

1) This assignment is being prepared on a laptop that requires 65W of power. If it is plugged into a 20V outlet, determine: (6 marks)

a) The current the laptop draws

$$P = V * I$$

$$65 = (20)I$$

$$I = 65/20$$

$$I = 3.25A$$

b) The resistance of the power supply

$$R = V/I$$

$$R = 20 / 3.25$$

$$R = 6.15 \Omega$$

c) The cost of the energy needed to run the laptop to make this test (which takes about 5400 seconds). Assume that energy costs \$0.12/kWh.

$$E = P * t$$

$$E = 0.65kW * 1.5h$$

$$E = 0.975kWh$$

$$\text{Cost} = E * \text{rate}$$

$$\text{Cost} = 0.975kWh * \$0.12/kWh$$

$$\text{Cost} = \$0.12$$

2) To run a space heater, 375mA of current is run through a 5000 Ω heating element (which acts like a resistor). If this whole process takes 45 minutes, determine: (8 marks)

Knowns:

$$I = 375mA = 0.375A$$

$$R = 5000\Omega$$

$$t = 45min = 0.75h = 2700s$$

a) The potential difference of the heating element

$$V = I * R$$

$$V = 0.375A * 5000\Omega$$

$$V = 1,875V$$

b) The total charge that passes through the heating element

$$Q = \text{total charge}$$

$$Q = I * t$$

$$Q = 0.375A * 2700s$$

$$Q = 0.375 C/s * 2700s$$

$$Q = 1,012.5C$$

c) The energy released by the heating element

$$P = V * I$$

$$P = 1,875V * 0.375A$$

$$P = 703.125W$$

$$E = P * t$$

$$E = 703.125W * 0.75h$$

$$E = 527.34kWh$$

d) The number of electrons that pass through the heating element.

n = number of electrons

$$\text{Coulomb Charge (e)} = 1.6 * 10^{-19}C$$

$$Q = n * |e|$$

$$n = Q / |e|$$

$$n = 1,012.5C / 1.6 * 10^{-19}C$$

$$n = 6.328125 * 10^{21}$$