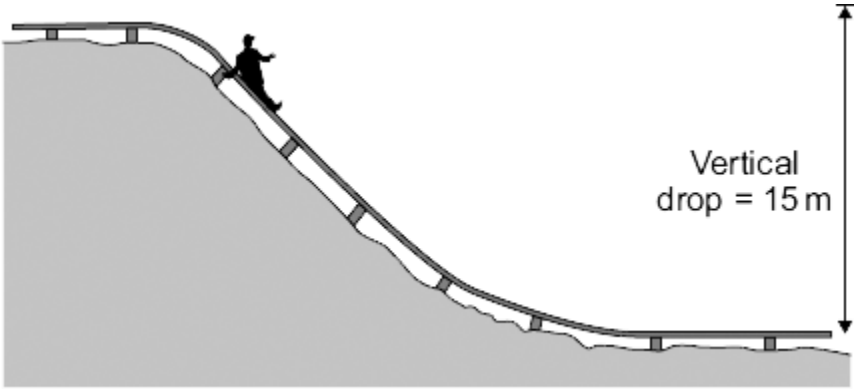
Practice Question Set For GCSE
Subject : Physics
Paper-1 Topic: Energy (High Demand)

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Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 21 Marks **Time : 21 Minutes**

Q1.

The miners working in a salt mine use smooth wooden slides to move quickly from one level to another.



(a) A miner of mass 90 kg travels down the slide.

Calculate the change in gravitational potential energy of the miner when he moves 15 m vertically downwards.

gravitational field strength = 10 N/kg

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Change in gravitational potential energy = _____ J

(2)

(b) Calculate the **maximum** possible speed that the miner could reach at the bottom of the slide.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

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Maximum possible speed = _____ m/s

(3)

(c) The speed of the miner at the bottom of the slide is much less than the calculated maximum possible speed.

Explain why.

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(3)

(Total 8 marks)

Q2.

A homeowner had a new gas boiler installed.

(a) The following information is an extract from the information booklet supplied with the boiler.

Fuel	Natural Gas
Water temperature	60 °C
Energy supplied to gas boiler	8.0 kJ/s (8.0 kW)
Efficiency	0.95

(i) Calculate the energy transferred each second by the gas boiler to the water inside the boiler.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Energy transferred by the gas boiler each second = _____ kJ

(2)

(ii) The energy value of the gas used in a home is measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh).

The homeowner has a pre-payment meter and pays £30 into his account. With a pre-payment meter, gas costs 15p per kilowatt-hour.

Calculate the total number of hours that the gas boiler would operate for £30.

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Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Number of hours = _____

(2)

(b) Although the gas boiler is very efficient, some energy is wasted.

Explain what happens to the waste energy.

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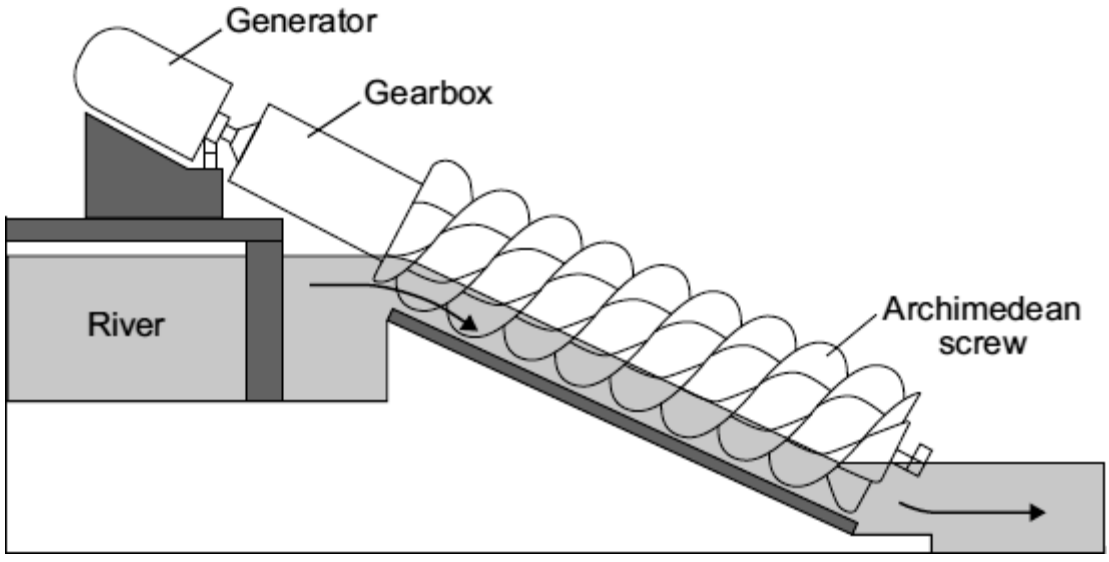
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(Total 6 marks)

Q3.

The diagram shows a small-scale, *micro-hydroelectricity* generator which uses the energy of falling river water to generate electricity. The water causes a device, called an Archimedean screw, to rotate.
The Archimedean screw is linked to the generator by a gearbox.



(a) Each second, the *micro-hydroelectricity* generator transforms 80 000 joules of gravitational potential energy into 60 000 joules of electrical energy.

(i) Fill in the missing word to complete the energy transformation diagram.

Gravitational potential energy of the falling water	→	_____ energy → Electrical energy generated

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of the Archimedean screw

(1)

(ii) Use the equation in the box to calculate the efficiency of the *micro-hydroelectricity* generator.

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful energy transferred by the device}}{\text{total energy supplied to the device}}$$

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Efficiency = _____

(2)

(b) The power output from a conventional large-scale hydroelectric power station is 100 000 times more than the power output from a micro-hydroelectric system.

Give **one** disadvantage of a conventional large-scale hydroelectric power station compared to the micro-hydroelectric system.

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(1)

(c) The electricity generated by a micro-hydroelectric system is transferred via a transformer directly to local homes. The electricity generated by a conventional large-scale hydroelectric power station is transferred to the National Grid, which distributes the electricity to homes anywhere in the country.

(i) What is the National Grid?

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(1)

(ii) Explain why transferring the electricity directly to local homes is more efficient than using the National Grid to distribute the electricity.

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(2)

(Total 7 marks)

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