

Important Questions of Electricity Class 10

Science Chapter 12

Question 1.

A current of 10 A flows through a conductor for two minutes.

(i) Calculate the amount of charge passed through any area of cross section of the conductor.

(ii) If the charge of an electron is 1.6×10^{-19} C, then calculate the total number of electrons flowing. (Board Term I, 2013)

Answer:

Given that: $I = 10$ A, $t = 2$ min $= 2 \times 60$ s $= 120$ s

(i) Amount of charge Q passed through any area of cross-section is given by $I = Q/t$
or $Q = I \times t \therefore Q = (10 \times 120)$ A s $= 1200$ C

(ii) Since, $Q = ne$

where n is the total number of electrons flowing and e is the charge on one electron

$$\therefore 1200 = n \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$\text{or } n = 1200/1.6 \times 10^{-19} = 7.5 \times 10^{21}$$

Question 2.

Define electric current. (1/5, Board Term 1, 2017)

Answer:

Electric current is the amount of charge flowing through a particular area in unit time.

Question 3.

Define one ampere. (1/5, Board Term 1, 2015)

Answer:

One ampere is constituted by the flow of one coulomb of charge per second.

$$1 \text{ A} = 1 \text{ C s}^{-1}$$

Question 4.

Name a device that you can use to maintain a potential difference between the ends of a conductor. Explain the process by which this device does so. (Board Term I, 2013)

Answer:

A cell or a battery can be used to maintain a potential difference between the ends of a conductor. The chemical reaction within a cell generates the potential difference across




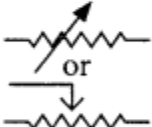
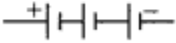


the terminals of the cell, even when no current is drawn from it. When it is connected to a conductor, it produces electric current and, maintain the potential difference across the ends of the conductor.

Question 5.

Draw the symbols of commonly used components in electric circuit diagrams for

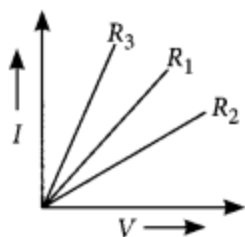
- (i) An electric cell
- (ii) Open plug key
- (iii) Wires crossing without connection
- (iv) Variable resistor
- (v) Battery
- (vi) Electric bulb
- (vii) Resistance (4/5, Board Term 1,2017)

Answer:

S. No.	Component	Symbol
(i)	An electric cell	
(ii)	Open plug key	
(iii)	Wires crossing without connection	
(iv)	Variable resistor	
(v)	Battery	
(vi)	Electric bulb	
(vii)	Resistance	

Question 6.

A student plots V-I graphs for three samples of nichrome wire with resistances R_1 , R_2 and R_3 . Choose from the following the statements that holds true for this graph. (2020)



(a) $R_1 = R_2 = R_3$

(b) $R_1 > R_2 > R_3$

(c) $R_3 > R_2 > R_1$

(d) $R_2 > R_1 > R_3$

Answer:

(d) : The inverse of the slope of I-V graph gives the resistance of the material. Here the slope of $-R_j$ is highest. Thus, $R_2 > R_1 > R_3$

Question 7.

State Ohms law. (AI 2019)

Answer:

It states that the potential difference V , across the ends of a given metallic wire in an electric circuit is directly proportional to the current flowing through it, provided its temperature remains the same. Mathematically,

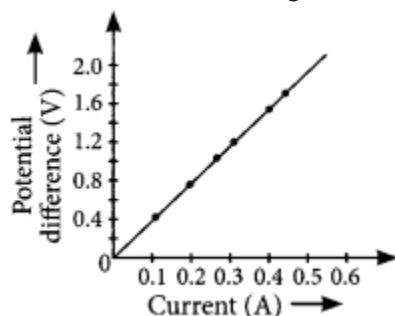
$$V \propto I$$

$$V = RI$$

where R is resistance of the conductor.

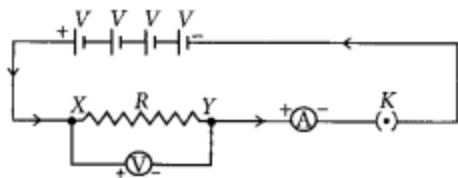
Question 8.

A V-I graph for a nichrome wire is given below. What do you infer from this graph? Draw a labelled circuit diagram to obtain such a graph. (2020)



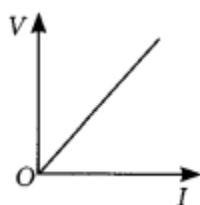
Answer:

As graph is a straight line, so it is clear from the graph that $V \propto I$.



The shape of the graph obtained by plotting potential difference applied across conductor against the current flowing v. It will be a straight line.

According to Ohm's law,

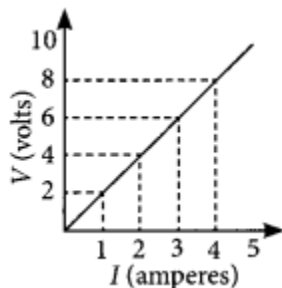


$$V = IR \text{ or } R = \frac{V}{I}$$

So, the slope of $V-I$ graph at any point represents the resistance of the given conductor.

Question 9.

