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**Structured Questions** 

## 3.2 Modelling a Gas

3.2.1 Ideal Gas Laws / 3.2.2 Ideal Gas Equation / 3.2.3 Kinetic Model of an Ideal Gas / 3.2.4 Mole Calculations / 3.2.5 Investigating Gas Laws

Total Marks	/142
Hard (4 questions)	/38
Medium (5 questions)	/58
Easy (5 questions)	/46

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## **Easy Questions**

1 (a)	Define the mole.
	(1 mark)
(b)	$4.7 \times 10^{23}$ molecules of neon gas is trapped in a cylinder.
	Calculate the number of moles of neon gas in the cylinder.
	(2 marks)
(c)	The molar mass of neon gas is 20 g mol <sup>-1</sup> .
	Calculate the mass of the neon gas in the cylinder.
	(4 marks)
(d)	The cylinder containing the neon gas has a volume 5.2 m <sup>3</sup> and pressure of 600 Pa.
	Calculate the temperature of the gas.

(3 marks)



**2 (a)** State what is meant by an ideal gas.

(1 mark)

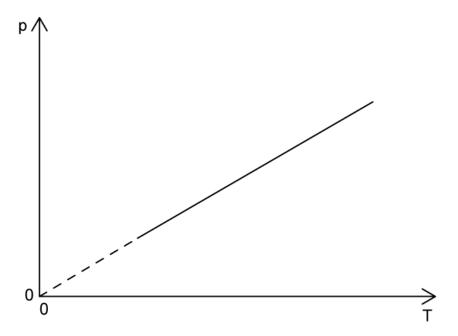
**(b)** State the conditions for a real gas to approximate to an ideal gas.

(3 marks)

**(c)** Describe how the ideal gas constant, *R*, is defined.

(2 marks)

(d) The graphs shows how pressure, p, varies with absolute temperature, T, for a fixed mass of an ideal gas.



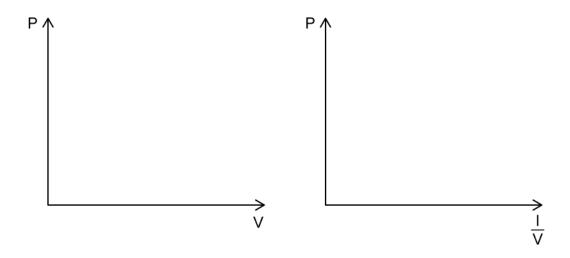
(2 marks)
absolute temperature increases.



(a)	State three assumptions of the kinetic model of an ideal gas.						
	(3 marks						
(b)	A tank of volume 21 $\rm m^3$ contains 7.0 moles of an ideal monatomic gas. The temperature of the gas is 28 °C.						
	Calculate the average kinetic energy of the particles in the gas.						
	(3 marks)						
(c)	The following paragraph explains, with reference to the kinetic model of an ideal gas, how an increase in temperature of the gas leads to an increase in pressure.						
	A temperature implies average speed and therefore higher This increases the transferred to the walls from frequent collisions. This increased per collision leads to an increased						
	Complete the sentences using keywords from the box below.						
	These words can be used once, more than once, or not at all						
	pressure force momentum						
	higher lower less more kinetic energy						

	(3 marks)
(d)	Calculate the pressure of the gas described in part (b).
	(3 marks)

**4 (a)** Sketch on both axes the change in pressure and volume for an ideal gas at constant temperature.



(2 marks)

**(b)** Sketch the graphs in part (a) at a higher temperature.

(2 marks)

(c) For an ideal gas at constant volume, the pressure, p, and temperature, T, are directly proportional:

$$p \propto T$$

State the equation for an initial pressure  $p_1$  at temperature  $T_1$  and final pressure  $p_2$  and temperature  $T_2$ .

