Practical Circuits & Kirchoff's Law

Question paper 3

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1 **(a)** A network of resistors, each of resistance R, is shown in Fig. 7.1.

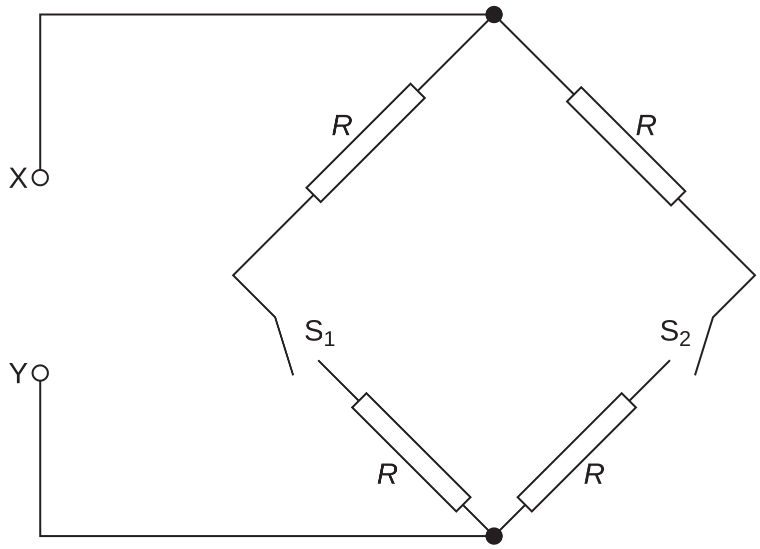

Fig. 7.1

Switches S_1 and S_2 may be 'open' or 'closed'.

Complete Fig. 7.2 by calculating the resistance, in terms of R, between points X and Y for the switches in the positions shown.

switch S_1	switch S_2	resistance between points X and Y
open	open	....
open	closed	....
closed	closed	....

Fig. 7.2

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(b) Two cells of e.m.f. E_1 and E_2 and negligible internal resistance are connected into a network of resistors, as shown in Fig. 7.3.

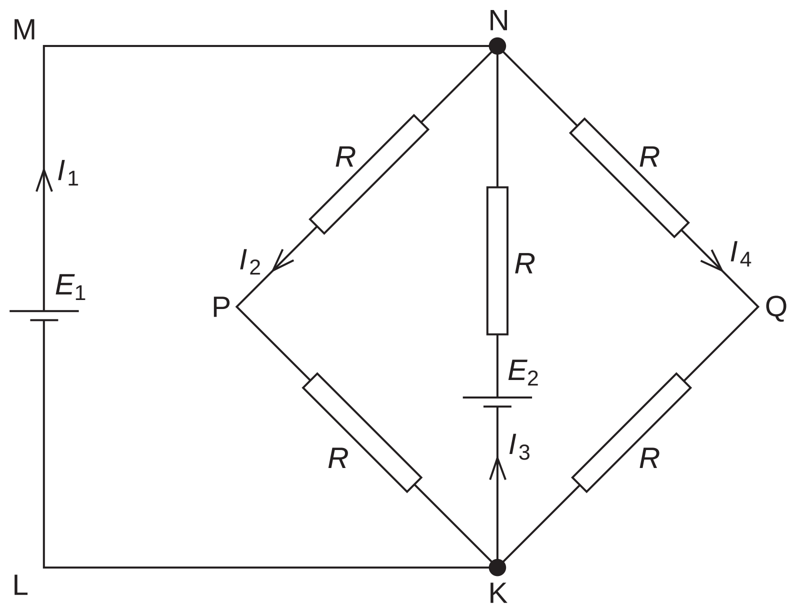

Fig. 7.3

The currents in the network are as indicated in Fig. 7.3.

