



A-Level Physics

Reversed Heat Engine

Mark Scheme

Time available: 44 minutes

Marks available: 32 marks

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Mark schemes

1.

(a) $Q_C = Q_H - W = 65 - 28 = 37 \text{ W}$ ✓₁

$\text{COP}_{\text{ref}} = 37/28 = 1.32$ ✓₂

COP_{ref} for ideal refrigerator = $278/(308 - 278) = 9.3$ ✓₃

*If temperatures not changed to K, do not award marks ✓₃ and ✓₄
Condone consistent use of Celsius in the denominator.*

Actual COP is very low compared to ideal so claim is valid ✓₄

No ECF for ✓₄ from incorrect values of COP, unless from arithmetic error.

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- (b)
- One factor from ✓₁
 - Thermoelectric cooler is small/convenient/of simple construction/(highly) portable
 - can run off batteries/solar panel
 - has no moving parts
 - requires low maintenance
 - no risk of leaking fluids
 - temperature is about 5 °C, not cooler
 - low energy/power consumption (28W)

✓₁ for advantage from bullet point list

For ✓₁ accept application, eg use in hot countries, by campers, climbers, walkers etc.

For ✓₂

- convenience outweighs poor COP
- any COP >1 means cooling power > power supplied
- waste of electrical energy from having low COP is acceptable

✓₂ mark for relating answer to COP

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2.

- (a) The efficiency is 50% when the kelvin temperature of the hot source is twice the kelvin temperature of the cold sink. ✓

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- (b) Identifies $Q_H = 3 \times W$ and $Q_C = Q_H - W$ ✓

In reverse $COP_{ref} = Q_C / W$

Leading to $COP_{ref} = 2$ ✓

MP1 can be awarded for

$$Q_H - Q_C = 0.33Q_H \text{ or } Q_C = 0.67Q_H$$

Give credit for substituting numbers in equations eg

$$W = 1 \quad Q_H = 3, \quad Q_C = 2$$

$$\text{OR } W = 33 \quad Q_H = 100, \quad Q_C = 67$$

Accept working shown on a diagram

Accept working using temperatures T_H T_C with numbers substituted eg $T_H = 300$ (K), $T_C = 200$ (K)

No credit for simply quoting formulae from Formulae Booklet.

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3.

- (a) Tick against answer B ✓

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- (b) $COP_{ref} = \frac{272}{343 - 272} (= 3.8 \text{ (3.83)})$ ✓

$$3.8 = Q_C / (100 - Q_C) \text{ giving } Q_C = 79 \text{ (W) (79.3W)} \quad \checkmark$$

$$P_{IN} = 79 / 3.8 = 21 \text{ (W) (20.7 W)} \quad \checkmark$$

OR for 2nd and 3rd marks

$$COP_{ref} = Q_C / W \text{ and } Q_C + W = Q_H = 100 \quad \checkmark$$

$$3.8 W + W = 100$$

$$\text{So } W = 21 \text{ (W)} \quad \checkmark$$

OR for 2nd and 3rd marks

$$COP_{hp} = COP_{ref} + 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$W = Q_H / 4.8 = 100 / 4.8 = 21 \text{ (W)} \quad \checkmark$$

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4.

- (a) The ratio $\frac{\text{energy given to hot space/area to be heated}}{\text{work input}}$ ✓

OR $COP = Q_{IN} / W$ with Q_{IN} and W explained / defined ✓

It must be clear that Q_{IN} is energy delivered to the area to be heated / hot space. Do not accept 'heat input' or any wording that is vague

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(b) (i) $\eta_{\max} = \frac{1600 - 290}{1600} = 0.82 / 82\%$ ✓

input power = $\frac{\text{output power}}{\text{efficiency}} = \frac{80}{0.82} = 98 \text{ kW}$ ✓

fuel flow rate \times CV = 98 kW

fuel flow rate = $98000 / (49 \times 10^6) = 2.0 \times 10^{-3}$ ✓

kg s⁻¹ ✓

OR 7.2 ✓ kg h⁻¹ ✓

If first 2 steps in calculation are not seen and 80 kW used for input power give 1 mark for:

fuel flow rate = $80000 / (49 \times 10^6) = 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$ ✓

The unit mark is an independent mark

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(ii) $COP_{HP} = \frac{Q_2}{W}$

So $Q_2 = 16 \times 2.6 = 41.6$ or 42 kW ✓

$Q_1 = 98 - 80 = 18$ kW ✓

Total $Q_1 + Q_2 = 60$ kW ✓

CE for Q_1 if incorrect input power from i is used, but NOT 80 - 16 or 80 - 80

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(iii) Heat pump delivers more heat energy than the electrical energy input ✓

Reason: it adds energy from external source to electrical energy input ✓

Accept $Q_{IN} = W + Q_{OUT}$ if explained correctly e.g. by diagram

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5.

(a) (A device in which) an input of work ✓

(causes) heat to transfer from a cold space / reservoir to a hot space / reservoir ✓

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- (b) Heat transfer to hot space equals work done plus heat transfer from cold space / $Q_{IN} = W + Q_{OUT}$

Either written statement or expressed in symbols

so Q_{IN} (is always) $> Q_{OUT}$ *reason must be seen* ✓

$$COP_{HP} = \frac{Q_{IN}}{W} \text{ and } COP_{REF} = \frac{Q_{OUT}}{W}$$

So $COP_{HP} > COP_{REF}$ ✓

The COP formulae are in formulae booklet so no marks for simply quoting them. i.e 2nd mark cannot be awarded without first mark.

OR

$$Q_{IN} = W + Q_{OUT} \quad \checkmark$$

$$COP_{HP} \times W = \quad + COP_{REF} \times W \text{ or } COP_{HP} = \frac{Q_{IN}}{W} = \frac{W + Q_{OUT}}{W}$$

So $COP_{HP} = 1 + COP_{REF}$

So $COP_{HP} > COP_{REF}$ ✓

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6.

- (a) (refrigerator operates between a cold space and a hot space)

Q_{out} is the energy removed from the fridge contents (or from the cold space) **(1)**

Q_{in} is the energy given to the surroundings (or to outside the fridge/hot space) **(1)**

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- (b) (i) power for cooling ice = $5.5 \times (420 \times 10^3)/3600 = 642 \text{ W}$ **(1)**

$$P_{in} = 642/4.5 = 142 \text{ W}$$
 (1)

or energy taken from ice in 1 hour = $5.5 \times 420 \times 10^3 = 2310 \text{ kJ}$

$$W_{in} = 2310/4.5 = 513 \text{ kJ}$$
 (1)

$$P_{in} = \frac{513 \times 10^3}{3600} = 142 \text{ W}$$
 (1)

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(ii) $Q \text{ per s} = 142 + 642$

$= 784 \text{ W (give CE) (1)}$

or $Q_{\text{in}} = Q_{\text{out}} + W_{\text{in}} = 513 \text{ kJ} + 2310 \text{ kJ} = 2820 \text{ kJ}$

$Q_{\text{in}} \text{ per s} = \frac{2820 \times 10^3}{3600} = 784 \text{ W (1)}$

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