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Paper 1 Multiple Choice (Core)

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45 minutes

You must answer on the multiple choice answer sheet.

You will need: Multiple choice answer sheet
Soft clean eraser
Soft pencil (type B or HB is recommended)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 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 multiple choice answer sheet.
- Follow the instructions on the multiple choice answer sheet.
- Write in soft pencil.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on the multiple choice answer sheet in the spaces provided unless this has been done for you.
- Do **not** use correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- Each correct answer will score one mark.
- Any rough working should be done on this question paper.
- The Periodic Table is printed in the question paper.

This document has **20** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

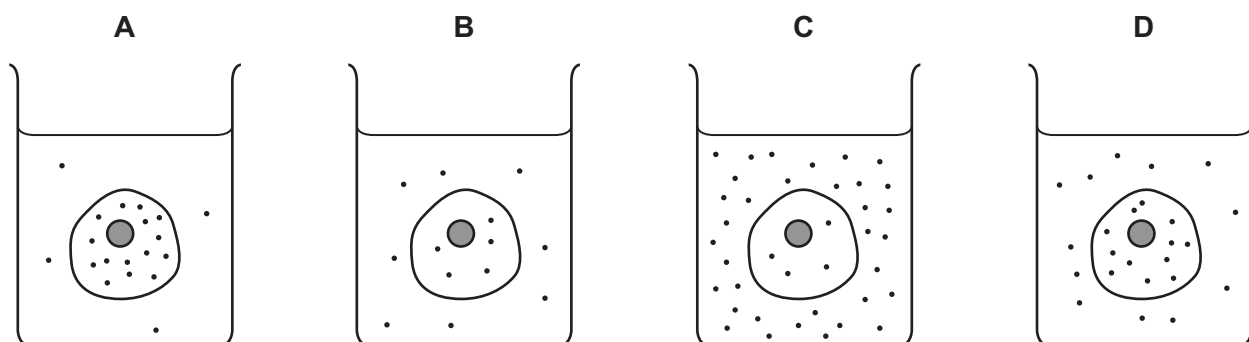


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- 1 The diagrams represent four similar animal cells immersed in blood plasma.

The black dots represent molecules of dissolved oxygen.

Which cell will have oxygen molecules diffusing into it most rapidly?



- 2 The table shows the results of some food tests carried out on one sample of food.

food test reagent	colour at start of test	colour at end of test
Benedict's solution	blue	blue
biuret reagent	blue	purple
iodine solution	brown	blue / black

Which nutrients does the food sample contain?

- A** protein and starch
B protein and reducing sugar
C starch only
D starch and reducing sugar

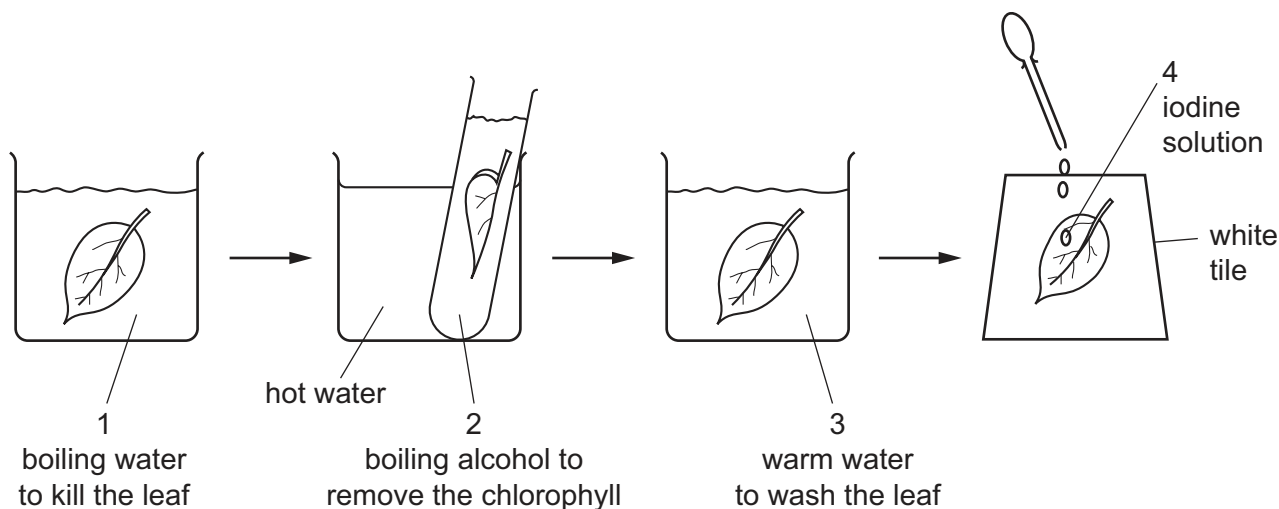
- 3 Which row describes an enzyme?

