

11.1 Current & Potential Difference

Question Paper

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| Course | CIE A Level Physics (9702) 2019-2021 |
| Section | 11. Current of Electricity |
| Topic | 11.1 Current & Potential Difference |
| Difficulty | Medium |

Time allowed: 10

Score: /10

Percentage: /100

Question 1

The charge that an electric battery can deliver is specified in ampere-hours.

For example, a battery of capacity 40 ampere-hours could supply, when fully charged, 0.2 A for 200 hours.

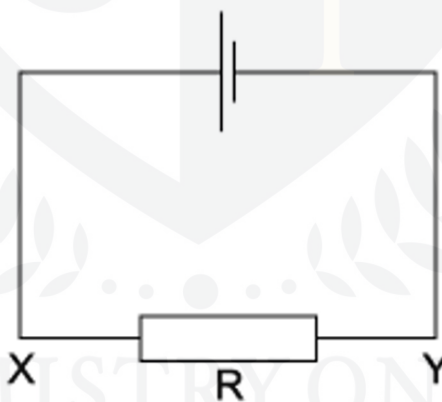
What is the maximum energy that a fully charged 12 V, 40 ampere-hour battery could supply?

- A** 1.7 kJ **B** 29 kJ **C** 1.7 MJ **D** 29 MJ

[1 mark]

Question 2

The current in the circuit shown is 4.8 A



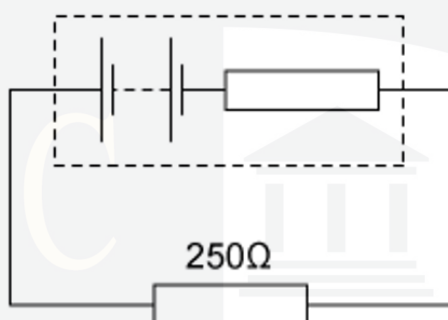
What is the direction of flow and the rate of flow of electrons through the resistor R ?

| | direction of flow | rate of flow |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A | X to Y | $3.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ s}^{-1}$ |
| B | X to Y | $6.0 \times 10^{18} \text{ s}^{-1}$ |
| C | Y to X | $3.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ s}^{-1}$ |
| D | Y to X | $6.0 \times 10^{18} \text{ s}^{-1}$ |

[1 mark]

Question 3

A battery, with a constant internal resistance, is connected to a resistor of resistance $250\ \Omega$, as shown.



The current in the resistor is $40\ \text{mA}$ for a time of $60\ \text{s}$. During this time $6.0\ \text{J}$ of energy is lost in the internal resistance.

What is the energy supplied to the external resistor during the $60\ \text{s}$ and the e.m.f. of the battery?

| | energy / J | e.m.f / V |
|----------|------------|-----------|
| A | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| B | 2.4 | 7.5 |
| C | 24 | 10.0 |
| D | 24 | 12.5 |

[1 mark]

Question 4

In a simple electrical circuit, the current in a resistor is measured as (2.50 ± 0.05) mA. The resistor is marked as having a value of $4.7\Omega \pm 2\%$.

If these values were used to calculate the power dissipated in the resistor, what would be the percentage uncertainty in the value obtained?

- A 2 % B 4 % C 6 % D 8 %

[1 mark]

Question 5

A milliammeter shows a reading of 20 mA.

How many electrons flow through the milliammeter in 10 seconds?

- A 0.20 B 3.2×10^{20} C 200 D 1.3×10^{18}

[1 mark]

Question 6

A power cable X has resistance R and carries current I .

A second cable Y has resistance $2R$ and carries current $\frac{I}{2}$

What is the ratio $\frac{\text{power dissipated in Y}}{\text{power dissipated in X}}$?

- A $\frac{1}{4}$ B $\frac{1}{2}$ C 2 D 4

[1 mark]

Question 7

Two copper wires of the same length but different diameters carry the same current.

Which statement about the flow of charged particles through the wires is correct?

- A** charged particles are provided by the power supply, therefore, the speed at which they travel depends only on the voltage of the supply
- B** the charged particles in both wires move with the same average speed because the current in both wires is the same
- C** the charged particles move faster through the wire with the larger diameter because there is a greater volume through which to flow
- D** the charged particles move faster through the wire with the smaller diameter because it has a larger potential difference applied to it

[1 mark]

Question 8

Two lamps are connected in series to a 250V power supply. One lamp is rated 240V, 60W and the other is rated 10V, 2.5W.

Which statement most accurately describes what happens?

- A** both lamps light at less than their normal brightness
- B** both lamps light normally
- C** only the 60W lamp lights
- D** the 10V lamp blows

[1 mark]

Question 9

The potential difference across a component in a circuit is 2.0 V.

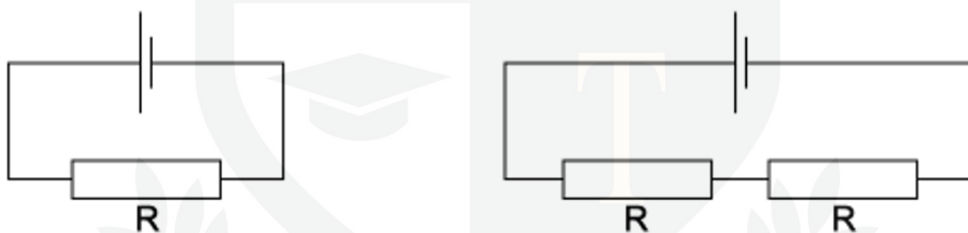
How many electrons must flow through this component in order for it to be supplied with 4.8 J of energy?

- A** 2.6×10^{18} **B** 1.5×10^{19} **C** 3.0×10^{19} **D** 6.0×10^{19}

[1 mark]

Question 10

The diagrams show two different circuits.



The cells in each circuit have the same electromotive force and zero internal resistance. The three resistors each have the same resistance R .

In the circuit on the left, the power dissipated in the resistor is P .

What is the total power dissipated in the circuit on the right?

- A** $\frac{P}{4}$ **B** $\frac{P}{2}$ **C** P **D** $2P$

[1 mark]