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- (a) The student is using a microphone connected to a cathode ray oscilloscope (CRO).



The CRO displays the sound waves as waves on its screen. What does the microphone do?

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(2)

- (b) The amplitude, the frequency and the wavelength of a sound wave can each be either increased or decreased.

- (i) What change, or changes, would make the sound quieter?

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- (ii) What change, or changes, would make the sound higher in pitch?

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(1)

(Total 4 marks)

2

A homeowner had a new gas boiler installed.

- (a) The following information is an extract from the information booklet supplied with the boiler.

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| <b>Fuel</b>                          | Natural Gas       |
| <b>Water temperature</b>             | 60 °C             |
| <b>Energy supplied to gas boiler</b> | 8.0 kJ/s (8.0 kW) |
| <b>Efficiency</b>                    | 0.95              |

- (i) Calculate the energy transferred each second by the gas boiler to the water inside the boiler.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Energy transferred by the gas boiler each second = \_\_\_\_\_ kJ

(2)

- (ii) The energy value of the gas used in a home is measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh).

The homeowner has a pre-payment meter and pays £30 into his account. With a pre-payment meter, gas costs 15p per kilowatt-hour.

Calculate the total number of hours that the gas boiler would operate for £30.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Number of hours = \_\_\_\_\_

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- (b) Although the gas boiler is very efficient, some energy is wasted.

Explain what happens to the waste energy.

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(2)

(Total 6 marks)

3

Electricity can be generated using various energy sources.

- (a) Give **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of using nuclear power stations rather than gas-fired power stations to generate electricity.

Advantage \_\_\_\_\_

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Disadvantage \_\_\_\_\_

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(2)

- (b) (i) A single wind turbine has a maximum power output of 2 000 000 W.

The wind turbine operated continuously at maximum power for 6 hours.

Calculate the energy output in kilowatt-hours of the wind turbine.

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Energy output = \_\_\_\_\_ kWh

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- (ii) Why, on average, do wind turbines operate at maximum power output for only 30% of the time?

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(1)

- (c) An on-shore wind farm is made up of many individual wind turbines.

They are connected to the National Grid using underground power cables.

Give **one** advantage of using underground power cables rather than overhead power cables.

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(1)

(Total 6 marks)

4

The picture shows a new washing machine. When the door is closed and the machine switched on, an electric motor rotates the drum and washing.



(a) What happens to the energy wasted by the electric motor?

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(b) The diagram shows the label from the new washing machine.

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| <b>Model – Wash 3000</b><br><b>Energy A</b>                  |     |
| More efficient<br><br>Less efficient                         |     |
| Energy consumption<br>kWh/wash cycle<br>(based on 40°C wash) | 1.1 |

An 'A' rated washing machine is *more energy efficient* than a 'C' rated washing machine.

Explain what being *more energy efficient* means.

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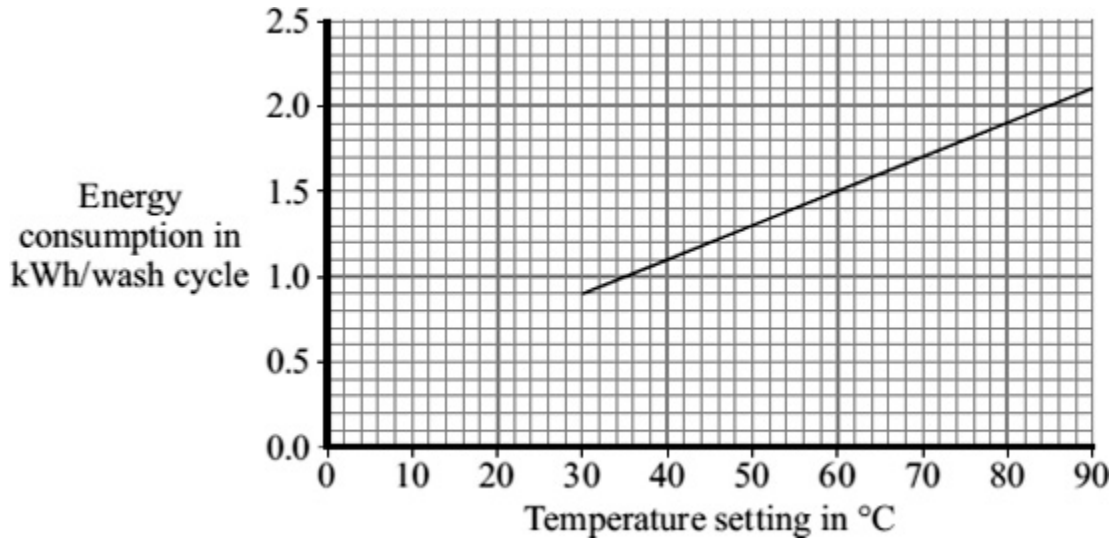
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- (c) The graph shows that washing clothes at a lower temperature uses less energy than washing them at a higher temperature. Using less energy will save money.



