SL Paper 1

A wind turbine has a power output p when the wind speed is v. The efficiency of the wind turbine does not change. What is the wind speed at which

the power output is $\frac{p}{2}$?

A. $\frac{v}{4}$ B. $\frac{v}{\sqrt{8}}$ C. $\frac{v}{2}$ D. $\frac{v}{\sqrt[3]{2}}$

What	is equivalent to $\frac{\text{specific energy of a fuel}}{\text{energy density of a fuel}}$?
A.	density of the fuel
В.	1 density of the fuel
C.	$\frac{\text{energy stored in the fuel}}{\text{density of the fuel}}$
D.	density of the fuel energy stored in the fuel

Which of the following correctly shows the energy change in a photovoltaic cell and in a solar heating panel?

	Photovoltaic cell	Solar heating panel
А.	solar \rightarrow electrical	solar \rightarrow thermal
B.	electrical \rightarrow thermal	solar \rightarrow electrical
C.	solar \rightarrow electrical	electrical \rightarrow thermal
D.	$electrical \rightarrow thermal$	solar \rightarrow thermal

The rate of global warming might be reduced by

- A. replacing the use of coal and oil with natural gas.
- B. a reduction in the Earth's albedo.
- C. a reduction in carbon fixation.
- D. an increase in deforestation.

The energy source that currently provides the greatest proportion of the world's total energy demand is

- A. coal.
- B. oil.
- C. natural gas.
- D. uranium.

Three gases in the atmosphere are

- I. carbon dioxide (CO₂)
- II. dinitrogen monoxide (N₂O)
- III. oxygen (O₂).

Which of these are considered to be greenhouse gases?

- A. I and II only
- B. I and III only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II and III

It is suggested that the solar power incident at a point on the Earth's surface depends on

- I. daily variations in the Sun's power output
- II. the location of the point
- III. the cloud cover at the point.

Which suggestion(s) is/are correct?

- A. III only
- B. I and II only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II and III

A black body has kelvin temperature T and surface area A. The total power radiated by the body is P. What is the new power radiated when T is

doubled and A is halved?

A. 4P

- B. 8P
- C. 16P
- D. 32P

In a wind generator, the kinetic energy of the wind cannot be completely converted into mechanical kinetic energy. This is because

- A. momentum is not conserved in the collisions between air molecules and the blades.
- B. the density of the air depends on the temperature of the air.
- C. the air molecules cannot be brought completely to rest in collisions with the blades.
- D. the wind speed does not remain constant.

In the production of electric power, an advantage of using photovoltaic cells rather than fossil fuels is that the photovoltaic cells

- A. can be effective in any location.
- B. can be used continuously.
- C. have low initial set-up costs.
- D. are more environmentally friendly when in use.

The energy density of a substance can be calculated by multiplying its specific energy with which quantity?

A. mass

- B. volume
- C. $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$
- D. $\frac{\text{volume}}{\text{mass}}$

A uranium nuclear fission reactor that attempts to operate without a moderator would

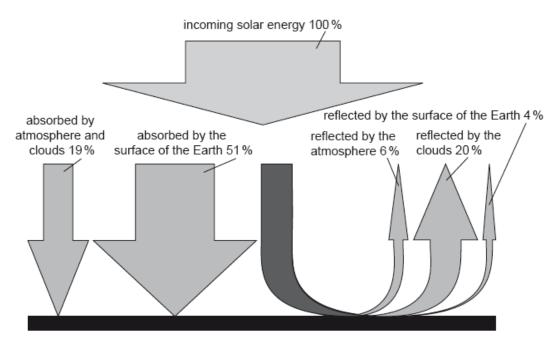
- A. suffer core meltdown.
- B. not require uranium enrichment.
- C. produce too much energy.
- D. produce very little energy.

In the production of energy from nuclear fission, fuel enrichment means increasing, in the fuel rods, the amount of

A. uranium-238.

- B. plutonium-239.
- C. uranium-235.
- D. uranium-235 and plutonium-239.

The diagram shows a simple climate model for the Earth.



What does this model predict for the average albedo of the Earth?

