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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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- 1 Emperor penguins live and breed in the Antarctic. Their average body temperature needs to be maintained at 39°C but air temperature can fall as low as -40°C.

Penguins often huddle together. A student investigates how this behaviour may be beneficial to the penguins by using test-tubes to represent them.

- The student places a set of three large test-tubes that are held together with a rubber band into a large beaker labelled **A**. He then places an individual large test-tube into a second beaker labelled **B**.
- He takes the temperature of a beaker of hot water. He records this in Table 1.1 as the temperature at time zero.
- He immediately pours equal amounts of the hot water into each of the four test-tubes as shown in Fig. 1.1.

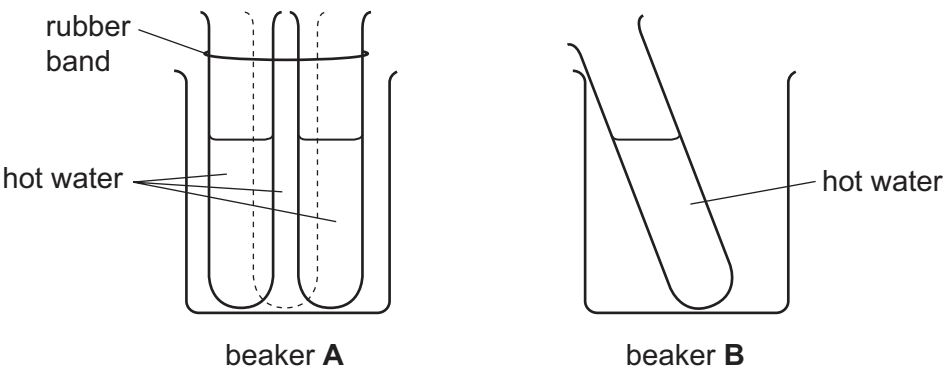


Fig. 1.1

- He starts a stopclock and immediately places a thermometer into the test-tube in beaker **B** and a second thermometer into **one** of the test-tubes in beaker **A**.
- After two minutes he records the temperature of the water in both test-tubes. He repeats this at two minute intervals for 10 minutes.
- His results table is shown in Table 1.1.

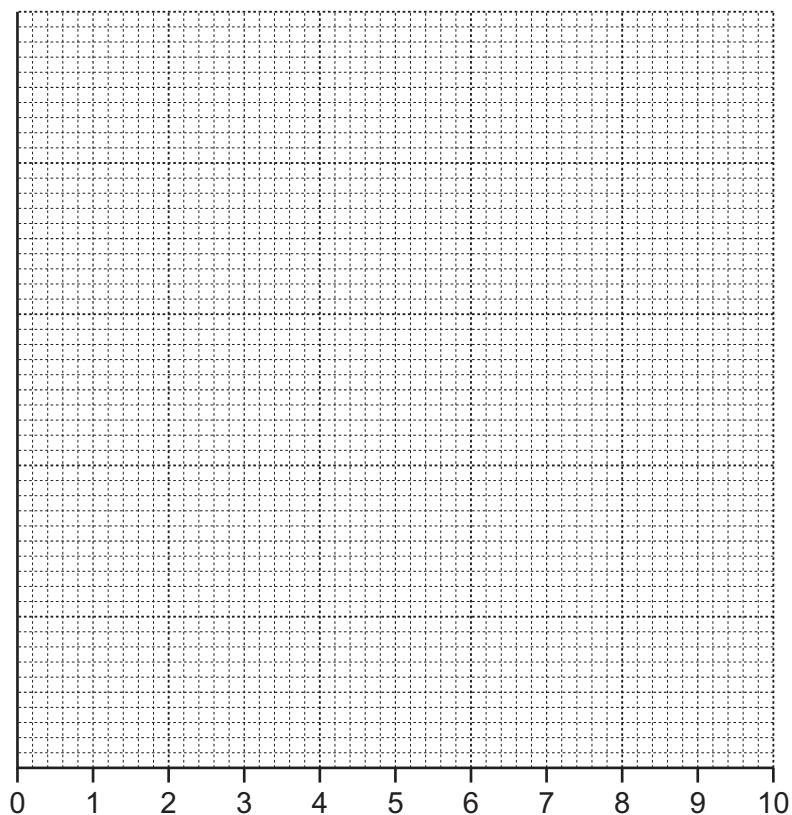
Table 1.1

time /	temperature recorded in beaker A / °C	temperature recorded in beaker B / °C
0	81.0	81.0
2	68.0	67.6
4	64.2	61.8
6	61.0	57.0
8	58.2	53.0
10	56.0	49.6

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(a) Complete the heading for the first column in Table 1.1. [1]

(b) On the grid provided, plot a graph of temperature (vertical axis) against time for both beakers. Draw a smooth best-fit curve for each set of readings.



