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Paper 6 Alternative to Practical

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1 hour

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer all questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do not use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do not write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

1 (a) Fig. 1.1 shows two animals, one from a cold climate and one from a hot climate.



cold climate hot climate

Fig. 1.1

The animal from the cold climate is much larger than the animal from the hot climate. Identify **two** other visible differences which can be seen in Fig. 1.1.

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2	
	[2

(b) A student investigates heat loss in animals of different sizes.

Two beakers of different sizes represent the animals:

- A large beaker represents a large animal.
- A small beaker represents a small animal.

Procedure

The student:

 clamps one thermometer in a large beaker and another thermometer in a small beaker, as shown in Fig. 1.2

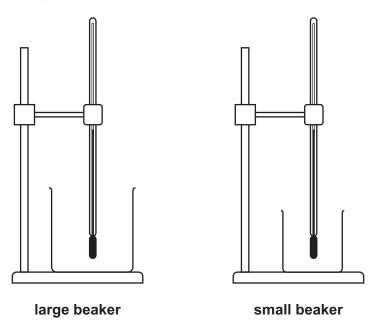


Fig. 1.2

- adds approximately 200 cm³ of hot water to the large beaker
- adds approximately 50 cm³ of hot water to the small beaker
- records both temperatures in Table 1.1
- records in Table 1.1 the temperature in each beaker every 60 seconds for 300 seconds.

(i) Fig. 1.3 shows the readings on the thermometers at 60 seconds.

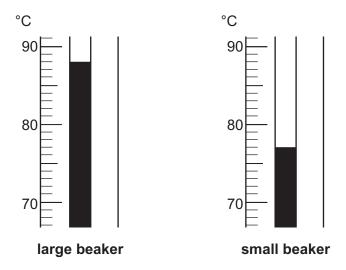


Fig. 1.3

Record in Table 1.1 the temperature of the hot water in each beaker at 60 seconds.

Table 1.1

time /seconds	temperature of water in large beaker /°C	temperature of water in small beaker /°C		
0	91	82		
60				
120	84	72		
180	81	67		
240	78	63		
300	75	59		

[2]

(ii) Calculate the temperature change of the water in **each** beaker.

Use the equation shown.

temperature change = (temperature at 0 seconds) – (temperature at 300 seconds)

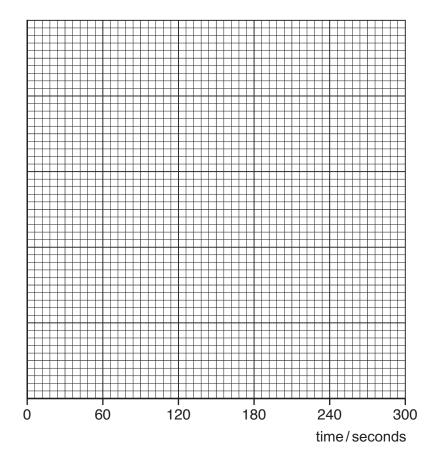
temperature change in **large** beaker =°C

temperature change in **small** beaker =°C

[1]

- (c) You are going to plot a graph of temperature against time for **both** beakers **on the same axes**.
 - Use a scale for the temperature axis that is suitable for **both** beakers. You do **not** need to start the scale at zero.
 - Plot the points for the large beaker.
 - Draw the smooth best-fit curve. Label this curve L.
 - Plot the points for the small beaker.
 - Draw the smooth best-fit curve. Label this curve S.

temperature/°C



[4]

(d)	Compare the temperature changes of the water in each beaker.				

(e)	Suggest which animal, large or small, loses heat more quickly.
	Explain your choice using your answers to (b)(ii) and (c).
	animal
	explanation
	[1]
(f)	Suggest one improvement to the procedure which gives a fairer comparison of the rate of heat loss from the beakers.
	[1]
	[Total: 13]

 ${\bf 2} \hspace{0.5cm} \hbox{A student prepares a sample of the blue salt, copper(II) sulfate.}$

The student reacts copper(II) carbonate with dilute sulfuric acid.

Copper(II) carbonate is a green insoluble solid.

