

16 An irrigation system uses a pump to move water from a lower level to a higher level. The electricity for the pump is generated using a panel of solar cells.

(a) The panel of solar cells is 1.20 m long and 0.80 m wide. To pump water from the lower level to the higher level the pump needs a minimum power of 140 W.

(i) Calculate the minimum efficiency of the panel of solar cells that will operate the pump.

intensity of sunlight on solar cells = 1040 W m^{-2}

(4)

Minimum efficiency =

(ii) Suggest **two** reasons why the value calculated in (i) is the minimum efficiency that will operate the pump.

(2)



(b) Light from the Sun arriving at the solar cells is unpolarised.

(i) Explain the difference between unpolarised light and plane polarised light.

(3)

(ii) Describe how a student can demonstrate that light from the Sun is unpolarised.

(2)

(Total for Question 16 = 11 marks)