Use Kirchhoff's laws to state the relation

(i) between currents I_1, I_2, I_3 and I_4,

.... [1]

(ii) between E_1, E_2, R, and I_3 in loop NKLMN,

.... [1]

(iii) between E_2, R, I_3 and I_4 in loop NKQN.

.... [1]

2 An electric heater consists of three similar heating elements A, B and C, connected as shown in Fig. 6.1.

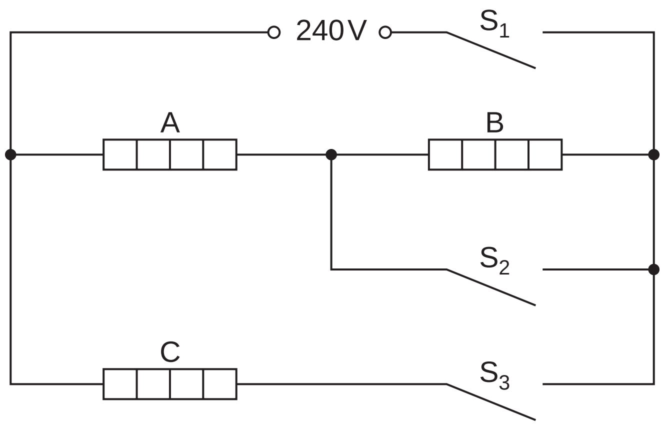

Fig. 6.1

Each heating element is rated as 1.5kW, 240V and may be assumed to have constant resistance.
The circuit is connected to a 240V supply.

(a) Calculate the resistance of one heating element.

resistance = ………………………….. Ω [2]

(b) The switches S_1, S_2 and S_3 may be either open or closed.

Complete Fig. 6.2 to show the total power dissipation of the heater for the switches in the positions indicated.

S_1	S_2	S_3	total power / kW
open	closed	closed	....
closed	closed	open	....
closed	closed	closed	....
closed	open	open	....
closed	open	closed	....

[5]

Fig. 6.2

3 A car battery has an internal resistance of 0.060Ω. It is re-charged using a battery charger having an e.m.f. of 14V and an internal resistance of 0.10Ω, as shown in Fig. 6.1.

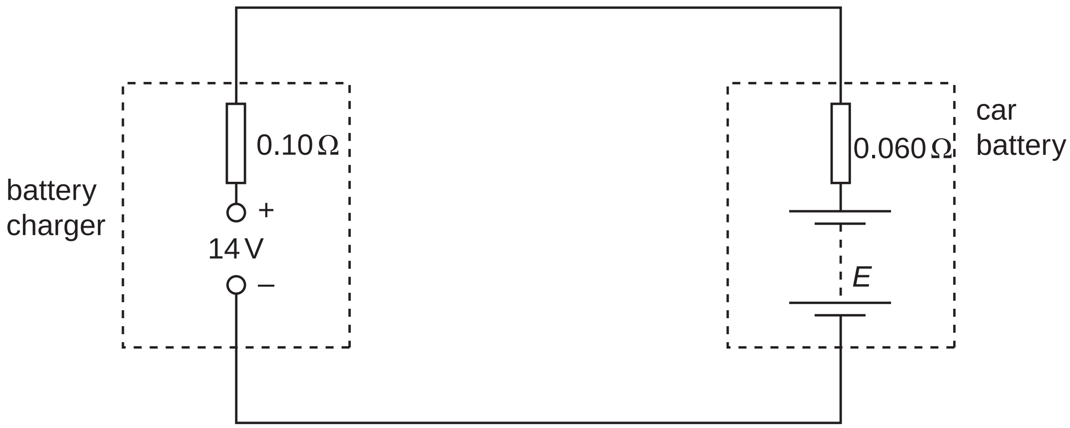

Fig. 6.1

(a) At the beginning of the re-charging process, the current in the circuit is 42A and the e.m.f. of the battery is E (measured in volts).

