



# **GCSE Physics**

## **Change of State and Specific Latent Heat Mark Scheme**

**Time available: 65 minutes**  
**Marks available: 55 marks**

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## Mark schemes

- 1.** (a) Student A's measurements had a higher resolution  
Student B was more likely to misread the temperature  
1  
1
- (b) a random error  
1
- (c) 8.4 °C  
1
- (d) 740 (seconds)  
*allow answers in the range 730 – 780*  
1
- (e)  $0.40 \times 199\,000$   
79 600 (J)  
*accept 79 600 (J) with no working shown for 2 marks*  
1
- (f) stearic acid has a higher temperature than the surroundings  
*accept stearic acid is hotter than the surroundings*  
1  
temperature will decrease until stearic acid is the same as the room temperature / surroundings  
1
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- 2.** (a) surface area  
**or**  
duration of experiment  
*accept shape of beaker*  
*size of beaker is insufficient*  
1

(b) any **two** from:

- takes readings automatically  
*ignore easier or takes readings for you*
- takes readings more frequently
- reduces / no instrument reading error  
*ignore human error*
- higher resolution  
*allow better resolution*
- don't need to remove probe to take reading
- more accurate

2

(c) (i) 0.07 (°C/s)

- allow 1 mark for obtaining a temperature drop of 7 (°C)*  
*allow 1 mark for an answer between 0.068 and 0.069 (°C/s)*

2

(ii) rate of temperature change is greater at the start

*accept rate of evaporation is greater at the start*

**or**

rate of temperature change decreases

*allow rate of evaporation decreases*

*allow temperature decreases faster at the start*

1

(iii) A

*reason only scores if A is chosen*

lower temperature decrease (over 200 seconds)

*accept lower gradient*

1

(iv) no effect (as rate of evaporation is unchanged)

*allow larger temperature change (per second as mass of liquid is lower)*

1

(d) particles with more energy

*accept particles with higher speeds*

1

leave the (surface of the) liquid

1

(which) reduces the average (kinetic) energy (of the remaining particles)

*allow reference to the total energy of the liquid reducing*

1

3.

(a) (black) is a good absorber of (infrared) radiation

1

(b) (i) amount of energy required to change (the state of a substance) from solid to liquid (with no change in temperature)

*melt is insufficient*

1

unit mass / 1kg

1

(ii)  $5.1 \times 10^6$  (J)

*accept  $5 \times 10^6$*

*allow 1 mark for correct substitution ie  $E = 15 \times 3.4 \times 10^5$*

2

(c) (i) mass of ice

*allow volume / weight / amount / quantity of ice*

1

(ii) to distribute the salt throughout the ice

1

to keep all the ice at the same temperature

1

(iii) melting point decreases as the mass of salt is increased

*allow concentration for mass*

*accept negative correlation*

*do **not** accept inversely proportional*

1

(d) 60 000 (J)

*accept 60 KJ*

*allow 2 marks for correct substitution ie  $E = 500 \times 2.0 \times 60$*

*allow 2 marks for an answer of 1000 **or** 60*

*allow 1 mark for correct substitution ie*

*$E = 500 \times 2.0$  **or**  $0.50 \times 2.0 \times 60$*

*allow 1 mark for an answer of 1*

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- (e) Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Communication (QC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.

**0 marks**

No relevant content

**Level 1 (1–2 marks)**

There is *an attempt at a description of some advantages or disadvantages.*

**Level 2 (3–4 marks)**

*There is a basic description of some advantages **and / or** disadvantages for some of the methods*

**Level 3 (5–6 marks)**

There is a clear description of the advantages and disadvantages of all the methods.

**examples of the points made in the response**

***extra information***

**energy storage**

advantages:

- no fuel costs
- no environmental effects

disadvantages:

- expensive to set up and maintain
- need to dig deep under road
- dependent on (summer) weather
- digging up earth and disrupting habitats

**salt spreading**

advantages:

- easily available
- cheap

disadvantages:

- can damage trees / plants / drinking water / cars
- needs to be cleaned away

**undersoil heating**

advantages:

- not dependent on weather
- can be switched on and off

disadvantages:

- costly
- bad for environment

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4.

(a) (i) any **two** from:

- mass (of block)  
*accept weight for mass*
- starting temperature
- final / increase in temperature  
*temperature is insufficient*
- voltage / p.d.  
*same power supply insufficient*
- power (supplied to each block)
- type / thickness of insulation  
*same insulation insufficient*

2

(ii) one of variables is categoric

**or**

(type of) material is categoric

*accept the data is categoric*

*accept a description of categoric*

*do **not** accept temp rise is categoric*

1

(iii) concrete

*reason only scores if concrete chosen*

1

(heater on for) longest / longer time

*a long time or quoting a time is insufficient*

*do **not** accept it is the highest bar*

1

(iv) 4500 (J)

*allow 1 mark for correct substitution ie*

*2 × 450 × 5 provided no subsequent step shown*

2

(b) (i) point at 10 minutes identified

1

(ii) line through all points except anomalous

*line must go from at least first to last point*

1

(iii) 20 (°C)

*if 20°C is given, award the mark.*

*If an answer other than 20°C is given, look at the graph. If the graph shows a correct extrapolation of the candidate's best-fit line and the intercept value has been correctly stated, allow 1 mark.*

1

(iv) 2 (minutes)

1

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5.

Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.

**0 marks**

No relevant content.

**Level 1 (1–2 marks)**

Considers either solid or gas and describes at least one aspect of the particles.

or

Considers both solids and gases and describes an aspect of each.

**Level 2 (3–4 marks)**

Considers both solids and gases and describes aspects of the particles.

or

Considers one state and describes aspects of the particles and explains at least one of the properties.

or

Considers both states and describes an aspect of the particles for both and explains a property for solids or gases.

**Level 3 (5–6 marks)**

Considers both states of matter and describes the spacing and movement / forces between the particles. Explains a property of both solids and gases.

**examples of the points made in the response**

***extra information***

**Solids**

- (particles) close together
- (so) no room for particles to move closer (so hard to compress)
- vibrate about fixed point
- strong forces of attraction (at a distance)
- the forces become repulsive if the particles get closer
- particles strongly held together / not free to move around (shape is fixed)

*any explanation of a property must match with the given aspect(s) of the particles.*

**Gases**

- (particles) far apart
- space between particles (so easy to compress)
- move randomly
- negligible / no forces of attraction
- spread out in all directions (to fill the container)