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National 5 Physics Electricity and Energy Problem Booklet

DATA SHEET

Speed of light in materials

Material	Speed in m/s
Air	3.0×10^8
Carbon dioxide	3.0×10^8
Diamond	1.2×10^8
Glass	2.0×10^8
Glycerol	2.1×10^8
Water	2.3×10^8

Speed of sound in materials

Material	Speed in m/s
Aluminium	5200
Air	340
Bone	4100
Carbon dioxide	270
Glycerol	1900
Muscle	1600
Steel	5200
Tissue	1500
Water	1500

Gravitational field strengths

	Gravitational field strength on the surface in N/kg
Earth	10
Jupiter	26
Mars	4
Mercury	4
Moon	1.6
Neptune	12
Saturn	11
Sun	270
Venus	9

Specific heat capacity of materials

Material	Specific heat capacity in J/kg °C
Alcohol	2350
Aluminium	902
Copper	386
Glass	500
Ice	2100
Iron	480
Lead	128
Oil	2130
Water	4180

Specific latent heat of fusion of materials

Material	Specific latent heat of fusion in J/kg
Alcohol	0.99×10^5
Aluminium	3.95×10^5
Carbon Dioxide	1.80×10^5
Copper	2.05×10^5
Iron	2.67×10^5
Lead	0.25×10^5
Water	3.34×10^5

Melting and boiling points of materials

Material	Melting point in °C	Boiling point in °C
Alcohol	-98	65
Aluminium	660	2470
Copper	1077	2567
Glycerol	18	290
Lead	328	1737
Iron	1537	2737

Specific latent heat of vaporisation of materials

Material	Specific latent heat of vaporisation in J/kg
Alcohol	11.2×10^5
Carbon Dioxide	3.77×10^5
Glycerol	8.30×10^5
Turpentine	2.90×10^5
Water	22.6×10^5

Radiation weighting factors

Type of radiation	Radiation weighting factor
alpha	20
beta	1
fast neutrons	10
gamma	1
slow neutrons	3

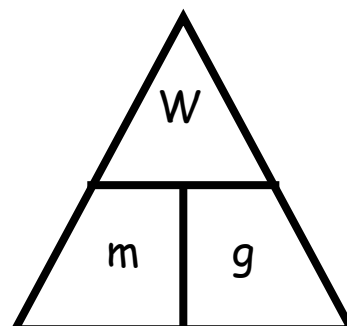
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Weight

Useful Equation:

$$W = m g$$



where: W is the weight of an object (N)
 m is the mass of an object (kg)
 g is the gravitational field strength (N/kg)

1. What is the difference between weight and mass?

2. Copy and complete this table:

	Weight / N	Mass / kg	Gravitational Field Strength (N/kg)
(a)		3	10
(b)		0.25	9
(c)	300		10
(d)	210		7
(e)	520	65	
(f)	3640	140	

3. What is the weight of these objects on the surface of the Earth?

- (a) A 3 kg cat.
- (b) A 100 g apple.
- (c) A 65 kg pupil.
- (d) A 1200 kg car.

4. What happens to the weight of a space shuttle as it gets further away from the surface of the Earth? Give *two* reasons for your answer.

5. The mass of an astronaut is found to be 85 kg on Earth. What is the mass of the astronaut on the moon?



6. What is the weight of a 93 kg astronaut in the following places in the solar system:

- (a) The surface of Mars.
- (b) The surface of Jupiter.
- (c) The surface of Mercury.
- (d) Drifting in space on an 'EVA' – a space walk.

7. What is the mass of an astronaut who has a weight of 675 N on the surface of Venus?

8. An astronaut of mass 82.0 kg is standing on the surface of a planet in our solar system and measures his weight to be 902 N. Which planet is the astronaut standing on?



9. In a set of experiments being carried out on a far away planet, an alien measures the mass and weight of different objects. The results are shown.

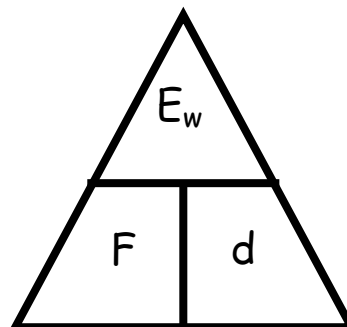
<i>Mass / kg</i>	<i>Weight / N</i>
0.3	3.9
0.5	6.5
0.7	9.1
1.4	18.2
1.8	23.4
2.1	27.3

Draw a line graph of these results and use the gradient of the graph to calculate the gravitational field strength of the far away planet.

Work Done

Useful Equation:

$$E_w = F d$$



where: E_w is the work done on an object (J)

F is the force acting on an object (N)

d is the distance or displacement of an object (m)

1. What is meant by the term 'work done'?

2. Copy and complete this table:

	<i>Work Done / J</i>	<i>Force / N</i>	<i>Distance / m</i>
(a)		100	30
(b)		25	6.2
(c)	300 000		150
(d)	40		2
(e)	1250	125	
(f)	144 000	3200	

3. What is the work done by a shopper pushing a shopping trolley with an average force of 480 N over a distance of 35 metres?

4. What is the average force applied by a mother pushing a pram for a distance of 500 metres if her total work is 150 000 J?



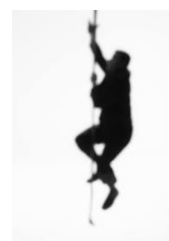
5. What is the distance that a boy pushes his bike if he does 240 000 J of work and applies a constant force of 6000 N?

6. What is the work done by a truck if it drives 20 km with an average engine force of 1.5 kN?

7. A group of 6 snow dogs pull a sledge with an average force of 600 N each. What is the distance that the sledge has been pulled when the total work done by all of the dogs is 90 MJ?



8. The Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix is a race where the winning car drives 308 km. The work done by a car that completes the full race is 2.43×10^9 J. What is the average engine force of the car?



9. In a P.E. lesson, a pupil of mass 58 kg climbs 12 metres up a rope. What is the work done by the pupil during this climb?

10. In an experiment, a pupil measures the distance travelled and the work done by a battery powered toy car (using $E = P t$). The results are shown:

<i>Distance / m</i>	<i>Work Done / J</i>
0.0	0.00
2.5	11.25
5.0	18.00
7.5	33.75
10.0	45.00
12.5	56.25

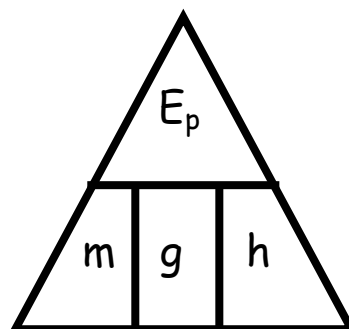
Draw a line graph of these results and use the gradient of the straight line to find the average force of the motor of the toy car.



Gravitational Potential Energy

Useful Equation:

$$E_p = m g h$$



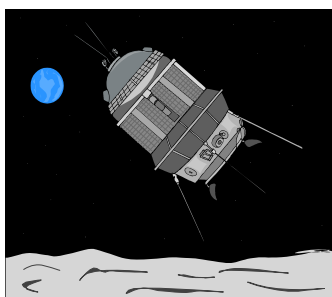
where: E_p is the gravitational potential energy (J)
 m is the mass of an object (kg)
 g is the gravitational field strength (N/kg)
 h is the height of an object (m)

1. What is meant by the term 'gravitational potential energy'?
2. Copy and complete this table.

	Gravitational Potential Energy / J	Mass / kg	Gravitational Field Strength / N/kg	Height / m
(a)		2	10	3
(b)		25	10	15
(c)	600		10	12
(d)	3400		10	40
(e)	1.4	0.4		0.5
(f)	3185	3.5		35
(g)	30 600	85	8	
(h)	2.64×10^7	1600	11	

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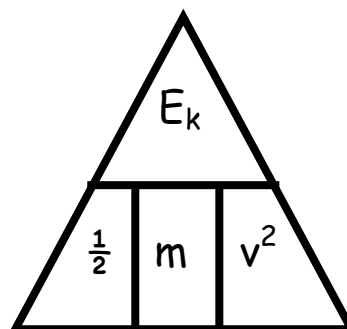
3. A pupil with a mass of 52 kg climbs a 9 metre rope in a PE lesson.
 - (a) What is the weight of the pupil?
 - (b) What is the work done by the pupil in order to climb the rope?
 - (c) What is the gravitational potential energy gained by the pupil?
4. A 450 g ball is dropped from a 1.5 metre high table on to the ground. What is the gravitational potential energy lost by the ball?
5. A 450 g ball is thrown 1.5 metres in to the air. What is the gravitational potential energy gained by the ball?
6. A high jumper gains 1107 J of gravitational potential energy as she jumps 2.05 metres in to the air. What is the mass of the high jumper?
7. A helicopter has a mass of 4800 kg and a gravitational potential energy of 7.2 MJ. How far from the ground is the helicopter?
8. A space probe lands on the surface of a planet in our Solar System to collect rock samples. A rock of mass 50 g is picked up and lifted vertically to a height of 40 cm. The work done by the probe in lifting the rock is 0.08 J.
 - (a) What is the gravitational field strength on the surface of the planet?
 - (b) Name the planet that the probe has landed on.



Kinetic Energy

Useful Equation:

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$



where: E_k is the kinetic energy of an object (J)
 m is the mass of an object (kg)
 v is the speed of an object (m/s)

1. Copy and complete this sentence:

The kinetic energy of an object is dependent on the _____ and the _____ of the object.

2. Copy and complete this table:

	<i>Kinetic Energy / J</i>	<i>Mass / kg</i>	<i>Speed / m/s</i>
(a)		6	3
(b)		72	4.5
(c)	101 250		15
(d)	0.75		0.5
(e)	800	25	
(f)	4.8×10^{-3}	1.5×10^{-2}	

3. What is the kinetic energy of a sprinter with a mass of 75 kg and a speed of 9.5 m/s?

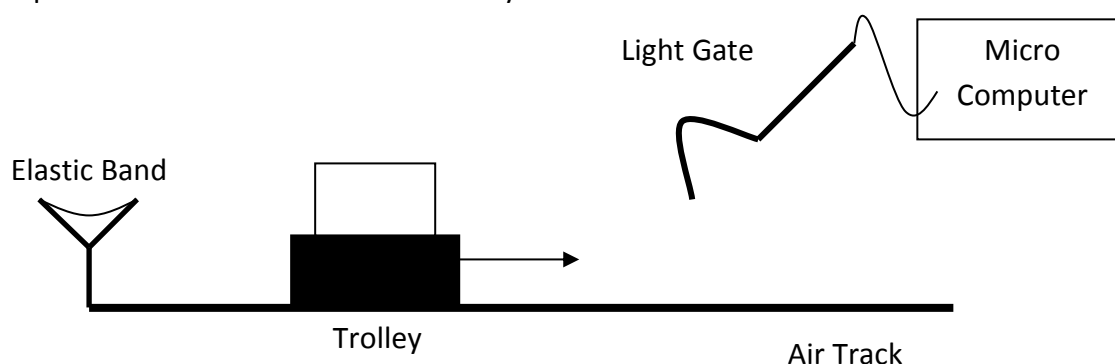
4. A toy car has a kinetic energy of 24.5 mJ when it has a speed of 0.7 m/s. What is the mass of the toy car?

5. An aeroplane has a mass of 3.5×10^5 kg and a kinetic energy of 3.9375 GJ. What is the speed of the aeroplane?



6. A car of mass 1200 kg is driving down a motorway with a speed of 70 mph.
- (a) Convert the speed of the car in to metres per second. (1 mile = 1609 metres)
- (b) Calculate the kinetic energy of the car.

7. In an experiment, a trolley is sent down an air track by an elastic band, and the speed of the trolley is measured with a light gate and micro computer. The experiment is then repeated for different masses of trolley.



The results of the experiment are shown below:

<i>Mass / g</i>	<i>Speed of Trolley / m/s</i>
400	0.20
500	0.18
600	0.16
700	0.15
800	0.14
900	0.13

- (a) Why is the experiment carried out on an air track?
- (b) Draw a line graph of $1/m$ against v^2 and use the gradient of the straight line to calculate the kinetic energy given to the trolley by the elastic band.

Conservation of Energy – Falling Objects

Unless told otherwise, assume that all questions take place close to the surface of the Earth.

1. A 57 g tennis ball is dropped from a height of 90 cm.
 - (a) What is the gravitational potential energy of the tennis ball before it is dropped?
 - (b) What is the kinetic energy of the ball as it lands?
 - (c) What is the vertical speed of the ball as it lands on the ground?

2. A diver of mass 70 kg jumps off a 10 metre diving platform in to a swimming pool. What is the vertical speed of the diver as he enters the water?



3. After retrieving his 46 g golf ball from a bush, a golfer takes a penalty drop by holding the ball at arm's length and allowing it to drop a height of 1.5 m to the ground.
 - (a) What is the gravitational potential energy of the ball just before it is dropped?
 - (b) What is the speed of the ball when it hits the ground?
 - (c) What is the speed of the ball when it is 0.75 metres above the ground?

4. An 85 kg skydiver jumps out of an aeroplane which is at a height of 3800 metres. The parachute is opened at a height of 1300 metres above the ground.

- (a) What is the speed of the skydiver just before the parachute is opened?
 - (b) In reality, the speed of the skydiver is 55 m/s at this point. Explain the difference in the speed calculated in part (a) and the actual speed of the speed diver.



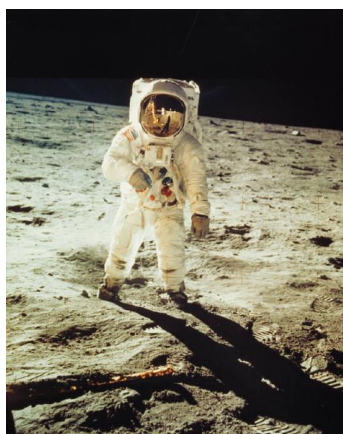
5. A bouncy ball of mass 50 g is thrown in to the air with a kinetic energy of 1.6 J.
 - (a) What is the gravitational potential energy of the bouncy ball at its highest point?
 - (b) What is the maximum height that the ball will reach?

6. A roller coaster car has a mass of 5000 kg and is travelling with a speed of 18 m/s as it enters a loop which has a height of 12 metres.

- (a) What is the kinetic energy of the roller coaster car at the moment it reaches the loop?
- (b) What is the gravitational potential energy of the roller coaster car at the top of the loop?
- (c) What is the kinetic energy of the roller coaster car at the top of the loop?
- (d) What is the speed of the roller coaster car at the top of the loop?



7. On the moon, an astronaut drops a coin of mass 7 g from a height of 1.2 metres to the ground. What is the speed of the coin when it hits the ground?



8. During a movie stunt, a car is dropped from a height of 23 metres. What is the speed of the car as it hits the ground?

Efficiency

Useful Equation:

$$\text{Eff (\%)} = \frac{E_{\text{out}}}{E_{\text{in}}} \times 100\%$$

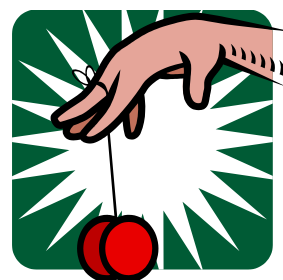
where: Eff is efficiency of a machine (%)

E_{out} is the useful energy output of a machine (J)

E_{in} is the input energy of a machine (J)

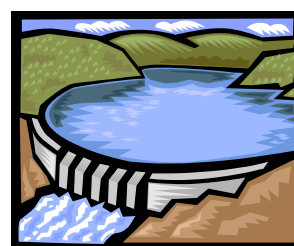
1. State the main energy change in these objects:

- (a) Lamp
- (b) Microwave
- (c) Yo-yo
- (d) Solar panel
- (e) Radio



2. What is the main energy change in the following parts of a fossil fuel power station:

- (a) Boiler?
- (b) Generator?