- A. 0.30
- B. 0.51
- C. 0.70
- D. 0.81

What is the purpose of the moderator in a nuclear power station?

- A. To absorb fast moving neutrons
- B. To slow down fast moving neutrons
- C. To initiate a chain reaction
- D. To transfer the heat generated to a heat exchanger

A natural gas power station has an output of 600 MW and an efficiency of 50%. The mass of natural gas that is burned per second is 20kg. What is

the energy density of natural gas?

A. 15 MJkg⁻¹

- B. 30 MJkg⁻¹
- C. 40 MJkg⁻¹
- D. 60 MJkg⁻¹

The average surface temperature of Mars is approximately 200 K and the average surface temperature of Earth is approximately 300 K. Mars has a

radius half that of Earth. Assume that both Mars and Earth act as black bodies.

What is $\frac{\text{power radiated by Mars}}{\text{power radiated by Earth}}$?

- A. 20
- B. 5
- C. 0.2
- D. 0.05

What is the phenomenon that best explains why greenhouse gases absorb infrared radiation?

- A. Resonance
- B. Interference
- C. Refraction
- D. Diffraction

Three energy sources for power stations are

- I. fossil fuel
- II. pumped water storage
- III. nuclear fuel.

Which energy sources are primary sources?

- A. I and II only
- B. I and III only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II and III

Which of the following best defines non-renewable fuels?

- A. They produce a lot of degraded energy in comparison with renewable fuels.
- B. They have very high energy density but produce greenhouse gases.
- C. They cannot be produced again.
- D. Their rate of consumption is much greater than the rate at which they are being produced.

In nuclear power production, what is one advantage of a nuclear fusion reactor over a nuclear fission reactor?

- A. The operating temperature of the fusion reactor is lower.
- B. The nuclear reactants are more easily confined within the core of the fusion reactor.
- C. The disposal of the nuclear waste products from the fusion reactor is more straightforward.

D. The nuclear fusion reaction is more easily sustained for long periods of time.

Methane and carbon dioxide are both greenhouse gases that are believed to cause global warming. The reason for this is that these gases

- A. absorb incoming radiation from the Sun.
- B. transmit the incoming radiation from the Sun and radiation from the Earth.
- C. reflect incoming radiation from the Sun.
- D. transmit incoming radiation from the Sun and absorb outgoing radiation from the Earth.

The average surface temperature of Mars is about 200 K. The average surface temperature of Earth is about 300 K. Both can be regarded as black

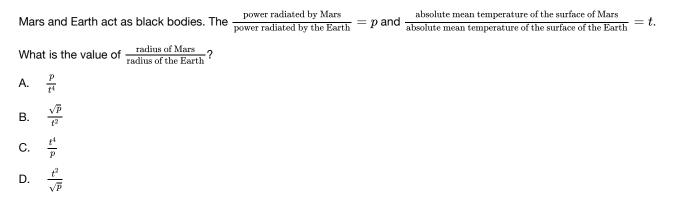
bodies.			
Wha	at is the ratio	energy radiated per second per unit area on Mars ? energy radiated per second per unit area on Earth ?	
Α.	0.7		
В.	0.4		
C.	0.3		
D.	0.2		

Venus and Earth may be regarded as behaving as black bodies. The mean temperature at the surface of Venus is about 600 K and at the surface of

Earth is about 300 K. Which of the following is the best estimate for the ratio	$\frac{\text{power radiated per unit area on Earth}}{\text{power radiated per unit area on Venus}}?$
A. $\frac{1}{2}$	
$B. \frac{1}{4}$	
C. $\frac{1}{8}$	
D. $\frac{1}{16}$	

One **disadvantage** of using photovoltaic cells to power a domestic water heater is that

- A. solar energy is a renewable source of energy.
- B. the power radiated by the Sun varies significantly depending on the weather.
- C. a large area of photovoltaic cells would be needed.
- D. photovoltaic cells contain CFCs, which contribute to the greenhouse effect.



The three statements give possible reasons why an average value should be used for the solar constant.

