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Science Practice Mock Test [Higher]

**This Paper  
contain 3  
sections –  
Biology,  
Physics,  
Chemistry,**

**Time  
Allowed–  
1hr 45 Min  
Total Marks  
– 90**

kinetic energy = $0.5 \times \text{mass} \times (\text{speed})^2$	$E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$
elastic potential energy = $0.5 \times \text{spring constant} \times (\text{extension})^2$	$E_e = \frac{1}{2} k e^2$
gravitational potential energy = $\text{mass} \times \text{gravitational field strength} \times \text{height}$	$E_p = m g h$
change in thermal energy = $\text{mass} \times \text{specific heat capacity} \times \text{temperature change}$	$\Delta E = m c \Delta \theta$
power = $\frac{\text{energy transferred}}{\text{time}}$	$P = \frac{E}{t}$
power = $\frac{\text{work done}}{\text{time}}$	$P = \frac{W}{t}$
efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful output energy transfer}}{\text{total input energy transfer}}$	
efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful power output}}{\text{total power input}}$	
charge flow = $\text{current} \times \text{time}$	$Q = I t$
potential difference = $\text{current} \times \text{resistance}$	$V = I R$
power = $\text{potential difference} \times \text{current}$	$P = V I$
power = $(\text{current})^2 \times \text{resistance}$	$P = I^2 R$
energy transferred = $\text{power} \times \text{time}$	$E = P t$
energy transferred = $\text{charge flow} \times \text{potential difference}$	$E = Q V$
density = $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$	$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$

thermal energy for a change of state = $\text{mass} \times \text{specific latent heat}$	$E = m L$
For gases: $\text{pressure} \times \text{volume} = \text{constant}$	$p V = \text{constant}$
weight = $\text{mass} \times \text{gravitational field strength}$	$W = m g$
work done = $\text{force} \times \text{distance (along the line of action of the force)}$	$W = F s$
force = $\text{spring constant} \times \text{extension}$	$F = k e$
moment of a force = $\text{force} \times \text{distance (normal to direction of force)}$	$M = F d$
pressure = $\frac{\text{force normal to a surface}}{\text{area of that surface}}$	$p = \frac{F}{A}$
<b>pressure due to a column of liquid = height of column <math>\times</math> density of liquid <math>\times</math> gravitational field strength</b>	<b><math>p = h \rho g</math></b>
distance travelled = $\text{speed} \times \text{time}$	$s = v t$
acceleration = $\frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time taken}}$	$a = \frac{\Delta v}{t}$

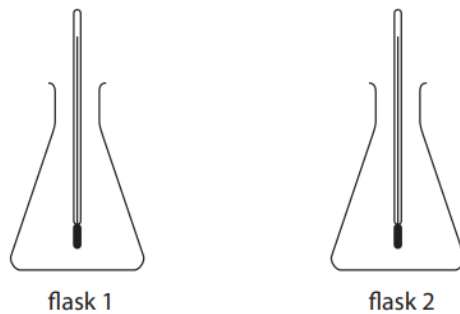
$(\text{final velocity})^2 - (\text{initial velocity})^2 = 2 \times \text{acceleration} \times \text{distance}$	$v^2 - u^2 = 2 a s$
resultant force = mass $\times$ acceleration	$F = m a$
<b>momentum = mass <math>\times</math> velocity</b>	$p = m v$
<b>force = <math>\frac{\text{change in momentum}}{\text{time taken}}</math></b>	$F = \frac{m \Delta v}{\Delta t}$
period = $\frac{1}{\text{frequency}}$	$T = \frac{1}{f}$
wave speed = frequency $\times$ wavelength	$v = f \lambda$
magnification = $\frac{\text{image height}}{\text{object height}}$	
<b>force on a conductor (at right angles to a magnetic field) carrying a current = magnetic flux density <math>\times</math> current <math>\times</math> length</b>	$F = B I l$
<b><math>\frac{\text{potential difference across primary coil}}{\text{potential difference across secondary coil}} = \frac{\text{number of turns in primary coil}}{\text{number of turns in secondary coil}}</math></b>	$\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{n_p}{n_s}$
<b>potential difference across primary coil <math>\times</math> current in primary coil = potential difference across secondary coil <math>\times</math> current in secondary coil</b>	$V_p I_p = V_s I_s$

## Section A – Biology

1)

A student was investigating the effect of sweating.

