

# NCERT solution for Matter in our Surroundings

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**Question 1**

Which of the following are matter?

Chair, air, love, smell, hate, almonds, thought, cold, cold drink, smell of perfume.

**Answer**

The matter are Chair, air, almonds and cold drink

**Question 2**

Give reasons for the following observation:

The smell of hot sizzling food reaches you several meters away, but to get the smell from cold food you have to go close.

**Answer**

Solids diffuse at a very slow rate. But, if the temperature of the solid is increased, then the rate of diffusion of the solid particles into air increases. This is due to an increase in the kinetic energy of solid particles. Hence, the smell of hot sizzling food reaches us even at a distance, but to get the smell from cold food we have to go close.

**Question 3**

A diver is able to cut through water in a swimming pool. Which property of matter does this observation show?

**Answer**

This observation shows that the matter is made of particles and particles of matter have intermolecular spaces.

**Question 4**

What are the characteristics of particles of matter?

**Answer**

The characteristics of particles of matter are:

- Particles of matter have spaces between them.
- Particles of matter are continuously moving.
- Particles of matter attract each other.

### Question 5

The mass per unit volume of a substance is called density (density = mass/volume).

Arrange the following in order of increasing density - air, exhaust from chimney, honey, water, chalk, cotton, and iron.

### Answer

We know from definition of density, gas would have least density, liquid would in between and solid will have highest density. So keeping these in mind, order of increasing density will be

air < Exhaust from chimneys < cotton < water < honey < chalk < iron.

### Question 6

(a) Tabulate the differences in the characteristics of states of matter.

(b) Comment upon the following: rigidity, compressibility, fluidity, filling a gas container, shape, kinetic energy, and density.

### Answer

(a)

Property	Solid state	Liquid state	Gaseous state
1	Definite shape and volume.	No definite shape. Liquids attain the shape of the vessel in which they are kept.	Gases have neither a definite shape nor a definite volume.
2.	Incompressible	Slightly Compressible	Highly compressible
3.	Cannot flow	Can flow	Can flow
4.	Particles don't move freely	Particles move freely but are confined within boundary.	Particles move freely.
5.	Force of attraction between particles are maximum.	Force of attraction between particles is less than solid but more than that in gas	Force of attraction between particles is least.

(b)

<b>Rigidity</b>	It is the tendency of matter to resist the change of its shape
<b>Compressibility</b>	It is the property of matter in which its volume is decreased by applying force.
<b>Fluidity</b>	It is the ability of matter to flow.
<b>Filling a gas container</b>	On filling a gas takes the shape of the container

<b>Shape</b>	Having definite boundaries
<b>Kinetic Energy</b>	It is the energy possessed by the particles of matter due to its motion.
<b>Density</b>	It is mass per unit volume

### Question 7

**Give reasons:**

- (a) A gas fills completely the vessel in which it is kept.
- (b) A gas exerts pressure on the walls of the container.
- (c) A wooden table should be called a solid.
- (d) We can easily move our hand in air, but to do the same through a solid block of wood, we need a karate expert.

### Answer

<b>a)</b>	The force of attraction between particles of gas is negligible. Because of this, particles of gas move in all directions. Thus, a gas fills the vessel completely in which it is kept.
<b>b)</b>	Particles of gas move randomly in all directions at high speed. As a result, the particles hit each other and also hit the walls of the container with a force. Therefore, gas exerts pressure on the walls of the container.
<b>c)</b>	A wooden table has fixed shape and fixed volume, which are the main characteristics of solid. Thus a wooden table should be called a solid.
<b>d)</b>	Particles of air have large spaces between them. On the other hand, wood has little space between its particles. Also, it is rigid. For this reason, we can easily move our hands in air, but to do the same through a solid block of wood, we need a karate expert.

### Question 8

Liquids generally have lower density as compared to solids. But you must have observed that ice floats on water. Find out why.

### Answer

Ice which is a solid has vacant spaces between water molecules thus making ice

lighter than water. Thus ice floats on water.

**Question 9**

Convert the following temperature to Celsius scale:

(a) 300 K

(b) 573 K

**Answer**

a)  $300\text{ K} = (300 - 273)^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 $= 27^{\circ}\text{C}$

b)  $573\text{ K} = (573 - 273)^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 $= 300^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Question 10**

What is the physical state of water at:

(a)  $250^{\circ}\text{C}$

(b)  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Answer**

$250^{\circ}\text{C}$	Gaseous State (As Boiling temperature of water is $100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).
$100^{\circ}\text{C}$	Since water boils at this temperature thus it can exist in both liquid and gaseous form. At this temperature, after getting the heat equal to the latent heat of vaporization, water starts changing from liquid state to gaseous state.

**Question 11**

**For any substance**, why does the temperature remain constant during the change of state?

**Answer**

During the change of state of any substance, the heat supplied or released is utilized in phase change. Such heat is called latent heat. So, the temperature of any substance remains constant during the change of state.

