



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
International General Certificate of Secondary Education



PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Paper 1 Multiple Choice

Additional Materials: Multiple Choice Answer Sheet
Soft clean eraser
Soft pencil (type B or HB is recommended)

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write in soft pencil.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.
Write your name, Centre number and candidate number on the Answer Sheet in the spaces provided unless this has been done for you.

There are **forty** questions on this paper. Answer **all** questions. For each question there are four possible answers **A, B, C** and **D**.
Choose the **one** you consider correct and record your choice in **soft pencil** on the separate Answer Sheet.

Read the instructions on the Answer Sheet very carefully.

Each correct answer will score one mark. A mark will not be deducted for a wrong answer.
Any rough working should be done in this booklet.
A copy of the Periodic Table is printed on page **20**.

This document consists of **17** printed pages and **3** blank pages.



1 Some students are asked to explain why gases diffuse more readily than liquids.

Three of their suggestions are:

- 1 gas molecules are further apart;
- 2 gas molecules move more rapidly;
- 3 liquid molecules vibrate around fixed positions.

Which suggestions are correct?

- A** 1 only **B** 1 and 2 **C** 2 only **D** 3 only

2 Which substance in the table has ionic bonding?

	boiling point /°C	electrical conductivity		
		solid	molten	aqueous solution
A	-80	poor	poor	quite good
B	-26	poor	poor	poor
C	1206	poor	good	good
D	4875	good	good	insoluble

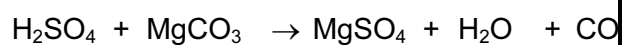
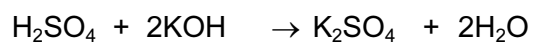
3 Element Y is in the second Period of the Periodic Table.

An atom of element Z has six more protons than an atom of element Y.

Which statement **must** be correct?

- A** Elements Y and Z are in the same Period.
B Elements Y and Z have the same number of electrons in the first shell.
C Element Z has six more electrons in its outer shell than element Y.
D The nucleon number of element Z is six more than that of element Y.

4 Some reactions of sulfuric acid are shown.



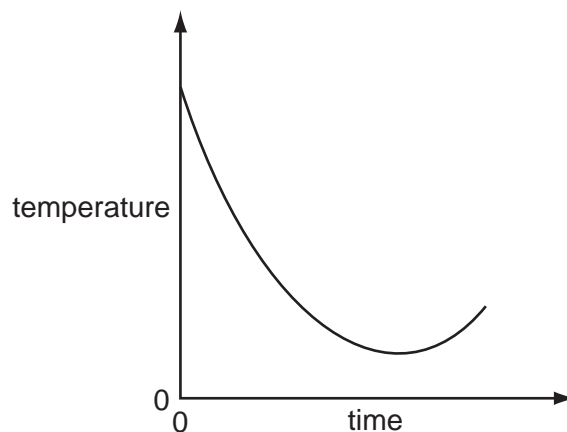
Which compound gives the greatest mass of water when 10 g sulfuric acid?

[M_r : MgO, 40; MgCO₃, 84; KOH, 56; KHCO₃, 100]

A KHCO₃ **B** KOH **C** MgCO₃ **D** MgO

5 The temperature of two solutions is measured before, during and after they react with each other.

The graph shows the results.



Which terms must apply to this reaction?

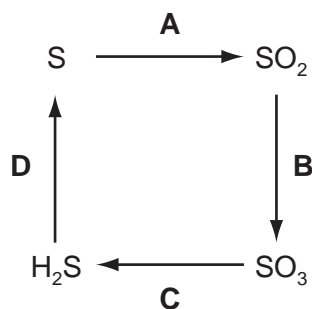
	endothermic	neutralisation
A	✓	✓
B	✓	x
C	x	✓
D	x	x

- 6 The diagram shows a cup of tea with a spoon in it.



What will **not** make the sugar in the tea dissolve more quickly?

- A** adding more sugar
B stirring the tea
C using hotter water
D using more water
- 7 Which change shows a reduction?



- 8 A colourless solution of solid X has lost its label. Possible identities of X are shown.
- 1 sodium carbonate
 - 2 sodium hydroxide
 - 3 sodium chloride

The solution reacts with an acid, forming a salt and water only.

