

## Unit 9: Electricity:

### Subunit 9.3: Resistance and resistivity:

#### Topical Question No: 1

- 32 Which **measurements** are taken in order to calculate the resistivity of the metal of a piece of wire?
- A p.d., current, area, length
  - B p.d., current, diameter, length
  - C resistance, area, length
  - D resistance, length, radius

#### Topical Question No: 2

- 34 A coil contains  $N$  turns of insulated copper wire wound on to a cylindrical iron core of diameter  $D$ . The copper wire has a diameter  $d$ . The resistivity of copper is  $\rho$ . Diameter  $D$  is much greater than diameter  $d$ .

What is the total resistance between the two ends of the coil?

- A  $\frac{4N\rho D}{d^2}$       B  $\frac{4N\rho d}{D^2}$       C  $\frac{8N\rho D}{d^2}$       D  $\frac{8N\rho d}{D^2}$

#### Topical Question No: 3

- 34 A wire of resistance  $9.55\Omega$  has a diameter of 0.280 mm.

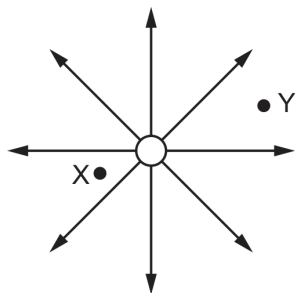
It is made of metal of resistivity  $4.90 \times 10^{-7} \Omega \text{m}$ .

What is the length of the wire?

- A 1.20 m      B 4.80 m      C 19.0 m      D 76.8 m

Topical Question No: 4

31 The diagram shows the electric field near a point charge and two electrons X and Y.

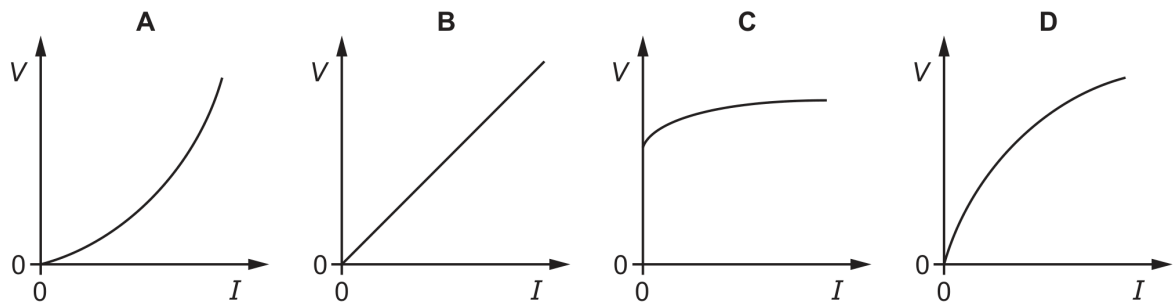


Which row describes the forces acting on X and on Y?

	direction of force	magnitude of force on X
<b>A</b>	radially inwards	less than force on Y
<b>B</b>	radially inwards	greater than force on Y
<b>C</b>	radially outwards	less than force on Y
<b>D</b>	radially outwards	greater than force on Y

Topical Question No: 5

34 Which graph shows the variation with current  $I$  of the potential difference  $V$  of a filament lamp?



Topical Question No: 6

35 A wire of cross-sectional area  $5.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$  is made of a metal of resistivity  $50 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}$ .

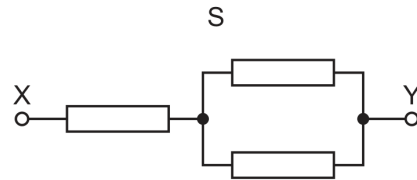
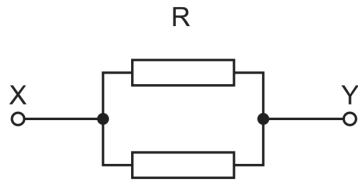
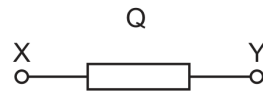
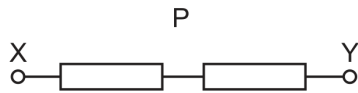
The potential difference across the wire is 6.0 V and the current is 3.0 A.

What is the length of the wire?

- A** 0.050 m      **B** 0.20 m      **C** 5.0 m      **D** 20 m

*Topical Question No: 7*

- 37** Identical resistors are connected in four combinations P, Q, R and S between terminals X and Y.



What is the order of decreasing combined resistance between X and Y (largest first)?

