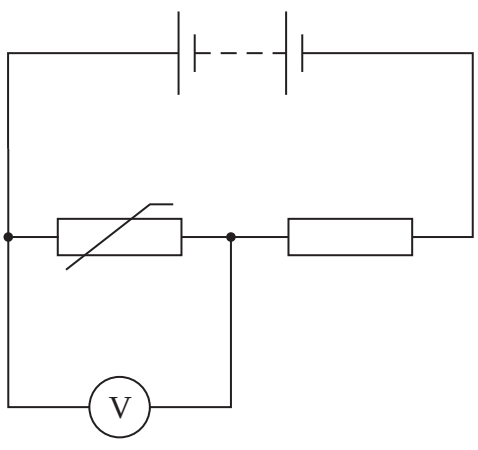
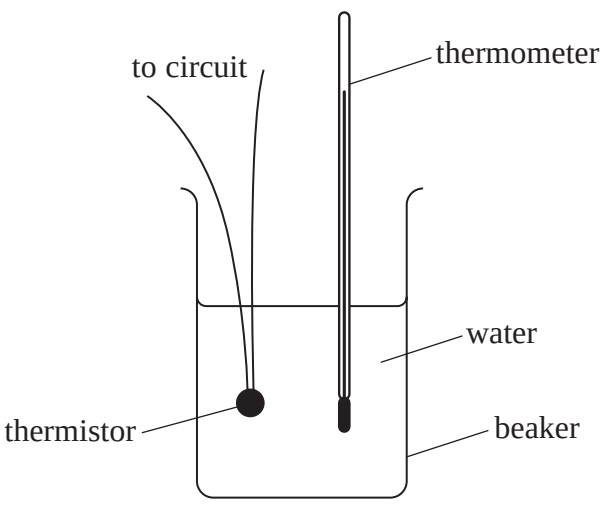
11 A student carried out an experiment to calibrate a thermistor. She connected the thermistor in series with a resistor and a power supply as shown. Then she placed the thermistor in a beaker of hot water and used a thermometer to record the temperature θ of the water.





The student recorded θ and corresponding values of the reading V on the voltmeter as the water cooled.

(a) Explain, making reference to charge carriers, why V increased as the water cooled.

(3)

(b) Over a limited temperature range V varies with θ according to the expression

$$V = V_0 e^{-b\theta}$$

where b and V_0 are constants.

(i) Explain why a graph of $\ln V$ against θ would give a straight line.

(2)

(ii) The student's data is shown in the table below.

θ/°C	V/V	
89.0	1.9	
74.0	2.9	
53.5	4.9	
32.5	9.1	
18.5	12.6	
3.5	18.7	

Plot a graph of $\ln V$ against θ on the grid opposite. Use the column provided to show any processed data.

(5)

(iii) Determine values for b and V_0.

(4)

b = ...

V_0 = ...

(Total for Question 11 = 14 marks)