[4]

(c) Refer to the results to suggest why forming a huddle may be beneficial to Emperor Penguins.

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 [2]

(d) (i) Suggest **one** source of inaccuracy in this experiment.

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(ii) Suggest how this experiment could be changed to reduce this source of inaccuracy.

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(e) Describe how the results from this experiment could be made more reliable.

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- 2 A student investigates the effect of solution **X** on the exothermic reaction between zinc and copper sulfate solution.

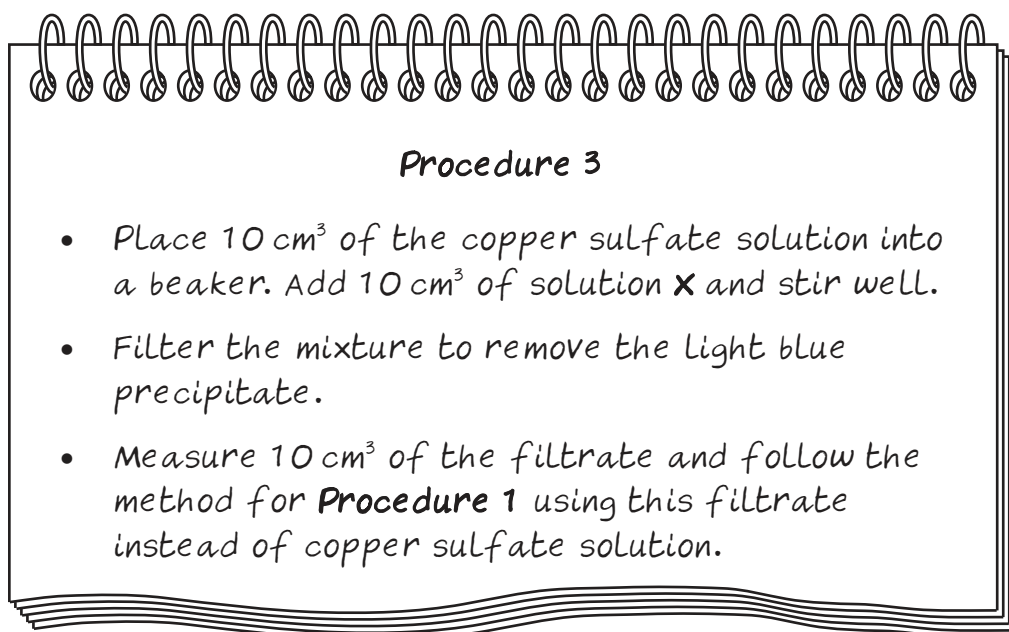
He uses three procedures. He is given copper sulfate solution, a beaker containing unknown solution **X** and three 0.5g samples of zinc powder.

Procedure 1

- Place 10 cm^3 of the copper sulfate solution into a plastic cup. Add 10 cm^3 of water and stir well.
- Measure the temperature T_1 of the solution and record it in Table 2.1.
- Add 0.5 g of zinc powder and stir well.
- Find the highest temperature T_2 of the mixture and record it in Table 2.1.

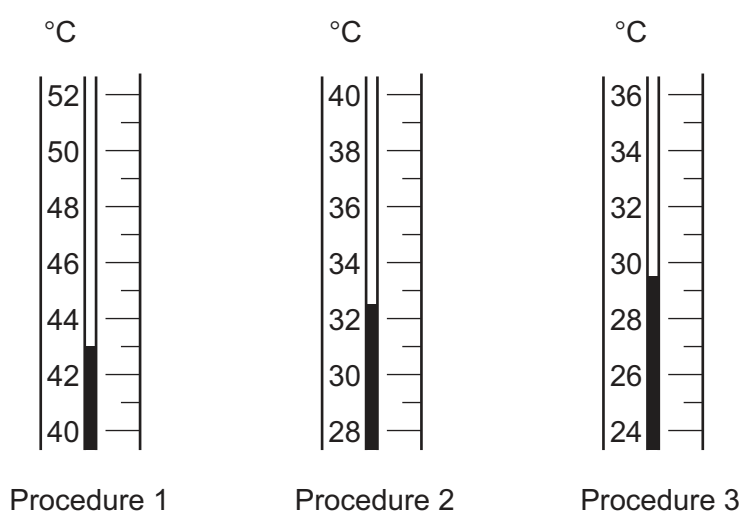
Procedure 2

- Place 10 cm^3 of the copper sulfate solution into a beaker. Add 5 cm^3 of solution **X** plus 5 cm^3 of water and stir well.
- Filter the mixture to remove the light blue precipitate.
- Measure 10 cm^3 of the filtrate and follow the method for **Procedure 1** using this filtrate instead of copper sulfate solution.

