

# Thermal Properties and Temperature

## Question Paper 2

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- 1 (a) X and Y are liquid-in-glass thermometers. The scale of each thermometer starts at 0 °C.

X has a large range, good linearity and high sensitivity.

Y has a small range, poor linearity and low sensitivity.

Explain what is meant by

- (i) the difference in their *ranges*,

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- (ii) the difference in their *linearities*,

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- (iii) the difference in their *sensitivities*.

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[3]

- (b) A thermocouple is used to measure the temperature of a small volume of liquid.

- (i) Draw and label a sketch of the arrangement.

[3]

(ii) The temperature of the liquid is changing rapidly.

Explain why the thermocouple is able to respond quickly to this rapid change.

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.....[2]

[Total: 8]

2 (a) State two examples of physical properties that vary with temperature and that may be used for the measurement of temperature.

1. ....

2. ....

[2]

(b) When first manufactured, a liquid-in-glass thermometer has no scale markings.

(i) Describe the procedure needed to determine

1. the position on the thermometer of the lower fixed point,

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2. the position on the thermometer of the upper fixed point.

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[3]

(ii) Explain why

1. the graduations marked on the thermometer between the fixed points are spaced equally,

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..... [1]

2. the expansion of the glass of the thermometer is ignored.

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[Total: 7]

3 (a) Fig. 1.1 shows a liquid-in-glass thermometer.

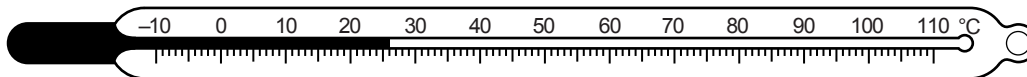


Fig. 1.1

(i) In the process of making the thermometer, the scale divisions were spaced equally.

What assumption was made about the liquid?

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(ii) Suggest **two** changes to the thermometer that would require the spacing of the scale divisions to be larger.

1. ....

2. ....

[2]

(iii) As a result of the changes in (ii), what other change is needed to enable the thermometer to be used for the same temperature range?

..... [1]

(b) The expansion of a liquid is an example of a physical property that may be used to measure temperature.

State **two** other physical properties that may also be used to measure temperature.

1. the ..... of .....

2. the ..... of .....

[2]

[Total: 6]

4 (a) The following are three statements about boiling.

- A liquid boils at a fixed temperature.
- During boiling, vapour can form at any point within the liquid.
- Without a supply of thermal energy, boiling stops.

Complete the following equivalent statements about evaporation.

- A liquid evaporates at .....
- During evaporation .....
- Without a supply of thermal energy, evaporation .....

[3]

(b) A pan containing water boiling at 100°C is standing on an electrically heated hot-plate. In 20 minutes, 0.075 kg of water is lost as steam. The specific latent heat of vaporisation of water is  $2.25 \times 10^6 \text{ J/kg}$ .

(i) Calculate the energy used in converting 0.075 kg of boiling water to steam.

energy = ..... [2]

(ii) The hot-plate operates at 240V, 0.65A.

Calculate the energy supplied to the hot-plate in 20 minutes.

energy = ..... [2]

(iii) Suggest why the answers to (b)(i) and (b)(ii) are not the same.

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[Total: 8]

5 (a) Define the *specific heat capacity* of a substance.

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(b) Fig. 4.1 shows a cylinder of aluminium heated by an electric heater.

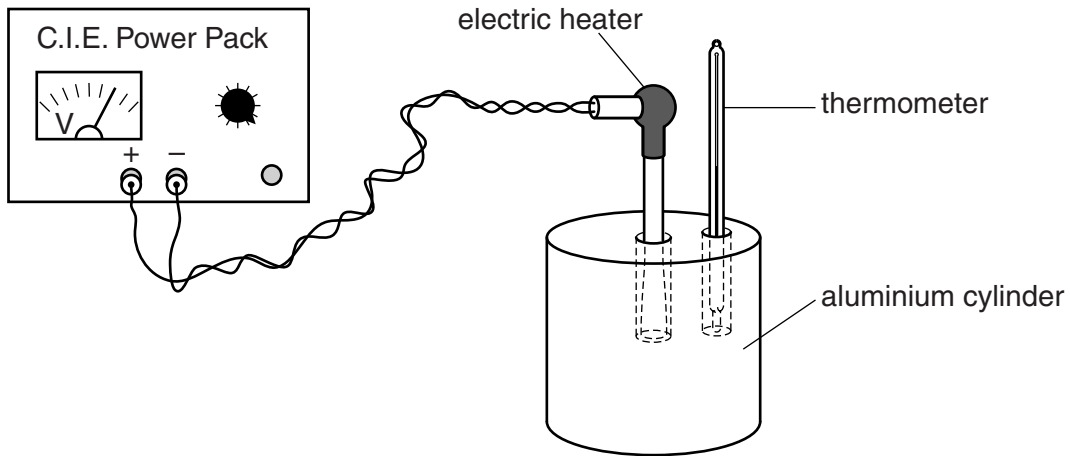


Fig. 4.1

The mass of the cylinder is 800 g. The heater delivers 8700 J of thermal energy to the cylinder and the temperature of the cylinder increases by 12 °C.

