GCSE Physics

Change of State and Specific Latent Heat

Question Paper

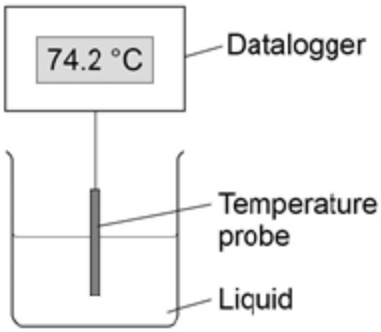
Time available: 65 minutes
Marks available: 55 marks

1. Two students investigated the change of state of stearic acid from liquid to solid. They measured how the temperature of stearic acid changed over 5 minutes as it changed from liquid to solid.

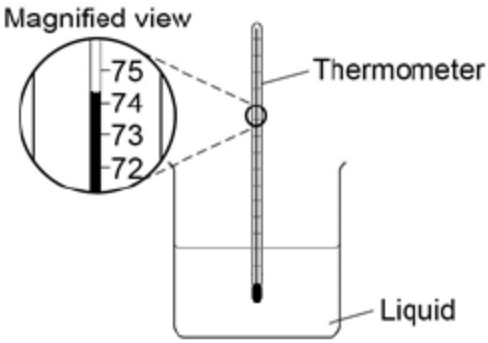
Figure 1 shows the different apparatus the two students used.

Figure 1

Student A's apparatus



Student B's apparatus



(a) Choose **two** advantages of using student **A**'s apparatus.

Tick **two** boxes.

Student **A**'s apparatus made sure the test was fair. ☐

Student **B**'s apparatus only measured categoric variables. ☐

Student **A**'s measurements had a higher resolution. ☐

Student **B** was more likely to misread the temperature. ☐

(2)

(b) Student **B** removed the thermometer from the liquid each time he took a temperature reading.

What type of error would this cause?

Tick **one** box.