**Table 2.1**

procedure	volume of solution X used / cm^3	temperature / $^{\circ}\text{C}$		temperature / $^{\circ}\text{C}$
		T_1	T_2	$T_2 - T_1$
1	0	20.0		
2	5	20.0		
3	10	21.5		

- (a) (i) Fig. 2.1 shows the thermometer scales for the highest temperature T_2 reached in each of the three procedures. Read the temperatures to the nearest 0.5°C and record them in Table 2.1. [3]

**Fig. 2.1**

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(ii) Calculate the temperature changes and complete the last column of Table 2.1.

[1]

(b) (i) State the trend in temperature changes as the volume of solution **X** used changes.

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(ii) Suggest an explanation for the trend you have stated in part (i).

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(c) Suggest a chemical name for the solution **X** that produces the light blue precipitate.

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(d) Suggest a reason why the student uses a plastic cup rather than a glass beaker for the exothermic reaction.

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(e) Suggest a reason why only 10 cm^3 of the filtrate, instead of all of it, is added to the zinc in **Procedure 2** and **Procedure 3**.

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- 3 A science student investigates how the size of a shadow cast by an object varies with the distance of the object from the lamp.

The apparatus he uses is shown in Fig. 3.1. The diagram is not to scale.

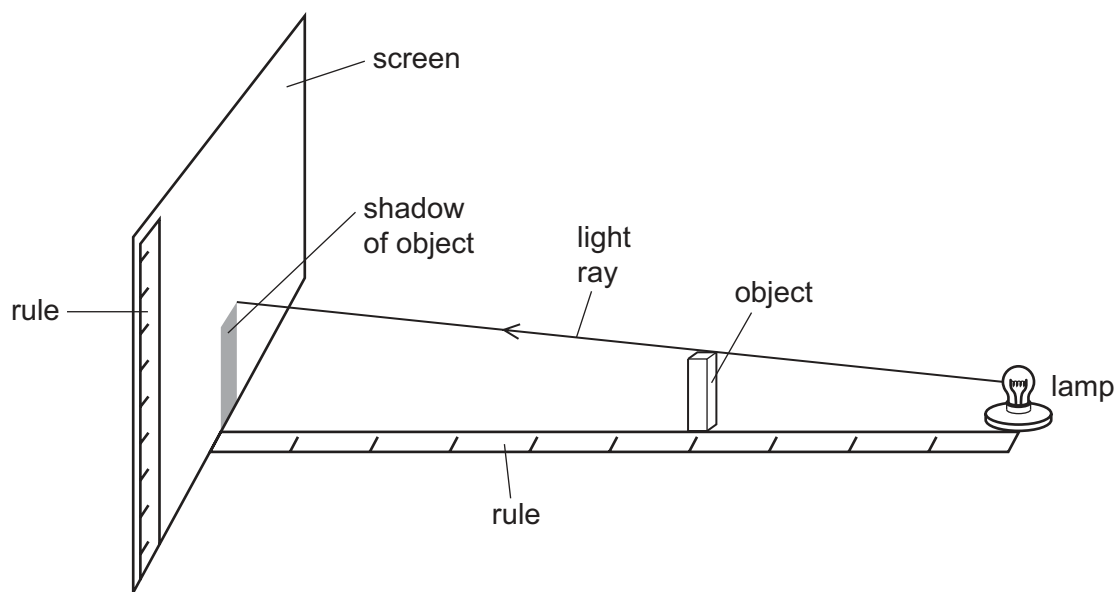


Fig. 3.1

- (a) (i) Fig. 3.2 shows the actual size of the object. Use a ruler to measure H , the height of the object to the nearest 0.1 cm.

H , height of the object = cm [1]

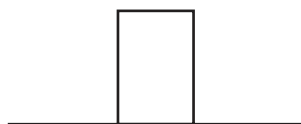


Fig. 3.2

- (ii) Use Fig. 3.1 to help you suggest why a shadow is formed.