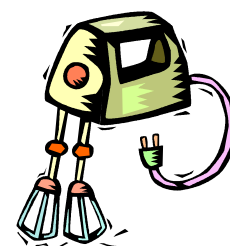


3. State how a hydroelectric power station generates electricity.

4. Explain why a fossil fuel power station is not 100% efficient.

5. In one minute, a motor in a food mixer uses up 25 kJ of electrical energy. The kinetic energy given off by the motor in this time is 8750 J.

- (a) What is the total energy output of the motor?
- (b) How much energy was NOT turned in to kinetic energy?
- (c) What has happened to the 'missing' energy?



6. Copy and complete this table:

	<i>Efficiency / %</i>	<i>E_{out} / J</i>	<i>E_{in} / J</i>
(a)		1500	2500
(b)		5×10^6	0.1×10^9
(c)	43		6500
(d)	38		3.2×10^7
(e)	5	5400	
(f)	16	7.8×10^5	

7. What is the efficiency of the motor in the food mixer (from question 5) that gives out 8750 J of kinetic energy when it uses up 25 kJ of electrical energy?

8. A light bulb is 27% efficient. What light energy will be emitted if the input electrical energy is 1800 J?

9. A radio is 82% efficient and gives off 4500 J of sound energy in 30 seconds.

(a) What is the main energy change in the radio?

(b) What is the input energy of the radio in 30 seconds?



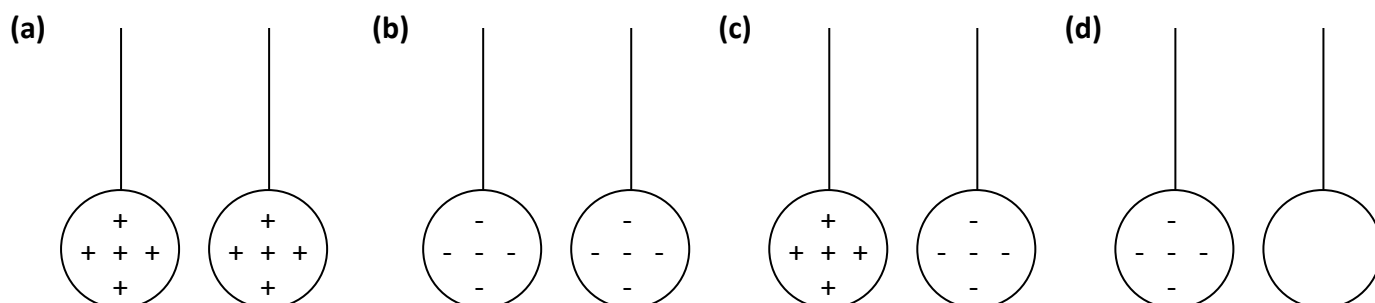
10. A hydroelectric power station is 78% efficient. How much electrical energy can be expected from 20 000 kg of water that will be dropped a height of 40 metres?

11. A 550 W washing machine is 60% efficient. What is the useful output energy produced if the washing machine is on for 40 minutes?



Electrical Charge

1. In a classroom experiment, two metallised polystyrene spheres are hung from a thread, as shown below. Copy the diagrams below and use arrows to show the direction of movement of each sphere.



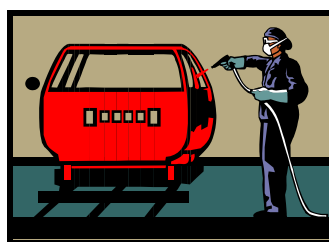
2. Explain how a photocopier uses a positively charged copy plate and negatively charged toner particles to create a copy of an image on a piece of paper.

3. Why will a static duster work better if it is 'fluffed up' or rubbed across a television screen before use?



4. Vehicle manufacturers charge the body of cars and use charged paint to give cars their final colour. By using your knowledge of electrostatics:

- (a) Explain how this results in an even coat of paint over the whole surface of the car.
- (b) Explain how this limits the amount of paint that is wasted.



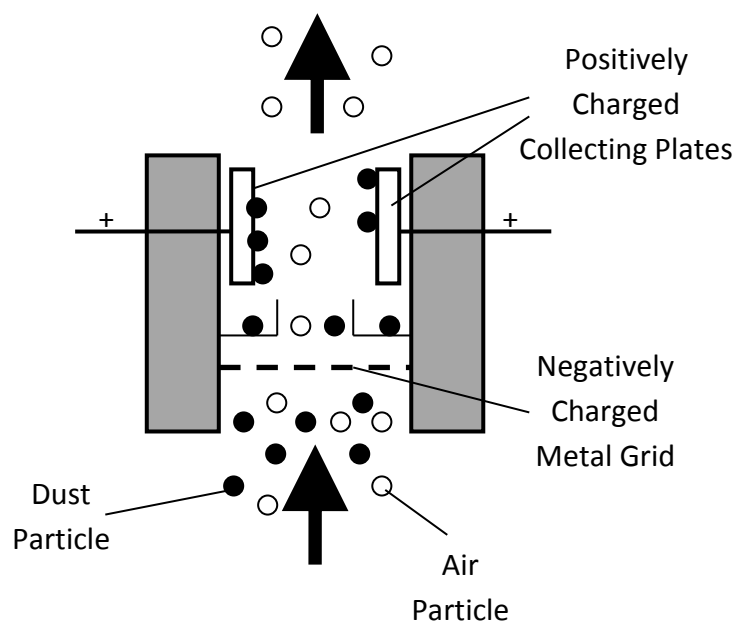
5. Cling film is used to keep food fresh. Cling film becomes sticky because of electrostatic charges.

- (a) Describe how a piece of cling film becomes charged.
- (b) Explain why cling film will stick to a plastic bowl for a long time but loses its sticking power quickly when placed on a metal bowl.

6. An electrostatic precipitator can be used to remove dust particles from the air.

(a) Use the diagram below to explain how it works.

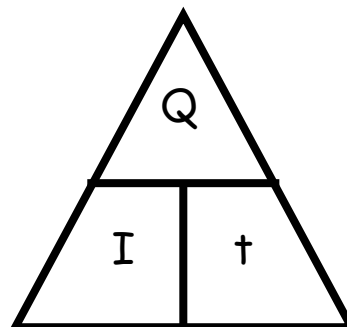
(b) Why are electrostatic precipitators useful in fossil fuel power stations?



Electrical Current

Useful Equation:

$$Q = I t$$



where: Q is the charge flowing through a component (C)
I is the current flowing through a component (A)
t is the time taken (s)

1. What is an electrical current?
2. Copy and complete this table:

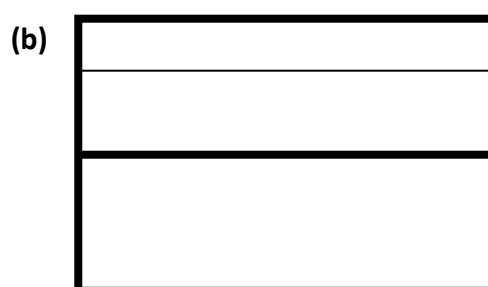
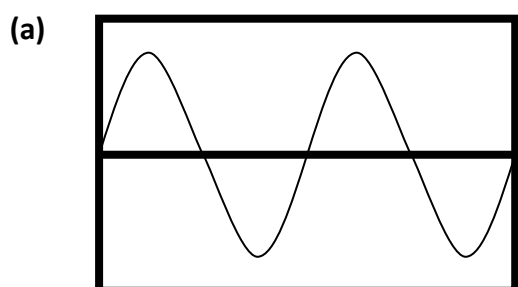
	<i>Charge / C</i>	<i>Current / A</i>	<i>Time / s</i>
(a)		0.5	30
(b)		0.14	25
(c)	4.2		15
(d)	3200		1280
(e)	1.6×10^{-3}	3.2×10^{-4}	
(f)	270	0.3	

3. A current of 6.5 A flows through a hairdryer for 5 minutes. What is the charge that flows through the hairdryer during this time?
4. When playing a game, an Xbox 360 has 1368 coulombs of charge flowing through it an hour. What is the current flowing through the console?

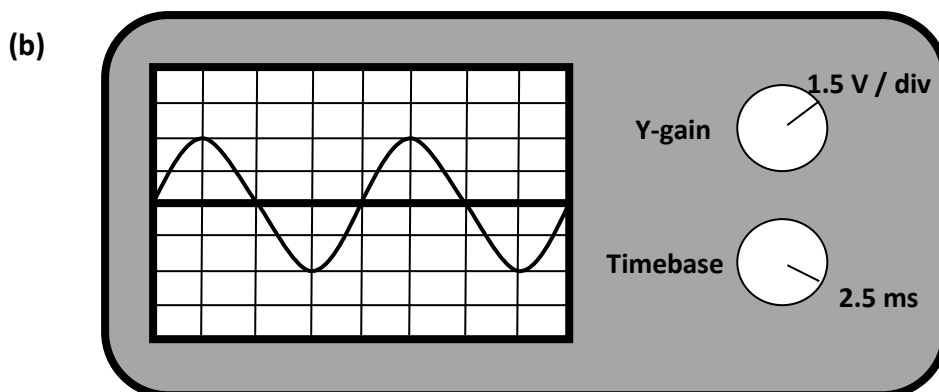
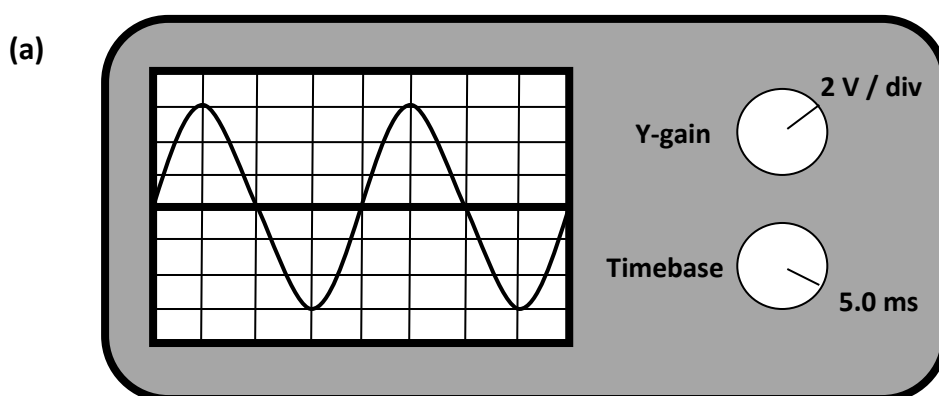
5. An electric kettle has 9.5 A of current flowing through it as it boils water. How long does it take the kettle to boil if 1995 C of charge flows through it before it switches off?

6. What is the difference between alternating and direct current?

7. Copy these oscilloscope traces and indicate which one represents an alternating current and which one represents a direct current.



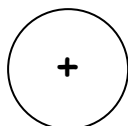
8. For each of these oscilloscope traces, calculate the:
 - (i) Peak voltage
 - (ii) Frequency



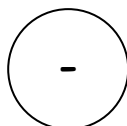
Charges in Electric Fields

1. Copy and complete these diagrams to show the direction of the electric field.

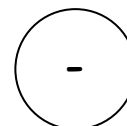
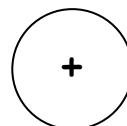
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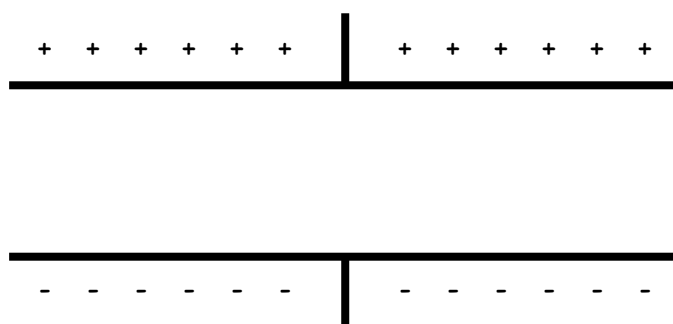
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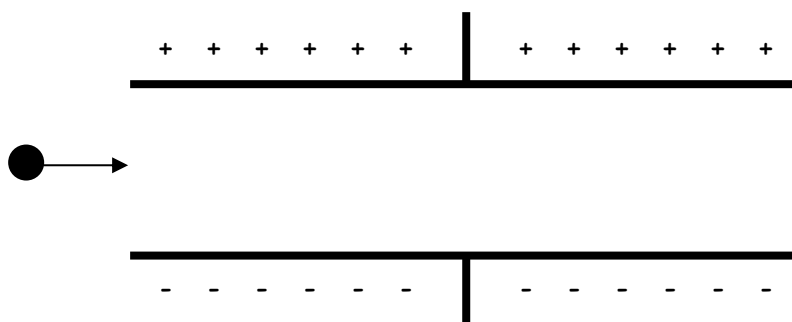


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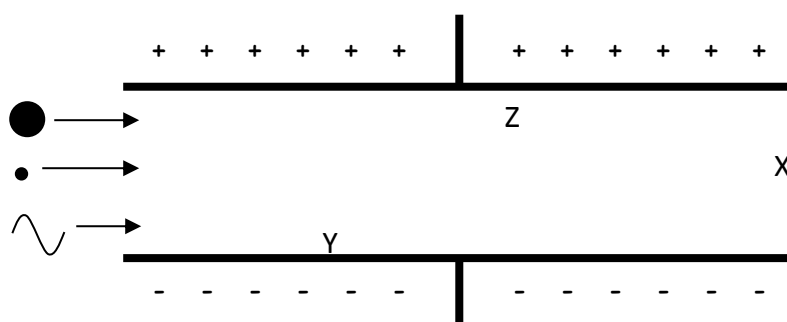
2. Copy this diagram and add the paths of the following particles entering at right angles to the electric field:

(a) Electron (b) Proton (c) Neutron



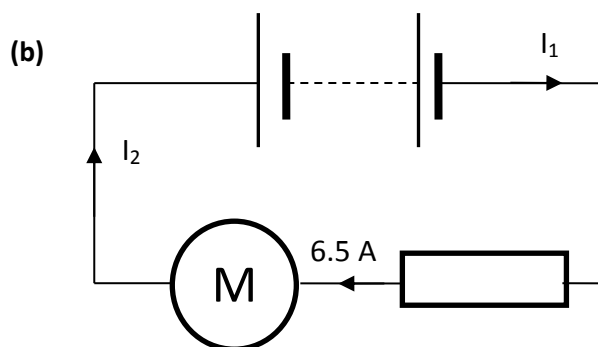
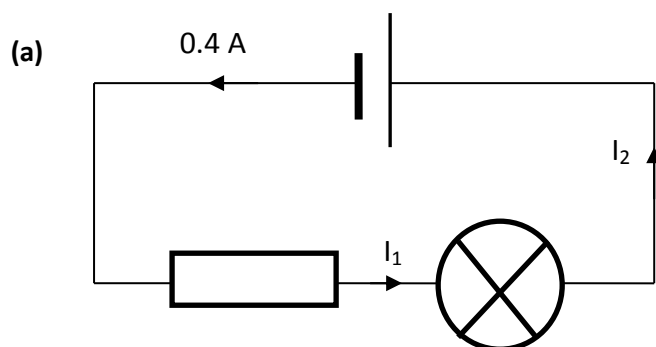
3. An alpha particle, a beta particle and a gamma ray enter an electric field at right angles to the field. Which letter shows the most likely position of the:

(a) Alpha particle (b) Beta particle (c) Gamma ray

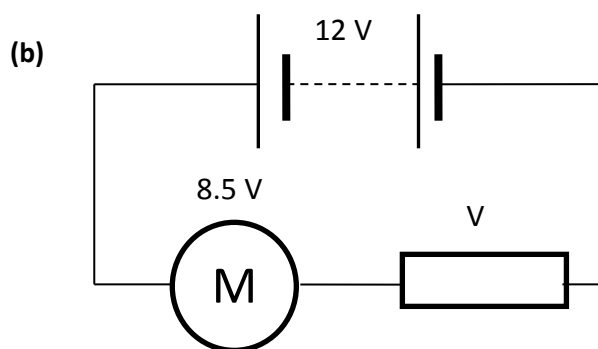
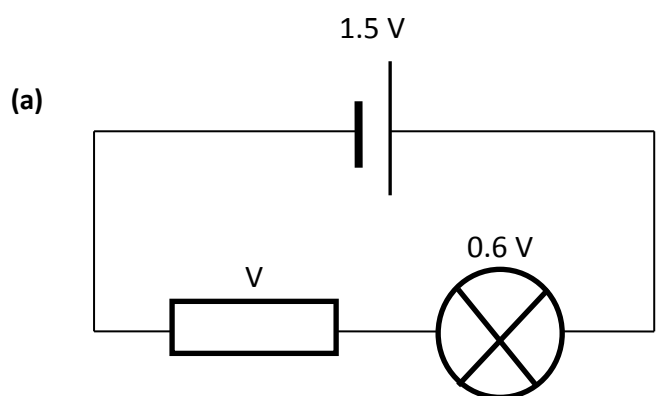


Series Circuits

1. Calculate the current at the given points in each series circuit.



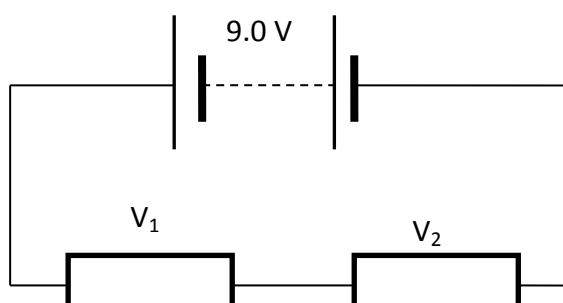
2. Calculate the voltage across the resistor in each of these series circuits.