- A**  $P \rightarrow S \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R$
- B**  $P \rightarrow S \rightarrow R \rightarrow Q$
- C**  $Q \rightarrow R \rightarrow S \rightarrow P$
- D**  $S \rightarrow P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R$

*Topical Question No: 8*

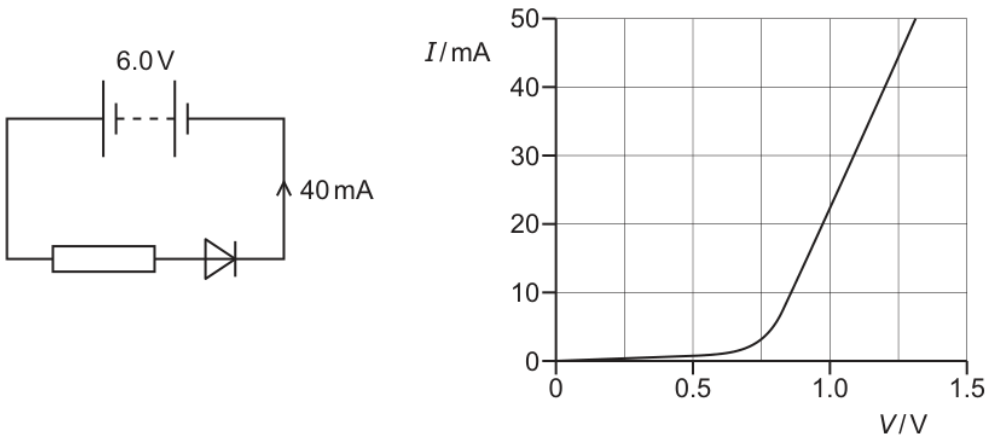
- 34** A manufacturer recommends that the longer the extension cord you use with an electric drill, the bigger the cross-sectional area of the cord should be.

What is a reason for this recommendation?

- A** Resistance is inversely proportional to both the length and the cross-sectional area.
- B** Resistance is inversely proportional to the length and directly proportional to the cross-sectional area.
- C** Resistance is proportional to both the length and the cross-sectional area.
- D** Resistance is proportional to the length and inversely proportional to the cross-sectional area.

Topical Question No: 9

- 34 A fixed resistor and a diode are connected in series to a battery of electromotive force (e.m.f.) 6.0 V and negligible internal resistance. The graph shows the variation with potential difference (p.d.)  $V$  of the current  $I$  for the diode.



The current in the diode is 40 mA.

What is the resistance of the fixed resistor?

- A** 30  $\Omega$       **B** 120  $\Omega$       **C** 150  $\Omega$       **D** 180  $\Omega$

Topical Question No: 10

- 30 The resistance of a thermistor depends on its temperature, and the resistance of a light-dependent resistor (LDR) depends on the illumination.

Under which conditions will the resistance of both a thermistor and an LDR be highest?

	thermistor	LDR
<b>A</b>	highest temperature	highest illumination
<b>B</b>	highest temperature	lowest illumination
<b>C</b>	lowest temperature	highest illumination
<b>D</b>	lowest temperature	lowest illumination

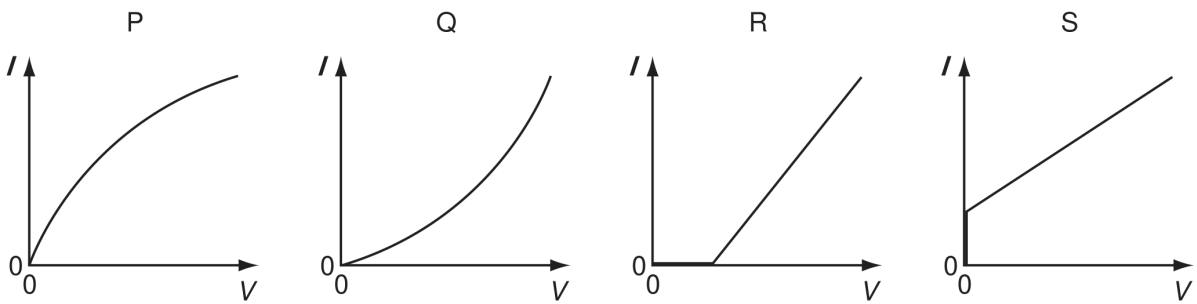
Topical Question No: 11

- 36 What is the unit of resistivity?

- A**  $\Omega \text{ m}^{-2}$       **B**  $\Omega \text{ m}^{-1}$       **C**  $\Omega$       **D**  $\Omega \text{ m}$

Topical Question No: 12

33 The graphs show possible current-voltage ( $I$ - $V$ ) relationships for a filament lamp and for a semiconductor diode.



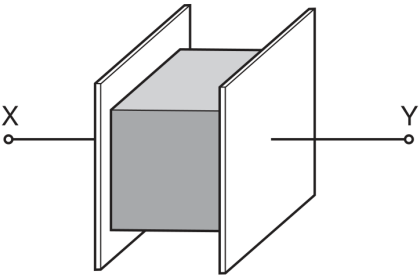
Which row best specifies the correct  $I$ - $V$  graphs for the lamp and the diode?

	filament lamp	semiconductor diode
<b>A</b>	P	R
<b>B</b>	P	S
<b>C</b>	Q	R
<b>D</b>	Q	S

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Topical Question No: 13

34 The resistance of a metal cube is measured by placing it between two parallel plates, as shown.



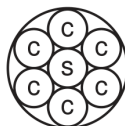
The cube has volume  $V$  and is made of a material with resistivity  $\rho$ . The connections to the cube have negligible resistance.