(1 mark)

(d)	The final pressure of an ideal gas is 500 Pa and its temperature rises from 410 K to 495 K.					
	Calculate the initial pressure of the gas.					
	(3 marks)					

(a)	Define pressure.		
		(1 mark)	
(b)	When there are a large number of particles in a container, their collision of the container give rise to gas pressure.	ns with the walls	
	An ideal gas with a pressure of 166 kPa collides with the walls of its conforce of 740 N.	tainer with a	
	Calculate the area that each particle collides on.		
		(4 marks)	
(c)	An ideal gas is one that obeys the relationship		
	$pV \propto T$		
	If the volume an ideal gas increases, explain how this affects the:		
	(i) Pressure, if the temperature remains constant.	[1]	
	(ii) Temperature, if the pressure remains constant.	[1]	
		(2 marks)	
(d)	The ideal gas equation can be rearranged to give		

$$\frac{pV}{T}$$
 = constant

This relationship only holds true under a certain condition.

State the condition required for the equation to apply to an ideal gas.

(1 mark)

## **Medium Questions**

1 (a)	This quest	cion is about a monatomic ideal gas.		
	Outline what is meant by an ideal monatomic gas.			
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			(2 marks)	
(b)	Neon gas 3.7 × 10 <sup>5</sup> F	is kept in a container of volume 7.1 × 10 <sup>–2</sup> m <sup>3</sup> , temperature 325 K ar Pa.	nd pressure	
	(i)	Calculate the number of moles of neon in the container.	[2]	
	(ii)	Calculate the number of atoms in the gas.	[2]	
			(4 marks)	
(c)	The volum	ne of the gas is increased to $4.2 \times 10^{-2}  \text{m}^3$ at a constant temperature		
	(i)	Calculate the new pressure of the gas in Pa	[2]	
	(ii)	Explain this change in pressure, in terms of molecular motion.		
			[2]	

	(4 marks)
(d)	Energy is supplied to the gas at a rate of $10  \mathrm{J  s^{-1}}$ for $10  \mathrm{minutes}$ . The specific heat capacity of neon is $904  \mathrm{J  kg^{-1}  K^{-1}}$ and its atomic mass number is $21$ . The volume of the gas does not change.
	Determine the new pressure of the gas.
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	(3 marks)

2 (a)	This question is about an ideal gas in a container.			
	An ideal gas is held in a glass gas syringe.			
	Calculate the temperature of 0.726 mol of an ideal gas kept in a cylinder of volume 2.6 $\times$ 10 <sup>-3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> at a pressure of 2.32 $\times$ 10 <sup>5</sup> Pa.			
		(2 marks)		
(b)	The average kinetic energy of the gas is directly proportional to one particular of the gas.	property		
	(i) Identify this property.	F4.1		
		[1]		
	(ii) Calculate the average kinetic energy, $\overset{-}{E}$ , per molecule of the gas.	[1]		
		(2 marks)		
(c)	Energy is supplied to the gas at a rate of $0.5 \mathrm{J}\mathrm{s}^{-1}$ for 4 minutes. The specific he of the gas is $519 \mathrm{J}\mathrm{kg}^{-1}\mathrm{K}^{-1}$ and the atomic mass number is 4 u.	eat capacity		
	Calculate the change in kinetic energy per molecule of the gas.			
		(4 marks)		

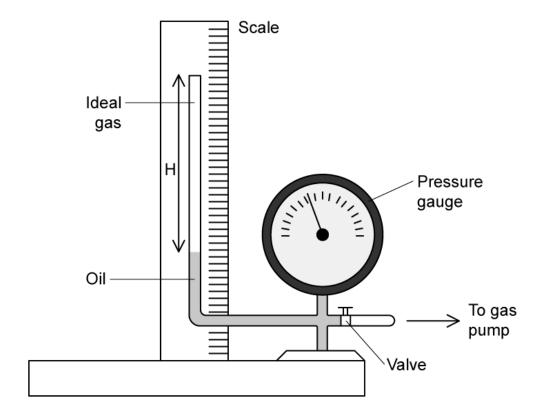
d)	The gas is heated until its temperature doubles.	
	Determine the factor the average speed of the molecules increases by.	
		(2 marks)

3 (a)	This question is about the specific heat capacity of an ideal gas.			
	Outli	Outline two assumptions made in the kinetic model of an ideal		
				(2 marks)
(b)	Xeno	n-131	1 behaves as an ideal gas over a large range of temperatures and pre	essures.
	heate	ed at a	of Xenon–131 is stored at 20 °C in a cylinder of fixed volume. The Xe a constant rate and the internal energy increased by 450 J. The new ire of the Xenon gas is 41.7 °C.	non gas is
		(i)	Define one mole of Xenon.	[1]
		(ii)	Calculate the specific heat capacity of gaseous Xenon–131.	[2]
		(iii)	Calculate the average kinetic energy of the molecules of Xenon at t temperature.	his new
				[2]
				(5 marks)
(c)	The v	olum	e of the sealed container is 0.054 m <sup>3</sup> .	
	Calcu	ılate t	the change in pressure of the gas due to the energy supplied in part	(b).

