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## Science: Single Award (Modular)

Materials and their Management  
Module 4

Higher Tier

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FRIDAY 21 MAY 2010, MORNING

### TIME

45 minutes.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

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

Answer **all seven** questions.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 45.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

A Data Leaflet, which includes a Periodic Table of the elements, is provided for you.



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1 (a) Photochromic and thermochromic paints are smart materials which alter with a change in the surrounding environmental conditions.

(i) What environmental condition causes photochromic paint to change?

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(ii) Shown below is a baby's feeding bottle.



The bottle is made from thermochromic plastic which changes colour as temperature changes.

Suggest how this may make the bottle safer to use.

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(b) Nanotechnology involves the use of nano-sized particles.

(i) Explain fully the meaning of **nanotechnology**.

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(ii) Give one use of nanotechnology.

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(iii) How many nanometres are in one metre?  
Circle the correct answer.

$10^{-9}$

$10^9$

$10^3$

$10^{-3}$

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- 2 Many areas in Northern Ireland have hard water. Hardness is caused by certain salts of calcium and magnesium.



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- (a) (i) Explain fully what is meant by the term **hard water**.

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- (ii) Name a compound that forms permanent hard water.

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- (b) Four samples of water (A, B, C and D) were tested for hardness. The results are shown below.

Sample	A	B	C	D
Volume of soap solution required <b>before</b> boiling/cm <sup>3</sup>	21	26	24	18
Volume of soap solution required <b>after</b> boiling/cm <sup>3</sup>	11	12	24	13

From the results which sample (A, B, C or D) has:

- (i) the hardest water ? \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) permanent hard water only? \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) the greatest problem with kettle 'fur'? \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

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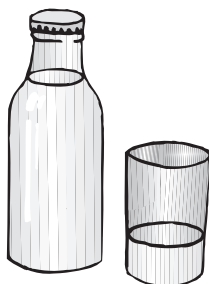
- (c) Temporary hardness in water is caused by calcium hydrogencarbonate. Complete the word equation to show how temporary hardness is removed by boiling.

Calcium hydrogencarbonate  $\rightarrow$  water + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

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- 3 Glass is a non-biodegradable material. Each year thousands of tonnes of glass are recycled.



- (a) Describe fully the main stages in recycling glass.

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- (b) Apart from being non-biodegradable, give **two** other environmental reasons why it is important to recycle glass.

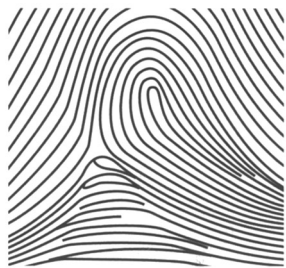
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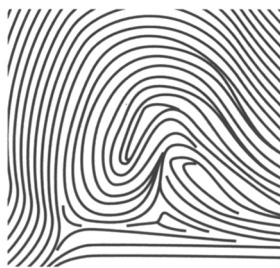
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5 Two common types of fingerprints are shown below.



A



B

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(a) Name the two types of fingerprints A and B.

A \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

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(b) Describe and explain why many people support the idea of having a national database of fingerprints.

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6 The table below gives information about four materials.

Material	Relative heaviness	Relative strength	Relative stiffness	Relative cost
Nylon	1100	8	3	medium
Kevlar	1500	300	190	very high
Polythene	960	2.0	0.6	low
Carbon-reinforced plastic	1600	180	200	high

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- (a) Using the values in the table and your knowledge of materials, describe and explain one reason for using polythene in packaging.

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- (b) A company won a contract to make bulletproof vests. Using the information provided, suggest which material they should use. Explain your answer.

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- (c) Carbon-reinforced plastic is a composite material. What is meant by the term composite material?

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- 7 (a) Ethene is an important chemical used to make polythene. It can be obtained by the thermal cracking of alkanes as shown in the equation below.



Explain fully the meaning of the term thermal cracking.

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- (b) Complete the table below.

Name	Molecular Formula	Structural Formula
Methane		$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} - \text{C} - \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$
Ethene	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$	
Butane	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$	

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- (c) Propane is a fuel used in gas barbecues. Complete the **balanced** equation below to show the combustion of propane.

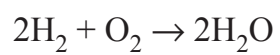


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(d) The combustion of hydrogen produces water as shown in the equation below.



Suggest why hydrogen is termed a clean fuel.

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