Study the $V-I$ graph for a resistor as shown in the figure and prepare a table showing the values of I (in amperes) corresponding to four different values V (in volts). Find the value of current for $V = 10$ volts. How can we determine the resistance of the resistor from this graph? (Board Term I, 2016)

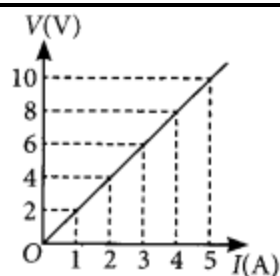


Answer:

Since, the graph is a straight line, so we can either extrapolate the data or simply mark the value from the graph as shown in the figure.

Current, I (A)	Voltage, V (V)
0	0
1	2
2	4

3	6
4	8



Hence, the value of current for $V = 10$ volts is 5 amperes (or 5 A).

From Ohm's law, $V = IR$,

We can write, $R = V/I$

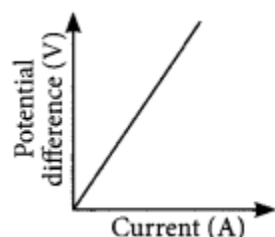
At any point on the graph, resistance is the ratio of values of V and I . Since, the given graph is straight line (ohmic conductor) so, the slope of graph will also give the resistance of the resistor

$$R = 10/5A = 2\Omega$$

$$\text{Alternately, } R = (8-2)V/(4-1)A = 6V/3A = 2\Omega$$

Question 10.

V-I graph for a conductor is as shown in the figure



- What do you infer from this graph?
- State the law expressed here. (Board Term I, 2014)

Answer:

- Refer to answer 8.
- Refer to answer 7.

Question 11.

State Ohm's law. Draw a labelled circuit diagram to verify this law in the laboratory. If you draw a graph between the potential difference and current flowing through a metallic conductor, what kind of curve will you get? Explain how would you use this graph to determine the resistance of the conductor. (Board Term I, 2016)

Answer:

Refer to answer 7 and 8.

Question 12.

State and explain Ohm's law. Define resistance and give its SI unit. What is meant by 1 ohm resistance? Draw V-I graph for an ohmic conductor and list its two important features. (Board Term I, 2014)

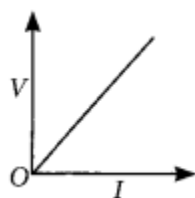
Answer:

Ohm's law: Refer to answer 7.

Resistance : It is the property of a conductor to resist the flow of charges through it. Its SI unit is ohm (Ω). If the potential difference across the two ends of a conductor is 1 V and the current through it is 1 A, then the resistance R, of the conductor is 1 ohm (1Ω). 1 volt

$$1 \text{ ohm} = 1 \text{ volt} / 1 \text{ ampere}$$

V-I graph for an ohmic conductor can be drawn as given in figure.



Important features of V-I graph are:

- (i) It is a straight line passing through origin.
- (ii) Slope of V-I graph gives the value of resistance of conductor $\text{slope} = R = V/I$

Question 13.

Assertion (A) : The metals and alloys are good conductors of electricity.

Reason (R) : Bronze is an alloy of copper and tin and it is not a good conductor of electricity.

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of the assertion (A).
- (b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of the assertion (A).
- (c) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- (d) (A) is false, but (R) is true. (2020)

Answer:

(c) : Metals and alloys are good conductors of electricity. Bronze is an alloy of copper and tin which are metals and thus is a good conductor of electricity.

Question 14.

A cylindrical conductor of length 'l' and uniform area of cross section 'A' has resistance 'R'. The area of cross section of another conductor of same material and same resistance but of length '2l' is (2020)

- (a) $A/2$
- (b) $3A/2$
- (c) $2A$
- (d) $3A$

Answer:

(c) : The resistance of a conductor of length l, and area of cross section, A is

$$R = \rho l/A$$

where ρ is the resistivity of the material.

Now for the conductor of length 2l, area of cross-section A' and resistivity ρ .

$$R' = \rho l/A' = \rho 2l/A'$$

$$\text{But given, } R = R' \Rightarrow \rho l/A = \rho 2l/A' \text{ or } A' = 2A$$

Question 15.

Assertion (A) : Alloys are commonly used in electrical heating devices like electric iron and heater.

Reason (R): Resistivity of an alloy is generally higher than that of its constituent metals but the alloys have low melting points than their constituent metals.

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of the assertion (A).
- (b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of the assertion (A).
- (c) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- (d) (A) is false, but (R) is true. (2020)

Answer:

- (a)

Question 16.

How is the resistivity of alloys compared with those of pure metals from which they may have been formed? (Board Term I, 2017)

Answer:

The resistivity of an alloy is generally higher than that of its constituent metals.

Question 17.

- (i) List three factors on which the resistance of a conductor depends.
- (ii) Write the SI unit of resistivity. (Board Term 1, 2015)

Answer:

(i) Resistance of a conductor depends upon the following factors:

(1) Length of the conductor : (Greater the length (l) of the conductor more will be the resistance (R).

$$R \propto l$$

(2) Area of cross section of the conductor: (Greater the cross-sectional area of the conductor, less will be the resistance.

$$R \propto \frac{1}{A}$$

(3) Nature of conductor.

(ii) SI unit of resistivity is $\Omega \text{ m}$.

Question 18.