A systematic error ☐

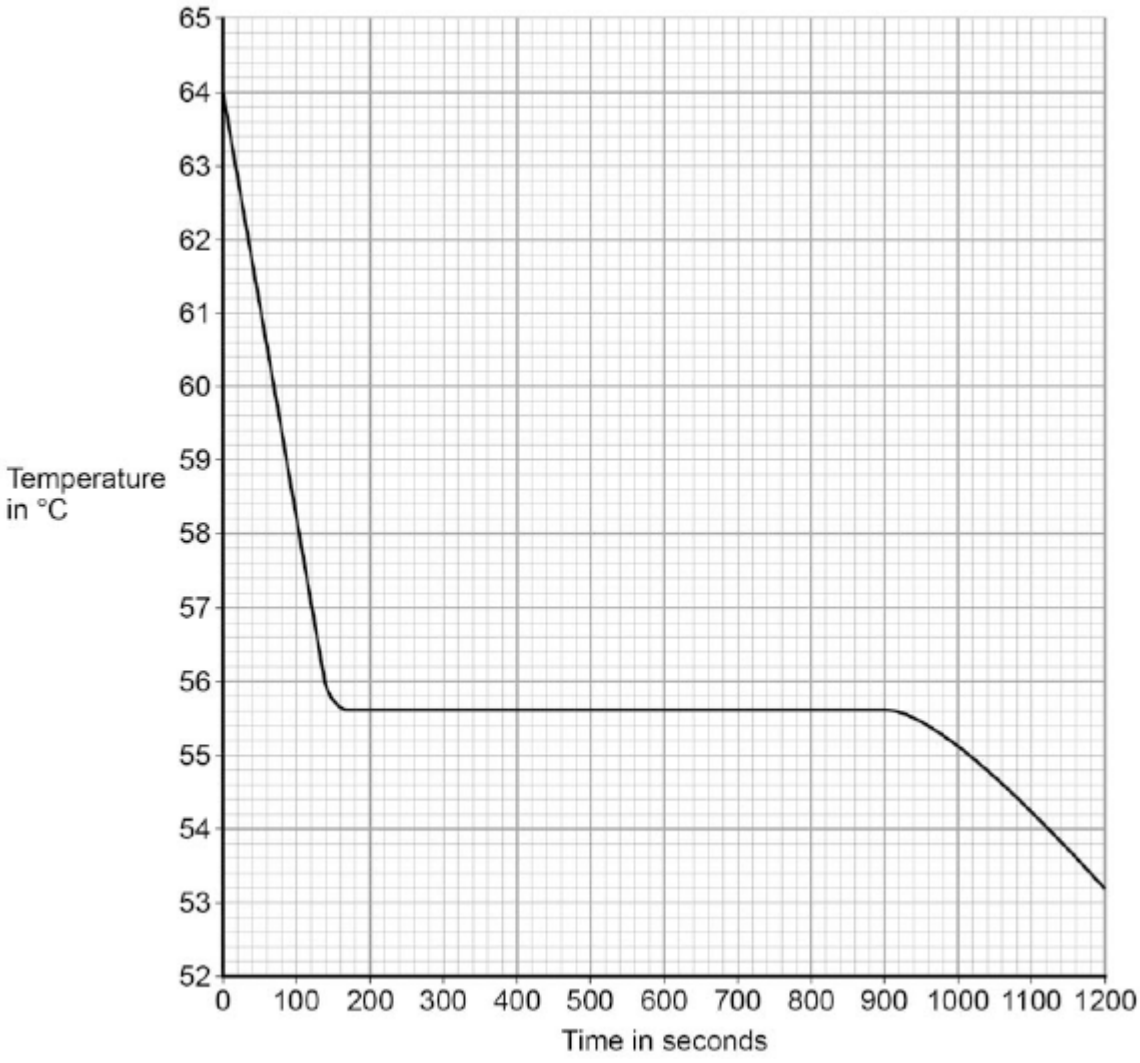
A random error ☐

A zero error ☐

(1)

(c) Student **A**'s results are shown in **Figure 2**.

Figure 2



What was the decrease in temperature between 0 and 160 seconds?

Tick **one** box.

8.2 °C ☐

8.4 °C ☐

53.2 °C ☐

55.6 °C ☐

(1)

(d) Use **Figure 2** to determine the time taken for the stearic acid to change from a liquid to a solid.

Time = _____ seconds

(1)

(e) Calculate the energy transferred to the surroundings as 0.40 kg of stearic acid changed state from liquid to solid.

The specific latent heat of fusion of stearic acid is 199 000 J / kg.

Use the correct equation from the Physics Equations Sheet.

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Energy = _____ J

(2)

(f) After 1200 seconds the temperature of the stearic acid continued to decrease.

Explain why.

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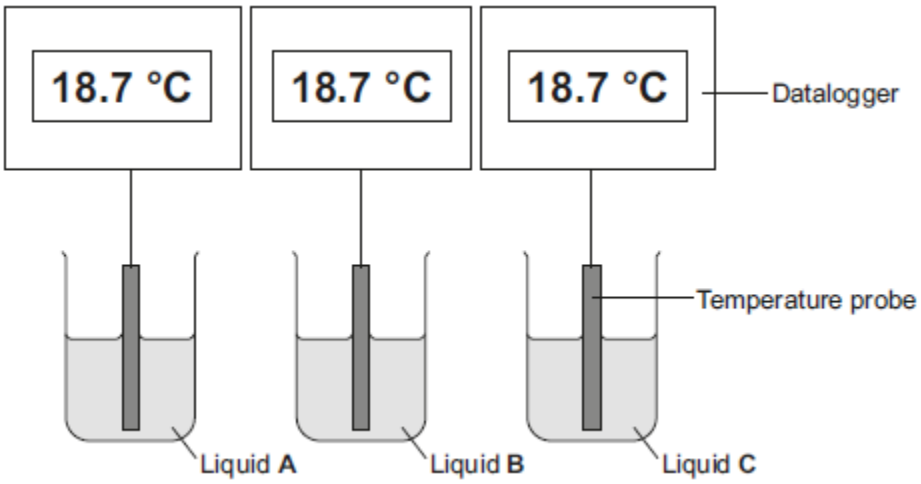
(2)

(Total 9 marks)

2. A student investigated the cooling effect of evaporation.
She used the equipment in **Figure 1** to measure how the temperature of three different liquids changed as the liquids evaporated.

Figure 1



(a) The temperature and volume of each liquid was the same at the start of the investigation.

State **one** further control variable in this investigation.