- (i) Electricity costs 12 p per kilowatt-hour (kWh).  
The temperature setting is turned down from 40 °C to 30 °C.

Use the graph and equation in the box to calculate the money saved each wash cycle.

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| $\text{total cost} = \text{number of kilowatt-hours} \times \text{cost per kilowatt-hour}$ |
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Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Money saved = \_\_\_\_\_ p

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- (ii) Suggest why reducing the amount of energy used by washing machines could reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

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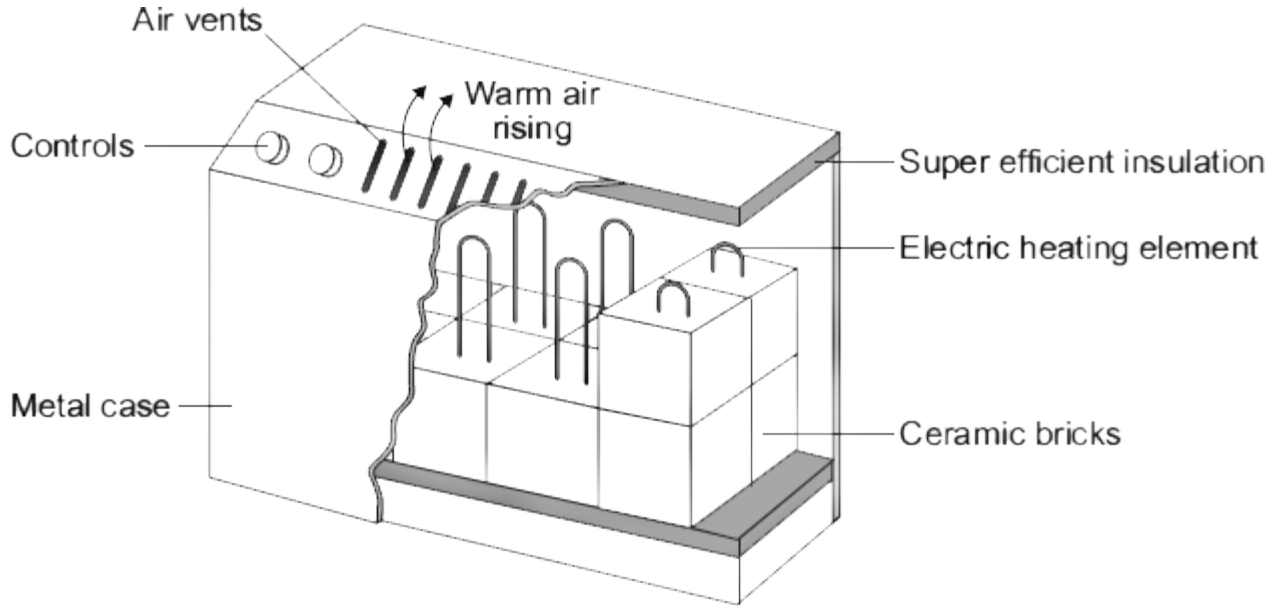
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5

The diagram shows how one type of electric storage heater is constructed. The heater has ceramic bricks inside. The electric elements heat the ceramic bricks during the night. Later, during the daytime, the ceramic bricks transfer the stored energy to the room.