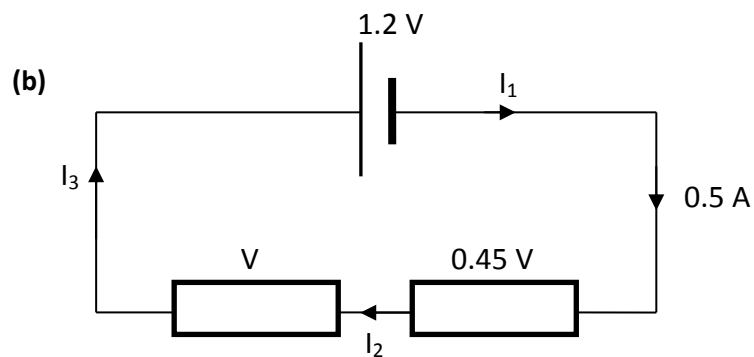
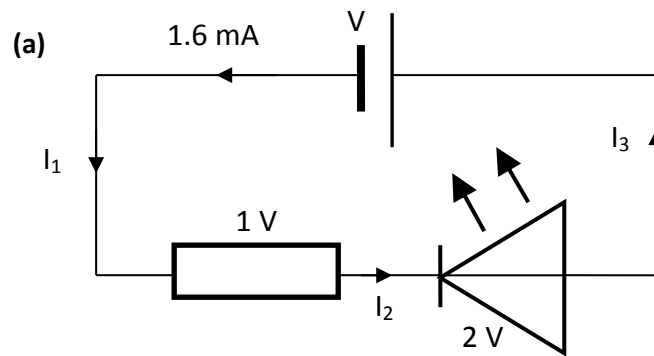
3. In the circuit in question 2 part (a), the lamp uses up 3600 J of electrical energy in one minute.

- How much electrical energy is converted in to heat energy by the resistor in one minute?
- How much electrical energy is given off by the cell in one minute?

4. In an experiment, two *identical* resistors are connected to a 9.0 V power supply. Calculate the voltage across each resistor.

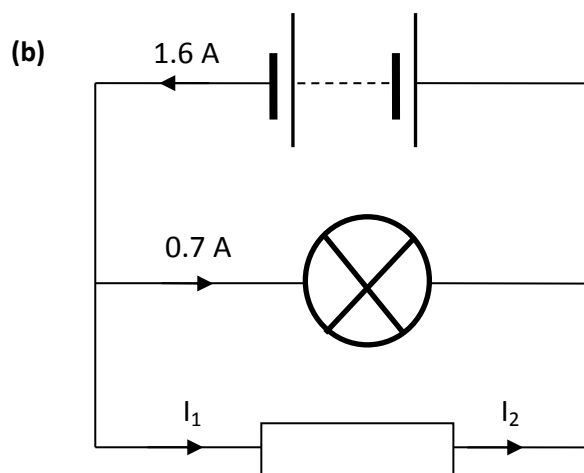
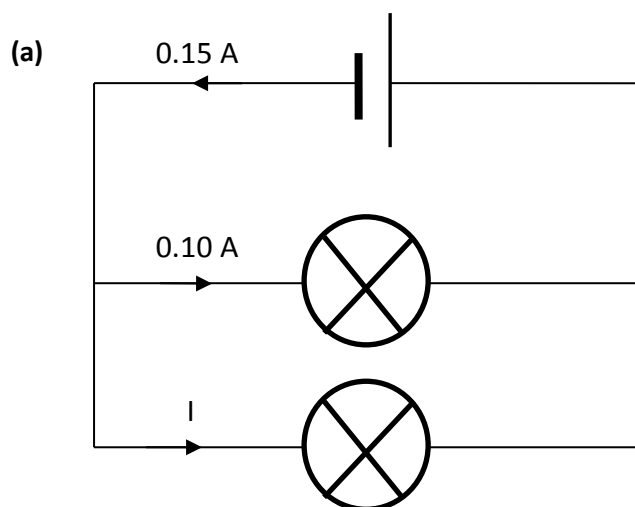


5. Calculate the missing currents and voltages in these series circuits.

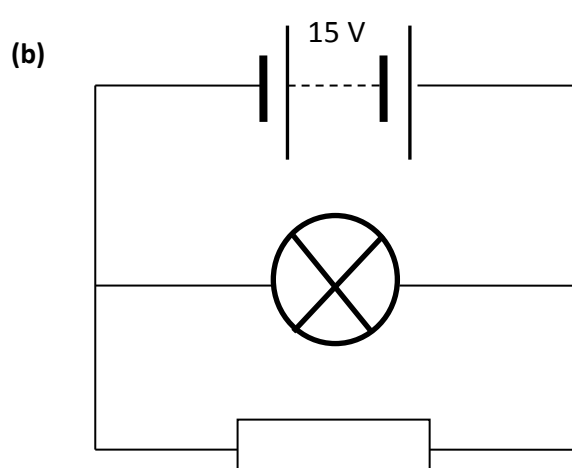
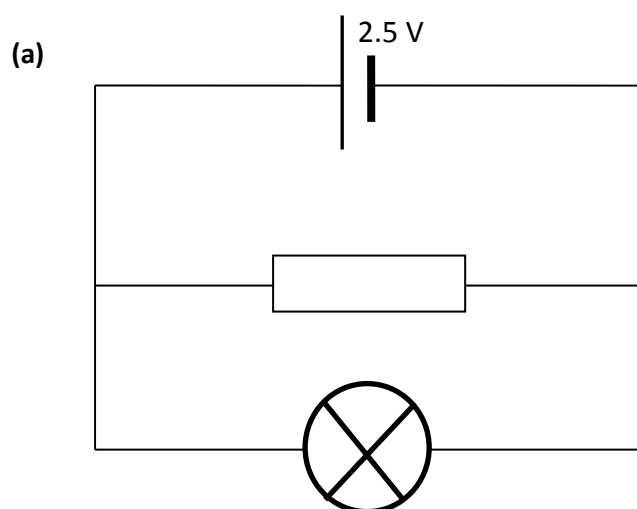


Parallel Circuits

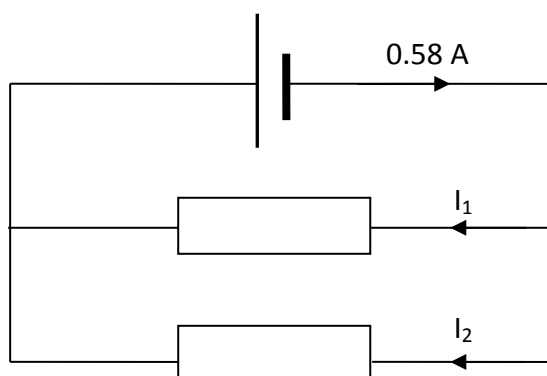
1. Calculate the current at the given points in each parallel circuit.



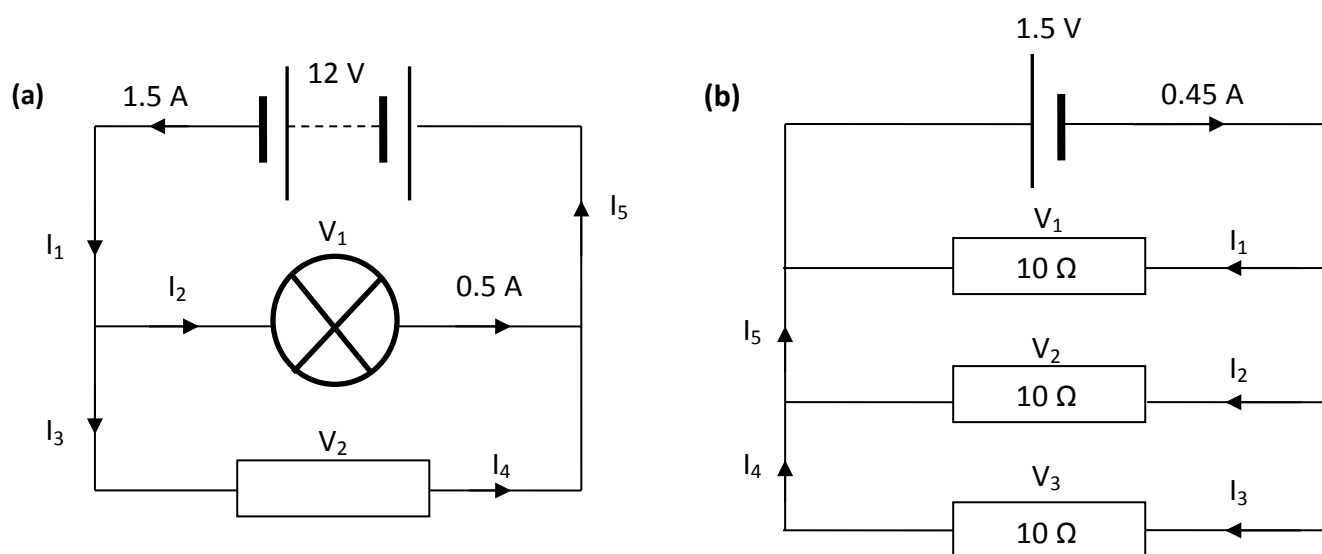
2. Calculate the voltage across the lamp in each of these parallel circuits.



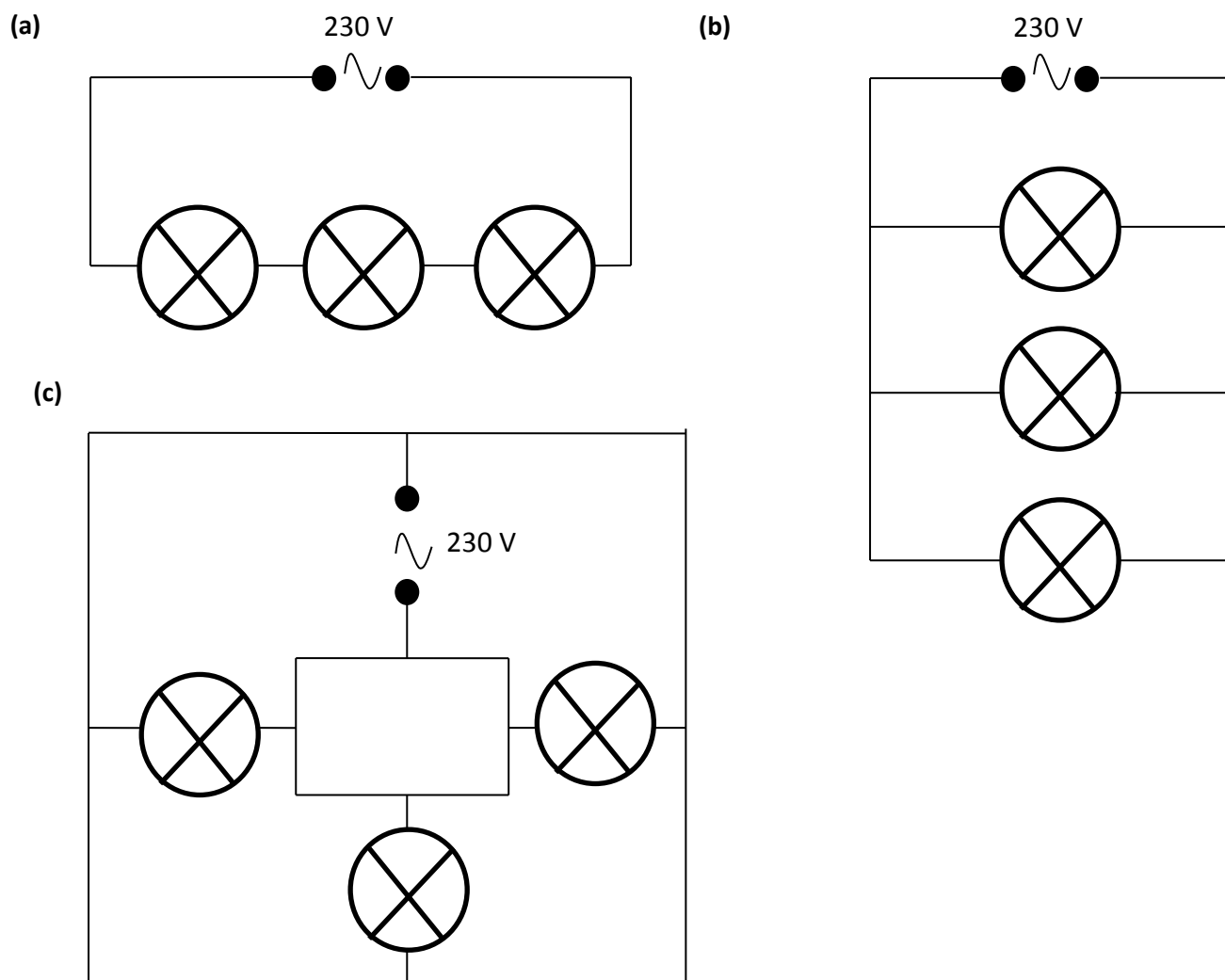
3. In an experiment, two *identical* resistors are connected in parallel to a power supply which has 0.58 A drawn from it. Calculate the current through each resistor.



4. Calculate the missing currents and voltages in these parallel circuits.

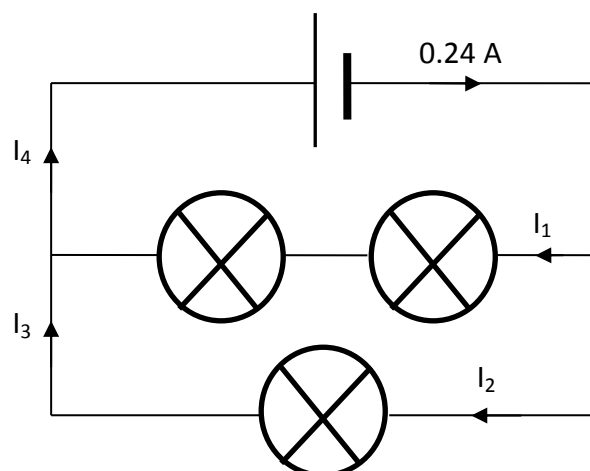


5. Lighting circuits in the home can be set up in three different ways, as shown below. State the advantages and disadvantages of each layout.

