

Properties of Materials – 2022 GCSE Gateway Chemistry Combined Science A

1. June/2022/Paper_J250/03/No.11(c)

(c) The table shows the melting point and boiling point of pure nitrogen dioxide.

Melting point (°C)	Boiling point (°C)
–9	21

(i) Which state symbol shows the physical state of nitrogen dioxide at –2 °C?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

g	<input type="checkbox"/>
l	<input type="checkbox"/>
s	<input type="checkbox"/>

[1]

(ii) A scientist measures the melting point of a sample of nitrogen dioxide.

The result shows that the sample of nitrogen dioxide is impure.

Which temperature could be the melting point of the impure nitrogen dioxide?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

–11 °C	<input type="checkbox"/>
–9 °C	<input type="checkbox"/>
23 °C	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2. June/2022/Paper_J250/03/No.15

Fullerenes are allotropes of carbon that have many uses.

Fig. 15.1 shows a molecule of a fullerene.

Fig. 15.1



(a) (i) Which group of allotropes contain this fullerene?

Tick **one** (✓) box.

Inorganic

☐

Organic

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Physical

☐

[1]

(ii) What is the approximate size of a molecule of this fullerene?

Tick **one** (✓) box.

$1 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$

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$1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

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(b) The carbon atoms in fullerenes are joined by covalent bonds.

(i) Explain how two atoms of carbon form a covalent bond.

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(ii) How many covalent bonds does one atom of carbon form in a molecule of fullerene, as shown in Fig. 15.1?

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(c) The model used to show the molecule of fullerene in Fig. 15.1 has limitations.

The table shows some statements about the model.

Which statements about this model are **true**, and which are **false**?

Tick (✓) **one** box in each row.

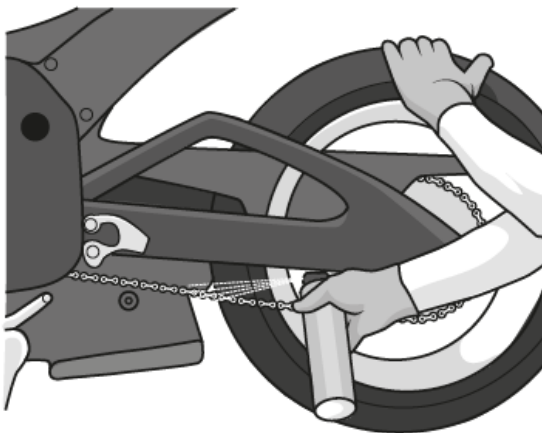
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It shows the three-dimensional shape of the molecule.		

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- (d) Fullerenes can be used as lubricants. Lubricants reduce the friction between moving parts.

Fig. 15.2 shows a lubricant being sprayed onto the chain of a motorbike.

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Use ideas about the structure and bonding of the fullerene shown in Fig. 15.1 in your answer.

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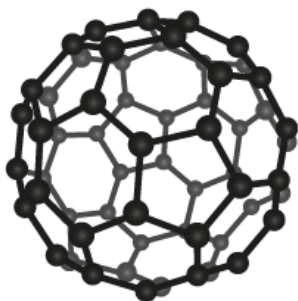
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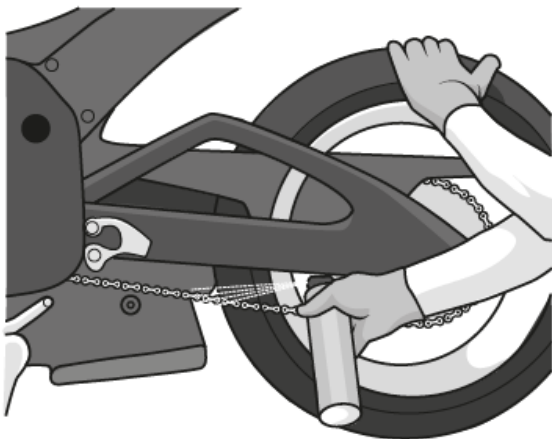
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