	(4 marks)
(d)	One end of the container is replaced with a moveable piston. The piston is compressed until the pressure of the container is 67000 Pa.
	Determine the new volume of the container.
	(2 marks)

**4 (a)** This question is about an experiment to investigate the variation in the pressure *p* of an ideal gas with changing volume V.

The gas is trapped in a cylindrical tube of radius 0.5 cm above a column of oil.



The pump forces the oil to move up the tube and so reduces the volume of the gas. The scientist measures the pressure p of the gas and the height H of the column of gas.


(2 marks)

Calculate the volume of the gas when the height is 1 cm.

(b)	When the	system is at a constant temperature of 20 °C, the pressure is 960	00 Pa.
	Calculate:		
	(i)	the amount of moles of gas trapped in the cylinder	[2]
	(ii)	the average kinetic energy of the molecules of trapped gas	[1]
			(3 marks)
(c)	The scient	ist plots their results of $p$ against $\dfrac{1}{H}$ on a graph.	
	Explain the	e shape of the graph and why this is to be expected.	
			(3 marks)
(d)	When con	ducting the experiment, the scientist waits for a period of time bing.	etween taking
	(i)	Explain the reason for waiting this short period of time.	[1]
	(ii)	Describe what will happen to the shape of the graph if the sciewait a sufficient period of time between readings.	ntist does not [2]

(3 marks)

**5 (a)** State the Pressure law of ideal gases.

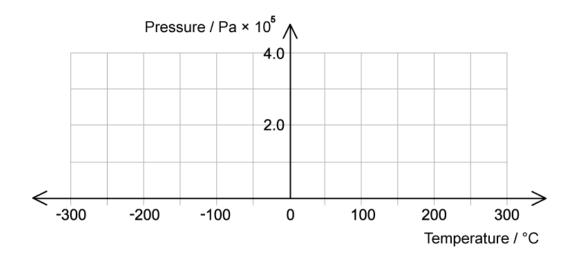
(2 marks)

**(b)** The pressure exerted by an ideal gas containing  $9.7 \times 10^{20}$  molecules in a container of volume  $1.5 \times 10^{-5}$  m<sup>3</sup> is  $2.8 \times 10^{5}$  Pa.

Calculate the temperature of the gas in the container in °C.

(3 marks)

(c) The pressure of the gas is measured at different temperatures whilst the volume of the container and the mass of the gas remain constant.



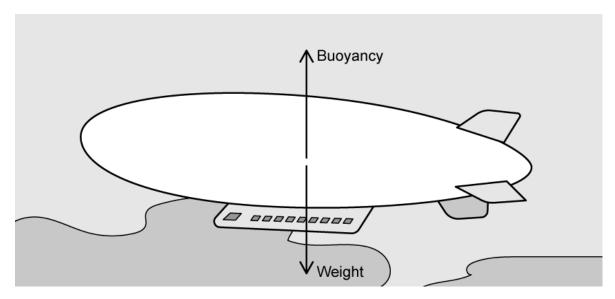
On the grid, sketch a graph to show how the pressure varies with the temperature.

(d)	The container described in part (a) has a release valve that allows gas to escape when the pressure exceeds $3.5 \times 10^5$ Pa.
	Calculate the number of gas molecules that escape when the temperature of the gas is raised to 380°C.
	(3 marks)

## **Hard Questions**

**1 (a)** An airship floats in air due to a balance of weight and buoyancy forces. The buoyancy force is equal to the weight of the air that would have taken up the space that the airship occupies.

At one point in the flight, the helium gas has a temperature of 12 °C and a mass of 1350 kg. The mass of the airship materials is 6970 kg.



	(3 marks)
Calculate the pressure in the airship at this point in the flight.	
Air has a density of 1.225 kg m $^{-3}$ and the atomic mass of helium is 4 g mol $^{-1}$ .	

