

8.1 Energy Density Practice

2020 *[18 marks]*

1. Which of the following energy sources results from the solar energy incident on Earth? *[1 mark]*
- A. Nuclear fission
 - B. Wind energy
 - C. Nuclear fusion
 - D. Geothermal energy

Markscheme

B

2. Which of the following is a renewable and non-renewable energy source? *[1 mark]*

	Renewable	Non-renewable
A.	uranium	coal
B.	tidal	uranium
C.	uranium	biogas
D.	natural gas	biogas

Markscheme

B

3. The energy source that currently provides the greatest proportion of the world's total energy demand is *[1 mark]*
- A. coal.
 - B. oil.
 - C. natural gas.
 - D. uranium.

Markscheme

B

4. Which energy resource is renewable?

[1 mark]

- A. Natural gas
- B. Uranium
- C. Biogas
- D. Coal

Markscheme

C

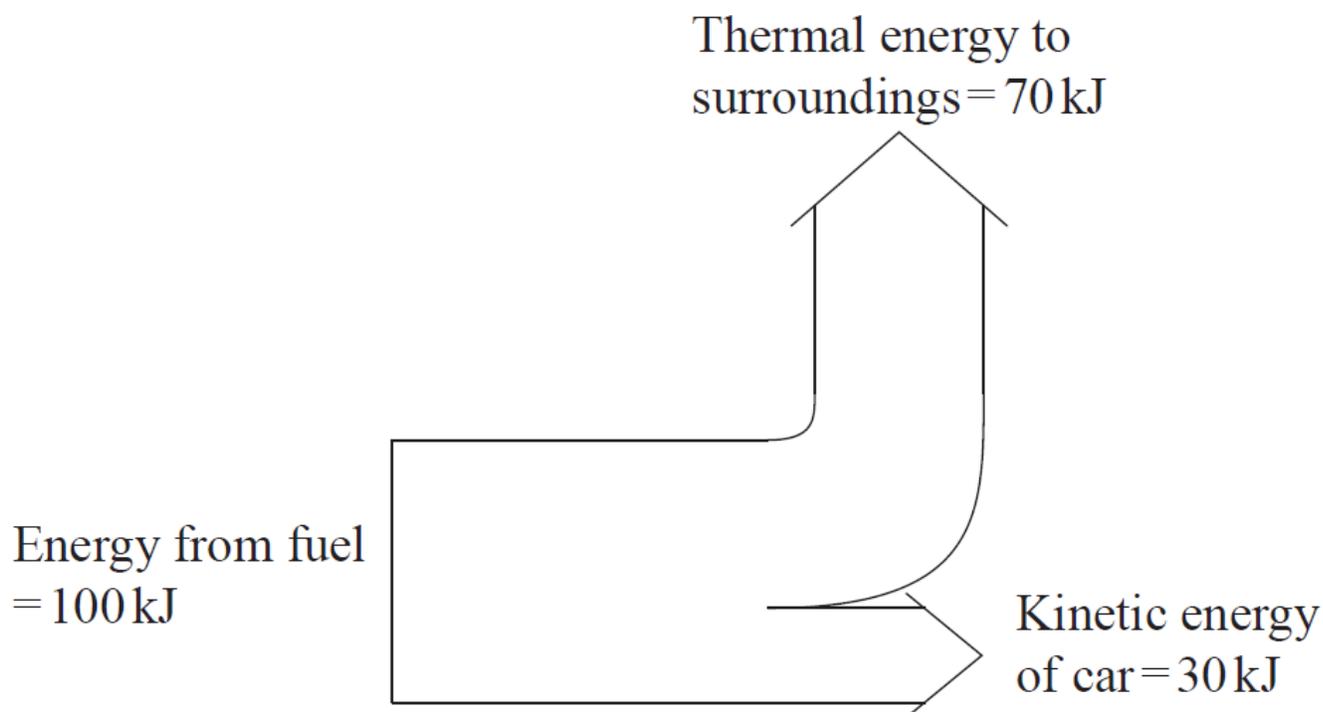
5. The original source of the electrical power produced by a wind generator is [1 mark]

- A. the Sun's radiated energy.
- B. the gravitational energy of the Sun and the Moon.
- C. nuclear energy stored within atoms in the Earth's atmosphere.
- D. the Earth's internal energy.

Markscheme

A

6. The diagram below shows an energy flow diagram (Sankey diagram) for a [1 mark] car.



What is the efficiency of the car?

- A. 30%
- B. 40%
- C. 70%
- D. 100%

Markscheme

A

This question is in **two** parts. **Part 1** is about a nuclear reactor. **Part 2** is about simple harmonic oscillations.

Part 1 Nuclear reactor

7. The reactor produces 24 MW of power. The efficiency of the reactor is 32 [4 marks] %. In the fission of one uranium-235 nucleus 3.2×10^{-11} J of energy is released.

Determine the mass of uranium-235 that undergoes fission in one year in this reactor.

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power produced $\left(\frac{24}{0.32}\right) = 75\text{MW}$;

energy produced in a year $(75 \times 10^6 \times 365 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60) = 2.37 \times 10^{15}\text{J}$;

number of reactions required in one year $\left(\frac{2.37 \times 10^{15}}{3.2 \times 10^{-11}}\right) = 7.39 \times 10^{25}$;

mass used $(7.39 \times 10^{25} \times 235 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27}) \approx 29\text{kg}$;

or

mass used $\left(\frac{7.39 \times 10^{25}}{6.02 \times 10^{23}} \times 235 \times 10^{-3}\right) = 29\text{kg}$;

This question is in **two** parts. **Part 1** is about a lightning discharge. **Part 2** is about fuel for heating.

Part 2 Fuel for heating

8a. Define the *energy density* of a fuel.

[1 mark]

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energy (released) per unit mass;

Accept per unit volume or per kg or per m³.

Do not accept per unit density.

A room heater burns liquid fuel and the following data are available.

Density of liquid fuel $= 8.0 \times 10^2\text{kg m}^{-3}$

Energy produced by 1m³ of liquid fuel $= 2.7 \times 10^{10}\text{J}$

Rate at which fuel is consumed $= 0.13\text{g s}^{-1}$

Latent heat of vaporization of the fuel $= 290\text{kJ kg}^{-1}$

8b. (i) Use the data to calculate the power output of the room heater, ignoring the power required to convert the liquid fuel into a gas. [5 marks]

(ii) Show why, in your calculation in (b)(i), the power required to convert the liquid fuel into a gas at its boiling point can be ignored.

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(i) volume of fuel used per second = $\frac{\text{rate}}{\text{density}}$ ($= 1.63 \times 10^{-7} \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$);

energy = $2.7 \times 10^{10} \times 1.63 \times 10^{-7}$;

= (4.3875 =) 4.4 kW;

Award [3] for bald correct answer.

(ii) power required = ($2.9 \times 10^5 \times 0.13 \times 10^{-3}$ =) 38 W;

small fraction/less than 1% of overall power output / *OWTTE*;

8c. State, in terms of molecular structure and their motion, **two** differences [2 marks] between a liquid and a gas.

- 1.
- 2.

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sensible comment comparing molecular structure;

e.g. liquid molecular structure (more) ordered than that of a gas.

in gas molecules far apart/about 10 molecular spacings apart / in liquid molecules close/touching.

sensible comment comparing motion of molecules;

e.g. in liquid: molecules interchange places with neighbouring molecules / no long

distance motion.

in gases: no long-range order / long distance motion.