What could X be?

- A** 1 only **B** 1 or 2 only **C** 1, 2 or 3 **D** 2 only

- 9 Aqueous sodium hydroxide and aqueous ammonia each give a white precipitate with aqueous zinc sulfate.

What happens when an excess of each of these reagents is added to the precipitate?

	excess NaOH(aq)	excess NH ₃ (aq)
A	precipitate dissolves	precipitate dissolves
B	precipitate dissolves	precipitate does not dissolve
C	precipitate does not dissolve	precipitate dissolves
D	precipitate does not dissolve	precipitate does not dissolve

- 10 Which oxide is basic?

A CO₂ **B** H₂O **C** MgO **D** NO₂

- 11 Elements X and Y each have a proton number greater than 10 but less than 19.

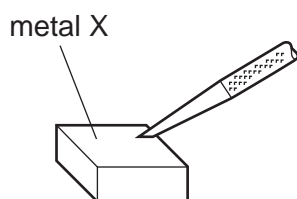
The proton number of Y is 6 greater than that of X.

Which statements about elements X and Y **must** be correct?

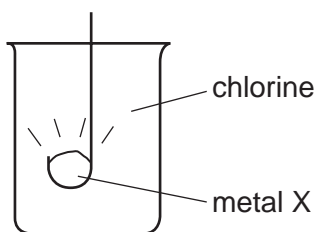
	X is the more metallic	Y is diatomic	X and Y react together
A	✓	✓	x
B	✓	x	x
C	x	✓	✓
D	x	x	✓

12 Metal X

can easily be cut,



reacts with chlorine,



Which metal could X be?

- A copper
- B iron
- C magnesium
- D potassium

13 Which properties of helium explain its use in filling balloons?

	low density	its unreactivity
A	✓	✓
B	✓	x
C	x	✓
D	x	x

14 Which substance is a malleable element that conducts electricity?

- A aluminium
- B bromine
- C steel
- D sulfur

15 A new container is being developed to carry food and water on long walks. It needs to be light and corrosion resistant.

Which metal would be the **most** suitable?

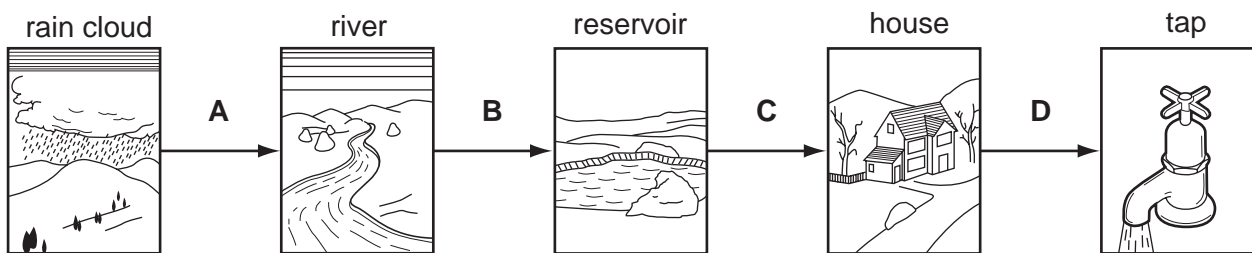
- A aluminium
- B iron
- C mild steel
- D stainless steel

16 Which statement is **not** correct?

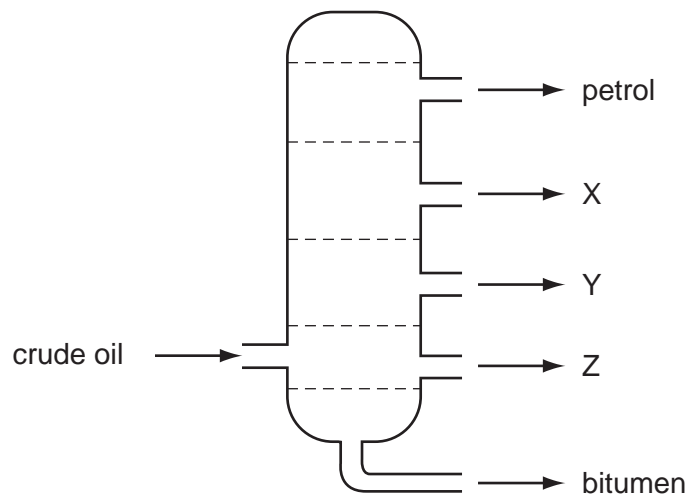
- A Carbon monoxide is formed by the incomplete combustion of carbon.
- B Car exhaust fumes can contain oxides of nitrogen.
- C Clean air contains approximately 79% oxygen and 20% nitrogen.
- D Sulfur dioxide is a common air pollutant.

