

Question Number	Answer	Mark
15a	<p>See $I_T = I_1 + I_2$ (1)</p> <p>See $V/R_T = V/R_1 + V/R_2$ (1)</p> <p>Divides both sides by V to give $1/R_T = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2$ Or V is the same in parallel, so $1/R_T = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2$ (1)</p> <p>(MP3 cannot be awarded for just seeing the equation as this is given on the formula sheet).</p>	3
15bi	<p>Use of resistors in parallel formula for N, P and Q (or see $3.3\ \Omega$ from relevant working) (1)</p> <p>Adds total to resistance of O (or see $8.3\ \Omega$) (1)</p> <p>Total resistance = $3.1\ (\Omega)$ (1)</p> <p>(No unit penalty as is a “show that”) (Each step in calculation could be achieved with product/sum calculations, but need to see bracketed values for MP1 and MP2)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u> Resistor N = $5.0\ \Omega$, $P + Q = 5.0\ \Omega + 5.0\ \Omega = 10.0\ \Omega$ $1/R_T$ for N parallel with $(P+Q) = (1/5.0\ \Omega) + (1/10.0\ \Omega)$. $R_T = 10/3 = 3.3\ \Omega$. O in series with this $3.3\ \Omega$, so total for N,O,P,Q section = $25/3 = 8.3\ \Omega$. $1/R_T$ (for whole combination) = $(1 / 8.3\ \Omega) + (1 / 5.0\ \Omega)$ $R_T = 3.1\ \Omega$</p>	3
15bii	<p>Replace resistor M (1)</p> <p>The resistance of a parallel combination is always less than a single resistor in parallel with the others. (1)</p> <p>(MP2 dependent on MP1)_</p>	2
Total for question 15		8