- (a) In winter, the electricity supply to a 2.6 kW storage heater is switched on each day between midnight and 7 am. Between these hours, electricity costs 5 p per kilowatt-hour.

Calculate the daily cost of using the storage heater.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Cost = \_\_\_\_\_ p

(3)

- (b) Homes with electric storage heaters have a separate meter to measure the electricity supplied between midnight and 7 am. Another meter measures the electricity supplied at other times. This electricity supplied at other times costs 15 p per kilowatt-hour.

Electricity companies encourage people to use electricity between midnight and 7 am by selling the electricity at a lower cost.

Suggest why.

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(1)

- (c) By 7 am, the temperature at the centre of the ceramic bricks is about 800 °C. The temperature of the outside metal casing is about 80 °C.

The ceramic bricks are surrounded by 'super-efficient' insulation.

Explain why.

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(2)

- (d) At 7 am, the electricity supply switches off and the temperature of the ceramic bricks starts to fall. The temperature of the bricks falls by 100 °C over the next four hours. During this time, 9 000 000 J of energy are transferred from the bricks.

Calculate the total mass of ceramic bricks inside the heater.

Specific heat capacity of the ceramic bricks = 750 J/kg °C.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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

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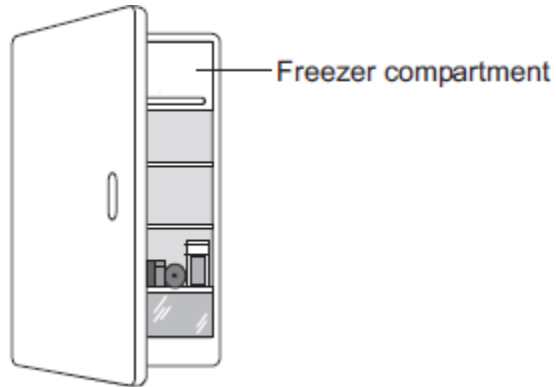
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(a) The figure below shows a fridge with a freezer compartment.

The temperature of the air inside the freezer compartment is  $-5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



The air inside the fridge forms a convection current when the fridge door is closed.

Explain why.

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- (b) The table below shows information about four fridges.

| Fridge | Volume in litres | Energy used in one year in kWh |
|--------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| A      | 250              | 300                            |
| B      | 375              | 480                            |
| C      | 500              | 630                            |
| D      | 750              | 750                            |

A householder concludes that the energy used in one year is directly proportional to the volume of the fridge.

Explain why her conclusion is **not** correct.

Use data from the table in your answer.

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(2)

- (c) New fridges are more efficient than fridges made twenty years ago.

Give **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of replacing an old fridge with a new fridge.

Ignore the cost of buying a new fridge.

Advantage \_\_\_\_\_

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Disadvantage \_\_\_\_\_

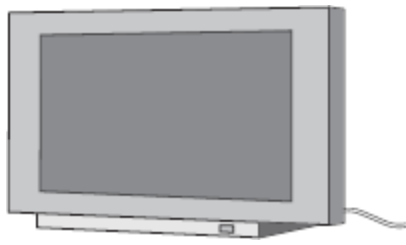
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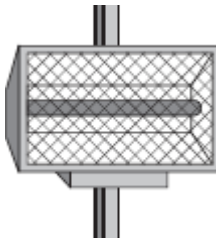
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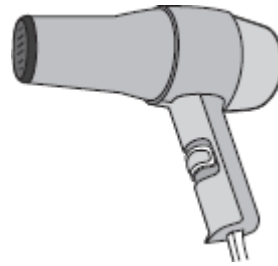
The data included in the diagrams gives the power of the electrical appliances.