Calculate the resistance of a metal wire of length 2m and area of cross section $1.55 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$, if the resistivity of the metal be $2.8 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}$. (Board Term I, 2013)

Answer:

For the given metal wire,

length, $l = 2 \text{ m}$

area of cross-section, $A = 1.55 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$

resistivity of the metal, $\rho = 2.8 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}$

Since, resistance, $R = \rho l / A$

So $R = \frac{2.8 \times 10^{-8} \times 2}{1.55 \times 10^{-6}} \Omega$

$= 3.6155 \times 10^{-2} \Omega = 3.6 \times 10^{-2} \Omega$ or $R = 0.036 \Omega$

Question 19.

(a) List the factors on which the resistance of a conductor in the shape of a wire depends.

(b) Why are metals good conductors of electricity whereas glass is a bad conductor of electricity ? Give reason.

(c) Why are alloys commonly used in electrical heating devices ? Give reason. (2018)

Answer:

(a) Refer to answer 17 (i).

(b) Metal have very low resistivity and hence they are good conductors of electricity. Whereas glass has very high resistivity so glass is a bad conductor of electricity.

(c) Alloys are commonly used in electrical heating devices due to the following reasons

(i) Alloys have higher resistivity than metals

(ii) Alloys do not get oxidised or burn readily.

Question 20.

Calculate the resistivity of the material of a wire of length 1 m, radius 0.01 cm and resistance 20 ohms. (Board Term I, 2017)

Answer:

We are given, the length of wire, $l = 1$ m, radius of wire, $r = 0.01$ cm $= 1 \times 10^{-4}$ m and resistance, $R = 20\Omega$ As we know,

$R = \rho l/A$, where ρ is resistivity of the material of the wire.

$$\therefore 20\Omega = \rho \cdot l / \pi r^2 = \rho \cdot 1 \text{ m} / 3.14 \times (10^{-4})^2 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\therefore \rho = 6.28 \times 10^{-7} \Omega \text{ m}$$

Question 21.

A copper wire has diameter 0.5 mm and resistivity $1.6 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}$. Calculate the length of this wire to make it resistance 100 Ω . How much does the resistance change if the diameter is doubled without changing its length? (Board Term I, 2015)

Answer:

Given; resistivity of copper $= 1.6 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}$, diameter of wire, $d = 0.5$ mm and resistance of wire, $R = 100 \Omega$

Radius of wire, $r = d/2 = 0.5/2$ mm

$$= 0.25 \text{ mm} = 2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

Area of cross-section of wire, $A = \pi r^2$

$$\therefore A = 3.14 \times (2.5 \times 10^{-4})^2$$

$$= 1.9625 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2$$

$$= 1.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2$$

As, $R = \rho l/A$

$$\therefore 100 \Omega = 1.6 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m} \times l / 1.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2$$

$$l = 1200 \text{ m}$$

If diameter is doubled ($d' = 2d$), then the area of cross-section of wire will become

$$A' = \pi r'^2 = \pi (d'/2)^2 = \pi (2d/2)^2 = 4A$$

Now $R \propto 1/A$, so the resistance will decrease by four times or new resistance will be

$$R' = R/4 = 100/4 = 25\Omega$$

Question 22.

The resistance of a wire of 0.01 cm radius is 10 Ω . If the resistivity of the material of the wire is 50×10^{-8} ohm meter, find the length of the wire. (Board Term I, 2014)

Answer:

Here, $r = 0.01$ cm $= 10^{-4}$ m, $\rho = 50 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}$ and $R = 10 \Omega$

As, $R = \rho l/A$

$$\text{or } l = RA/\rho = R/\rho \cdot (\pi r^2)$$

$$\text{so } l = 10/50 \times 10^{-8} \times 3.14 \times (10^{-4})^2$$

$$= 0.628 \text{ m} = 62.8 \text{ cm}$$

Question 23.

A wire has a resistance of 16Ω . It is melted and drawn into a wire of half its original length. Calculate the resistance of the new wire. What is the percentage change in its resistance? (Board Term I, 2013)

Answer:

When wire is melted, its volume remains same, so,

$$V' = V \text{ or } A'l' = Al$$

$$\text{Here, } l' = l/2$$

$$\text{Therefore, } A' = 2A$$

$$\text{Resistance, } R = \rho l/A = 16 \Omega$$

$$\text{Now, } R' = \rho l'/A' = \rho (l/2)/2A = 1/4 \rho l/A$$

$$\text{So, } R' = R/4 = 16/4 = 4 \Omega$$

Percentage change in resistance,

$$= (R - R'/R) \times 100 = (16 - 4/16) \times 100 = 75\%$$

Question 24.

If the radius of a current carrying conductor is halved, how does current through it change? (2/5 Board Term I, 2014)

Answer:

If the radius of conductor is halved, the area of cross-section reduced to $(1/4)$ of its previous value.

Since, $R \propto 1/A$, resistance will become four times

From Ohm's law, $V = IR$

For given V , $I \propto 1/R$

So, current will reduce to one-fourth of its previous value

Question 27.

The maximum resistance which can be made using four resistors each of 2Ω is

(a) 2Ω

(b) 4Ω

(c) 8 Ω

(d) 16 Ω (2020)

Answer:

(c) : A group of resistors can produce maximum resistance when they all are connected in series.

$$\therefore R_s = 2\ \Omega + 2\ \Omega + 2\ \Omega + 2\ \Omega = 8\ \Omega$$

Question 29.