- I. The Sun's output varies during its 11 year cycle.
- II. The Earth is in elliptical orbit around the Sun.
- III. The plane of the Earth's spin on its axis is tilted to the plane of its orbit about the Sun.

Which are the correct reasons for using an average value for the solar constant?

- A. I and II only
- B. I and III only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II and III

In a nuclear power station, uranium is used as the energy source and plutonium-239 is produced. Which of the following is true?

- A. Plutonium-239 is produced by nuclear fusion.
- B. A moderator is used to absorb plutonium-239.
- C. Control rods are used to slow down plutonium-239.
- D. Plutonium-239 can be used as a fuel in another type of nuclear reactor.

In a nuclear power station, a moderator is required to

- A. control the rate of fission.
- B. reduce heat losses to the surroundings.
- C. reduce the energy of high energy neutrons.
- D. increase the energy of low energy neutrons.

	Moderator	Control rods
Α.	slows down the neutrons	maintain a constant rate of fission
B.	cools down the reactor	extract thermal energy
C.	cools down the reactor	maintain a constant rate of fission
D.	slows down the neutrons	extract thermal energy

Which of the following geographical features has the lowest albedo?

- A. Polar ice cap
- B. Desert
- C. Ocean
- D. White cliffs

World energy resources include coal, nuclear fuel and geothermal energy. Which of the following lists these resources in order of energy use in the

world?

- A. nuclear, geothermal, coal
- B. nuclear, coal, geothermal
- C. coal, geothermal, nuclear
- D. coal, nuclear, geothermal

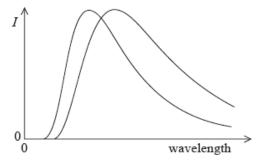
The design of a nuclear power station includes an electrical generator. The function of the generator is to convert

- A. nuclear energy to kinetic energy.
- B. kinetic energy to thermal energy.
- C. thermal energy to electrical energy.
- D. kinetic energy to electrical energy.

Which of the following is likely to increase greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere?

- A. Using natural gas instead of coal to generate electrical energy
- B. Incineration of waste to generate electrical energy
- C. Increased use of wind turbines to generate electrical energy

The diagram shows the variation with wavelength of the power per unit wavelength I radiated from an area of 1 m^2 of two different bodies.



Which of the following is a correct comparison of the temperature and of the emissivity of the two bodies?

	Temperature	Emissivity
Α.	same	same
B.	same	different
C.	different	same
D.	different	different

A black body emits radiation with its greatest intensity at a wavelength of I_{max} . The surface temperature of the black body doubles without any other change occurring. What is the wavelength at which the greatest intensity of radiation is emitted?

A. I_{max}

- B. $\frac{I_{max}}{2}$
- C. $\frac{I_{max}}{4}$
- D. $\frac{I_{max}}{16}$

In a nuclear power station, in order to increase the chances of a chain reaction

- A. kinetic energy is removed from the neutrons.
- B. kinetic energy is given to the neutrons.
- C. some neutrons are absorbed.
- D. extra neutrons are added.

The use of which energy source enhances the greenhouse effect the most?

- A. Wood
- B. Coal
- C. Wind
- D. Tidal

Greenhouse gases

- reflect infrared radiation but absorb ultraviolet radiation. Α.
- Β. reflect ultraviolet radiation but absorb infrared radiation.
- C. transmit infrared radiation but absorb ultraviolet radiation.
- D. transmit ultraviolet radiation but absorb infrared radiation.

Which of the following alternatives would be the most likely to increase the enhanced greenhouse effect?

- A. Replacement of oil and coal fired power stations with natural gas fired power stations
- B. Forests being cut down without being replanted
- C. Greater use of combined heating and power systems
- D. Use of motor vehicles powered by a combination of electricity and oil products

Surface X has a temperature T_X and emissivity ε_x . Surface Y has a temperature T_Y and emissivity ε_y . The two surfaces emit radiation at the same rate.

What is the ratio $\frac{T_{\rm X}}{T_{\rm V}}$?