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 [1]

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The student measures the height h of the shadow formed when the object is placed at distances $d = 55$ cm, $d = 45$ cm, and $d = 35$ cm from the lamp. He records his measurements in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1

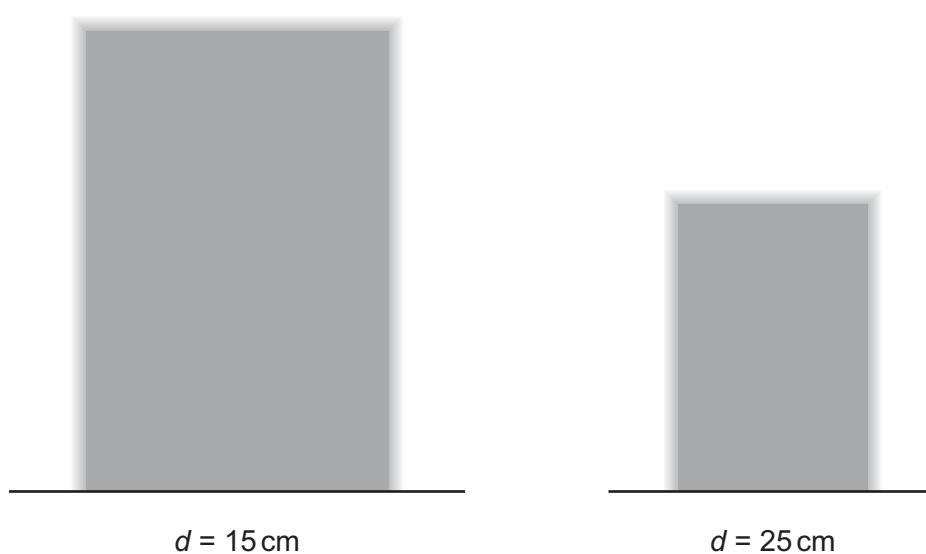
d/cm	15	25	35	45	55
h/cm			2.6	2.0	1.6

(b) Fig. 3.3 shows the shadows produced when the object is placed at 15 cm and 25 cm from the lamp.

Use a ruler to measure the missing values of h to the nearest 0.1 cm.

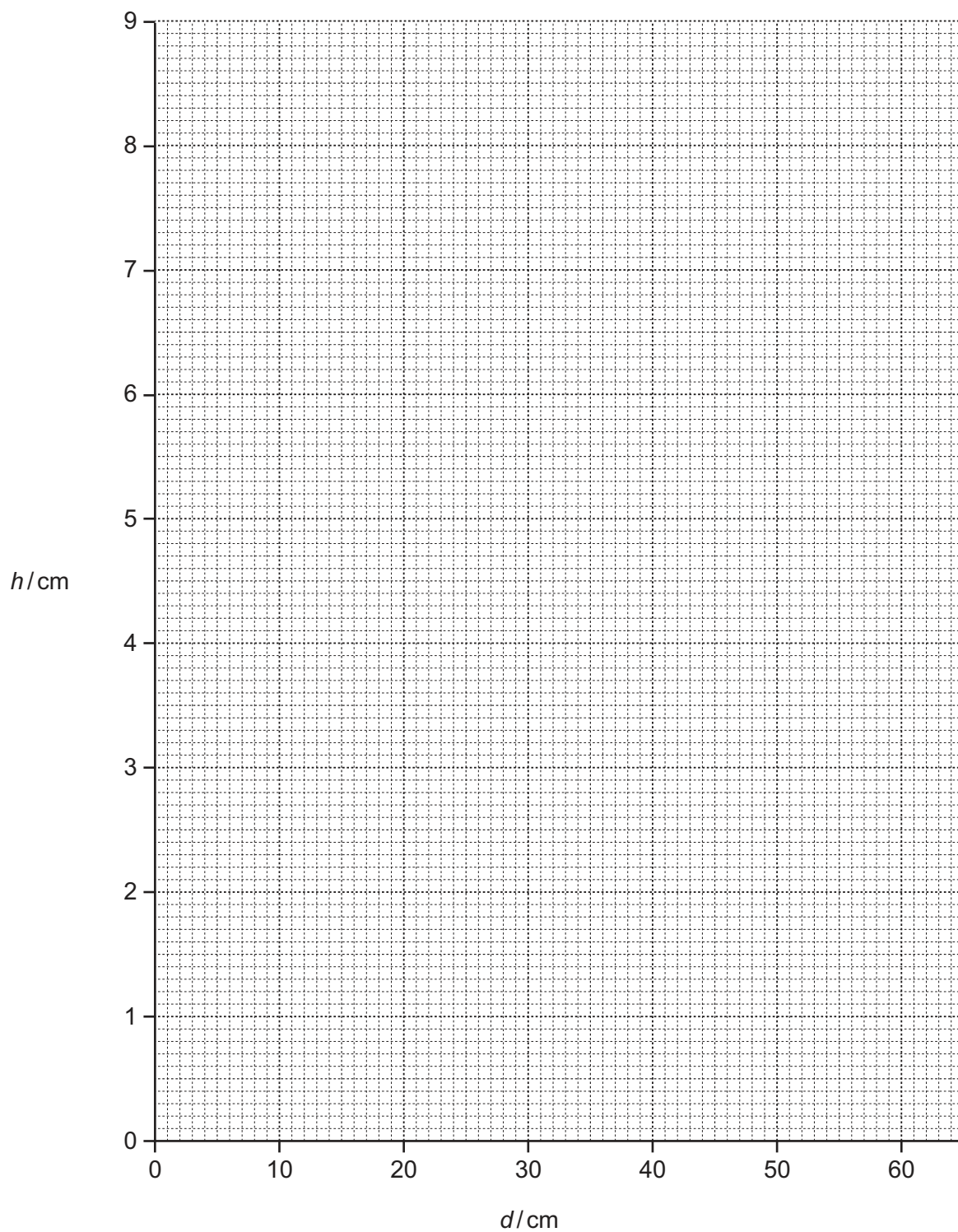
Record these values in Table 3.1.