TV  
160 W



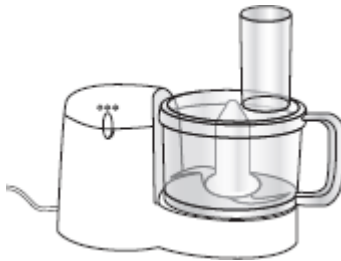
Radiant heater  
1.0 kW



Hairdryer  
1100 W



Sandwich toaster  
1.1 kW



Food processor  
0.4 kW



Table lamp  
40 W

- (a) (i) Which of the appliances are designed to transform electrical energy to kinetic energy?

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(1)

- (ii) Which of the appliances waste energy as heat?

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- (b) Leaving the radiant heater switched on is likely to lead to more carbon dioxide being emitted into the atmosphere than leaving the table lamp on for the same length of time.

Explain why.

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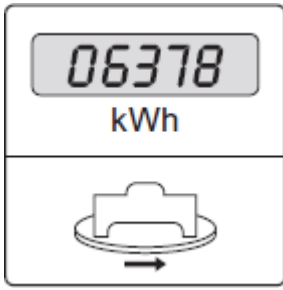
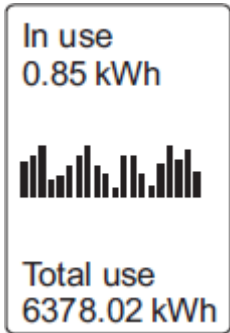


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(2)

- (c) A homeowner decides to monitor the amount of electrical energy used in his home. He can do this by using the home's electricity meter or by using a separate electronic device.

The table gives some information about each method.

| Electricity meter   | Electronic device   |
|---|---|
| Records to the nearest kilowatt-hour  | Records to the nearest 1/100th kilowatt-hour  |
| Homeowner takes readings at regular intervals                                       | Energy use recorded continuously and stored for one year                            |
|   | Displays a graph showing energy use over a period of time                           |
|  |  |

- (i) Complete the following sentence.

The reading given by the electronic device is more \_\_\_\_\_ than the reading given by the electricity meter.

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- (ii) Suggest how data collected and displayed by the electronic device could be useful to the homeowner.

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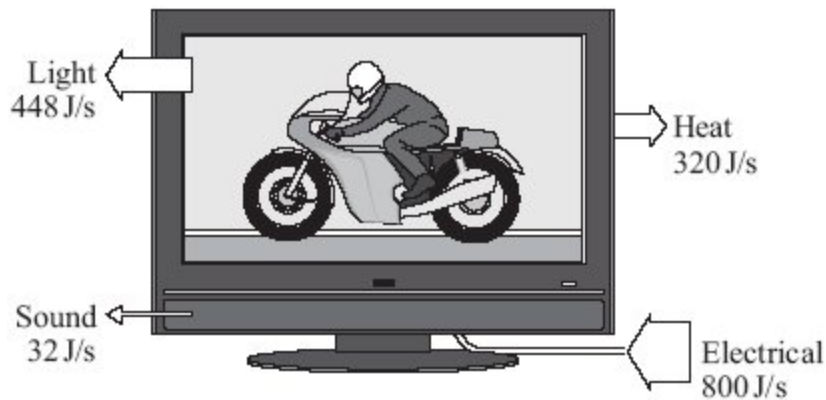
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(3)

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- (a) The diagram shows the energy transformations produced by a TV.



- (i) Calculate the efficiency of the TV, using the information in the diagram..

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Efficiency = \_\_\_\_\_

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- (ii) What eventually happens to the useful energy transferred by the TV?

