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SMART MATERIALS AND MODERN MATERIALS

General Questions on a selection of smart materials Shape Memory Alloys (SMA) and Muscle Wire Modern Material - Polymorph

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1. Explain what is meant by the term 'smart material'. **3** marks

2. Name a smart material and name / describe a product in which it is used.

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3. Explain why the smart material you named is used in the product.

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4. Describe / explain the following smart materials: 6 x 3 marks (total 18 marks)

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POLYMORTH:

SHAPE MEMORY ALLOYS (SMA):

HYDROMORPHIC POLYMERS:

HYDROCARBON ENCAPSULATING POLYMERS:

AROMA PIGMENTS:

SMART MATERIALS - SHAPE MEMORY ALLOY (SMA)

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5a. Complete the following paragraphs about SMA, by adding the missing words, in the correct places. The words listed at the bottom of the page will help you answer this question. **11 marks**

SMA wire is sometimes called '_____', as it is a composed of _____ and _____. On first site this special wire looks like ordinary wire and even has many of the same properties. It can be ______ to form complex shapes quite easily and it ______ electricity. However, it is very expensive when compared to ordinary steel or even copper wire. However, it has properties that make it very special:

The wire has a ______ - for example, if it is folded to form a shape and then heated above ______ (centigrade) it returns to its ______ shape.

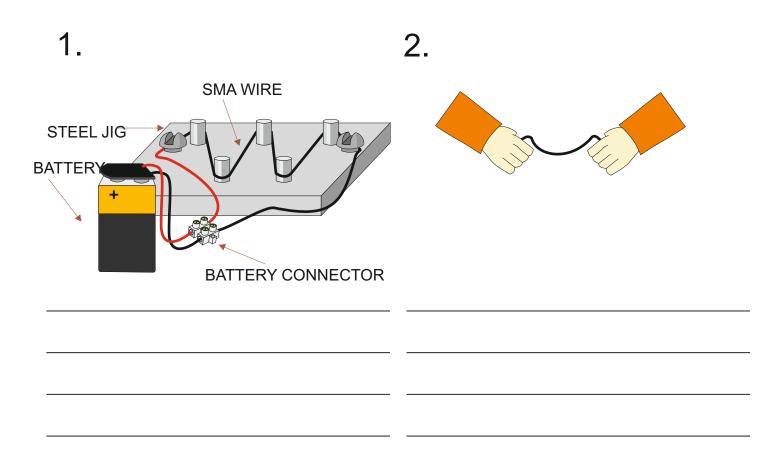
The material can also be '______' to remember a shape. This can be achieved by folding the wire to a particular shape and clamping it in position. The wire is then heated for a approximately ______ at precisely 150 degrees or pass an electric current through the ____ wire. If the wire is now folded into another shape and then placed in hot water it returns to the original 'programmed' shape.

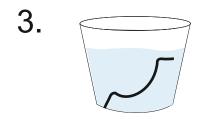
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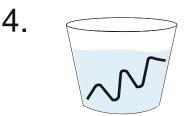
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5b. Below are diagrams that represent programming the shape of SMA wire and returning it to its original shape. Add notes to each diagram to help explain each stage. 3 x 4 marks (total 12 marks)