(i) For the circuit of Fig. 6.1, state

1. the magnitude of the total resistance,

resistance = ... Ω

2. the total e.m.f. in the circuit. Give your answer in terms of E.

e.m.f. = ... V

[2]

(ii) Use your answers to **(i)** and data from the question to determine the e.m.f. of the car battery at the beginning of the re-charging process.

e.m.f. = ... V [2]

(b) For the majority of the charging time of the car battery, the e.m.f. of the car battery is 12 V and the charging current is 12.5 A. The battery is charged at this current for 4.0 hours. Calculate, for this charging time,

(i) the charge that passes through the battery,

charge = ... C [2]

(ii) the energy supplied from the battery charger,

energy = ... J [2]

(iii) the total energy dissipated in the internal resistance of the battery charger and the car battery.

energy = ... J [2]

(c) Use your answers in **(b)** to calculate the percentage efficiency of transfer of energy from the battery charger to stored energy in the car battery.

efficiency = ... % [2]

4 **(a)** Distinguish between the electromotive force (e.m.f.) of a cell and the potential difference (p.d.) across a resistor.

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(b) Fig. 7.1. is an electrical circuit containing two cells of e.m.f. E_1 and E_2.

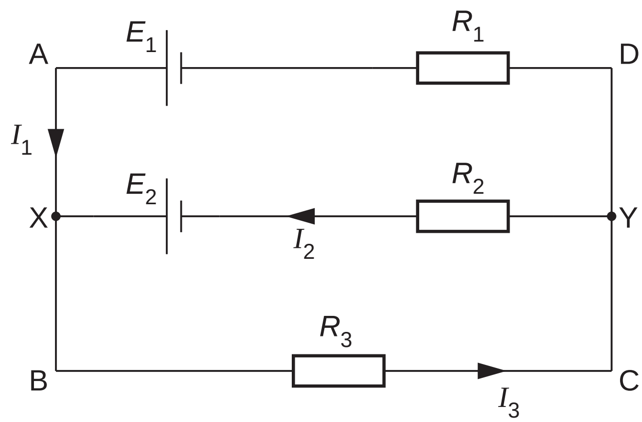

Fig. 7.1

The cells are connected to resistors of resistance R_1, R_2 and R_3 and the currents in the branches of the circuit are I_1, I_2 and I_3, as shown.

(i) Use Kirchhoff's first law to write down an expression relating I_1, I_2 and I_3.

.... [1]

(ii) Use Kirchhoff's second law to write down an expression relating

1. E_2, R_2, R_3, I_2 and I_3 in the loop XBCYX,

.... [1]

2. E_1, E_2, R_1, R_2, I_1 and I_2 in the loop AXYDA.

.... [1]

5 A circuit contains three similar lamps A, B and C. The circuit also contains three switches, S_1, S_2 and S_3, as shown in Fig. 7.1.

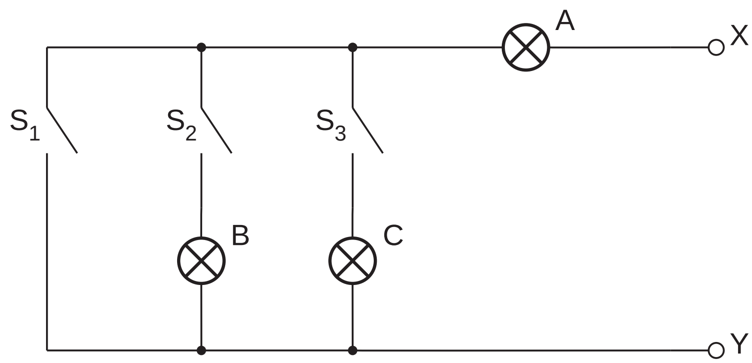

Fig. 7.1

One of the lamps is faulty. In order to detect the fault, an ohm-meter (a meter that measures resistance) is connected between terminals X and Y. When measuring resistance, the ohm-meter causes negligible current in the circuit.