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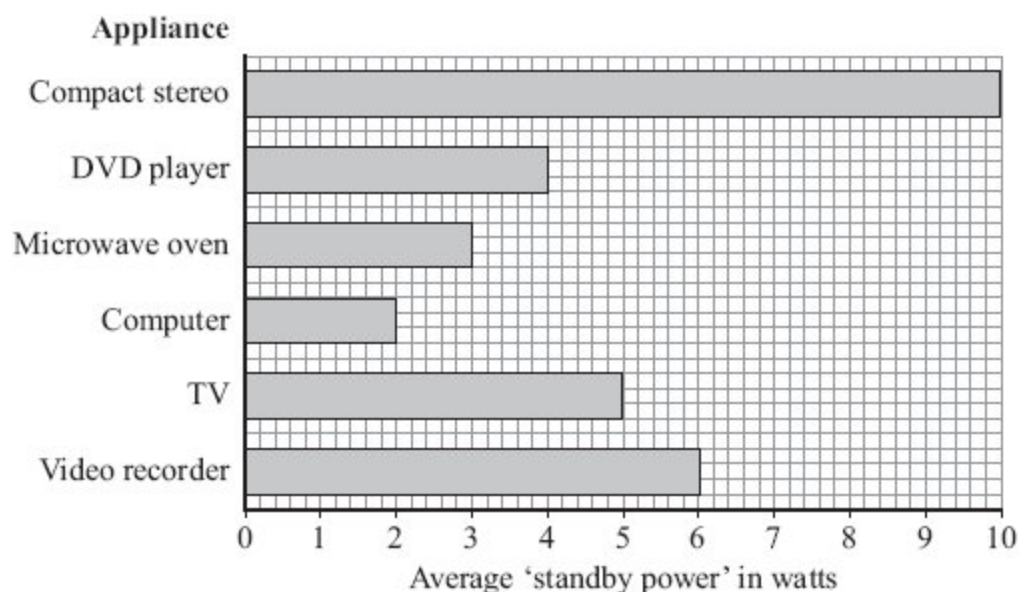


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- (b) Electrical appliances left on standby use energy.

The bar chart shows the power for the appliances that one family leaves on standby when they go on holiday.



The family is on holiday for a total of 175 hours.

- (i) Use the information in the bar chart and the equation in the box to calculate the energy wasted by leaving the compact stereo on standby while the family is on holiday.

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|--|---|-------------------------|---|-------------------|
| energy transferred<br>(kilowatt-hour, kWh) | = | power<br>(kilowatt, kW) | × | time<br>(hour, h) |
|--|---|-------------------------|---|-------------------|

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Energy wasted = \_\_\_\_\_ kilowatt-hours

(2)

- (ii) Electricity costs 12 p per kilowatt-hour.

Use the equation in the box to calculate the cost of leaving the compact stereo on standby while the family is on holiday.

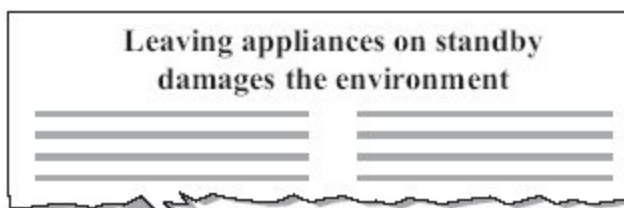
$$\text{total cost} = \text{number of kilowatt-hours} \times \text{cost per kilowatt-hour}$$

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

Cost = \_\_\_\_\_ p

(1)

- (c) A headline from a recent newspaper article is shown below.



Explain why leaving appliances on standby damages the environment.

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(2)

(Total 8 marks)

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**Table 1** shows information about different light bulbs.

The bulbs all have the same brightness.

**Table 1**

| Type of bulb              | Input power in watts | Efficiency |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Halogen                   | 40                   | 0.15       |
| Compact fluorescent (CFL) | 14                   | 0.42       |
| LED                       | 7                    | 0.85       |

- (a) (i) Calculate the useful power output of the CFL bulb.

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Useful power output = \_\_\_\_\_ watts

(2)

- (ii) Use your answer to part (i) to calculate the waste energy produced each second by a CFL bulb.

