

13 The photograph shows a small aeroplane, of mass 600 kg.



This aeroplane has an electric motor powered by fuel cells.

Fuel cells use hydrogen gas and provide an electric current.

(a) When the aeroplane is working, the energy changes are

(1)

- ☐ **A** chemical → electrical → kinetic
- ☐ **B** electrical → chemical → kinetic
- ☐ **C** electrical → kinetic → chemical
- ☐ **D** kinetic → chemical → electrical

(b) The velocity of the aeroplane is 28 m/s.

(i) State the equation linking kinetic energy, mass and velocity.

(1)

(ii) Calculate the kinetic energy of the aeroplane.

(2)

Kinetic energy = J



(c) The aeroplane takes off and climbs to a height of 1000 m.

(i) State the equation linking gravitational potential energy (GPE), mass, g and height. (1)

(ii) Calculate the gravitational potential energy gained by the aeroplane. (2)

GPE of the aeroplane = J

(iii) The fuel cells provide a maximum total power of 24 kW. The aeroplane also carries a large rechargeable battery.

Show, by calculation, that the aeroplane needs this extra source of power to climb to 1000 m in 3 minutes.

(2)

(iv) The aeroplane uses fuel cells connected together in series in a 'stack'.

The voltage of each fuel cell is 0.6 V. The maximum current in each fuel cell is 30 A.

Show that there must be more than 1300 fuel cells in the stack.

(2)

(Total for Question 13 = 11 marks)