Which expression gives the electrical resistance of the metal cube between X and Y?

- A**  $\rho V^{\frac{1}{3}}$
- B**  $\rho V^{\frac{2}{3}}$
- C**  $\frac{\rho}{V^{\frac{1}{3}}}$
- D**  $\frac{\rho}{V^{\frac{2}{3}}}$

*Topical Question No: 14*

- 34** An electric power cable consists of six copper wires *c* surrounding a steel core *s*.



A length of 1.0 km of one of the copper wires has a resistance of  $10\ \Omega$  and 1.0 km of the steel core has a resistance of  $100\ \Omega$ .

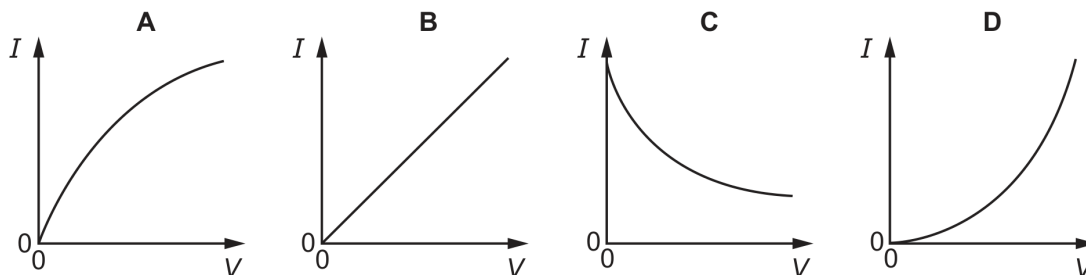
What is the approximate resistance of a 1.0 km length of the power cable?

- A**  $0.61\ \Omega$       **B**  $1.6\ \Omega$       **C**  $160\ \Omega$       **D**  $610\ \Omega$

*Topical Question No: 15*

- 32** The potential difference *V* across a filament lamp is slowly raised from zero to its normal operating value.

Which graph represents the variation with *V* of the current *I* in the lamp?



*Topical Question No: 16*

- 34** Which equation is used to define resistance?

- A** energy = (current)<sup>2</sup> × resistance × time  
**B** potential difference = current × resistance  
**C** power = (current)<sup>2</sup> × resistance  
**D** resistivity = resistance × area ÷ length

*Topical Question No: 17*

- 32** Which expression gives the definition of resistance?

- A** current divided by potential difference  
**B** current multiplied by potential difference  
**C** potential difference divided by current  
**D** resistivity multiplied by length

*Topical Question No: 18*

- 33** A cylindrical wire of length 10 m and diameter 2.0 mm has a resistance of  $0.050\ \Omega$ .

From which material is the wire made?

	material	resistivity / $\Omega\text{ m}$
<b>A</b>	bronze	$1.6 \times 10^{-7}$
<b>B</b>	nichrome	$1.6 \times 10^{-6}$
<b>C</b>	silver	$1.6 \times 10^{-8}$
<b>D</b>	zinc	$6.3 \times 10^{-8}$

*Topical Question No: 19*

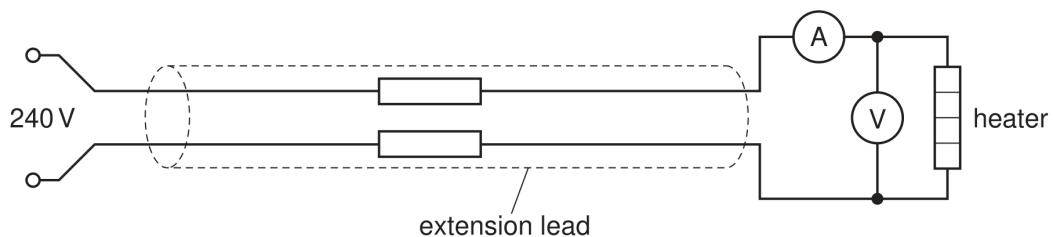
- 33** A metal wire of length 0.50 m has a resistance of  $12\ \Omega$ .

What is the resistance of a wire of length 2.0 m and made of the same material, but with half the diameter?

- A**  $12\ \Omega$       **B**  $48\ \Omega$       **C**  $96\ \Omega$       **D**  $192\ \Omega$

*Topical Question No: 20*

- 36** An extension lead is used to connect a 240 V electrical supply to a heater as shown.



A voltmeter measures the potential difference (p.d.) across the heater as 216 V and an ammeter measures the current through the heater as 7.7 A.

What is the total resistance of the extension lead?

- A**  $3.1\ \Omega$       **B**  $6.2\ \Omega$       **C**  $28\ \Omega$       **D**  $31\ \Omega$

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## Answer Key

1. N/A
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