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**Fig. 3.3**

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(c) (i) On the grid provided, plot a graph of h against d . Draw the best-fit curve.



[2]

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- (ii) The student suggests that the height of the shadow for $d = 30$ cm, h_{30} , is equal to twice the actual height of the object. He has written an equation:

$$h_{30} = 2H$$

Use your graph to show if he is correct. Show your working on the graph and then write your conclusion.

conclusion:
 [2]

- (d) (i) Extend your curve to predict the height of the shadow when $d = 10$ cm.

height = cm [1]

- (ii) State **one** problem that the student might find if d is reduced to 5 cm.

..... [1]

Please turn over for Question 4.

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4 A student investigates respiration in woodlice.

She sets up the airtight apparatus shown in Fig. 4.1. The soda lime absorbs carbon dioxide.

Every minute for 4 minutes she records the position of the oil drop in the capillary tube and records her results in Table 4.1.

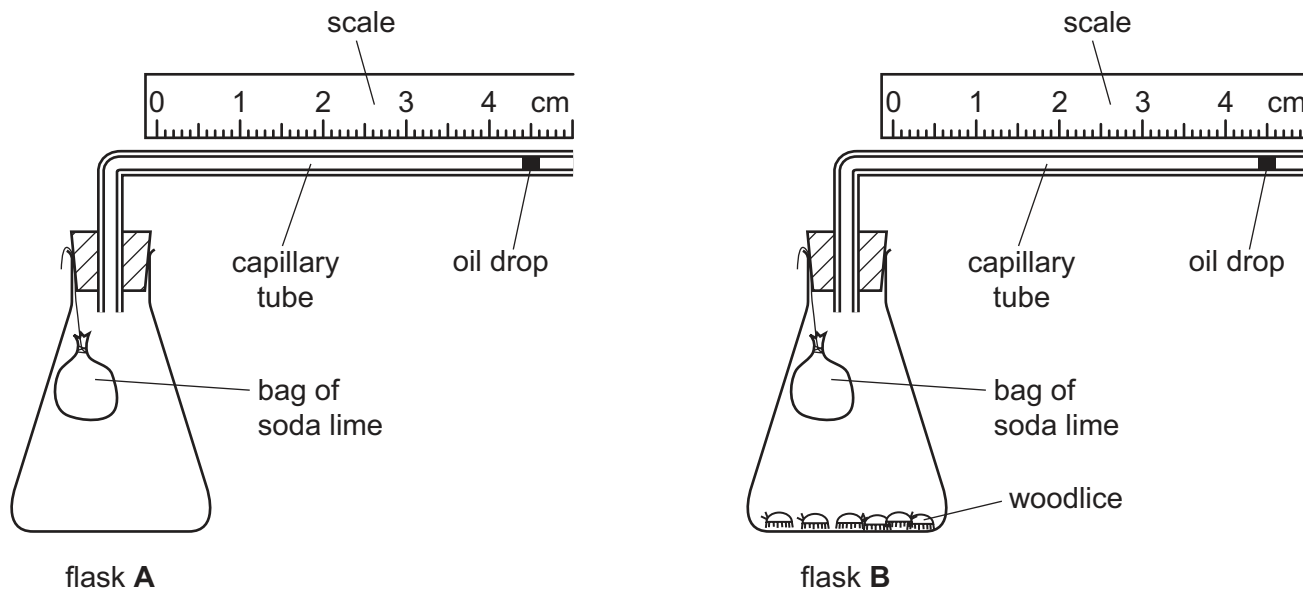


Fig. 4.1

(a) Explain why flask **A** is used in this experiment.

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(b) (i) Use the diagrams in Fig. 4.2 to complete the results in Table 4.1 for time = 2 minutes. The student uses the left edge of the oil drop to record her initial readings.

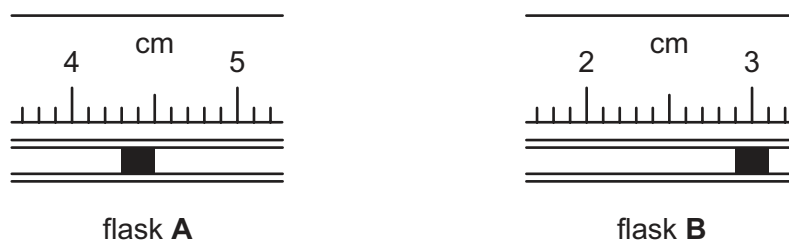


Fig. 4.2

