1.1 Solids, liquids and gases

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ **Total: 20 marks**

0 Vocabulary

Word	Example
ions /'aɪɒnz/	Water molecules surround the **ions** as they dissolve.
kinetic particle theory /kɪ'netɪk 'pɑːtɪkl 'θɪəri/	**Kinetic particle theory** says matter is made of moving particles.
volume /'vɒljuːm/	The **volume** of the box is $2\ \text{m} \times 1\ \text{m} \times 1\ \text{m} = 2\ \text{m}^3$. $2\ \text{m} \times 1\ \text{m} \times 1\ \text{m} = 2\ \text{m}^3$
compress /kəm'pres/	You can **compress** a gas by pushing it into a smaller space.
density /'densɪti/	Iron has a higher **density** than wood, so it sinks in water.
separation /ˌsepə'reɪʃn/	Increase the **separation** of the plates.
arrangement /ə'reɪndʒmənt/	The particle **arrangement** in a solid is regular and close.
regular /'regjʊlə/	The particles in a crystal are in a **regular** pattern.
forces of attraction /'fɔːsɪz ɒv ə'trækʃn/	**Forces of attraction** hold the particles together.
melting /'meltɪŋ/	**Melting** turns ice into water.
freezing /'friːzɪŋ/	**Freezing** turns water into ice.
evaporating /ɪ'væpəreɪtɪŋ/	Water is **evaporating** from the puddle in the sun.

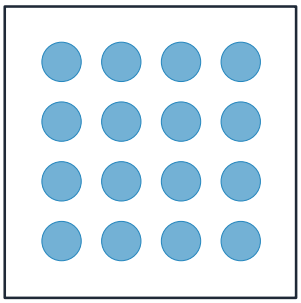
Word	Example
boiling /ˈbɔɪlɪŋ/	During **boiling**, bubbles form all through the water.
condensing /kənˈdensɪŋ/	Steam **condensing** on a cold window forms drops of water.
melting point /ˈmeltɪŋ pɔɪnt/	The **melting point** of ice is 0 °C. 0 °C
boiling point /ˈbɔɪlɪŋ pɔɪnt/	The **boiling point** of water is 100 °C. 100 °C
sublimation /ˌsʌblɪˈmeɪʃn/	Dry ice undergoes **sublimation** from solid to gas.
heating curve /ˈhiːtɪŋ kɜːv/	A **heating curve** shows temperature rising as a solid is heated.
cooling curve /ˈkuːlɪŋ kɜːv/	A **cooling curve** shows temperature falling as a liquid cools.
thermal energy /ˈθɜːml ˈenədʒi/	Rubbing your hands turns work into **thermal energy**.
pressure /ˈpreʃə/	A sharp knife puts a large **pressure** on the bread.
collide /kəˈlaɪd/	Particles must **collide** to react.

exercises.lol exercises.com.cn

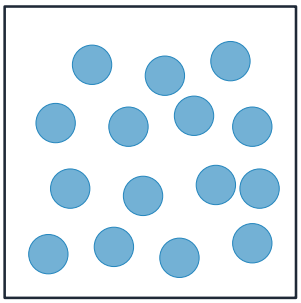
1 Key knowledge and worked examples

■ The three states

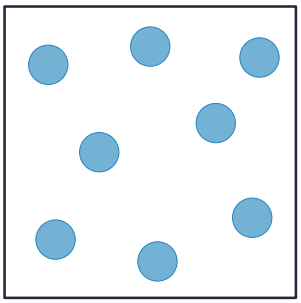
state	separation	arrangement	motion	shape and volume
solid	touching	regular	vibrate about fixed positions	fixed shape, fixed volume
liquid	touching	random	move around each other	takes the container's shape, fixed volume
gas	far apart	random	fast, in all directions	fills the container; easily **compressed**



solid
regular, touching
vibrate in place



liquid
close, random
slide past each other



gas
far apart, random
move fast

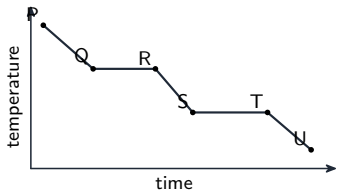
change			from → to	energy
melting / **boiling** **evaporation**		or	solid → liquid / liquid → gas	taken **in**
freezing	/ **condensation**		liquid → solid / gas → liquid	given **out**
sublimation			solid → gas	taken **in**

- A pure substance melts and boils at **fixed temperatures**. Evaporation happens below the boiling point, at the surface only.
- **State at a temperature:** below the melting point it is a solid; between the melting and boiling points a liquid; above the boiling point a gas.

