

76. Consider the object of mass m_1 falling through a distance h . The loss of its mechanical energy is $\Delta E = m_1gh$. This amount of energy is then used to heat up the temperature of water of mass m_2 : $\Delta E = m_1gh = Q = m_2c\Delta T$. Thus, the maximum possible rise in water temperature is

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta T &= \frac{m_1gh}{m_2c} \\ &= \frac{(6.00 \text{ kg}) (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) (50.0 \text{ m})}{(0.600 \text{ kg}) (4190 \text{ J/kg}\cdot\text{C}^\circ)} \\ &= 1.17 \text{ C}^\circ .\end{aligned}$$