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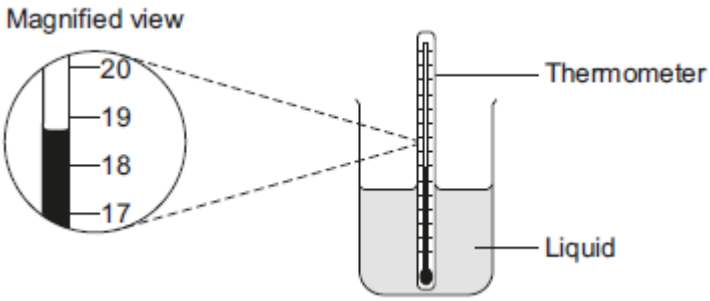
(1)

(b) Give **two** advantages of using dataloggers and temperature probes compared to using the thermometer shown in **Figure 2**.

Figure 2



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2. _____

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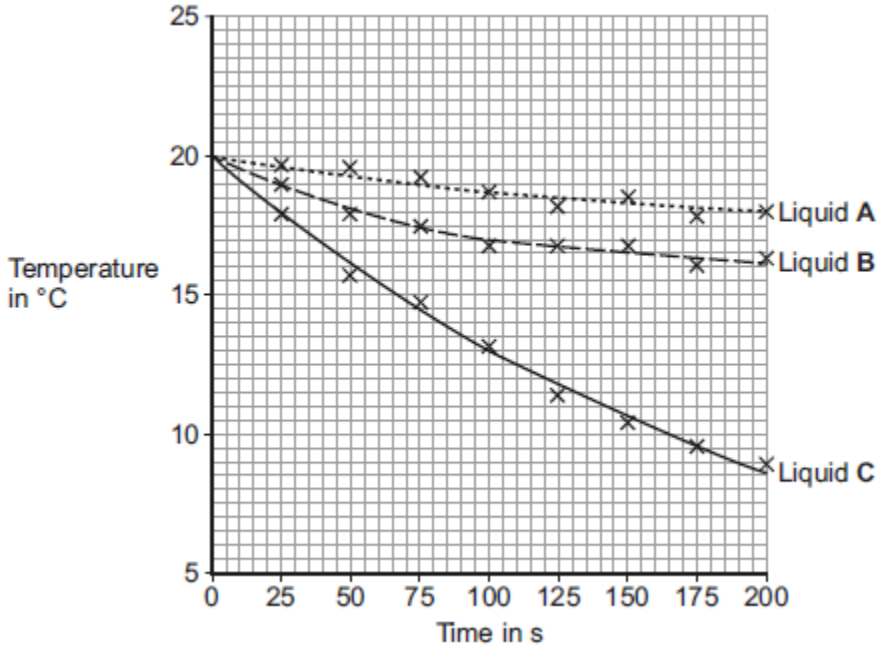
(2)

(c) The student's results are shown in **Figure 3**.

Figure 3



(i) Calculate the average rate of temperature decrease of liquid **C** between 0 and 100 seconds.

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Average rate of temperature decrease = _____ °C / s

(2)

(ii) Give **one** conclusion that can be made about the rate of temperature decrease of **all three** liquids from the results in **Figure 3**.

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(1)

(iii) Which liquid had the lowest rate of evaporation? Give a reason for your answer.

Liquid _____

Reason _____

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(1)

(iv) A second student did the same investigation but using a smaller volume of liquid than the first student.

All other variables were kept the same.

What effect would this have on the results of the second student's investigation?

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(1)

(d) Explain how the evaporation of a liquid causes the temperature of the remaining liquid to decrease.

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(3)

(Total 11 marks)

3. (a) A company is developing a system which can heat up and melt ice on roads in the winter. This system is called 'energy storage'.

During the summer, the black surface of the road will heat up in the sunshine.

This energy will be stored in a large amount of soil deep under the road surface.
Pipes will run through the soil. In winter, cold water entering the pipes will be warmed and brought to the surface to melt ice.

The system could work well because the road surface is black.

Suggest why.

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(1)

(b) (i) What is meant by specific latent heat of fusion?

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(2)

(ii) Calculate the amount of energy required to melt 15 kg of ice at 0 °C.

Specific latent heat of fusion of ice = 3.4×10^5 J/kg.

