6 **(a)** Three resistors of resistances R_1, R_2 and R_3 are connected as shown in Fig. 6.1.

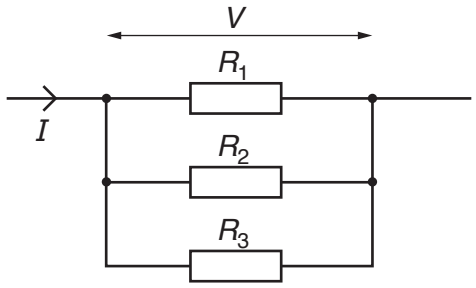

Fig. 6.1

The total current in the combination of resistors is I and the potential difference across the combination is V.

Show that the total resistance R of the combination is given by the equation

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}.$$

[2]

(b) A battery of electromotive force (e.m.f.) 6.0 V and internal resistance r is connected to a resistor of resistance 12 Ω and a variable resistor X, as shown in Fig. 6.2.

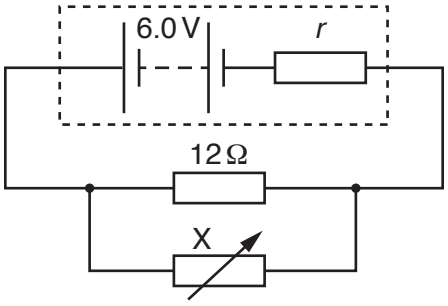

Fig. 6.2

(i) By considering energy, explain why the potential difference across the battery's terminals is less than the e.m.f. of the battery.

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(ii) A charge of 2.5 kC passes through the battery.

Calculate

1. the total energy transformed by the battery,

energy = ...J [2]

2. the number of electrons that pass through the battery.

number = ...[1]

(iii) The combined resistance of the two resistors connected in parallel is 4.8 Ω.

Calculate the resistance of X.

resistance of X = ...Ω [1]

(iv) your answer in **(b)(iii)** to determine the ratio

$$\frac{\text{power dissipated in X}}{\text{power dissipated in 12}\,\Omega\text{ resistor}}.$$

ratio = ...[2]

(v) The resistance of X is now decreased. Explain why the power produced by the battery is increased.

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[Total: 11]