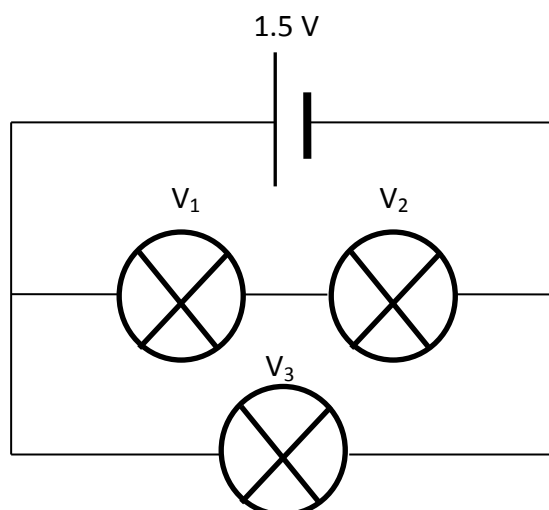


Mixed Circuits

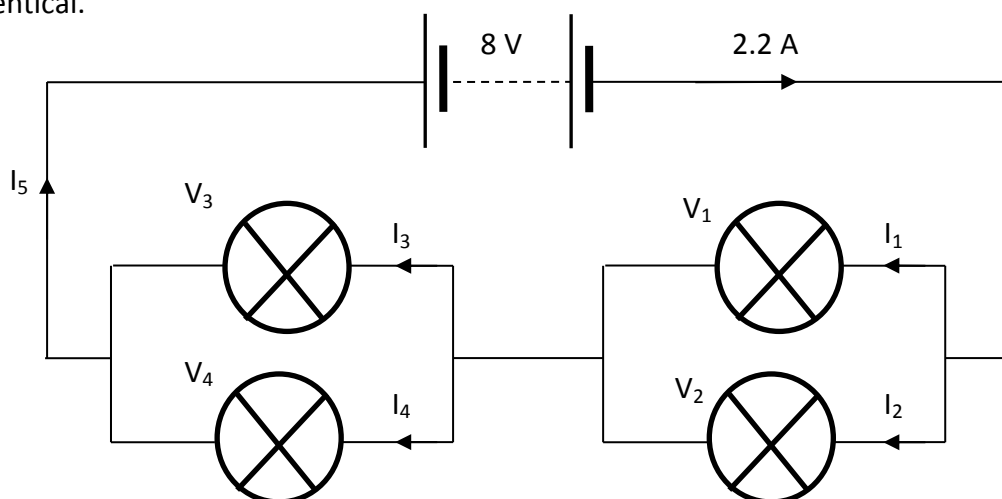
1. Calculate the missing currents in this circuit. Assume that all lamps are identical.



2. Calculate the missing voltages in this circuit.



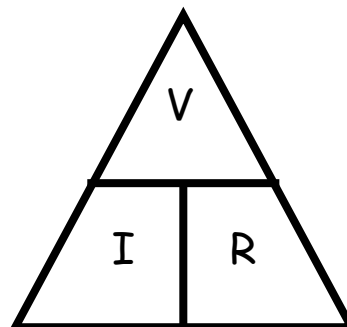
3. Calculate the missing voltages and currents in this circuit. Assume that all lamps are identical.



Ohm's Law

Useful Equation:

$$V = IR$$



where: V is the voltage across a component (V)

I is the current flowing through a component (A)

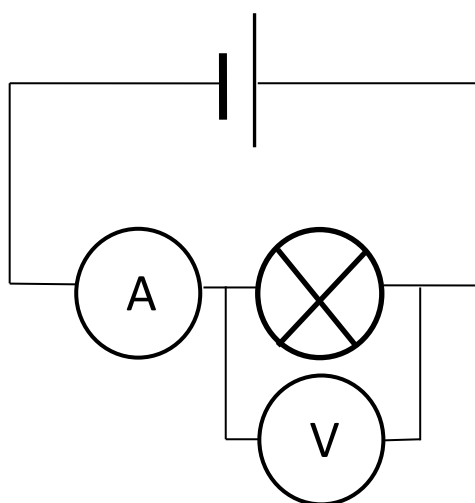
R is the resistance of a component (Ω)

1. What is meant by the 'resistance' of a component?
2. What is the meaning of the term 'voltage' or 'potential difference'?
3. Copy and complete this table.

	<i>Voltage / V</i>	<i>Current / A</i>	<i>Resistance / Ω</i>
(a)		0.4	150
(b)		0.05	40
(c)	12		60
(d)	8		400
(e)	230	5	
(f)	10	0.08	

4. What is the resistance of a lamp that allows 600 mA of current to flow through it when there is a potential difference of 12 V across it?

5. What is the current flowing through a piece of $10\text{ k}\Omega$ resistance wire when a voltage of 15 V is across it?
6. What is the voltage across a $125\text{ }\Omega$ lamp that has a current of 1.84 A flowing through it?
7. In an experiment, a lamp is connected to a variable supply and left on for a few minutes until its brightness is constant.
The voltage across the lamp is changed to different values and the current flowing through it is measured.
The results are shown in the table.



<i>Voltage / V</i>	<i>Current / A</i>
0	0
2	0.44
4	0.88
6	1.33
8	1.78
10	2.22

Draw a line graph of these results and use the gradient of the straight line to find the resistance of the lamp.

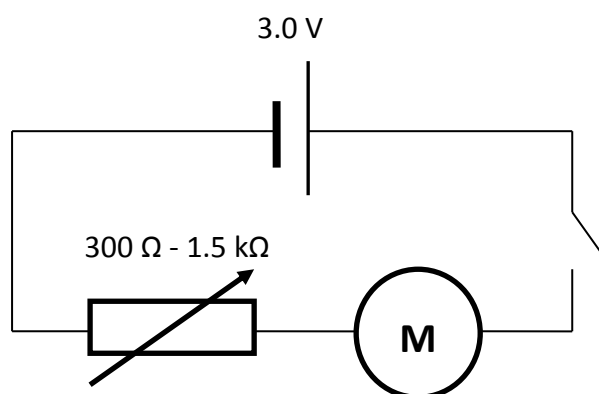
8. The same experiment is repeated except this time, the measurements are made immediately after turning on the lamp. The results are shown in the table.

<i>Voltage / V</i>	<i>Current / A</i>
0	0
2	0.18
4	0.45
6	0.98
8	1.78
10	2.22

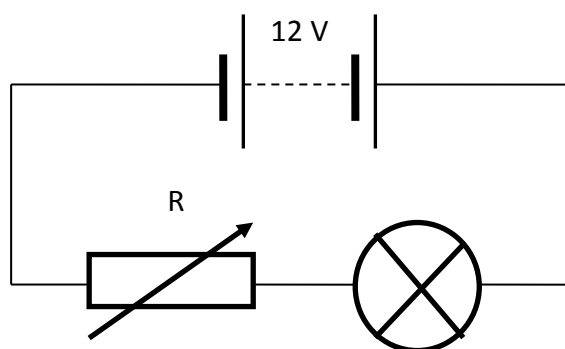
Draw a line graph of these results and explain why a straight line is not found.

Variable Resistors

1. What is the purpose of a resistor in a circuit?
2. What is the difference between a fixed-value resistor and a variable resistor?
3. A variable resistor can be used to control the speed of the electric motor in a portable fan. The variable resistor has a range of values from $300\ \Omega$ to $1.5\ \text{k}\Omega$. Assume that the motor has no resistance.



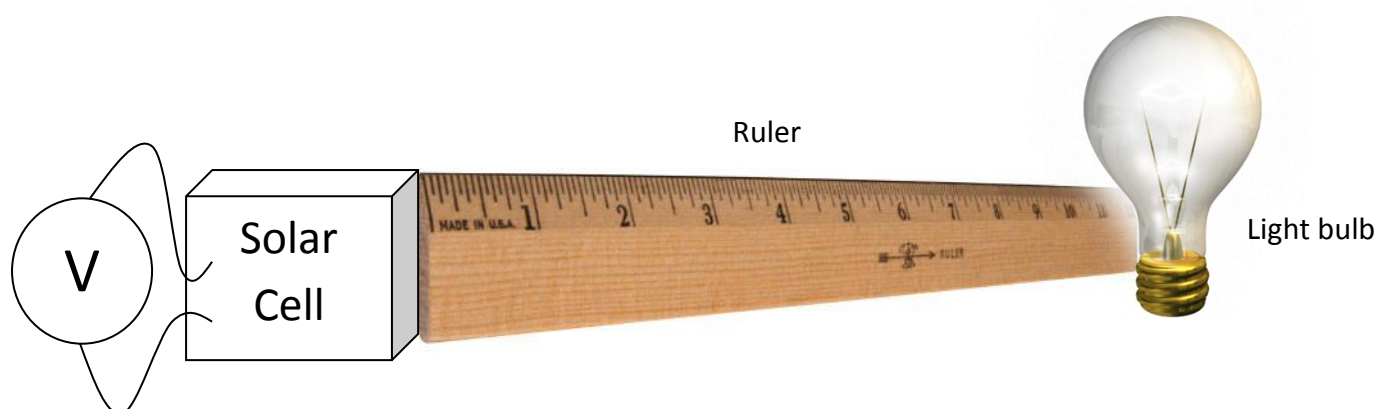
- (a) What is the maximum current that can flow through the motor?
 - (b) What is the minimum current that can flow through the motor?
4. A variable resistor is used as a dimmer switch in a lighting circuit.



- (a) What is the resistance of the variable resistor if the current flowing through the *variable resistor* is $0.20\ \text{A}$ and the voltage across it is $4\ \text{V}$?
- (b) What is the resistance of the variable resistor when the current flowing through the *lamp* is $5\ \text{mA}$ and the voltage across the lamp is $2\ \text{V}$?

Solar (Photovoltaic) Cells

1. What is the energy conversion in a solar cell?
2. What happens to the voltage generated by a solar cell as the light incident on it becomes brighter?
3. A photovoltaic cell is used to generate a voltage at a distance of 10 cm away from a small light bulb. The voltage is measured with a voltmeter.



The experiment is then repeated with the photovoltaic cell at different distances from the light bulb.

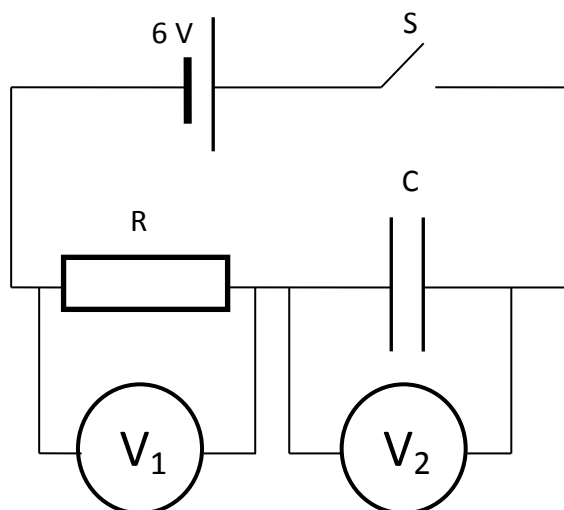
The results of the experiment are shown.

<i>Distance / cm</i>	<i>Voltage / V</i>
10	7.20
20	1.80
30	0.80
40	0.45
50	0.29
60	0.20

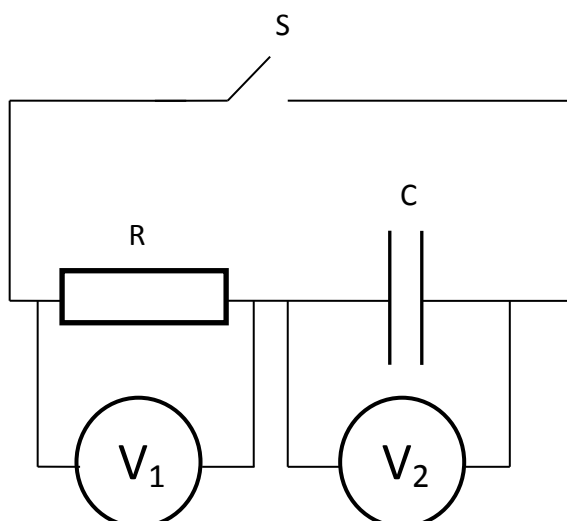
Manipulate this data to find a linear relationship between distance and voltage.
(In other words, find a way of graphing this information as a straight line through the origin.)

Capacitors

1. What is the purpose of a capacitor in a circuit?
2. A discharged capacitor is placed in to a series circuit as shown.



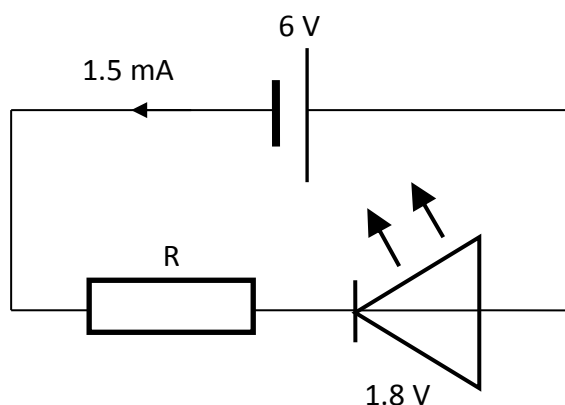
- (a) What is the reading on the voltmeter, V_2 , when switch S is open?
 - (b) The switch, S , is closed. What is the reading on voltmeter, V_1 , *immediately* after the switch is closed?
 - (c) The switch, S , is closed. What is the reading on voltmeter, V_2 , *immediately* after the switch is closed?
 - (d) The switch, S , remains closed. Draw a voltage-time graph that shows how the reading on the voltmeter, V_1 , changes until the capacitor is fully charged.
 - (e) Describe *two* changes that could be made to the circuit to *increase* the time taken for the capacitor, C , to charge.
3. The capacitor is now discharged using the circuit below.



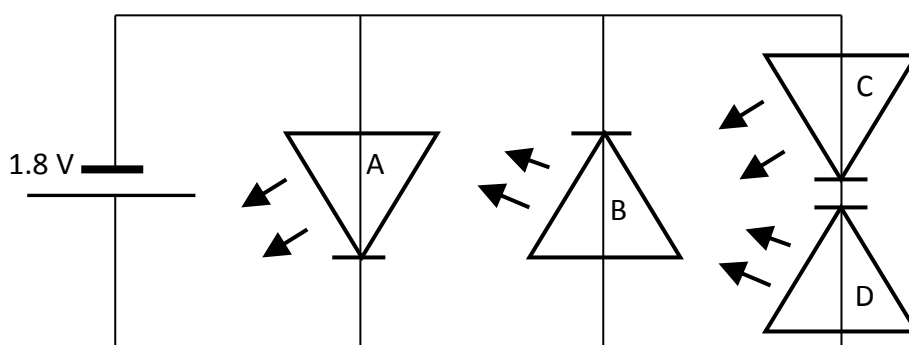
- (a) Draw a voltage-time graph that shows how the reading on voltmeter, V_2 , changes with time until it is fully discharged.
- (b) State *two* changes that could be made to the circuit to make the capacitor discharge *faster*.

LEDs

1. What is a diode?
2. What is the energy change that takes place in an LED?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using an LED in a circuit instead of a light bulb?
4. An LED is connected in series with a cell and a resistor, as shown. The LED operates when the voltage across it is 1.8 V and the current flowing through it is 1.5 mA .



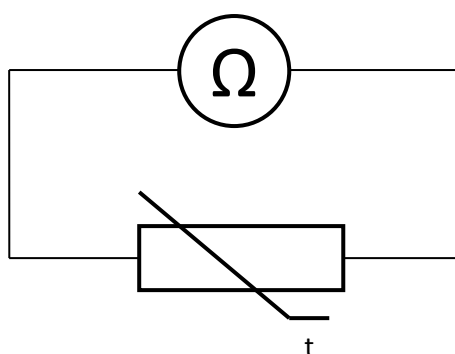
- (a) Why is the LED connected in series with a resistor?
 - (b) What value of resistor is required for the LED to operate?
5. Which of these LEDs will operate?



Thermistors & LDRs



1. What happens to the resistance of a thermistor as temperature increases?
2. What happens to the current flowing through a resistor as temperature increases?
3. At a temperature of 23 °C, the resistance of a thermistor is 5700 Ω . Suggest a possible resistance of the thermistor when the temperature is 20 °C.
4. A thermistor is connected to an ohmmeter, as shown.



The temperature of the thermistor is measured and the resistance is observed.

The temperature of the thermistor is increased in 10 °C increments and the resistance is measured at each temperature.