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- (ii) Complete Table 4.1 to show the total distance moved by the oil drop for each flask. [2]

Table 4.1

time / minutes	position of oil drop / cm	
	beaker A	beaker B
0	4.4	4.4
1	4.4	3.6
2		
3	4.3	2.1
4	4.3	1.3
total distance moved by oil drop / cm		

[1]

- (c) (i) The oil drop for flask **A** moves slightly during the experiment. Suggest why it moves.

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 [1]

- (ii) Suggest how the experiment could be changed to prevent the oil drop for flask **A** moving.

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 [1]

- (d) Explain why the oil drop in flask **B** moves further than in flask **A**.

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 [3]

- (e) Suggest how the results of this experiment would change if twice as many woodlice were used in flask **B**.

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- 5 The science class compares the reactivity of two metals with acid. The apparatus they use is shown in Fig. 5.1.

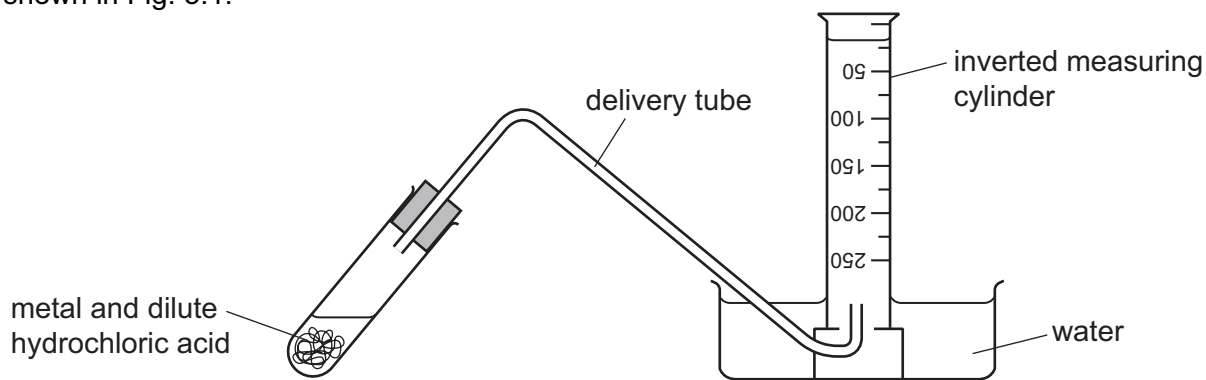


Fig. 5.1

experimental method

- The inverted measuring cylinder is filled with water.
- Magnesium is added to 10 cm³ of hydrochloric acid and a stopclock is started.
- The volume of hydrogen collected in the measuring cylinder is recorded every 30 seconds for two minutes.
- The experiment is repeated using the same mass of zinc instead of magnesium.
- A graph of volume of hydrogen against time is plotted for each metal.

