

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Electricity



1.

An electric bulb draws a current of 0.25 A for 20 minutes. Calculate the amount of electric charge that flows through the circuit.

Solution

Current, I = 0.25 A

Charge, Q = ?

And Time, t = 20 minutes

= 20 × 60 seconds

= 1200 s

$$I = \frac{Q}{t}$$

$$0.25 = \frac{Q}{1200}$$

$$Q = 0.25 \times 1200 \text{ C}$$

$$Q = 300 \text{ C}$$

2.

How much work is done in moving a charge of 2 coulombs from a point at 118 volts to a point at 128 volts ?

Solution

Here, Potential difference, $V = 128 - 118 = 10$ volts

Work done, $W = ?$

Charge moved, $Q = 2$ coulombs

Putting these values in formula, we get : $V = W / Q$

$$10 = \frac{W}{Q}$$

$W = 10 \times 2$ Thus, Work done, $W = 20$ joules

3.

By what other name is the unit joule/coulomb called ?

4.

What is meant by saying that the electric potential at a point is 1 volt ?

5.

How much work is done when one coulomb charge moves against a potential difference of 1 volt ?

6.

What do you understand by the term “potential difference” ?

7.

What is meant by saying that the potential difference between two points is 1 volt ?

8.

What is the potential difference between the terminals of a battery if 250 joules of work is required to transfer 20 coulombs of charge from one terminal of battery to the other ?

9.

What is a voltmeter ?

10.

Define electric current. What is the SI unit of electric current.

11.

One coulomb of charge flows through any cross-section of a conductor in 1 second. What is the current flowing through the conductor ?

12.

Which instrument is used to measure electric current ? How should it be connected in a circuit ?

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Potential difference between two points of a wire carrying 2 ampere current is 0.1 volt. Calculate the resistance between these points.

Solution

$$\frac{V}{I} = R$$

Potential difference, V = 0.1 volt

Current, I = 2 amperes

Resistance, R = ?

Putting these values in the above formula, we get :

$$\frac{0.1}{2} = R$$

$$0.05 = R$$

$$R = 0.05\Omega$$

14.

An electric iron draws a current of 3.4 A from the 220 V supply line. What current will this electric iron draw when connected to 110 V supply line ?

Solution

we will calculate the resistance of electric iron. Now, in the first case, the electric iron draws a current of 3.4 A from 220 V supply line.

$$\frac{V}{I} = R$$

Potential difference, V = 220volt

Current, I = 3.4 amperes

Resistance, R = ?

Putting these values in the above formula, we get :

$$\frac{220}{3.4} = R$$

$$64.7 = R$$

$$R = 64.7\Omega$$

This resistance will now be used to find out the current drawn when the electric iron is connected to 110 V supply line.

$$\frac{V}{I} = R$$

$$\frac{220}{I} = 34.7$$

$$I = \frac{110}{64.7} = 1.7 \text{ A}$$

15.

Name the law which relates the current in a conductor to the potential difference across its ends.

16.

Name the unit of electrical resistance and give its symbol.

17.

Name the physical quantity whose unit is “ohm”.

18.

What is the ratio of potential difference and current known as

19.

Write down the formula which states the relation between potential difference, current and resistance.

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A copper wire of length 2 m and area of cross-section $1.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$ has a resistance of 2×10^{-2} ohms. Calculate the resistivity of copper.

Solution

Resistivity (ρ) = $\frac{R \times A}{l}$

Resistance, $R = 2 \times 10^{-2} \Omega$

Area of cross-section, $A = 1.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$

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

$$\begin{aligned}(\rho) &= \frac{2 \times 10^{-2} \times 1.7 \times 10^{-6}}{2} \\ &= 1.7 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

21.

What happens to the resistance as the conductor is made thicker ?

22.

If the length of a wire is doubled by taking more of wire, what happens to its resistance

24.

(a) What do you understand by the “resistivity” of a substance ?

(b) A wire is 1.0 m long, 0.2 mm in diameter and has a resistance of $10\ \Omega$. Calculate the resistivity of its material ?

25.

If four resistances, each of value 1 ohm, are connected in series, what will be the resultant resistance ?

Solution

we have four resistances, each of 1 ohm, connected in series.

if we have four resistances R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 connected in series, then their resultant resistance R is given by :

$$\mathbf{R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4}$$

$$\mathbf{Resultant\ resistance,\ R = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1}$$

$$\mathbf{R = 4\ \Omega}$$

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Give the law of combination of resistances in series.

27. If five resistances, each of value 0.2 ohm, are connected in series, what will be the resultant resistance ?

28. State the law of combination of resistances in parallel.

29.

What will be the current drawn by an electric bulb of 40 W when it is connected to a source of 220 V ?

Solution.

In this case we have been given power P and voltage V, so the formula to be used for calculating the current will be :

$$\mathbf{P = V \times I}$$

Power, P =40 watts

Voltage, V =220 volts And, Current, I =?

putting these values in the above formula,

we get : $40 = 220 \times I$

$$\mathbf{I = \frac{40}{220} = \frac{2}{11}}$$

Current, I =0.18 ampere

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