The student set up two conical flasks each with a thermometer as shown in Figure 5.



**Figure 5**

Flask 1 was covered in wet tissue paper.

Flask 2 was covered with dry tissue paper.

Hot water was added to each of the flasks.

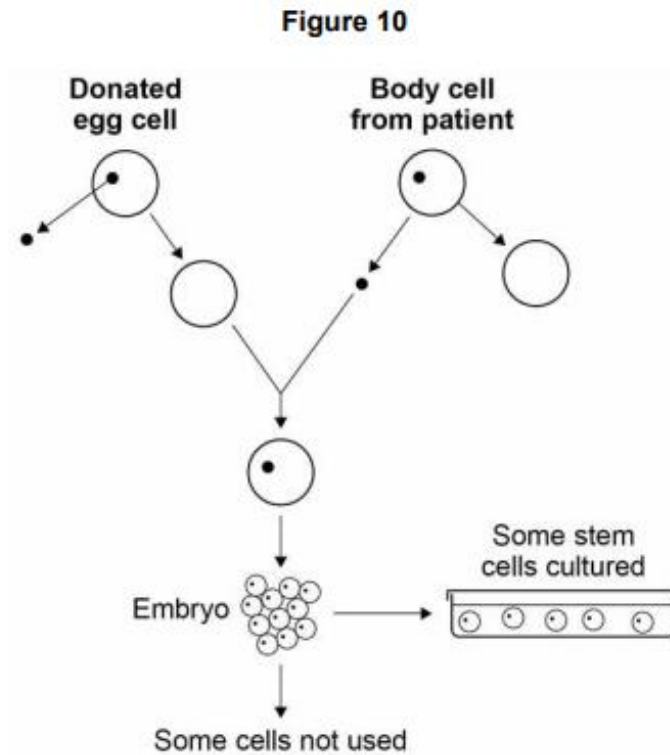
The temperature of the water in each flask was recorded every minute for 10 minutes.

(a) State **two** variables that would need to be controlled in this investigation.

(2)

2)

**Figure 10** shows how embryonic stem cells are produced in therapeutic cloning for use in patients.



Give **two** advantages and **two** disadvantages of therapeutic cloning in medical treatments.

Use **Figure 10** to help you.

**[4 marks]**

3)

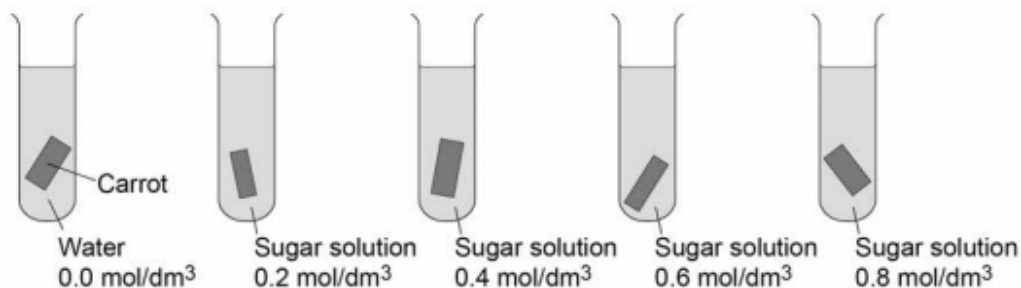
A student investigated the effect of different concentrations of sugar solution on pieces of carrot.

This is the method used.

1. Weigh five pieces of carrot.
2. Place each piece into a different tube.
3. Into each tube add 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of water or one of the sugar solutions as shown in **Figure 6**
4. Leave the apparatus for 2 hours.
5. Remove the carrot and dry each piece on paper towel.
6. Reweigh each piece.
7. Calculate the percentage (%) change in mass of each piece.