	type of molecule	function
A	carbohydrate	speeds up a reaction and is used up in the process
B	carbohydrate	speeds up a reaction and is not used up in the process
C	protein	speeds up a reaction and is used up in the process
D	protein	speeds up a reaction and is not used up in the process

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4 The flow diagram shows the stages in testing a green leaf for starch.

1, 2, 3 and 4 are all liquids.



What are the colours of liquids 2 and 4 for a leaf that contains starch?

	2	4
A	green	blue / black
B	colourless	brown
C	colourless	blue / black
D	green	brown

5 Most food molecules need to be digested to allow them to be absorbed into the blood.

Which row shows the type of digestion and the change needed to allow absorption to happen?

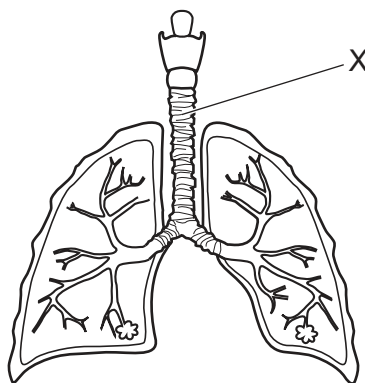
	type of digestion	change to food molecules
A	chemical	large molecules to small, insoluble molecules
B	chemical	large molecules to small, soluble molecules
C	mechanical	large molecules to small, soluble molecules
D	mechanical	large molecules to small, insoluble molecules

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6 Which conditions cause the lowest rate of transpiration?

	humidity	temperature
A	high	high
B	high	low
C	low	high
D	low	low

7 The diagram shows the human gas exchange system.



What is the part labelled X?

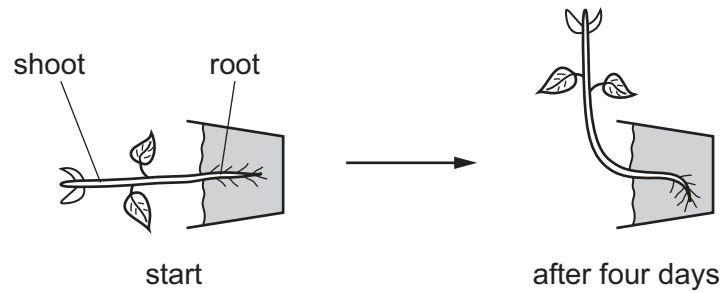
- A** alveolus
- B** bronchus
- C** larynx
- D** trachea

8 Which equation represents aerobic respiration?

- A** carbon dioxide + glucose $\rightarrow$ oxygen + water
- B** carbon dioxide + water $\rightarrow$ glucose + oxygen
- C** glucose + oxygen $\rightarrow$ carbon dioxide + water
- D** glucose + water $\rightarrow$ carbon dioxide + oxygen

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- 9** A plant in a pot was placed on its side for four days.



Which row describes the gravitropic response in the root and shoot?

	root	shoot
A	positive	negative
B	negative	positive
C	negative	negative
D	positive	positive

- 10** During human reproduction an egg fuses with a sperm.