17 Chlorine is added to water to make it safe to drink.

At which stage is chlorine added to the water?



18 The diagram shows the separation of crude oil into fractions.



What could X, Y and Z represent?

	X	Y	Z
A	diesel	lubricating oil	paraffin
B	lubricating oil	diesel	paraffin
C	paraffin	lubricating oil	diesel
D	paraffin	diesel	lubricating oil

19 A homologous series is defined as a group of compounds which have

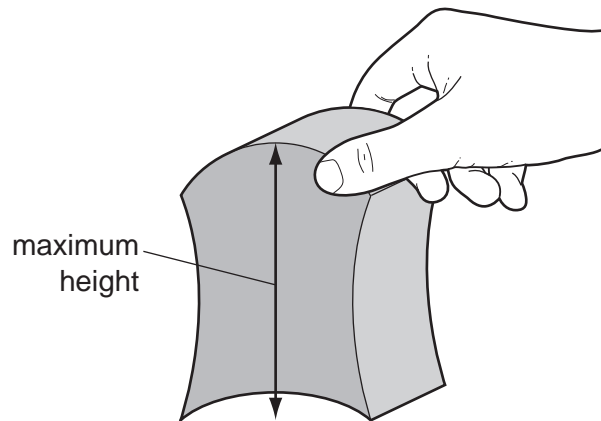
- A chain length.
- B elements in them.
- C functional group.
- D number of carbon atoms.

20 A substance X decolourised aqueous bromine.

What is the name and structure of X?

	name	structure
A	ethane	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \quad \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$
B	ethane	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \\ \text{C}=\text{C} \\ \quad \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$
C	ethene	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \quad \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$
D	ethene	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \\ \text{C}=\text{C} \\ \quad \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$

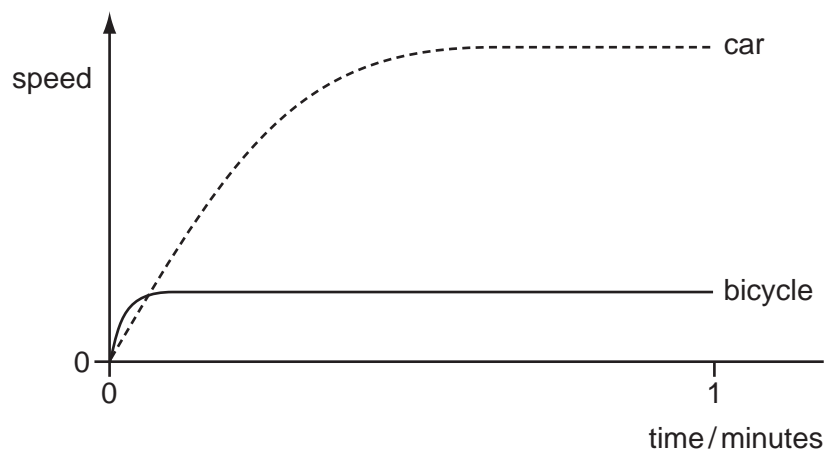
21 The diagram shows a child's building block. Its volume and maximum



Which instruments are used?

	to determine the volume	to measure the maximum height
A	balance	rule
B	measuring cylinder	rule
C	rule	balance
D	rule	measuring cylinder