Three resistors of 10 Ω , 15 Ω and 5 Ω are connected in parallel. Find their equivalent resistance. (Board Term I, 2014)

Answer:

Here, $R_1 = 10\ \Omega$, $R_2 = 15\ \Omega$, $R_3 = 5\ \Omega$.

In parallel combination, equivalent resistance, (R_{eq}) is given by

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{3+2+6}{30} = \frac{11}{30}$$

$$\therefore R_{eq} = \frac{30}{11}\ \Omega = 2.73\ \Omega$$

Question 30.

List the advantages of connecting electrical devices in parallel with an electrical source instead of connecting them in series. (Board Term I, 2013)

Answer:

(a) When a number of electrical devices are connected in parallel, each device gets the same potential difference as provided by the battery and it keeps on working even if other devices fail. This is not so in case the devices are connected in series because when one device fails, the circuit is broken and all devices stop working.

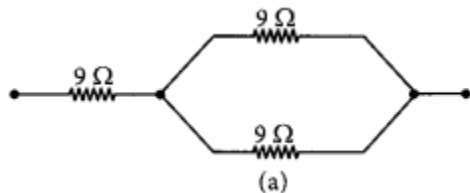
(b) Parallel circuit is helpful when each device has different resistance and requires different current for its operation as in this case the current divides itself through different devices. This is not so in series circuit where same current flows through all the devices, irrespective of their resistances.

Question 31.

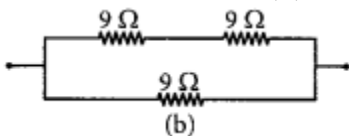
Show how would you join three resistors, each of resistance $9\ \Omega$ so that the equivalent resistance of the combination is (i) $13.5\ \Omega$, (ii) $6\ \Omega$ (2018)

Answer:

(i) The resistance of the series combination is higher than each of the resistances. A parallel combination of two $9\ \Omega$ resistors is equivalent to $4.5\ \Omega$. We can obtain $13.5\ \Omega$ by coupling $4.5\ \Omega$ and $9\ \Omega$ in series. So, to obtain $13.5\ \Omega$, the combination is as shown in figure (a).

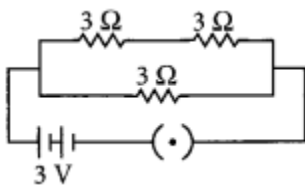


(ii) To obtain a equivalent resistance of $6\ \Omega$, we have to connect two $9\ \Omega$ resistors in series and then connect the third $9\ \Omega$ resistor in parallel to the series combination as shown in the figure (b).



Question 32.

Three resistors of $3\ \Omega$ each are connected to a battery of $3\ \text{V}$ as shown. Calculate the current drawn from the battery. (Board Term I, 2017)



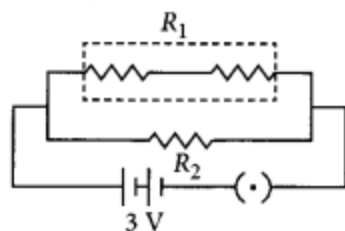
Answer:

As given in circuit diagram, two $3\ \Omega$ resistors are connected in series to form R_1 ; so $R_1 = 3\ \Omega + 3\ \Omega = 6\ \Omega$

And, R_1 and R_2 are in parallel combination, Hence, equivalent resistance of circuit (R_{eq}) given by

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1+2}{6} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$R_{eq} = 2 \Omega$$

Using Ohm's law, $V = IR$

We get,

$$3 \text{ V} = I \times 2 \Omega$$

$$\text{or } I = \frac{3}{2} \text{ A} = 1.5 \text{ A}$$

Current drawn from the battery is 1.5 A.

Question 33.

Two identical resistors are first connected in series and then in parallel. Find the ratio of equivalent resistance in two cases. (Board Term I, 2013)

Answer:

Let resistance of each resistor be R .

For series combination,

$$R_s = R_1 + R_2$$

$$\text{So, } R_s = R + R = 2R$$

For parallel combination,

$$\frac{1}{R_p} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \quad \text{or} \quad R_p = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$\text{So, } R_p = \frac{R \times R}{R + R} = \frac{R}{2}$$

$$\text{Required ratio} = \frac{R_s}{R_p} = \frac{2R}{R/2} = 4:1$$

Question 34.

(a) A 6Ω resistance wire is doubled on itself. Calculate the new resistance of the wire.

(b) Three 2Ω resistors A, B and C are connected in such a way that the total resistance

of the combination is $3\ \Omega$. Show the arrangement of the three resistors and justify your answer. (2020)

Answer:

(a) Given resistance of wire, $R = 6\ \Omega$

Let l be the length of the wire and A be its area of cross-section. Then

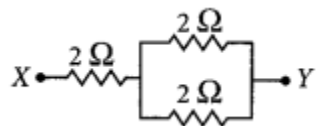
$$R = \rho l / A = 6\ \Omega$$

Now when the length is doubled, $l' = 2l$ and $A' = A/2$

$$\therefore R' = \rho(2l) / (A/2) = 4\rho l / A = 4 \times 6\ \Omega = 24\ \Omega$$

(b) Given the total resistance of the combination = $3\ \Omega$

In order to get a total resistance of $3\ \Omega$, the three resistors has to be connected as shown.



$$\text{Such that, } \frac{1}{R_p} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow R_p = 1\ \Omega$$

$$\text{and } R_s = 2\ \Omega + 1\ \Omega = 3\ \Omega$$

Question 35.