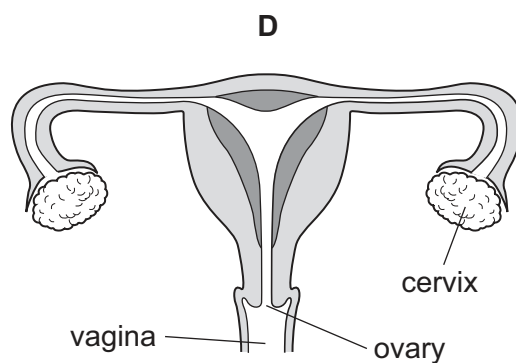
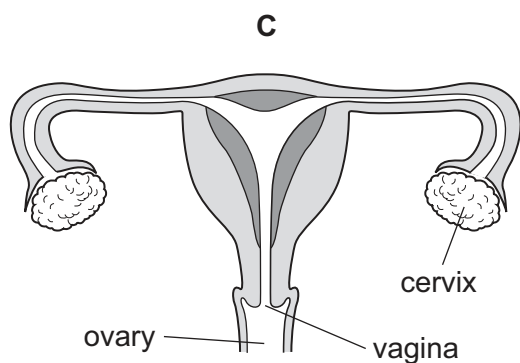
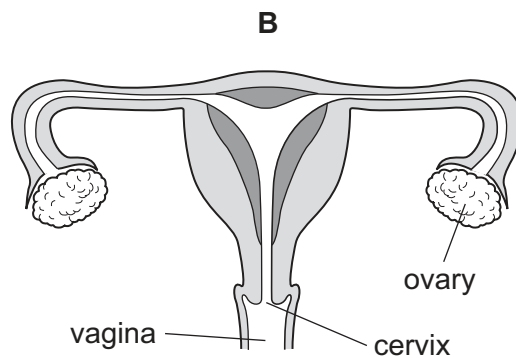
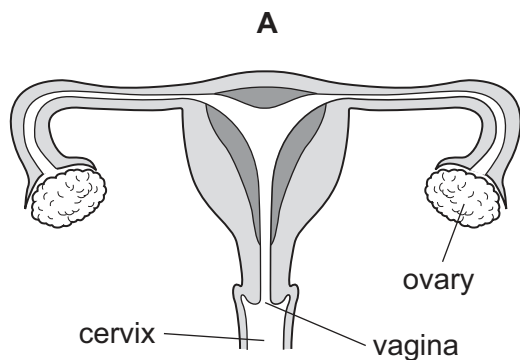
Sometimes the zygote splits into two and produces twins.

Which row describes the formation of these twins?

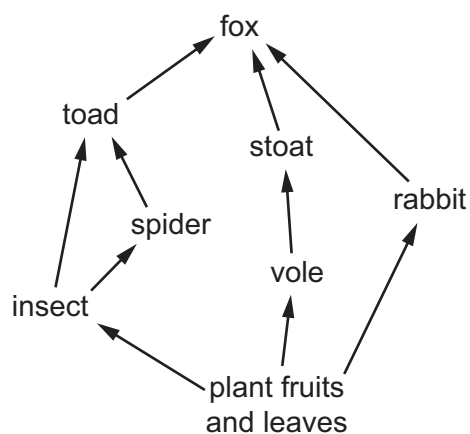
	original zygote produced by	twins
A	asexual reproduction	genetically identical
B	sexual reproduction	genetically identical
C	asexual reproduction	genetically different
D	sexual reproduction	genetically different

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11 Which diagram of the female reproductive system is correctly labelled?



12 The diagram shows a food web.



Which two organisms are both secondary consumers?

- A** insect and spider
- B** insect and toad
- C** rabbit and stoat
- D** spider and toad

13 Which process takes carbon dioxide out of the air?

- A combustion
- B decomposition
- C photosynthesis
- D plant respiration

14 The melting point and boiling point of oxygen and nitrogen are shown.

	melting point /°C	boiling point /°C
oxygen	–219	–183
nitrogen	–210	–196

A sealed flask contains a mixture of oxygen and nitrogen.

Which diagram shows the arrangement of oxygen and nitrogen particles at –190 °C?

A
B
C
D

key

● = nitrogen molecules

○ = oxygen molecules

15 What is an example of a physical change?

- A carbon dioxide turning limewater milky
- B the crystallisation of copper(II) sulfate from solution
- C the electrolysis of molten lead(II) bromide
- D the thermal decomposition of calcium carbonate

16 Water has the chemical formula H₂O.

Which statement is correct?

- A Pure water is a mixture because it contains hydrogen and oxygen.
- B Pure water is an element because it contains only one type of molecule.
- C Salt water is a compound because it contains salt and water.
- D Salt water is a mixture because it contains salt and water.

- 17 What are the products of the electrolysis of concentrated aqueous sodium chloride using inert electrodes?

	anode	cathode
A	chlorine	hydrogen
B	chlorine	sodium
C	oxygen	hydrogen
D	oxygen	sodium

- 18 Some calcium carbonate and dilute hydrochloric acid start to react. Water is then added to the reaction mixture.