- A. $\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{y}}{\varepsilon_{x}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$
- $\mathsf{B.} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{x}}{\varepsilon_{y}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$
- C. $\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{y}}{\varepsilon_{x}}\right)^{4}$
- D. $\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{\rm x}}{\varepsilon_{\rm y}}\right)^4$

Gases in the Earth's atmosphere believed to be responsible for the greenhouse effect include

- A. sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, water.
- B. methane, carbon monoxide, ozone.
- C. carbon dioxide, sulfur trioxide, carbon monoxide.
- D. water, methane, nitrous oxide.

Which energy resource is renewable?

- A. Natural gas
- B. Uranium
- C. Biogas
- D. Coal

The property of the molecules of greenhouse gases which leads to their ability to absorb infrared radiation is their

- A. resonant frequency.
- B. speed of rotation.
- C. total electric charge.
- D. diameter.

For a black-body at absolute temperature T the power emitted per unit area is P. What is the power emitted per unit area when the temperature is

decreased to $\frac{1}{2}T$?

- A. $\frac{P}{32}$
- $\mathsf{B}. \ \frac{P}{16}$
- C. $\frac{P}{8}$
- D. $\frac{P}{4}$

A student states that the following factors may lead to global warming

- I. decreased albedo of the Earth's surface
- II. increase in volcanic activity
- III. deforestation.

Which of the above statements are correct?

A. I and II only

- B. II and III only
- C. I and III only
- D. I, II and III

The surface temperature of a black-body emitter is doubled. By what factor does the power emitted by the body increase?

A. 32

- B. 16
- C. 4
- D. 2

The greenhouse effect can be explained by the fact that the infrared radiation emitted by the surface of Earth

- A. is absorbed by the atmosphere and then re-radiated in all directions.
- B. raises the temperature of the upper atmosphere.
- C. is trapped by the upper atmosphere.
- D. is absorbed by the atmosphere and then all of it is re-radiated back to the surface of Earth.

The original source of the electrical power produced by a wind generator is

- A. the Sun's radiated energy.
- B. the gravitational energy of the Sun and the Moon.
- C. nuclear energy stored within atoms in the Earth's atmosphere.
- D. the Earth's internal energy.

What is the correct order of energy transformations in a coal power station?

- A. thermal \rightarrow chemical \rightarrow kinetic \rightarrow electrical
- B. chemical \rightarrow thermal \rightarrow kinetic \rightarrow electrical
- C. chemical \rightarrow kinetic \rightarrow thermal \rightarrow electrical
- D. kinetic \rightarrow chemical \rightarrow electrical \rightarrow thermal

Which of the following processes leads to the production of a nucleus of plutonium-239 from a nucleus of uranium-238?

- A. Neutron capture by uranium nucleus
- B. Radioactive decay of uranium nucleus
- C. Electron capture by uranium nucleus
- D. Nuclear ssion of uranium nucleus

Large areas of rainforests are cut down and burned every year. The result of these actions is

A. reduced albedo.

B. reduced carbon fixation.

C. increased evaporation rate.

D. increased mass of atmospheric methane.

In a nuclear fission reaction neutrons are passed through a moderator. The reason for this is to reduce the

- A. number of the neutrons.
- B. kinetic energy of the neutrons.
- C. the number of collisions between neutrons.
- D. potential energy of the neutrons.

A spherical black body has absolute temperature T_1 . The surroundings are kept at a lower absolute temperature T_2 . What is the net power per unit

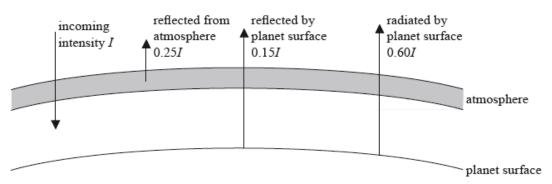
area lost by the body?

A. σT_1^4 B. σT_2^4 C. $\sigma \left(T_1^4 - T_2^4\right)$ D. $\sigma \left(T_1^4 + T_2^4\right)$

A room is at a constant temperature of 300 K. A hotplate in the room is at a temperature of 400 K and loses energy by radiation at a rate of *P*. What is the rate of loss of energy from the hotplate when its temperature is 500 K?