22 The graph shows the speed of a bicycle and the speed of a car during the first minute after they start to move.

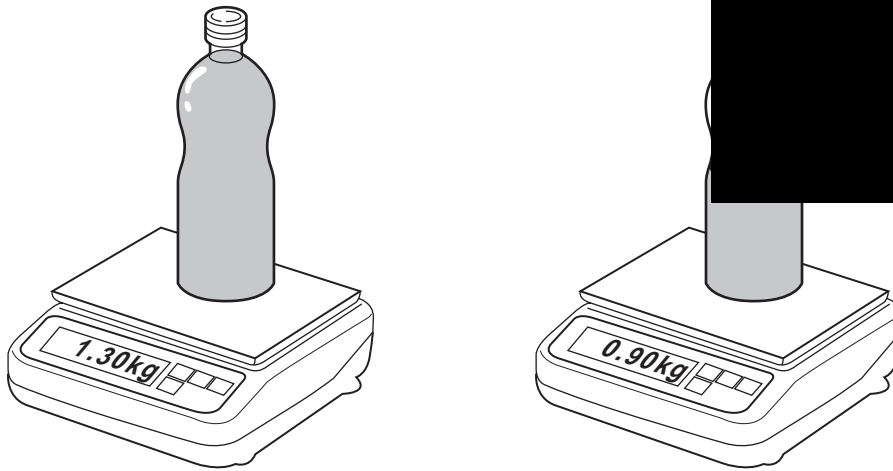


Compared with the car, the bicycle

- A** has a greater initial maximum acceleration.
- B** has a greater steady speed.
- C** reaches its steady speed later than the car.
- D** travels further.

- 23 The mass of a full bottle of cooking oil is 1.30 kg.

When exactly half of the oil has been used, the mass of the bottle and the remaining oil is 0.90 kg.



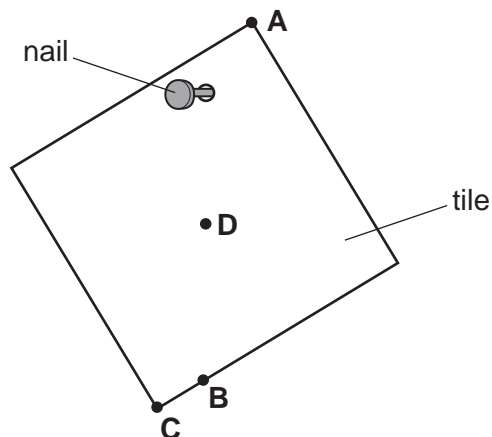
What is the mass of the empty bottle?

- A 0.40 kg B 0.50 kg C 0.65 kg D 0.80 kg
- 24 Ice has a density of 900 kg/m^3 , and liquid water has a density of 1000 kg/m^3 .

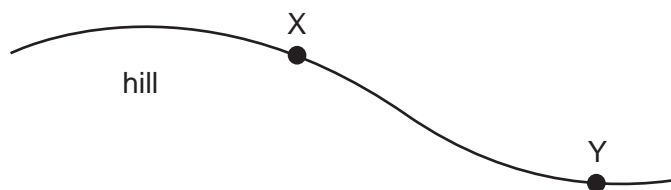
What happens to a block of ice as it melts?

- A Its mass decreases.
 B Its mass increases.
 C Its volume decreases.
 D Its volume increases.
- 25 A hole is drilled in a square tile. The diagram shows the tile hanging freely on a nail.

Where is the centre of gravity of the tile?



- 26 A cyclist travels down a hill from rest at point X without pedalling. The cyclist applies his brakes and the cycle stops at point Y.



Which energy changes have taken place between X and Y?

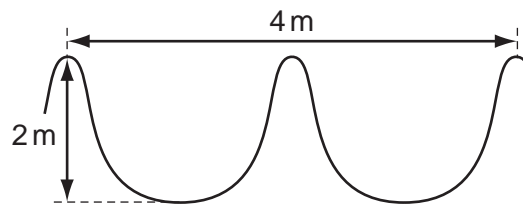
- A gravitational potential \rightarrow internal (heat) \rightarrow kinetic
 B gravitational potential \rightarrow kinetic \rightarrow internal (heat)
 C kinetic \rightarrow gravitational potential \rightarrow internal (heat)
 D kinetic \rightarrow internal (heat) \rightarrow gravitational potential
- 27 What would be suitable to use as a fixed point for a thermometer?
- A a lit Bunsen burner
 B a melting ice cube
 C hot water in a bath
 D refrigerated milk
- 28 A fridge is fitted with a cooling unit and an oven is fitted with a heater.

The cooling unit can be fitted either at the top or at the bottom of the fridge, and the heater can be fitted either at the top or at the bottom of the oven.

