

- 2 In the Stefan-Boltzmann law, the net radiated power P emitted from an object of surface area A and at temperature T , placed in an environment of temperature T_0 can be obtained from the equation

$$P = \varepsilon \sigma A (T^4 - T_0^4)$$

where emissivity ε is a dimensionless property of the object, σ is the Stefan constant, and the value of each quantity used is expressed in SI unit.

What unit, if any, should be used for the constant σ ?

- A** $\text{J m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{K}^{-4}$ **B** $\text{W m}^{-2} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-4}$ **C** W m^{-2} **D** no unit