

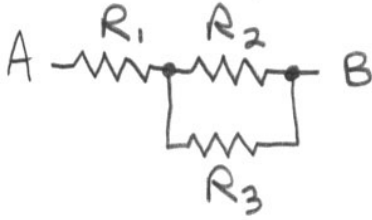
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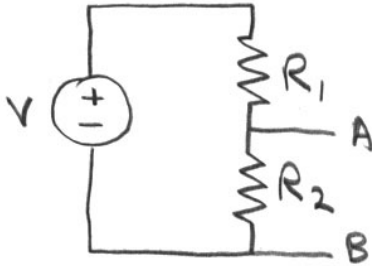
1. The coulomb is a unit of
  - A. charge
  - B. voltage
  - C. energy
  - D. capacitance
  - E. current
  
2. The following is *not* true about voltage:
  - A. It describes the energy required to move a unit charge from one place to another.
  - B. It describes the number of electrons passing a certain point in a circuit over a given period of time.
  - C. It can be considered for a single point in a circuit only relative to a reference point, normally called “ground.”
  - D. When measured across a resistor, it is linearly related to the current through that resistor by Ohm’s law.
  - E. It is roughly analogous to pressure for water flow.
  
3. Any network of perfect voltage sources, perfect current sources, and resistors with two access points can be replaced with
  - A. A variety of perfect current sources by themselves.
  - B. A unique Thevenin equivalent with a single voltage source and a single resistor.
  - C. A Norton equivalent, but only if no voltage sources exist in the original network.
  - D. A single resistor by itself.
  - E. A single perfect voltage source by itself.

4. What is the resistance between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 10\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 40\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 40\Omega$ ?



- A.  $20\Omega$
- B.  $90\Omega$
- C.  $10\Omega$
- D.  $50\Omega$
- E.  $30\Omega$

5. What is the voltage between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 10\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 40\Omega$ , and  $V = 5V$ ?



- A. 1V
- B. 5V
- C. 0V
- D. 4V
- E. 2V

6. The following is an appropriate thing to do with your digital voltmeter:

- A. None of the others are appropriate.
- B. Measure the voltage at one point in a circuit with the red lead, using the 'voltage' setting, leaving the black lead disconnected as a "floating" reference.
- C. Measure the resistance across a collection of interconnected resistors plugged into a breadboard using the 'resistance' setting
- D. Measure the resistance across a battery using the 'resistance' setting
- E. Measure the resistance across a capacitor using the 'voltage' setting

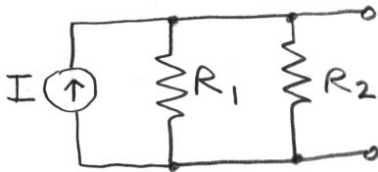
7. How many joules does a 500 W toaster expend in 2 minutes?

- A. 60,000 J
- B. 1,000 J
- C. Cannot be determined.
- D. 41.7 J
- E. 250 J

8. The resistance of very thin piece of copper wire is  $100\ \Omega$ . The resistance another piece of wire with twice the cross-sectional area and half the length is

- A.  $50\ \Omega$ .
- B.  $200\ \Omega$ .
- C.  $400\ \Omega$ .
- D.  $25\ \Omega$ .
- E.  $100\ \Omega$ .

9. What are  $V_{th}$  and  $R_{th}$  for the Thevenin equivalent of the following circuit, if  $R_1 = 100\ \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100\ \Omega$ , and  $I = 100\ \text{mA}$ .



- A. 500 mV,  $200\ \Omega$
- B. 5 V,  $100\ \Omega$
- C. 5 V,  $50\ \Omega$
- D. 50 V,  $50\ \Omega$
- E. 2.5 V,  $50\ \Omega$

10. Which of the following is *not* a factor in the danger of electrocution?

- A. cardiac fibrillation
- B. whether the victim is wearing rubber soled shoes
- C. at least two points of contact are required to complete a circuit with the body
- D. skin resistance is lowered by moisture
- E. direct current does not pass through the skin capacitance

11. The condition in a component when constant current is linearly related to constant voltage is governed by
- A. Inductance
  - B. Kirchhoff's current law.
  - C. Capacitance
  - D. Kirchhoff's voltage law.
  - E. Ohm's law.
12. As functions of time, energy is related to power, as functions of time, as follows:
- A. Energy is the derivative of power.
  - B. Average energy is change in power.
  - C. Energy is the integral of power.
  - D. Energy is power divided by time.
  - E. None of the others is correct.
13. Any circuit only containing resistors, perfect DC voltage sources, and perfect DC current sources
- A. may exhibit AC voltages or currents.
  - B. has a single solution in terms of the voltages and currents.
  - C. will dissipate energy from each of the voltage and current sources.
  - D. will exhibit superposition in terms of the effects of the current sources but not the voltage sources.
  - E. All of these are correct.
14. A battery is measured as having a voltage of 9 V without any load attached. Then an  $8\ \Omega$  resistor is attached across the battery's leads and 8 V is measured across that resistor. What value of resistor would you replace the  $8\ \Omega$  resistor with to yield 7 V?
- A.  $10.33\ \Omega$
  - B.  $3.5\ \Omega$
  - C.  $4\ \Omega$
  - D.  $2\ \Omega$
  - E. cannot be determined
15. The following are all true about Ohm's law, *except*
- A. Ohm's law is absolutely true for all electronic components.
  - B. It describes a property called resistance, which is a fixed proportion of current to voltage for a particular component.
  - C. It was invented by George Ohm, whose name happens to sound like a particular Greek letter.
  - D. It has a strong analogy to the flow of water in a pipe due to the difference in pressure at the two ends of the pipe.
  - E. It says that, for a given resistance, the greater the voltage difference across a resistor, the greater the current.

16. The following are all true about voltage, *except*

- A. A single point can only have a voltage relative to some other point. If not otherwise specified, that other point is often assumed to be 'ground'.
- B. The voltage between 2 points is the energy required to move a unit charge between them.
- C. It specifies the number of electrons passing through a component in a given period of time.
- D. It can be constant, or it can vary with time.
- E. In the plumbing analogy to circuits, voltage is roughly analogous to pressure.

17. The following are useful tips about safety and electricity, *except*

- A. High voltage can cause tetanus, or muscle contraction, so you can't let go!
- B. It is safer to wear dry shoes with rubber soles.
- C. Barefoot and dripping from the beach is an OK time to change the lightbulb.
- D. Electricity usually kills by effecting the heart, so keep your heart out of the circuit.
- E. Skin resistivity is lowered by water, especially salt water.

18. The joule is a unit of

- A. power
- B. current
- C. voltage
- D. charge
- E. energy

19. Kirchoff's current law states that for any given node in a circuit

- A. electrons can pile up endlessly without effect.
- B. the sum of the currents entering the node equals the sum of the currents leaving the node.
- C. the voltage with respect to ground is the same as at every other node in the circuit.
- D. the voltage at that node cannot be 0 with respect to ground.
- E. there can only be one connection to one other node in the entire circuit.

20. Kirchoff's voltage law states that

- A. the current around any loop can never be zero.
- B. power equals voltage times current.
- C. the sum of the voltages around any loop must equal zero.
- D. voltage is best in Russia.
- E. voltage across a resistor divided by the resistance equals the current through the resistor.

21. The power dissipated by a  $10\ \Omega$  resistor with  $5\ \text{V}$  across it is
- A.  $50\ \text{W}$
  - B.  $2.5\ \text{W}$
  - C.  $20\ \text{W}$
  - D. Cannot be determined from the data given.
  - E.  $2\ \text{W}$
22. Two resistors are in parallel with  $20\ \text{V}$  across both of them. Each resistor is  $10\ \text{K}\Omega$ . What is the current through *one* of the resistors?
- A.  $5\ \text{mA}$
  - B.  $4\ \text{mA}$
  - C.  $1\ \text{mA}$
  - D.  $2\ \text{mA}$
  - E. Cannot be determined from the data given.
23. A particular voltage divider with  $15\ \text{V}$  across it consists of two resistors in series. One resistor is  $20\ \Omega$  and the other is  $10\ \Omega$ . What is the voltage across the  $20\ \Omega$  resistor?
- A.  $10\ \text{V}$
  - B.  $0\ \text{V}$
  - C.  $15\ \text{V}$
  - D.  $5\ \text{V}$
  - E.  $7.5\ \text{V}$
24. Which of the following is *not* true about a perfect current source?
- A. The only circuit that it cannot cope with is an open circuit.
  - B. It delivers a fixed voltage irrespective of the other components in the circuit.
  - C. It is capable of producing very large voltages.
  - D. It has an effective impedance of infinity, since a change in voltage across it results in no change in current.
  - E. It guarantees a certain number of electrons per second irrespective of the voltage across it.
25. The Thevenin equivalent to a circuit containing resistors, current sources and voltage sources, with two access points
- A. consists of a single voltage source in parallel with a resistance.
  - B. consists of a single voltage source in series with a resistance.
  - C. consists of a single current source in series with a resistance.
  - D. consists of a single current source in parallel with a resistance.
  - E. None of the other answers is correct.

26. Which of the following is (are) true about *superposition* in solving for currents in DC circuits

I - Each current source and voltage source is considered separately, setting all the others to zero, and the resulting currents are added.

II - Setting a source to zero means making a voltage source a short circuit and making a current source an open circuit.

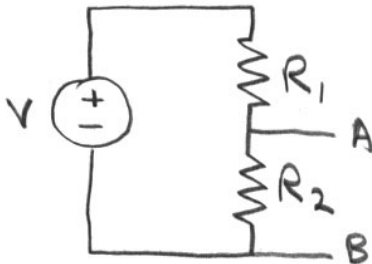
III - Superposition relies on the fact that Ohm's law is linear, i.e., that currents add linearly with voltage.

- A. I and II
- B. Only I
- C. II and III
- D. I and III
- E. I, II, and III

27. Two resistors are in parallel with 20 V across both of them. Each resistor is 10 K $\Omega$ . What is the current through *one* of the resistors?

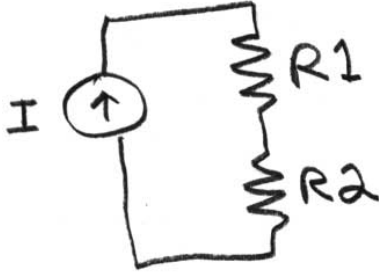
- A. Cannot be determined from the data given.
- B. 4 mA
- C. 5 mA
- D. 1 mA
- E. 2 mA

28. What is the voltage between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 20\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 30\Omega$ , and  $V = 15V$ ?



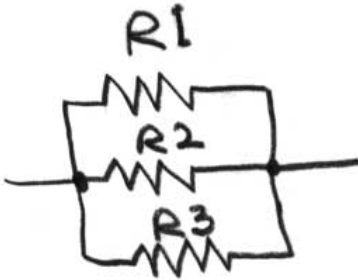
- A. 10V
- B. 9V
- C. 5V
- D. 0V
- E. 15V

29. What is the voltage across  $R_1$ , given that  $R_1 = 10K\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 5K\Omega$ , and  $I = 1mA$ ?



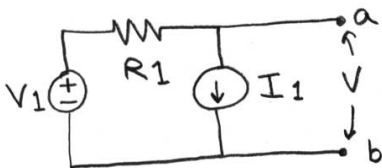
- A. 15 V
- B. 5 mV
- C. 10 mV
- D. 15 mV
- E. 10 V

30. What is the resistance of the entire branch, given that  $R_1 = 100K\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100K\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 50K\Omega$ ?



- A.  $R_1 = 200K\Omega$
- B.  $R_1 = 250K\Omega$
- C.  $R_1 = 50K\Omega$
- D.  $R_1 = 100K\Omega$
- E.  $R_1 = 25K\Omega$

31. What is the voltage between points  $a$  and  $b$ , given that  $R_1 = 5\Omega$ ,  $V_1 = 10V$ , and  $I_1 = 2A$ ?



- A. 0 V
- B. Cannot be determined
- C. 25 V
- D. 10 V
- E. 20 V



**32.** Which of the following is (are) true about *superposition* in solving DC circuits

I - Each current source and voltage source is considered separately, setting all the others to zero, and the resulting currents are added.

II - It may be accomplished by setting the voltage of the voltage source to zero (making it a short circuit), and setting the current of the current source to zero (making it an open circuit).

III - Superposition works even when some of the components are not linear in their relationship between voltage and current.

- A. Only I
- B. I, II, and III
- C. I and III
- D. I and II
- E. II and III

**33.** The power dissipated by a  $100\ \Omega$  resistor with 5 V across it is

- A. 20 mW
- B. 250 mW
- C. 2.5 W
- D. 20 W
- E. 500 mW

**34.** Kirchoff's current law states that for any given node in a circuit

- A. the voltage with respect to ground is what is meant when no other reference point is specified.
- B. the voltages around a loop add to zero.
- C. current times voltage equals resistance.
- D. the sum of the currents entering the node equals the sum of the currents leaving the node.
- E. when a current enters a node, electric charge accumulates without appreciable effect.

**35.** The following are useful tips about safety and electricity, *except*

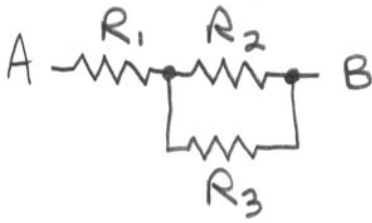
- A. Skin resistivity is lowered by water, especially salt water.
- B. As long as your feet are grounded you are safe.
- C. High voltage can cause tetanus, or muscle contraction, so you can't let go!
- D. Barefoot and dripping from the beach is a bad time to change the lightbulb.
- E. Electricity usually kills by effecting the heart, so keep your heart out of the circuit.