(a) Procedure

The student:

step step step step step	adds excess copper(II) carbonate stirs the mixture until the mixture stops fizzing filters the mixture into a flask	
(i)	Name a piece of apparatus suitable for measuring 20 cm ³ of dilute sulfuric acid in step	o 1.
		[1]
(ii)	The student tests the gas given off in step 3.	
	The gas turns limewater milky.	
	Name the gas given off.	
		[1]
(iii)	Describe the appearance of the residue in the filter paper and the filtrate in the flast step 4.	< in
	residue	
	iltrate	
		[2]

	(iv)	Describe, in detail, how to make large crystals of	of copper(II) sulfate from the filtrate.
			[3]
(b)	The	filtrate contains both copper(II) ions and sulfate	ions.
	The	student does some tests on the filtrate.	
	(i)	The student adds aqueous ammonia until it is in	n excess to a sample of the filtrate.
		Describe what the student observes.	
			[2]
	(ii)	The student uses two reagents to test for the pr	esence of aqueous sulfate ions.
		Tick (✓) two boxes to identify the reagents.	
		aqueous barium nitrate	
		dilute nitric acid	
		aqueous sodium hydroxide	
		aqueous silver nitrate	
		dilute sulfuric acid	
			[1]

(c) A student does a flame test.

The student:

- · cleans a flame test wire
- dips the flame test wire into a sample of solid copper(II) sulfate
- places the wire in the top of a blue Bunsen burner flame
- observes a blue-green and yellow flame.

(i)	Suggest why the student cleans the flame test wire.
	[1]
(ii)	Explain why the student thinks the sample of $copper(II)$ sulfate is $\ensuremath{\text{not}}$ pure.
	[1]
(iii)	Suggest why it is important to use a blue Bunsen burner flame rather than a yellow Bunsen burner flame in the flame test.
	[1]
	[Total: 13]

- 3 A student determines the density of a cork.
 - (a) The student determines the volume of the cork using the method of displacement.

Procedure

The student:

- adds 70.0 cm³ of water to a measuring cylinder
- lowers a metal object into the water using a thin cotton thread
- records the total volume of the water and metal object
- removes the metal object and attaches the cork to it
- lowers the metal object and cork into the water
- records the total volume of the water, metal object and cork.

Fig. 3.1 shows the procedure.

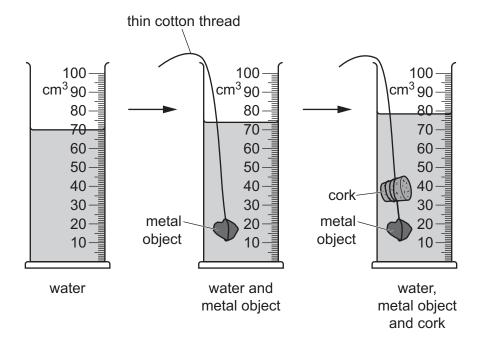
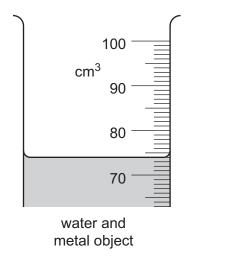
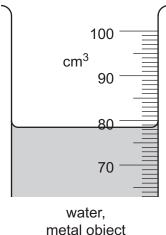


Fig. 3.1

(i)	State one precaution the student takes when reading the level of water in the measucylinder.						
		[1]					

(ii) Fig. 3.2 shows the levels of water in the measuring cylinder for the water and metal object and the water, metal object and cork.





metal object and cork

Fig. 3.2

Record in Table 3.1 the volumes shown in Fig. 3.2.

Table 3.1

contents of measuring cylinder	volume /cm ³
water and metal object	
water, metal object and cork	

[2]

(iii) Use the volumes in Table 3.1 to calculate the volume of the cork.

Use the equation shown.

volume of cork = cm³ [1]

(b)	The student uses a balance to measure the mass of the cork.
	The mass of the cork is 1.9 g.
	Calculate the density of the cork.
	Use the equation shown.
	$density = \frac{mass}{volume}$
	Give your answer to two significant figures.
	density of cork = g/cm ³ [2]
(c)	Cork floats on water.
	Suggest why the metal object is needed in this experiment.
	[1]
	[Total: 7]

4 A student has clothes made of three different materials: cotton, polyester and wool.

After washing the clothes, the student observes the wet clothes becoming dry as the water evaporates.

The student wants to know if the material of the clothes affects the rate at which the water evaporates.

Plan an investigation to determine how the **material** of the clothes affects the **rate of evaporation** of water from the clothes.

You are provided with:

- samples of cotton, polyester and wool
- water

You may use any common laboratory apparatus in your plan.

Include in your plan:

- the apparatus needed
- a brief description of the method, explaining any safety precautions you will take
- what you will measure
- which variables you will keep constant
- how you will process your results to draw a conclusion.

You may include a labelled diagram.

You may include a results table (you are not required to enter any readings in the table).

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