



Ashby School

AAQ BTEC National Level 3 in Applied
Science

Summer transition homework

Name: _____

General science

Task 1- Complete the table below with the SI units.

Physical Quantity	Symbol	Unit	Abbreviation
Mass	m	Kilograms	Kg
Distance			
Time			
Electrical current			
Temperature			

Task 2- Convert the units

20mm	_____ μm
140000g	_____ Kg
0.8Km	_____ m
48 mins	_____ s
14mA	_____ A
78mm	_____ nm

Task 3- Match the keyword or
Phrase to the definition

1. Accuracy
2. Precision
3. Reliability
4. Validity
5. Systematic error
6. Random error
7. Resolution
8. Uncertainty
9. Control variable
10. Independent variable
11. Dependent variable
12. Anomaly

- **A value that deviates significantly from the general pattern of results.**
- The degree to which repeated measurements show the same result.
- **The variable that is deliberately changed in an experiment.**
- The closeness of a measured value to the true or accepted value.
- **The smallest change in a measurement that can be detected by an instrument.**
- Measurements that are close together but not necessarily close to the true value.
- **Errors that arise from unpredictable variations in measurement.**
- The confidence in a measurement, often expressed as a range.
- **Errors that shift all measurements in the same direction (e.g. faulty calibration).**
- A variable that is kept constant to ensure a fair test.
- **How well an experiment measures what it is intended to measure.**
- The variable that is measured or observed in an experiment.

Biology

Task 4- Solve these Magnification equations

1. A cell has an actual size of 0.02 mm. The image size is 4 mm.
Calculate the magnification.
2. A specimen is viewed at a magnification of $\times 200$. The image size is 50 mm.
Calculate the actual size of the specimen..
3. A cell is magnified $\times 1000$. The image size is 2 mm.
Calculate the actual size?
4. An object has an actual size of 0.05 mm and is magnified $\times 150$.
Calculate the image size.
5. The image of a specimen measures 8 mm and the magnification is $\times 400$.
Calculate the actual size.
6. A cell has an image size of 5 mm and an actual size of 50 μm .
Calculate the magnification.
7. A specimen is magnified $\times 250$ and has an image size of 10 mm.
Calculate the actual size in micrometres (μm).
8. An object has an actual size of 200 μm and is viewed at $\times 400$ magnification.
Calculate the image size in millimetres (mm).

1. **Cell Structure:**

Name the organelle responsible for controlling the activities of the cell.

2. **Cell Structure:**

What is the function of the **mitochondria**?

3. **Cell Structure (plant vs animal):**

Name one structure found in plant cells but not in animal cells and give its function.

4. **Membrane Transport:**

Define **diffusion**.

5. **Membrane Transport:**

What is the difference between **active transport** and diffusion?

6. **Blood & Blood Vessels:**

Name the three main types of blood vessels.

7. **Blood:**

What is the function of **red blood cells**?

8. **Plant Tissue:**

What is the function of **xylem tissue** in plants?

9. **Plant Tissue:**

What is the role of **phloem tissue**?

10. **Homeostasis:**

Define **homeostasis**.

11. **Homeostasis:**

Explain how insulin helps regulate blood glucose levels."

6. How many protons, neutrons and electrons are in an atom of magnesium-24?
(atomic number = 12)
7. What is meant by the term isotope?
8. Why do isotopes of the same element have the same chemical properties?
9. Explain why atomic mass values in the periodic table are often not whole numbers.

Task 2: Using the Periodic Table (Application)

10. An element has atomic number 16.
 - a) Identify the element
 - b) State its group and period
 - c) Predict the number of electrons in its outer shell
11. An element is in Group 1, Period 3.
 - a) Name the element
 - b) Describe its likely reactivity compared to lithium
12. Why do elements in the same group have similar chemical properties?
13. An atom has the electron configuration 2,8,7.
 - a) Identify the element
 - b) What group is it in?
 - c) Predict what ion it is likely to form
14. Explain why noble gases are unreactive.
15. Compare the properties of metals and non-metals (give two differences).

16. An element forms a 2+ ion.

- a) Is it more likely to be a metal or non-metal?
- b) Explain your reasoning

Task 3: Isotopes & Relative Atomic Mass Calculations

17. Calculate the number of neutrons in:

- a) Carbon-12
- b) Chlorine-35
- c) Uranium-238 (atomic number = 92)

18. Chlorine exists as two isotopes:

- Cl-35 (75%)
- Cl-37 (25%)

Calculate the relative atomic mass of chlorine.

19. An element has two isotopes:

- X-20 (40%)
- X-22 (60%)

Calculate the relative atomic mass.

20. A sample contains:

- Isotope A (mass 24, abundance 80%)
- Isotope B (mass 25, abundance 20%)

Calculate the relative atomic mass.

21. The relative atomic mass of bromine is 79.9.

It has two isotopes: Br-79 and Br-81.

Explain what this tells you about their relative abundances.

22. An element has three isotopes:

- 10 (20%)
- 11 (50%)
- 12 (30%)

Calculate the relative atomic mass.

23. A student calculates a relative atomic mass and gets a value slightly different from the periodic table.

Give two reasons why this might happen.

Physics.

You may use the Physics GCSE equation list to aid you in this section.

Task 1: Core Concepts & Recall (Forces, Energy, Waves)

1. Define velocity.
2. Define acceleration.
3. State the equation linking force, mass and acceleration.
4. What is meant by resultant force?
5. Define work done.
6. State the equation for kinetic energy.
7. State the equation for gravitational potential energy.
8. What is meant by the conservation of energy?
9. Define frequency of a wave.
10. State the wave equation linking wave speed, frequency and wavelength.

Task 2: Application of Knowledge (Mechanics & Electricity)

11. A car increases its speed from 10 m/s to 20 m/s in 5 s.
 - a) Calculate the acceleration
 - b) State the equation you used
12. A force of 60 N acts on a mass of 12 kg.
 - a) Calculate the acceleration
 - b) Describe what happens if the mass is doubled

13. An object of mass 2 kg is lifted 5 m.

($g = 9.8 \text{ N/kg}$)

Calculate the gravitational potential energy gained.

14. A wave has a wavelength of 2 m and a frequency of 5 Hz.

Calculate the wave speed.

15. Describe the difference between transverse and longitudinal waves.

16. A circuit has a current of 3 A and a resistance of 4 Ω .

- a) Calculate the potential difference
- b) Name the law used

17. Explain why resistance increases when a wire gets hotter.

18. A student connects two resistors in series.

- a) What happens to total resistance?
- b) What happens to current?

Task 3: Problem Solving & Calculations (Higher GCSE / KS5 Ready)

19. A car travels 150 m in 10 s.

- a) Calculate its speed
- b) Convert your answer to km/h

20. A force of 20 N acts on a 4 kg object.

- a) Calculate acceleration
- b) Determine the velocity after 3 s (starting from rest)

21. A 1000 kg car is travelling at 15 m/s.

Calculate its kinetic energy.

22. A wave has a frequency of 50 Hz and a speed of 300 m/s.

Calculate the wavelength.

23. A 12 V battery supplies a current of 2 A.

- a) Calculate the resistance
- b) Calculate the power

24. A device transfers 1200 J of energy in 60 s.

- a) Calculate the power
- b) Explain what this value represents

25. A student measures a current of 0.25 A.

Convert this to milliamps (mA) and explain the conversion.