**36.** Energy is related to power as follows:

- A. Average energy over time is the change in power.
- B. Power is the derivative of energy with respect to time.
- C. Energy is the derivative of power with respect to time.
- D. Energy is power divided by time.
- E. None of the others is correct.

37. How many joules does a 25 W light bulb expend in 4 minutes?
- A. 6,000 J
  - B. Cannot be determined.
  - C. 104 mJ
  - D. 6.25 J
  - E. 100 J
38. A particular voltage divider with 5 V across it consists of two resistors in series. One resistor is 2 K $\Omega$  and the other is 500  $\Omega$ . What is the voltage across the 2 K $\Omega$  resistor?
- A. The answer cannot be determined without knowing which order the resistors are in.
  - B. 5 V
  - C. 0 V
  - D. 1 V
  - E. 4 V
39. A 3 V voltage source is connected in series with a 15  $\Omega$  resistor. The Norton equivalent
- A. does not exist.
  - B. has a 5 A current source in parallel with a 15  $\Omega$  resistor.
  - C. has a 200 mA current source in series with a 15  $\Omega$  resistor.
  - D. has a 200 mA current source in parallel with a 15  $\Omega$  resistor.
  - E. has a 5 A current source in series with a 15  $\Omega$  resistor.
40. A battery is measured as having a voltage of 9 V without any load attached. Then a 5  $\Omega$  resistor is attached across the battery's leads and 5 V is measured across that resistor. What is the internal resistance of the battery?
- A. 1  $\Omega$
  - B. 4  $\Omega$
  - C. 9  $\Omega$
  - D. 5  $\Omega$
  - E. cannot be determined
41. The following is not true about current:
- A. When measured across any electrical component, current is linearly related to the voltage through that component.
  - B. The unit of current is the Ampere, which equals  $6.241 \times 10^{18}$  electrons per second.
  - C. It describes the number of electrons passing a certain point per second.
  - D. In general, it can be said to obey Kirchoff's Current Law, which states that no charge accumulates at any given node in a circuit.
  - E. Its relationship to voltage across either a capacitor or inductor (coil) takes the form of a first order differential equation with respect to time.

42. What is the resistance between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 10 \text{ M}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 40 \text{ }\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 40 \text{ M}\Omega$ ? Calculate only to two significant digits.



- A.  $40 \text{ }\Omega$
- B.  $50 \text{ M}\Omega$
- C.  $30 \text{ }\Omega$
- D.  $10 \text{ M}\Omega$
- E.  $30 \text{ M}\Omega$

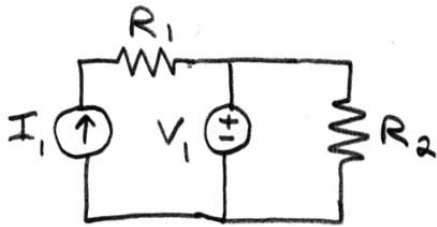
43. The following are true about safety and electricity, *except*

- A. High voltage can cause muscle contraction preventing the victim from releasing the wire.
- B. Alternating current (AC) is inherently safer than direct current (DC), which is why we use it to transmit power.
- C. Electricity usually kills by effecting the heart, so electricians are taught to use one hand near a high voltage.
- D. Hospital equipment often prevents direction connection between the patient-contacting equipment and 110 V by use of optical isolators and transformers.
- E. Skin resistivity is lowered by water, especially salt water.

44. The Norton equivalent to a circuit with two access points, containing resistors, current sources and voltage sources,

- A. consists of a single voltage source in parallel with a resistance.
- B. consists of a single current source in series with a resistance.
- C. consists of a single current source in parallel with a resistance.
- D. None of the other answers is correct.
- E. consists of a single voltage source in series with a resistance.

45. Regarding the following circuit, which of the following is (are) true?



- I - The voltage across  $R_1$  is  $I_1 \times R_1$ .
- II - The current through  $R_2$  is  $\frac{V_1}{R_2}$ .
- III - Superposition holds for this circuit.

- A. I, II, and III
- B. None of the other answers is correct.
- C. I and III
- D. II and III
- E. I and II

46. How many joules does a 12 V car battery expend attempting to start a car during 5 seconds if the electric motor in the starter draws 10 amperes?

- A. 600 J
- B. 6.0 J
- C. 24 J
- D. Cannot be determined.
- E. 4.17 J

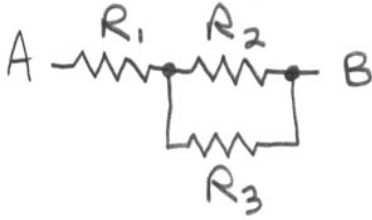
47. Which of the following statements is *false* about resistors?

- A. When connected in series, the conductance of two resistors adds.
- B. The voltage across a resistor (positive or negative) is proportional to the current (positive or negative) flowing through the resistor.
- C. The same amount of current that enters one end must leave the other.
- D. If a constant voltage is across a resistor, the power dissipated as heat is proportional to that voltage squared.
- E. If a constant current is flowing through a given resistor, the power dissipated as heat is proportional to that current squared.

48. The following is *not* true about voltage:

- A. It is roughly analogous to pressure for water flow.
- B. When measured across a resistor, it is linearly related to the current through that resistor by Ohm's law.
- C. It can be considered for a single point in a circuit only relative to a reference point, normally called "ground."
- D. It has only existed relatively recently, since the invention of batteries, generators, solar cells, etc.
- E. It describes the energy required to move a unit charge from one place to another.

49. What is the resistance between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 60\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 100\Omega$ ?

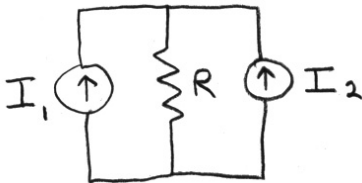


- A.  $50\Omega$
- B.  $60\Omega$
- C.  $260\Omega$
- D.  $110\Omega$
- E.  $160\Omega$

50. A particular voltage divider with 12 V across it consists of two resistors in series. One resistor is  $7\text{ K}\Omega$  and the other is  $17\text{ K}\Omega$ . What is the voltage across the  $17\text{ K}\Omega$  resistor?

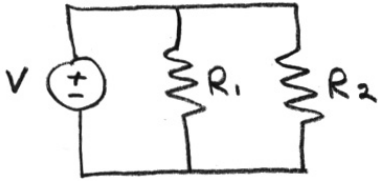
- A. 0 V
- B. 6 V
- C. 3.5 V
- D. 8.5 V
- E. 12 V

51. Given that  $I_1 = 3\text{A}$ ,  $I_2 = 5\text{A}$ , and  $R = 16\Omega$ , what is the voltage across the resistor?



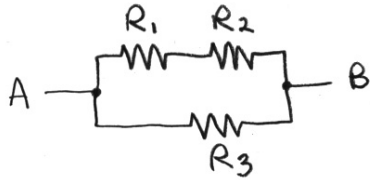
- A. 2 V.
- B. This circuit cannot exist because the currents conflict.
- C. 32 V.
- D. 128 V.
- E. 0.5 V.

52. Given that  $V = 5V$ ,  $R_1 = 10\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 10\Omega$ , what is the current through  $R_1$ ?



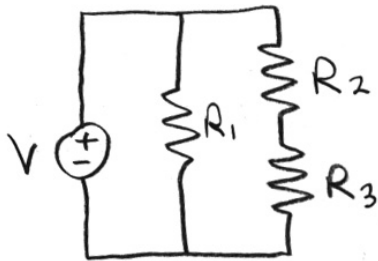
- A. 1 A.
- B. 500 mA.
- C. 50 A.
- D. 250 mA.
- E. 25 A.

53. Given that,  $R_1 = 20K\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 2\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 20M\Omega$ , what is the total resistance from point A to point B, to 2 orders of magnitude?



- A.  $20M\Omega$ .
- B.  $20K\Omega$ .
- C.  $10K\Omega$ .
- D.  $10M\Omega$ .
- E.  $2\Omega$ .

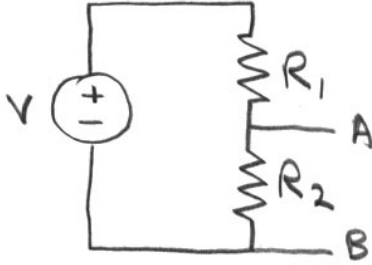
54. Given that  $V = 10V$ ,  $R_1 = 5K\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 2K\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 3K\Omega$ , what is voltage across  $R_3$ ?



- A. 3V.
- B. 12V.
- C. 1V.
- D. 2V.
- E. 6V.

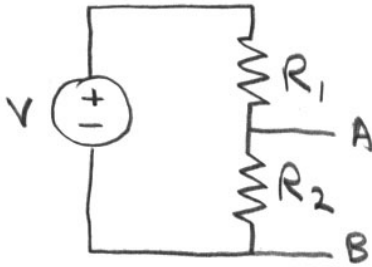
55. A battery is measured as having a voltage of 9 V without any load attached. Then a  $4\ \Omega$  resistor is attached across the battery's leads and 4 V is measured across that resistor. What is the internal resistance of the battery?
- A.  $1\ \Omega$
  - B. cannot be determined
  - C.  $9\ \Omega$
  - D.  $4\ \Omega$
  - E.  $5\ \Omega$

56. What is the Norton equivalent current from points A to B, if  $R_1 = 30\ \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 60\ \Omega$ , and  $V = 15\text{V}$ ?



- A. 250 mA.
  - B. 300 A.
  - C. 900 A,
  - D. 600 mA
  - E. 500 mA.
57. The following is *not* true about voltage, or all are true:
- A. All are true.
  - B. When measured across a resistor, it is linearly related to the current through that resistor by Ohm's law.
  - C. It describes the energy required to move a unit charge from one place to another.
  - D. It is roughly analogous to pressure for water flow.
  - E. It can be considered for a single point in a circuit only relative to a reference point, normally called "ground."

58. What are the Thevenin equivalent voltage  $T_V$  and Thevenin equivalent resistance  $T_R$  for the circuit between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 10\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 10\Omega$ , and  $V = 5V$ ?



- A.  $T_V = 2.5V$ ;  $T_R = 10 \Omega$
- B.  $T_V = 5V$ ;  $T_R = 5 \Omega$
- C. None of the other answers is correct.
- D.  $T_V = 2.5V$ ;  $T_R = 5 \Omega$
- E.  $T_V = 5V$ ;  $T_R = 10 \Omega$

59. A gasoline powered electric generator makes 1000 W of electric power for 10 minutes and then 500 W of electric power for 5 minutes. How many joules of electric energy are created in total?

- A. 200 J
- B. 750,000 J
- C. None of the other answers are correct.
- D. 12,500 J
- E. 3.33 J

60. Which of the following is *not* true about the danger of electrocution?

- A. A smart behavior involves wearing rubber souled shoes and keeping one hand in the pocket, although this doesn't absolutely guarantee safety.
- B. Skin resistance is high for 60 cycle/sec AC compared to other frequencies or DC, which accounts for its widespread use.
- C. Skin resistance is lowered by moisture, especially if there is salt dissolved in the moisture.
- D. The cause of death is often cardiac fibrillation.
- E. Although black is traditionally the color of the ground wire in electrical engineering, electricians typically use black for the "hot" line when wiring a house.



61. Which of the following is (are) true about *Kirchoff's current law*?

- I - The sum of the currents entering a node equals the sum of the currents leaving the node..
- II - The voltage at a node must always remain constant if the current through the node is constant.
- III - At least at low frequencies, the number of electrons at a node cannot significantly build up at a node without creating a large voltage pushing back against them.

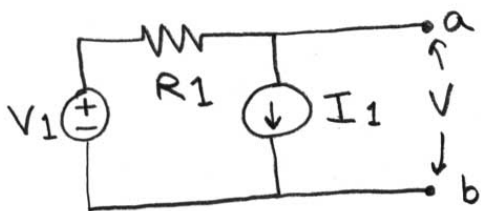
- A. I and II
- B. I, II, and III
- C. II
- D. II and III
- E. I and III

62. Which of the following is (are) true about *superposition* in solving DC circuits

- I - Each current source and voltage source is considered separately, setting all the others to zero, and the resulting currents are added.
- II - Setting a source to zero means making a voltage source a short circuit and making a current source an open circuit.
- III - Superposition relies on the fact that Ohm's law is linear, i.e., that currents add linearly with voltage.

- A. II and III
- B. I and III
- C. Only I
- D. I and II
- E. I, II, and III

63. What is the voltage between points *a* and *b*, given that  $R_1 = 5\Omega$ ,  $V_1 = 10V$ , and  $I_1 = 1A$ ?

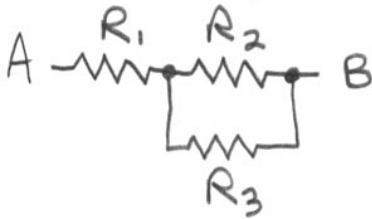


- A. 0 V
- B. None of the other answers is correct.
- C. 5 V
- D. 15 V
- E. 10 V

64. Multiplying volts  $\times$  amperes  $\times$  seconds yields units of

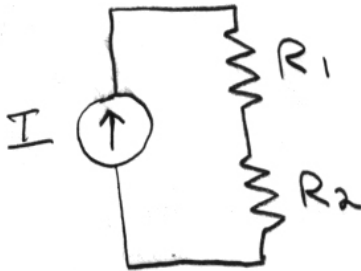
- A. power
- B. charge
- C. current
- D. voltage
- E. energy

65. What is the resistance between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 200\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 200\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 200\Omega$ ?