**Figure 6** shows how the investigation was set up.

**Figure 6**



**Table 2** shows the results.

**Table 2**

Concentration of sugar solution in mol/dm <sup>3</sup>	Percentage (%) change in mass
0.0	+24
0.2	+12
0.4	+1
0.6	-8
0.8	-15

a)

Suggest why the student calculated the percentage (%) change in mass of each piece of carrot.

[1 mark]

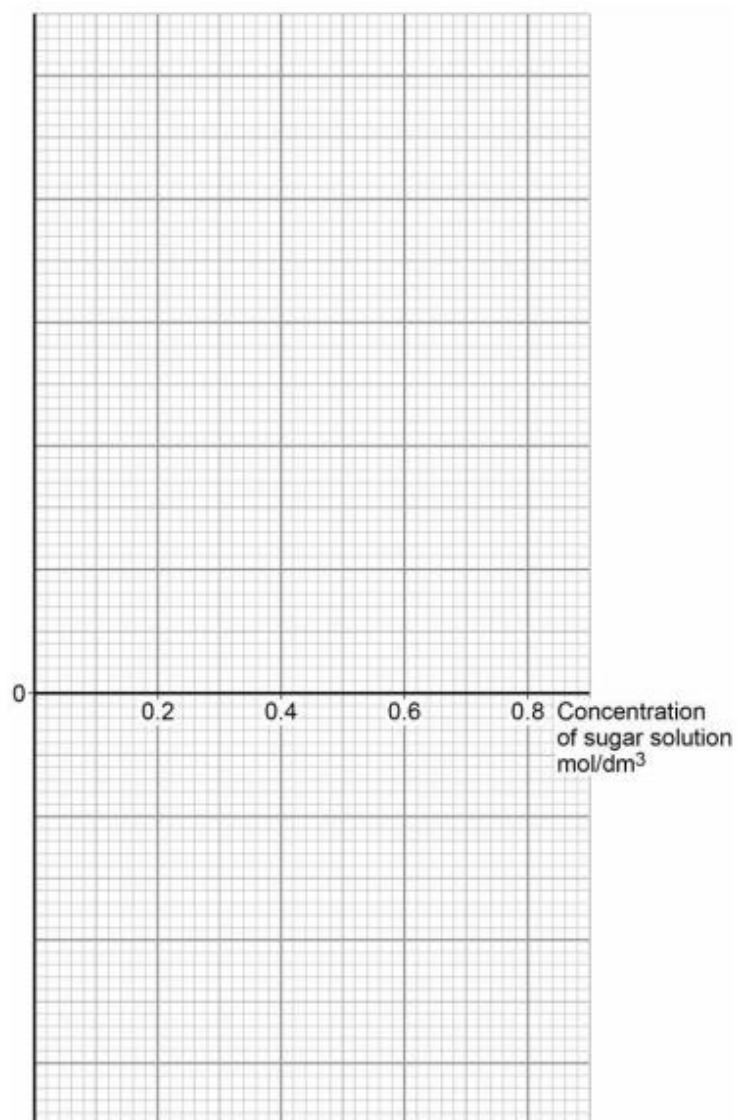
b)

Complete **Figure 7** using the results in **Table 2**

- Choose a suitable scale and label for the y-axis.
- Plot the results.
- Draw a line of best fit.

[4 marks]

**Figure 7**



c)

Estimate the concentration of sugar solution inside the carrot cells.

Use your completed graph on **Figure 7**

**[1 mark]**

Concentration = \_\_\_\_\_ mol/dm<sup>3</sup>

d)

Explain why the mass of the carrot in the 0.6 mol/dm<sup>3</sup> sugar solution changed.

**[4 marks]**

4)

Vectors are used in the process of genetic engineering.

Which **two** statements are correct?

**[2 marks]**

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

Vectors are enzymes used to 'cut open' the DNA molecule.

