

- 6 The current I in a metal wire is given by the expression

$$I = Anve$$

where v is the average drift speed of the free electrons in the wire and e is the elementary charge.

- (a) State what is meant by the symbols A and n .

A :

n :

[2]

- (b) Use the above expression to determine the SI base units of e .
Show your working.

base units [2]

- (c) Two lamps P and Q are connected in series to a battery, as shown in Fig. 6.1.

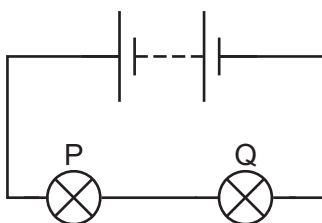


Fig. 6.1

The radius of the filament wire of lamp P is twice the radius of the filament wire of lamp Q.
The filament wires are made of metals with the same value of n .

Calculate the ratio

$$\frac{\text{average drift speed of free electrons in filament wire of P}}{\text{average drift speed of free electrons in filament wire of Q}}$$

ratio = [2]

[Total: 6]