7 A battery of e.m.f. 4.50 V and negligible internal resistance is connected in series with a fixed resistor of resistance 1200 Ω and a thermistor, as shown in Fig. 7.1.

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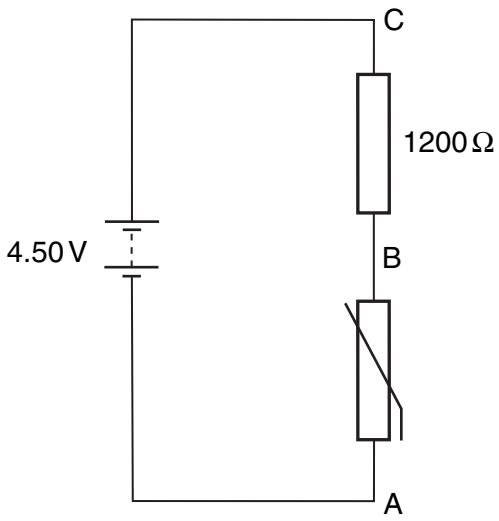

Fig. 7.1

(a) At room temperature, the thermistor has a resistance of 1800 Ω. Deduce that the potential difference across the thermistor (across AB) is 2.70 V.

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(b) A uniform resistance wire PQ of length 1.00 m is now connected in parallel with the resistor and the thermistor, as shown in Fig. 7.2.

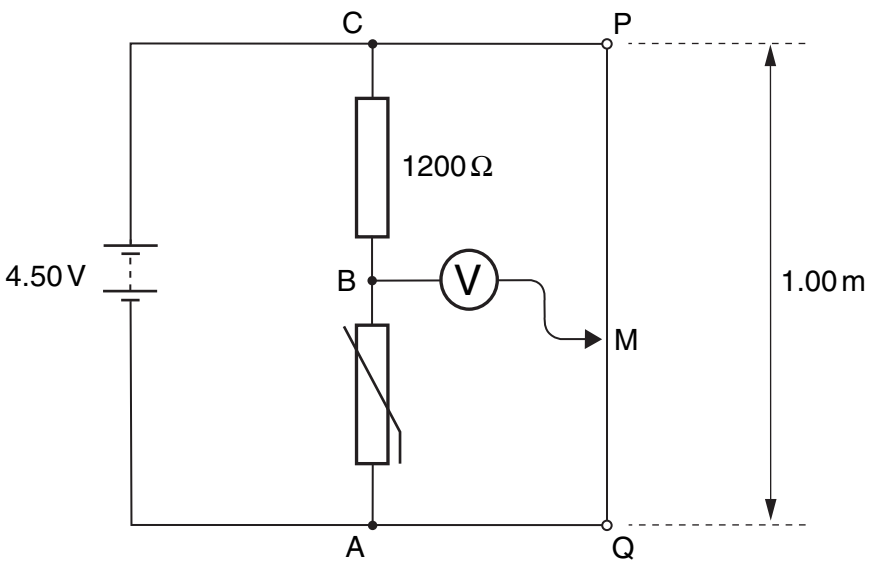

Fig. 7.2

A sensitive voltmeter is connected between point B and a moveable contact M on the wire.

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(i) Explain why, for constant current in the wire, the potential difference between any two points on the wire is proportional to the distance between the points.

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(ii) The contact M is moved along PQ until the voltmeter shows zero reading.

1. State the potential difference between the contact at M and the point Q.

potential difference = ……. V [1]

2. Calculate the length of wire between M and Q.

length = …….. cm [2]

(iii) The thermistor is warmed slightly. State and explain the effect on the length of wire between M and Q for the voltmeter to remain at zero deflection.

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