Which row shows the best position to fit the cooling unit and the heater?

	cooling unit	heater
A	bottom	bottom
B	bottom	top
C	top	bottom
D	top	top

29 The diagram represents a water wave.



Which row shows the amplitude and the wavelength of the waves?

	amplitude / m	wavelength / m
A	1	2
B	1	4
C	2	2
D	2	4

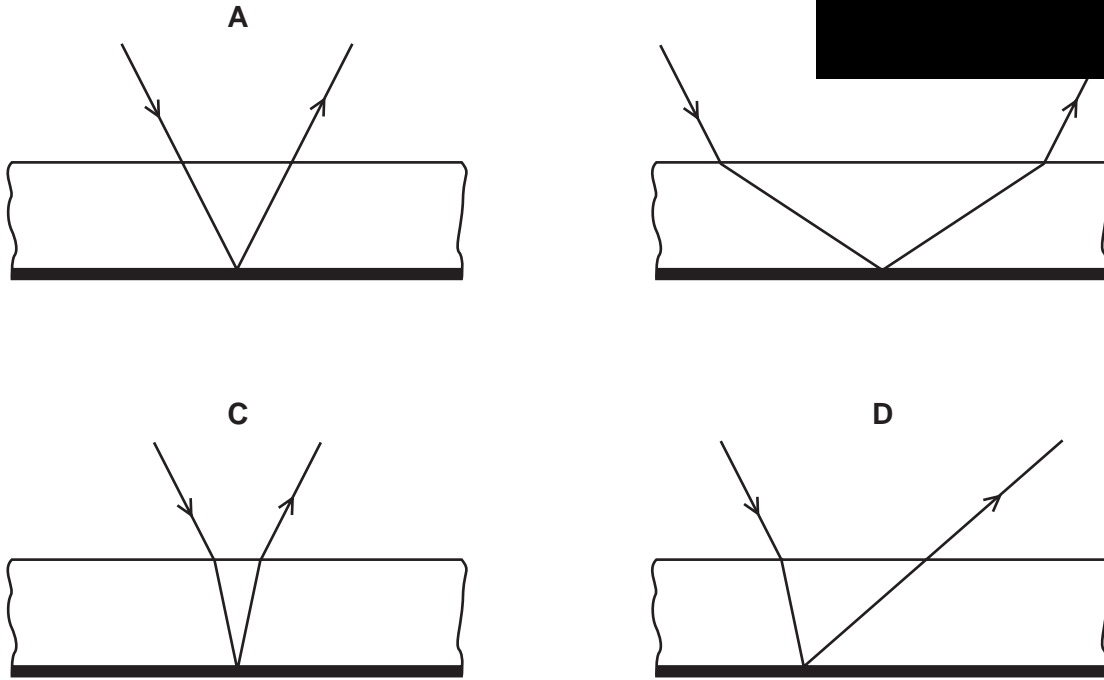
30 What is the correct order of waves in the electromagnetic spectrum?

	shortest wavelength	—————→	longest wavelength
A	gamma-rays	radio waves	visible light
B	gamma-rays	visible light	radio waves
C	visible light	gamma-rays	radio waves
D	visible light	radio waves	gamma-rays

31 The diagram shows a section through a mirror made of thick glass

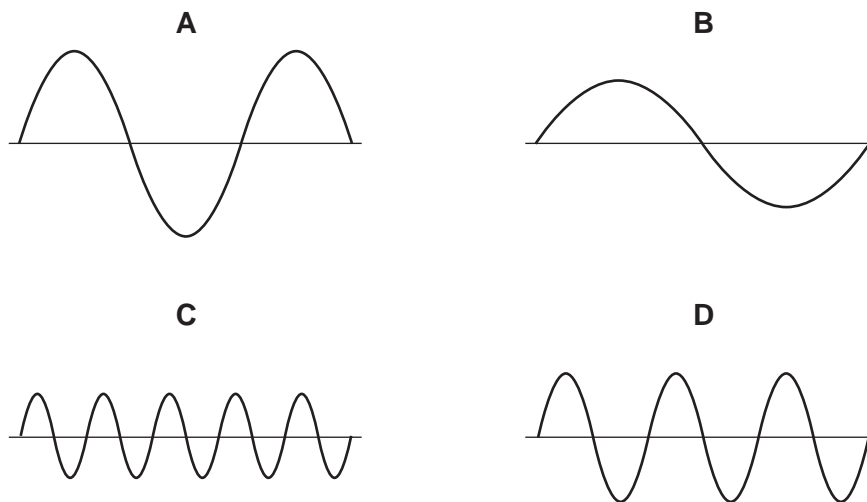


Which diagram shows the path of a ray of light reflected by the mirror?