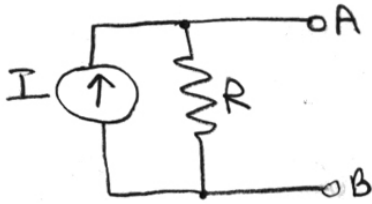
- A.  $600\Omega$
- B.  $300\Omega$
- C. None of the other answers is correct.
- D.  $400\Omega$
- E.  $100\Omega$

66. What is the voltage across  $R_2$  if  $R_1 = 30\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 60\Omega$ , and  $I = 2mA$ ?



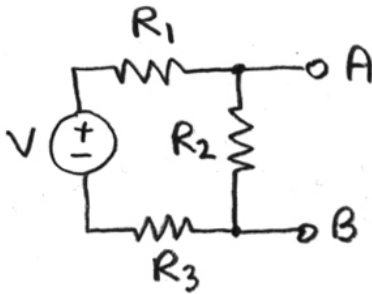
- A. 120 mV
- B. 120 V
- C. 180 V
- D. 180 mV
- E. 30 mV

67. What are the Thevenin equivalent voltage  $T_V$  and Thevenin equivalent resistance  $T_R$  for the circuit between points A and B, if  $R = 10\Omega$  and  $I = 5A$ ?



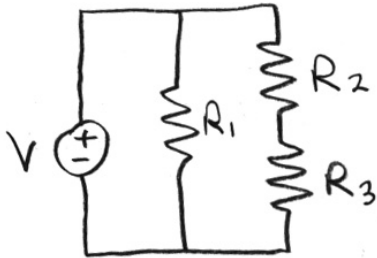
- A.  $T_V = 0.5V$ ;  $T_R = 10\Omega$
- B. None of the other answers is correct.
- C.  $T_V = 50V$ ;  $T_R = 10\Omega$
- D.  $T_V = 2V$ ;  $T_R = 50\Omega$
- E.  $T_V = 5V$ ;  $T_R = 2\Omega$

68. What is the voltage between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 10\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 20\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 30\Omega$ , and  $V = 12V$ ?



- A. 6 V
- B. 3 V
- C. 4 V
- D. 2 V
- E. None of the other answers is correct.

69. Given that  $V = 10V$ ,  $R_1 = 20K\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 10K\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 10K\Omega$ , what is the current through  $R_1$ ?



- A. 5 mA
- B. 1.5 mA
- C. 1 mA
- D.  $500 \mu A$
- E. 2 mA

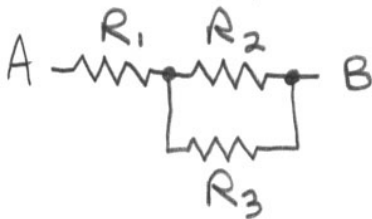
70. How many joules does a 100 W soldering iron expend in 5 seconds?

- A. 3000 J
- B. 50 mJ
- C. 500 J
- D. 20 J
- E. Cannot be determined.

71. The following are useful tips about safety and electricity, *except*

- A. Electricity usually kills by effecting the heart, so keep your heart out of the circuit.
- B. As long as both hands are touching the circuit somewhere, you are safe.
- C. Barefoot and dripping from the beach is a bad time to change the lightbulb.
- D. The green wire in house wiring is supposed to be connected to earth ground as a safety precaution, so that metal cabinets of electronic devices can be safely grounded.
- E. Skin resistivity is lowered by water, especially salt water.

72. What is the resistance between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 20 \text{ M}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 20 \text{ M}\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 10 \text{ }\Omega$ ? Calculate only to two significant digits.



- A. 10  $\text{M}\Omega$
- B. 40  $\Omega$
- C. 10  $\Omega$
- D. 30  $\text{M}\Omega$
- E. 20  $\text{M}\Omega$

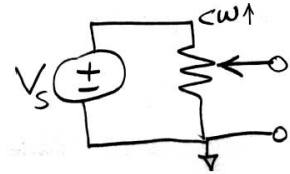
73. The following is an appropriate thing to do the digital voltmeter in your PittKit.

- A. Measure the voltage at one point in a circuit with the red lead, using the 'voltage' setting, leaving the black lead disconnected as a "floating" reference.
- B. None of the others is correct
- C. Measure the voltage across a resistor among a collection of interconnected resistors and a battery plugged into a breadboard using the 'voltage' setting.
- D. Measure the resistance across a capacitor using the 'voltage' setting.
- E. Measure the resistance across a battery using the 'resistance' setting.

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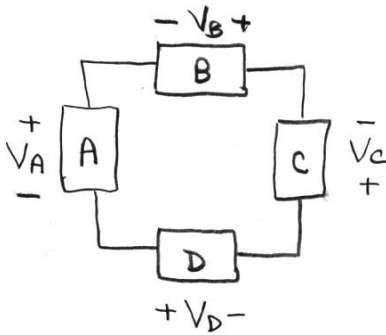
- A. Measure the internal resistance of a battery using the 'resistance' setting.
- B. Measure the voltage at one point in a circuit with the red lead, using the 'voltage' setting, leaving the black lead disconnected as a "floating" reference.
- C. Measure the voltage directly across a battery using the 'voltage' setting.
- D. None of the others is appropriate.
- E. Measure the current in a wall socket.

75. Which of the following is *false* about the following circuit, whose output is at the terminals to the circuit's right (or all are true)?



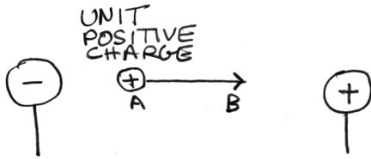
- A. A potentiometer in the circuit creates what is, in effect, a voltage divider with two resistors the ratio of whose resistances can be varied from 0 to  $\infty$ .
- B. The output voltage can be varied from ( $V_s$ ) to ground.
- C. All are true.
- D. The output voltage increases with counterclockwise rotation of the potentiometer.
- E. The ideal voltage source in the circuit maintains a fixed voltage ( $V_s$ ) across itself.

76. The following diagram illustrates which basic law in electronics?



- A. The Brother-in-Law.
- B. None of the others.
- C. Kirchoff's current law.
- D. Kirchoff's voltage law.
- E. Ohm's law.

77. The following diagram illustrates that voltage represents what physical dimension?



- A. force on a unit charge  $\times$  the time it takes to get from A to B.
- B. change in energy per unit charge between locations A and B
- C. charge  $\times$  velocity between A and B
- D. force along the direction vector from A to B.
- E. None of the others.

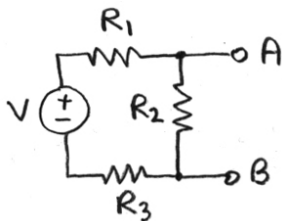
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- B. Electricity usually kills by effecting the heart, so keep your heart out of the circuit.
- C. The green wire in house wiring is supposed to be connected to earth ground as a safety precaution, so that metal cabinets of electronic devices can be safely grounded.
- D. As long as one hand is touching ground you are safe.
- E. Electrocutation kills more than 500 people every year in the USA.

79. How many joules does a 1200 W microwave oven expend in 1 minute if it is powered by 120 V?

- A. 72,000 J
- B. 20 J
- C. 10 J
- D. 600 J
- E. 7,200 J

80. What is the voltage between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 10\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 30\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 20\Omega$ , and  $V = 12V$ ?



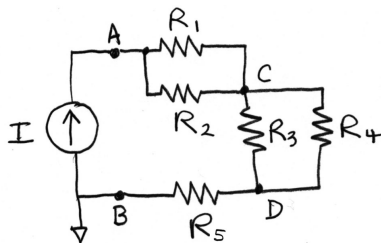
- A. 3 V
- B. 6 V
- C. 4 V
- D. None of the other answers is correct.
- E. 2 V

81. Which of the following is (are) true about *Kirchoff's current law*?

- I - The sum of currents flowing into a node is equal to the sum of currents flowing out of that node.
- II - It states that charge behaves like a non-compressible fluid.
- III - It depends on the fact that  $\text{current} \times \text{charge} = \text{time}$ .

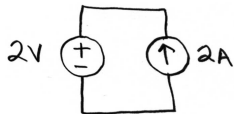
- A. I, II, and III
- B. II and III
- C. II
- D. I and III
- E. I and II

82. What is the voltage between points A and B, if  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = R_4 = R_5 = 200\Omega$ , and  $I = 1\text{mA}$ ?



- A. 0.2V
- B. 0.3V
- C. 0.1V
- D. none of the others is correct.
- E. 0.4V

83. What is the power  $P_v$  for the voltage source and the power  $P_i$  for the current source?



- A. none of the others is correct.
- B.  $P_v = 4\text{W}$ ,  $P_i = -4\text{W}$
- C.  $P_v = -4\text{W}$ ,  $P_i = 4\text{W}$
- D.  $P_v = 4\text{W}$ ,  $P_i = 4\text{W}$
- E.  $P_v = -4\text{W}$ ,  $P_i = -4\text{W}$

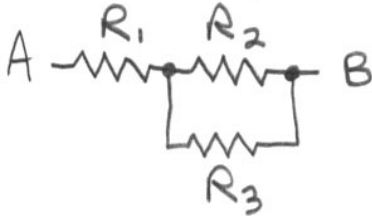
84. The power dissipated by a  $200\Omega$  resistor with 2 V across it is

- A. none of the others is correct.
- B. 100 A
- C. 20 mW
- D. 10 mW
- E. 10 mA

85. The power dissipated by a  $1\text{K } \Omega$  resistor with  $20\text{ mA}$  through it is

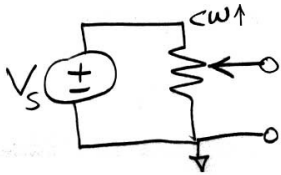
- A.  $20\ \mu\text{W}$
- B.  $20\ \text{W}$
- C.  $400\ \text{W}$
- D.  $400\ \text{mW}$
- E.  $200\ \text{mW}$

86. What is the resistance between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 20\ \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 40\ \Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 40\ \Omega$ ? Calculate only to two significant digits.



- A.  $40\ \Omega$
- B.  $100\ \Omega$
- C.  $30\ \Omega$
- D.  $10\ \Omega$
- E.  $20\ \Omega$

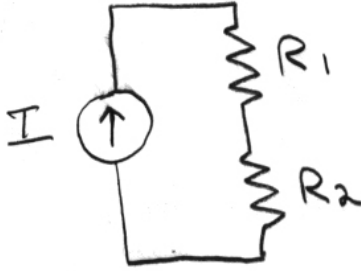
87. Which of the following is *false* about the following circuit, whose output is at the terminals to the circuit's right (or all are true)?



- A. The output voltage is shown relative to ground.
- B. The output voltage increases with clockwise rotation of the potentiometer from  $0$  to  $(V_s)$ .
- C. All are true.
- D. A potentiometer in the circuit creates what is, in effect, a voltage divider with two resistors the ratio of whose resistances can be varied from  $0$  to  $\infty$ .
- E. The ideal voltage source in the circuit maintains a fixed voltage ( $V_s$ ) across itself.

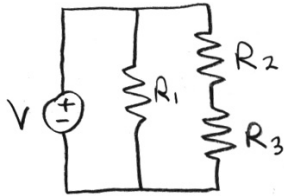


88. What is the voltage across  $R_1$  if  $R_1 = 30\Omega$  and  $I = 2mA$ ?



- A. 60 V
- B. Insufficient information is given to answer.
- C. 15 mV
- D. 60 mV
- E. 15 KV

89. Given that  $V = 10V$ ,  $R_1 = 10K\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 25K\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 25K\Omega$ , what is the current through  $R_2$ ?

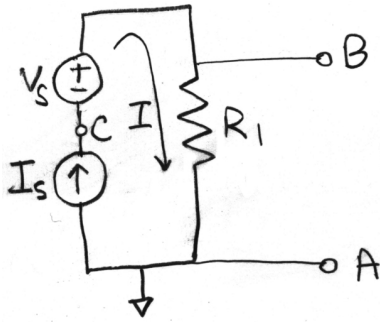


- A. 1 mA
- B. None of the other answers is correct.
- C. Cannot be determined from the information given.
- D.  $400 \mu A$
- E.  $200 \mu A$

90. Which of the following statements is *false* about resistors (or all are true)?

- A. The same amount of current that enters one end of a resistor must leave the other.
- B. The voltage across a resistor (positive or negative) is proportional to the current (positive or negative) flowing through the resistor.
- C. All are true
- D. When connected in series, the total resistance of two resistors adds.
- E. If a current  $I$  is flowing through a resistor with resistance  $R$ , the power dissipated as heat is  $I^2R$ .

91. What are  $V_{th_{ev}}$  for the Thevenin equivalent (from point B to point A) of the following circuit?

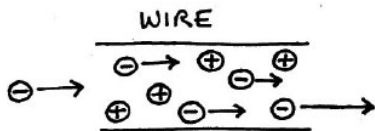


- A.  $(I_S R_1) - V_S$
- B. No Thevenin equivalent exists because the circuit is non-functional.
- C. The circuit is functional, but the Thevenin equivalent cannot be computed.
- D.  $V_S$
- E.  $I_S R_1$

92. A particular voltage divider with 10 V across it consists of two resistors in series. One resistor is  $7\text{ K}\Omega$  and the other is  $3\text{ K}\Omega$ . What is the voltage across the  $3\text{ K}\Omega$  resistor?