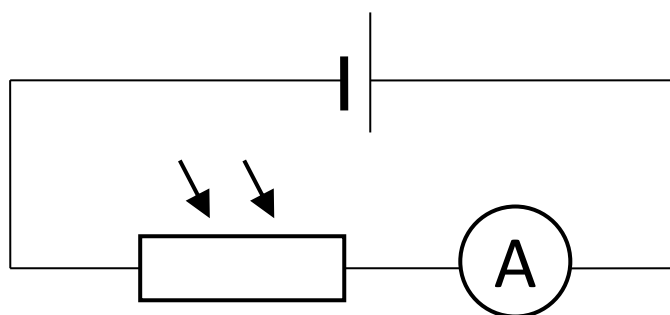
The results of the experiment are shown.

<i>Temperature / °C</i>	<i>Resistance / kΩ</i>
0	100
10	20
20	10
30	5
40	2
50	1

Draw a line graph of these results.



5. What happens to the resistance of an LDR as the brightness of light incident on it increases?
6. What happens to the current flowing through an LDR as the brightness of incident light increases?
7. An LDR is used in an outdoor light sensor system. At noon, the resistance of the LDR is $3.3 \text{ k}\Omega$. Suggest a possible resistance of the LDR when it is midnight.
8. An LDR is connected in to a circuit, as shown:



The brightness (luminosity) of light incident on an LDR is measured (in lux) and the current flowing through the circuit is observed.

The luminosity of light is increased and the current is measured at each value.

The results of the experiment are shown.

<i>Luminosity / lux</i>	<i>Current / mA</i>
50	0.5
100	19
150	24
200	27
250	29
300	30

Draw a line graph of these results.

Resistors in Series

Useful Equation:

$$R_t = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$$

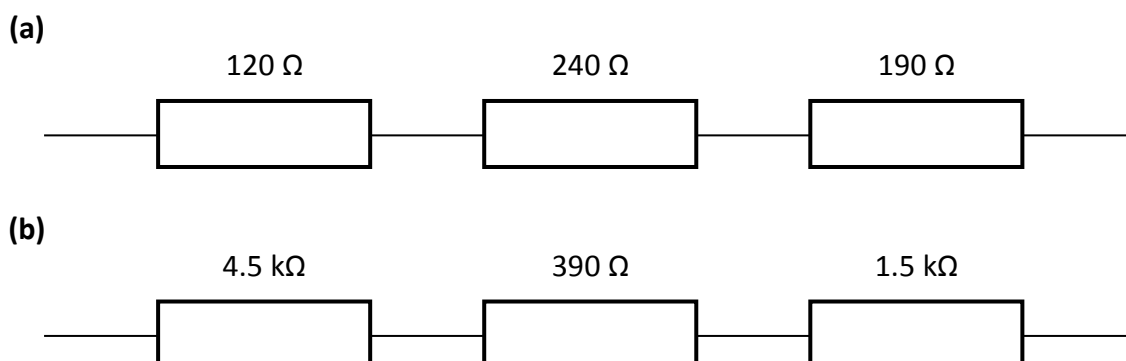
where: R_t is the total resistance (Ω)

R_1, R_2, R_3 , etc. are the values of resistors connected in series (Ω)

1. What happens to the total resistance of a circuit as more resistors are connected in series?
2. Copy and complete this table.

	R_t / Ω	R_1 / Ω	R_2 / Ω	R_3 / Ω
(a)		100	65	80
(b)	1450		250	250
(c)	2700	1320		550
(d)	1900	1230	45	

3. Calculate the total resistance of these combinations of resistors.



Resistors in Parallel

Useful Equation:

$$\frac{1}{R_t} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

where: R_t is the total resistance (Ω)

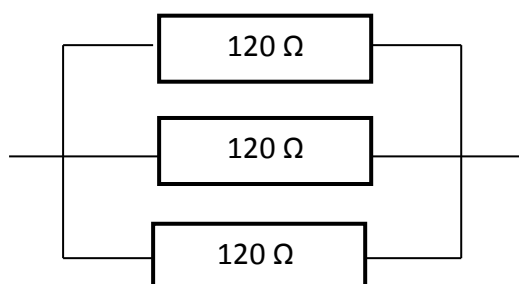
R_1, R_2, R_3 , etc. are the values of resistors connected in parallel (Ω)

1. What happens to the total resistance of a circuit as more resistors are added in parallel?
2. Copy and complete this table.

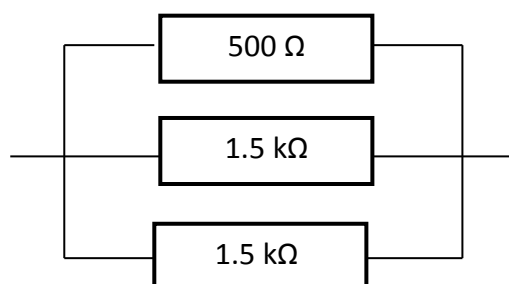
	R_t / Ω	R_1 / Ω	R_2 / Ω	R_3 / Ω
(a)		60	60	60
(b)	10		30	30
(c)	100	200		300
(d)	50	100	300	

3. Calculate the total resistance of these combinations of resistors.

(a)



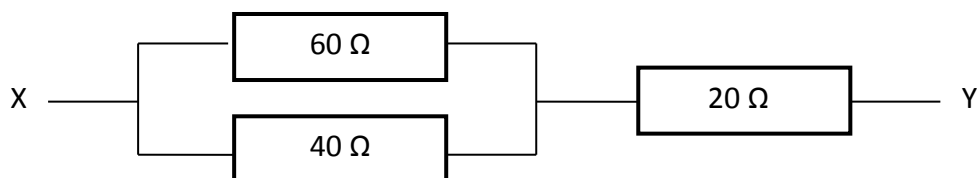
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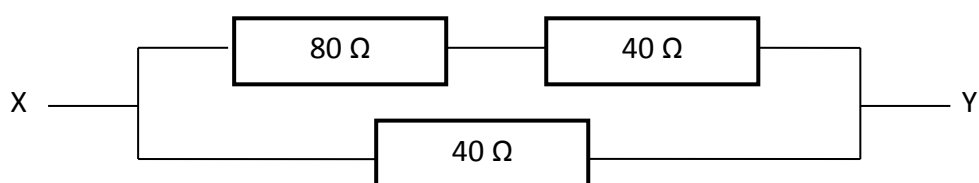
Resistors in Mixed Circuits

1. Calculate the total resistance between X and Y in these circuits:

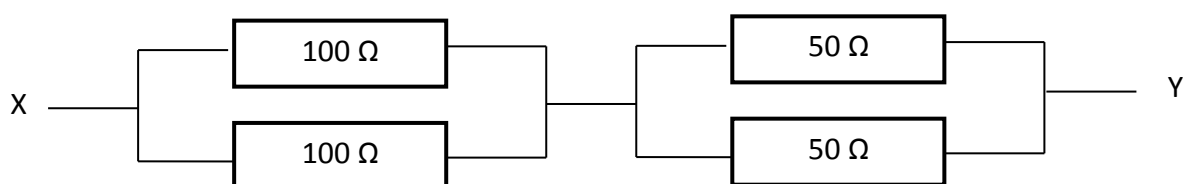
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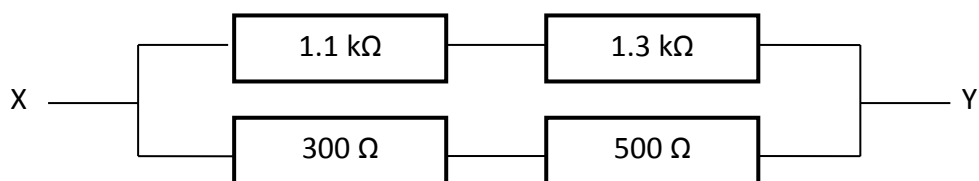
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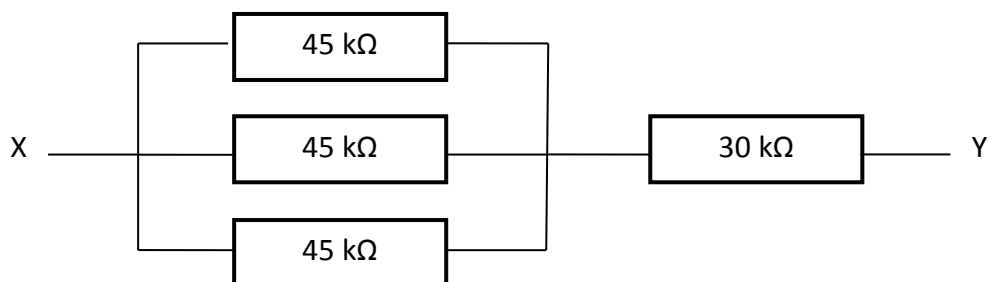
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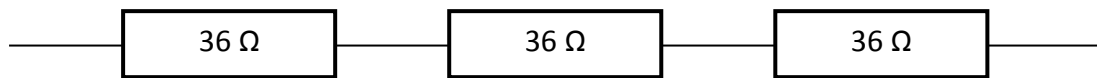


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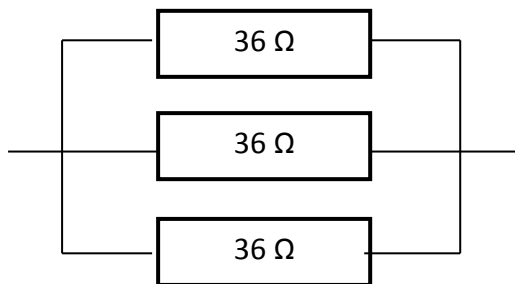


2. Show, by calculation, which resistor combination has the lowest resistance.

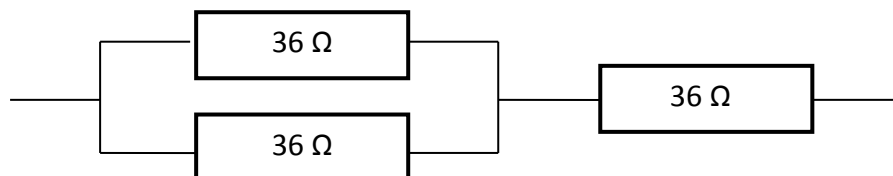
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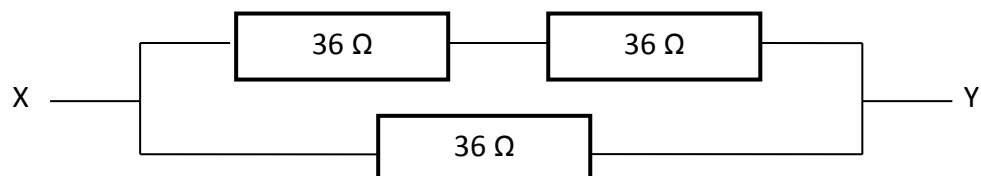
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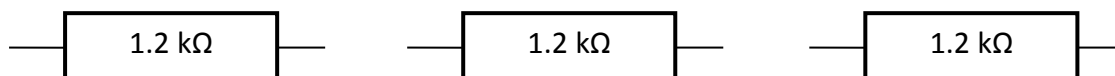
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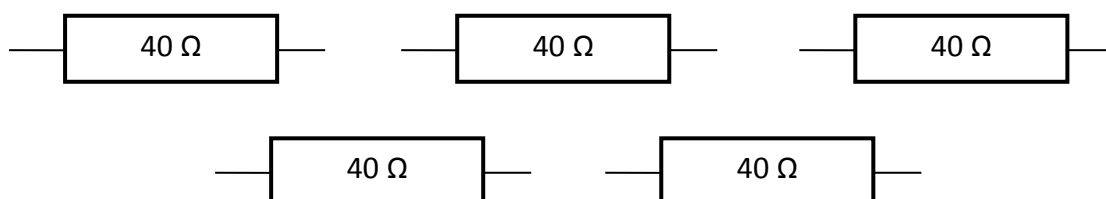


3. In a science lesson, a student is given three $1.2 \text{ k}\Omega$ resistors.



What is the lowest possible resistance that the student could achieve by combining these resistors in to a circuit?

4. In another science lesson, a student is given five $40 \text{ }\Omega$ resistors.



Show how the student could combine *all* five resistors so that the total resistance of the circuit is:

- (a) $200 \text{ }\Omega$
- (b) $8 \text{ }\Omega$
- (c) $48 \text{ }\Omega$
- (d) $32 \text{ }\Omega$
- (e) $50 \text{ }\Omega$
- (f) $80 \text{ }\Omega$

Voltage Dividers

Useful Equation:

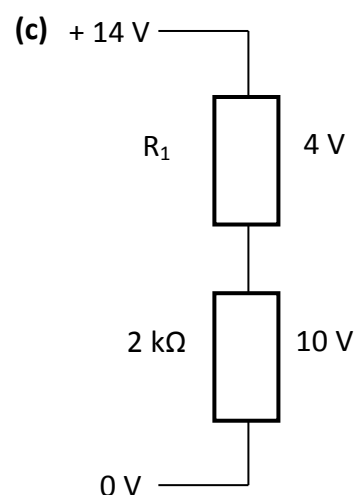
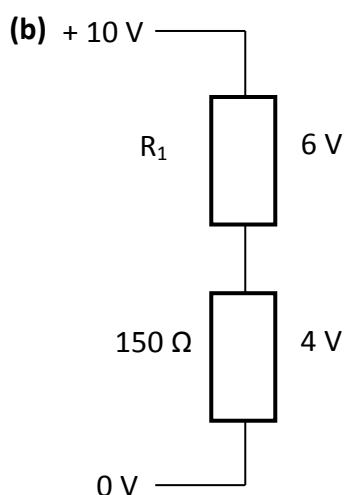
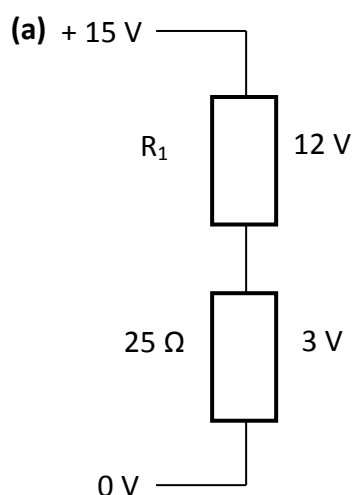
$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{V_1}{V_2}$$

where: R_1 and R_2 are the values of two resistors in a voltage divider circuit (Ω)

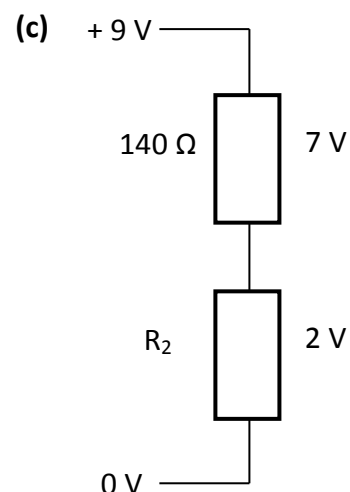
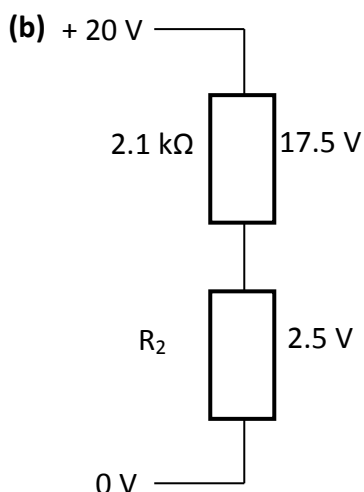
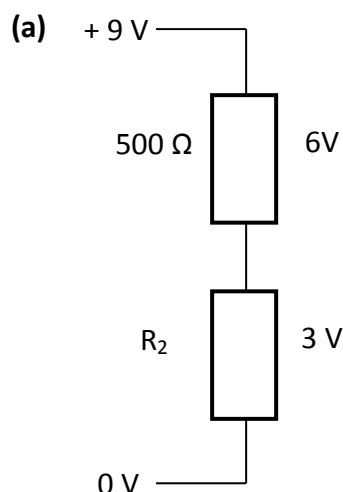
V_1 is the voltage across resistor R_1 (V)

V_2 is the voltage across resistor R_2 (V)

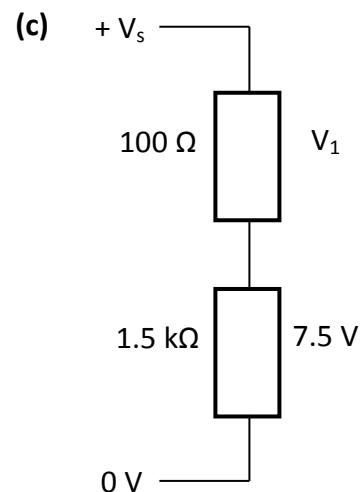
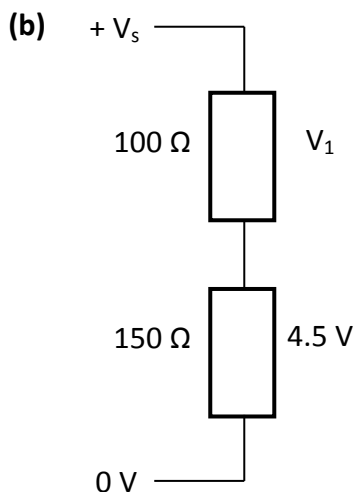
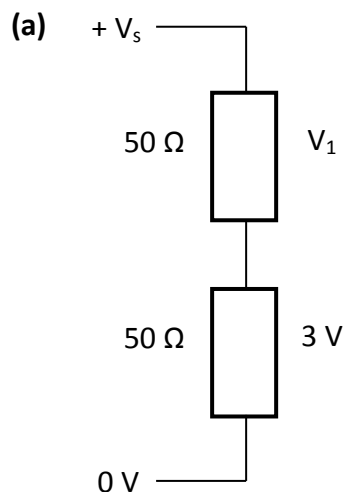
1. What happens to the voltage across a resistor as the resistance of the it is increased?
2. Explain your answer to question 1, making reference to the energy of electrons as they flow through the resistor.
3. Calculate the value of resistor R_1 in each of these voltage divider circuits.



