

AQA Triple (8463) Science- Physics-PLC																											
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4.1.1 Energy changes in a system, and the ways energy is stored before and after such changes	1	1	1	Define a system as an object or group of objects and state examples of changes in the way energy is stored in a system																							
	2	2	2	Describe how all the energy changes involved in an energy transfer and calculate relative changes in energy when the heat, work done or flow of charge in a system changes																							
	3	3	3	Use calculations to show on a common scale how energy in a system is redistributed																							
	4	4	4	Calculate the kinetic energy of an object by recalling and applying the equation: $[Ek = \frac{1}{2}mv^2]$																							
	5	5	5	Calculate the amount of elastic potential energy stored in a stretched spring by applying, but not recalling, the equation: $[Ee = \frac{1}{2}kx^2]$																							
	6	6	6	Calculate the amount of gravitational potential energy gained by an object raised above ground level by recalling and applying, the equation: $[Eg = mgh]$																							
	7	7	7	Calculate the amount of energy stored in or released from a system as its temperature changes by applying, but not recalling, the equation: $[\Delta E = mc\Delta \theta]$																							
	8	8	8	Define the term 'specific heat capacity'																							
	9	9	9	Required practical 3: investigation to determine the specific heat capacity of one or more materials																							
	10	10	10	Define power as the rate at which energy is transferred or the rate at which work is done and the watt as an energy transfer of 1 joule per second																							
	11	11	11	Calculate power by recalling and applying the equations: $[P = E/t]$ & $[P = W/t]$																							
	4.1.2 Conservation and dissipation of energy	12	12	12	Explain, using examples, how two systems transferring the same amount of energy can differ in power output due to the time taken																						
13		13	13	State that energy can be transferred usefully, stored or dissipated, but cannot be created or destroyed and so the total energy in a system does not change																							
14		14	14	Explain that only some of the energy in a system is usefully transferred, with the rest 'wasted', giving examples of how this wasted energy can be reduced																							
15		15	15	Explain ways of reducing unwanted energy transfers and the relationship between thermal conductivity and energy transferred																							
16		16	16	Describe how the rate of cooling of a building is affected by the thickness and thermal conductivity of its walls																							
17		17	17	Required practical 2: investigate the effectiveness of different materials as thermal insulators and the factors that may affect the thermal insulation properties of a material																							
18		18	18	Calculate efficiency by recalling and applying the equation: $[\text{efficiency} = \text{useful power output} / \text{total power input}]$																							
19		19	19	HT ONLY: Suggest and explain ways to increase the efficiency of an intended energy transfer																							
20		20	20	List the main renewable and non-renewable energy resources and define what a renewable energy resource is																							
4.1.3 National and global energy resources		21	21	21	Compare ways that different energy resources are used, including uses in transport, electricity generation and heating																						
	22	22	22	Explain why some energy resources are more reliable than others, explaining patterns and trends in their use																							
	23	23	23	Evaluate the use of different energy resources, taking into account any ethical and environmental issues which may arise																							
	24	24	24	Justify the use of energy resources, with reference to both environmental issues and the limitations imposed by political, social, ethical or economic considerations																							
	25	25	25	Draw and interpret circuit diagrams, including all common circuit symbols																							
	4.2.1 Current, potential difference and resistance	26	26	26	Define electric current as the rate of flow of electrical charge around a closed circuit																						
27		27	27	Calculate charge and current by recalling and applying the formula: $[Q = It]$																							
28		28	28	Explain that current is caused by a source of potential difference and it has the same value at any point in a single closed loop of a circuit																							
29		29	29	Describe and apply the idea that the greater the resistance of a component, the smaller the current for a given potential difference (p.d.) across the component																							
30		30	30	Calculate current, potential difference or resistance by recalling and applying the equation: $[V = IR]$																							
31		31	31	Required practical 3: Use circuit diagrams to set up and check circuits to investigate the factors affecting the resistance of electrical circuits																							
32		32	32	Define an ohmic conductor																							