- A. 7 V
- B. 3 V
- C. Cannot be determined.
- D. 0 V
- E. 10 V

93. Which statement about the following diagram of current in a wire is *false*?

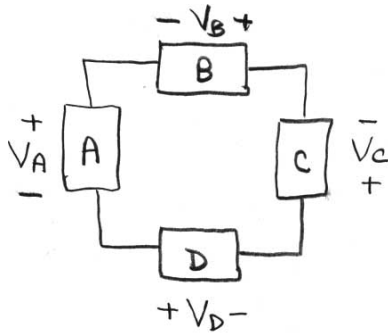


- A. It demonstrates Kirchhoff's Current Law, stating that (to a first approximation) charge is not allowed to build up on the wire as a whole.
- B. Electrons in a conductor are in a valence band such that they can move easily from one atom (represented by stationary positive charges) to the next.
- C. The current  $I$  is flowing from left to right.
- D. All real wire, except superconducting wire, has some finite, though relatively small, resistance.
- E. The electron on the right leaves the wire because the electron on the left enters the wire, but not instantly (limited by the speed of light).

94. A 15 V voltage source is connected in series with a 3 Ω resistor. The Norton equivalent

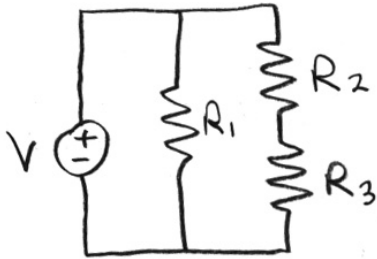
- A. has a 5 A current source in series with a 15 Ω resistor.
- B. None of the others is correct.
- C. has a 5 A current source in parallel with a 3 Ω resistor.
- D. has a 200 mA current source in series with a 15 Ω resistor.
- E. has a 200 mA current source in parallel with a 15 Ω resistor.

95. If  $V_A = 1V$ ,  $V_B = 2V$ , and  $V_C = 3V$ , then  $V_D = ?$



- A. 0V.
- B. -6V.
- C. Cannot be determined, because ground is not specified.
- D. 6V.
- E. 4V.

96. Given that  $V = 20V$ ,  $R_1$  is unknown,  $R_2 = 10K\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 10K\Omega$ , what is the current through  $R_2$ ?



- A. 1 mA
- B. 4 mA
- C. 2 mA
- D. 500 μA
- E. Cannot be determined.

97. Multiplying amperes  $\times$  seconds yields units of

- A. power
- B. energy
- C. charge
- D. voltage
- E. current

98. The following is *not* true about the electric field  $\vec{E}$ :

- A. For a single charge, it falls off as the square the distance from the charge.
- B. It represents the electrostatic force on a unit test charge anywhere in space.
- C. It only exists on the line between a single charge and a test charge.
- D. It is the negative gradient of the voltage between some reference point and anywhere in space.
- E. For a single charge, it is a vector oriented radially outward or inward depending on whether the charge is positive or negative.

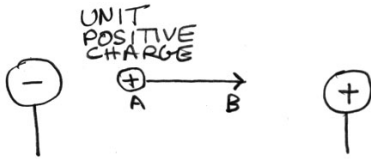
99. An electric heater is powered by a 12 V battery. The heater draws 3 A. (Assume the battery is a perfect voltage source). The following are true *except* (or all are true):

- A. All are true.
- B. The power dissipated by the battery is  $-36$  W.
- C. The power dissipated by the heater is 36 W.
- D. The current flowing inside the battery from its negative terminal to its positive terminal is 3A.
- E. The resistance of the heater is  $4 \Omega$ .

100. Multiplying watts  $\times$  seconds yields units of

- A. power
- B. charge
- C. energy
- D. current
- E. voltage

101. The following are true about this diagram and the underlying law it illustrates, *except*



- A. Energy is required to move the unit positive charge from A to B.
- B. Doubling the unit positive charge at A doubles the voltage change from A to B.
- C. The voltage between A and B is the change in energy per unit charge between the two locations.
- D. An electric field is created by the negative charge on the left and the positive charge on the right, which describes the force felt anywhere by a unit positive charge.
- E. An external force is required to move the unit positive charge from A to B.

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1. The coulomb is a unit of

- A. charge
- B. voltage
- C. current
- D. energy
- E. capacitance

**Explanation:** A coulomb is a certain amount of charge, the amount transported in 1 second by 1 ampere.  
[ *circuits0001.mcq* ]

2. The following is *not* true about voltage:

- A. It describes the number of electrons passing a certain point in a circuit over a given period of time.
- B. It describes the energy required to move a unit charge from one place to another.
- C. It is roughly analogous to pressure for water flow.
- D. It can be considered for a single point in a circuit only relative to a reference point, normally called “ground.”
- E. When measured across a resistor, it is linearly related to the current through that resistor by Ohm’s law.

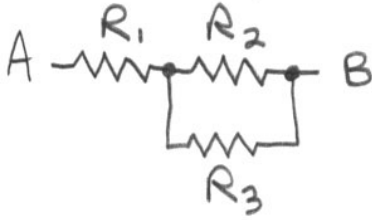
**Explanation:** The number of electrons passing a certain point in a circuit over a given period of time is the current, not the voltage.  
[ *circuits0002.mcq* ]

3. Any network of perfect voltage sources, perfect current sources, and resistors with two access points can be replaced with

- A. A unique Thevenin equivalent with a single voltage source and a single resistor.
- B. A single perfect voltage source by itself.
- C. A variety of perfect current sources by themselves.
- D. A single resistor by itself.
- E. A Norton equivalent, but only if no voltage sources exist in the original network.

**Explanation:** A unique Thevenin equivalent exists for any such network. A Norton equivalent also exists, even if a voltage source exists in the original network.  
[ *circuits0003.mcq* ]

4. What is the resistance between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 10\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 40\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 40\Omega$ ?



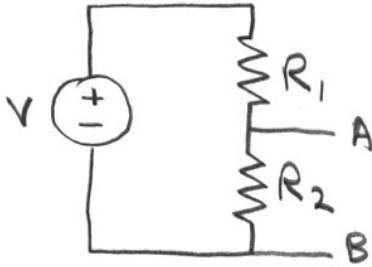
- A.  $30\Omega$
- B.  $90\Omega$
- C.  $10\Omega$
- D.  $20\Omega$
- E.  $50\Omega$

**Explanation:**

$$R_1 + \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$$

[ *circuits0004.mcq* ]

5. What is the voltage between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 10\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 40\Omega$ , and  $V = 5V$ ?



- A. 4V
- B. 5V
- C. 1V
- D. 2V
- E. 0V

**Explanation:**

$$V \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

[ *circuits0005.mcq* ]

6. The following is an appropriate thing to do with your digital voltmeter:

- A. Measure the resistance across a collection of interconnected resistors plugged into a breadboard using the 'resistance' setting
- B. Measure the resistance across a battery using the 'resistance' setting
- C. Measure the resistance across a capacitor using the 'voltage' setting
- D. None of the others are appropriate.
- E. Measure the voltage at one point in a circuit with the red lead, using the 'voltage' setting, leaving the black lead disconnected as a "floating" reference.

**Explanation:** Both leads must be attached to complete a circuit. The resistance setting is only for passive resistors or resistor networks.

[ *circuits0007.mcq* ]

7. How many joules does a 500 W toaster expend in 2 minutes?

- A. 60,000 J
- B. 1,000 J
- C. 41.7 J
- D. 250 J
- E. Cannot be determined.

**Explanation:**  $1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ W} \times 1 \text{ sec}$

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8. The resistance of very thin piece of copper wire is  $100 \Omega$ . The resistance another piece of wire with twice the cross-sectional area and half the length is

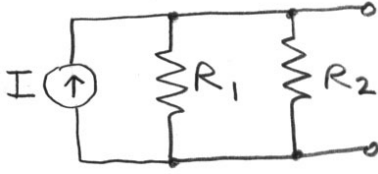
- A.  $25 \Omega$ .
- B.  $50 \Omega$ .
- C.  $100 \Omega$ .
- D.  $200 \Omega$ .
- E.  $400 \Omega$ .

**Explanation:**

[ *circuits0009.mcq* ]



9. What are  $V_{th_{ev}}$  and  $R_{th_{ev}}$  for the Thevenin equivalent of the following circuit, if  $R_1 = 100 \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100 \Omega$ , and  $I = 100 \text{ mA}$ .



- A. 5 V, 50  $\Omega$
- B. 5 V, 100  $\Omega$
- C. 50 V, 50  $\Omega$
- D. 500 mV, 200  $\Omega$
- E. 2.5 V, 50  $\Omega$

**Explanation:**  $V_{th_{ev}}$  (the voltage with no load attached) is  $I \times R_P$  where  $R_P$  is the resistance of  $R_1$  in parallel with  $R_2$ . With the output shorted the current would be  $I$ , so  $R_{th_{ev}} = \frac{V_{th_{ev}}}{I}$ .  
[ *circuits0012.mcq* ]

10. Which of the following is *not* a factor in the danger of electrocution?

- A. direct current does not pass through the skin capacitance
- B. skin resistance is lowered by moisture
- C. cardiac fibrillation
- D. whether the victim is wearing rubber souled shoes
- E. at least two points of contact are required to complete a circuit with the body

**Explanation:**  
[ *circuits0013.mcq* ]

11. The condition in a component when constant current is linearly related to constant voltage is governed by

- A. Ohm's law.
- B. Kirchhoff's current law.
- C. Kirchhoff's voltage law.
- D. Capacitance
- E. Inductance

**Explanation:**  
[ *circuits0015.mcq* ]

12. As functions of time, energy is related to power, as functions of time, as follows:

- A. Energy is the integral of power.
- B. Energy is the derivative of power.
- C. Average energy is change in power.
- D. None of the others is correct.
- E. Energy is power divided by time.

**Explanation:**

[ *circuits0018.mcq* ]

13. Any circuit only containing resistors, perfect DC voltage sources, and perfect DC current sources

- A. has a single solution in terms of the voltages and currents.
- B. All of these are correct.
- C. will exhibit superposition in terms of the effects of the current sources but not the voltage sources.
- D. may exhibit AC voltages or currents.
- E. will dissipate energy from each of the voltage and current sources.

**Explanation:**

[ *circuits0019.mcq* ]

14. A battery is measured as having a voltage of 9 V without any load attached. Then an  $8\ \Omega$  resistor is attached across the battery's leads and 8 V is measured across that resistor. What value of resistor would you replace the  $8\ \Omega$  resistor with to yield 7 V?

- A.  $3.5\ \Omega$
- B.  $4\ \Omega$
- C.  $2\ \Omega$
- D.  $10.33\ \Omega$
- E. cannot be determined

**Explanation:** It helps to draw the circuit. The battery is represented as a perfect voltage source in series with an internal resistance, which is then in series with a load resistance and back to the battery. The perfect voltage source is 9 V, since that is the voltage seen without any load (and thus zero current through the internal resistance). Across an  $8\ \Omega$  load resistance we get 8 V, which means 1 A in the circuit. Since the battery now reads 8 V, there must be 1 V across the internal resistance, which must be  $1\ \text{V}/1\ \text{A} = 1\ \Omega$ . To get 7 V at the output, there must be  $2\ \text{V}/1\ \Omega = 2\ \text{A}$  in the circuit. The load resistor thus must be  $7\ \text{V}/2\ \text{A} = 3.5\ \Omega$ .

[ *circuits0020.mcq* ]

15. The following are all true about Ohm's law, *except*

- A. Ohm's law is absolutely true for all electronic components.
- B. It describes a property called resistance, which is a fixed proportion of current to voltage for a particular component.
- C. It has a strong analogy to the flow of water in a pipe due to the difference in pressure at the two ends of the pipe.
- D. It was invented by George Ohm, whose name happens to sound like a particular Greek letter.
- E. It says that, for a given resistance, the greater the voltage difference across a resistor, the greater the current.

**Explanation:** Ohm's law is only an approximation, and is only approximately true for components whose 'resistance' is said to be constant, i.e., in which current is proportional to the difference in voltage. It is a very good approximation in those components, but only those components.

[ *circuits0058.mcq* ]

16. The following are all true about voltage, *except*

- A. It specifies the number of electrons passing through a component in a given period of time.
- B. The voltage between 2 points is the energy required to move a unit charge between them.
- C. A single point can only have a voltage relative to some other point. If not otherwise specified, that other point is often assumed to be 'ground'.
- D. It can be constant, or it can vary with time.
- E. In the plumbing analogy to circuits, voltage is roughly analogous to pressure.

**Explanation:** The number of electrons passing through a component in a given period of time is the current, not the voltage.

[ *circuits0059.mcq* ]

17. The following are useful tips about safety and electricity, *except*

- A. Barefoot and dripping from the beach is an OK time to change the lightbulb.
- B. Electricity usually kills by effecting the heart, so keep your heart out of the circuit.
- C. It is safer to wear dry shoes with rubber soles.
- D. Skin resistivity is lowered by water, especially salt water.
- E. High voltage can cause tetanus, or muscle contraction, so you can't let go!

**Explanation:** It's not a joke. It kills more than 500 people every year in the USA.

[ *circuits0060.mcq* ]

18. The joule is a unit of

- A. energy
- B. voltage
- C. current
- D. charge
- E. power

**Explanation:** A joule is a certain amount of energy or work, equal to 1 newton x 1 meter.

[ *circuits0061.mcq* ]

19. Kirchoff's current law states that for any given node in a circuit

- A. the sum of the currents entering the node equals the sum of the currents leaving the node.
- B. the voltage with respect to ground is the same as at every other node in the circuit.
- C. electrons can pile up endlessly without effect.
- D. there can only be one connection to one other node in the entire circuit.
- E. the voltage at that node cannot be 0 with respect to ground.

