Condition:

A square plate of side 10 cm is made of a metal of linear expansivity 210–5/K. As the plate is heated from 30oC to 100o, the area of one face of the plate will increase to ------

Solution:

Let $10 \ cm = l$; $30^{\circ} = t_1$; $100^{\circ} = t_2$; $2 * 10^{-5} K^{-1} = \alpha$.

We need to find *S*.

We used the formula: $S = l_T^2$.

$$\begin{split} l_T &= l \Big(1 + \alpha (t_2 - t_1) \Big), \text{ so } S = \Big(l \Big(1 + \alpha (t_2 - t_1) \Big) \Big)^2 \\ \to S = \Big(10 \Big(1 + 2 * 10^{-5} (100 - 30) \Big) \Big)^2. \end{split}$$

$$S = 100.28 \ cm^2.$$

Answer: $S = 100.28 cm^2$.