Vectors are used to insert genes into cells.

Vectors are used to isolate the required gene.

Vectors are used to stimulate cell division.

Vectors are usually plasmids or viruses.

a)

Scientists have genetically engineered a variety of wheat to be resistant to herbicides.

The herbicide resistant variety of wheat will give a higher yield than the non-herbicide resistant variety.

Explain why.

[3 marks]

5)

Person **A** and person **B** had a test to measure the concentration of insulin in their blood when they were fasting.

**Table 4** shows the results.

**Table 4**

Person	Fasting blood insulin concentration in arbitrary units
<b>A</b>	280
<b>B</b>	20
Normal range	50–175

Suggest which type of diabetes person **A** and person **B** have.

Give a reason for each answer.

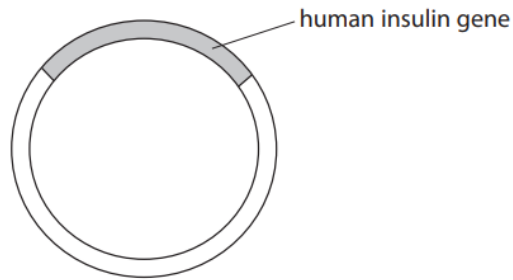
[2 marks]

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6)



Figure 3 shows a plasmid containing the human insulin gene.



**Figure 3**

Explain how the human insulin gene can be inserted into a plasmid.

(3)

7)

- (i) Women with the condition known as polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) do not ovulate regularly.

Women with PCOS can be treated using clomifene therapy.

Clomifene therapy stimulates the production of FSH.

Name the endocrine gland that produces FSH.

(1)

- (ii) During this therapy, a woman takes a clomifene tablet each day for the first five days of her menstrual cycle.

Describe the changes that would happen inside the ovaries during the first five days of this treatment.

(2)

(iii) Which hormone causes ovulation?

(1)

- A LH
  - B FSH
  - C testosterone
  - D progesterone
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## Section – B (Physics)

1)

(a) Sometimes food can become contaminated with radioactive substances.

Describe the harmful effects of eating food contaminated with radioactive substances.

(2)

(b) Gamma radiation can be used in food processing to irradiate food.

Explain why some food is irradiated with gamma radiation.

(2)

(c) Gamma radiation is part of the electromagnetic spectrum.

When the nucleus of an atom emits a gamma ray, the number of protons in the nucleus and the number of neutrons in the nucleus **do not** change.

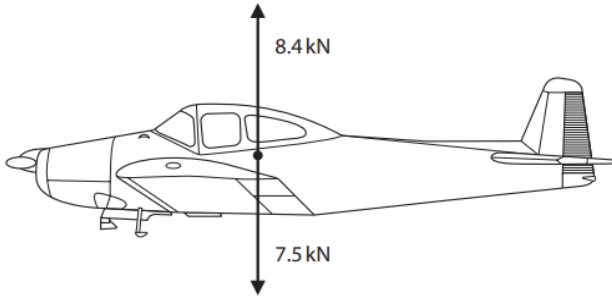
State how the nucleus **does** change when it emits a gamma ray.

(1)

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2)

(a) (i) Figure 5 shows the vertical forces on an aeroplane.



**Figure 5**

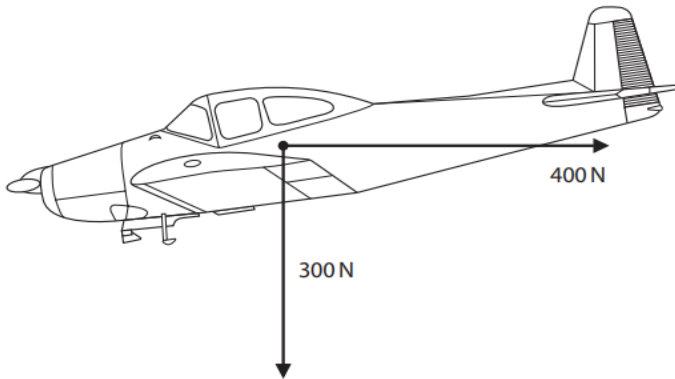
Use information from the diagram to determine the size and direction of the resultant vertical force on the aeroplane.