What happens to the rate of the reaction?

- A** It decreases.
B It increases.
C It stays the same.
D It stops.
- 19 In six separate experiments, dilute sulfuric acid is added separately to the substances listed.
- magnesium
 - magnesium oxide
 - magnesium carbonate
 - copper
 - copper oxide
 - copper carbonate

How many of these experiments produce a gas?

- A** 2 **B** 3 **C** 4 **D** 5
- 20 Which two substances form a white precipitate when they are mixed?
- A** barium chloride and hydrochloric acid
B barium chloride and nitric acid
C silver nitrate and hydrochloric acid
D silver nitrate and nitric acid

21 How does the character of the elements change across a period of the Periodic Table from left to right?

- A** acidic to basic
- B** basic to acidic
- C** metallic to non-metallic
- D** non-metallic to metallic

22 Ruthenium is a transition element.

Which row describes ruthenium?

	forms coloured compounds	can be used as a catalyst	
A	X	X	key
B	X	✓	✓ = yes
C	✓	X	X = no
D	✓	✓	

23 Which words describe a noble gas?

- A** compound, colourless, does not burn in air
- B** element, colourless, burns in air
- C** element, colourless, does not burn in air
- D** element, green, does not burn in air

24 A steam boiler is a container in which water is converted into steam.

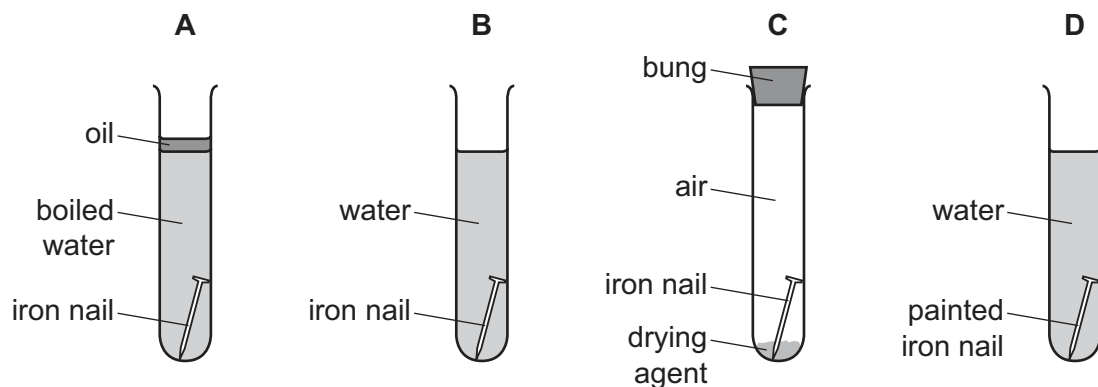
The steam is used to turn turbines which generate electricity.

Which metal can be used to make a steam boiler?

- A** calcium
- B** copper
- C** magnesium
- D** zinc

25 An experiment is set up to investigate the rusting of iron nails.

In which test-tube does the iron nail **not** rust because a barrier method of rust prevention is used?



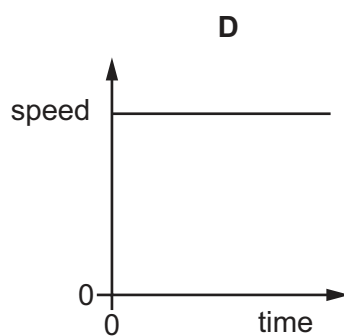
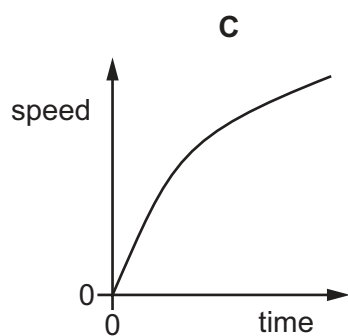
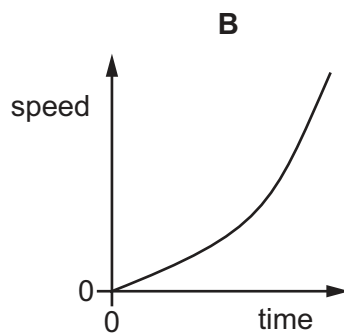
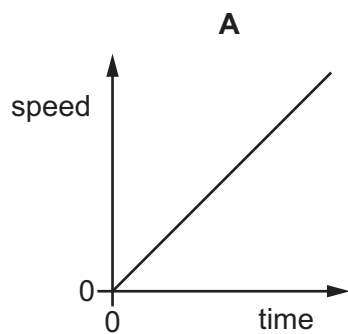
26 Which type of compound contains only carbon and hydrogen?

