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**ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL**  
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**4003/2**

PAPER 2 Theory

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**2 hours**

Additional materials:  
 Calculator (Optional)  
 Answer sheets  
 String

The Periodic Table is provided on page 13.

Time 2 hours

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top.

**Section A**

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided on the question paper.

**Section B**

Answer any **two** questions.

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**Section C**

Answer any **two** questions.

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**Section D**

Answer any **two** questions.

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**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

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Section A

Answer all questions in the spaces provided on the question paper.

I (a) Fig.1.1 shows a specialised cell.

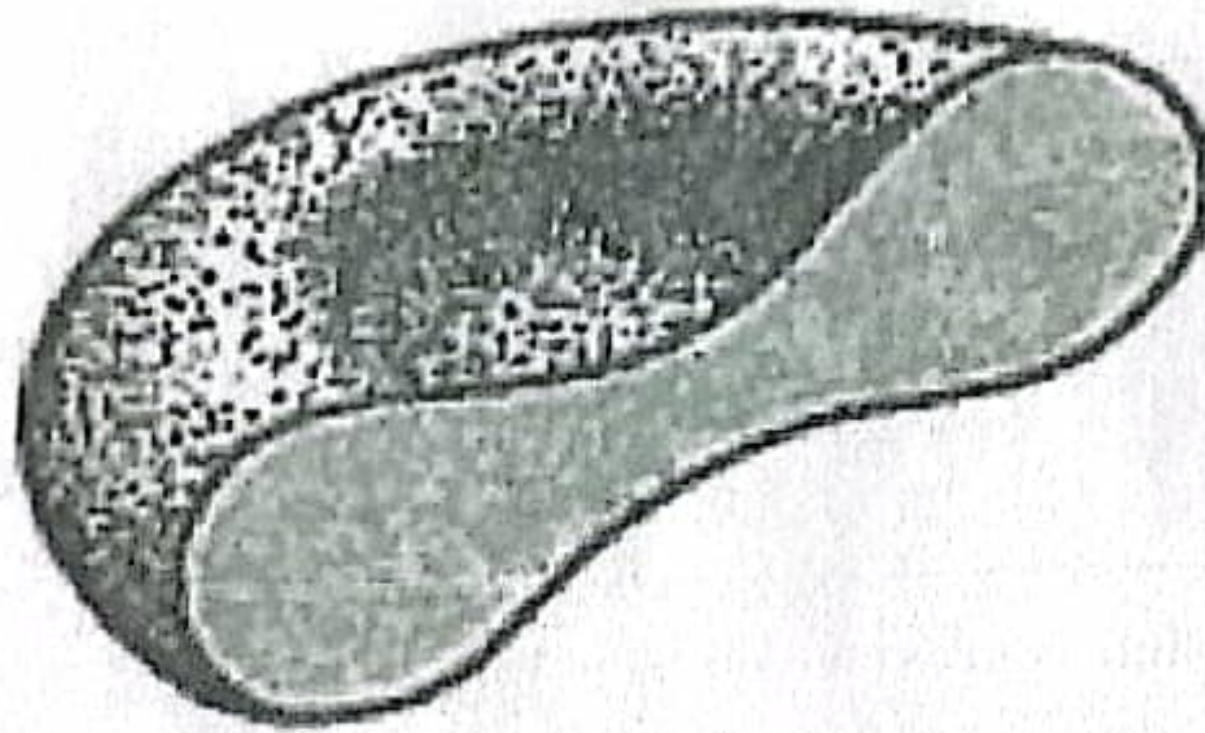


Fig.1.1

(i) Identify the specialised cell.

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(ii) State two adaptations of the cell in Fig. 1.1 to its function.

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\_\_\_\_\_ [2]

(b) (i) Define the term *discontinuous variation*.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1]



(ii) State any **one** characteristic which shows discontinuous variation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(c) Explain why trophic levels are limited in a food chain.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [2]

2 (a) State the causative agent of

(i) chancroid,

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(ii) genital herpes.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(b) Describe **one** way of reducing the spread of chancroid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(c) Describe how HIV/AIDS differs from genital herpes.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [2]



(d) State any two effects of syphilis on an unborn child.

