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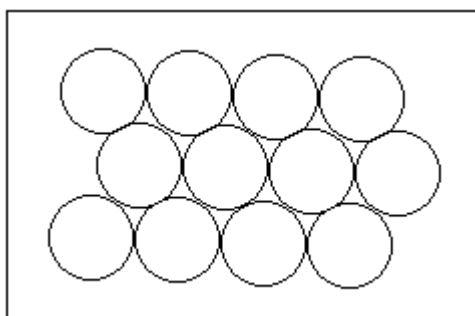
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- 1 (a) (i) 1 proton ; 1 electron ; [2]
- (ii) covalent; [1]
- (iii) hydrogen + oxygen ; water ; [2]
- (iv) heat energy given out / increase in temperature ; [1]
- (v) named metal above hydrogen in reactivity series up to and including calcium ;
above hydrogen in reactivity series ; [2]
- (b) noble gas so unreactive (with oxygen) / not flammable ; [1]
- (c) C₃H₈ ; [1]
- [Total: 10]**
- 2 (a) (i) carbon, hydrogen, oxygen ; [1]
- (ii) carbon, hydrogen, oxygen ; [1]
- (b) (i) X cell membrane ; [2]
Y cytoplasm ;
- (ii) from alveoli into blood / capillaries ; [max 2]
in blood ;
in red cells ;
carried by haemoglobin ;
any valid reference to diffusion ;
- (c) (energy needed) for contraction of muscles / movement ; [1]
- (d) (i) 2760 and 2260 ; [1]
- (ii) Sarbjit because she used more energy ; [2]
she broke down a greater amount of food stores ;
(allow ecf if calculation in (i) indicates the wrong girl)
- (iii) activities done at different rates owtte ; [1]
- [Total: 11]**

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- 3 (a) weight (accept gravity) ; [1]
- (b) **A to B:** accelerating/going faster ; [2]
B to C: constant speed ;
- (c) (distance =) speed x time (in any form) ; [2]
(OR use of area under graph between **B** and **C**)
= 25 x 30 = 750 (m) ;
- (d) (i) reduces friction(al force) (opposing effect of gravity) ; [1]
(ii) reduces air resistance (opposing effect of gravity) ; [1]
- (e) [2]



or acceptable equivalent with at least 12 spheres in total
regular pattern ;
most touching ;

[Total: 9]

- 4 (a) (i) green to yellow / orange / red ; [1]
(ii) gas dissolves in / reacts with water etc. in atmosphere ; [2]
acid rain falls on soil ;
- (iii) calcium chloride ; [2]
water ;
- (b) (i) decreasing size of pieces decreases time taken / [1]
increases rate / v.v. ;
- (ii) increasing concentration (of acid) decreases time / [1]
increases rate / v.v.
OR
increasing temperature decreases time / increases rate / v.v. ;

[Total: 7]

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5 (a) (i) arrow correctly drawn from anther of flower **A** ; [2]
to stigma of flower **B** ;
(allow 1 mark if the arrow points to the correct structures but is the wrong way round)

(ii) large petals ; [max 2]
anthers inside flower ;
stigma inside flower ;

(b) (i) no germination at 4°C / in dish **3** ; [2]
no germination when water is absent / in dish **2** ;

(ii) (light is not needed) no mark [1]
because germination took place in dish **4** ;

(iii) oxygen ; [1]

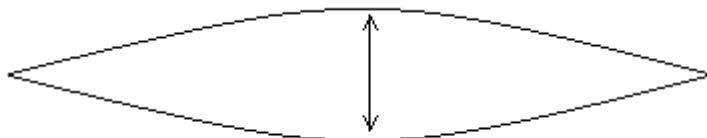
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6 (a) (i) cello ; [1]

(ii) harp ; [1]

(iii) harp ; [1]

(b) (i)



or similar diagram to illustrate a vibrating string ; [1]

(ii) greater amplitude / owtte ; [1]

(c) (time delay =) distance / speed of sound ; [2]
= 66 / 330 = 0.2 (s) ;

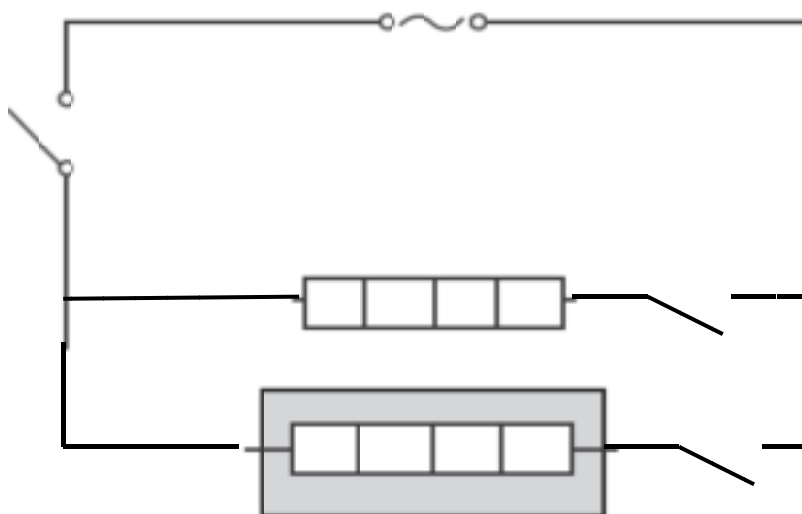
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- 7 (a) liquid
solid
1 for 2 correct, 2 for 3 correct ;; [2]
- (b) (i) anode
cathode ;
electrolyte ; [2]
- (ii) X on or near left-hand electrode under or just above electrolyte surface ; [1]
- (iii) brown / orange / yellow, colouration of, electrolyte / gas ; [1]
- (c) (i) (sodium) chloride ; [1]
- (ii) (sodium) iodide ; [1]
- (iii) trend in reactivity with other halides: $Cl > Br > I$ / chlorine is more reactive than iodine ; [1]
- [Total: 9]**
- 8 (a) (i) water ; [2]
sugar / glucose ;
- (ii) zebra / lion ; [2]
lion ;
- (b) correct arrow drawn from zebra to hyena ; [2]
correct arrow drawn from hyena to lion ;
- (c) (i) by eating ; [1]
- (ii) carbon lost in waste materials / urine / faeces ; [max 2]
carbon lost during respiration as carbon dioxide ;
not all the zebra eaten ;
not all the zebra digested / absorbed ;
- [Total: 9]**

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- 9 (a) (i) convection ; [1]
- (ii) conduction ; [1]
- (iii) any reasonable description of thermal insulation/lagging ; [2]
 explanation **either** in terms of
 reducing thermal energy transfer by conduction through tank wall
or the lagging preventing thermal energy transfer by convection ;
- (b) switches in both heater branches (can be either side of heater) ; [2]
 rest of circuit completed properly ;
 (accept any circuit that fulfils the criteria (with or without single switch))



- (c) resistance of water heater less than that of warm air heater ; [3]
 p.d. same across both, so current twice / higher,
 and so resistance must be half / lower ;
 (or vice versa)
- (d) damaged insulation ; [max 1]
 accept water leak / dampness
 the heater is not earthed ;

[Total: 10]