- A** carbohydrate
- B** carbonate
- C** hydrocarbon
- D** hydroxide

27 Which substance turns aqueous bromine colourless?

- A** an alkane
- B** an alkene
- C** a saturated hydrocarbon
- D** poly(ethene)

28 Which speed–time graph represents an object that is moving with constant speed?



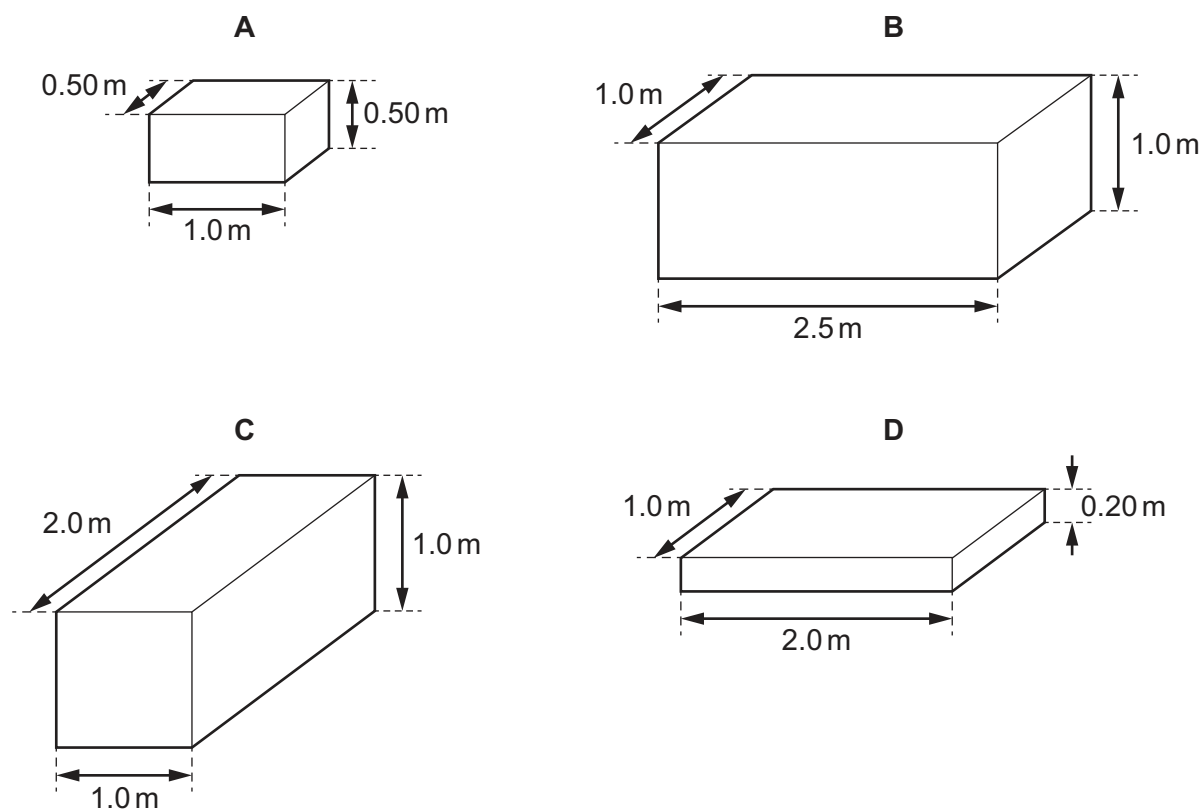
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29 The diagrams show four solid blocks that each have a mass of 15 800 kg.

The dimensions of each block are shown.

Iron has a density of 7900 kg/m^3 .

Which block is made of iron?



30 Which change **cannot** be caused by a force acting on an object?

- A change of mass
- B change of motion
- C change of shape
- D change of size

31 An object is lifted vertically upwards.

Which change results in the same quantity of work being done?