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[2]

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(a) Table 3.1 shows the effects of substances A and B on litmus paper.

Table 3.1

substance	blue litmus paper	red litmus paper
A	remains blue	turns blue
B	turns red	remains red

(i) State the purpose of the litmus paper.

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[1]

(ii) Identify the acid-base nature of

1. substance A,

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2. substance B.

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[2]

(iii) State any one property of substance B.

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[1]



- (b) Write an equation for the reaction between calcium carbonate and hydrochloric acid.

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[3]

- 4 (a) Fig.4.1 shows the displayed structural formula of a hydrocarbon.

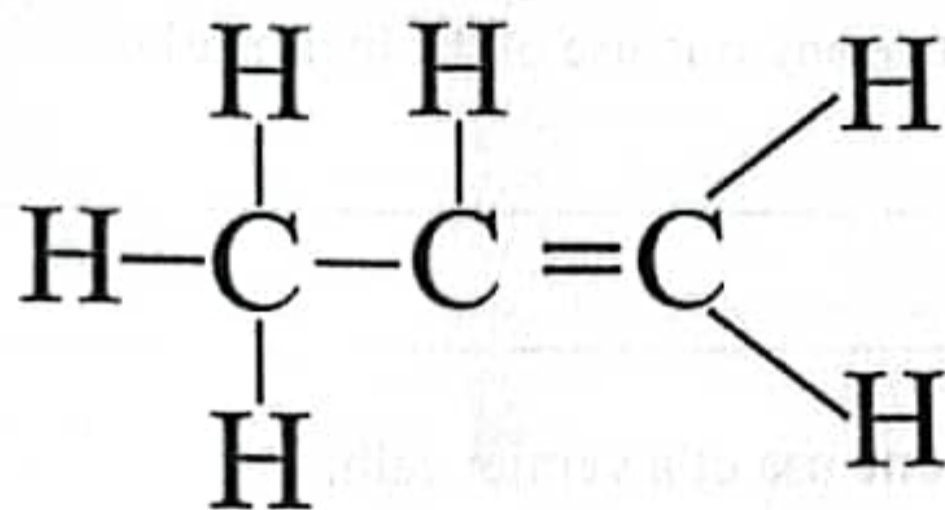


Fig.4.1

- (i) Define the term *hydrocarbon*.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

\_\_\_\_\_

- (ii) Name the hydrocarbon in Fig. 4.1.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

- (iii) Identify the homologous series to which the hydrocarbon belongs.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

- (iv) Explain why the hydrocarbon is said to be unsaturated.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

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(b) (i) Deduce the empirical formula of the hydrocarbon in Fig. 4.1.

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[2]

(ii) State any one use of the hydrocarbon.

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[1]

5 (a) State any one use of a vernier callipers.

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[1]

(b) Fig.5.1 shows the scale of a vernier callipers.