**Explanation:** Because electrons are, in effect, non-compressible, they cannot build up at any given node appreciably, and all of the current entering the node must also leave it. A node may be at ground potential, so that Answer E is incorrect.

[ *circuits0062.mcq* ]

20. Kirchoff's voltage law states that

- A. the sum of the voltages around any loop must equal zero.
- B. voltage across a resistor divided by the resistance equals the current through the resistor.
- C. power equals voltage times current.
- D. voltage is best in Russia.
- E. the current around any loop can never be zero.

**Explanation:** If there is no voltage difference across any of the components in the loop there will be no current, so answer E is false. Answer B is Ohm's law, and Answer C is the definition of power.

[ *circuits0063.mcq* ]

21. The power dissipated by a  $10\ \Omega$  resistor with 5 V across it is

- A. 2.5 W
- B. 2 W
- C. 50 W
- D. 20 W
- E. Cannot be determined from the data given.

**Explanation:** Power equals voltage times current, which, in a resistor, equals voltage squared over resistance.

[ *circuits0064.mcq* ]

22. Two resistors are in parallel with 20 V across both of them. Each resistor is  $10\ \text{K}\Omega$ . What is the current through one of the resistors?

- A. 2 mA
- B. 1 mA
- C. 5 mA
- D. 4 mA
- E. Cannot be determined from the data given.

**Explanation:** Since the same voltage is across each of the resistors, Ohm's law applies to each independently. The current through either of the resistors is 2 mA.

[ *circuits0065.mcq* ]

**23.** A particular voltage divider with 15 V across it consists of two resistors in series. One resistor is 20  $\Omega$  and the other is 10  $\Omega$ . What is the voltage across the 20  $\Omega$  resistor?

- A. 10 V
- B. 5 V
- C. 0 V
- D. 15 V
- E. 7.5 V

**Explanation:** The voltage in a voltage divider is distributed among the resistors proportionally to the resistances.  
[ *circuits0066.mcq* ]

**24.** Which of the following is *not* true about a perfect current source?

- A. It delivers a fixed voltage irrespective of the other components in the circuit.
- B. It has an effective impedance of infinity, since a change in voltage across it results in no change in current.
- C. It guarantees a certain number of electrons per second irrespective of the voltage across it.
- D. The only circuit that it cannot cope with is an open circuit.
- E. It is capable of producing very large voltages.

**Explanation:** A current source delivers a fixed *current*, not a fixed *voltage*.  
[ *circuits0067.mcq* ]

**25.** The Thevenin equivalent to a circuit containing resistors, current sources and voltage sources, with two access points

- A. consists of a single voltage source in series with a resistance.
- B. consists of a single voltage source in parallel with a resistance.
- C. consists of a single current source in parallel with a resistance.
- D. consists of a single current source in series with a resistance.
- E. None of the other answers is correct.

**Explanation:** The Thevenin equivalent consists of a single voltage source in series with a resistance. A resistance in parallel would have no effect.  
[ *circuits0068.mcq* ]

**26.** Which of the following is (are) true about *superposition* in solving for currents in DC circuits

I - Each current source and voltage source is considered separately, setting all the others to zero, and the resulting currents are added.

II - Setting a source to zero means making a voltage source a short circuit and making a current source an open circuit.

III - Superposition relies on the fact that Ohm's law is linear, i.e., that currents add linearly with voltage.

**A.** I, II, and III

**B.** I and II

**C.** II and III

**D.** I and III

**E.** Only I

**Explanation:** All three are true, Superposition relies on the linearity of the contributions from each of the sources with the others assuming their inherent resistance. A voltage source of 0 volts is a piece of wire; current flows without any voltage drop. A current source of 0 amps is an open connection, no current flows no matter what the voltage.

[ *circuits0069.mcq* ]

**27.** Two resistors are in parallel with 20 V across both of them. Each resistor is 10 K $\Omega$ . What is the current through *one* of the resistors?

**A.** 2 mA

**B.** 1 mA

**C.** 5 mA

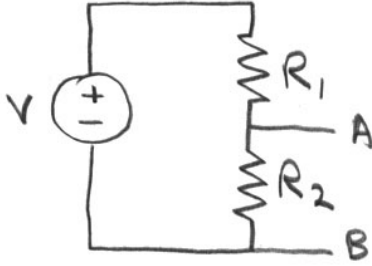
**D.** 4 mA

**E.** Cannot be determined from the data given.

**Explanation:** Since the same voltage is across each of the resistors, Ohm's law applies to each independently.

[ *circuits0070.mcq* ]

28. What is the voltage between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 20\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 30\Omega$ , and  $V = 15V$ ?



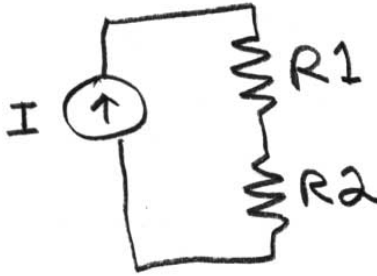
- A. 9V
- B. 15V
- C. 5V
- D. 10V
- E. 0V

**Explanation:**

$$V \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

[ *circuits0073.mcq* ]

29. What is the voltage across  $R_1$ , given that  $R_1 = 10K\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 5K\Omega$ , and  $I = 1mA$ ?

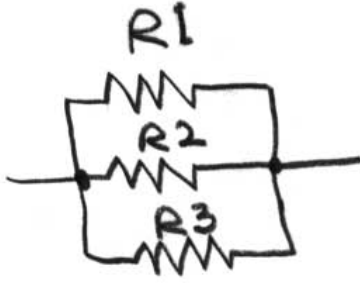


- A. 10 V
- B. 15 V
- C. 5 mV
- D. 10 mV
- E. 15 mV

**Explanation:** Ohm's law,  $V = IR$ , applies for each resistor separately, because the same current  $I$  passes through both resistors (Kirchoff's current law).

[ *circuits0076.mcq* ]

30. What is the resistance of the entire branch, given that  $R_1 = 100K\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100K\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 50K\Omega$ ?

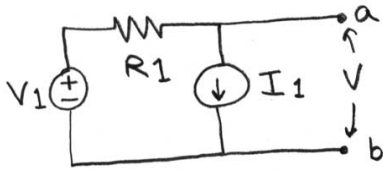


- A.  $R_1 = 25K\Omega$
- B.  $R_1 = 100K\Omega$
- C.  $R_1 = 250K\Omega$
- D.  $R_1 = 50K\Omega$
- E.  $R_1 = 200K\Omega$

**Explanation:** The two  $100K\Omega$  resistors in parallel are equivalent to one  $50K\Omega$  resistor, which in parallel with the other  $50K\Omega$  is equivalent to a  $25K\Omega$  resistor. Or take the reciprocal of each (the conductance), add them together and take the reciprocal.

[ *circuits0077.mcq* ]

31. What is the voltage between points  $a$  and  $b$ , given that  $R_1 = 5\Omega$ ,  $V_1 = 10V$ , and  $I_1 = 2A$ ?



- A. 0 V
- B. 10 V
- C. 20 V
- D. 25 V
- E. Cannot be determined

**Explanation:** Using Kirchoff's current law, the current through the entire loop must be  $I_1$ . Using Kirchoff's voltage law, the voltage between points  $a$  and  $b$  is  $V_1 - I_1 R_1$ .

[ *circuits0078.mcq* ]



**32.** Which of the following is (are) true about *superposition* in solving DC circuits

I - Each current source and voltage source is considered separately, setting all the others to zero, and the resulting currents are added.

II - It may be accomplished by setting the voltage of the voltage source to zero (making it a short circuit), and setting the current of the current source to zero (making it an open circuit).

III - Superposition works even when some of the components are not linear in their relationship between voltage and current.

- A. I and II
- B. I, II, and III
- C. II and III
- D. I and III
- E. Only I

**Explanation:** Superposition relies on the linearity of the contributions from each of the sources with the others assuming their inherent resistance. A voltage source of 0 volts is a piece of wire; current flows without any voltage drop. A current source of 0 amps is an open connection, no current flows no matter what the voltage.

[ *circuits0079.mcq* ]

**33.** The power dissipated by a 100  $\Omega$  resistor with 5 V across it is

- A. 250 mW
- B. 2.5 W
- C. 20 W
- D. 20 mW
- E. 500 mW

**Explanation:** Power equals voltage times current, which, in a resistor, equals voltage squared over resistance.

[ *circuits0080.mcq* ]

**34.** Kirchoff's current law states that for any given node in a circuit

- A. the sum of the currents entering the node equals the sum of the currents leaving the node.
- B. the voltage with respect to ground is what is meant when no other reference point is specified.
- C. when a current enters a node, electric charge accumulates without appreciable effect.
- D. the voltages around a loop add to zero.
- E. current times voltage equals resistance.

**Explanation:** Because electrons are, in effect, non-compressible, they cannot build up at any given node appreciably, and all of the current entering the node must also leave it. Answer B is correct, but not Kirchoff's current law. Answer D is correct but is Kirchoff's *voltage* law.

[ *circuits0081.mcq* ]

35. The following are useful tips about safety and electricity, *except*

- A. As long as your feet are grounded you are safe.
- B. Electricity usually kills by effecting the heart, so keep your heart out of the circuit.
- C. Barefoot and dripping from the beach is a bad time to change the lightbulb.
- D. Skin resistivity is lowered by water, especially salt water.
- E. High voltage can cause tetanus, or muscle contraction, so you can't let go!

**Explanation:** Answer A is definitely false. If your hand touches a high voltage, having your feet grounded is very bad because your body (and heart) is now in the circuit. Electrocution kills more than 500 people every year in the USA.

[ *circuits0082.mcq* ]

36. Energy is related to power as follows:

- A. Power is the derivative of energy with respect to time.
- B. Energy is the derivative of power with respect to time.
- C. Average energy over time is the change in power.
- D. None of the others is correct.
- E. Energy is power divided by time.

**Explanation:** Power (brightness of the lightbulb) is the derivative of energy (gas in the tank for the generator).

[ *circuits0083.mcq* ]

37. How many joules does a 25 W light bulb expend in 4 minutes?

- A. 6,000 J
- B. 100 J
- C. 6.25 J
- D. 104 mJ
- E. Cannot be determined.

**Explanation:**  $1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ W} \times 1 \text{ sec}$

[ *circuits0085.mcq* ]

38. A particular voltage divider with 5 V across it consists of two resistors in series. One resistor is  $2 \text{ K}\Omega$  and the other is  $500 \Omega$ . What is the voltage across the  $2 \text{ K}\Omega$  resistor?

- A. 4 V
- B. 1 V
- C. 0 V
- D. 5 V
- E. The answer cannot be determined without knowing which order the resistors are in.

**Explanation:** The voltage in a voltage divider is distributed among the resistors proportionally to the resistances and independent of the order (since the same current passes through each of them).

[ *circuits0087.mcq* ]

39. A 3 V voltage source is connected in series with a 15  $\Omega$  resistor. The Norton equivalent

- A. has a 200 mA current source in parallel with a 15  $\Omega$  resistor.
- B. does not exist.
- C. has a 200 mA current source in series with a 15  $\Omega$  resistor.
- D. has a 5 A current source in series with a 15  $\Omega$  resistor.
- E. has a 5 A current source in parallel with a 15  $\Omega$  resistor.

**Explanation:** The short circuit current is  $3V/15\Omega$  and the Norton resistance is the same as the Thevenin resistance. The resistor in the Norton equivalent must be in parallel with the current source. A resistor in series with a current source has no effect.

[ *circuits0089.mcq* ]

40. A battery is measured as having a voltage of 9 V without any load attached. Then a 5  $\Omega$  resistor is attached across the battery's leads and 5 V is measured across that resistor. What is the internal resistance of the battery?

- A. 4  $\Omega$
- B. 1  $\Omega$
- C. 9  $\Omega$
- D. 5  $\Omega$
- E. cannot be determined

**Explanation:** With the 5  $\Omega$  resistor attached the current is 1 A (because there is 5 V across the resistor). Therefore the remaining 4 volts must be across an internal resistance in the battery of 4  $\Omega$ .

[ *circuits0090.mcq* ]

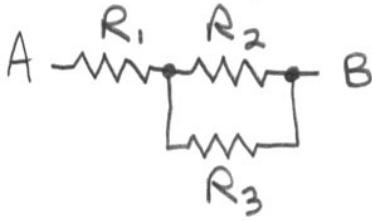
41. The following is not true about current:

- A. When measured across any electrical component, current is linearly related to the voltage through that component.
- B. It describes the number of electrons passing a certain point per second.
- C. The unit of current is the Ampere, which equals  $6.241 \times 10^{18}$  electrons per second.
- D. In general, it can be said to obey Kirchhoff's Current Law, which states that no charge accumulates at any given node in a circuit.
- E. Its relationship to voltage across either a capacitor or inductor (coil) takes the form of a first order differential equation with respect to time.

**Explanation:** Only certain components are linear in their relationship between current and voltage. Ohm's law applies to certain components, generally called resistors. Coils and capacitors are linear as first order differential equations.

[ *circuits0112.mcq* ]

42. What is the resistance between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 10 \text{ M}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 40 \text{ }\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 40 \text{ M}\Omega$ ? Calculate only to two significant digits.



