Practice Question Set For GCSE
Subject : Physics
Paper-1 Topic: Energy (High Demand)

Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 25 Marks **Time : 25 Minutes**

Q1.

Table 1 shows information about different light bulbs.

The bulbs all have the same brightness.

Table 1

Type of bulb	Input power in watts	Efficiency
Halogen	40	0.15
Compact fluorescent (CFL)	14	0.42
LED	7	0.85

(a) (i) Calculate the useful power output of the CFL bulb.

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Useful power output = _____ watts

(2)

(ii) Use your answer to part **(i)** to calculate the waste energy produced each second by a CFL bulb.

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Waste energy per second = _____ joules

(1)

(b) (i) A growth cabinet is used to investigate the effect of light on the rate of growth of plants.

The figure below shows a growth cabinet.

In the cabinet the factors that affect growth can be controlled.

A cooler unit is used to keep the temperature in the cabinet constant. The cooler unit is programmed to operate when the temperature rises above 20 °C.

The growth cabinet is lit using 50 halogen bulbs.

Changing from using halogen bulbs to LED bulbs would reduce the cost of running the growth cabinet.

Explain why.

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(4)

(ii) A scientist measured the rate of growth of plants for different intensities of light.

What type of graph should be drawn to present the results?

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Give a reason for your answer.

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(1)

(c) **Table 2** gives further information about both a halogen bulb and a LED bulb.

Table 2

Type of bulb	Cost to buy	Lifetime in hours	Operating cost over the lifetime of one bulb

Halogen	£1.50	2 000	£16.00
LED	£30.00	48 000	£67.20

A householder needs to replace a broken halogen light bulb.

Compare the cost efficiency of buying and using halogen bulbs rather than a LED bulb over a time span of 48 000 hours of use.

Your comparison must include calculations.

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(4)

(Total 12 marks)

Q2.

Solar panels are often seen on the roofs of houses.

(a) Describe the action and purpose of a solar panel.

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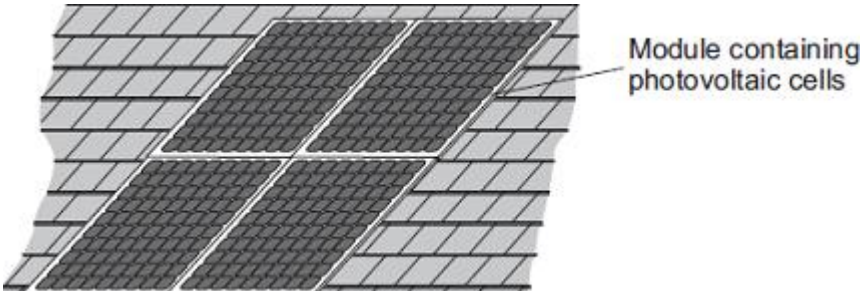
(b) Photovoltaic cells transfer light energy to electrical energy.

In the UK, some householders have fitted modules containing photovoltaic cells on the roofs of their houses.

Four modules are shown in the diagram.



The electricity company pays the householder for the energy transferred.

The maximum power available from the photovoltaic cells shown in the diagram is 1.4×10^3 W.

How long, in minutes, does it take to transfer 168 kJ of energy?

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_____ Time = _____ minutes

(3)

(c) When the modules are fitted on a roof, the householder gets an extra electricity meter to measure the amount of energy transferred by the photovoltaic cells.

(i) The diagram shows two readings of this electricity meter taken three months apart. The readings are in kilowatt-hours (kWh).

21 November	0	0	0	4	4
21 February	0	0	1	9	4

Calculate the energy transferred by the photovoltaic cells during this time period.

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Energy transferred = _____ kWh

(1)

(ii) The electricity company pays 40p for each kWh of energy transferred.

Calculate the money the electricity company would pay the householder.

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Money paid = _____

(2)

(iii) The cost of the four modules is £6000.

Calculate the payback time in years for the modules.

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Payback time = _____ years

(3)

(iv) State an assumption you have made in your calculation in part **(iii)**.

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(1)

(d) In the northern hemisphere, the modules should always face south for the maximum transfer of energy.

State **one** other factor that would affect the amount of energy transferred during daylight hours.

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(Total 13 marks)