Draw a schematic diagram of a circuit consisting of a battery of 3 cells of 2 V each, a combination of three resistors of $10\ \Omega$, $20\ \Omega$ and $30\ \Omega$ connected in parallel, a plug key and an ammeter, all connected in series. Use this circuit to find the value of the following :

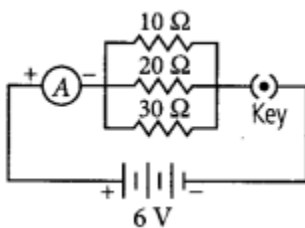
(a) Current through each resistor

(b) Total current in the circuit

(c) Total effective resistance of the circuit. (2020)

Answer:

The circuit diagram is as shown below.



(a) Given, voltage of the battery = $2\text{ V} + 2\text{ V} + 2\text{ V} = 6\text{ V}$

Current through $10\ \Omega$ resistance,

$$I_{10} = V/R = 6/10 = 0.6 \text{ A}$$

Current through 20 Ω resistance,

$$I_{20} = V/R = 6/20 = 0.3 \text{ A}$$

Current through 30 Ω resistance,

$$I_{30} = V/R = 6/30 = 0.2 \text{ A}$$

(b) Total current in the circuit, $I = I_{10} + I_{20} + I_{30}$

$$= 0.6 + 0.3 + 0.2 = 1.1 \text{ A}$$

(c) Total resistance of the circuit,

$$1/R_P = 1/10 + 1/20 + 1/30 = 11/60$$

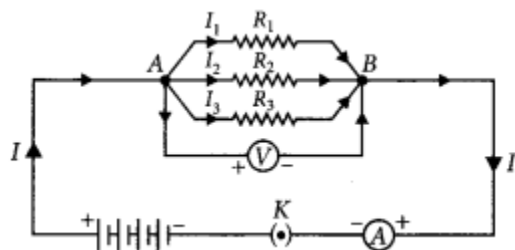
Question 36.

(a) With the help of a suitable circuit diagram prove that the reciprocal of the equivalent resistance of a group of resistances joined in parallel is equal to the sum of the reciprocals of the individual resistances.

(b) In an electric circuit two resistors of 12 Ω each are joined in parallel to a 6 V battery. Find the current drawn from the battery. (Delhi 2019)

Answer:

(a) Resistors in parallel : When resistors are connected in parallel.



(i) The potential difference across their ends is the same.

(ii) The sum of current through them is the current drawn from the source of energy or cell.

$$I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \text{ or } V/R_P = V/R_1 + V/R_2 + V/R_3$$

(iii) The equivalent resistance is given by,

$$1/R_P = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + 1/R_3$$

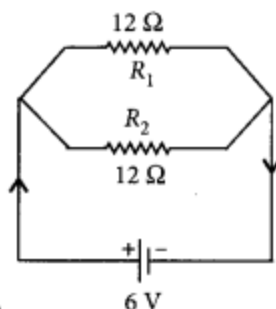
Hence equivalent resistance in parallel combination is equal to the sum of reciprocals of the individual resistances.

$$(b) \frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{2}{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow R = 6 \Omega$$

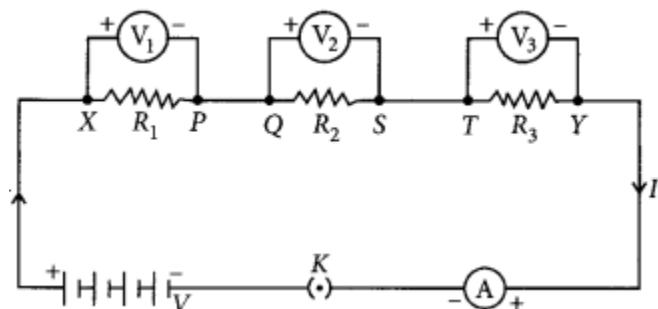
$$\therefore \text{Current, } I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{6}{6} = 1 \text{ A}$$



Question 37.

For the series combination of three resistors current in each resistor, establish the relation $R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$ where the symbols have their usual meanings. Calculate the equivalent resistance of the combination of three resistors of 6Ω , 9Ω and 18Ω joined in parallel. (Board Term I, 2016)

Answer:



Given figure shows the series combination of three resistors R_1 , R_2 and R_3 connected across a voltage source of potential difference V .

Let current I is flowing through the circuit.

V_1 , V_2 and V_3 are the potential differences across resistors R_1 , R_2 and R_3 respectively.

Since, the total potential difference across a combination of resistors in series is equal to the sum of potential difference across the individual resistors.

$$\therefore V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 \dots (i)$$

In series current through each resistor is same. Applying the Ohms law,

$$V_1 = IR_1, V_2 = IR_2 \text{ and } V_3 = IR_3 \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

If R_s is the equivalent resistance of the circuit, then

$$V = IR_s \dots (iii)$$

From eqns. (i), (ii) and (iii),

$$\text{we can write } IR_s = IR_1 + IR_2 + IR_3$$

$$\text{or } R_s = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$

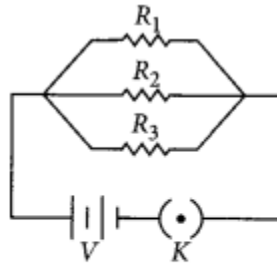
We can conclude that when several resistors are joined in series, the resistance of the combination R_s equals the sum of their individual resistances,

R_1 , R_2 and R_3

Given : $R_1 = 6 \Omega$, $R_2 = 9 \Omega$,

$R_3 = 18 \Omega$ are connected in parallel.

