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4. (a) internal energy is the total kinetic and potential energy of the molecules of a body;
thermal energy is a (net) amount of energy transferred between two bodies;
at different temperatures; 3
- (b) the internal energy of the iron is equal to the total KE plus PE of the molecules;
the molecules of an ideal gas have only KE so internal energy is the total KE of the molecules; 2
- (c) (i) $60 \times [\theta - 45]$; 1
(ii) $(2.0 \times 10^3 \times 29) = 5.8 \times 10^4 \text{ J}$; 1
(iii) $60 \times [\theta - 45] = 5.8 \times 10^4$;
 $\theta = 1000^\circ\text{C}$;
(allow 1010°C to 3 sig fig) 2
6. (a) (i) *internal energy*:
the total (potential energy and) kinetic energy of the (copper) molecules/ atoms/particles;
or
amount of stored energy in the copper;
heating:
the (non-mechanical) transfer of energy;
(from the surroundings/source) to the copper; 3
- (ii) $c = \frac{\Delta Q}{m\Delta T}$;
 $= \left[\frac{1.2 \times 10^3}{0.25 \times 20} \right] = 240 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$; 2
- (b) (i) the molecules gain kinetic energy (from the heating); 1
(ii) molecules collide with the walls with a greater velocity / momentum transferred to the piston greater;
to keep pressure constant frequency of collisions must decrease;
volume must increase; 3
7. (a) (i) (thermal) energy/heat required to change temperature by 1 K/
1 deg/1°C / mass \times specific heat capacity; 1

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- (ii) rate of energy absorption is equal to the rate of energy emission / temperature of copper stays constant; 1
- (b) (i) use of $mc\Delta T$;
 $0.12 \times 390 \times [T - 308] = 0.45 \times 4200 \times 30$;
 $1520 \text{ K} / 1250^\circ\text{C}$; 3
- (ii) energy likely to have been lost when moving copper / during warming of water; hence temperature of flame higher; 2

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8. Specific heat and a domestic shower

- (a) the amount of energy/heat required to raise the temperature of 1 kg of a substance through 1 K / 1 °C; 1
- (b) the internal energy is the total energy of the molecules of a substance; the greater the specific heat (the more energy required to raise unit mass through 1 K) this means that to increase the temperature by the same amount, more energy must be given to substance A than to substance B (so internal energy is greater) / *OWTTE*; 2
- (c) (i) energy supplied by heater in 1s = $7.2 \times 10^3 \text{ J}$;
energy per second = mass per second \times sp ht \times rise in temperature;
 $7.2 \times 10^3 = \text{mass per second} \times 4.2 \times 10^3 \times 26$;
to give mass per second = 0.066 kg; 4
- (ii) energy is lost to the surroundings;
flow rate is not uniform; 1
Do not allow "the heating element is not in contact with all the water flowing in the unit".

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