Fig. 5.2 shows the graph for magnesium.

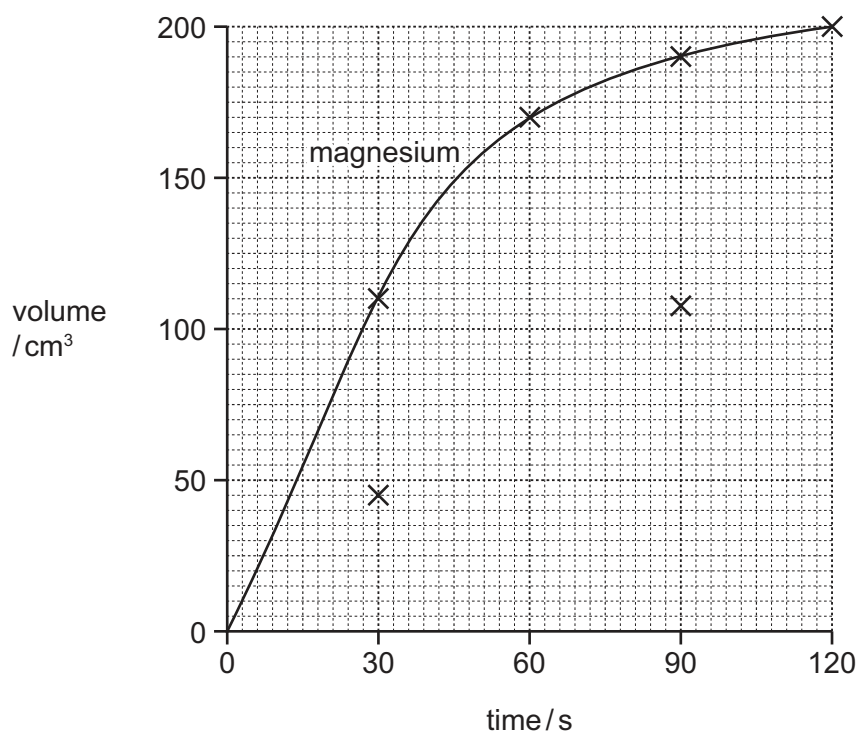


Fig. 5.2

The student has not finished plotting the data for zinc.

Fig. 5.3 shows the measuring cylinder for the reaction of zinc with hydrochloric acid at 60 and 120 seconds.

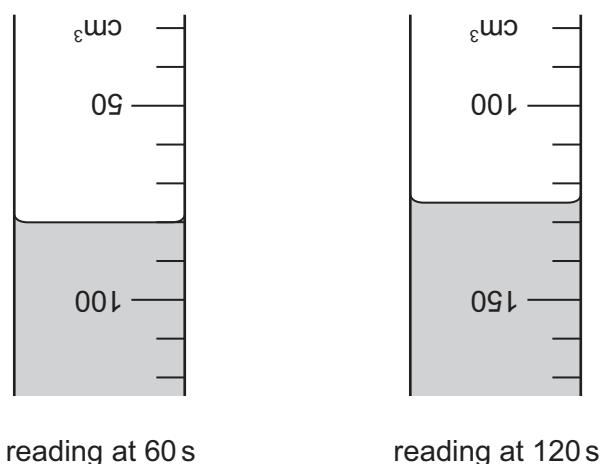


Fig. 5.3

- (a) (i)** Read the scales of the measuring cylinders in Fig. 5.3 and record the volumes of gas.

volume of gas at 60 s = cm^3

volume of gas at 120 s = cm^3 [2]

- (ii)** Use the readings from **(a)(i)** to complete the graph for zinc.

Draw the best fit curve for zinc. [3]

- (b)** State a property of hydrogen gas that enables the student to collect it over water.

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 [1]

- (c)** Explain why the graph for magnesium is steep for the first 30 seconds, then becomes less steep, nearly levelling out towards the end.

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 [3]

- (d)** Suggest why the graph for zinc is lower than the graph for magnesium.

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- 6 A student investigates how the volume of a gas changes as the temperature changes. He sets up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 6.1.