Equivalent resistance, R_{eq} , is given by



$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{18} = \frac{3+2+1}{18} = \frac{6}{18} = \frac{1}{3}$$

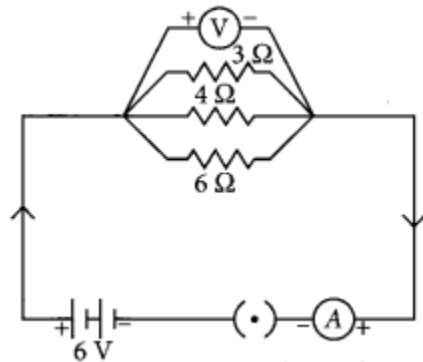
or $R_{eq} = 3 \Omega$

Question 38.

State ohms law. Represent it graphically. In the given circuit diagram calculate

(i) the total effective resistance of the circuit.

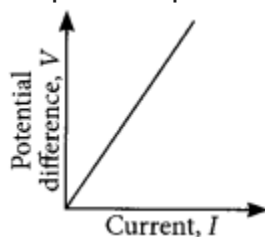
(ii) the current through each resistor.



Answer:

Ohm's law: Refer to answer 7.

Graphical representation of Ohm's law



For the given circuit

$R_1 = 3\ \Omega$, $R_2 = 4\ \Omega$, $R_3 = 6\ \Omega$ and $V = 6V$.

(i) Total effective resistance of the circuit, R_{eq} is given by

$$1/R_{eq} = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + 1/R_3 = 1/3 + 1/4 + 1/6 = 9/12$$

$$\text{or } R_{eq} = 12/9\ \Omega = 4/3\ \Omega = 1.33\ \Omega$$

(ii) Since, potential difference across each resistor connected in parallel is same.

$$\text{So, } V_1 = V_2 = V_3 = 6\ V$$

Applying Ohm's law,

$$V_1 = I_1 R_1 \text{ or } I_1 = V_1/R_1 \text{ or } I_1 = 6/3\ A = 2\ A$$

$$\text{Similarly, } I_2 = 6/4 = 1.5\ A \text{ and } I_3 = 6/6\ A = 1\ A$$

Question 39.

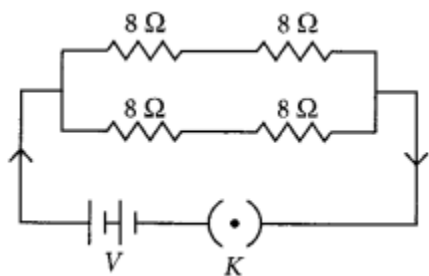
(a) Prove that the equivalent resistance of three resistors R_1 , R_2 and R_3 in series is $R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

(b) You have four resistors of $8\ \Omega$ each. Show how would you connect these resistors to have effective resistance of $8\ \Omega$? (4/5, Board Term I, 2015)

Answer:

(a) Refer to answer 37.

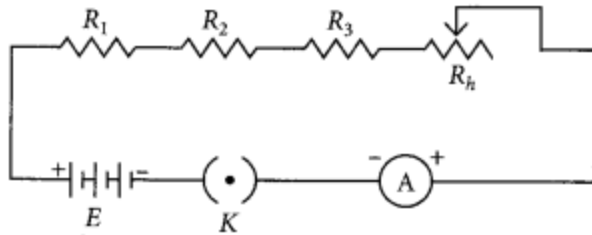
(b) If you have four $8\ \Omega$ resistors and the effective resistance is also $8\ \Omega$ then the two $8\ \Omega$ resistors are connected in series. Now you have pair of two $16\ \Omega$ resistors ($8\ \Omega + 8\ \Omega$). If you connect these resistors in parallel, you will have net resistance $8\ \Omega$.



Question 40.

Draw a labelled circuit diagram showing three resistors R_1 , R_2 and R_3 connected in series with a battery (E), a rheostat (R_h), a plug key (K) and an ammeter (A) using standard circuit symbols. Use this circuit to show that the same current flows through every part of the circuit. List two precautions you would observe while performing the experiment. (Board Term I, 2014)

Answer:



Change the positions of ammeter and note the reading of ammeter each time. You will find that all the reading obtained are same.

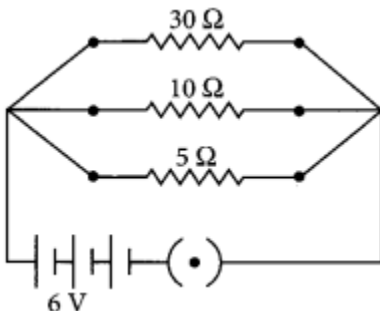
So, the value of the current in the ammeter is the same, independent of its position in the electric circuit. It means that in this circuit (series combination) the current is the same in every part of the circuit.