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Waste energy per second = \_\_\_\_\_ joules

(1)



- (b) (i) A growth cabinet is used to investigate the effect of light on the rate of growth of plants.

The figure below shows a growth cabinet.



In the cabinet the factors that affect growth can be controlled.

A cooler unit is used to keep the temperature in the cabinet constant. The cooler unit is programmed to operate when the temperature rises above 20 °C.

The growth cabinet is lit using 50 halogen bulbs.

Changing from using halogen bulbs to LED bulbs would reduce the cost of running the growth cabinet.

Explain why.

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(4)

(ii) A scientist measured the rate of growth of plants for different intensities of light.

What type of graph should be drawn to present the results?

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Give a reason for your answer.

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(1)

(c) **Table 2** gives further information about both a halogen bulb and a LED bulb.

**Table 2**

| Type of bulb | Cost to buy | Lifetime in hours | Operating cost over the lifetime of one bulb |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------|--|
| Halogen      | £1.50       | 2 000             | £16.00                                       |
| LED          | £30.00      | 48 000            | £67.20                                       |

A householder needs to replace a broken halogen light bulb.

Compare the cost efficiency of buying and using halogen bulbs rather than a LED bulb over a time span of 48 000 hours of use.

Your comparison must include calculations.

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(4)

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Solar panels are often seen on the roofs of houses.

(a) Describe the action and purpose of a solar panel.

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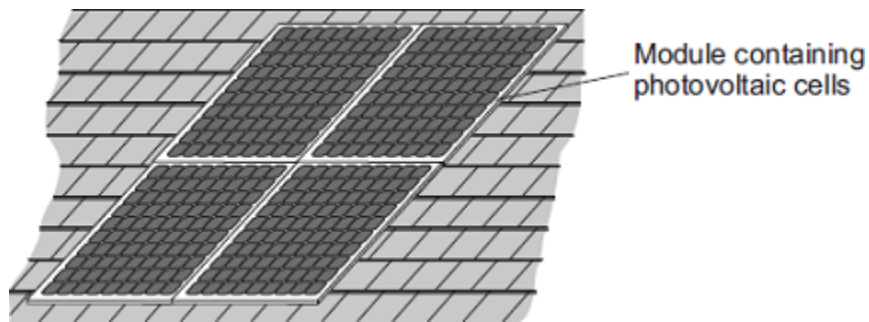
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(b) Photovoltaic cells transfer light energy to electrical energy.

In the UK, some householders have fitted modules containing photovoltaic cells on the roofs of their houses.

Four modules are shown in the diagram.



The electricity company pays the householder for the energy transferred.

The maximum power available from the photovoltaic cells shown in the diagram is  $1.4 \times 10^3 \text{ W}$ .

How long, in minutes, does it take to transfer 168 kJ of energy?

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Time = \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

(3)

- (c) When the modules are fitted on a roof, the householder gets an extra electricity meter to measure the amount of energy transferred by the photovoltaic cells.
- (i) The diagram shows two readings of this electricity meter taken three months apart. The readings are in kilowatt-hours (kWh).

|             |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 November | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 21 February | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 4 |

Calculate the energy transferred by the photovoltaic cells during this time period.

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Energy transferred = \_\_\_\_\_ kWh

**(1)**

- (ii) The electricity company pays 40p for each kWh of energy transferred. Calculate the money the electricity company would pay the householder.

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Money paid = \_\_\_\_\_

**(2)**

- (iii) The cost of the four modules is £6000. Calculate the payback time in years for the modules.

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Payback time = \_\_\_\_\_ years

**(3)**

- (iv) State an assumption you have made in your calculation in part (iii).

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**(1)**

- (d) In the northern hemisphere, the modules should always face south for the maximum transfer of energy.

State **one** other factor that would affect the amount of energy transferred during daylight hours.

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(1)

(Total 13 marks)