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Quiz name: Circuits

1. Which of the following light bulbs has the largest current through it when operated at the voltage for which it's rated?

- (A) 4.0 W, 7.5 V $4/7.5 = 0.53 \text{ A}$
- (B) 30 W, 15 V $30/15 = 2 \text{ A}$ $P = I \cdot \Delta V$ $I = \frac{P}{\Delta V}$
- (C) 20 W, 23 V 0.87 A
- (D) 40 W, 30 V $40/30 = 1.33 \text{ A}$

2. Which of the following light bulbs has the largest resistance when operated at the voltage for which it's rated?

- (A) 6.4 W, 12 V $12^2/6.4 = 22.5 \Omega$
 - (B) 48 W, 24 V $24^2/48 = 12 \Omega$
 - (C) 32 W, 36 V $36^2/32 = 40.5 \Omega$
 - (D) 64 W, 48 V $48^2/64 = 36 \Omega$
- $P = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{R}$
 $R = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{P}$

3. A copper wire is stretched so that its length increases and its diameter decreases.

- (A) The wire's resistance decreases, but its resistivity stays the same.
- (B) The wire's resistivity decreases, but its resistance stays the same.
- (C) The wire's resistance increases, but its resistivity stays the same.
- (D) The wire's resistivity increases, but its resistance stays the same.

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$$

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4. The potential difference (voltage) across a length of wire is increased. Which of the following does not increase as well?

- (A) The power dissipated in the wire.
- (B) The resistance of the wire.
- (C) The current in the wire.

Resistance of an object is set by its manufacturing. It won't change if V or I change

5. A stereo amplifier creates a 7.0 V potential difference across a speaker. To double the power output of the speaker, the amplifier's potential difference (voltage) must be increased to

- (A) 9.9 V
- (B) 20 V
- (C) 14 V
- (D) 49 V

Resistance of the speaker won't change.

$$P = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{R} \rightarrow \Delta V = \sqrt{P \cdot R}$$

If P doubles, ΔV increases by a factor of $\sqrt{2}$.

$$7\sqrt{2} = 9.9 \text{ V}$$

6. A resistor connected to a 3.0 V battery dissipates 1.0 W. If the battery is replaced by a 6.0 V battery, the power dissipated by the resistor will be

- (A) 1 W
- (B) 2 W
- (C) 3 W
- (D) 4 W

Resistance of the resistor won't change.

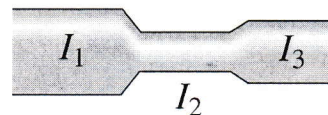
$$P = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{R}$$

If ΔV doubles, P will increase by a factor of 4

7. The figure shows a side view of a wire of varying circular cross section. Rank in order the currents flowing in the three sections

- (A) $I_1 > I_2 > I_3$
 (B) $I_3 > I_2 > I_1$
 (C) $I_1 = I_2 = I_3$
 (D) $I_1 > I_3 > I_2$

Since they are in series with each other, current must be the same.



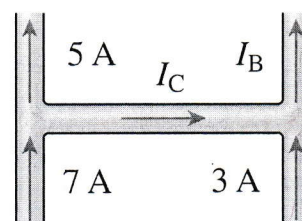
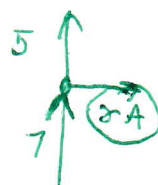
8. A person gains weight by adding fat - and therefore adding girth - to his body and his limbs, with the amount of muscle remaining constant. How will this affect the electrical resistance of his limbs?

- (A) the resistance will increase
 (B) the resistance will decrease
 (C) the resistance will stay the same

9. What is the current through I_C

- (A) 2 A
 (B) 3 A
 (C) 5 A
 (D) 7 A
 (E) 12 A

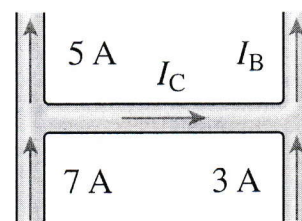
whatever current goes into the node must split



into parts which add up to original, so if 7 A goes into the node, 7 A must come out.