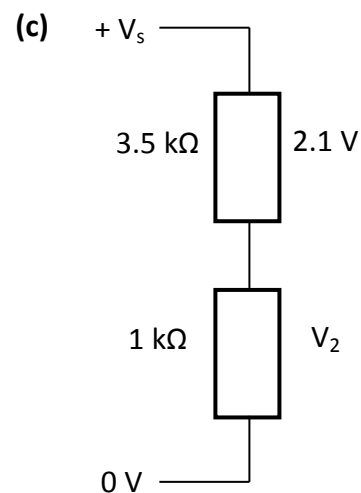
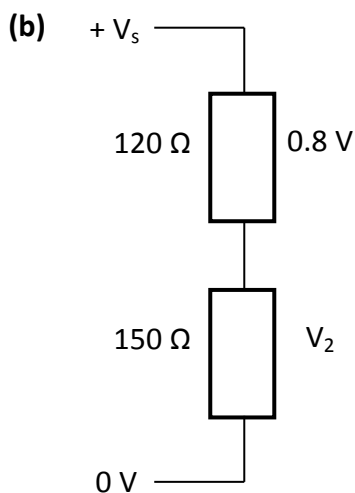
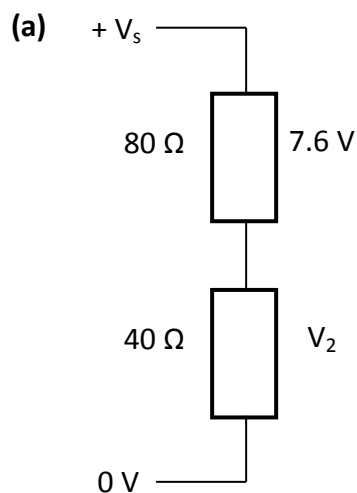
4. Calculate the value of resistor R_2 in each of these voltage divider circuits.



5. Calculate the value of voltage V_1 in each of these voltage divider circuits.



6. Calculate the value of voltage V_2 in each of these voltage divider circuits.



Useful Equation:

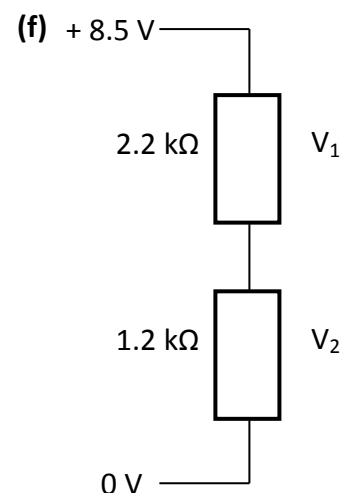
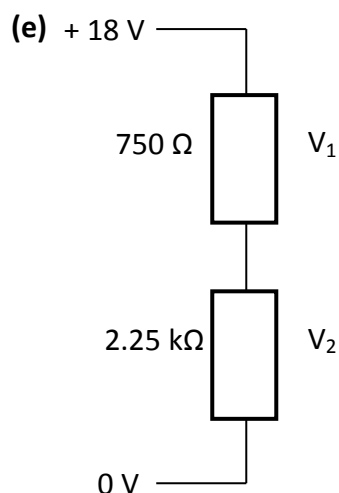
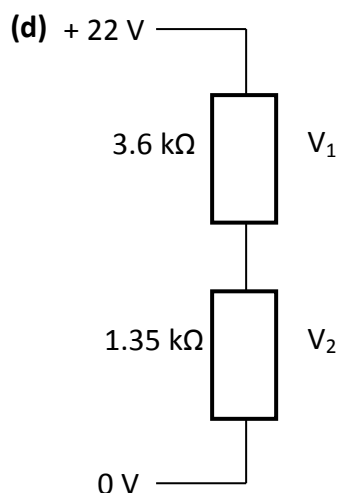
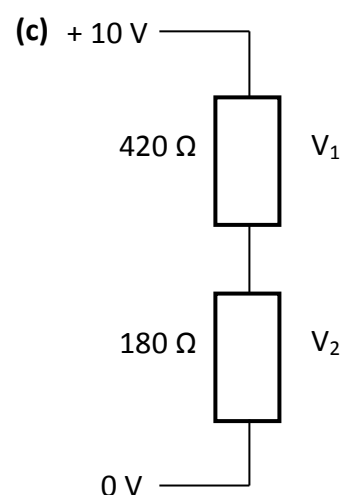
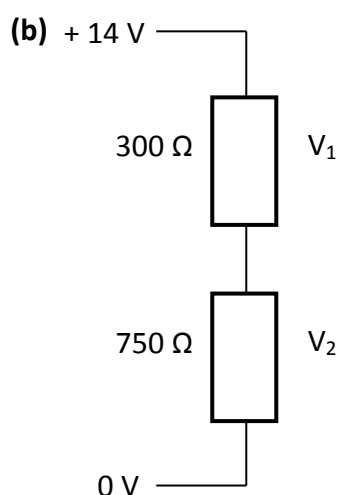
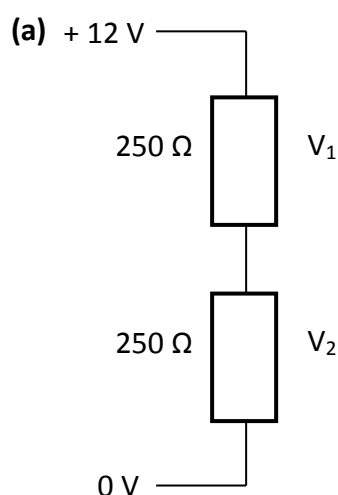
$$V_2 = \left[\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right] \times V_s$$

where: R_1 and R_2 are values of resistors connected in a voltage divider circuit (Ω)

V_2 is the voltage across resistor, R_2 (V)

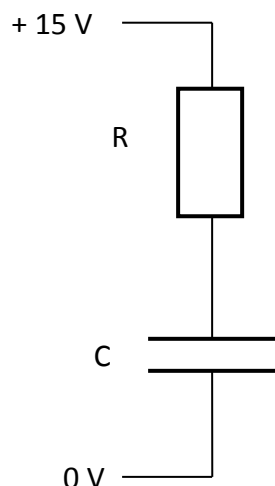
V_s is the supply voltage (V)

7. Calculate the voltages V_1 and V_2 in each of these voltage divider circuits.



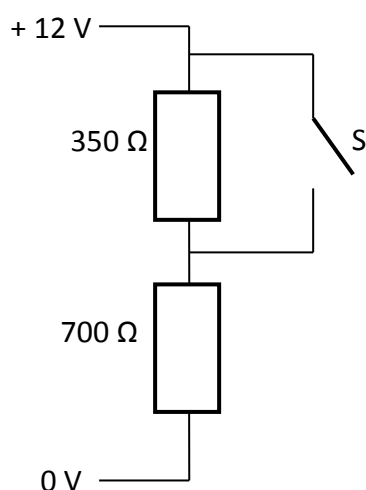
Switching Circuits

1. A capacitor, C , is placed in series with a resistor, R , as shown.



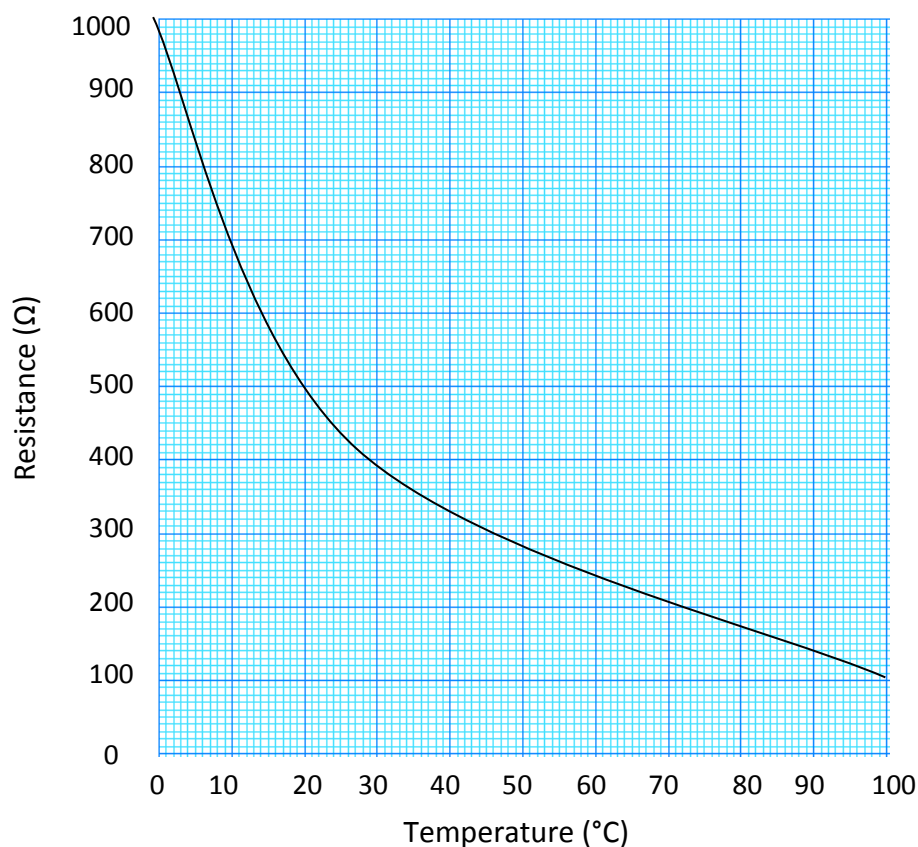
- (a) What is the voltage across the capacitor when it is discharged?
- (b) What is the voltage across the resistor when the capacitor is discharged?
- (c) What is the voltage across the capacitor when it is fully charged?
- (d) What is the voltage across the resistor when the capacitor is fully charged?

2. A switch, S , is placed in parallel with a $350\ \Omega$ resistor in a voltage divider circuit, as shown.

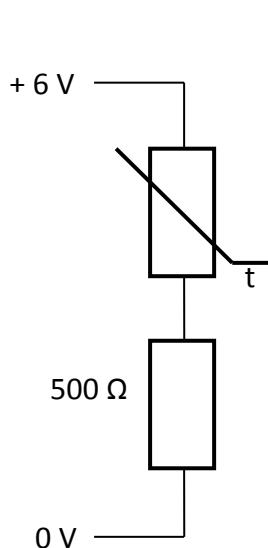


- (a) What is the voltage across the $350\ \Omega$ resistor when the switch is open?
- (b) What is the voltage across the $700\ \Omega$ resistor when the switch is open?
- (c) What is the voltage across the $350\ \Omega$ resistor when the switch is closed?
- (d) What is the voltage across the $700\ \Omega$ resistor when the switch is open?

3. The graph of the resistance of a thermistor over different temperatures is shown.

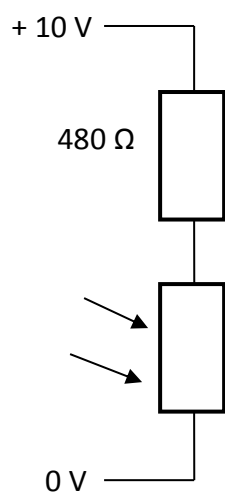


The thermistor is placed in series with a $500\ \Omega$ resistor, as shown.



- What is the resistance of the thermistor when the temperature is $10\ ^\circ\text{C}$?
- What is the voltage across the thermistor when the temperature is $10\ ^\circ\text{C}$?
- What is the voltage across the $500\ \Omega$ resistor when the temperature is $10\ ^\circ\text{C}$?
- What is the voltage across the $500\ \Omega$ resistor when the temperature is $20\ ^\circ\text{C}$?
- At what temperature will the voltage across the $500\ \Omega$ resistor be 5 V?

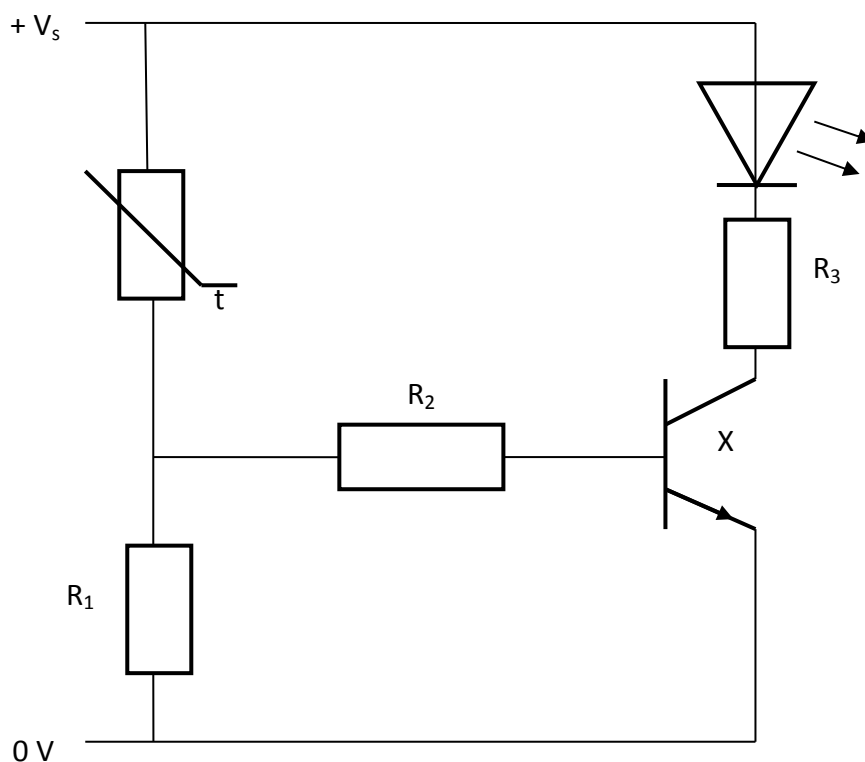
4. An LDR is placed in series with a fixed resistor as shown. The circuit is set up in a room where the lights can be turned off and on. The resistance of the LDR at different light settings is shown in the table.



