

Conditions

Mr and Mrs Smith have just received their gas bill. The details are as follows:

previous meter reading 71200

present meter reading 72720

cost per unit 6.52 pence per unit

fixed standing charge £12.25

VAT 5%

Calculate the cost of the gas bill including VAT.

Solution

First, let's find the difference between previous meter and present meter readings:

$$72720 - 71200 = 1520$$

Then the cost of these units are:

$$1520 \cdot 6.52 = 9910.4 \text{ or } \pounds 99.104$$

Plus, we must add the fixed standing charge:

$$99.104 + 12.25 = 111.354$$

And after this, the VAT is 5% of all sum. So, the cost of gas bill including VAT is:

$$111.354 \cdot 1 + 0.05 = 116.9217 \approx \pounds 116.92$$

Answer: £116.92