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- 4 (a) Express the ohm (Ω) in SI base units.

base units = [3]

- (b) An electrician is connecting two identical electric cookers to a supply.

One of the cookers is connected to the supply using wire A, and the other cooker is connected using wire B.

The current in each wire is 25.0 A when the cookers are switched on.

Table 4.1 contains information on the two electrical wires A and B.

Table 4.1

wire	cross-sectional area/ mm^2	total length of wire/m	resistivity of wire material / Ωm	voltage drop per metre / Vm^{-1}
A	4.00	8.0	1.68×10^{-8}	
B	6.00	12.0	2.65×10^{-8}	

- (i) Calculate the rate at which electrical energy is converted into thermal energy in each wire. Give the unit.

rate for wire A =

rate for wire B =

[4]

- (ii) Complete Table 4.1 to give the voltage drop per metre for each wire.

[2]

- (iii) Explain which wire is the most suitable for the connection to the cooker.

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- (c) In practice, for each of the connecting wires the electrician uses a cable made up of five thin wires which are electrically isolated from each other. Fig. 4.1 shows a cross-section of the cable.

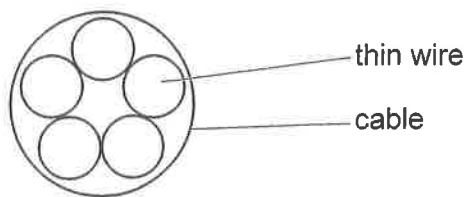


Fig. 4.1

- (i) Draw a circuit diagram, representing each thin wire as a separate resistor, to show one of these cables.

[1]

- (ii) The electrician measures the resistance of one of the cables as 0.0458Ω .

Calculate the resistance of a single thin wire.

resistance = Ω [2]

- (iii) Suggest why, for a cooker, a cable made of several thin wires is used rather than a single thick wire with the same resistance.

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 [2]

[Total: 15]

5 Americium-241 decays by emitting α -particles each with kinetic energy of $8.78 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$.

- (a) Calculate the speed of an α -particle emitted by americium-241.
mass of an α -particle = $6.64 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

speed = ms^{-1} [3]

- (b) In a vacuum chamber, there is a magnetic field of magnetic field strength 0.682 T that is directed out of the plane of the page. A sample of americium-241 is placed in this field.

Fig. 5.1 shows that an α -particle initially travels in the plane of the page, perpendicular to the magnetic field. The arrow represents the initial path of an α -particle.

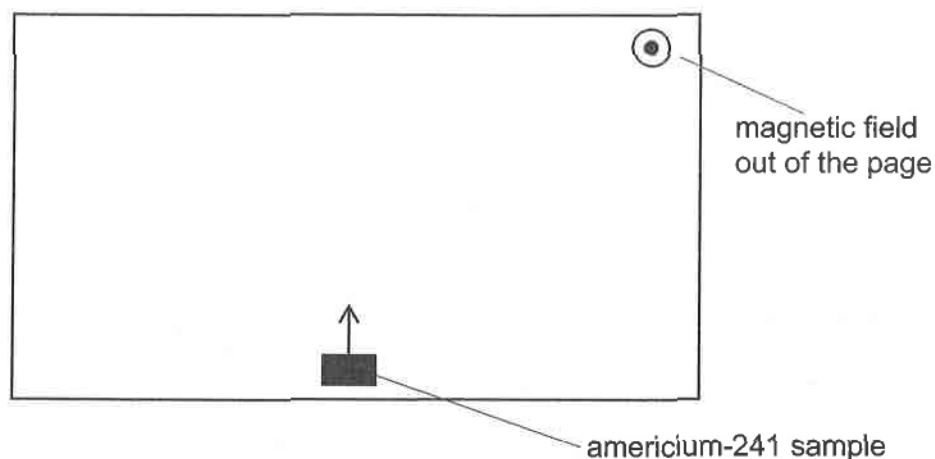


Fig. 5.1

- (i) On Fig. 5.1, sketch the path of the α -particle. [1]
- (ii) Calculate the magnitude of the force on the α -particle due to the magnetic field.

force = N [2]





- (c) State and explain one difference in the path taken by the α -particle after air is allowed to enter the vacuum chamber.

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- (d) The americium-241 source used in (b) is replaced with a source which emits β -particles.

State and explain **two** differences in the path of a β -particle compared to the path of the α -particle.

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[4]

[Total: 12]