**Question 12**

Suggest a method to liquefy atmospheric gases.

**Answer**

The gases can be converted into liquids by decreasing temperature or by increasing pressure.

**Question 13**

Why does a desert cooler cool better on a hot dry day?

**Answer**

A desert cooler increases the humidity of the surrounding air. The water particles in the air take the heat from the surrounding objects and evaporates. In hot and dry days the moisture level is very low in atmosphere which increases the rate of evaporation. Because of faster evaporation, cooler works well. That's why desert cooler cool better on a hot dry day.

**Question 14**

How does water kept in an earthen pot (matka) become cool during summers?

**Answer**

There are some pores in an earthen pot through which the liquid inside the pot evaporates. This evaporation makes the water inside the pot cool. In this way, water kept in an earthen pot becomes cool during summers.

**Question 15**

Why does our palm feel cold when we put some acetone or petrol or perfume on it?

**Answer**

Acetone, petrol, and perfume evaporate at low temperatures. When some acetone, petrol, or perfume is dropped on the palm, it takes heat from the palm and evaporates, thereby making the palm cooler.

**Question 16**

Why are we able to sip hot tea or milk faster from a saucer than a cup?

**Answer**

A liquid has a larger surface area in a saucer than in a cup. Thus, it evaporates faster and cools faster in a saucer than in a cup. Thus, we are able to sip hot tea or milk faster from a saucer than a cup.

**Question 17**

What type of clothes should we wear in summers?

**Answer**

We should wear cotton clothes in summers as cotton is a good sweat absorber. Sweat is absorbed by the cotton and is exposed to the atmosphere making evaporation faster. During this evaporation, particles on the surface of the liquid gain energy from our body surface, making the body cool.

**Question 18**

Convert the following temperatures to Celsius scale.

(a) 300 K

(b) 573 K

**Answer**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } 300 \text{ K} &= (300 - 273) \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \\ &= 27 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } 573 \text{ K} &= (573 - 273) \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \\ &= 300 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 19**

Convert the following temperatures to Kelvin scale.

(a) 25°C

(b) 373°C

**Answer**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } 25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} &= (25 + 273) \text{ K} \\ &= 298 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } 373 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} &= (373 + 273) \text{ K} \\ &= 646 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 20**

Give reason for the following observations.

(a) Naphthalene balls disappear with time without leaving any solid.

(b) We can get the smell of perfume sitting several meters away.

**Answer**

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(a) Naphthalene balls disappear with time without leaving any solid because they undergo sublimation easily i.e., the change of state of naphthalene from solid to gas takes place easily.

(b) Perfumes has high degree of vaporization and its vapour diffuse into air easily. Therefore, we can get the smell of perfume sitting several metre away.

### Question 21

Arrange the following substances in increasing order of forces of attraction between particles-- water, sugar, oxygen.

### Answer

Oxygen -> Water -> Sugar.

### Question 22

What is the physical state of water at-

- (a) 25°C
- (b) 0°C
- (c) 100°C

### Answer

25°C	Liquid State
0°C	Solid State or liquid state .
100°C	Gaseous State, can also be in liquid state

### Question 23 Give two reasons to justify-

- (a) water at room temperature is a liquid.
- (b) an iron almira is a solid at room temperature.

### Answer

(a) Water at room temperature is a liquid because it has fluidity also it has no shape but has a fixed volume that is, it occupies the shape of the container in which it is kept.

(b) An iron almirah is a solid at room temperature it has rigid and fixed shape.

### Question 24

Why is ice at 273 K more effective in cooling than water at the same temperature?

### Answer

Ice at 273 K has less energy than water (although both are at the same temperature). Water possesses the additional latent heat of fusion. Hence, at 273 K, ice is more effective in cooling than water.

### Question 25

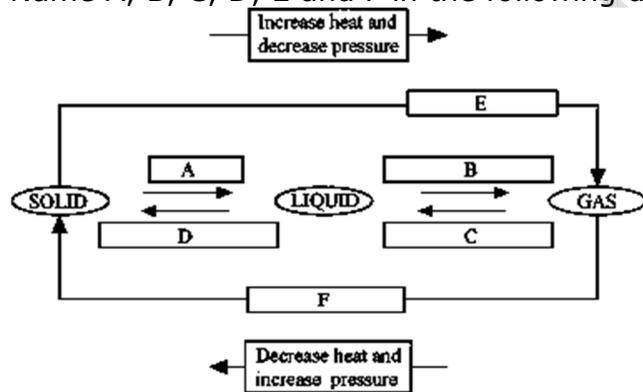
What produces more severe burns, boiling water or steam?

### Answer

Steam has more energy than boiling water. It possesses the additional latent heat of vaporization. Therefore, burns produced by steam are more severe than those produced by boiling water.

### Question 26

Name A, B, C, D, E and F in the following diagram showing change in its state.



### Answer

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- A -> Fusion
- B-> Vaporization
- C->Condensation
- D-> Solidification
- E->Sublimation
- F-> Sublimation

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