

### NUMERICAL PROBLEMS ON FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

**EXAMPLE:** The pressure of a gas changes linearly with volume from 10 kPa, 200cc to 50 kPa, 55cc. (a) Calculate the work done by the gas. (b) If no heat is supplied or extracted from the gas, what is the change in the internal energy of the gas?

$$W_{AB} = -(\text{area } \square ABDEA)$$

$$W_{AB} = -\left(\frac{AE+BD}{2}\right) \times DE$$

$$= -\left(\frac{10+50}{2}\right) \times 10 \times 145 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J}$$

$$= -30 \times 145 \times 10^3 \text{ J} = -3 \times 1.45 \text{ J} = -4.350 \text{ J}$$

(b)  $\Delta Q = 0$ ,  $\Delta U = ?$

$$\Delta Q = \Delta U + \Delta W$$

