

- 6 (a) A children's outdoor paddling pool is 4.0 m in diameter and 20.0 cm deep. Cold water is allowed to flow in to one side of the pool at a rate of 20 litres per minute, and the same amount of water overflows from the other side of the pool (1 litre = 1 kg of water). The water in the pool mixes evenly so that it is all heated by the energy from the sun.

On a good sunny day, the sun provides energy to raise the temperature of the water between entering and leaving the pool. The temperature rise is 3.0 K.

- (i) Given that the specific heat capacity of water is $4200 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$, show that the energy from the sun received by the 20 litres of water, between entering and leaving the pool, in one minute, is 252 kJ. [1]

- (ii) Hence, calculate the solar power per square metre falling on the surface of the pool.

Power per square meter = W m^{-2} [2]

- (iii) Suggest why the value calculated in (a)(ii) is likely to be too low.

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- (b) An electrical (photovoltaic) solar cell (see **Fig. 6.2**) is connected in a simple circuit, as shown in **Fig. 6.1**. The solar cell is placed in the **same** sunlight as in (a). A *solar cell*, or *photovoltaic cell*, is a device that

converts light energy directly into electrical energy. It produces a voltage when exposed to light.

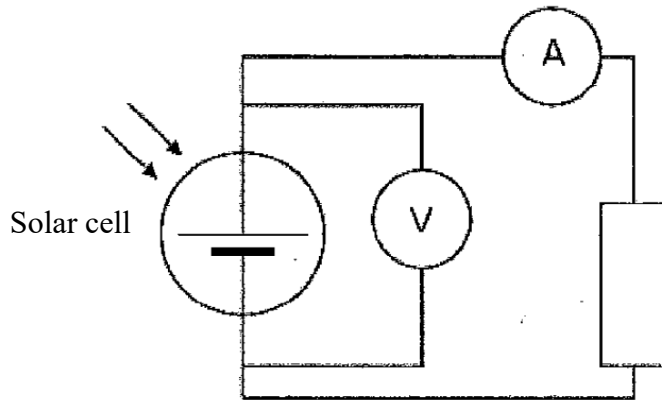


Fig. 6.1



Fig. 6.2

The following information is available:
 Dimensions of solar cell = 15 cm x 15 cm
 Current in circuit = 200 mA
 Voltage across solar cell = 7.0 V

- (i) Calculate the power per square metre generated by the solar cell.

Power per square metre = W m^{-2} [1]

- (ii) Assuming that the value for the solar power per square metre, calculated in (a)(ii), is the correct value, calculate the efficiency of the solar cell.

Efficiency = % [1]

- (c) (i) Above the atmosphere, the intensity (I) of the solar radiation is about 1.4 kW m^{-2} . Given that the distance from the Sun to the Earth is $r = 150 \times 10^6 \text{ km}$, calculate the power output of the sun.

Power output = W[2]

- (ii) Assuming that the electrical solar panels of a satellite in orbit around the Earth are 40% efficient, calculate the surface area of the solar panels required to produce an electrical output power of 200 W.

Surface area = m^2 [2]