(2)

size = ..... kN, direction is .....

(ii) The aeroplane is descending.

Figure 6 shows a diagram of the resultant vertical and horizontal forces on the aeroplane as it is descending.



**Figure 6**

Complete the diagram to show the resultant of these two forces.

(1)

(iii) The mass of the aeroplane is 750 kg.

Calculate the change in gravitational potential energy of the aeroplane as it descends from 1300 m to the ground.

Gravitational field strength ( $g$ ) = 10 N/kg

(2)

(b) The aeroplane is powered by an engine that burns fuel.

The fuel supplies a total of 6500 kJ of energy every minute.

The efficiency of the engine is 0.70 (70%).

(i) Calculate the power output of the engine.

Give your answer in kW.

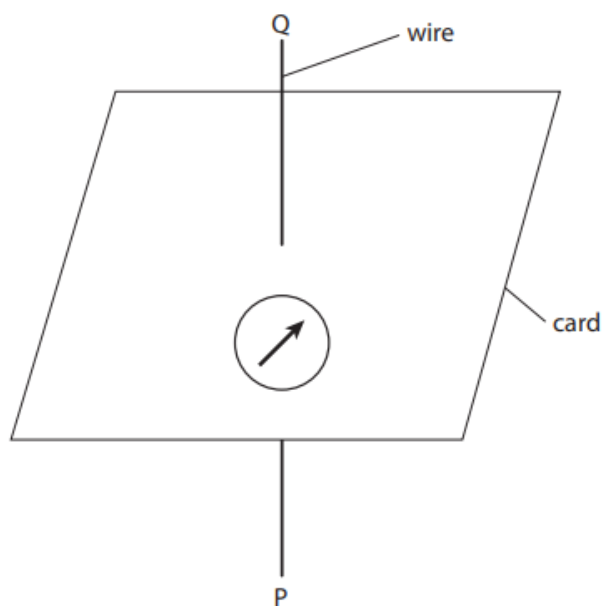
(4)

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3)

- 3 (a) A student uses a plotting compass to investigate the magnetic field around a wire.

Figure 3 shows the wire going straight through a card.

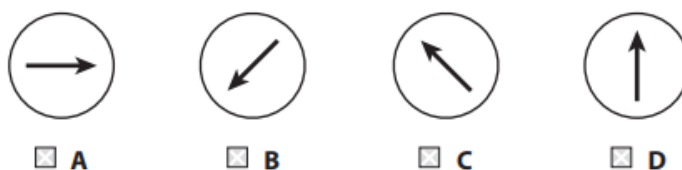


**Figure 3**

Figure 3 shows the compass needle when there is no current in the wire.

- (i) Which of these shows a possible direction of the compass needle when there is a current in the wire going from P to Q?

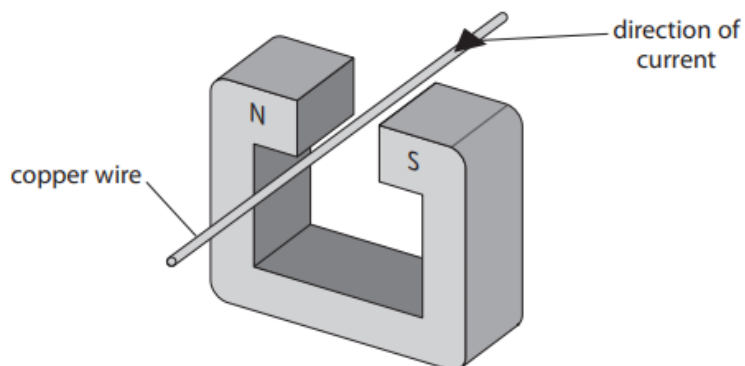
(1)



- (ii) Describe how the student could develop the investigation to find the shape of the magnetic field produced by the current.