- A.  $10 \text{ M}\Omega$
- B.  $30 \text{ }\Omega$
- C.  $50 \text{ M}\Omega$
- D.  $30 \text{ M}\Omega$
- E.  $40 \text{ }\Omega$

**Explanation:** The total resistance is  $R_1 + \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$ . However, this can be simplified. Because  $R_2 \ll R_3$ ,  $R_3$  can be ignored, the total resistance becomes  $R_1 + R_2$ . But it can be simplified even more. Since  $R_2 \ll R_1$ ,  $R_2$  can be ignored, and the total resistance is simply  $R_1$ .

[ circuits0113.mcq ]

43. The following are true about safety and electricity, *except*

- A. Alternating current (AC) is inherently safer than direct current (DC), which is why we use it to transmit power.
- B. Electricity usually kills by effecting the heart, so electricians are taught to use one hand near a high voltage.
- C. Hospital equipment often prevents direction connection between the patient-contacting equipment and 110 V by use of optical isolators and transformers.
- D. Skin resistivity is lowered by water, especially salt water.
- E. High voltage can cause muscle contraction preventing the victim from releasing the wire.

**Explanation:** AC is actually more dangerous than DC, because the skin impedance is lower at 60 Hz than at 0 Hz. We use AC because it permits the use of transformers to step-up and step-down the voltage for long range transmission.

[ circuits0123.mcq ]

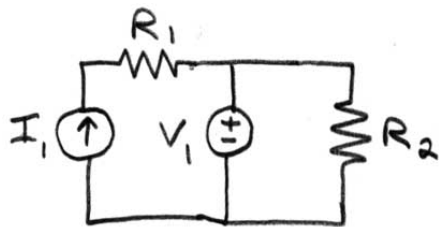
44. The Norton equivalent to a circuit with two access points, containing resistors, current sources and voltage sources,

- A. consists of a single current source in parallel with a resistance.
- B. consists of a single voltage source in parallel with a resistance.
- C. consists of a single current source in series with a resistance.
- D. consists of a single voltage source in series with a resistance.
- E. None of the other answers is correct.

**Explanation:** The Norton equivalent consists of a single current source in parallel with a resistance.

[ circuits0124.mcq ]

45. Regarding the following circuit, which of the following is (are) true?



- I - The voltage across  $R_1$  is  $I_1 \times R_1$ .
- II - The current through  $R_2$  is  $\frac{V_1}{R_2}$ .
- III - Superposition holds for this circuit.

- A. I, II, and III
- B. I and II
- C. I and III
- D. II and III
- E. None of the other answers is correct.

**Explanation:** Superposition can be used, by first setting the current source to 0 A (open circuit) and solving for the current through  $R_2$  and then setting the voltage source to 0 V (short circuit) and solving for the voltage across  $R_1$ . Or one can simply realize that all the current from the current source must go through  $R_1$ , no more and no less, and the voltage across  $R_2$  must be equal to the voltage source, no more and no less. Thus the two halves of the circuit are essentially independent.

[ *circuits0128.mcq* ]

46. How many joules does a 12 V car battery expend attempting to start a car during 5 seconds if the electric motor in the starter draws 10 amperes?

- A. 600 J
- B. 24 J
- C. 4.17 J
- D. 6.0 J
- E. Cannot be determined.

**Explanation:**  $1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ W} \times 1 \text{ sec} = 1 \text{ V} \times 1 \text{ A} \times 1 \text{ sec}$ .

[ *circuits0133.mcq* ]

47. Which of the following statements is *false* about resistors?

- A. When connected in series, the conductance of two resistors adds.
- B. The same amount of current that enters one end must leave the other.
- C. The voltage across a resistor (positive or negative) is proportional to the current (positive or negative) flowing through the resistor.
- D. If a constant current is flowing through a given resistor, the power dissipated as heat is proportional to that current squared.
- E. If a constant voltage is across a resistor, the power dissipated as heat is proportional to that voltage squared.

**Explanation:** When connected in series, the *resistance* of two resistors adds.

[ *circuits0134.mcq* ]

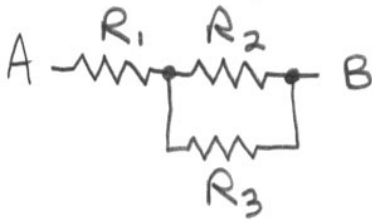
48. The following is *not* true about voltage:

- A. It has only existed relatively recently, since the invention of batteries, generators, solar cells, etc.
- B. It describes the energy required to move a unit charge from one place to another.
- C. It is roughly analogous to pressure for water flow.
- D. It can be considered for a single point in a circuit only relative to a reference point, normally called "ground."
- E. When measured across a resistor, it is linearly related to the current through that resistor by Ohm's law.

**Explanation:** Lightning and neurons would disagree.

[ *circuits0135.mcq* ]

49. What is the resistance between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 60\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 100\Omega$ ?



- A.  $110\Omega$
- B.  $260\Omega$
- C.  $50\Omega$
- D.  $160\Omega$
- E.  $60\Omega$

**Explanation:**

$$R_1 + \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$$

[ *circuits0136.mcq* ]

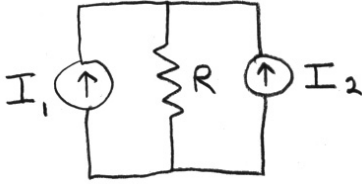
50. A particular voltage divider with 12 V across it consists of two resistors in series. One resistor is 7 K $\Omega$  and the other is 17 K $\Omega$ . What is the voltage across the 17 K $\Omega$  resistor?

- A. 8.5 V
- B. 3.5 V
- C. 0 V
- D. 12 V
- E. 6 V

**Explanation:**  $12 \times \frac{17}{7+17}$

[ *circuits0137.mcq* ]

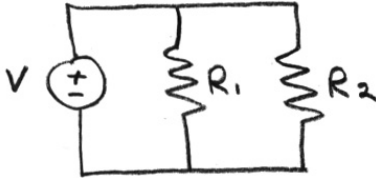
51. Given that  $I_1 = 3\text{A}$ ,  $I_2 = 5\text{A}$ , and  $R = 16\Omega$ , what is the voltage across the resistor?



- A. 128 V.
- B. 0.5 V.
- C. 2 V.
- D. 32 V.
- E. This circuit cannot exist because the currents conflict.

**Explanation:** The currents sum, since they are in parallel, and both go through the resistor, so  $V = (I_1 + I_2) \times R$ . If they were voltage sources instead of current sources, they would *indeed* conflict.  
[ *circuits0139.mcq* ]

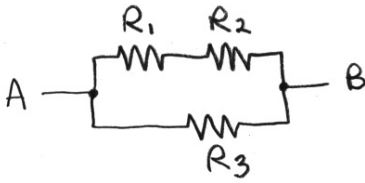
52. Given that  $V = 5\text{V}$ ,  $R_1 = 10\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 10\Omega$ , what is the current through  $R_1$ ?



- A. 500 mA.
- B. 250 mA.
- C. 50 A.
- D. 1 A.
- E. 25 A.

**Explanation:** The voltages on the two resistors in parallel must be the same, so the resistors have absolutely no effect on each other. Thus the current through  $R_1$  is simply computed by Ohm's law,  $I = \frac{V}{R_1}$ .  
[ *circuits0140.mcq* ]

53. Given that,  $R_1 = 20\text{K}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 2\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 20\text{M}\Omega$ , what is the total resistance from point A to point B, to 2 orders of magnitude?

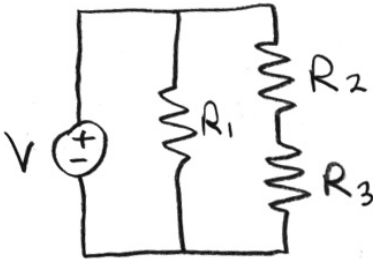


- A.  $20\text{K}\Omega$ .
- B.  $20\text{M}\Omega$ .
- C.  $2\Omega$ .
- D.  $10\text{K}\Omega$ .
- E.  $10\text{M}\Omega$ .

**Explanation:** To 2 orders of magnitude,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  in series are simply  $R_1$ , or  $20\text{K}\Omega$ . Putting  $R_3$  in parallel doesn't change that significantly.

[ *circuits0141.mcq* ]

54. Given that  $V = 10\text{V}$ ,  $R_1 = 5\text{K}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 2\text{K}\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 3\text{K}\Omega$ , what is voltage across  $R_3$ ?



- A.  $6\text{V}$ .
- B.  $3\text{V}$ .
- C.  $12\text{V}$ .
- D.  $2\text{V}$ .
- E.  $1\text{V}$ .

**Explanation:**  $R_1$  can be ignored since the same  $V$  will be across it and ( $R_2$   $R_3$  in series). So it is a simple voltage divider with  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ .

[ *circuits0142.mcq* ]



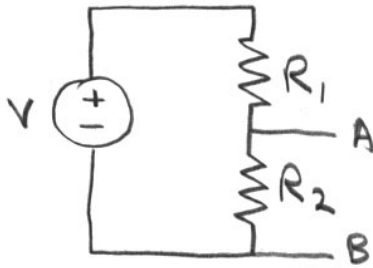
55. A battery is measured as having a voltage of 9 V without any load attached. Then a  $4\ \Omega$  resistor is attached across the battery's leads and 4 V is measured across that resistor. What is the internal resistance of the battery?

- A.  $5\ \Omega$
- B.  $1\ \Omega$
- C.  $9\ \Omega$
- D.  $4\ \Omega$
- E. cannot be determined

**Explanation:** With the  $4\ \Omega$  resistor attached the current is 1 A (because there is 4 V across the resistor). Therefore the remaining 5 volts must be across an internal resistance in the battery of  $5\ \Omega$ .

[ *circuits0151.mcq* ]

56. What is the Norton equivalent current from points A to B, if  $R_1 = 30\ \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 60\ \Omega$ , and  $V = 15\text{V}$ ?



- A. 500 mA.
- B. 300 A.
- C. 250 mA.
- D. 900 A,
- E. 600 mA

**Explanation:** The Norton equivalent current can be obtained by shorting A to B and seeing how much current flows; Ohm's law with just  $R_1$ .

[ *circuits0153.mcq* ]

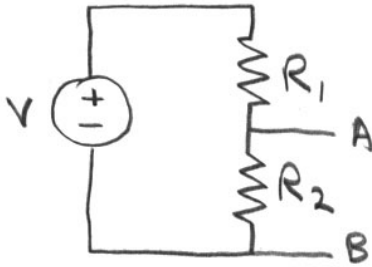
57. The following is *not* true about voltage, or all are true:

- A. All are true.
- B. It describes the energy required to move a unit charge from one place to another.
- C. It is roughly analogous to pressure for water flow.
- D. It can be considered for a single point in a circuit only relative to a reference point, normally called "ground."
- E. When measured across a resistor, it is linearly related to the current through that resistor by Ohm's law.

**Explanation:** All are true.

[ *circuits0170.mcq* ]

58. What are the Thevenin equivalent voltage  $T_V$  and Thevenin equivalent resistance  $T_R$  for the circuit between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 10\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 10\Omega$ , and  $V = 5V$ ?



- A.  $T_V = 2.5V$ ;  $T_R = 5\ \Omega$
- B.  $T_V = 2.5V$ ;  $T_R = 10\ \Omega$
- C.  $T_V = 5V$ ;  $T_R = 5\ \Omega$
- D.  $T_V = 5V$ ;  $T_R = 10\ \Omega$
- E. None of the other answers is correct.

**Explanation:**  $T_V$  is the open circuit voltage, which is  $2.5V$ . The short circuit current is  $5V / 10\ \Omega = 0.5A$ . Therefore  $T_R = 2.5V / 0.5A = 5\ \Omega$ .

[ *circuits0171.mcq* ]

59. A gasoline powered electric generator makes  $1000\ W$  of electric power for 10 minutes and then  $500\ W$  of electric power for 5 minutes. How many joules of electric energy are created in total?

- A.  $750,000\ J$
- B.  $12,500\ J$
- C.  $200\ J$
- D.  $3.33\ J$
- E. None of the other answers are correct.

**Explanation:**  $1\ J = 1\ W \times 1\ sec$

[ *circuits0172.mcq* ]

60. Which of the following is *not* true about the danger of electrocution?

- A. Skin resistance is high for 60 cycle/sec AC compared to other frequencies or DC, which accounts for its widespread use.
- B. Skin resistance is lowered by moisture, especially if there is salt dissolved in the moisture.
- C. The cause of death is often cardiac fibrillation.
- D. A smart behavior involves wearing rubber soled shoes and keeping one hand in the pocket, although this doesn't absolutely guarantee safety.
- E. Although black is traditionally the color of the ground wire in electrical engineering, electricians typically use black for the "hot" line when wiring a house.

**Explanation:** Skin resistance is actually lower for 60 cycle/sec AC than DC, but its widespread use has still been adopted because of the ease with which it can be stepped up or down using transforms, permitting transmission over long distances and easy and efficient changes in voltage for low voltage appliances.

[ *circuits0173.mcq* ]

61. Which of the following is (are) true about *Kirchoff's current law*?

I - The sum of the currents entering a node equals the sum of the currents leaving the node..

II - The voltage at a node must always remain constant if the current through the node is constant.

III - At least at low frequencies, the number of electrons at a node cannot significantly build up at a node without creating a large voltage pushing back against them.

A. I and III

B. I and II

C. II and III

D. I, II, and III

E. II

**Explanation:** II is clearly not true, as when a capacitor is involved and the voltage can be increasing as the capacitor charges with a constant current.