- A. $\frac{4^4}{5^4}P$ B. $\frac{5^4+3^4}{4^4+3^4}P$
- C. $\frac{5^4}{4^4}P$
- D. $\frac{4^4}{4^4-3^4}P$

The diagram shows an energy balance climate model for a planet.



The intensities of the reflected and radiated radiation are given in terms of the incident intensity I. Which of the following is the albedo of this planet?

- A. 0.15
- B. 0.25
- C. 0.40
- D. 0.60

	Renewable	Non-renewable
A.	uranium	coal
B.	tidal	uranium
C.	uranium	biogas
D.	natural gas	biogas

Which of the following is a renewable and non-renewable energy source?

In which of the following places will the albedo be greatest?

- A. A forest
- B. A grassland
- C. An ocean
- D. A polar ice cap

Which of the following is most likely to reduce the enhanced greenhouse effect?

- A. Replace the use of gas powered stations with oil powered stations
- B. Replace coal-fired power stations with nuclear power stations
- C. Increase the use of all non-renewable energy sources
- D. Decrease the efficiency of power production

The albedo for the oceans is lower than that for glaciers. This is because, compared to ice, sea water

- A. has a greater density.
- B. has a greater specific heat capacity.
- C. has a greater coefficient of volume expansion.
- D. absorbs a greater amount of radiative power.

Which type of power-production system is most suitable for responding to a sudden high increase in demand for electrical power?

- A. A wind generator
- B. A tidal water storage hydroelectric scheme
- C. An ocean-wave energy converter
- D. A pump storage hydroelectric scheme

A solar panel has surface area 0.40m² and efficiency 50%. The average intensity of radiation reaching the surface of the panel is 0.25kWm⁻². What is

the average power output from an array of 10 of these solar panels?

A. 0.5 W

- B. 5 W
- C. 50 W
- D. 500 W

Which of the following energy sources results from the solar energy incident on Earth?

- A. Nuclear fission
- B. Wind energy
- C. Nuclear fusion
- D. Geothermal energy

A wind turbine produces a power P when the wind speed is v. Assuming that the efficiency of the turbine is constant, the best estimate for the power

produced when the wind speed becomes 2v is

A. 2P.

B. 4P.

C. 6P.

D. 8P.

Which of the following is the primary function of the moderator in a nuclear power station?

- A. To control the rate of fission reactions
- B. To absorb neutrons
- C. To prevent the power station from becoming unsafe
- D. To slow down neutrons

Wind of speed v is incident normally on a wind turbine of radius r. The maximum theoretical power output of the turbine is P. For wind of speed 2v

incident normally on a similar turbine of radius $\frac{1}{2}r$, the maximum theoretical power will be

- A. $\frac{1}{2}P$.
- В.*Р*.
- C. 2P.
- D. 4P.

A black body has absolute temperature T and surface area A. The intensity of the radiation emitted by the body is I. Another black body of surface

area 2A has absolute temperature 2T. What is the intensity of radiation emitted by this second black body?

- A. 4/
- B. 8/
- C. 16/
- D. 32/

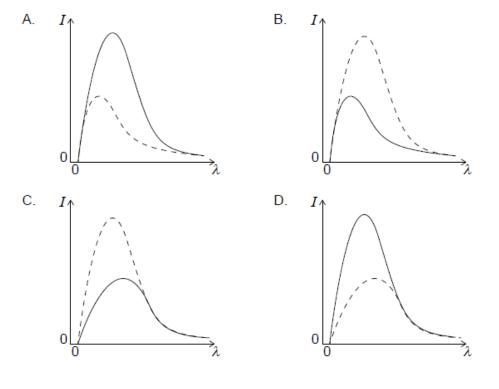
The main role of a moderator in a nuclear fission reactor is to

- A. slow down neutrons.
- B. absorb neutrons.
- C. reflect neutrons back to the reactor.
- D. accelerate neutrons.

Which of the energy sources are classified as renewable and non-renewable?