(3)

(b) Figure 4 shows a copper wire between two magnetic poles.



**Figure 4**

The current in the wire is in the direction shown by the arrow.

The wire experiences a force due to the magnetic field.

(i) The direction of the force due to the magnetic field is

(1)

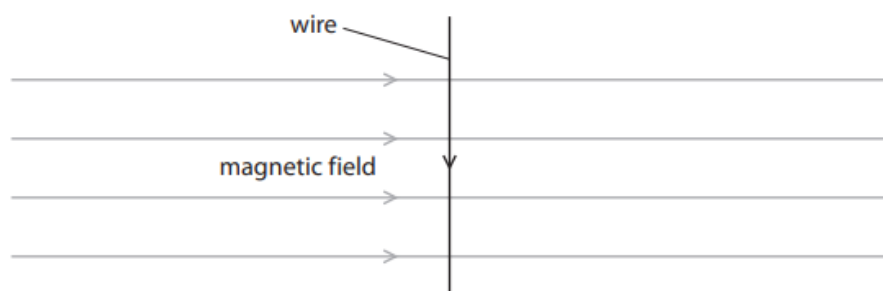
- A** down
- B** up
- C** towards the north pole of the magnet
- D** towards the south pole of the magnet

(ii) The interaction between the magnetic fields produced by the magnet and the current in the wire produces forces on the magnet and the wire.

Compare these two forces.

(1)

(iii) Figure 5 shows a different wire inside a uniform magnetic field.



**Figure 5**

The magnetic flux density of the magnetic field is  $0.72 \text{ N/A m}$ .

The length of the wire inside the field is  $30 \text{ mm}$ .

The size of the force due to the magnetic field on the wire is  $0.045 \text{ N}$ .

Calculate the size of the current in the wire.

Use an equation selected from the list of equations at the end of this paper.

(3)

4)

6 (a) Figure 10 shows two electrical devices for heating water.

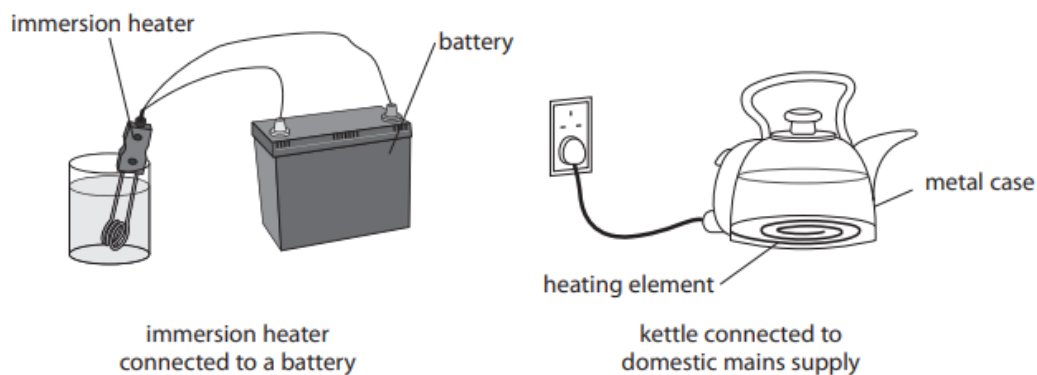


Figure 10

(i) The current in the element of the immersion heater is 14 A.

The power of the immersion heater is 130 W.

Calculate the resistance of the immersion heater.

Give your answer to two significant figures.

(3)

resistance of immersion heater = .....  $\Omega$

(ii) The current in the heating element of the kettle is 8.3 A.

State **two** differences between the movement of charge in the heating element of the kettle and the movement of charge in the immersion heater.

(2)

5)

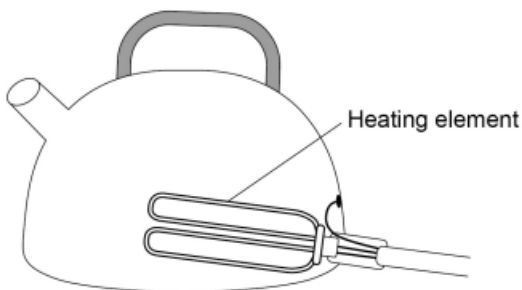


A student investigated how the mass of water in an electric kettle affected the time taken for the water to reach boiling point.