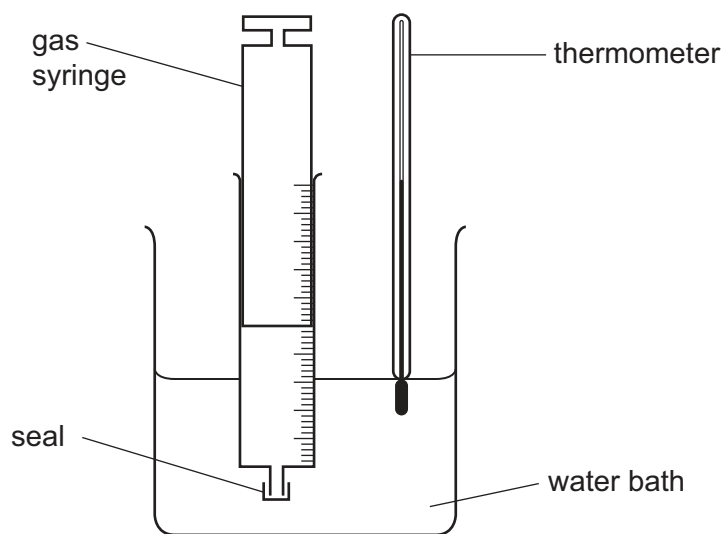


Fig. 6.1

- The student draws 50 cm^3 of dry air at room temperature into a gas syringe and seals the syringe.
- He measures the room temperature and records in Table 6.1 the temperature and volume of air, to the nearest 1°C and 1 cm^3 .
- He places the syringe in a warm water-bath and leaves it for several minutes.
- He records in Table 6.1 the temperature of the water-bath and the volume of the air.
- He increases the temperature of the water-bath and after several minutes he records the temperature and volume as before.
- Finally, he cools the syringe to a temperature of 0°C and finds the new volume of the air.

Table 6.1

volume of air / cm^3	70			64
temperature / $^\circ\text{C}$	21			0

- (a) Fig. 6.2 shows the syringe and thermometer readings missing from Table 6.1.

Read the scales and record the readings in Table 6.1, to the nearest 1°C and 1 cm^3 .

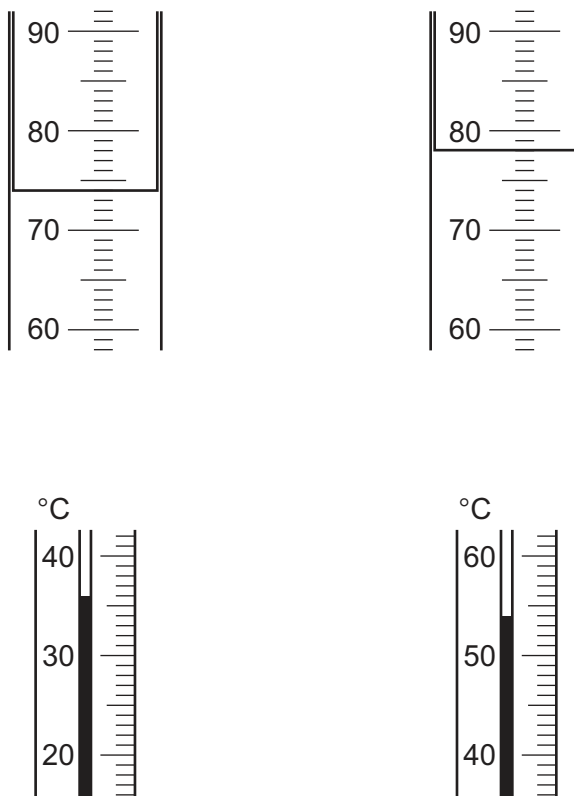


Fig. 6.2

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- (b) (i) Suggest a reason why the student leaves the syringe in the water at the higher temperatures for several minutes.

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- (ii) Suggest how the student can cool the syringe down and keep it at a temperature of 0°C . He has supplies of ice and salt.

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- (c) Explain why a **rise** in the temperature of the air causes its volume, measured at atmospheric pressure, to increase.

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 [2]

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- (d) The student repeats all the steps of this experiment using 50 cm^3 of gas **G** instead of 50 cm^3 of air. He uses the same temperatures as before.

He finds that the volumes of gas **G** at the higher temperatures are the same as the volumes of air.

The syringe reading for gas **G** at 0°C is close to 0 cm^3 .

Suggest a reason why the volume of gas **G** at 0°C was close to zero.

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- (e) Study Fig. 6.1 again and identify **two** sources of error in the student's experiment.

error 1

error 2

[2]

- (f) Mark on Fig. 6.1, with the letter C, where the student should clamp the syringe. [1]

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