	Renewable	Non-renewable
Α.	Sun	wind
В.	natural gas	geothermal
C.	biomass	crude oil
D.	uranium-235	coal

Planet X and planet Y both emit radiation as black bodies. Planet X has a surface temperature that is less than the surface temperature of planet Y. What is the graph of the variation of intensity *I* with wavelength λ for the radiation emitted by planet Y? The graph for planet X is shown dotted.



Increasing the temperature of a black-body will have the following effect on its emission spectrum.

	Total power radiated	Peak wavelength of radiation
А.	increases	decreases
B.	stays the same	decreases
C.	increases	stays the same
D.	stays the same	stays the same

A black body of surface 1.0m² emits electromagnetic radiation of peak wavelength 2.90×10⁻⁶m. Which of the following statements about the body are

correct?

- I. The temperature of the body is 1000 K.
- II. The energy radiated by the body in one second is 5.7×10^4 J.
- III. The body is a perfect absorber of electromagnetic radiation.

A. I and II only

- B. I and III only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II and III

The following are energy sources.

- I. a battery of rechargeable electric cells
- II. crude oil
- III. a pumped storage hydroelectric system

Which of these are secondary energy sources?

- A. I and II only
- B. I and III only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II and III

Which of the following is **not** a primary energy source?

- A. Wind turbine
- B. Jet Engine

- C. Coal-fired power station
- D. Nuclear power station

The blades of a certain wind turbine X have radius *r*. The maximum theoretical available wind power for a given wind speed is *P*. Another similar turbine Y has blades of radius 2*r*. What is the best estimate for the maximum theoretical available wind power from turbine Y?

A. 8P

- B. 4P
- C. $\frac{P}{4}$
- D. $\frac{P}{8}$

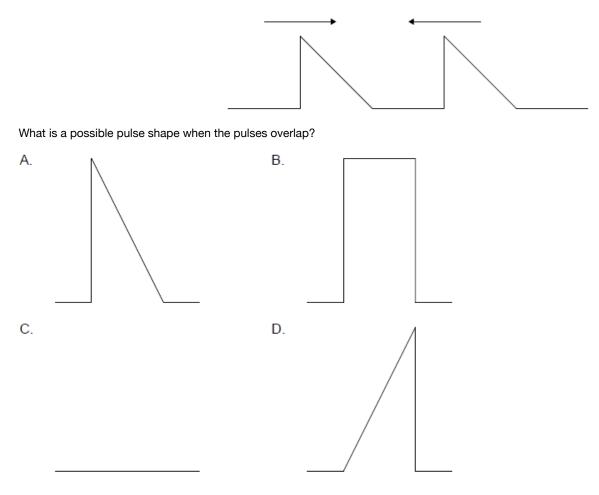
Which of the following correctly describes the energy transformation within photovoltaic cells and within solar heating panels?

	Photovoltaic cells	Solar heating panels
A.	solar to thermal	solar to electrical
B.	solar to thermal	solar to thermal
C.	solar to electrical	solar to electrical
D.	solar to electrical	solar to thermal

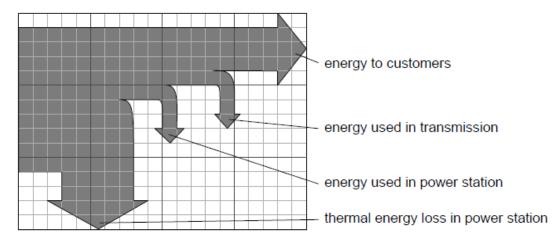
What are the principal energy changes in a photovoltaic cell and in a solar heating panel?

	Photovoltaic cell	Solar heating panel
A.	solar to electrical	solar to thermal
В.	solar to thermal	solar to thermal
C.	solar to electrical	electrical to thermal
D.	solar to thermal	electrical to thermal

Two pulses are travelling towards each other.



The Sankey diagram represents the energy flow for a coal-fired power station.

