

- 5 (a) State Kirchhoff's second law.

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- (b) Three identical cells, each of electromotive force (e.m.f.) 1.5 V and internal resistance $590 \text{ m}\Omega$, are connected in parallel across a conductor, as shown in Fig. 5.1.

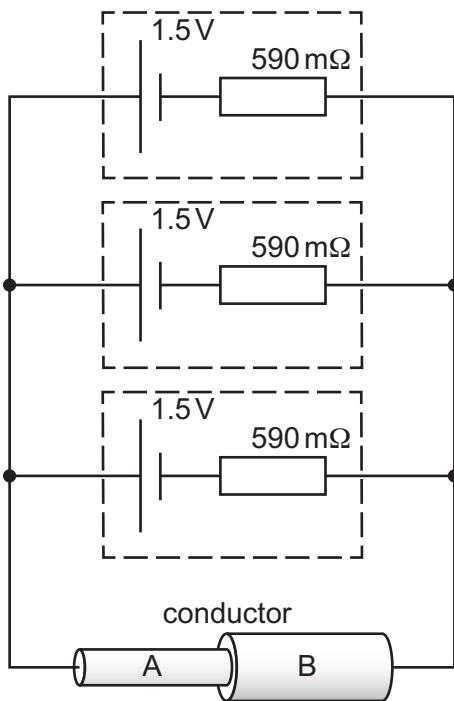


Fig. 5.1

The conductor is composed of two cylindrical sections A and B.
The total resistance of the circuit is 2.2Ω .

- (i) Show that the resistance of the conductor is 2.0Ω .

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- (ii) Calculate the current in the conductor.

current = A [2]

- (c) The two cylindrical sections A and B of the conductor in Fig. 5.1 are made from the same material and have the same length.

The diameter of section A is 4.3 mm and the diameter of section B is 7.6 mm.

The resistance of section A is R_A and the resistance of section B is R_B .

- (i) Calculate the ratio $\frac{R_A}{R_B}$.

$$\frac{R_A}{R_B} = \dots \quad [3]$$

- (ii) Calculate the ratio

$$\frac{\text{average drift speed of free electrons in section A}}{\text{average drift speed of free electrons in section B}}.$$

Explain your reasoning.

$$\text{ratio} = \dots \quad [2]$$

- (d) The circuit of Fig. 5.1 is altered by removing one of the cells.

State and explain the effect, if any, of this change on the potential difference across the conductor.

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