

Electricity - 1

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1.

(a) Name an instrument used to measure

(i) electric current,

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(ii) potential difference.

..... [1]

(b) The electric charge  $\Delta Q$  passing a point in a circuit is given by the equation

$$\Delta Q = I\Delta t.$$

State what is represented by the other symbols  $I$  and  $\Delta t$ .

$I$ : .....

$\Delta t$ : ..... [2]

(c) A 1.2kW water heater is switched on for 1500s. During this time, a charge of  $7.5 \times 10^3 \text{C}$  passes. Calculate

(i) the electric current,

current = ..... A [2]

(ii) the p.d. across the heater,

p.d. = ..... V [3]

(iii) the electrical energy transformed by the heater,

energy = ..... J [2]

(iv) the cost of using the heater given that the cost of 1 kWh is 6.4 p.

Cost = .....p

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2.

(a) (i) State the unit of electric charge.

..... [1]

(ii) Name an instrument that may be used to measure the potential difference (p.d.) across an electrical component.

..... [1]

(b) A 36 W lamp draws a constant current of 3.0 A over a period of 600 s from a battery. Calculate

(i) the p.d. across the lamp,

p.d. = ..... V [3]

(ii) the energy transferred by the lamp,

energy = ..... J [2]

(iii) the charge passing through the lamp,

charge = ..... C [3]

(iv) the number of electrons passing through the lamp.

number = ..... [2]

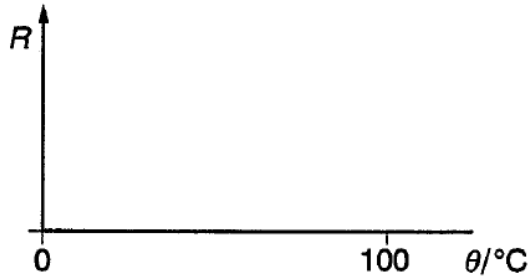
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3.

(a) Define electrical resistance.

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- (b) With the aid of a sketch graph, describe how the resistance  $R$  of a negative temperature coefficient (NTC) thermistor changes with temperature  $\theta$ .



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- (c) Fig. 2.1 shows the  $I/V$  characteristic of a tungsten filament lamp.

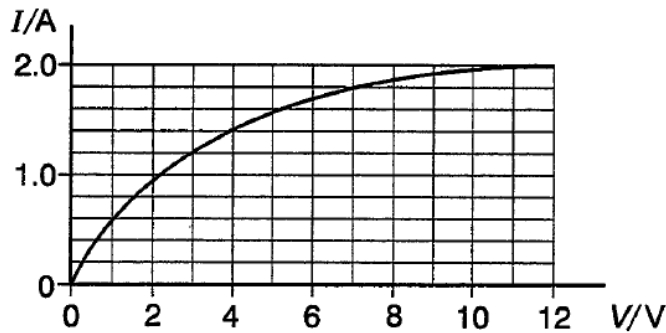


Fig. 2.1

- (i) State how, and explain why, the resistance of the filament lamp changes as the potential difference  $V$  across it increases.

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- (ii) A  $5.0\ \Omega$  resistor and the tungsten filament lamp are connected in series to a d.c. power supply of e.m.f.  $24\ \text{V}$ . The current drawn from the power supply is  $2.0\ \text{A}$ .

1. Calculate the total power delivered by the supply.

power ..... W [2]

2. Use Fig. 2.1 to determine the resistance of the filament lamp when the current in it is 2.0A.

resistance = .....  $\Omega$  [2]

3. Calculate the total resistance of the series combination of the filament lamp and the resistor.

resistance = .....  $\Omega$  [1]

4. Calculate the internal resistance of the supply.

internal resistance = .....  $\Omega$  [2]

