

Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.

- 1 Fig.1.1 shows an elongated block with a square cross sectional area of a particular conducting material.

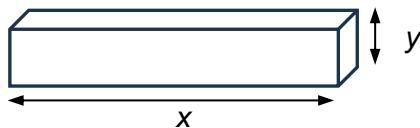


Fig. 1.1

The rate of thermal energy transfer with respect to time, q , through the block is given by

$$q = py^2 \left(\frac{T}{x} \right)$$

where p is the thermal conductivity of the material;

y is the length of the square cross-sectional area of the material;

T is the temperature difference between the two ends of the material;

and x is the length of the block.

Fig. 1.2 shows the data obtained in a particular experiment.

quantity	value	percentage uncertainty
T	323 K	$\pm 0.50\%$
x	1.00 m	$\pm 1.0\%$
p	$237 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$	$\pm 2.0\%$
y	0.200 cm	$\pm 3.0\%$

Fig. 1.2

- (a) Determine the SI base units of p .

SI base units of p = [2]

- (b) Using the values given in Fig. 1.2,
(i) determine the value of q , to three significant figures.

$$q = \dots \text{W} [2]$$

- (ii) determine the percentage uncertainty of q .

$$\text{percentage uncertainty of } q = \dots \% [2]$$

- (c) Use your answer in (b) to determine the actual uncertainty in the value of q .
Hence give a statement of q , with its uncertainty, to an appropriate number of significant figures.

$$q = \dots \pm \dots \text{W} [2]$$