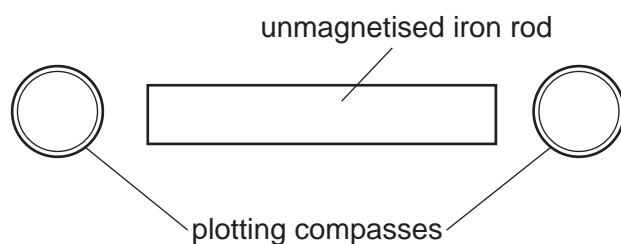


32 The diagrams represent four different sound waves shown on the screen of an oscilloscope. The controls of the oscilloscope are set the same in each case.

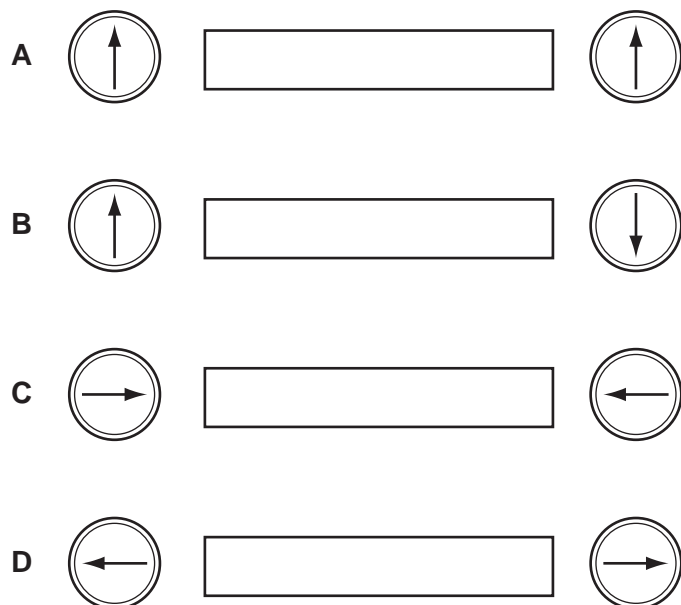
Which diagram represents the sound with the highest frequency?



- 33 Two plotting compasses are positioned, one at each end of an unmagnetised iron rod positioned in an east-west direction.



Which diagram shows the directions of the pointers of the plotting compasses?



