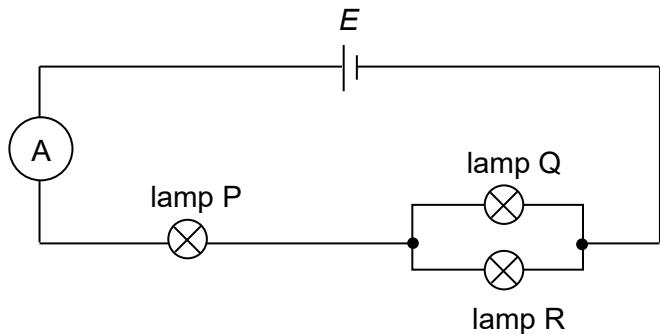


- 23** Three identical lamps P, Q and R are connected as shown in the diagram. Each lamp operates at normal brightness and the ammeter (of negligible resistance) registers a steady current.



The filament of lamp Q breaks. What happens to the ammeter reading and the brightness of the remaining lamps?

	ammeter reading	brightness of lamp P	brightness of lamp R
A	increases	increases	decreases
B	increases	decreases	increases
C	decreases	increases	decreases
D	decreases	decreases	increases