

A thermometer graduated according to a linear scale reads a value x_0 when in contact with boiling water, and $x_0/3$ when in contact with ice. What is the temperature of an object in $^{\circ}\text{C}$, if this thermometer in the contact with the object reads $x_0/2$? (JEE MAIN 2019)

A 60

B 35

C 25

D 40

For given thermometer,

$$\text{Boiling point} = \frac{x_0}{2}, \quad \text{Ice point} = \frac{x_0}{3}$$

(B.P) (I.P)

$$\text{A.T.Q.} - \frac{(T)_A - (I.P)_A}{(B.P)_A - (I.P)_A} = \frac{(T)_C - (I.P)_C}{(B.P)_C - (I.P)_C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{x_0}{2} - \frac{x_0}{3}}{x_0 - \frac{x_0}{3}} = \frac{T_C - 0}{100 - 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}}$$