

GCSE Physics B (Twenty First Century Science)

J259/01 Breadth in Physics (Foundation Tier)

Question Set 14

The diagram shows a common type of electric heater. It contains oil which is heated by an electrical element.



The table shows some information about the heater.

Electrical power	1500 W
Voltage rating	230V
Specific heat capacity of oil	1600 J / kg °C
Mass of oil	4.5 kg

(a) Show that more than 700 000 J of energy is needed to heat the oil from 20 °C to 120 °C.

Use the equation: change in internal energy = mass \times specific heat capacity \times change in temperature

(b) (i) Use your answer to (a) to calculate the minimum time for the oil to reach a temperature of 120 °C, starting at 20 °C.

(ii) In practice, it will take longer than this for the heater to reach 120 °C.

State the reason for this.

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Total Marks for Question Set 14: 6



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