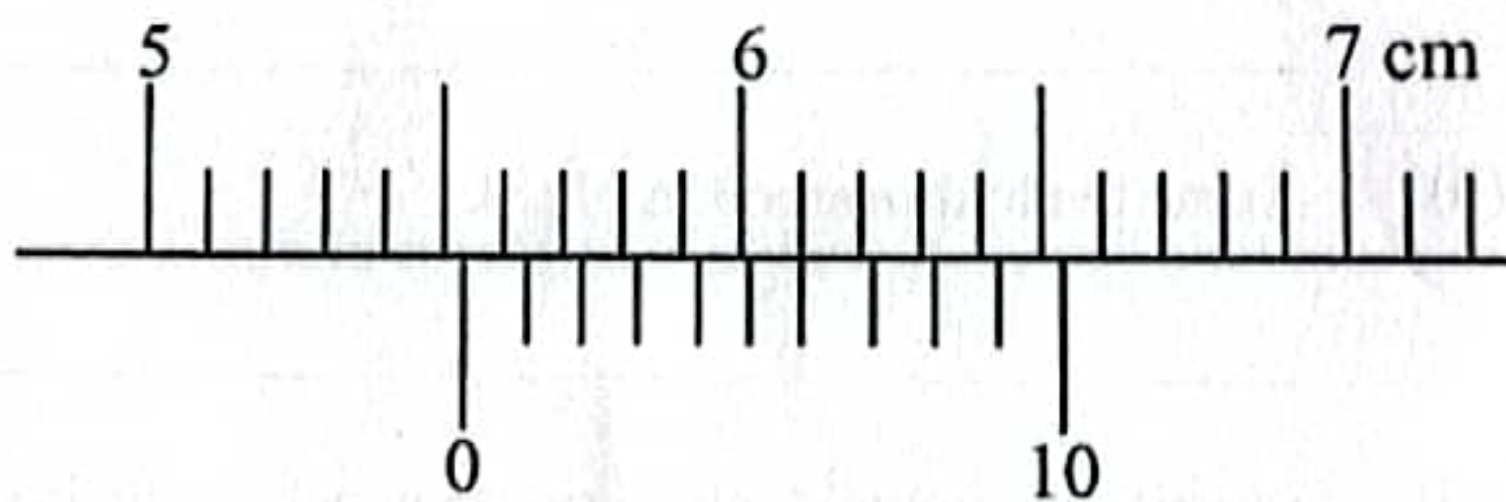


Fig.5.1

State the reading shown on the vernier callipers in Fig. 5.1.

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[1]



- (c) (i)  $1 \text{ cm}^3$  of water has a mass of 1 g.  
Calculate the density of  $50 \text{ cm}^3$  of water.

[3]

- (ii) Convert  $50 \text{ cm}^3$  to litres.

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\_\_\_\_\_

[1]

- 6 (a) (i) State the law of magnetism.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

[1]

- (ii) Give any **one** example of a magnetic material and a non-magnetic material.

magnetic \_\_\_\_\_

non-magnetic \_\_\_\_\_

[2]

- (b) Table 6.1 shows the differences between a motor and a generator.

- (i) Complete Table 6.1.

Table 6.1

	motor	generator
power source	present	absent
form of energy produced		

[2]

- (ii) State any **one** appliance which has an electric motor.

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\_\_\_\_\_

[1]



## Section B

Answer any two questions on the separate answer sheets provided.

- 7 (a) State any **three** differences between inhaled and exhaled air. [3]
- (b) (i) State the word equation for aerobic respiration. [2]
- (ii) Explain why little energy is produced during anaerobic respiration. [2]
- (iii) Give any **three** differences between respiration and photosynthesis. [3]
- 8 (a) State any **two** functions of transpiration. [2]
- (b) Explain any **two** ways in which plants are adapted to reduce water loss by transpiration. [4]
- (c) Explain why high concentration of salts in the soil reduces transpiration. [4]
- 9 (a) Fig.9.1 shows a blood vessel.