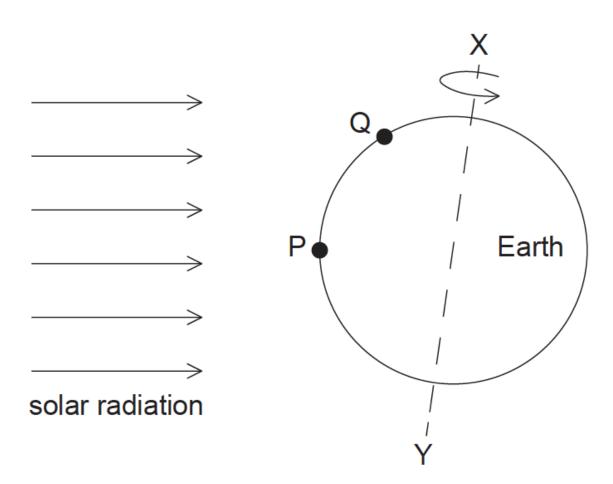


What is the overall efficiency of the power station?

A. 0.3

- B. 0.4
- C. 0.6
- D. 0.7

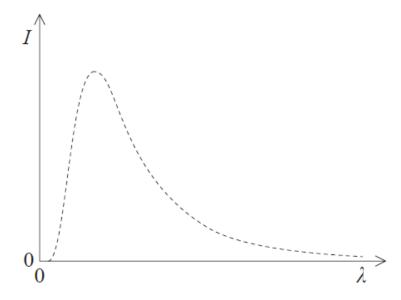
The Earth rotates about an axis XY, as shown below.



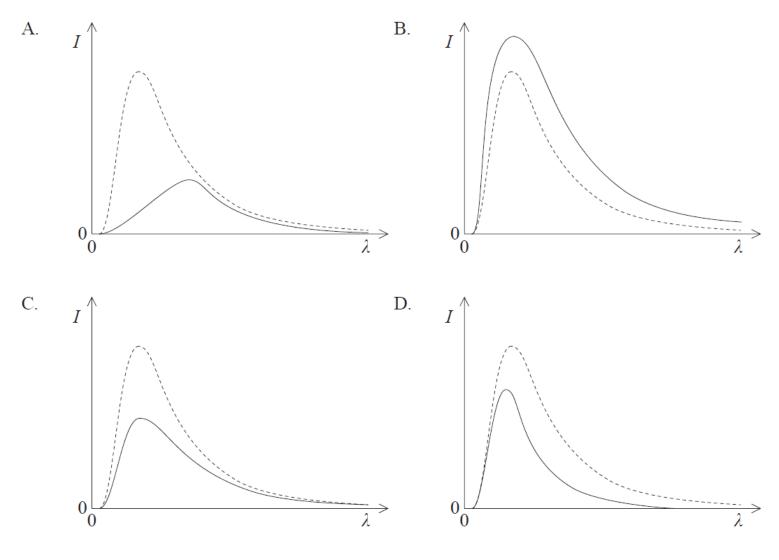
P and Q are positions on the Earth's surface that receive solar radiation from the Sun. Why is the intensity of the solar radiation incident at P significantly greater than the intensity at Q?

- A. The same amount of solar power is spread over a larger surface area at P.
- B. The path length through the Earth's atmosphere of the solar radiation is shorter for P.
- C. The distance travelled by the solar radiation to reach the top of the Earth's atmosphere is shorter for P.
- D. The periodic variations in the solar power radiated from the Sun's surface have more effect at P.

The graph shows the spectrum of a black-body.



Which graph shows the spectrum of a body of emissivity 0.5 at the same temperature as the black-body? (The original graph is shown dotted.)



What is the main role of the control rods and the main role of the moderator in a thermal fission reactor?

