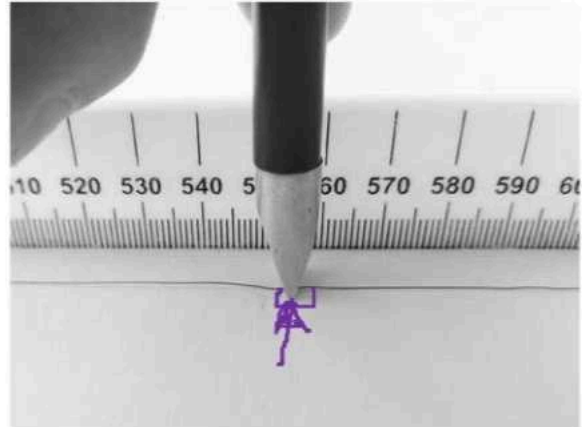
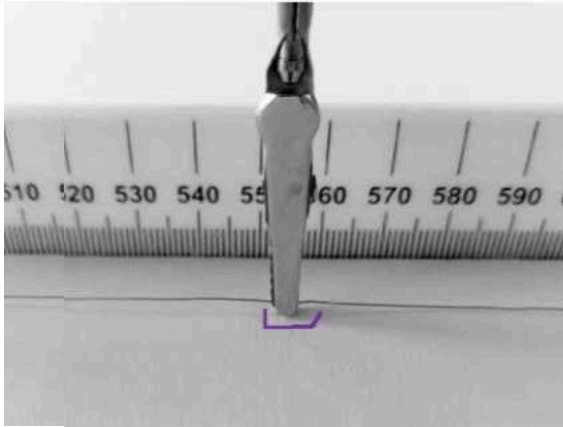
The student used crocodile clips to make connections to the wire.

They could have used a piece of equipment called a 'jockey'.

Figure 18 shows a crocodile clip and a jockey in contact with a wire.

Figure 18

Figure 4



Crocodile clip

Jockey

How would using the jockey have affected the accuracy and resolution of the student's results compared to using the crocodile clip?

Tick two boxes.

Tick **two** boxes.

How close to the true value

smallest change in length that could be measured

The accuracy of the student's results would be higher.

The accuracy of the student's results would be lower.

The accuracy of the student's results would be the same.

The resolution of the length measurement would be higher.

The resolution of the length measurement would be lower.

The resolution of the length measurement would be the same.

[2 marks]

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