

A-Level Physics

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1. Internal energy is the sum of which energies?

- ☐ the random kinetic energy of the molecules
- ☐ the potential energy between the molecules
- ☐ the bulk kinetic energy of the whole object
- ☐ the weight of the object

Tick every correct option.

2. The work done by a gas expanding at constant pressure is:

- ☐ $p \Delta V$
- ☐ $\frac{p}{\Delta V}$
- ☐ pV^2
- ☐ $\frac{\Delta V}{p}$

3. A moving train's bulk kinetic energy counts as part of its internal energy.

- ☐ True ☐ False

4. When a gas expands, it does work on its surroundings.

- ☐ True ☐ False

5. Internal energy depends only on the state of the system, not on the path taken to reach it.

- ☐ True ☐ False

6. The first law of thermodynamics: $\Delta U = q +$ _____.

7. For an ideal gas, the internal energy is:

- ☐ $\frac{3}{2}nRT$
- ☐ pV exactly
- ☐ $mc\Delta T$
- ☐ $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$

8. 100 J of heat is added to a gas while 30 J of work is done **on** it. What is the rise in internal energy?

_____ J

9. For an ideal gas, if the absolute temperature doubles, the internal energy multiplies by:

10. In an isothermal change of an ideal gas, the internal energy does not change.

☐ True ☐ False

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1. **the random kinetic energy of the molecules; the potential energy between the molecules**

Internal energy = random molecular KE + intermolecular PE. The object's overall motion (bulk KE) is separate.

2. $p\Delta V$

Force = pA , distance = Δx , so work = $pA\Delta x = p\Delta V$.

3. **False**

No — internal energy is the energy of the *random* molecular motion, not the whole object moving along.

4. **True**

Yes — it pushes the piston/atmosphere outward. So the work done *on* the gas is negative.

5. **True**

Yes — U is a function of state (T , p , V , amount); two routes to the same state give the same U .

6. **W**

$\Delta U = q + W$, where W is the work done **on** the gas and q is the heat added.

7. $\frac{3}{2}nRT$

No intermolecular PE, so U is all kinetic: $U = \frac{3}{2}NkT = \frac{3}{2}nRT$.

8. **130 J**

$\Delta U = q + W = 100 + 30 = 130$ J.

9. **2**

$U = \frac{3}{2}nRT \propto T$, so doubling T doubles U .

10. **True**

For an ideal gas $U \propto T$, so constant T means $\Delta U = 0$ (and then $q = -W$).