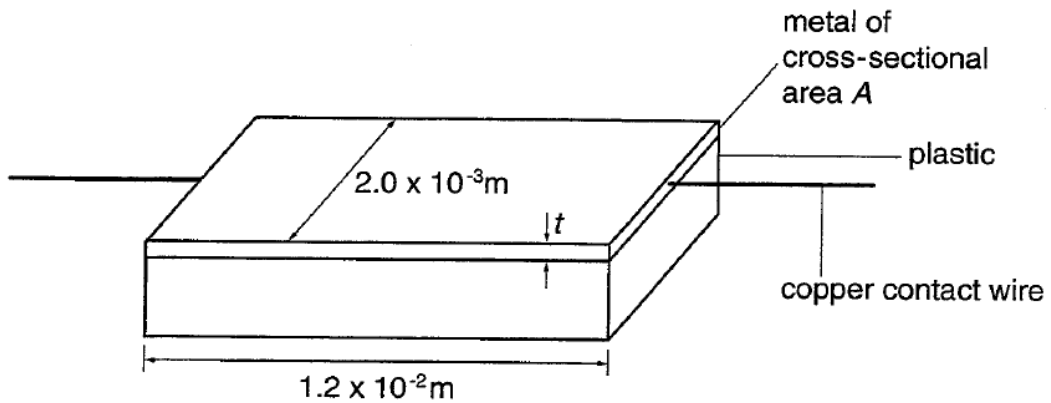
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4.

- (a) Define electrical resistivity.

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- (b) Fig. 3.1 illustrates a metallic resistor constructed by depositing a thin layer of metal on a plastic strip. This particular resistor has resistance  $5.0\ \Omega$ , length  $1.2 \times 10^{-2}\text{m}$  and width  $2.0 \times 10^{-3}\text{m}$ .



**Fig. 3.1**

- (i) The resistivity of the metal is  $4.3 \times 10^{-6}\ \Omega\text{m}$ . Calculate the cross-sectional area  $A$  of the resistor.

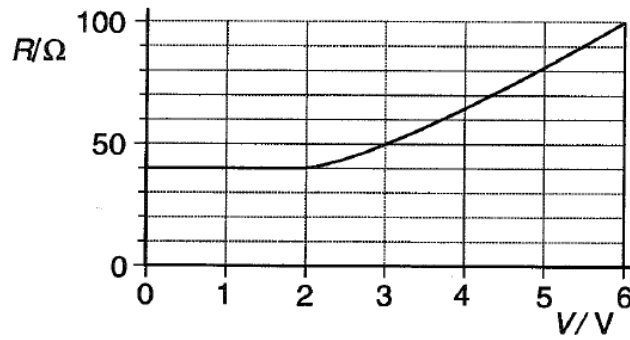
$A = \dots\dots\dots\ \text{m}^2$  [3]

- (ii) What is the thickness  $t$  of the resistor?

$t = \dots\dots\dots\ \text{m}$  [1]

5.

Fig. 3.1 shows the variation with the potential difference  $V$  of the resistance  $R$  of a tungsten filament lamp.



**Fig. 3.1**

(a) Use Fig. 3.1 to calculate, for a p.d of 3.0 V,

(i) the current in the lamp,

current = ..... A [3]

(ii) the power dissipated by the lamp.

power = ..... W [2]

(b) (i) Suggest why the resistance of the lamp does not change significantly over the range 0 to 2.0 V.

..... [1]

(ii) The tungsten filament lamp is at room temperature when the p.d. across it is zero.

1. State the resistance of the lamp at room temperature.

resistance = .....  $\Omega$  [1]

2. The resistivity of tungsten at room temperature is  $5.4 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}$ . The filament has a radius of  $1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$ . Calculate the cross-sectional area  $A$  and length  $l$  of the filament.

$A = \dots\dots\dots \text{ m}^2$

$l = \dots\dots\dots \text{ m}$

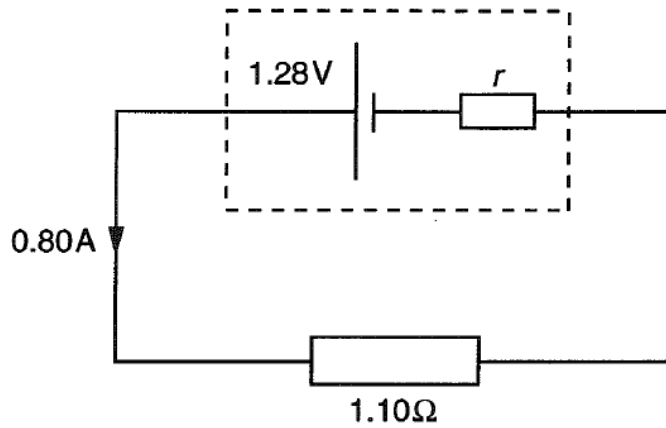
Comment on the length of the filament.