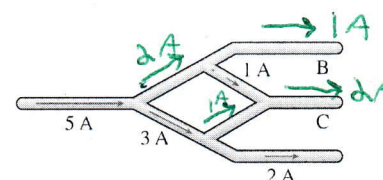
10. What is the current through I_B

- (A) 2 A
 (B) 3 A
 (C) 5 A
 (D) 7 A
 (E) 12 A



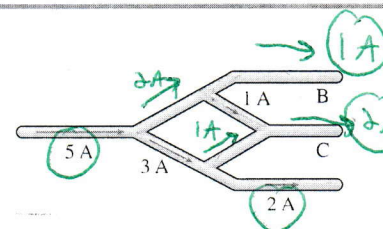
11. What is the current through section B?

- (A) 1 A
 (B) 2 A
 (C) 3 A
 (D) 4 A
 (E) 5 A



12. What is the current through section C?

- (A) 1 A
 (B) 2 A
 (C) 3 A
 (D) 4 A
 (E) 5 A



Note that $1 + 2 + 2 = 5$

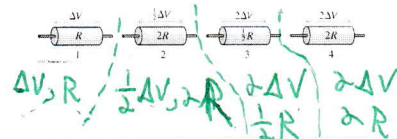
13. Which of these has the most current?

- (A) 1
(B) 2
(C) 3
(D) 4

using Ohm's Law

1) $I = \frac{\Delta V}{R}$ 2) $I = \frac{\Delta V}{4R}$ 3) $\left(\frac{4\Delta V}{R}\right)$ largest

4) $\frac{\Delta V}{R}$

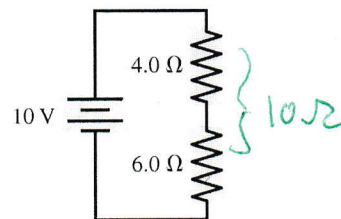


14. What is the current in the circuit of the figure?

- (A) 1.0 A
(B) 1.7 A
(C) 2.5 A
(D) 4.2 A

$\Delta V = IR$

$I = \frac{\Delta V}{R} = \frac{10}{10} = 1A$

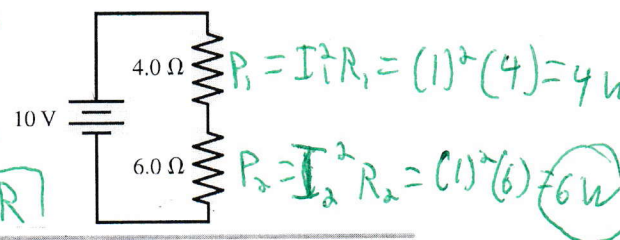


15. Which resistor in the figure dissipates the most power?

- (A) The 4 ohm resistor
(B) The 6 ohm resistor
(C) Both dissipate the same power

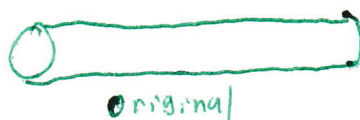
Current is the same in both and Resistance is set by each, so

look at: $P = I^2 R$



16. A metal wire of length L and resistance R is cut into two pieces of equal length. The two pieces are connected together side by side. What is the new resistance?

- (A) $R/4$
(B) $R/2$
(C) R
(D) $2R$
(E) $4R$



$R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$

Note by cutting it in half, you have decrease L by half and by placing them next to each other, you have doubled area.

17. Does the bulb light?

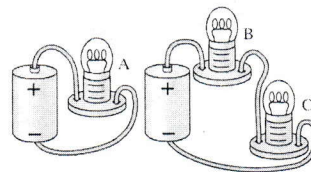
- (A) Yes
(B) No

Nothing is attached to the negative end!



18. The three bulbs are identical and the two batteries are identical. Compare the brightnesses of the bulbs.

- (A) $A > B > C$
(B) $A > C > B$
(C) $A > B = C$
(D) $A < B = C$
(E) $A = B = C$



19. The potential difference across the 10 resistor is

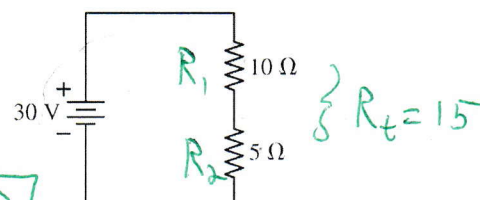
= voltage

- (A) 30 V
- (B) 20 V
- (C) 15 V
- (D) 10 V
- (E) 5 V

$$\Delta V_t = I_t R_t$$

$$I_t = \frac{\Delta V_t}{R_t} = \frac{30}{15} = 2 \text{ A}$$

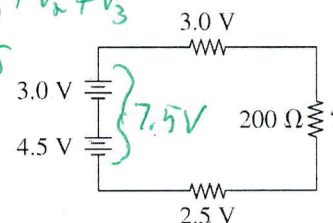
$$\Delta V_1 = I_1 R_1 = (2)(10) = 20 \text{ V}$$



20. The diagram below shows a circuit with two batteries and three resistors. What is the potential difference across the 200 Ω resistor?