[ *circuits0174.mcq* ]

62. Which of the following is (are) true about *superposition* in solving DC circuits

I - Each current source and voltage source is considered separately, setting all the others to zero, and the resulting currents are added.

II - Setting a source to zero means making a voltage source a short circuit and making a current source an open circuit.

III - Superposition relies on the fact that Ohm's law is linear, i.e., that currents add linearly with voltage.

A. I, II, and III

B. I and II

C. II and III

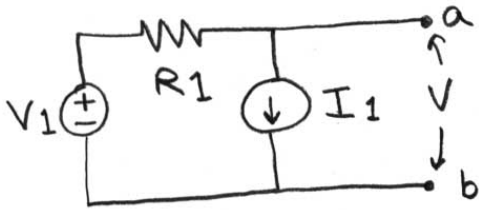
D. I and III

E. Only I

**Explanation:** All three are true, Superposition relies on the linearity of the contributions from each of the sources with the others assuming their inherent resistance. A voltage source of 0 volts is a piece of wire; current flows without any voltage drop. A current source of 0 amps is an open connection, no current flows no matter what the voltage. III is true because the currents and voltages from the different sources cannot "ignore each other" if non-linear components are involved.

[ *circuits0175.mcq* ]

63. What is the voltage between points  $a$  and  $b$ , given that  $R_1 = 5\Omega$ ,  $V_1 = 10\text{V}$ , and  $I_1 = 1\text{A}$ ?



- A. 5 V
- B. 10 V
- C. 15 V
- D. 0 V
- E. None of the other answers is correct.

**Explanation:** Using Kirchoff's current law, the current through the entire loop must be  $I_1$ . Using Kirchoff's voltage law, the voltage between points  $a$  and  $b$  is  $V_1 - I_1R_1$ .

[ *circuits0176.mcq* ]

64. Multiplying volts  $\times$  amperes  $\times$  seconds yields units of

- A. energy
- B. voltage
- C. current
- D. charge
- E. power

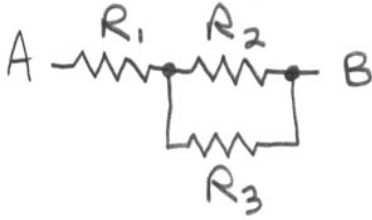
**Explanation:**

1 watt = 1 ampere  $\times$  1 volt

1 joule = 1 watt  $\times$  1 second

[ *circuits0196.mcq* ]

65. What is the resistance between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 200\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 200\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 200\Omega$ ?



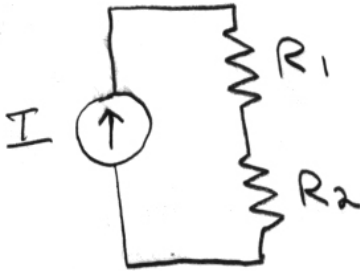
- A.  $300\Omega$
- B.  $600\Omega$
- C.  $100\Omega$
- D.  $400\Omega$
- E. None of the other answers is correct.

**Explanation:**

$$R_1 + \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$$

[ *circuits0197.mcq* ]

66. What is the voltage across  $R_2$  if  $R_1 = 30\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 60\Omega$ , and  $I = 2mA$ ?

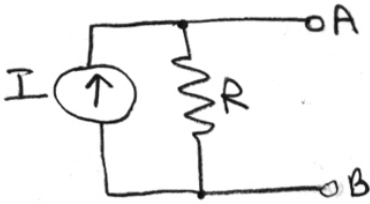


- A. 120 mV
- B. 180 mV
- C. 120 V
- D. 180 V
- E. 30 mV

**Explanation:** Kirchhoff's Current Law says the same current,  $I$ , must pass through both resistors, so the value of  $R_1$  is irrelevant and the voltage across  $R_2$  is simply  $I \times R_2$ .

[ *circuits0198.mcq* ]

67. What are the Thevenin equivalent voltage  $T_V$  and Thevenin equivalent resistance  $T_R$  for the circuit between points A and B, if  $R = 10\Omega$  and  $I = 5A$ ?

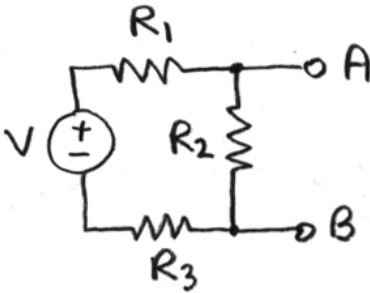


- A.  $T_V = 50V$ ;  $T_R = 10\Omega$
- B.  $T_V = 0.5V$ ;  $T_R = 10\Omega$
- C.  $T_V = 2V$ ;  $T_R = 50\Omega$
- D.  $T_V = 5V$ ;  $T_R = 2\Omega$
- E. None of the other answers is correct.

**Explanation:**  $T_V$  is the open circuit voltage, which is  $I \times R$ . Since the circuit is, itself, the Norton equivalent, the resistance is simply  $R$  (the same resistance for both the Thevenin and Norton equivalents. Alternatively, the short circuit current is  $I$ , since all of the current will run through the short circuit and none through  $R$ , and the Thevenin resistance is  $T_V/I = R$ .

[ circuits0199.mcq ]

68. What is the voltage between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 10\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 20\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 30\Omega$ , and  $V = 12V$ ?

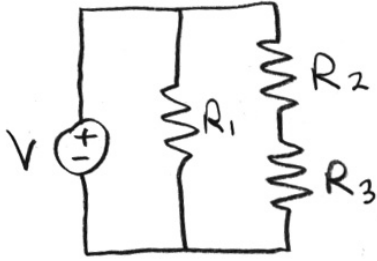


- A. 4 V
- B. 3 V
- C. 2 V
- D. 6 V
- E. None of the other answers is correct.

**Explanation:** The current is  $I = \frac{V}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$  and the voltage between A and B is  $I \times R_2$ .

[ circuits0200.mcq ]

69. Given that  $V = 10\text{V}$ ,  $R_1 = 20\text{K}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 10\text{K}\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 10\text{K}\Omega$ , what is the current through  $R_1$ ?



- A.  $500\ \mu\text{A}$
- B.  $1\ \text{mA}$
- C.  $2\ \text{mA}$
- D.  $1.5\ \text{mA}$
- E.  $5\ \text{mA}$

**Explanation:**  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  can be ignored since the same  $V$  will be across them (in series) and  $R_1$ . So the current through  $R_1$  is simply  $I = V/R_1$   
[ *circuits0202.mcq* ]

70. How many joules does a  $100\ \text{W}$  soldering iron expend in 5 seconds?

- A.  $500\ \text{J}$
- B.  $3000\ \text{J}$
- C.  $20\ \text{J}$
- D.  $50\ \text{mJ}$
- E. Cannot be determined.

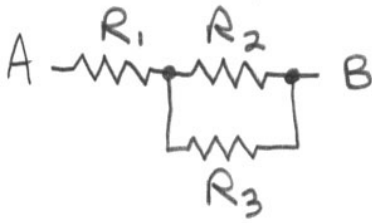
**Explanation:**  $1\ \text{J} = 1\ \text{W} \times 1\ \text{sec}$   
[ *circuits0204.mcq* ]

71. The following are useful tips about safety and electricity, *except*

- A. As long as both hands are touching the circuit somewhere, you are safe.
- B. Electricity usually kills by effecting the heart, so keep your heart out of the circuit.
- C. Barefoot and dripping from the beach is a bad time to change the lightbulb.
- D. Skin resistivity is lowered by water, especially salt water.
- E. The green wire in house wiring is supposed to be connected to earth ground as a safety precaution, so that metal cabinets of electronic devices can be safely grounded.

**Explanation:** Answer A is definitely false. If your each hand touches the circuit, a current could be generated across your heart. Electrocution kills more than 500 people every year in the USA.  
[ *circuits0205.mcq* ]

72. What is the resistance between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 20 \text{ M}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 20 \text{ M}\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 10 \text{ }\Omega$ ? Calculate only to two significant digits.



- A.  $20 \text{ M}\Omega$
- B.  $10 \text{ }\Omega$
- C.  $10 \text{ M}\Omega$
- D.  $30 \text{ M}\Omega$
- E.  $40 \text{ }\Omega$

**Explanation:** The total resistance is  $R_1 + \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$ .  
[ *circuits0206.mcq* ]

73. The following is an appropriate thing to do the digital voltmeter in your PittKit.

- A. Measure the voltage across a resistor among a collection of interconnected resistors and a battery plugged into a breadboard using the 'voltage' setting.
- B. Measure the resistance across a battery using the 'resistance' setting.
- C. Measure the resistance across a capacitor using the 'voltage' setting.
- D. None of the others is correct
- E. Measure the voltage at one point in a circuit with the red lead, using the 'voltage' setting, leaving the black lead disconnected as a "floating" reference.

**Explanation:**  
[ *circuits0207.mcq* ]

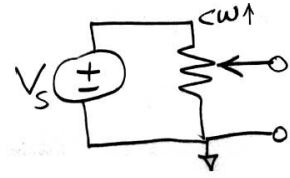
74. The following is an appropriate thing to do the digital voltmeter in your PittKit.

- A. Measure the voltage directly across a battery using the 'voltage' setting.
- B. Measure the internal resistance of a battery using the 'resistance' setting.
- C. Measure the current in a wall socket.
- D. None of the others is appropriate.
- E. Measure the voltage at one point in a circuit with the red lead, using the 'voltage' setting, leaving the black lead disconnected as a "floating" reference.

**Explanation:** The "resistance" setting should only be used for measuring passive resistance of a resistor or network of resistors. Unless both leads are connected to the circuit, voltage between them is meaningless. You should NEVER plug anything into the wall socket, and are advised never to use the current setting on the meter unless you really know what the current is, because it can damage the meter.  
[ *circuits0251.mcq* ]



75. Which of the following is *false* about the following circuit, whose output is at the terminals to the circuit's right (or all are true)?

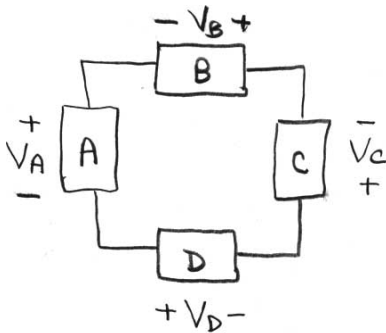


- A. The output voltage increases with counterclockwise rotation of the potentiometer.
- B. A potentiometer in the circuit creates what is, in effect, a voltage divider with two resistors the ratio of whose resistances can be varied from 0 to  $\infty$ .
- C. The ideal voltage source in the circuit maintains a fixed voltage ( $V_s$ ) across itself.
- D. The output voltage can be varied from ( $V_s$ ) to ground.
- E. All are true.

**Explanation:** The output voltage increases with *clockwise* rotation of the potentiometer (hence the “cw” note at the top end of the potentiometer).

[ *circuits0253.mcq* ]

76. The following diagram illustrates which basic law in electronics?

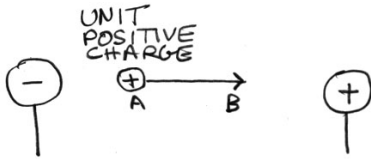


- A. Kirchoff's voltage law.
- B. Kirchoff's current law.
- C. Ohm's law.
- D. The Brother-in-Law.
- E. None of the others.

**Explanation:** Kirchoff's voltage law states that the sum of the voltages around a loop must equal zero.

[ *circuits0254.mcq* ]

77. The following diagram illustrates that voltage represents what physical dimension?



- A. change in energy per unit charge between locations A and B
- B. force on a unit charge  $\times$  the time it takes to get from A to B.
- C. force along the direction vector from A to B.
- D. charge  $\times$  velocity between A and B
- E. None of the others.

**Explanation:** Voltage is a measure of how much energy it takes to move a unit charge from one location in a static electric field to another.

[ *circuits0255.mcq* ]

78. The following are useful tips about safety and electricity, *except*

- A. As long as one hand is touching ground you are safe.
- B. Electricity usually kills by effecting the heart, so keep your heart out of the circuit.
- C. Electrocution kills more than 500 people every year in the USA.
- D. Skin resistivity is lowered by water, especially salt water.
- E. The green wire in house wiring is supposed to be connected to earth ground as a safety precaution, so that metal cabinets of electronic devices can be safely grounded.

**Explanation:** Answer A is definitely false. If one hand touches ground and the other touches the hot lead in the wall socket, a current could be generated across your heart.

[ *circuits0259.mcq* ]

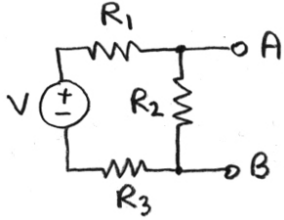
79. How many joules does a 1200 W microwave oven expend in 1 minute if it is powered by 120 V?

- A. 72,000 J
- B. 600 J
- C. 10 J
- D. 7,200 J
- E. 20 J

**Explanation:**  $1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ W} \times 1 \text{ sec}$ . The voltage is extraneous information.

[ *circuits0260.mcq* ]

80. What is the voltage between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 10\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 30\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 20\Omega$ , and  $V = 12V$ ?



- A. 6 V
- B. 3 V
- C. 2 V
- D. 4 V
- E. None of the other answers is correct.

**Explanation:** The current is  $I = \frac{V}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$  and the voltage between A and B is  $I \times R_2$ , or more simply,  $\frac{V R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$ .  
[ circuits0261.mcq ]

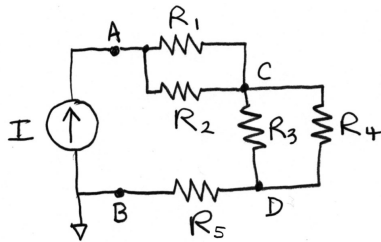
81. Which of the following is (are) true about *Kirchoff's current law*?