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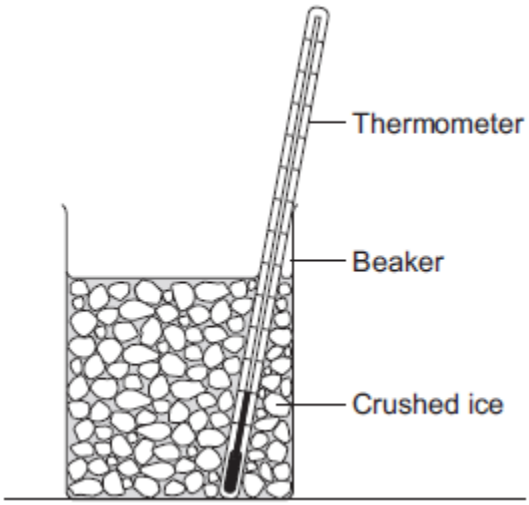
Energy = _____ J

(2)

(c) Another way to keep roads clear of ice is to spread salt on them.
When salt is added to ice, the melting point of the ice changes.

A student investigated how the melting point of ice varies with the mass of salt added.

The figure below shows the equipment that she used.



The student added salt to crushed ice and measured the temperature at which the ice melted.

(i) State **one** variable that the student should have controlled.

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(1)

(ii) During the investigation the student stirred the crushed ice.

Suggest **two** reasons why.

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

	Tick (✓)
To raise the melting point of the ice	
To lower the melting point of the ice	
To distribute the salt throughout the ice	
To keep all the ice at the same temperature	
To reduce energy transfer from the surroundings to the ice	

(2)

(iii) The table below shows the data that the student obtained.

Mass of salt added in grams	0	10	20
Melting point of ice in °C	0	-6	-16

Describe the pattern shown in the table.

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(1)

(d) Undersoil electrical heating systems are used in greenhouses. This system could also be used under a road.

A cable just below the ground carries an electric current. One greenhouse system has a power output of 0.50 kW.

Calculate the energy transferred in 2 minutes.

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Energy transferred = _____ J

(3)

(e) **In this question you will be assessed on using good English, organising information clearly and using specialist terms where appropriate.**

A local council wants to keep a particular section of a road clear of ice in the winter.

Describe the advantages and disadvantages of keeping the road clear of ice using:

- energy storage
- salt
- undersoil electrical heating.

Extra space

(6)

(Total 18 marks)

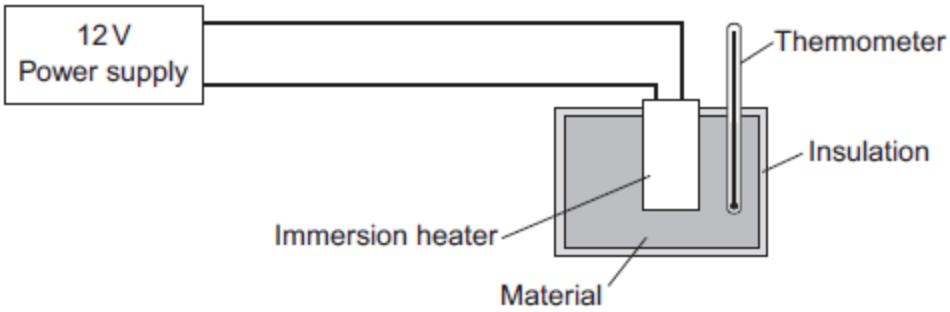
4. A student used the apparatus in **Figure 1** to compare the energy needed to heat blocks of different materials.

Each block had the same mass.

Each block had holes for the thermometer and the immersion heater.

Each block had a starting temperature of 20 °C.

Figure 1



The student measured the time taken to increase the temperature of each material by 5 °C.

(a) (i) State **two** variables the student controlled.

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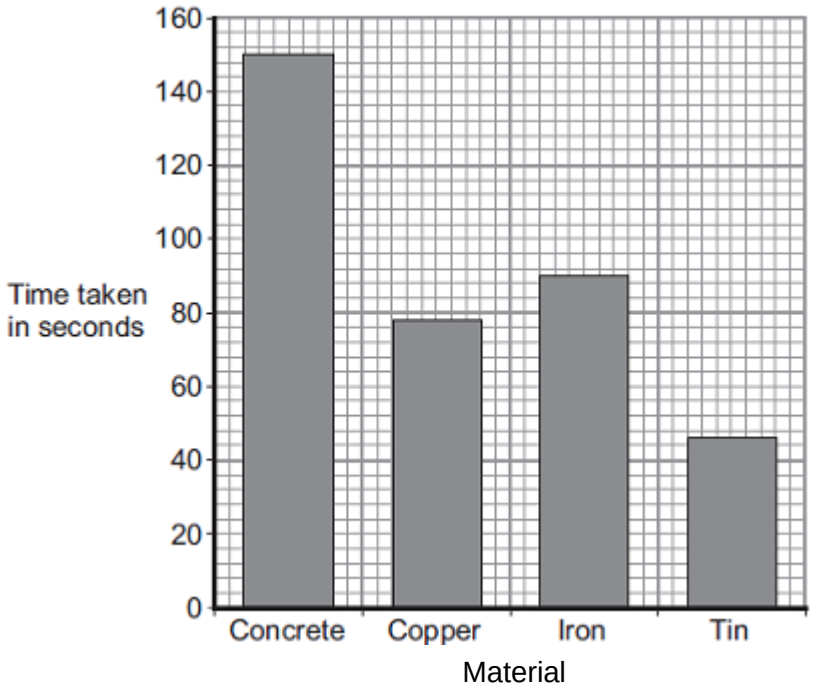
2. _____