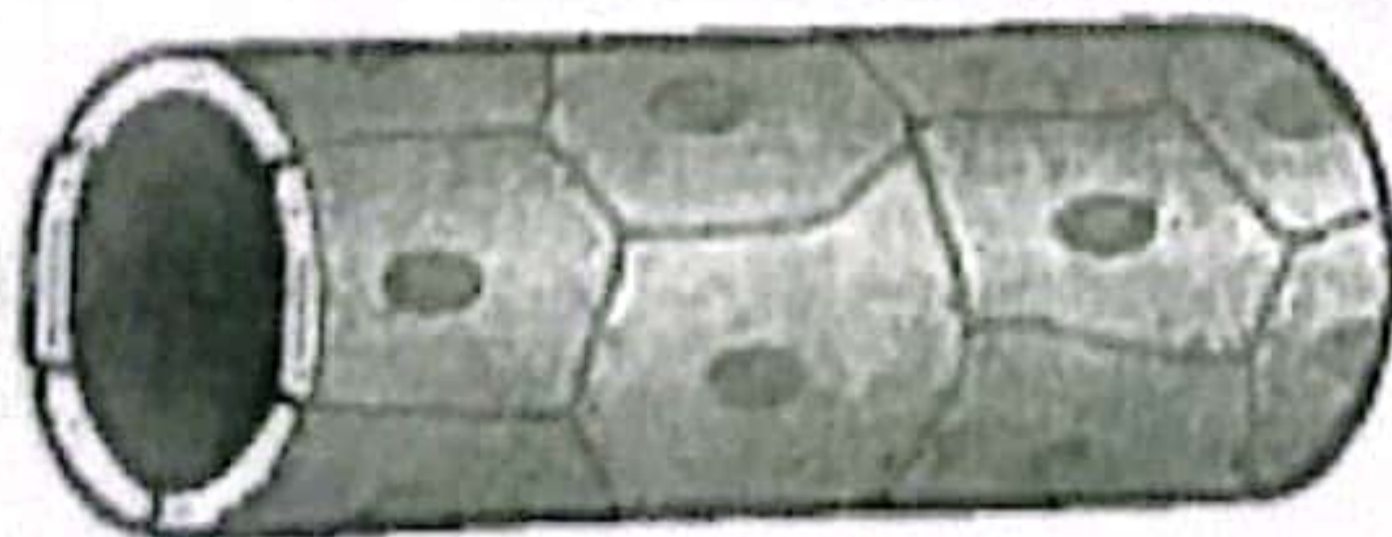


Fig.9.1

- (i) Explain the structure of the blood vessel. [4]
- (ii) State **two** differences in blood composition between the blood in the aorta and the blood in the vena cava. [2]
- (b) Outline the path taken by blood from the right atrium until it reaches the left atrium. [4]



## Section C

Answer any two questions on the separate answer sheets provided.

- (a) Table 10.1 shows characteristics of three elements A, B and C. The letters are not the real symbols of the elements.

Table 10.1

element	proton number	mass number	electronic configuration
A		23	2, 8, 1
B	18	40	
C	8	16	2, 6

- (i) Complete Table 10.1 by writing the proton number of element A and the electronic configuration of element B. [2]
- (ii) State the Group to which element A belongs. [1]
- (iii) Identify, using A, B or C, the element that is a noble gas. [1]
- (b) (i) Draw a dot and cross diagram to show the bonding between elements A and C. [2]
- (ii) State any one physical property of the compound formed between elements A and C. [2]
- (c) Calculate the number of moles in 69 g of element A. [2]

Sulphuric acid is manufactured by the contact process.

- (a) Name the two raw materials that are used in the production of sulphur trioxide. [2]
- (b) Give any two conditions needed for the production of sulphur trioxide. [2]
- (c) Describe how each condition stated in (b) affects the production of sulphur trioxide. [2]
- (d) Describe the dilution stage in the contact process. [2]
- (e) Calculate the relative molecular mass of sulphuric acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ). [2]

- 12 Fig.12.1 shows an experiment between iron (III) oxide ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) and coke (C).

