6 **(a)** State Kirchhoff's second law.

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(b) An electric heater containing two heating wires X and Y is connected to a power supply of electromotive force (e.m.f.) 9.0 V and negligible internal resistance, as shown in Fig. 6.1.

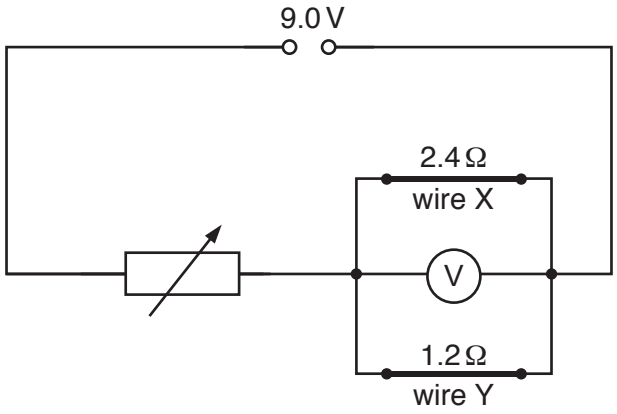

Fig. 6.1

Wire X has a resistance of 2.4 Ω and wire Y has a resistance of 1.2 Ω. A voltmeter is connected in parallel with the wires. A variable resistor is used to adjust the power dissipated in wires X and Y.

The variable resistor is adjusted so that the voltmeter reads 6.0 V.

(i) Calculate the resistance of the variable resistor.

resistance = ... Ω [3]

(ii) Calculate the power dissipated in wire X.

power = ... W [2]

(iii) The cross-sectional area of wire X is three times the cross-sectional area of wire Y. Assume that the resistivity and the number density of free electrons for the metal of both wires are the same.

Determine the ratio

1. $\frac{\text{length of wire X}}{\text{length of wire Y}}$,

ratio = ... [2]

2. $\frac{\text{average drift velocity of free electrons in wire X}}{\text{average drift velocity of free electrons in wire Y}}$.

ratio = ... [2]

[Total: 11]