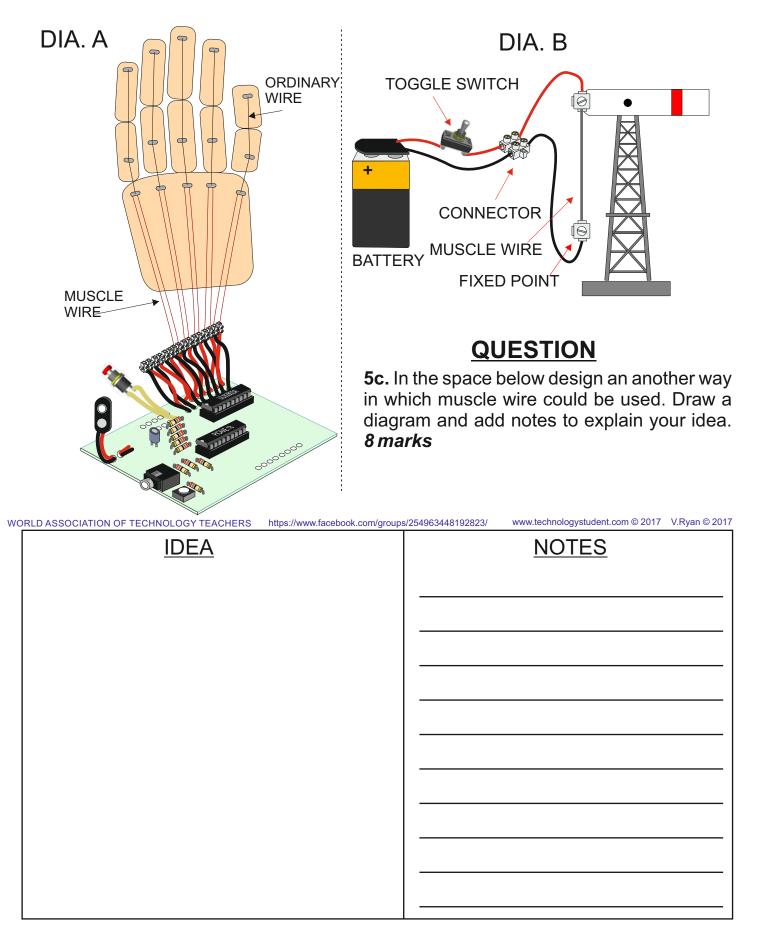




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Two practical uses of 'muscle wire' are shown below. Diagram 'A' shows a programmable circuit controlling the movement of an artificial hand, used in a shop display. As the wire expands and contracts the fingers move. Diagram 'B' shows muscle wire controlling a model railway signal. As the wire expands and contracts the signal moves up and down.

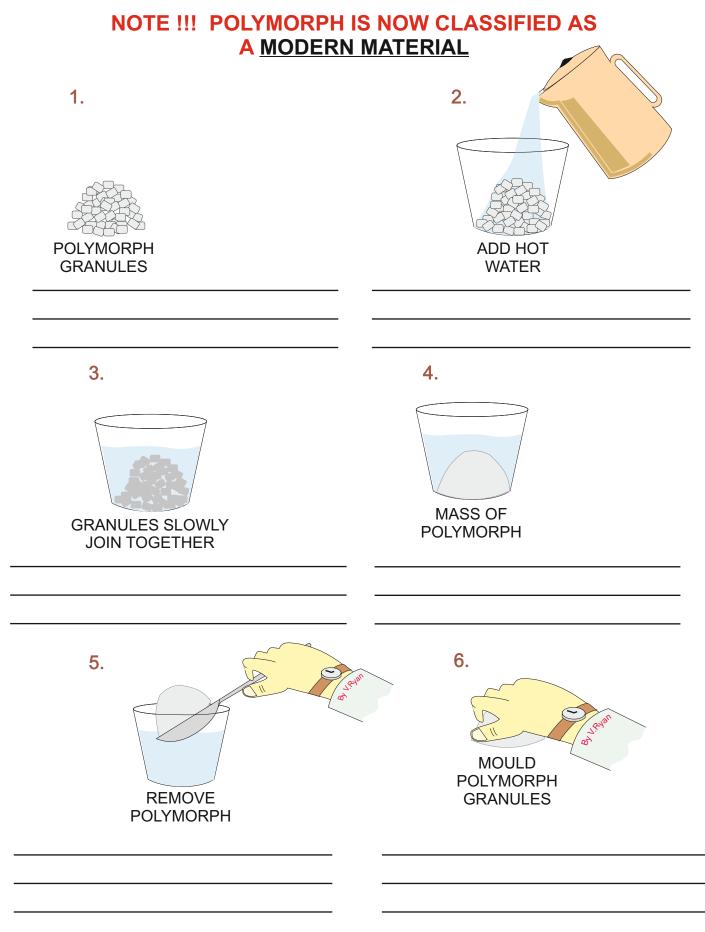


MODERN MATERIAL - POLYMORPH

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6a. Polymorph is a thermoplastic material that can be shaped and reshaped any number of times. Below are diagrams representing the stages involved in moulding the material. Add notes below each stage to help explain each process. **4X6 marks (total 24 marks)**



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6b. Below are a set of incomplete diagrams representing the way polymorph can be shaped using a mould to form a screwdriver handle. Add diagrams to stage 2,3,4 and 5. Include explanatory notes underneath each stage. 4x5marks (total 20 marks)

