

Practical Circuits & Kirchoff's Law

Mark Scheme 1

Level	International A Level
Subject	Physics
Exam Board	CIE
Topic	D.C. Circuits
Sub Topic	Practical Circuits & Kirchoff's Law
Paper Type	Theory
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Time Allowed: 75 minutes

Score: /62

Percentage: /100

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>85%	77.5%	70%	62.5%	57.5%	45%	<45%

- 1 (a) very high/infinite resistance for negative voltages up to about 0.4 V B1
resistance decreases from 0.4 V B [2]
- (b) initial straight line from (0,0) into curve with decreasing gradient but not to horizontal M1
repeated in negative quadrant A1 [2]
- (c) (i) $R = 12^2/36 = 4.0\Omega$ A1
or
 $I = P/V = 36/12 = 3.0\text{ A}$ and $R = 12/3.0 = 4.0\Omega$ (A1) [1]
- (ii) lost volts = $0.5 \times 2.8 = 1.4\text{ (V)}$ $E = 12 = 2.8 \times (R + r)$ C1
 $R = V/I = (12 - 1.4)/2.8$ or $(R + r) = 4.29\Omega$ C1
 $= 3.8\text{ (3.79)}\Omega$ or $R = 3.8\Omega$ A1 [3]
- (d) resistance of the lamp increases with increase of V or I B1 [1]

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- 2 (a) due to the lost volts in internal resistance / cell or energy losses in the internal resistance / cell [1]
- (b) (i) $V = IR$ C1
 $= 1.2 \times 6 = 7.2 \text{ V}$ A [2]
- (ii) p.d. across Y and internal resistance $r = 4.8 \text{ (V)}$ [12 – 7.2] C1
 resistance of $Y + r = 4.8 / 1.2 = 4 \text{ (}\Omega\text{)}$ C
 resistance of $Y = 4 - 0.5 = 3.5 \text{ }\Omega$ A1 [3]
 or
 $R_{\text{total}} = 12 / 1.2 = 10 \text{ (}\Omega\text{)}$ (C1
 $X + r = 6.5 \text{ (}\Omega\text{)}$ (C1
 resistance of $Y = 3.5 \text{ }\Omega$ (A1)
- (iii) $P = I^2 r$ C1
 $= (1.2)^2 \times 0.5 = 0.72 \text{ W}$ A1 [2]
- (c) terminal p.d. increases as R is increased B1 [1]
 current decreases so there are less lost volts

- 3 (a) (i) in series $2X$ or in parallel $X/2$ M1
 other relationship given and $4\times$ greater in series (than in parallel) A1 [2]
- (ii) due to the internal resistance B1
 total resistance for series circuit is not four times greater than resistance for parallel circuit B1 [2]
- (iii) 1. $E = I_1(2X + r)$ or $12 = 1.2(2X + r)$ A1
 2. $E = I_2(X/2 + r)$ or $12 = 3.0(X/2 + r)$ A1 [2]
- (iv) $2X + r = 10$ and $X/2 + r = 4$
 $X = 4.0\Omega$ A1 [
- (b) $P = I^2R$ or V^2/R or VI C1
 ratio = $[(1.2)^2 \times 4] / [(1.5)^2 \times 4]$
 $= 0.64$ A1 [2]
- (c) the resistance (of a lamp) changes with V or I B1
 V or I is greater in parallel circuit or circuit 2
 or V or I is less in series circuit or circuit 1 B1 [2]

- 4 (a) lost volts/energy used within the cell/internal resistance when cell supplies a current B1
B1 [2]
- (b) (i) $E = I(R + r)$
 $4.5 = 0.65 (6.0 + r)$
 $r = 0.92 \Omega$ C
A1 [2]
- (ii) $I = 0.65 \text{ (A)}$ and $V = IR$
 $V = 0.65 \times 6 = 3.9 \text{ V}$ C1
A [2]
- (iii) $P = V^2/R$ or $P = I^2R$ and $P = IV$
 $= (3.9)^2/6 = 2.5 \text{ W}$ C1
A [2]
- (iv) efficiency = power out/power in
 $= I^2R/I^2(R + r) = R/(R + r) = 6.0/(6.0 + 0.92) = 0.87$ C1
A1 [2]
- (c) (circuit) resistance decreases B1
current increases M1
more heating effect A1 [3]
- 5 (a) e.m.f. = total energy available (per unit charge) B1
some (of the available energy) is used/lost/wasted/given out in the internal resistance of the battery (hence p.d. available less than e.m.f.) B1 [2]
- (b) (i) $V = IR$
 $I = 6.9 / 5.0 = 1.4 \text{ (1.38) A}$ C1
A1 [2]
- (ii) $r = \text{lost volts} / \text{current}$
 $= (9 - 6.9) / 1.38 = 1.5(2) \Omega$ C1
A1 [2]
- (c) (i) $P = EI$ (not $P = VI$ if only this line given or 9 V not used in second line)
 $= 9 \times 1.38 = 12 \text{ (12.4) W}$ C1
A1 [2]
- (ii) efficiency = output power / total power
 $= VI / EI = 6.9 / 9 \text{ or } (9.52) / (12.4) = 0.767 / 76.7\%$ C1
A1 [2]

6 (a) (i) $I_1 = I_2 + I_3$ B1 [1]

(ii) $I = V / R$ or $I_2 = 12 / 10 (= 1.2 \text{ A})$
 $R = [1/6 + 1 / 10]^{-1}$ [total $R = 3.75 \Omega$] or $I_3 = 12 / 6 (= 2.0 \text{ A})$
 $I_1 = 12 / 3.75 = 3.2 \text{ A}$ or $I_1 = 1.2 + 2.0 = 3.2 \text{ A}$

A1 [3]

(iii) power = VI or I^2R or V^2 / R

C1

$$x = \frac{\text{power in wire}}{\text{power in series resistors}} = \frac{I_2^2 R_w}{I_3^2 R_s} \text{ or } \frac{VI_2}{VI_3} \text{ or } \frac{V^2/R_w}{V^2/R_s}$$

C1

$$x = 12 \times 1.2 / 12 \times 2.0 = 0.6(0) \text{ allow } 3 / 5 \text{ or } 3:5$$

A1 [3]

(b) p.d. BC: $12 - 12 \times 0.4 = 7.2 \text{ (V)}$ / p.d. AC = 4.8 (V)
p.d. BD: $12 - 12 \times 4 / 6 = 4.0 \text{ (V)}$ / p.d. AD = 8.0 (V)
p.d. = 3.2 V

A1 [3]

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