33		33	33	Explain the resistance of components such as lamps, diodes, thermistors and LDRs and sketch/interpret IV graphs of their characteristic electrical behaviour																							
34		34	34	Explain how to measure the resistance of a component by drawing an appropriate circuit diagram using correct circuit symbols																							
35		35	35	Required practical 4: use circuit diagrams to construct appropriate circuits to investigate the I-V characteristics of a variety of circuit elements																							
4.2.2 Series and parallel circuits		36	36	36	Show by calculation and explanation that components in series have the same current passing through them																						
		37	37	37	Show by calculation and explanation that components connected in parallel have the same potential difference across each of them																						
	38	38	38	Calculate the total resistance of two components in series as the sum of the resistance of each component using the equation: $[R \text{ total} = R1 + R2]$																							
	39	39	39	Explain qualitatively why adding resistors in series increases the total resistance whilst adding resistors in parallel decreases the total resistance																							
	40	40	40	Solve problems for circuits which include resistors in series using the concept of equivalent resistance																							
	41	41	41	Explain the difference between direct and alternating voltage and current, stating what UK mains is																							
4.2.3 Domestic uses and safety	42	42	42	Identify and describe the function of each wire in a three-core cable connected to the mains																							
	43	43	43	State that the potential difference between the live wire and earth (0 V) is about 230 V and that both neutral wires and our bodies are at, or close to, earth potential (0 V)																							
	44	44	44	Explain that a live wire may be dangerous even when a switch in the mains circuit is open by explaining the danger of providing any connection between the live wire and earth																							
	45	45	45	Explain how the power transfer in any circuit device is related to the potential difference across it and the current through it																							
4.2.4 Energy transfers	46	46	46	Calculate power by recalling and applying the equations: $[P = VI]$ and $[P = I^2 R]$																							
	47	47	47	Describe how appliances transfer energy to the kinetic energy of motors or the thermal energy of heating devices																							
	48	48	48	Calculate and explain the amount of energy transferred by electrical work by recalling and applying the equations: $[E = Pt]$ and $[E = QV]$																							
	49	49	49	Explain how the power of a circuit device is related to the potential difference across it, the current through it and the energy transferred over a given time.																							
	50	50	50	Describe, with examples, the relationship between the power ratings for domestic electrical appliances and the changes in stored energy when they are in use																							
	51	51	51	Identify the National Grid as a system of cables and transformers linking power stations to consumers																							
4.2.5 Static electricity	52	52	52	Explain why the National Grid system is an efficient way to transfer energy, with reference to change in potential difference reducing current																							
	53			PHY ONLY: Describe the production of static electricity by the rubbing of insulating surfaces																							
	54			PHY ONLY: Describe evidence that charged objects exert forces of attraction or repulsion on one another when not in contact																							
	55			PHY ONLY: Explain how the transfer of electrons between objects can explain the phenomenon of static electricity, including how insulators are charged and sparks are created																							
	56			PHY ONLY: Draw the electric field pattern for an isolated charged sphere																							
	57			PHY ONLY: Explain the concept of an electric field and the decrease in its strength as the distance from it increases																							
4.3.1 Changes of state and the particle model	58			PHY ONLY: Explain how the concept of an electric field helps to explain the non-contact force between charged objects as well as other electrostatic phenomena such as sparking																							
	59	53	53	Calculate the density of a material by recalling and applying the equation: $[\rho = m/V]$																							
	60	54	54	Recognise/draw simple diagrams to model the difference between solids, liquids and gases																							
	61	55	55	Use the particle model to explain the properties of different states of matter and differences in the density of materials																							
	62	56	56	Required practical 5: use appropriate apparatus to make and record the measurements needed to determine the densities of regular and irregular solid objects and liquids																							
	63	57	57	Recall and describe the names of the processes by which substances change state																							
	64	58	58	Use the particle model to explain why a change of state is reversible and affects the properties of a substance, but not its mass																							
