

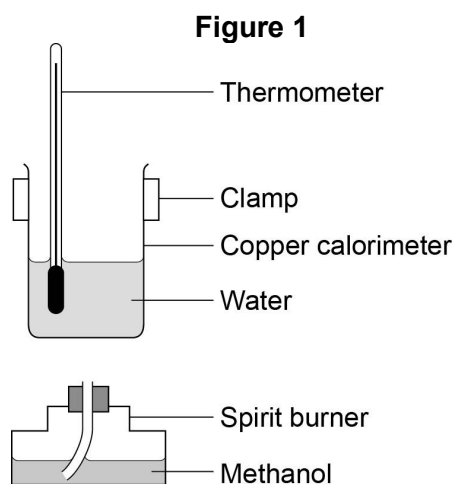
2 Alcohols such as methanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ), ethanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ) and propan-1-ol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ) are good fuels.

0 2 . 1 A student carried out an experiment to determine the enthalpy of combustion of methanol.

Methanol was placed in a spirit burner and the mass of the spirit burner measured. The student placed 100 g of water in a copper calorimeter and clamped it above the spirit burner. The burner was lit and allowed to burn for a few minutes. The flame was then extinguished and the new mass of the spirit burner found.

The measured temperature rise was  $38.0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The specific heat capacity of water is  $4.18\text{ J K}^{-1}\text{ g}^{-1}$ .

**Figure 1**, a diagram of the apparatus, is shown alongside **Table 1** which shows the measurements the student recorded.



**Table 1**

Mass of burner containing methanol before experiment	214.02 g
Mass of burner containing methanol after experiment	212.37 g

Use the student's data to calculate an experimental value for the enthalpy of combustion of methanol in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

**[4 marks]**

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- 0 2** . **2** Suggest **one** reason, other than incomplete combustion or heat transfer to the atmosphere, why the student's value for the enthalpy of combustion of methanol is different from that in a Data Book.

[1 mark]

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- 0 2** . **3** The uncertainty in each of the temperature readings from the thermometer in this experiment was  $\pm 0.25$  °C. This gave an overall uncertainty in the temperature rise of  $\pm 0.5$  °C.

Calculate the percentage uncertainty for the use of the thermometer in this experiment.

[1 mark]

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- 0 2** . **4** The student said correctly that using a thermometer with an overall uncertainty for the rise in temperature of  $\pm 0.5$  °C was adequate for this experiment.

Explain why this thermometer was adequate for this experiment.

[1 mark]

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- 0 2** . **5** The enthalpy of combustion of ethanol is  $-1371$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. The density of ethanol is  $0.789$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>.

Calculate the heat energy released in kJ when  $0.500$  dm<sup>3</sup> of ethanol is burned. Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

[3 marks]

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