

- 3 A student investigated how the power output of a solar cell is affected by temperature. The intensity of light incident on the solar cell remained constant.

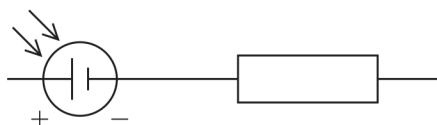
He used a square solar cell, as shown.



The student determined the power output of the solar cell at different temperatures.

- (a) Complete the diagram to show a circuit that would allow him to determine the power output of the solar cell.

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- (b) Describe how the student could ensure that the intensity of light incident on the solar cell remained constant.

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(c) State a method the student could use to increase the temperature of the solar cell.

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(d) At room temperature, the student measured a potential difference of 2.74 V and a current of 45 mA for the solar cell.

Calculate the power output of the solar cell.

(2)

Power output = .....

(e) He measured the intensity of the light incident on the solar cell to be  $200 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ .

Calculate the efficiency of the solar cell at room temperature.

dimensions of solar cell =  $60 \text{ mm} \times 60 \text{ mm}$

(3)

Efficiency = .....



- (f) The student made measurements of the potential difference  $V$  and current  $I$  for the solar cell over a range of temperatures.

His results are recorded in the table.

Temperature / °C	$V/V$	$I/\text{mA}$
15	2.76	45.8
20	2.62	47
30	2.46	48
50	2.05	51.5

- (i) Criticise these results.

(2)

- (ii) Over the range of temperatures shown, the relationship between the power output of the solar cell and its temperature is linear.

Describe how the student could use a graphical method to determine the change in power output for each 1°C of temperature increase.

(3)

(Total for Question 3 = 15 marks)