Chapter 7, Solution 16.

$$\tau = \frac{L_{eq}}{R_{eq}}$$

(a)
$$L_{eq} = L \text{ and } R_{eq} = R_2 + \frac{R_1 R_3}{R_1 + R_3} = \frac{R_2 (R_1 + R_3) + R_1 R_3}{R_1 + R_3}$$

$$\tau = \frac{L(R_1 + R_3)}{R_2 (R_1 + R_3) + R_1 R_3}$$

(b) where
$$L_{eq} = \frac{L_1 L_2}{L_1 + L_2}$$
 and $R_{eq} = R_3 + \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{R_3 (R_1 + R_2) + R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$

$$\tau = \frac{L_1 L_2 (R_1 + R_2)}{(L_1 + L_2) (R_3 (R_1 + R_2) + R_1 R_2)}$$