(b) Calculate the surface area of the inside surface of the airship at this same point in the flight.

(2 marks)

(c)	The pressure within the airship remains constant as the material surrounding the airship is able to expand and contract when the gas inside changes temperature.
	Determine the temperature, in °C, at which the airship could maintain a constant height.
	(2 marks)

**2 (a)** A cylinder is fixed with an airtight piston containing an ideal gas of temperature 20 °C.

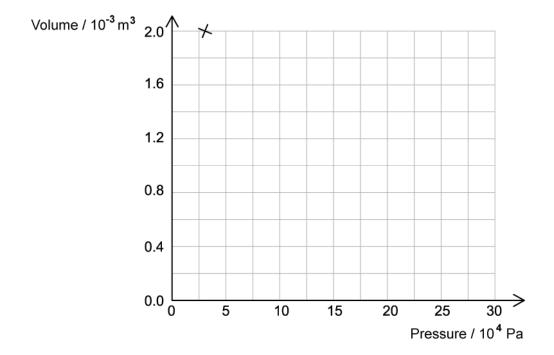
When the pressure, P in the cylinder is  $3 \times 10^4$  Pa the volume, V is  $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  m<sup>3</sup>.

Calculate the number of gas molecules present in the cylinder.

(2 marks)

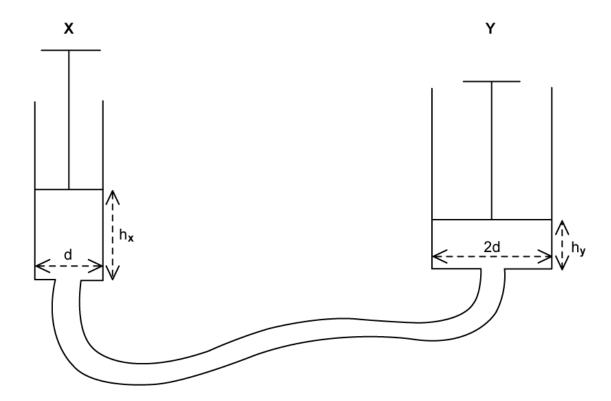
**(b)** The piston is slowly pushed in and the temperature of the gas remains constant.

Draw a graph by plotting three additional points on the axis to show the relationship between pressure and volume as the piston is slowly pushed in.



(2 marks)

(c) The cylinder, cylinder X is connected now to a second cylinder, cylinder Y which is initially fully compressed. Cylinder Y has a diameter two times that of the diameter of cylinder X. The total number of molecules in the system remains the same.



Cylinder X is pushed down by a distance  $\Delta h_X$  causing Y to move up a distance  $\Delta h_{Y}$ . The pressure and temperature within the system both remain constant.

Determine the ratio  $\Delta h_x$ :  $\Delta h_y$ .

(2 marks)

(d) Initially, the gas molecules are divided between both cylinders. The diameter, d, of cylinder X, is 16 cm. The piston in cylinder X is compressed at a constant rate until all of the gas is moved into cylinder Y over a period of 5 seconds.

Assume that the volume of the connecting tube is negligible.

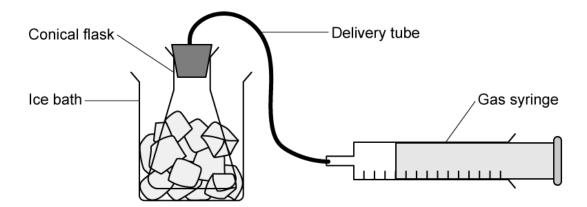
- Sketch and label a graph to show how the length of the cylinder Y,  $h_y$  changes (i) with time.
- (ii) Calculate the power exerted during the compression.

[2]

[3]

	(5 marks)

**3 (a)** A gas syringe is connected through a delivery tube to a conical flask, which is immersed in an ice bath. The syringe is frictionless so the gas pressure within the system remains equal to the atmospheric pressure 101 kPa.



The total volume of the conical flask and delivery tube is 275 cm<sup>3</sup>, and after settling in the ice bath whilst the ice is melting the gas syringe has a volume of 15 cm<sup>3</sup>.