Precautions:

- (i) All the connections are neat and tight.
- (ii) Ammeter is connected with the proper polarity, i.e., positive terminal of the ammeter should go to positive terminal and negative terminal of ammeter to the negative terminal of the battery or cell used.

Question 41.

Two wires A and B are of equal length and have equal resistances. If the resistivity of A is more than that of B, which wire is thicker and why ? For the electric circuit given below calculate:



- (i) current in each resistor
- (ii) total current drawn from the battery, and
- (iii) equivalent resistance of the circuit. (Board Term I, 2014)

Answer:

Let l_A , a_A and R_A be the length, area of cross-section and resistance of wire A and l_B , a_B and R_B are that of wire B.

Here, $l_A = l_B$ and $R_A = R_B$

If ρ_A and ρ_B are the resistivities of wire A and B respectively then

$R_A = \rho_A \frac{l_A}{a_A}$ and $R_B = \rho_B \frac{l_B}{a_B}$, As $R_A = R_B$

$$\therefore \rho_A l_A/a_A, \rho_B l_B/a_B$$

$$\text{or } \rho_A/\rho_B = a_A/a_B$$

Since $\rho_A > \rho_B$ therefore $a_A > a_B$ Hence, wire A is thicker than wire B.

For parallel combination,

$$V_1 = V_2 = V_3 = 6V$$

(i) Using Ohm's law

$$I_1 = V_1/R_1 = 6/30 = 0.2 \text{ A}$$

$$I_2 = V_2/R_2 = 6/10 = 0.6 \text{ A}$$

$$I_3 = V_3/R_3 = 6/5 = 1.2 \text{ A}$$

(ii) Total current drawn from battery,

$$I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 = 0.2 + 0.6 + 1.2 = 2 \text{ A}$$

(iii) Equivalent resistance of the circuit, R_{eq} can be obtained by Ohm's law

$$V = I R_{eq}$$

$$\text{So, } 6 \text{ V} = 2 \text{ A} \times R_{eq} \text{ or, } R_{eq} = 6/2 = 3 \Omega$$

$$\text{Aliter, } 1/R_{eq} = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + 1/R_3$$

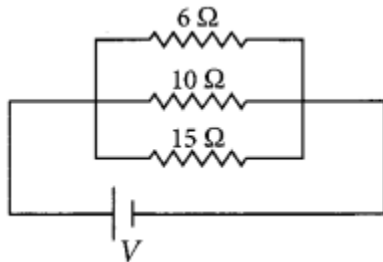
$$1/30 + 1/10 + 1/5 = 1/30 + 3/30 + 6/30 = 10/30 = 1/3$$

$$\text{or } R_{eq} = 3 \Omega$$

Question 42.

(a) Derive an expression to find the equivalent resistance of three resistors connected in series. Also draw the schematic diagram of the circuit.

(b) Find the equivalent resistance of the following circuit.



Answer:

(a) Refer to answer 37.

(b) For the given circuit,

$$R_1 = 6 \Omega, R_2 = 10 \Omega, R_3 = 15 \Omega.$$

$$\text{As } 1/R_{eq} = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + 1/R_3$$

$$1/R_{eq} = 1/6 + 1/10 + 1/15$$

$$= 5/30 + 3/30 + 2/30 = 10/30 = 1/3$$

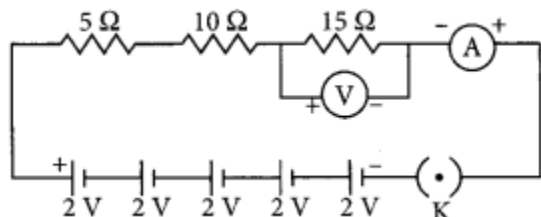
$$R_{eq} = 3 \Omega$$

Question 43.

Draw a circuit diagram for a circuit consisting of a battery of five cells of 2 volts each, a $5\ \Omega$ resistor, a $10\ \Omega$ resistor and a $15\ \Omega$ resistor, an ammeter and a plug key, all connected in series. Also connect a voltmeter to record the potential difference across the $15\ \Omega$ resistor and calculate

- (i) the electric current passing through the above circuit and
- (ii) potential difference across $5\ \Omega$ resistor when the key is closed. (Board Term 1, 2013)

Answer:



Potential of the battery, $V = (2 \times 5)\text{ V} = 10\text{ V}$

Equivalent resistance,

$$R_{\text{eq}} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$

$$= (5 + 10 + 15)\Omega = 30\ \Omega$$

(i) Current through circuit, $I = V/R = 10/30\text{ A} = 1/3\text{ A}$

(ii) Potential across $5\ \Omega$ resistor, $V_1 = IR_1$

$$= 1/3 \times 5 = 5/3\text{ V} = 1.67\text{ V}$$

Question 44.

The resistance of a resistor is reduced to half of its initial value. In doing so, if other parameters of the circuit remain unchanged, the heating effects in the resistor will become

- (a) two times
- (b) half
- (c) one-fourth
- (d) four times (2020)

Answer:

(a) : We know, $H = I^2 R t = V^2 t / R$

Now when, $R' = R/2$, $V' = V$ and $t' = t$

$$H' = V'^2 t' / R' = V^2 t / (R/2) = 2V^2 t / R = 2H$$

Question 45.