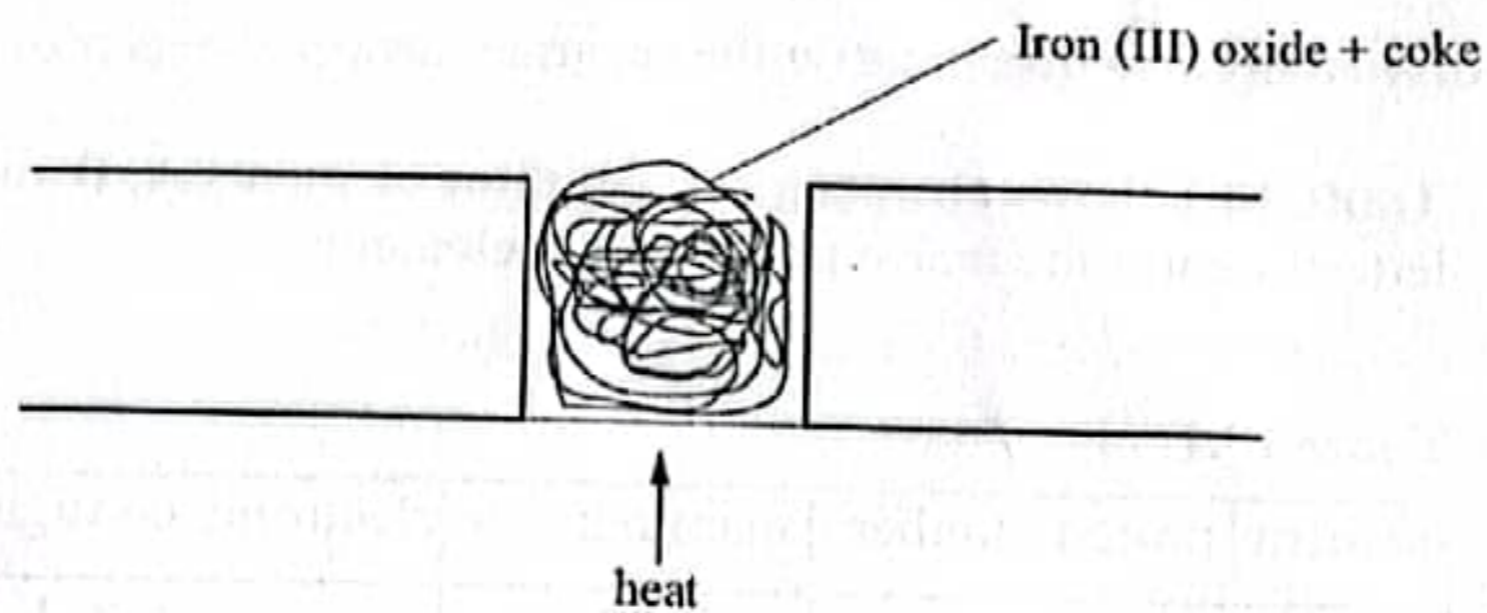


Fig.12.1

- (a) Explain the term *oxidation*. [1]
- (b) Write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction. [2]
- (c) Identify the oxidising agent in the reaction. [1]
- (d) (i) Name **two** elements which are added to the solid product to make stainless steel. [2]
- (ii) State any **two** properties of stainless steel. [2]
- (iii) Give any **two** uses of stainless steel. [2]



## Section D

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Fig.13.1 shows a piece of an unidentified material being heated. After five minutes, the heat was felt on the other end.