The kettle switched off when the water reached boiling point.

Figure 4 shows the kettle.

Figure 4



The heating element of the kettle was connected to the mains supply.

Explain why the temperature of the heating element increased.

[2 marks]

## Section – C (Chemistry)

### The periodic table of the elements

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7 <b>Li</b> lithium 3	9 <b>Be</b> beryllium 4											11 <b>B</b> boron 5	12 <b>C</b> carbon 6	14 <b>N</b> nitrogen 7	16 <b>O</b> oxygen 8	19 <b>F</b> fluorine 9	20 <b>Ne</b> neon 10													
23 <b>Na</b> sodium 11	24 <b>Mg</b> magnesium 12											27 <b>Al</b> aluminium 13	28 <b>Si</b> silicon 14	31 <b>P</b> phosphorus 15	32 <b>S</b> sulfur 16	35.5 <b>Cl</b> chlorine 17	40 <b>Ar</b> argon 18													
39 <b>K</b> potassium 19	40 <b>Ca</b> calcium 20	45 <b>Sc</b> scandium 21	48 <b>Ti</b> titanium 22	51 <b>V</b> vanadium 23	52 <b>Cr</b> chromium 24	55 <b>Mn</b> manganese 25	56 <b>Fe</b> iron 26	59 <b>Co</b> cobalt 27	59 <b>Ni</b> nickel 28	63.5 <b>Cu</b> copper 29	65 <b>Zn</b> zinc 30	70 <b>Ga</b> gallium 31	73 <b>Ge</b> germanium 32	75 <b>As</b> arsenic 33	79 <b>Se</b> selenium 34	80 <b>Br</b> bromine 35	84 <b>Kr</b> krypton 36													
85 <b>Rb</b> rubidium 37	88 <b>Sr</b> strontium 38	89 <b>Y</b> yttrium 39	91 <b>Zr</b> zirconium 40	93 <b>Nb</b> niobium 41	96 <b>Mo</b> molybdenum 42	[98] <b>Tc</b> technetium 43	101 <b>Ru</b> ruthenium 44	103 <b>Rh</b> rhodium 45	106 <b>Pd</b> palladium 46	108 <b>Ag</b> silver 47	112 <b>Cd</b> cadmium 48	115 <b>In</b> indium 49	119 <b>Sn</b> tin 50	122 <b>Sb</b> antimony 51	128 <b>Te</b> tellurium 52	127 <b>I</b> iodine 53	131 <b>Xe</b> xenon 54													
133 <b>Cs</b> caesium 55	137 <b>Ba</b> barium 56	139 <b>La*</b> lanthanum 57	178 <b>Hf</b> hafnium 72	181 <b>Ta</b> tantalum 73	184 <b>W</b> tungsten 74	186 <b>Re</b> rhenium 75	190 <b>Os</b> osmium 76	192 <b>Ir</b> iridium 77	195 <b>Pt</b> platinum 78	197 <b>Au</b> gold 79	201 <b>Hg</b> mercury 80	204 <b>Tl</b> thallium 81	207 <b>Pb</b> lead 82	209 <b>Bi</b> bismuth 83	[209] <b>Po</b> polonium 84	[210] <b>At</b> astatine 85	[222] <b>Rn</b> radon 86													

1 (a) Salts of metals can be prepared by reacting the metal with an acid to produce the salt and hydrogen.

(i) Describe the test to show the gas is hydrogen.

(2)

(ii) Nickel is a metal.

Explain how the structure of a nickel atom, Ni, changes when it forms a nickel ion, Ni<sup>2+</sup>.

(2)

(b) A nickel sulfate solution is made by dissolving 23.5 g of nickel sulfate to make 250 cm<sup>3</sup> of solution.