Heating and cooling curves

A **flat section** means a change of state. The temperature stays constant because the energy taken in (or given out) changes the forces of attraction between particles, not the particles' kinetic energy.

Worked example 1: reading a cooling curve



1. Known: the substance starts as a gas at P and is cooled.
2. Rule: the first flat section is condensation, the second is freezing.
3. Q to R: the gas **condenses**; particles move closer together. S to T: the liquid **freezes**; the particles move into fixed positions.
4. Result: between R and S the substance is a **liquid**: particles touching, random, moving around each other.

Gas pressure and volume

change to a fixed mass of gas	effect	reason in terms of particles
heated, volume fixed	pressure **rises**	particles move faster, hit the walls harder and more often
heated, pressure fixed	volume **increases**	faster particles push the walls further out
pressure increased, temperature fixed	volume **decreases**	particles pushed closer together

Worked example 2: a balloon left in the sun

1. Known: a fixed mass of air at constant pressure is warmed.
2. Rule: higher temperature means more kinetic energy.
3. The particles move faster and collide with the inside of the balloon harder and more often.
4. Result: the balloon **expands** until the pressure inside again equals the pressure outside. The particles themselves do not get bigger.

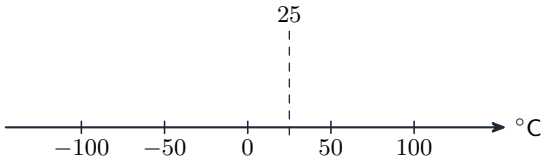
Answer shapes: one mark per property in a table (separation, arrangement, motion); in "explain" answers, name the particles **and** what they do (move faster, collide more often).

2 Practice

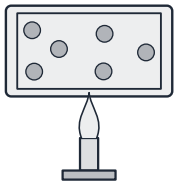
2.1 Name the change of state from gas to liquid and from solid to liquid. [2]

gas ⟶ liquid solid ⟶ liquid

2.2 Substance J melts at −39 °C and boils at 357 °C. State the physical state of J at 25 °C. Give a reason. [2]



2.3 A sealed metal container of gas has a fixed volume. The container is heated. State what happens to the pressure of the gas and explain why, in terms of particles. [3]



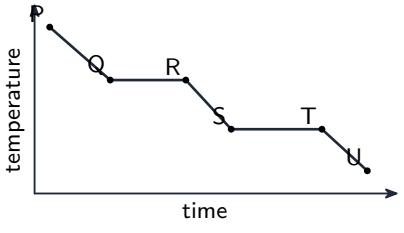
2.4 The plunger of a sealed gas syringe is pushed in. The temperature does not change. State what happens to the volume of the gas and explain why, in terms of particles. [2]



3 Exam-style questions

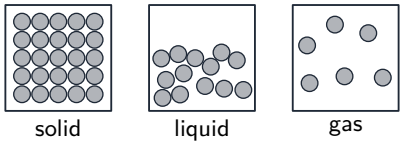
3.1 The graph is a cooling curve for a pure substance. Between which two points do the particles change from being able to move around each other to vibrating about fixed positions? [1]

☐ **A** P and Q
B Q and R
C R and S
D S and T



exercises.lol exercises.com.cn

3.2 The diagrams show the particles in the three states of matter.



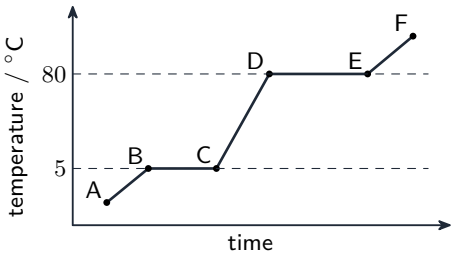
(a) Complete the table. [3]

state	particle separation	particle arrangement	particle motion
solid	touching		
liquid		random	
gas			random, fast

(b) Name each physical change. [3]

- liquid to solid
- gas to liquid
- a soluble solid to an aqueous solution

3.3 Substance X is heated at a steady rate from −20 °C. The graph shows its heating curve.



(a) Explain, in terms of particles and energy, why the temperature does not change between B and C. [2]

(b) Describe how the separation and the motion of the particles change between D and E. [2]

exercises.lol exercises.com.cn