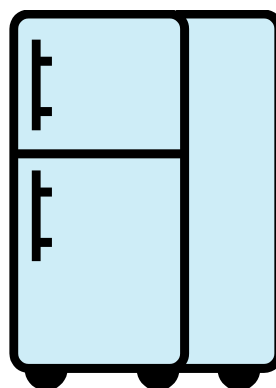
Light Setting	Resistance (Ω)
Off	720
On	160

- (a) What is the voltage across the LDR when the lights are off?
- (b) What is the voltage across the LDR when the lights are on?
- (c) What is the current flowing through the resistors when the lights are on?

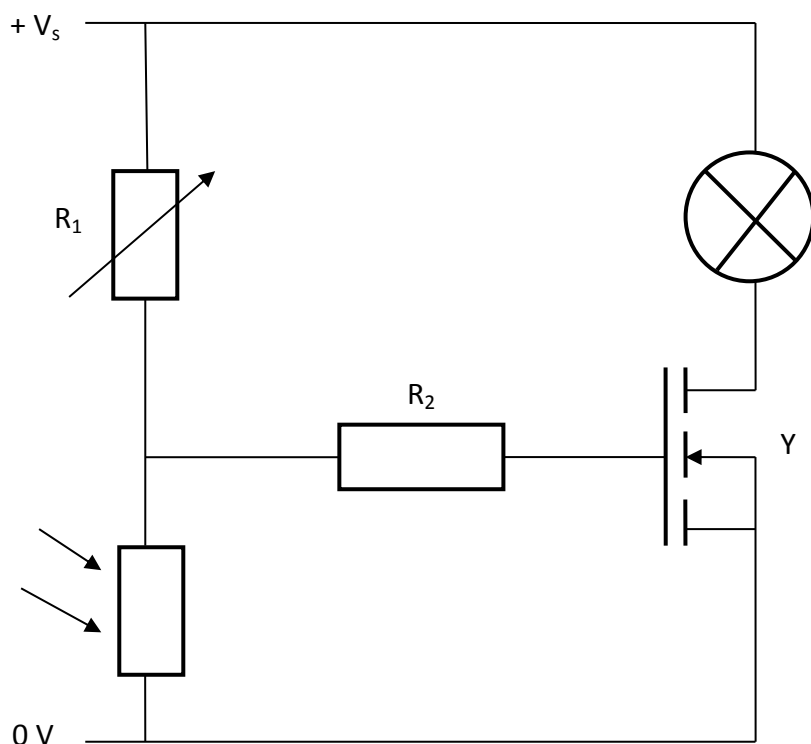
5. A thermistor is used in a switching circuit, as shown.



- What is the name of component X?
- State how this circuit will warn a chef that the temperature of a fridge is too high.
- How could this circuit be altered to warn a chef that the temperature of a fridge is too low?



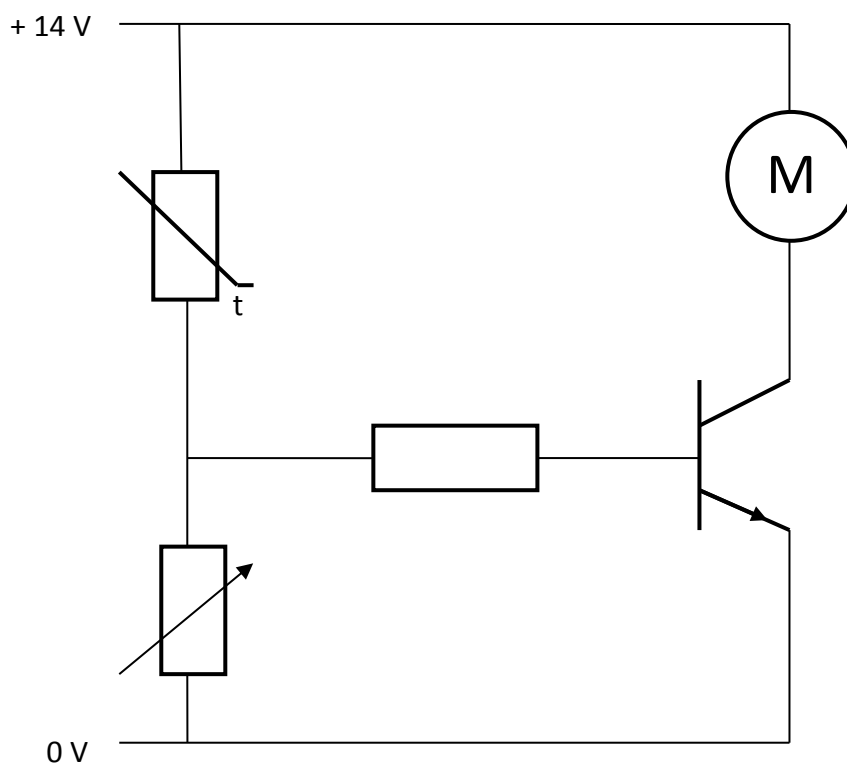
6. An LDR is used in a switching circuit, as shown.



- (a) What is the name of component Y?
- (b) State how this circuit will automatically turn on a porch light when it gets dark.
- (c) What is the advantage of component R_1 being a variable resistor?



7. A thermistor is used in a switching circuit, as shown.



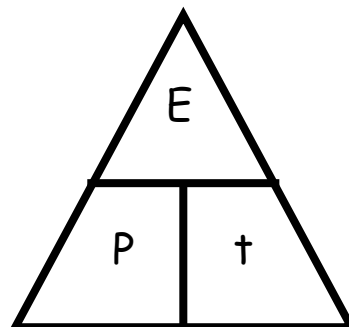
The variable resistor is set to a value of $100\ \Omega$ and it is noted that the motor is off. The temperature of the thermistor is then increased.

- (a) What will be the voltage across the thermistor at the moment the motor turns on?
- (b) What will be the resistance of the thermistor at the moment the motor turns on?
- (c) The variable resistor is adjusted so that the motor turns on when the resistance of the thermistor is $2.85\ \text{k}\Omega$. What is the resistance of the variable resistor?
- (d) Give a possible use for this circuit and explain how it would work.

Electrical Power

Useful Equation:

$$P = \frac{E}{t}$$



where: P is the power of an electrical appliance (W)

E is the energy being used up by an electrical appliance (J)

t is the time that an appliance is turned on for (s)

1. A student makes a statement:

'The power of a light bulb is 60 W.'

What does this statement mean, in terms of energy?



2. Copy and complete this table:

	<i>Power / W</i>	<i>Energy / J</i>	<i>Time / s</i>
(a)		800	10
(b)		5100	60
(c)	1500		30
(d)	1450		900
(e)	218	54 500	
(f)	1500	210 000	

3. What is the power of a radio that uses up 27 kJ of electrical energy in five minutes?

4. How much electrical energy is used up by a 725 W fridge in one day?
5. How long will it take a 1.2 kW vacuum cleaner to use up 720 kJ of electrical energy?
6. A 42 inch LED television has a power rating of 52 W when it is fully operational. When it is on standby, the television has a power rating of 0.8 W.



- (a) How much electrical energy will the television use if it is fully operational for 4 hours?
 - (b) How much electrical energy will the television use if it is on standby for 10 hours?
 - (c) Will the television use up more electrical energy being on standby for two days or being fully operational for 45 minutes?
7. The power consumption of three game consoles is given in the table.

<i>Games Console</i>	<i>Power Consumption (W)</i>
Nintendo Wii	14
Playstation 3	85
X Box 360	88

- (a) How much electrical energy will a Playstation 3 use up in 60 minutes?
- (b) How long, in hours, will it take an X Box 360 to use up 792 kJ of electrical energy?
- (c) How much *less* energy does a Nintendo Wii use if it is played for half an hour, compared to an X Box 360?

8. A hairdryer is connected to a joulemeter and the amount of energy used up every 60 seconds is observed. The results are shown in the table.

<i>Time / s</i>	<i>Energy Consumed / J</i>
0	0
60	78 000
120	156 000
180	234 000
240	312 000
300	390 000

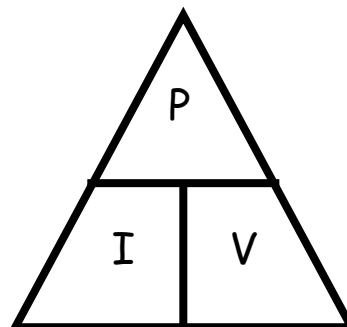
Draw a line graph of energy consumed against time, and use the gradient of the straight line to calculate the power rating of the hairdryer.



Power, Current and Voltage

Useful Equation:

$$P = I V$$



where: P is the power of an electrical appliance (W)

I is the current flowing through an electrical appliance (A)

V is the voltage across an electrical appliance (V)

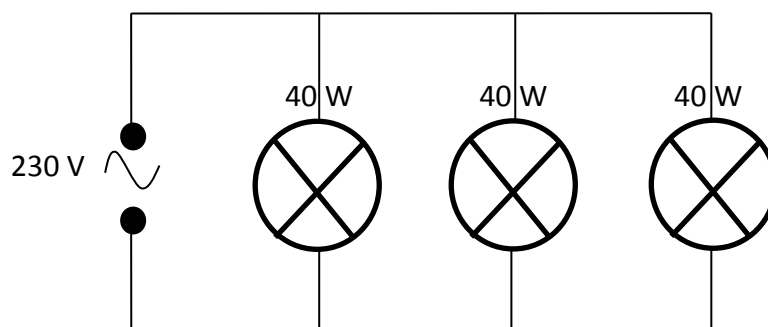
Note: Mains voltage in the UK is 230 V.

1. Copy and complete this table:

	<i>Power / W</i>	<i>Current / A</i>	<i>Voltage / V</i>
(a)		0.3	4.5
(b)		1.5	12
(c)	750		25
(d)	1150		230
(e)	40	0.8	
(f)	30	0.75	

- What is the power rating of a microwave that has a current of 3.3 A flowing through it when it is plugged in to the mains?
- What is the current flowing through a 65 W laptop that has a potential difference of 18.5 V across it?

4. What is the voltage across a 6 W light bulb that has a current of 500 mA flowing through it?
5. Three 40 W light bulbs are connected in parallel with the mains power supply, as shown.



What is the current drawn from the mains?

6. In an American school laboratory, a pupil measures the current flowing through some different mains appliances with given power ratings. The results of this experiment are shown below:

<i>Power Rating of Appliance / W</i>	<i>Current / A</i>
100	0.91
250	2.27
400	3.64
600	5.45
800	7.27
1250	11.36

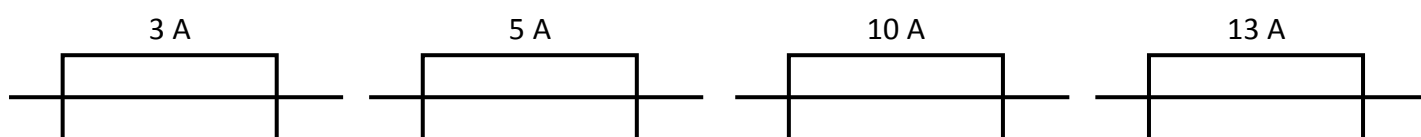
Construct a line graph of power against current, and use the gradient of the straight line to calculate mains voltage in the USA.



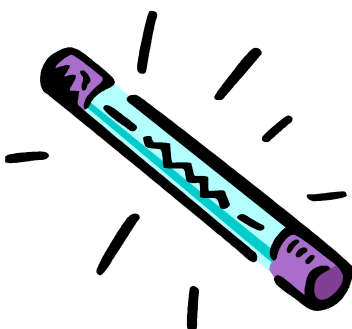
Fuses

1. What is the purpose of a fuse in the plug of a mains appliance?
2. Why is it not safe to use a 13 A fuse in the plug of a 350 W mains appliance?
3. What will happen if a 3 A fuse is connected in the plug of a 800 W mains appliance?
4. Why will a 350 W vacuum cleaner require a 13 A fuse, even though its normal operating current is less than 3 A?

The answer to each of the following questions is one of these fuse sizes:



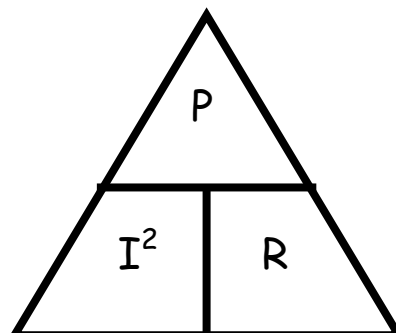
5. Show, by calculation, what size of fuse is best suited for a 200 W mains electric blanket?
6. Show, by calculation, what size of fuse is best suited for a 1200 W mains toaster?
7. Show, by calculation, what size of fuse is best suited for a 2500 W mains oven?
8. Show, by calculation, what size of fuse is best suited for a 1000 W mains iron?



Power and Resistance

Useful Equation:

$$P = I^2 R$$



where: P is the power of an electrical component (W)

I is the current flowing through an electrical component (A)

R is the resistance of an electrical component (Ω)

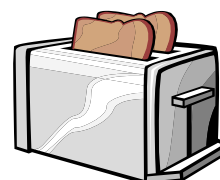
1. Combine the equations $P = IV$ and $V = IR$ in order to derive the equation, $P = I^2 R$.

2. Copy and complete this table:

	Power / W	Current / A	Resistance / Ω
(a)		1.5	100
(b)		0.8	50
(c)	500		125
(d)	34		850
(e)	735	7.0	
(f)	36	0.06	

3. What is the power rating of a lamp that has a resistance of 5Ω and a current of 1.2 A flowing through it?

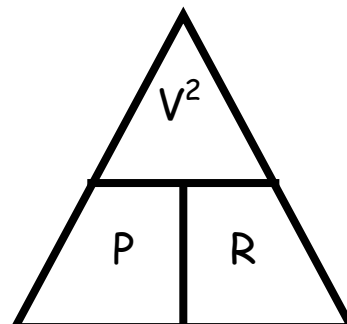
4. What is the current flowing through a 50Ω heating element in a toaster if it has a power rating of 800 W ?



5. What is the resistance of a 1200 W electric convection heater that has a current of 5.0 A flowing through it?

Useful Equation:

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$$



where: P is the power of an electrical appliance (W)
V is the voltage across an electrical component (V)
R is the resistance of an electrical component (Ω)

6. Combine the equations $P = IV$ and $I = V / R$ to derive the equation $P = V^2 / R$.

7. Copy and complete this table:

	Power / W	Voltage / V	Resistance / Ω
(a)		10	5
(b)		6	72
(c)	25		9
(d)	1.8		20
(e)	20	20	
(f)	400	230	

8. What is the power rating of a mains television that has a resistance of 529 Ω ?

9. What is the voltage across a portable electric shaver that has a resistance of 2.45 Ω and a power rating of 20 W?



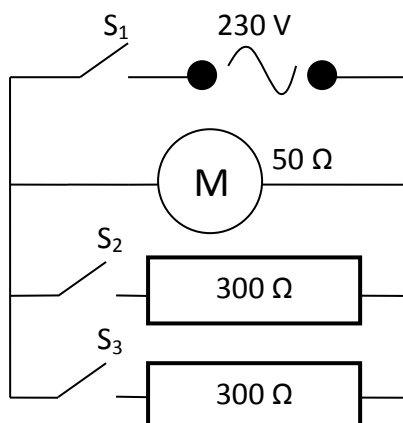
10. What is the resistance of an 800 W mains powered coffee machine?

11. A 130 W tropical fish aquarium is connected to the mains.

- What is the resistance of the aquarium?
- What is the current flowing through the aquarium?
- How much energy is used up by the aquarium in 24 hours?



12. A hairdryer has three heat settings: *cold*, *warm* and *hot*. The hairdryer is made up of two $300\ \Omega$ resistors and a $50\ \Omega$ motor that are connected in parallel with the mains supply, as shown.



