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The cube has six sides and each side is 3 by 3 meters so the total surface area is  $A = 6 \cdot (3.0\text{m})^2 = 54\text{m}^2$ . The thermal conduction equation is

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = kA \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta x}$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta T = \frac{\Delta x}{kA} \frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{(0.06\text{m})}{(0.07 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}\cdot\text{C}^\circ})(54\text{m}^2)} (630\text{W}) = 10\text{C}^\circ$$

$$\Delta T = T_{\text{inside}} - T_{\text{outside}} \rightarrow T_{\text{inside}} = T_{\text{outside}} + \Delta T = 13\text{C} + 10\text{C} = 23\text{C}$$