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6.

A cell has an e.m.f of 1.28 V and an internal resistance  $r$ . Fig. 4.1 illustrates an external resistor of resistance  $1.10\ \Omega$  placed across the terminals of this cell.



**Fig. 4.1**

The cell provides a current of 0.80 A. Calculate

(i) the total resistance of the circuit,

resistance = .....  $\Omega$  [2]

(ii) the internal resistance  $r$ ,

$r =$  .....  $\Omega$  [2]

(iii) the p.d. across the terminals of the cell.

p.d = ..... V [1]

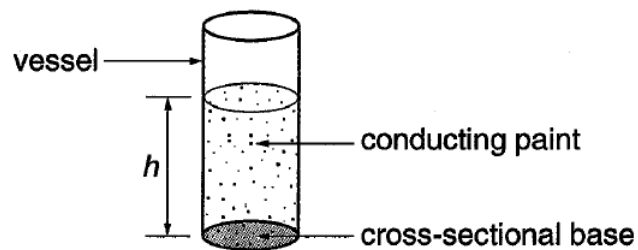
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7.

(a) Define electrical *resistivity*.

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..... [2]

(b) Fig. 4.1 shows a conducting paint in a cylindrical glass vessel.



**Fig. 4.1**

The volume of the paint is  $1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3$  and the vessel has base of area  $3.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$ .

(i) Show that the height  $h$  of the paint column is 4.0 cm.

[1]

- (ii) Calculate the resistance of the paint column of height 4.0 cm. The resistivity of the paint is  $6.9 \times 10^{-2} \Omega \text{ m}$ .

resistance = .....  $\Omega$  [2]

- (c) State and explain how your answer to (b)(ii) changes when the same volume of paint is poured into a cylindrical glass vessel having a base of double the cross-sectional area.

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8.

- (a) A student solders two resistors together as shown in Fig. 5.1.

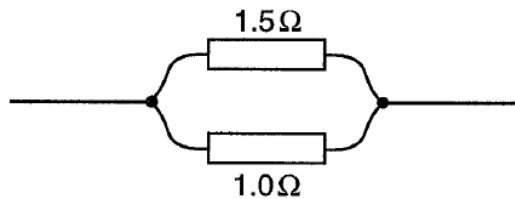


Fig. 5.1

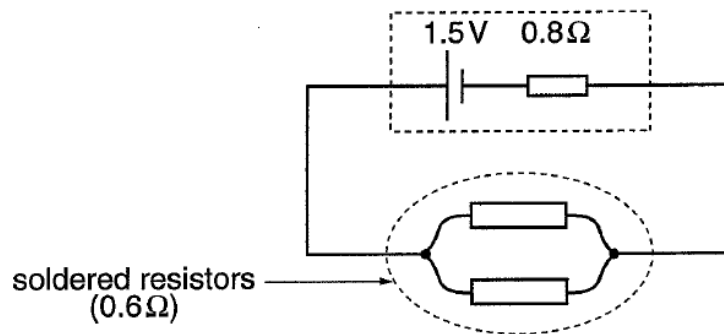
- (i) State whether the two resistors are connected in a series or in a parallel combination.

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- (ii) Show that the total resistance of the combination of resistors is  $0.6\ \Omega$ .

[2]

- (b) Fig. 5.2 shows the soldered resistors from (a) connected across the terminals of a cell.



**Fig. 5.2**

The cell has internal resistance  $0.8\ \Omega$  and e.m.f.  $1.5\ \text{V}$ .

- (i) Define *e.m.f.* in terms of energy transformed and electric charge.

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 .....[2]

- (ii) Suggest why a cell has internal resistance.

..... [1]

- (iii) Calculate the total resistance  $R$  of the circuit in Fig. 5.2.

$R = \dots\dots\dots\ \Omega$  [2]

(iv) Hence calculate the current  $I$  in the circuit.

$$I = \dots\dots\dots \text{ A [2]}$$

(v) 1. Write an equation for the power dissipated by a current-carrying resistor.

2. For the circuit in Fig. 5.2, calculate the ratio:

$$\frac{\text{power dissipated by internal resistance}}{\text{power dissipated by total external resistance}} .$$

$$\text{ratio} = \dots\dots\dots \text{ [4]}$$

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