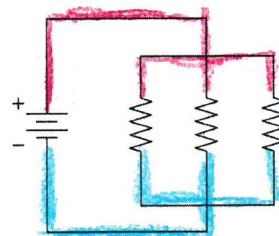
- (A) 2.0 V
- (B) 3.0 V
- (C) 4.5 V
- (D) 7.5 V
- (E) There is not enough information to decide.

Series: $V_t = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$
 $7.5 = 3 + V_2 + 2.5$
 $V_2 = 2 \text{ V}$



21. What things about the resistors in this circuit are the same for all three?

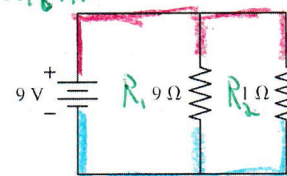
- (A) Current I
- (B) Potential difference ΔV
- (C) Resistance R
- (D) A & B
- (E) B & C



22. Which resistor dissipates more power? ΔV is the same for both and R is set for each.

- (A) The 9 Ω resistor
- (B) The 1 Ω resistor
- (C) They dissipate the same power

$$P = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{R}$$



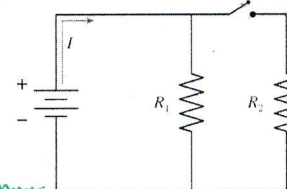
$$P_1 = \frac{(\Delta V_1)^2}{R_1} = \frac{9^2}{9} = 9 \text{ W}$$

$$P_2 = \frac{(\Delta V_2)^2}{R_2} = \frac{9^2}{1} = 81 \text{ W}$$

23. When the switch closes the battery current

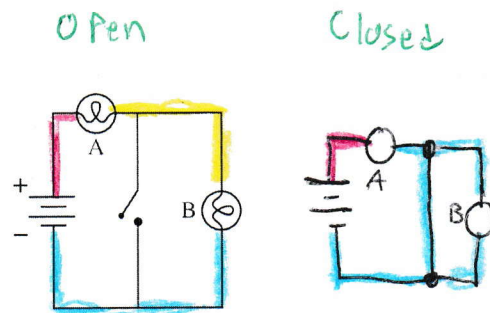
- (A) increases
- (B) stays the same
- (C) decreases

When switch is open, I is just R_1 in the circuit.
 When switch is closed, we have R_1 & R_2 in parallel, so resistance has decreased. So current increases.



24. The lightbulbs are identical. Initially both bulbs are glowing. What happens when the switch is closed?

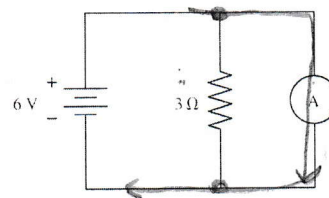
- (A) Nothing
- (B) A stays the same; B gets dimmer.
- (C) A gets brighter; B stays the same.
- (D) Both get dimmer.
- ☒ (E) A gets brighter; B goes out.



25. What does the ammeter read?

- (A) 6 A
- (B) 3 A
- (C) 2 A
- (D) Some other value
- ☒ (E) Nothing because this will fry the meter.

Ammeters have "0" resistance.
This has created a short circuit!