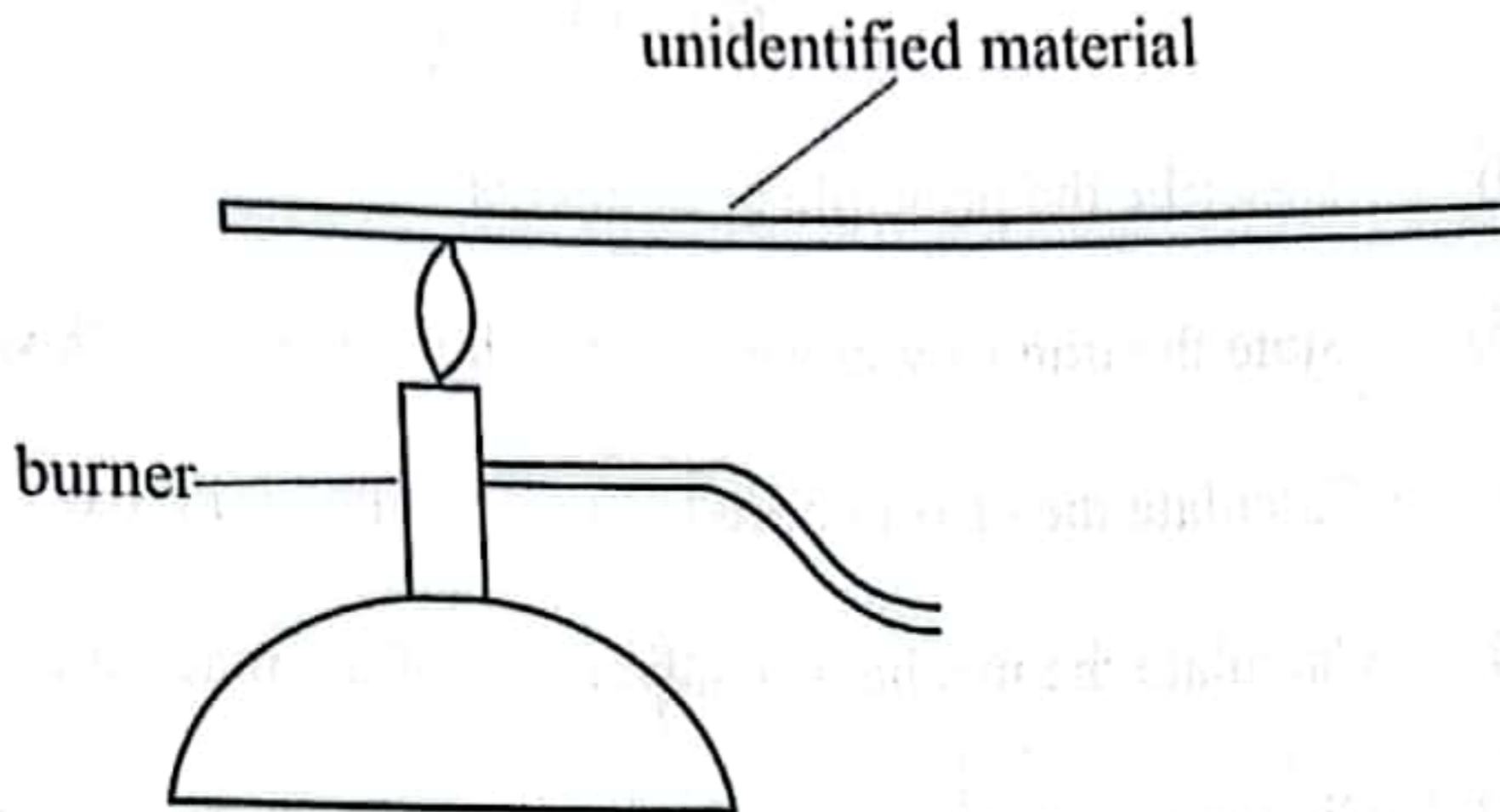


Fig.13.1

- (i) Identify, with a reason, the type of material that was used in the investigation. [2]
- (ii) Explain why heat conduction is fast in solids. [1]
- (iii) State the method by which heat energy is transferred in Fig. 13.1. [1]
- (b) (i) State any two types of potential energy. [2]
- (ii) State the law of conservation of energy. [2]
- (c) Explain why a tyre gets hot after travelling a long distance. [2]

- 14 Fig.14.1 shows a machine used to lift a 50 kg bag of maize.

