

GCSE Physics

Worksheet: Power

TIME 30 min	TOTAL 30 marks	CALCULATOR Allowed	DIFFICULTY Easy, Medium
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Topics: Power

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- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Answer all questions in the spaces provided.
- In all calculations, show clearly how you work out your answer.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.

0 1

An electric heater operates at a potential difference of 230 V with a current of 5.9 A.

0 1 . 1

Calculate the power of the heater.

Use the equation:

power = potential difference × current

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Power = W

[2 marks]

0 2

0 2 . 1

Write down the equation that links power (P), potential difference (V) and current (I).

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[1 mark]

0 2 . 2

A lamp operates at a potential difference of 12 V with a current of 0.50 A.
Calculate its power.

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Power = W

[2 marks]

0 3

A laptop charger operates at a potential difference of 19 V with a current of 2.4 A.

0 3 . 1

Calculate the power of the charger.

Use the equation:

power = potential difference $\times$ current

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Power = W

[2 marks]

0 4

0 4 . 1

Which equation links power, current and resistance?

Tick ($\checkmark$) **one** box.

$P = V \times I$

$P = I^2 \times R$

$P = E \times t$

$P = Q \times V$

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[1 mark]

0 4 . 2

A device transfers 40 J of energy every second.
What is its power?

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Power = W

[1 mark]

0 5

An electric heater is connected to the 230 V mains supply.

0 5 . 1

What is the unit of power?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

joule

☐

newton

☐

volt

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watt

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[1 mark]

0 5 . 2

The current in the heater is 4.0 A.

Calculate the power of the heater.

Use the equation:

power = potential difference × current

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Power = W

[2 marks]

0 5 . 3

A lamp connected to the mains has a power of 60 W.

Which statement is correct?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

The heater transfers more energy each second than the lamp.

☐

The lamp transfers more energy each second than the heater.

☐

The heater and the lamp transfer the same energy each second.

☐

[1 mark]

0 6

A hairdryer contains a heating element and an electric motor, connected in parallel to the 230 V mains supply.

On the 'hot' setting, the power of the heating element is 1.8 kW and the power of the motor is 0.12 kW.

0 6 . 1

Calculate the total current in the hairdryer on the 'hot' setting.

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Current = A

[3 marks]

0 6 . 2

On the 'cool' setting only the motor is switched on.

Calculate the current in the motor.

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Current = A

[2 marks]

0 6 . 3

Explain why the hairdryer transfers energy at a much greater rate on the 'hot' setting.

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[2 marks]

0 7

The current in a kettle is 8.6 A. The resistance of the kettle is 27 Ω .

0 7 . 1

Calculate the power of the kettle.

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Power = W

[2 marks]

0 8

Table 1 shows the power rating of three workshop tools, each connected to the 230 V mains supply.

Table 1

Tool	Power in W
drill	750
sander	480
saw	1100

0 8 . 1

Calculate the current in each tool.

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[3 marks]

0 8 . 2

Which tool draws the smallest current?

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[1 mark]

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0 9

A student knows the current in a heater and its resistance, but not the potential difference across it.

0 9 . 1

Which equation should the student use to calculate the power of the heater, and why?

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[2 marks]

0 9 . 2

The heater is a car seat heater. The current in it is 4.0 A and its resistance is 3.0 Ω .
Calculate its power.

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Power = W

[2 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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Mark scheme

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Question 1 (2 marks)

01.1 [2 marks]

Answer: 1357 W

- $P = 230 \times 5.9$ (1)
 - $P = 1357$ (W) (1)
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Question 2 (3 marks)

02.1 [1 mark]

Answer: $P = VI$

- $P = V \times I$ / power = potential difference $\times$ current (1)
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02.2 [2 marks]

Answer: 6.0 W

- $P = 12 \times 0.50$ (1)
 - $P = 6.0$ (W) (1)
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Question 3 (2 marks)

03.1 [2 marks]

Answer: 45.6 W

- $P = 19 \times 2.4$ (1)
 - $P = 45.6$ (W) (1)
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Question 4 (2 marks)

04.1 [1 mark]

Correct: $P = I^2 \times R$

04.2 [1 mark]

Answer: 40 W

- 40 (W) (1)
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Question 5 (4 marks)

05.1 [1 mark]

Correct: watt

05.2 [2 marks]

Answer: 920 W

- $P = 230 \times 4.0$ (1)
 - $P = 920$ (W) (1)
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05.3 [1 mark]

Correct: The heater transfers more energy each second than the lamp.

Question 6 (7 marks)

06.1 [3 marks]

Answer: 8.3 A

- total power = $1800 + 120 = 1920$ (W) (1)
- $1920 = 230 \times I$ (1)
- $I = 8.3$ (A) (1)

Notes: Allow 8.35 or 8.4 (A).

06.2 [2 marks]

Answer: 0.52 A

- $120 = 230 \times I$ (1)
 - $I = 0.52$ (A) (1)
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06.3 [2 marks]

Answer: The heating element is also switched on, so the total current is much larger at the same potential difference; power = pd $\times$ current, so energy is transferred much faster (1920 W instead of 120 W).

- the heating element is also on so the current is much larger (at the same potential difference) (1)
 - power = potential difference $\times$ current / 1920 W compared with 120 W (1)
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Question 7 (2 marks)

07.1 [2 marks]

Answer: 1996.92 W

- $P = 8.6^2 \times 27$ (1)
- $P = 1996.92$ (W) (1)

Notes: An answer of 232.2 (W) (current not squared) scores 0 marks.

Question 8 (4 marks)

08.1 [3 marks]

Answer: Drill 3.3 A; sander 2.1 A; saw 4.8 A

- drill: $750 \div 230 = 3.3$ (A) (1)
 - sander: $480 \div 230 = 2.1$ (A) (1)
 - saw: $1100 \div 230 = 4.8$ (A) (1)
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08.2 [1 mark]

Answer: The sander

- sander (1)

Notes: Allow ECF from the previous part.

Question 9 (4 marks)

09.1 [2 marks]

Answer: $P = I^2 R$, because it uses only the current and the resistance, which are known.

- $P = I^2 R$ / power = (current)² × resistance (1)
 - (because) it uses only the current and resistance, which are already known, without needing the potential difference (1)
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09.2 [2 marks]

Answer: 48 W

- $P = 4.0^2 \times 3.0$ (1)
- $P = 48$ (W) (1)

Notes: An answer of 12 (W) (4.0×3.0) scores 0 marks.
