

- d. The supervisor, using his/her own measuring device, will dispense the volume of water into each team's beaker. A team may elect to install a beaker in a device prior to this but must leave sufficient access to the beaker. Teams may secure/close access panels with fastening materials after receiving water, but must do so in a manner to not delay dispensing to other teams. Supervisors must record the time each team receives water and the room and source water temperature when dispensed.
- e. Teams will use their graphs and/or tables to calculate the temperature of the water in their beaker at the end of the cooling time. After receiving water, teams will be given at least 3, but no more than 5 minutes to make their final predictions. During this time, teams may use their own thermometers to measure the starting water temperature in their beaker, but after this time must remove them.
- f. At the end of the cooling period, the supervisor will record the ending time and the temperature in the beaker to the best precision of the available instrument. Supervisors may leave thermometers/probes in the devices for the entire cooling period but will announce if they will do so before impound. Otherwise they will insert a thermometer/probe into the beaker in the device, wait at least 20 seconds, and record the resulting temperature. Multiple thermometers/probes may be used at the supervisor's discretion.
- g. The supervisor will review with the team the Part I data recorded on their scoresheet.
- h. Teams filing an appeal regarding Part I must leave their device in the competition area.

## Part II: Written Test

- a. Teams will take a test on thermodynamics during the remaining time after all devices receive water.
  - b. Unless otherwise requested, answers must be in metric units with appropriate significant figures.
  - c. Teams will be given a minimum of 20 minutes to complete a written test consisting of multiple choice, true-false, completion, or calculation questions/problems.
  - d. The test will consist of at least three questions from each of the following areas:
    - i. The history of thermodynamics
    - ii. Definition of temperature, temperature scales and conversions, definitions of heat units
    - iii. Phases of matter, phase transitions, phase diagrams, latent heat, ideal gas law
    - iv. Kinds of heat transfer, thermal conductivity, heat capacity, specific heat
    - v. Thermodynamic laws and processes (e.g., Carnot cycle and efficiency, adiabatic, isothermal)
    - vi. Division C only: Radiant exitance, entropy, enthalpy
5. **SCORING:**
- a. High score wins. All scoring calculations are to be done in degrees Celsius (°C).
  - b. The Final Score = TS + CS + HS + PS; a scoring spreadsheet is available at [www.soinc.org](http://www.soinc.org).
  - c. Test Score (TS) = (Part II score / Highest Part II score for all teams) x 45 points
    - i. Chart Score (CS) = max of 10 points
    - ii. Heat Score (HS) =  $20 \times (\text{lowest } k \text{ of all teams}) / k$ , where  $k$  is from Newton's law of cooling:  $k = -(1 / \text{cooling time}) \times \ln((\text{start water temp} - \text{room temp}) / (\text{final water temp} - \text{room temp}))$
    - iii. Prediction Score (PS) =  $25 - 2.5 \times \text{abs}(\text{prediction} - \text{final temp})$ . The minimum PS possible is 0 points.
  - d. One of the submitted graphs and/or tables, selected by the event supervisor, must be scored as follows for the Chart Score. Partial credit may be given.
    - i. 2 points for including data spanning at least one variable range listed in 4.Part I.a.
    - ii. 2 points for including at least 10 data points in each data series
    - iii. 2 points for proper labeling (e.g. title, team name, units)
    - iv. 0.5 points for each graph or table turned in (up to 2 points total as long as they are not the same)
    - v. 2 points for including a labeled device picture or diagram
  - e. If a team violates any COMPETITION rules, their PS score will be multiplied by 0.9 and their  $k$  will be multiplied by 1.1 when calculating the scores.
  - f. If any CONSTRUCTION violation(s) are corrected during Part I, or if the team misses impound, their PS will be multiplied by 0.7 and their  $k$  will be multiplied by 1.4 when calculating the scores.
  - g. Teams disqualified for unsafe operation or do not having a conforming insulating device at the start of Part I receive zero points for their HS and PS scores. Teams will be allowed to compete in Part II.
  - h. Tie Breakers will be applied in the following order: i. Best TS, ii. Best PS, iii. Best HS.

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