(a) Write the mathematical expression for Joules law of heating.

(b) Compute the heat generated while transferring 96000 coulomb of charge in two hours through a potential difference of 40 V. (2020)

Answer:

(a) The Joule's law of heating implies that heat produced in a resistor is

(i) directly proportional to the square of current for a given resistance,

(ii) directly proportional to resistance for a given current, and

(iii) directly proportional to the time for which the current flows through the resistor.

i.e., $H = I^2 R t$

(b) Given, charge $q = 96000 \text{ C}$, time $t = 2 \text{ h} = 7200 \text{ s}$ and potential difference $V = 40 \text{ V}$

We know, $H = I^2 R t = \frac{Q_2/t_2 \times V/Q_1}{Q_1} \times t \times t = VQ$

$= 40 \times 96000 = 3.84 \times 10^6 \text{ J} = 3.84 \text{ MJ}$

Question 46.

Write Joules law of heating. (1/3, 2018)

Answer:

Refer to answer 45(a).

Question 47.

Explain the use of an electric fuse. What type of material is used for fuse wire and why?

(Board Term I, 2016)

Answer:

Electric fuse protects circuits and appliances by stopping the flow of any unduly high electric current. It consists of a piece of wire made of a metal or an alloy of appropriate melting point, for example aluminium, copper, iron, lead etc. If a current larger than the specified value flows through the circuit, the temperature of the fuse wire increases. This melts the fuse wire and breaks the circuit.

Question 48.

(a) Why is tungsten used for making bulb filaments of incandescent lamps?

(b) Name any two electric devices based on heating effect of electric current. (2/5, Board Term I, 2015)

Answer:

(a) (i) Tungsten is a strong metal and has high melting point (3380°C).

(ii) It emits light at high temperatures (about 2500°C).

(b) Electric laundry iron and electric heater are based on heating effect of electric current.

Question 49.

A fuse wire melts at 5 A. If it is desired that the fuse wire of same material melt at 10 A, then whether the new fuse wire should be of smaller or larger radius than the earlier

one? Give reasons for your answer. (3/5, Board Term I, 2014)

Answer:

Let the resistance of the wire be R , heat produced in the fuse at 5 A in 1 s is

$$H = (5)^2 R \quad (H = I^2 R t)$$

50. fuse melts at $(5)^2 R$ joules of heat.

Let, the resistance of new wire is R'

So, heat produced in 1 second = $(10)^2 R'$

To prevent it from melting

$$(5)^2 R = (10)^2 R' \text{ or } R' = R/4$$

As $R \propto 1/A$

\therefore cross-sectional area of new fuse wire is four times the first fuse.

Now, $A = \pi r^2$, so new radius is twice the previous one. So, at 10 A, the new fuse wire of same material and length has larger radius than the earlier one.

Question 50.

What is heating effect of current? List two electrical appliances which work on this effect. (2/5, Board Term I, 2013)

Answer:

If only resistors are connected to the battery, the source energy continually gets dissipated entirely in the form of heat. This is known as heating effect of current, 'file amount of heat (77) produced in time t is given by Joule's law of heating.

$$H = I^2 R t$$

Where, I is current flowing through resistor R .

The electric laundry iron, electric toaster, electric oven, electric kettle and electric heater are some common devices based on heating effect of current.

Question 51.

Two bulbs of 100 W and 40 W are connected in series. The current through the 100 W bulb is 1 A. The current through the 40 W bulb will be

- (a) 0.4 A
- (b) 0.6 A
- (c) 0.8 A
- (d) 1 A (2020)

Answer:

(d) : Given power of first bulb, $P_1 = 100$ W and second bulb $P_2 = 40$ W

Current through 100 W bulb, $I_1 = 1$ A

Current through 40 W bulb, $I_2 = ?$

Since both the bulbs are connected in series, the electric current passing through both the bulbs are same i.e., $I_2 = 1 \text{ A}$.

Question 52.

Write the relation between resistance (R) of filament of a bulb, its power (P) and a constant voltage V applied across it. (Board Term I, 2017)

Answer:

$$P = V^2/R$$

Question 53.

Power of a lamp is 60 W. Find the energy in joules consumed by it in 1s. (Board Term I, 2016)

Answer:

Here, power of lamp, $P = 60 \text{ W}$ time,

$$t = 1 \text{ s}$$

So, energy consumed = Power \times time = $(60 \times 1) \text{ J} = 60 \text{ J}$

Question 54.

How much current will an electric iron draw from a 220 V source if the resistance of its element when hot is 55 ohms? Calculate the wattage of the electric iron when it operates on 220 volts. (Board Term I, 2016)

Answer:

Here, $V = 220 \text{ V}$, $R = 55 \Omega$

By Ohm's law $V = IR$

$$\therefore 220 = I \times 55 \text{ or } I = 4 \text{ A}$$

Wattage of electric iron = Power

$$= V^2/R = (220)^2/55 = 880 \text{ W}$$

Question 57.

An electric bulb is connected to a 220 V generator. The current is 2.5 A. Calculate the power of the bulb. (1/3, Board Term I, 2015)

Answer:

Here, $V = 220 \text{ V}$, $I = 2.5 \text{ A}$

$$\text{Power of the bulb } P = VI = 220 \times 2.5 \text{ W} = 550 \text{ W}$$

