Practice Question Set For A-Level

**Subject: Physics** 

**Paper-2 Topic: Thermal Physics** 



Name of the Student:

Max. Marks: 22 Marks Time: 22 Minutes

Mark Schemes

## Q1.

- (a) reasons:
  - $\alpha$  particle has much more mass/momentum than  $\beta$  particle  $\alpha$  particle has twice as much charge as a  $\beta$  particle  $\alpha$  particle travels much slower than a  $\beta$  particle any **two (1) (1)**

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- (b) (i) energy absorbed per sec (= energy released per sec) =  $3.2 \times 10^9 \times 5.2 \times 10^6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  (1) =  $2.7 \times 10^{-3}$  (J) (1) (2.66 × 10<sup>-3</sup> (J))
  - (ii) temperature rise in 1 minute  $= \frac{\text{energy absorbed in 1 minute}}{\text{mass} \times \text{specific heat capacity}}$

$$= \frac{2.7 \times 10^{-3} \times 60}{0.20 \times 10^{-3} \times 900}$$
 (for numerator) **(1)** (for denominator) **(1)**

$$= 0.90 \text{ K (or °C) (1)}$$

(allow C.E. for incorrect value in (i))

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## **Q2**.

- (a) (i) a collision in which kinetic energy is conserved (1)
  - (ii) molecules of a gas are identical
    [or all molecules have the same mass] (1)
    molecules exert no forces on each other except during impact (1)
    motion of molecules is random
    [or molecules move in random directions] (1)

volume of molecules is negligible (compared to volume of container)

[or very small compared to volume of container or point particles] (1)

time of collision is negligible (compared to time between collisions) (1)

Newton's laws apply (1)

large number of particles (1) (any two)

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- (b) (i) the hot gas cools and cooler gas heats up until they are at same temperature hydrogen molecules transfer energy to oxygen molecules until average k.e. is the same (any two (1) (1))
  - (ii) (use of  $E_k = \frac{3}{2} kT$  gives)  $E_k = \frac{3}{2} \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 420$  (1) = 8.7 × 10<sup>-21</sup> J (8.69 ×10<sup>-21</sup> J)

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Q3.

- (a) (i) energy =  $800 \times 60 = 48 \times 10^3 \text{J}$  (1)
  - (ii) (use of  $\triangle Q = mc \triangle \theta$  gives)  $48 \times 10^3 = 60 \times 3900 \times \triangle \theta$  (1)  $\triangle \theta = 0.21 \text{ K (1)}$  (0.205 K) (allow C.E. for value of energy from (i)) 3
- (b)  $\triangle Q = ml$  gives  $500 \times 60$  (1)  $= m \times 2.3 \times 10^6$  (1) m = 0.013 kg (1)

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(c) not generating as much heat internally (1) still losing heat (at the same rate) [or still sweating] (1) hence temperature will drop (1)

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