- What is the energy change that occurs when current flows through a resistor?
- Which switches are closed when the hairdryer is blowing out warm air?
- How much current is drawn from the mains when the hairdryer is blowing out cold air?
- What is the power rating of the hairdryer when it is blowing out cold air?
- What is the total resistance of the hairdryer when it is blowing out hot air?
- What is the power rating of the hairdryer when it is blowing out hot air?
- How much electrical energy will the hairdryer use if it blows cold air for 1 minute and hot air for 8 minutes?

13. Why is it useful that electricity flows through transmission lines at a very high voltage?

14. Wires used in transmission lines have a resistance of $0.0025 \Omega/\text{m}$. How much power is lost by transmission lines carrying a current of 12 A if the length of the lines are:

(a) 1 m?

(b) 30 m?

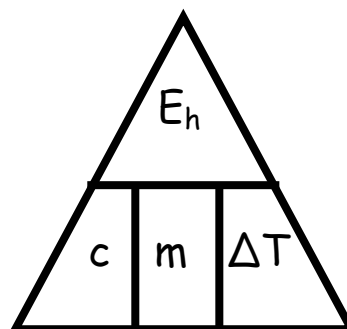
(c) 2.5 km?



Specific Heat Capacity

Useful Equation:

$$E_h = c m \Delta T$$



where: E_h is the heat energy absorbed by a material (J)
 c is the specific heat capacity of a material (J / kg °C)
 m is the mass of a material (kg)
 ΔT is the change in temperature of a material (°C)

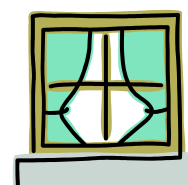
1. What is the difference between heat and temperature?
2. What is meant by the following statement:
 "The specific heat capacity of water is 4180 J / kg °C."
3. Copy and complete this table:

	<i>Heat Energy / J</i>	<i>Specific Heat Capacity / J / kg °C</i>	<i>Mass / kg</i>	<i>Change in Temperature / °C</i>
(a)		2350	2.0	10
(b)		902	5.0	25
(c)	36 900		4.5	2
(d)	6885		0.75	34
(e)	10 080	2100		12
(f)	105 600	480		40
(g)	2400	128	2.5	
(h)	27 690	2130	3.25	

4. What is the heat energy required to heat 3.0 kg of water from 20 °C to 80°C?



5. A 2.4 kg lump of brass is heated up by a Bunsen burner. When 9120 J of heat energy has been absorbed, the temperature of the brass increases by 10 °C. What is the specific heat capacity of the brass?

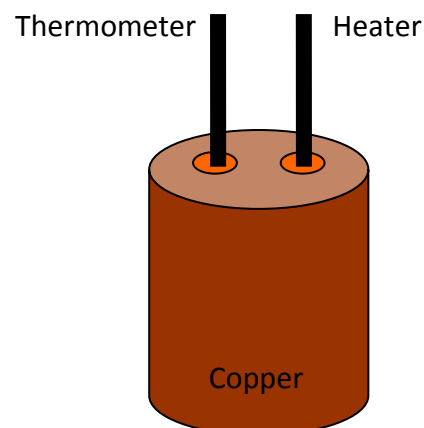


6. A pane of glass has a mass of 800 g. What is the temperature change of the glass if it is heated by 1000 J of heat energy?

7. A block of lead is heated from 24 °C to 28°C by a heat source that gives off 6144 J of heat energy. What is the mass of the lead block?

8. In an experiment, a 2 kg block of copper is warmed with a 70 W electrical immersion heater. The temperature of the copper is measured every minute using a thermometer. The heat energy used is calculated by finding the power of the heater and using $E = P t$. The results are shown.

Heat Energy / J	Change In Temperature / °C
0	0
4 200	3.4
8 400	6.8
12 600	10.2
16 800	13.6
21 000	17.0



- (a) Using *this data*, draw a line graph and use the gradient of the straight line to find the specific heat capacity of copper.
- (b) Is this experimental value for the specific heat capacity of copper larger, smaller or the same as the actual value? Explain any difference.

Heat Transfer

1. Describe how heat travels through a material by:
 - (a) Conduction.
 - (b) Convection.
 - (c) Radiation.

2. Why will a cup of coffee with a temperature of 80°C cause more damage when in contact with human skin than a spark from a sparkler with a temperature of 1600°C ?

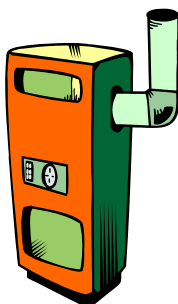


3. Why will a tomato feel colder than melted cheese in a hot cheese and tomato toastie?

4. Describe, by referring to heat transfer by conduction, convection and radiation, how the clothing of a fire fighter is designed to help them do their job.



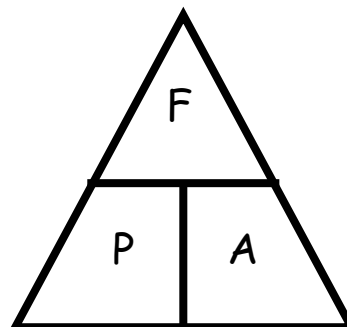
5. Describe how a central heating boiler can be made more efficient by stopping heat transfer by conduction, convection and radiation.



Pressure

Useful Equation:

$$P = \frac{F}{A}$$



where: P is the pressure applied to a surface (Pa or N/m²)

F is the force applied to a surface (N)

A is the area of a surface that a force is being applied to (m²)

1. What is the meaning of the term 'pressure' in terms of force and area?

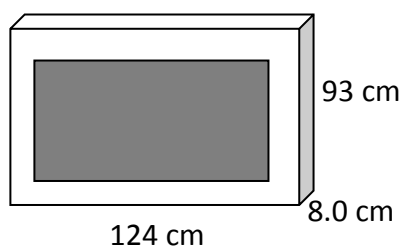
2. Copy and complete this table:

	<i>Pressure / Pa</i>	<i>Force / N</i>	<i>Area / m²</i>
(a)		120	1.6
(b)		4000	0.5
(c)	1.1×10^5		2.0
(d)	9000		8.0×10^{-2}
(e)	12 000	7.2×10^5	
(f)	1.4×10^4	4.9×10^4	

3. A 480 g tin of baked beans is a cylinder with a radius of 3.2 cm. It is placed on a kitchen counter. What is the pressure on the counter caused by the tin?

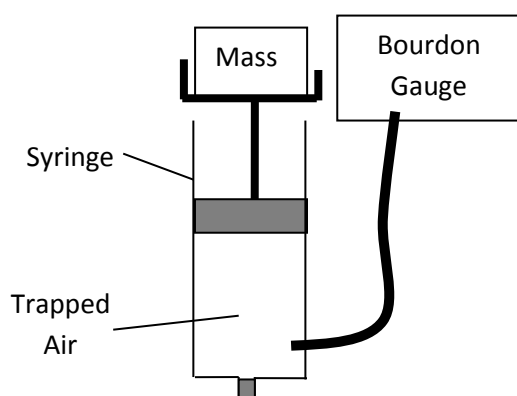
4. A car of mass 1250 kg is driven on to a bridge. The pressure on the surface of the bridge when all four tyres are on the ground is 39.0 kPa. What is the contact area of *one* tyre on the bridge?

5. A television has a length of 124 cm, a height of 93 cm and a depth of 7.0 cm.



If it has a mass of 30 kg, what is the:

- Maximum pressure that the television can exert on a surface?
 - Minimum pressure that the television can exert on a surface?
6. By measuring your weight and the area of your feet, calculate the pressure that you exert on the floor when:
- You are standing normally.
 - You are standing on one foot.
7. Are you more likely to fall through an icy lake if you are on your tip toes or lying flat on your back with your arms and legs stretched out? Explain your answer.
8. In an experiment, a mass of 100 g (which has a weight of 1N) is placed on top of a syringe filled with trapped air. A Bourdon Gauge is used to measure the air pressure inside the syringe. This is then repeated for different masses. The results are given in the table.



<i>Force / N</i>	<i>Pressure / $\times 10^5$ Pa</i>
0	1.01
1	1.03
2	1.05
3	1.07
4	1.09
5	1.11

Use this data to construct a line graph of force against change in pressure, and use the gradient of the straight line to calculate the surface area of the syringe plunger inside the syringe.

Gas Laws

Useful Equation:

$$\frac{P V}{T} = \text{constant}$$

where: P is the pressure caused by a fixed mass of a gas (Pa or N/m²)

V is the volume of a fixed mass of gas (m³)

T is the temperature of a fixed mass of gas (K)

1. Explain, using the kinetic theory of particles, what happens to the particles in a liquid when it melts and becomes a gas.

2. Explain, using kinetic theory, how the air in a bicycle tyre creates pressure on the inside surface of the tyre.



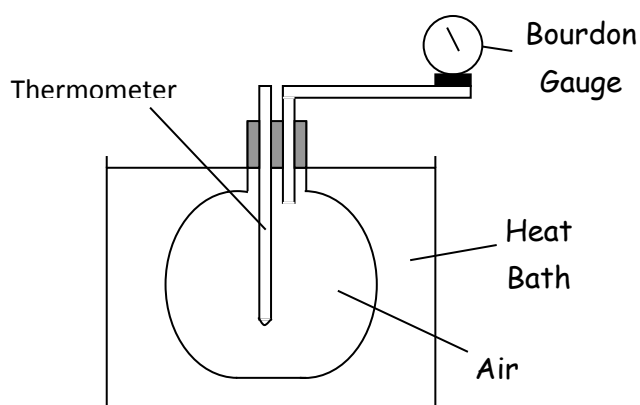
3. Why does the Kelvin temperature scale start at -273 °C?

4. Convert these temperatures from degrees Celsius to Kelvin.

- (a) 0 °C
- (b) 20 °C
- (c) -273 °C
- (d) 100 °C



5. A conical flask is sealed with air inside, and is placed in a heat bath. The temperature of the gas increases from 20 °C to 70°C. After every 10 °C temperature increase, the pressure of the gas is measured using a Bourdon gauge. The results are shown.



Temperature / °C	Pressure / $\times 10^5$ Pa
20	1.01
30	1.04
40	1.08
50	1.11
60	1.15
70	1.18

- Using the data, draw a line graph of pressure against temperature (in degrees Celsius). Make sure that your temperature axis goes from -300 °C to 70 °C.
 - On your graph from part (a), continue your straight line back until it crosses through the x-axis. At what temperature is the pressure of the gas zero?
 - Using the data, draw a line graph of pressure against temperature (in Kelvin).
 - What do these two graphs tell you about the relationship between the pressure and temperature of a fixed mass of gas?
 - Explain this relationship in terms of the kinetic theory of particles.
6. Explain, using the appropriate gas law, why it is important that car tyres are not filled up with so much air that the air pressure is above the car manufacturer's guidelines?



7. At a temperature of 20 °C, the pressure of a fixed mass of gas in a sealed container is found to be 104 kPa. The gas is heated to a uniform temperature of 90 °C using a heat bath.

What is the pressure of the gas at a temperature of 90 °C?

8. The pressure of the air in a lorry tyre is found to be 2.58×10^5 Pa at the end of a journey.

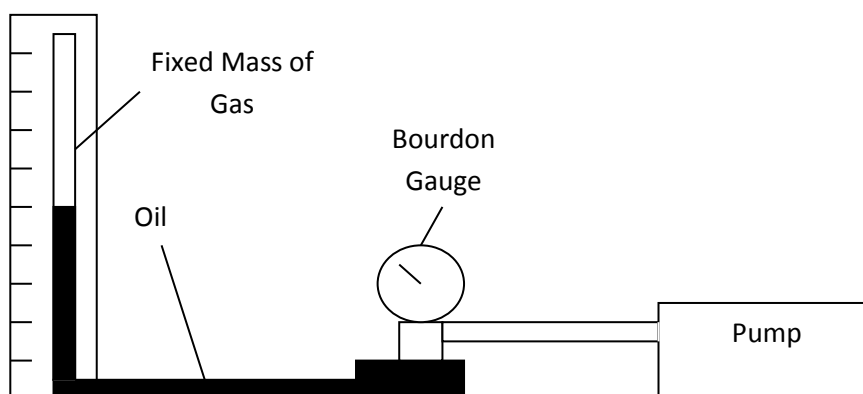
Once the tyre has cooled down, the temperature of the air inside the tyre is found to be 10°C with the pressure decreasing to 2.41×10^5 Pa.

What was the temperature of the air in the tyre at the end of the journey?
Give your answer in degrees Celsius.



9. In an experiment, the volume of a fixed mass of gas is decreased by trapping the gas at the top of a glass tube with a quantity of oil and then using a pump to push the oil up the tube.

The pressure of the gas is measured with a Bourdon gauge and the volume of gas is measured using a calibrated scale next to the glass tube. The results are shown.



Volume / cm^3	Pressure / $\times 10^5$ Pa
1.5	1.57
1.6	1.48
1.7	1.39
1.8	1.31
1.9	1.24
2.0	1.18

- (a) Using the data, draw a line graph of volume against $1/\text{pressure}$.
- (b) What does this graph tell you about the relationship between the volume and pressure of a fixed mass of gas?
- (c) Explain this relationship in terms of the kinetic theory of particles.

10. Explain, using the appropriate gas law, why a balloon will burst if you squeeze it.

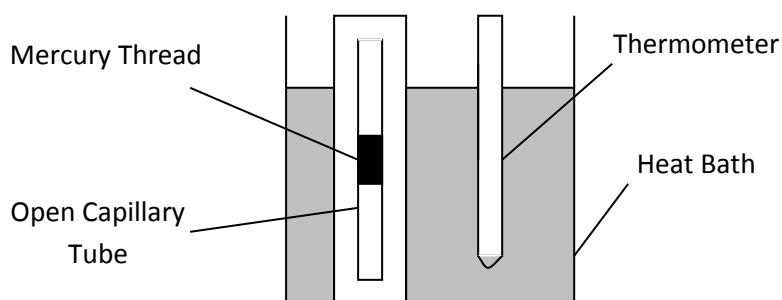


11. A 5 cm^3 syringe is filled with air and the pressure of the air is found to be $1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$. The syringe plunger is then pushed until there is 3 cm^3 of air. What is the new air pressure?

12. A scuba diving air tank has a volume of 7.5 litres and is filled with air at a pressure of $1.21 \times 10^7 \text{ Pa}$. What volume of air will be released by the tank at atmospheric pressure ($1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$)?



13. In an experiment, an open capillary tube with a mercury thread is placed in to a heat bath. As the temperature of the gas increases, the mercury thread moves up the capillary tube. The pressure of the gas remains constant because the capillary tube is open. The temperature of the gas is measured with a thermometer and the volume of the gas is measured using a scale next to the open capillary tube. The results of the experiment are shown.



Temperature / °C	Volume / cm ³
20	1.50
25	1.88
30	2.25
35	2.63
40	3.00
45	3.38

- (a) Using the data, draw a line graph of volume against temperature (in degrees Celsius). Make sure that your temperature axis goes from -300°C to 45°C .
- (b) Using the data, draw a line graph of volume against temperature (in Kelvin).
- (c) What do these two graphs tell you about the relationship between the volume and temperature of a fixed mass of gas?
- (d) Explain this relationship in terms of the kinetic theory of particles.

14. The volume of a fixed mass of gas is 30.0 cm^3 at 30°C . The temperature of the gas is increased to 60°C without changing the pressure.

A student makes this statement:

'As the temperature of the gas has doubled, the volume of the gas will also double. Therefore, the volume of the gas at 60°C will be 60.0 cm^3 .'

- (a) Explain why this statement is incorrect.
 (b) Calculate what the volume of the gas would actually be at 60°C .
15. Air is trapped in a glass capillary tube by a bead of mercury. The volume of air is found to be 0.15 cm^3 at a temperature of 27°C . Assuming that the pressure of the air remains constant, what is the volume of the air at a temperature of 87°C ?

16. A fixed mass of gas is trapped in to a syringe. The gas has a pressure of $1.63 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ when it has a volume of 3.0 cm^3 and a temperature of 22°C .

The gas is then heated until it has a uniform temperature of 57°C . What will be the pressure of the gas if the volume of the gas is increased to 5.0 cm^3 ?



Answers

Check website for answers, although I make no guarantee that they are all correct!