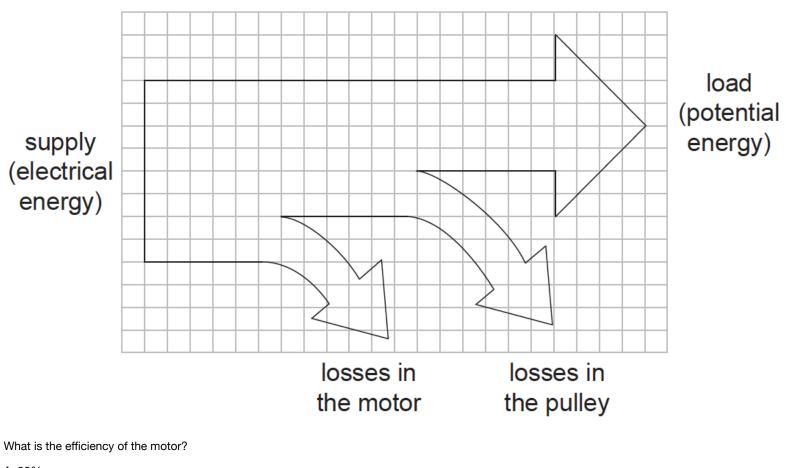
	Control Rods	Moderator
A.	decrease neutron speed	decrease neutron speed
B.	decrease neutron speed	absorb neutrons
C.	absorb neutrons	decrease neutron speed
D.	absorb neutrons	absorb neutrons

The average intensity of the solar radiation incident on a planet is 200 W m⁻². The albedo of the planet is 0.6. The average temperature of the planet is constant.

Which of the following is a correct statement about the intensity of radiation reflected and radiated by the planet?

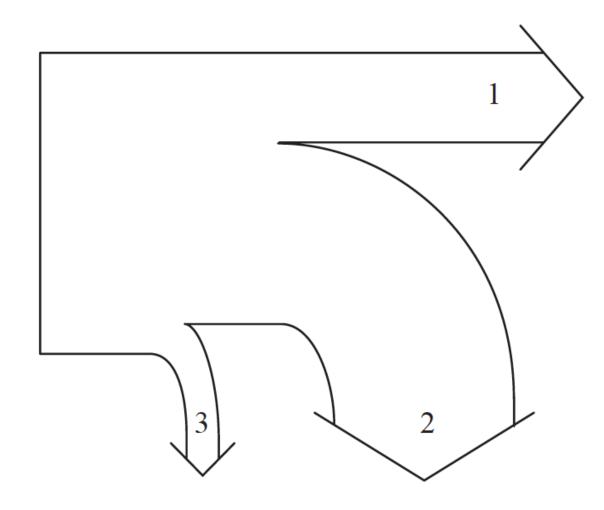
	Intensity reflected by planet	Intensity radiated by planet
A.	$120 \mathrm{W m^{-2}}$	$80 { m Wm^{-2}}$
В.	$120 \mathrm{Wm^{-2}}$	less than $80 \mathrm{Wm}^{-2}$
C.	$80 {\rm Wm^{-2}}$	$120 \mathrm{W}\mathrm{m}^{-2}$
D.	$80\mathrm{Wm^{-2}}$	less than $120 \mathrm{Wm}^{-2}$

An electric motor is used to lift a heavy load. The Sankey diagram shows the energy transformations involved in the process.



- A. 33%
- B. 50%
- C. 67%
- D. 75%

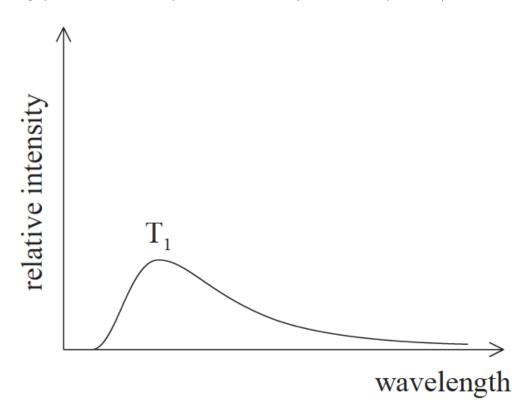
The Sankey diagram of a fossil-fuelled power station is shown below.



Which of the following best identifies the thermal energy removed by water and the useful electrical energy output of the station?

	Thermal energy removed	Useful electrical energy output
A.	2	1
B.	2	3
C.	3	1
D.	1	2

The graph shows the emission spectrum for a black body at absolute temperature T_1 .



Which graph shows the emission spectrum for the same black body at an absolute temperature T_2 where $T_2 > T_1$? The original graph is shown as a dotted line.