	65	59	59	State that the internal energy of a system is stored in the atoms and molecules that make up the system																							
4.3.2 Internal energy and energy transfers	66	60	60	Explain that internal energy is the total kinetic energy and potential energy of all the particles in a system																							
	67	61	61	Calculate the change in thermal energy by applying but not recalling the equation $[\Delta E = mc\Delta \theta]$																							
	68	62	62	Calculate the specific latent heat of fusion/vaporisation by applying, but not recalling, the equation: $[E = mL]$																							
	69	63	63	Interpret and draw heating and cooling graphs that include changes of state																							
	70	64	64	Distinguish between specific heat capacity and specific latent heat																							
	71	65	65	Explain why the molecules of a gas are in constant random motion and that the higher the temperature of a gas, the greater the particles' average kinetic energy																							
4.3.3 Particle model and pressure	72	66	66	Explain, with reference to the particle model, the effect of changing the temperature of a gas held at constant volume on its pressure																							
	73	67	67	Calculate the change in the pressure of a gas or the volume of a gas (a fixed mass held at constant temperature) when either the pressure or volume is increased or decreased																							
	74			PHY ONLY: Explain, with reference to the particle model, how increasing the volume in which a gas is contained can lead to a decrease in pressure when the temperature is constant																							
	75			PHY ONLY: Calculate the pressure for a fixed mass of gas held at a constant temperature by applying, but not recalling, the equation: $[pV = \text{constant}]$																							
4.4.1 Atoms and isotopes	76			PHY & HT ONLY: Explain how work done on an enclosed gas can lead to an increase in the temperature of the gas, as in a bicycle pump																							
	77	68	68	Describe the basic structure of an atom and how the distance of the charged particles vary with the absorption or emission of electromagnetic radiation																							
	78	69	69	Define electrons, neutrons, protons, isotopes and ions																							
	79	70	70	Relate differences between isotopes to differences in conventional representations of their identities, charges and masses																							
	80	71	71	Describe how the atomic model has changed over time due to new experimental evidence, inc discovery of the atom and scattering experiments (inc the work of James Chadwick)																							
	81	72	72	Describe and apply the idea that the activity of a radioactive source is the rate at which its unstable nuclei decay, measured in Becquerel (Bq) by a Geiger-Muller tube																							
4.4.2 Atoms and nuclear radiation	82	73	73	Describe the penetration through materials, the range in air and the ionising power for alpha particles, beta particles and gamma rays																							
	83	74	74	Apply knowledge of the uses of radiation to evaluate the best sources of radiation to use in a given situation																							
	84	75	75	Use the names and symbols of common nuclei and particles to complete balanced nuclear equations, by balancing the atomic numbers and mass numbers																							
	85	76	76	Define half-life of a radioactive isotope																							
	86	77	77	HT ONLY: Determine the half-life of a radioactive isotope from given information and calculate the net decline, expressed as a ratio, in a radioactive emission after a given number of half-lives																							
	87	78	78	Compare the hazards associated with contamination and irradiation and outline suitable precautions taken to protect against any hazard the radioactive sources may present																							
	88	79	79	Discuss the importance of publishing the findings of studies into the effects of radiation on humans and sharing findings with other scientists so that they can be checked by peer review																							
	4.4.3 Hazards and uses of radioactive emissions and of background radiation	89			PHY ONLY: State, giving examples, that background radiation is caused by natural and man-made sources and that the level of radiation may be affected by occupation and/or location																						
90				PHY ONLY: Explain the relationship between the instability and half-life of radioactive isotopes and why the hazards associated with radioactive material differ according to the half-life involved																							
91				PHY ONLY: Describe and evaluate the uses of nuclear radiation in exploration of internal organs and controlling or destroying unwanted tissue																							
92				PHY ONLY: Evaluate the perceived risks of using nuclear radiation in relation to given data and consequences																							
93				PHY ONLY: Describe nuclear fission																							
94				PHY ONLY: Draw/interpret diagrams representing nuclear fission and how a chain reaction may occur																							
95			PHY ONLY: Describe nuclear fusion																								
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