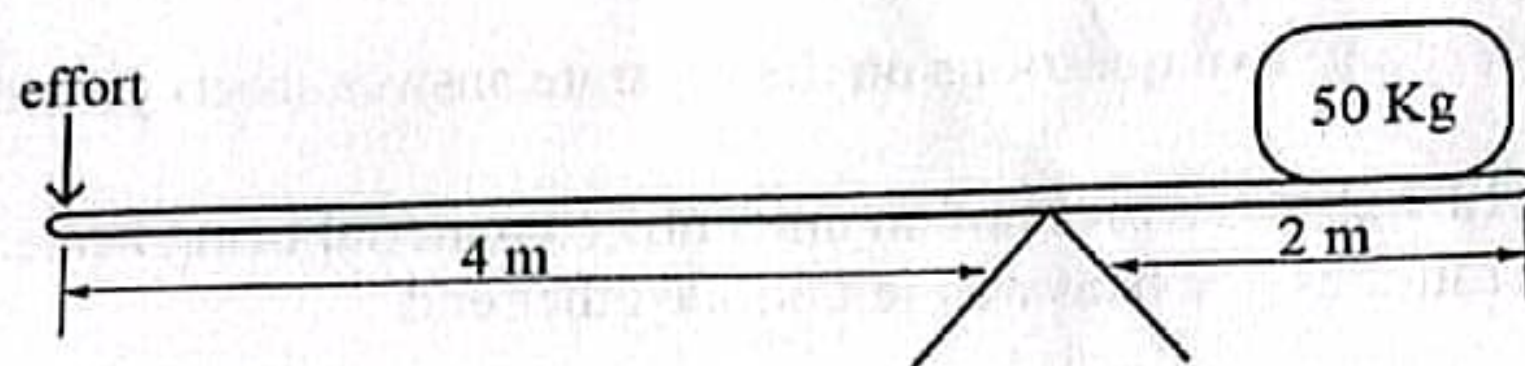


Fig.14.1

- (a) (i) Describe the principle of moments. [1]
- (ii) State the **one** way in which a machine makes work easier. [1]
- (b) (i) Calculate the effort needed to just lift the 50 kg bag. [3]
- (ii) Calculate the mechanical advantage of the machine. [2]
- (iii) Give any **two** examples of machines that use the same principle as that shown in Fig.14.1. [2]
- (c) Suggest a reason why the machine in Fig. 14.1 is not 100% efficient. [1]
- 15 (a) (i) Explain why copper and polythene have different electrical conductivities. [3]
- (ii) Name a non-metal which is a good electrical conductor. [1]
- (b) A Christmas tree was decorated with light bulbs. It was observed that when one of the lights on the Christmas tree broke, the rest went off as well.
- (i) State the type of connection used to connect the light bulbs. [1]
- (ii) Describe the effect of breaking one light bulb to the ammeter reading. [1]
- (c) State the function of a fuse. [1]
- (d) State any **two** safety precautions that one must take before rescuing an electrocuted person. [2]
- (e) Give **one** difference between direct current (d.c) and alternating current (a.c). [1]

# DATA SHEET

## The Periodic Table of the Elements

Group

I		II												III	IV	V	VI	VII	O										
														1 H Hydrogen											2 He Helium				
7 Li Lithium	9 Bo Boron											11 B Boron	12 C Carbon	14 N Nitrogen	16 O Oxygen	18 F Fluorine	20 Ne Neon												
3 Na Sodium	4 Mg Magnesium											13 Al Aluminum	14 Si Silicon	15 P Phosphorus	16 S Sulfur	17 Cl Chlorine	18 Ar Argon												
11 K Potassium	12 Ca Calcium											19 K Potassium	20 Ca Calcium	21 Sc Scandium	22 Ti Titanium	23 V Vanadium	24 Cr Chromium	25 Mn Manganese	26 Fe Iron	27 Co Cobalt	28 Ni Nickel	29 Cu Copper	30 Zn Zinc	31 Ga Gallium	32 Ge Germanium	33 As Arsenic	34 Se Selenium	35 Br Bromine	36 Kr Krypton
37 Rb Rubidium	38 Sr Strontium											47 Rb Rubidium	48 Sr Strontium	49 Y Yttrium	50 Zr Zirconium	51 Nb Niobium	52 Mo Molybdenum	53 Tc Technetium	54 Ru Ruthenium	55 Rh Rhodium	56 Pd Palladium	57 Ag Silver	58 Cd Cadmium	59 In Indium	60 Sn Tin	61 Sb Antimony	62 Te Tellurium	63 I Iodine	64 Xe Xenon
87 Fr Francium	88 Ra Radium											87 Fr Francium	88 Ra Radium	89 Ac Actinium	90 Th Thorium	91 Pa Protactinium	92 U Uranium	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	

\*58-71 Lanthanoid series  
† 90-103 Actinoid series

Key  
a = relative atomic mass  
X = atomic symbol  
 Z = atomic number

140 Ce Cerium	141 Pr Praseodymium	144 Nd Neodymium	150 Pm Promethium	152 Eu Europium	157 Gd Gadolinium	159 Tb Terbium	162 Dy Dysprosium	165 Ho Holmium	167 Er Erbium	169 Tm Thulium	173 Yb Ytterbium	175 Lu Lutetium	
232 Th Thorium	232 Pa Protactinium	238 U Uranium	238 Np Neptunium	238 Pu Plutonium	238 Am Americium	238 Cm Curium	238 Bk Berkelium	238 Cf Californium	238 Es Einsteinium	238 Fm Fermium	238 Md Mendelevium	238 No Nobelium	238 Lr Lawrencium