26. Every minute, 120 C of charge flow through this cross section of the wire.

- (A) 240 A
- (B) 120 A
- (C) 60 A
- ☒ (D) 2 A
- (E) Some other value

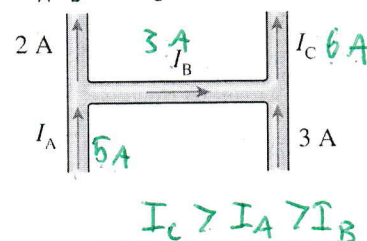
$I = \frac{Q}{t} = \frac{120}{60} = 2 \text{ A}$



27. The wires shown next carry currents as noted. Rate the currents I_A , I_B , and I_C .

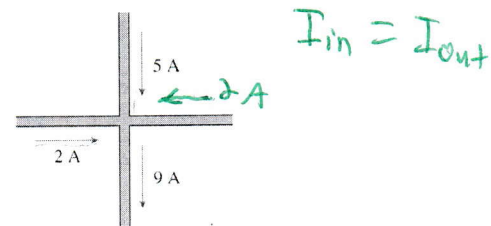
- (A) $I_A > I_B > I_C$
- (B) $I_B > I_A > I_C$
- ☒ (C) $I_C > I_A > I_B$
- (D) $I_A > I_C > I_B$
- (E) $I_C > I_B > I_A$

If you have trouble, just set I_A to some random number and see what happens.



28. Consider the junction: The current in the fourth wire is

- (A) 16 A to the right.
- (B) 4 A to the left.
- (C) 2 A to the right.
- ☒ (D) 2 A to the left.
- (E) Not enough information to tell



29. A battery is connected to a wire, and creates a current in the wire. Which of the following changes would increase the current?

- (A) Increasing the length of the wire
- ☒ (B) Keeping the wire the same length, but making it thicker
- (C) Using a battery with a lower emf (voltage)
- (D) Making the wire into a coil, but keeping its dimensions the same
- (E) Changing the wire material from copper to nichrome

$R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$
thicker wires mean less resistance which means more current.

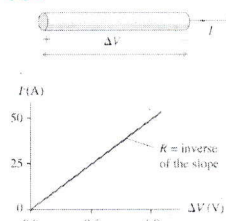
30. The current through a wire is measured as the potential difference ΔV is varied. What is the wire's resistance?

- (A) 0.01 Ω
 (B) 0.02 Ω
 (C) 50 Ω
 (D) 100 Ω
 (E) Some other value

$\Delta V = IR$ so on an I vs. ΔV graph, the slope would be $\frac{1}{R}$

Slope = 50

$\rightarrow R = \frac{1}{50} = 0.02 \Omega$



31. Wire 2 is twice the length and twice the diameter of wire 1. What is the ratio R_2/R_1 of their resistances?

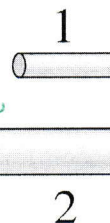
- (A) 1/4
 (B) 1/2
 (C) 1
 (D) 2
 (E) 4

$R = \rho \frac{l}{A} = \rho \frac{l}{\pi r^2}$

- If you double length you double R ,

- But if you double r , you decrease

R by a factor of $\frac{1}{4}$, so overall $R_2 = \frac{1}{2} R_1$



32. Several light bulbs, different rated voltages, powers. Which one has highest resistance?

- (A) A
 (B) B
 (C) C
 (D) D
 (E) E

$P = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{R}$

$R = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{P}$

Bulb	Voltage across Bulb	Power Dissipated by Bulb
A	10 V	1 W
B	8 V	1 W
C	12 V	2 W
D	6 V	2 W
E	3 V	3 W

33. Which has a larger resistance, a 60 W lightbulb or a 100 W lightbulb, assuming they are both rated for a 120 V socket.

- (A) The 60 W bulb
 (B) The 100 W bulb
 (C) Their resistances are the same.
 (D) There's not enough information to tell.

$P = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{R}$

$R = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{P}$

$R_1 = \frac{120^2}{60} = 240 \Omega$
 $R_2 = \frac{120^2}{100} = 144 \Omega$

34. What would the slope of a Current (y-axis) vs Voltage (x-axis) represent?

- (A) R
 (B) 1/R
 (C) P
 (D) 1/P

The slope of a Voltage vs. Current graph is resistance.

So the slope of a current vs. voltage graph would be $\frac{1}{R}$

35. What would the area under a Voltage (y-axis) vs Current (x-axis) represent?

- (A) R
 (B) 1/R
 (C) P
 (D) 1/P

$P = I \Delta V$

Power is the product of voltage and current.

36. What would the slope of a Power (y-axis) vs. Current (x-axis) represent?



V



1/V



R



1/R

$$P = I \Delta V$$

$$y = m \cdot x + \overset{0}{\cancel{b}}$$

$$\text{or } P = \Delta V \cdot I$$