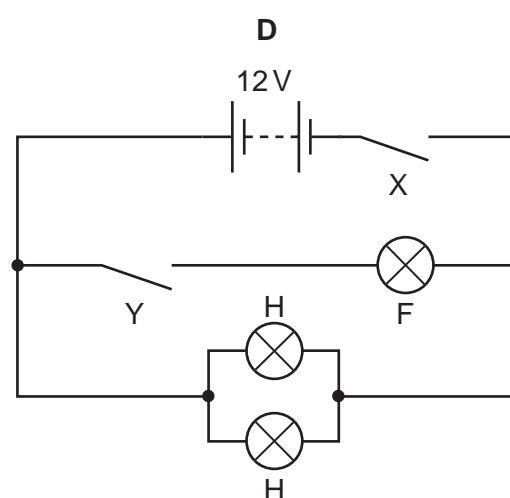
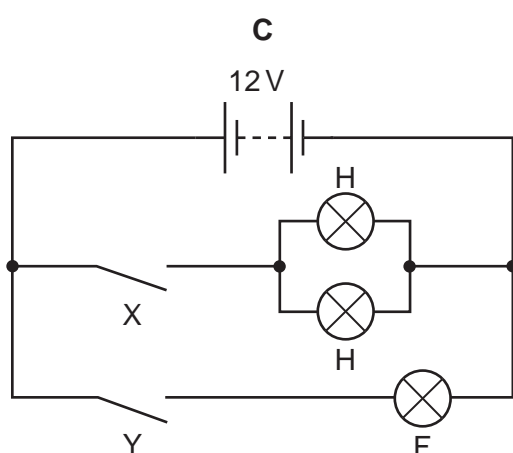
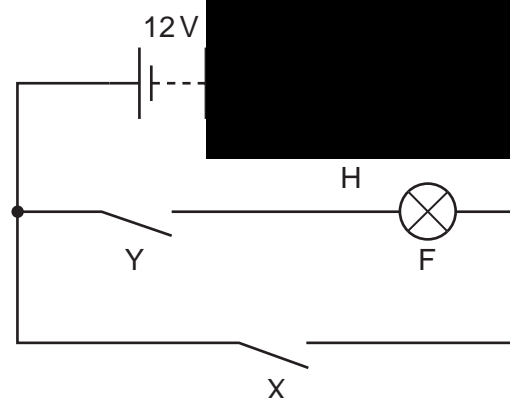
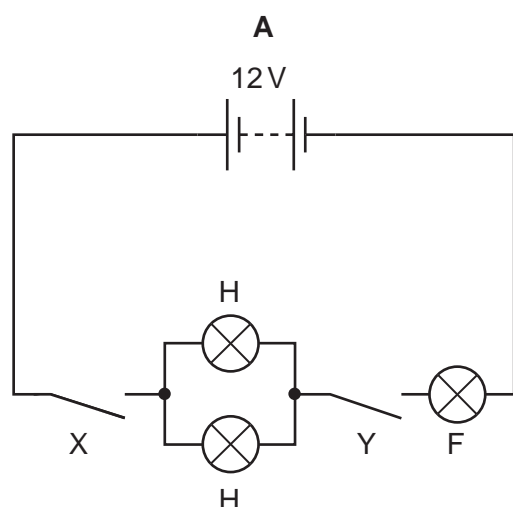
- 34 A car headlamp takes a current of 3.0 A when connected to a 12.0 V battery.

What is the resistance of the bulb when it is lit?

- A** $0.25\ \Omega$ **B** $4.0\ \Omega$ **C** $15\ \Omega$ **D** $36\ \Omega$
- 35 When a plastic comb is placed next to a small piece of aluminium foil hanging from a nylon thread, the foil is repelled by the comb.
- Why is this?
- A** The comb is charged and the foil is uncharged.
B The comb is uncharged and the foil is charged.
C The comb and the foil have charge of opposite signs.
D The comb and the foil have charge of the same sign.

- 36 In a car, the headlamps H are controlled by switch X. The foglamp only comes on if the headlamps are also switched on.

Which circuit would allow all the lamps to work as above and at full



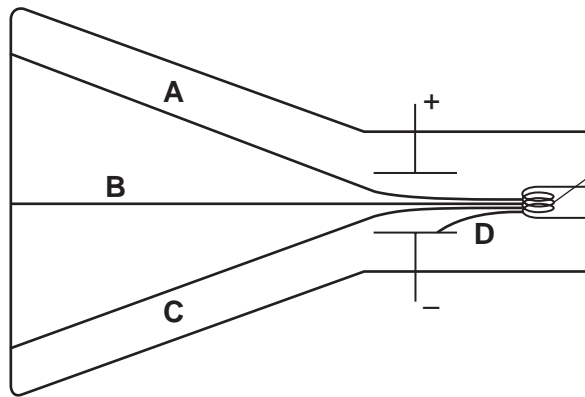
- 37 A mains electrical circuit uses insulated copper cable and the cable overheats.

To prevent the cable overheating, how should the cable be changed, and why?

- A** Use thicker copper cable which has less resistance.
- B** Use thicker insulation which stops the heat escaping.
- C** Use thinner copper cable which has more resistance.
- D** Use thinner insulation which allows less heat to escape.

38 In a cathode ray tube, cathode rays are emitted by a filament.

Which line could show the path the rays take, with the connections



39 The half-life of the radioactive isotope caesium $^{137}_{55}\text{Cs}$ is 30 years.

Starting with 30 grams of the isotope, what mass of the isotope remains after 90 years?

