

- 7 (a) State Ohm's law.

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- (b) A battery of electromotive force (e.m.f.) 6.2V and negligible internal resistance is connected in a circuit to a uniform resistance wire, a voltmeter, a fixed resistor and a switch, as shown in Fig. 7.1.

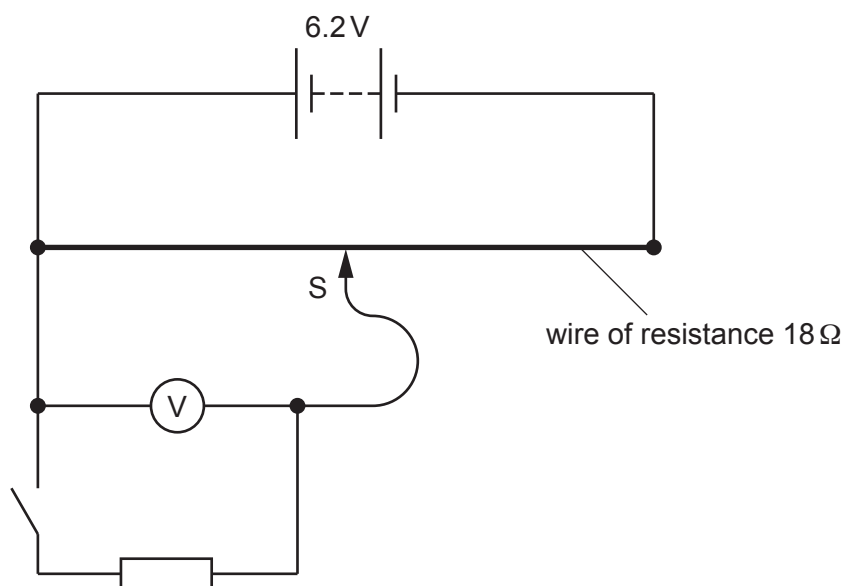


Fig. 7.1

The resistance wire has resistance  $18\Omega$ , length  $0.94\text{ m}$  and cross-sectional area  $7.2 \times 10^{-8}\text{ m}^2$ . The slider S is positioned half-way along the length of the wire.

- (i) Calculate the resistivity  $\rho$  of the material of the resistance wire.

$$\rho = \dots\dots\dots \Omega\text{m} \quad [2]$$

- (ii) The switch is open.  
 State the reading on the voltmeter.

$$\text{voltmeter reading} = \dots\dots\dots \text{V} \quad [1]$$

(iii) The switch is now closed.

State whether there is an increase, decrease or no change to:

- the current in the battery

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- the voltmeter reading.

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(iv) The switch remains closed. The slider S is moved along the resistance wire so that the voltmeter reading is 3.1 V.

On Fig. 7.1, draw a cross (×) on the resistance wire to show a possible new position of the slider.

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(c) The circuit in (b) is altered by changing the battery for one of a different e.m.f. The switch is open.

A student records the following data for the resistance wire:

|                                     |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| current in the wire                 | 0.93 A                                |
| mean drift speed of charge carriers | $1.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m s}^{-1}$ |
| number density of charge carriers   | $9.0 \times 10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3}$ . |

(i) Determine the charge  $q$  of a charge carrier in the wire suggested by this data.

$q = \dots\dots\dots$  C [2]

(ii) With reference to the value of  $q$ , explain why the data recorded by the student cannot be correct.

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