- A** lifting a heavier object through a greater distance in the same time
- B** lifting a lighter object through the same distance in a smaller time
- C** lifting the same object through a greater distance in the same time
- D** lifting the same object through the same distance in a greater time

32 Which source of energy is non-renewable?

- A** chemical energy stored in fossil fuels
- B** energy stored in waves
- C** energy stored in water behind a hydroelectric dam
- D** wind energy

33 Cold water evaporates as molecules leave it.

Which molecules leave the water and from which part of the water do they leave?

	molecules that leave the water	where they leave from
A	least energetic	the surface only
B	least energetic	throughout the water
C	most energetic	the surface only
D	most energetic	throughout the water

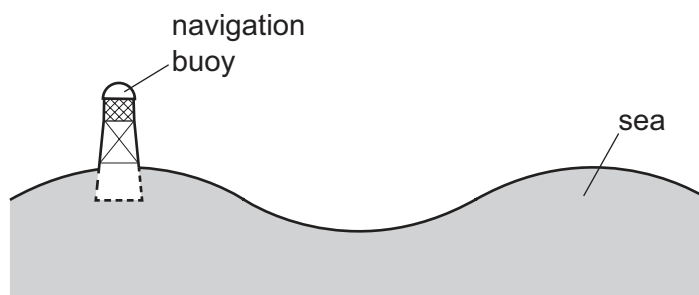
34 Energy is transferred from the Sun to the Earth through the vacuum of space.

Which method of energy transfer is involved?

- A** conduction
- B** convection
- C** evaporation
- D** radiation

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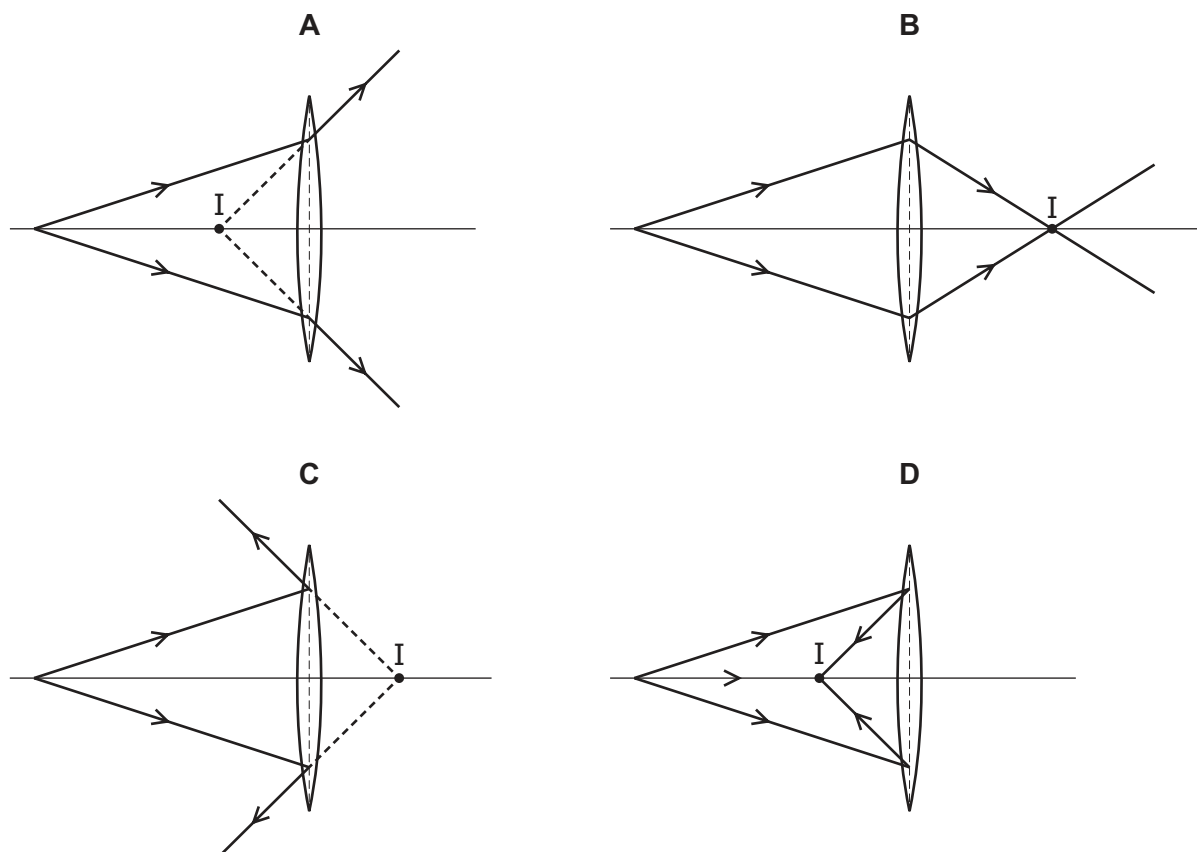
- 35** A navigation buoy floating on the sea oscillates up and down as a wave passes.



