Methods we Use to Generate Electricity

Question Paper

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Grade Boundaries:

Q1. Solar panels are often seen on the roofs of houses.

(a) Describe the action and purpose of a solar panel.

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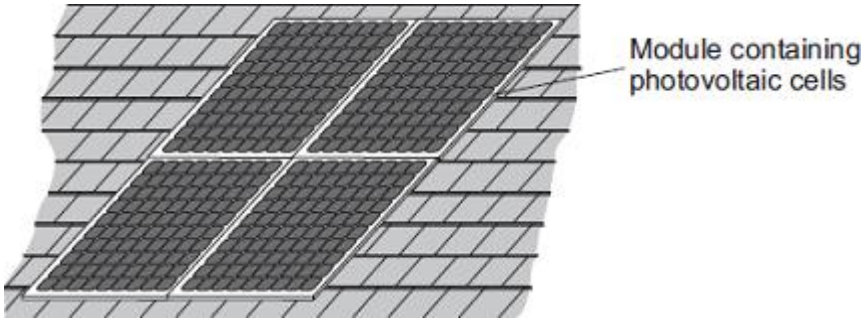
(b) Photovoltaic cells transfer light energy to electrical energy.

In the UK, some householders have fitted modules containing photovoltaic cells on the roofs of their houses.

Four modules are shown in the diagram.



The electricity company pays the householder for the energy transferred.

The maximum power available from the photovoltaic cells shown in the diagram is 1.4×10^3 W.

How long, in minutes, does it take to transfer 168 kJ of energy?

Use the correct equation from **Section C** of the Physics Equations Sheet.

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..... Time = ... minutes

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(c) When the modules are fitted on a roof, the householder gets an extra electricity meter to measure the amount of energy transferred by the photovoltaic cells.

(i) The diagram shows two readings of this electricity meter taken three months apart.
The readings are in kilowatt-hours (kWh).

21 November	0 0 0 4 4
21 February	0 0 1 9 4

Calculate the energy transferred by the photovoltaic cells during this time period.

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Energy transferred = ... kWh

(1)

(ii) The electricity company pays 40p for each kWh of energy transferred.

Calculate the money the electricity company would pay the householder.

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Money paid = ...

(2)

(iii) The cost of the four modules is £6000.

Calculate the payback time in years for the modules.

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Payback time = ... years

(3)

(iv) State an assumption you have made in your calculation in part **(iii)**.

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(1)

(d) In the northern hemisphere, the modules should always face south for the maximum transfer of energy.

State **one** other factor that would affect the amount of energy transferred during daylight hours.

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(1)

(Total 13 marks)