

Section B

Answer **one** question from this Section in the spaces provided.

- 8 (a)** State what is meant by the *thermal equilibrium* of two bodies by reference to

- (i) temperature,

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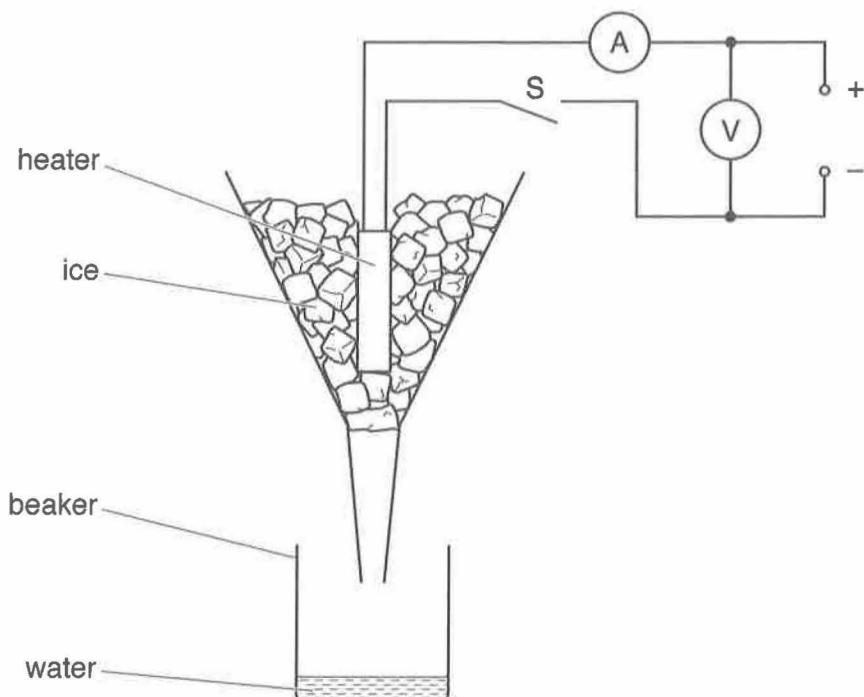
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- (ii) movement of thermal energy.

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- (b)** A student carries out an experiment with melting ice, using the apparatus illustrated in Fig. 8.1.

**Fig. 8.1**

Initially, the switch S is open and the funnel is kept filled with pure melting ice. Water drips out of the funnel at a constant rate.



- (i) Suggest and explain whether the ice is in thermal equilibrium with its surroundings.
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- (ii) The switch S is closed. When water drips out of the funnel at a different constant rate, the beaker is replaced with an empty beaker and the readings shown in Fig. 8.2 are obtained.

ammeter reading /A	voltmeter reading /V	mass of empty beaker/g	mass of beaker plus water/g	time of collection of water /minutes
6.3	12.0	32.4	114.0	5.0

Fig. 8.2

The specific latent heat of fusion of ice is 330 J g^{-1} .

Calculate the rate R at which thermal energy is gained from the atmosphere by the ice in the funnel.

$$R = \dots \text{ W} [3]$$

- (c) (i) By reference to the energy of molecules, explain why the internal energy of an ideal gas is proportional to its thermodynamic temperature.
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- (ii) Some neon-20 gas is heated at constant volume so that its pressure and temperature change as shown in Fig. 8.3.



Fig. 8.3

The neon-20 gas is a monatomic gas that may be assumed to behave as an ideal gas.

For the change illustrated in Fig. 8.3 to occur, 1220 J of thermal energy is supplied to the gas.

1. Show that the mass of gas remains constant during the heating process.

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2. Determine the specific heat capacity c of the gas when measured at constant volume.

$$c = \dots \text{J g}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1} [3]$$

- (iii) Use the first law of thermodynamics to suggest why the specific heat capacity, as calculated in (ii), would be larger when the heating takes place at constant pressure, rather than at constant volume.
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