- A 10.0 grams
- B 7.50 grams
- C 3.75 grams
- D 1.25 grams

40 What is the number of protons in an atom of $^{222}_{86}\text{Rn}$?

- A 86
- B 136
- C 222
- D 308







DATA SHEET
The Periodic Table of the Elements

		Group																																																																																																																						
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV	XVI	XVII	XVIII																																																																																																							
7 Li Lithium 3	9 Be Beryllium 4	1 H Hydrogen 1	11 B Boron 5	12 C Carbon 6	13 Al Aluminium 13	14 Si Silicon 14	15 P Phosphorus 15	16 S Sulfur 16	17 Cl Chlorine 17	18 Ar Argon 18	19 F Fluorine 9	20 Ne Neon 10	21 Na Sodium 11	22 Mg Magnesium 12	23 Al Aluminium 13	24 Si Silicon 14	25 P Phosphorus 15	26 S Sulfur 16	27 Cl Chlorine 17	28 Ar Argon 18	29 K Potassium 19	30 Ca Calcium 20	31 Sc Scandium 21	32 Ti Titanium 22	33 V Vanadium 23	34 Cr Chromium 24	35 Mn Manganese 25	36 Fe Iron 26	37 Co Cobalt 27	38 Ni Nickel 28	39 Cu Copper 29	40 Zn Zinc 30	41 Ga Gallium 31	42 Ge Germanium 32	43 As Arsenic 33	44 Se Selenium 34	45 Br Bromine 35	46 Kr Krypton 36	47 Rb Rubidium 37	48 Sr Strontium 38	49 Y Yttrium 39	50 Zr Zirconium 40	51 Nb Niobium 41	52 Mo Molybdenum 42	53 Tc Technetium 43	54 Ru Ruthenium 44	55 Rh Rhodium 45	56 Pd Palladium 46	57 Ag Silver 47	58 Cd Cadmium 48	59 In Indium 49	60 Sn Tin 50	61 Sb Antimony 51	62 Te Tellurium 52	63 I Iodine 53	64 Xe Xenon 54	65 Cs Caesium 55	66 Ba Barium 56	67 La Lanthanum 57	68 Ce Cerium 58	69 Pr Praseodymium 59	70 Nd Neodymium 60	71 Pm Promethium 61	72 Sm Samarium 62	73 Eu Europium 63	74 Gd Gadolinium 64	75 Tb Terbium 65	76 Dy Dysprosium 66	77 Ho Holmium 67	78 Er Erbium 68	79 Tm Thulium 69	80 Yb Ytterbium 70	81 Lu Lutetium 71	82 Hf Hafnium 72	83 Ta Tantalum 73	84 W Tungsten 74	85 Re Rhenium 75	86 Os Osmium 76	87 Ir Iridium 77	88 Pt Platinum 78	89 Au Gold 79	90 Hg Mercury 80	91 Tl Thallium 81	92 Pb Lead 82	93 Bi Bismuth 83	94 Po Polonium 84	95 At Astatine 85	96 Rn Radon 86	97 Fr Francium 87	98 Ra Radium 88	99 Ac Actinium 89	100 Th Thorium 90	101 Pa Protactinium 91	102 U Uranium 92	103 Np Neptunium 93	104 Pu Plutonium 94	105 Am Americium 95	106 Cm Curium 96	107 Bk Berkelium 97	108 Cf Californium 98	109 Es Einsteinium 99	110 Fm Fermium 100	111 Mendelevium 101	112 Nobelium 102	113 Lr Lawrencium 103	114 Rf Rutherfordium 104	115 Db Dubnium 105	116 Sg Seaborgium 106	117 Bh Bohrium 107	118 Hs Hassium 108	119 Mt Meitnerium 109	120 Ds Darmstadtium 110	121 Rg Roentgenium 111	122 Cn Copernicium 112	123 Nh Nihonium 113	124 Fl Flerovium 114	125 Mc Moscovium 115	126 Lv Livermorium 116	127 Ts Tennessine 117	128 Og Oganesson 118

*58-71 Lanthanoid series

†90-103 Actinoid series

a = relative atomic mass

X = atomic symbol

b = proton (atomic) number

Key

a	X	b
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The volume of one mole of any gas is 24 dm³ at room temperature and pressure (r.t.p.).