Calculate the concentration of the solution in g dm<sup>-3</sup>.

(2)

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2)

Acids react with insoluble metal oxides to produce salts.

Plan a method to produce a pure, dry sample of the soluble salt copper chloride from an acid and a metal oxide.

**[6 marks]**

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2) a) Steel is an Alloy of Iron

Explain why steel is harder than iron.

**[3 marks]**

b)

Iron is alloyed with carbon and other metals to make stainless steel.

A stainless steel fork contains 71.92% iron.

**Table 2** shows the mass of each element in the fork.

**Table 2**

Element	Iron	Carbon	Chromium	Nickel
Mass of element in g	X	0.05	10.44	5.80

Calculate the mass of iron (X) in the fork.

**[4 marks]**

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**3)**

A copper sulfate solution contained 0.100 moles of copper sulfate dissolved in 0.500 dm<sup>3</sup> of water.

Calculate the mass of copper sulfate in 30.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of this solution.

Relative formula mass ( $M_r$ ): CuSO<sub>4</sub> = 159.5

**[4 marks]**

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4)

This question is about copper and fuels.

Copper is extracted from low-grade ores by phytomining.

Describe how copper metal is produced by phytomining.

**[4 marks]**

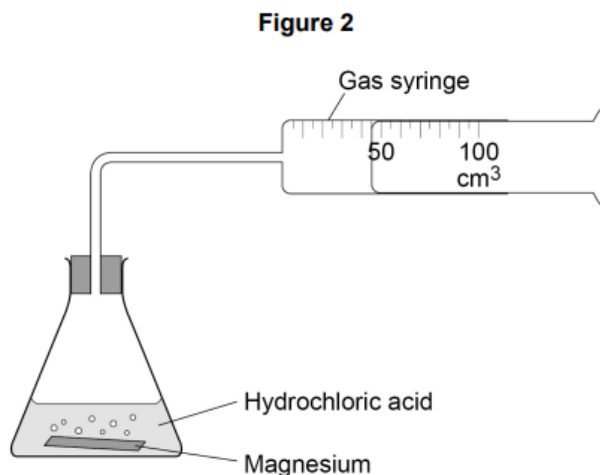
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5)

This question is about magnesium.

A student investigated the rate of the reaction between magnesium and hydrochloric acid.

Figure 2 shows the apparatus.

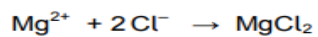


Which is the correct ionic equation for the reaction?

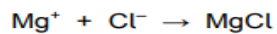
[1 mark]

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**b)**

What happens in the reaction between magnesium and hydrochloric acid?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Electron sharing

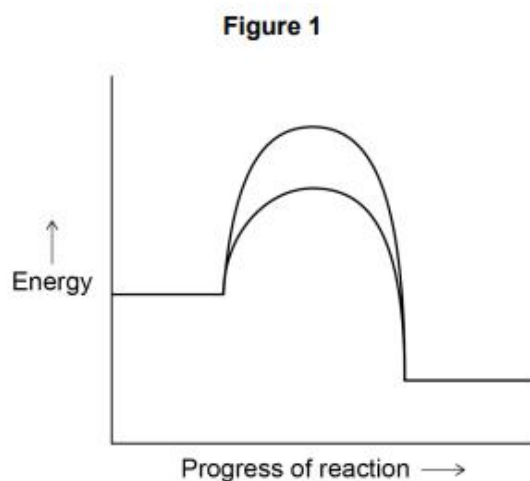
Electron transfer

Proton transfer

6)

Copper is used as a catalyst.

**Figure 1** shows reaction profiles for a reaction with and without a catalyst.



How do the reaction profiles show that using a catalyst does **not** affect the overall energy change for the reaction?

**[1 mark]**

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Both reaction profiles show exothermic reactions.

Both reaction profiles start at the same energy level and end at the same energy level.

Both reaction profiles show the activation energy.

The activation energy for the uncatalysed reaction is much lower than for the catalysed reaction.