- I - The sum of currents flowing into a node is equal to the sum of currents flowing out of that node.
- II - It states that charge behaves like a non-compressible fluid.
- III - It depends on the fact that  $\text{current} \times \text{charge} = \text{time}$ .

- A. I and II
- B. I and III
- C. II and III
- D. I, II, and III
- E. II

**Explanation:**  $\text{current} \times \text{time} = \text{charge}$ .  
[ circuits0262.mcq ]

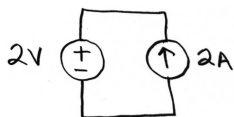
82. What is the voltage between points A and B, if  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = R_4 = R_5 = 200\Omega$ , and  $I = 1\text{mA}$ ?



- A. 0.4V
- B. 0.2V
- C. 0.3V
- D. 0.1V
- E. none of the others is correct.

**Explanation:**  $R_{total} = 400\Omega$ .  $V = IR$   
 [ circuits0286.mcq ]

83. What is the power  $P_v$  for the voltage source and the power  $P_i$  for the current source?



- A.  $P_v = 4\text{W}$ ,  $P_i = -4\text{W}$
- B.  $P_v = -4\text{W}$ ,  $P_i = -4\text{W}$
- C.  $P_v = -4\text{W}$ ,  $P_i = 4\text{W}$
- D.  $P_v = 4\text{W}$ ,  $P_i = 4\text{W}$
- E. none of the others is correct.

**Explanation:** The current source is charging the voltage source (battery). Thus the battery is dissipating power (positive) since current and voltage are the same direction. The current source, however, has current running through it the opposite direction from the voltage across it, and rather than dissipating power, it is delivery power elsewhere in the circuit. Note that the total power in the circuit must be 0.  
 [ circuits0287.mcq ]

84. The power dissipated by a  $200\Omega$  resistor with 2 V across it is

- A. 20 mW
- B. 10 mW
- C. 10 mA
- D. 100 A
- E. none of the others is correct.

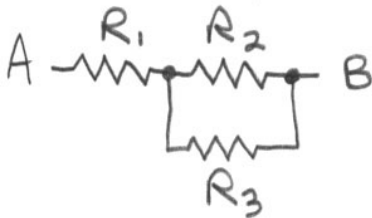
**Explanation:** Power equals voltage times current, which, in a resistor, equals voltage squared over resistance. The question asks for power, not current.  
 [ circuits0292.mcq ]

85. The power dissipated by a  $1\text{K } \Omega$  resistor with  $20\text{ mA}$  through it is

- A.  $400\text{ mW}$
- B.  $200\text{ mW}$
- C.  $20\text{ } \mu\text{W}$
- D.  $20\text{ W}$
- E.  $400\text{ W}$

**Explanation:** Power equals voltage times current, which, in a resistor, equals current squared times resistance.  
[ *circuits0317.mcq* ]

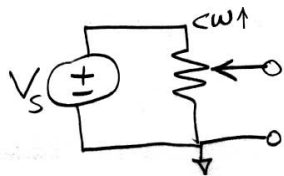
86. What is the resistance between points A and B, if  $R_1 = 20\text{ } \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 40\text{ } \Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 40\text{ } \Omega$ ? Calculate only to two significant digits.



- A.  $40\text{ } \Omega$
- B.  $10\text{ } \Omega$
- C.  $20\text{ } \Omega$
- D.  $100\text{ } \Omega$
- E.  $30\text{ } \Omega$

**Explanation:** The total resistance is  $R_1 + \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$ .  
[ *circuits0318.mcq* ]

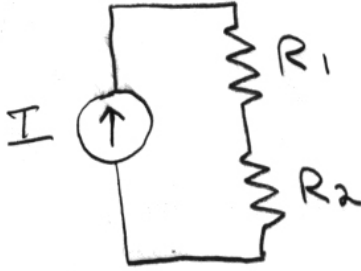
87. Which of the following is *false* about the following circuit, whose output is at the terminals to the circuit's right (or all are true)?



- A. All are true.
- B. A potentiometer in the circuit creates what is, in effect, a voltage divider with two resistors the ratio of whose resistances can be varied from  $0$  to  $\infty$ .
- C. The ideal voltage source in the circuit maintains a fixed voltage ( $V_s$ ) across itself.
- D. The output voltage is shown relative to ground.
- E. The output voltage increases with clockwise rotation of the potentiometer from  $0$  to ( $V_s$ ).

**Explanation:** All are true.  
[ *circuits0319.mcq* ]

88. What is the voltage across  $R_1$  if  $R_1 = 30\Omega$  and  $I = 2mA$ ?

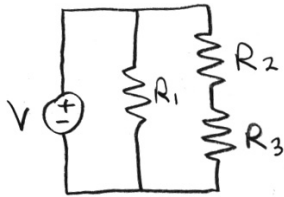


- A. 60 mV
- B. 60 V
- C. 15 KV
- D. 15 mV
- E. Insufficient information is given to answer.

**Explanation:** Kirchhoff's Current Law says the same current,  $I$ , must pass through both resistors, so the value of  $R_2$  is irrelevant and the voltage across  $R_1$  is simply  $I \times R_1$ .

[ circuits0320.mcq ]

89. Given that  $V = 10V$ ,  $R_1 = 10K\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 25K\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 25K\Omega$ , what is the current through  $R_2$ ?



- A. 200  $\mu A$
- B. 400  $\mu A$
- C. 1 mA
- D. Cannot be determined from the information given.
- E. None of the other answers is correct.

**Explanation:**  $R_1$  can be ignored since the same  $V$  will be across it and  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  (in series). So the current through  $R_2$  (and through  $R_3$ ) is simply  $I = \frac{V}{R_2+R_3}$

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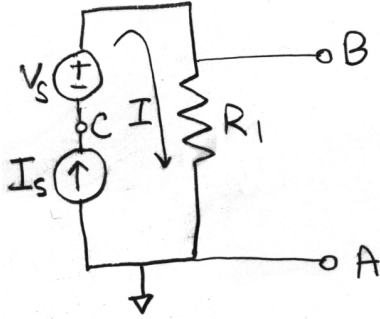
90. Which of the following statements is *false* about resistors (or all are true)?

- A. All are true
- B. The same amount of current that enters one end of a resistor must leave the other.
- C. The voltage across a resistor (positive or negative) is proportional to the current (positive or negative) flowing through the resistor.
- D. If a current  $I$  is flowing through a resistor with resistance  $R$ , the power dissipated as heat is  $I^2R$ .
- E. When connected in series, the total resistance of two resistors adds.

**Explanation:** All are simply true!

[ circuits0322.mcq ]

91. What are  $V_{th_{ev}}$  for the Thevenin equivalent (from point B to point A) of the following circuit?



- A.  $I_S R_1$
- B.  $V_S$
- C. No Thevenin equivalent exists because the circuit is non-functional.
- D. The circuit is functional, but the Thevenin equivalent cannot be computed.
- E.  $(I_S R_1) - V_S$

**Explanation:** The voltage source does nothing to block the current from the current source, which must pass through the resistor by Kirchhoff's current law. Thus the open circuit voltage (no external load between points B and A) is simply the current times the resistance, by Ohm's law. Answer E is for the voltage between points C and A.

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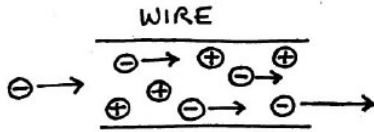
92. A particular voltage divider with 10 V across it consists of two resistors in series. One resistor is 7 K $\Omega$  and the other is 3 K $\Omega$ . What is the voltage across the 3 K $\Omega$  resistor?

- A. 3 V
- B. 10 V
- C. 0 V
- D. 7 V
- E. Cannot be determined.

**Explanation:**  $10 \text{ V} \times \frac{3}{7+3} = 3 \text{ V}$ .

[ *circuits0358.mcq* ]

93. Which statement about the following diagram of current in a wire is *false*?



- A. The current  $I$  is flowing from left to right.
- B. It demonstrates Kirchhoff's Current Law, stating that (to a first approximation) charge is not allowed to build up on the wire as a whole.
- C. The electron on the right leaves the wire because the electron on the left enters the wire, but not instantly (limited by the speed of light).
- D. All real wire, except superconducting wire, has some finite, though relatively small, resistance.
- E. Electrons in a conductor are in a valence band such that they can move easily from one atom (represented by stationary positive charges) to the next.

**Explanation:**  $I$  is defined as positive current, and flows in the opposite direction of the electrons.  
 [ *circuits0359.mcq* ]

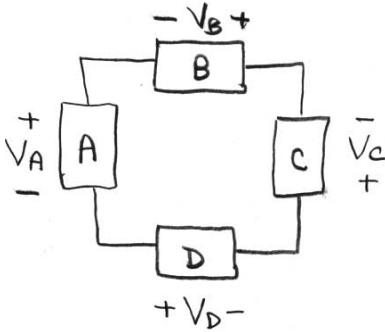
94. A 15 V voltage source is connected in series with a  $3\ \Omega$  resistor. The Norton equivalent

- A. has a 5 A current source in parallel with a  $3\ \Omega$  resistor.
- B. None of the others is correct.
- C. has a 200 mA current source in series with a  $15\ \Omega$  resistor.
- D. has a 5 A current source in series with a  $15\ \Omega$  resistor.
- E. has a 200 mA current source in parallel with a  $15\ \Omega$  resistor.

**Explanation:** The short circuit current is  $15V/3\Omega$  and the Norton resistance is the same as the Thevenin resistance. The resistor in the Norton equivalent must be in parallel with the current source. A resistor in series with a current source has no effect.  
 [ *circuits0373.mcq* ]



95. If  $V_A = 1V$ ,  $V_B = 2V$ , and  $V_C = 3V$ , then  $V_D = ?$

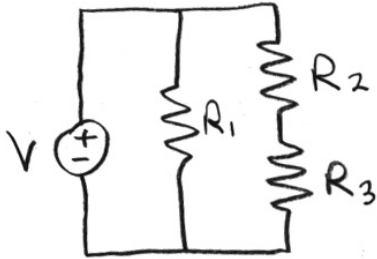


- A. -6V.
- B. Cannot be determined, because ground is not specified.
- C. 0V.
- D. 6V.
- E. 4V.

**Explanation:** Kirchoff's voltage law states that the sum of the voltages around a loop must equal zero. Ground is not required if all voltages are defined as across individual components. Ground is only needed as a reference if voltages are defined as relative to ground, which they are not here.

[ *circuits0374.mcq* ]

96. Given that  $V = 20V$ ,  $R_1$  is unknown,  $R_2 = 10K\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 10K\Omega$ , what is the current through  $R_2$ ?



- A. 1 mA
- B.  $500 \mu A$
- C. 2 mA
- D. Cannot be determined.
- E. 4 mA

**Explanation:**  $R_1$  can be ignored since the same  $V$  will be across it and  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  in series. So the current through  $R_2$  is simply  $I = V / (R_2 + R_3)$

[ *circuits0375.mcq* ]

97. Multiplying amperes  $\times$  seconds yields units of

- A. charge
- B. voltage
- C. current
- D. energy
- E. power

**Explanation:** 1 coulomb = 1 ampere  $\times$  1 second  
[ *circuits0377.mcq* ]

98. The following is *not* true about the electric field  $\vec{E}$ :

- A. It only exists on the line between a single charge and a test charge.
- B. For a single charge, it falls off as the square the distance from the charge.
- C. For a single charge, it is a vector oriented radially outward or inward depending on whether the charge is positive or negative.
- D. It represents the electrostatic force on a unit test charge anywhere in space.
- E. It is the negative gradient of the voltage between some reference point and anywhere in space.

**Explanation:** The field exists everywhere, being what the force would be on a single positive test charge at each location, and it can be generated by any number of charges.  
[ *circuits0434.mcq* ]

99. An electric heater is powered by a 12 V battery. The heater draws 3 A. (Assume the battery is a perfect voltage source). The following are true *except* (or all are true):

- A. All are true.
- B. The resistance of the heater is 4  $\Omega$ .
- C. The power dissipated by the heater is 36 W.
- D. The power dissipated by the battery is  $-36$  W.
- E. The current flowing inside the battery from its negative terminal to its positive terminal is 3A.

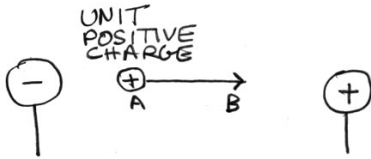
**Explanation:** All are true.  
[ *circuits0438.mcq* ]

100. Multiplying watts  $\times$  seconds yields units of

- A. energy
- B. voltage
- C. current
- D. charge
- E. power

**Explanation:** 1 watt = 1 joule / 1 second  
[ *circuits0466.mcq* ]

101. The following are true about this diagram and the underlying law it illustrates, *except*



- A. Doubling the unit positive charge at A doubles the voltage change from A to B.
- B. The voltage between A and B is the change in energy per unit charge between the two locations.
- C. An external force is required to move the unit positive charge from A to B.
- D. An electric field is created by the negative charge on the left and the positive charge on the right, which describes the force felt anywhere by a unit positive charge.
- E. Energy is required to move the unit positive charge from A to B.

**Explanation:** Doubling the positive charge at A doubles the force that it feels in the electric field, as well as the energy required to move it from A to B, but not the voltage required to move it, since voltage is energy per unit charge.

[ *circuits0467.mcq* ]