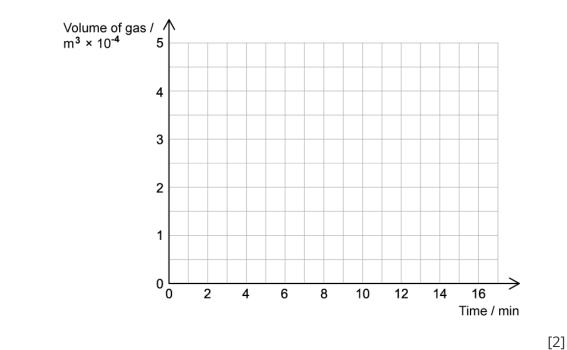
	Calculate the total	number of mo	oles contained	within the svs	tem.
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(2 marks)

- (b) When the ice bath is heated at a constant rate it takes the following time to melt the ice and heat the water:
  - Time for ice to melt is 3 minutes
  - Time from ice melting to water boiling is 10 minutes
  - Time for water to boil is 3 minutes
    - (i) Calculate the volume of the gas at its boiling point.

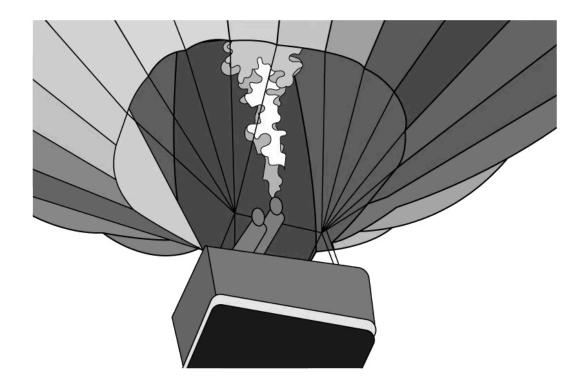
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Sketch a graph to show this process. (ii)



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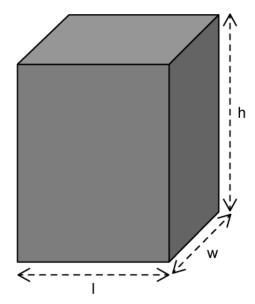
(c) A burner in the base of a hot air balloon is used to heat the air inside the balloon.



The mass of the balloon can be reduced by releasing sand from the basket of the balloon.

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	of the balloon decreases.	
(ii)	Explain how the forces on the balloon change with altitude and as the	
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(i)	Explain how the burner is used so the balloon can rise.	

**4 (a)** A sealed container C has the shape of a rectangular prism and contains an ideal gas. The dimensions of the container are *l*, *w* and *h*.



- The average force exerted by the gas on the bottom wall of the container is F
- There are *n* moles of gas in the container
- The temperature of the gas is *T*

(2 marks
Obtain an expression in terms of $F$ , $n$ and $T$ for the height of the container.

**(b)** A second container D contains the same ideal gas. The pressure in D is a fifth of the pressure in C and the volume of D is four times the volume of C. In D there are three times fewer molecules than in C.

The temperature of cylinder D is 600 K.

Calculate the temperature of cylinder C in °C.

(2 marks)

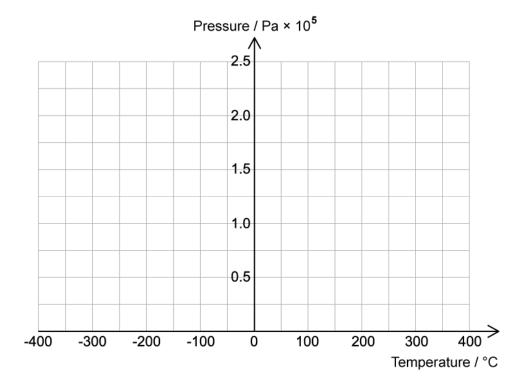
**(c)** The temperature of a different container *E* is 60 °C. At this temperature, the pressure exerted by the ideal gas is  $1.75 \times 10^5$  Pa. The container is a cube and has a height of 4 cm.

Calculate the number of molecules of gas in this container.

(3 marks)

(d) In a different container F the pressure of the gas is measured at different temperatures whilst the volume and number of moles are kept the same.

Plot a graph to show how the pressure varies with temperature for this gas.



(2 marks)