In 2.0 minutes, 6.0 wavelengths pass the buoy.

What is the frequency of the waves?

- A** 0.050 Hz **B** 0.33 Hz **C** 3.0 Hz **D** 20 Hz
- 36** Which diagram shows how a converging lens forms a real image at the point labelled I?



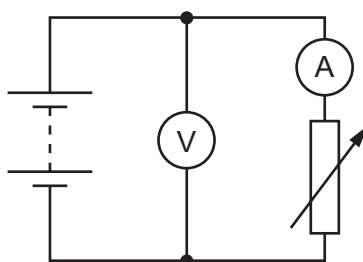
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37 There is a current in a solid metal wire.

Which particles flow through the wire, and which instrument is used to measure a current?

	particles	instrument
A	electrons	ammeter
B	electrons	voltmeter
C	ions	ammeter
D	ions	voltmeter

38 The diagram represents a circuit that includes a battery, an ammeter, a voltmeter and a variable resistor.

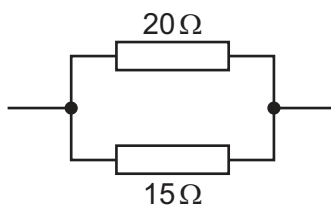


What happens to the readings on the meters as the resistance of the variable resistor is increased?

	ammeter reading	voltmeter reading
A	decreases	decreases
B	decreases	stays constant
C	increases	decreases
D	increases	stays constant

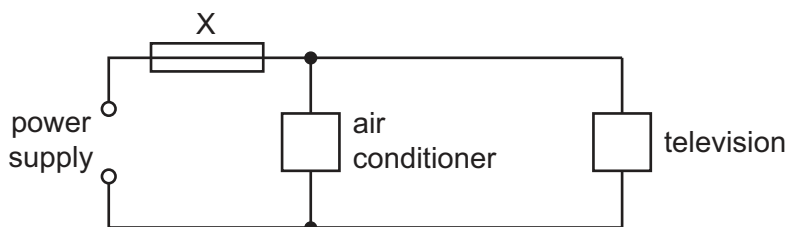
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- 39 A $20\ \Omega$ resistor and a $15\ \Omega$ resistor are connected in parallel.



What is the combined resistance of the two resistors?

- A less than $15\ \Omega$
 - B between $15\ \Omega$ and $20\ \Omega$
 - C $35\ \Omega$
 - D greater than $35\ \Omega$
- 40 An air conditioner and a television are both connected to the same electrical circuit.



The current in the air conditioner is $9.0\ \text{A}$ and the current in the television is $2.0\ \text{A}$.

Several different fuses are available.

Which fuse should be connected at X?

- A 1 A
- B 3 A
- C 7 A
- D 13 A

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The Periodic Table of Elements

Group																			
I	II											III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII		
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lanthanoids

actinoids

57 La lanthanum 139	58 Ce cerium 140	59 Pr praseodymium 141	60 Nd neodymium 144	61 Pm promethium —	62 Sm samarium 150	63 Eu europium 152	64 Gd gadolinium 157	65 Tb terbium 159	66 Dy dysprosium 163	67 Ho holmium 165	68 Er erbium 167	69 Tm thulium 169	70 Yb ytterbium 173	71 Lu lutetium 175
89 Ac actinium —	90 Th thorium 232	91 Pa protactinium 231	92 U uranium 238	93 Np neptunium —	94 Pu plutonium —	95 Am americium —	96 Cm curium —	97 Bk berkelium —	98 Cf californium —	99 Es einsteinium —	100 Fm fermium —	101 Md mendelevium —	102 No nobelium —	103 Lr lawrencium —

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