

**TOPIC**

Materials – Section IX – Question 11

**QUESTION**

In general and in most materials, crystallization causes

- (A) reduction of volume
- (B) cold fusion
- (C) light emission
- (D) all of the above

**HINT**

Crystallization is the process of solid crystals precipitating from a solution, and consists of the nucleation and growth processes.

**SOLUTION**

Atoms occupy less volume when placed in a periodic array. One exception is water, which expands after freezing.

**ANSWER**

(A)

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