(i) Calculate a value for the specific heat capacity of aluminium.

specific heat capacity = ..... [2]

(ii) Calculate the thermal capacity (heat capacity) of the aluminium cylinder.

thermal capacity = ..... [2]

(c) State and explain a method of improving the accuracy of the experiment.

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..... [2]

[Total: 8]

6 During both boiling and evaporation, liquid water is converted into water vapour.

The rate at which the mass of **boiling** water decreases depends only on the rate at which the water is gaining thermal energy.

(a) The specific latent heat of vaporisation of water is  $2.3 \times 10^6 \text{ J/kg}$ . Thermal energy is supplied to boiling water in a kettle at a rate of 460 W.

Calculate the mass of water that is boiled away in 180 s.

mass = ..... [2]

(b) The rate at which the mass of **evaporating** water decreases depends on other factors.

(i) State two of these factors.

1. ....  
2. .... [2]

(ii) State two other ways in which evaporation is different from boiling.

1. ....  
2. .... [2]

[Total: 6]



- 7 The liquids in five liquid-in-glass thermometers A, B, C, D and E expand linearly with temperature. All the thermometers have scales marked in °C. Fig. 6.1 accurately represents the scales of these five thermometers.

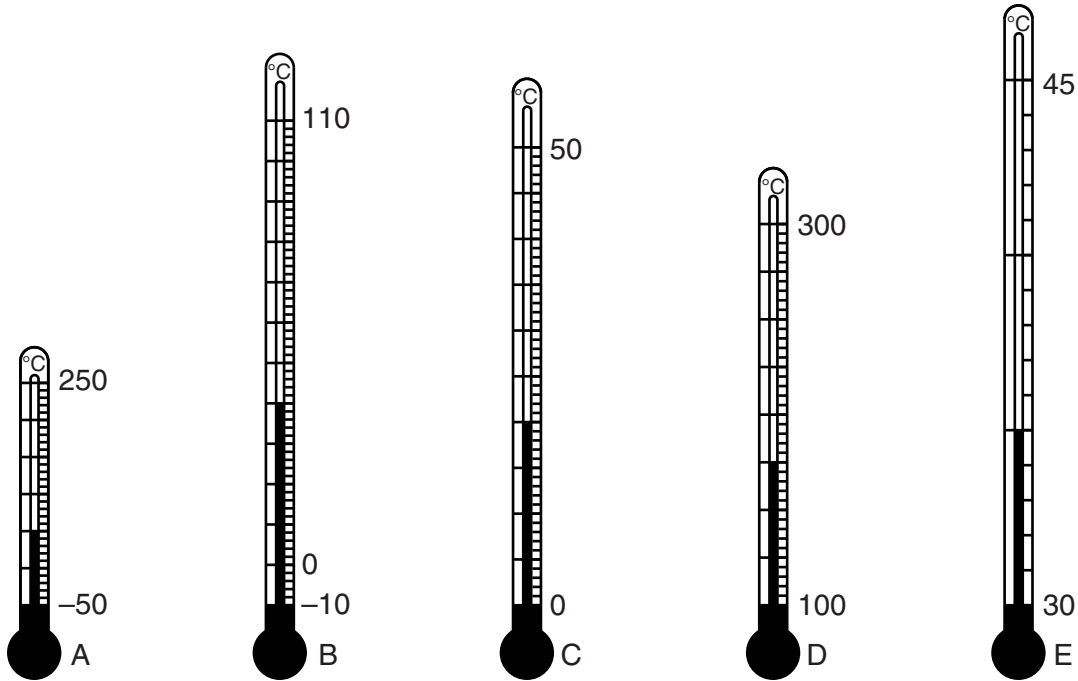


Fig. 6.1

- (a) (i) Use information from the scales of the thermometers in Fig. 6.1 to state which thermometer has the greatest range.

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- (ii) State and explain which thermometer has the greatest sensitivity.

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- (b) Suggest two design features that would cause a liquid-in-glass thermometer to have a large sensitivity.

1. ....

2. ....

[2]

(c) The distance on thermometer B between the  $110^{\circ}\text{C}$  mark and the  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  mark is 18 cm.

Calculate the length of the liquid thread above the  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  mark when the temperature recorded by B is  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

length = ..... [2]

[Total: 6]