(2)

Figure 2 shows the student's results.

Figure 2



(ii) Why was a bar chart drawn rather than a line graph?

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(1)

(iii) Which material was supplied with the most energy?

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Give the reason for your answer.

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(2)

(iv) The iron block had a mass of 2 kg.

Calculate the energy transferred by the heater to increase the temperature of the iron block by 5 °C.

The specific heat capacity of iron is 450 J / kg °C.

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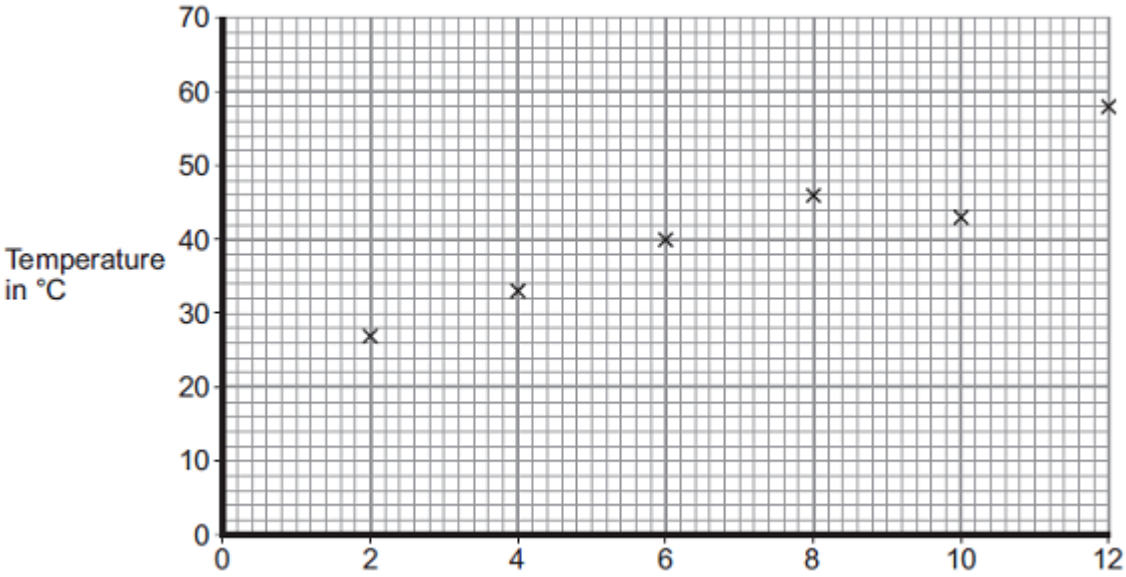
Energy transferred = _____ J

(2)

(b) The student used the same apparatus to heat a 1 kg block of aluminium.

He recorded the temperature of the block as it was heated from room temperature. The results are shown in **Figure 3**.

Figure 3



(i) One of the student's results is anomalous.

Draw a ring around the anomalous result.

(1)

(ii) Draw the line of best fit for the points plotted in **Figure 3**.

(1)

(iii) What was the temperature of the room?

Temperature = _____ °C

(1)

(iv) What was the interval of the time values used by the student?

Interval = _____ minutes

(1)

(Total 11 marks)

5. **In this question you will be assessed on using good English, organising information clearly and using specialist terms where appropriate.**

The information in the box is about the properties of solids and gases.

Solids: • have a fixed shape • are difficult to compress (to squash). Gases: • will spread and fill the entire container • are easy to compress (to squash).

Use your knowledge of kinetic theory to explain the information given in the box.

You should consider:

- the spacing between the particles
- the movement of individual particles
- the forces between the particles.

Extra space _____

(Total 6 marks)