Fig. 7.2 shows the readings of the ohm-meter for different switch positions.

switch S_1	switch S_2	switch S_3	meter reading / Ω
open	open	open	∞
closed	open	open	15 Ω
open	closed	open	30 Ω
open	closed	closed	15 Ω

Fig. 7.2

(a) Identify the faulty lamp, and the nature of the fault.

faulty lamp: ....

nature of fault: .... [2]

(b) Suggest why it is advisable to test the circuit using an ohm-meter that causes negligible current rather than with a power supply.

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.... [1]

(c) Determine the resistance of one of the non-faulty lamps, as measured using the ohm-meter.

resistance = ... Ω [1]

(d) Each lamp is marked 6.0 V, 0.20 A.

Calculate, for one of the lamps operating at normal brightness,

(i) its resistance,

resistance = ... Ω [2]

(ii) its power dissipation.

power = ... W [2]

(e) Comment on your answers to **(c)** and **(d)(i)**.

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....[2]

6 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.

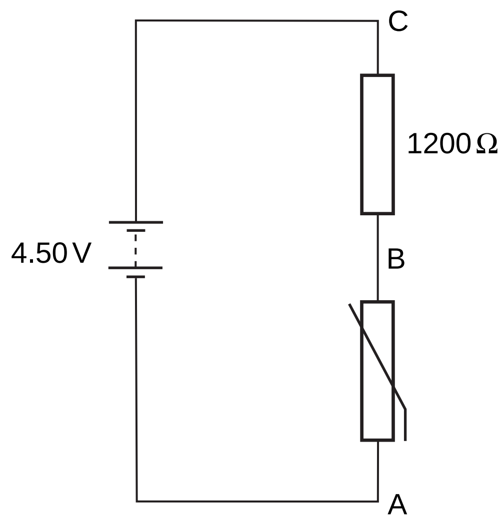

Fig. 7.1

(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.

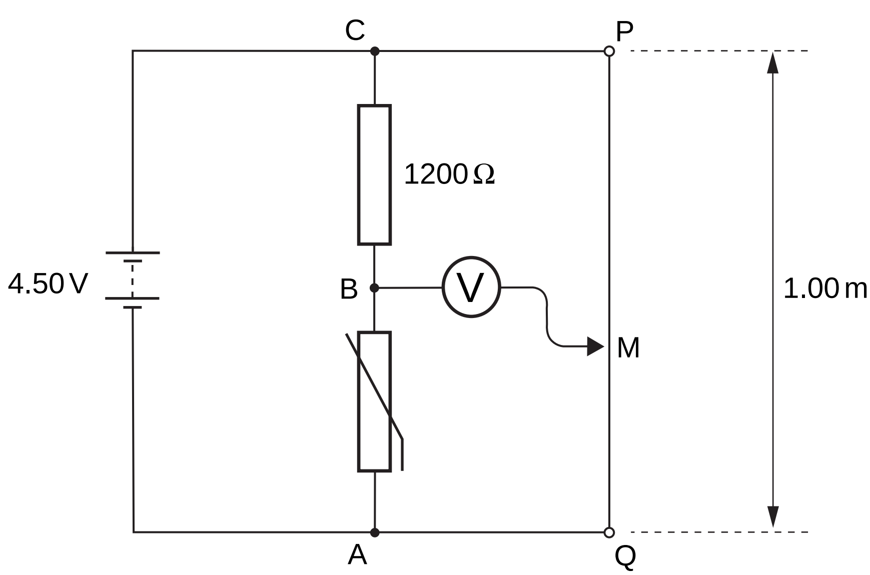

Fig. 7.2

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

(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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....[2]

(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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....[2]

7 **(a)** Define the *resistance* of a resistor.

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....[1]

(b) In the circuit of Fig. 7.1, the battery has an e.m.f. of 3.00 V and an internal resistance *r*. R is a variable resistor. The resistance of the ammeter is negligible and the voltmeter has an infinite resistance.

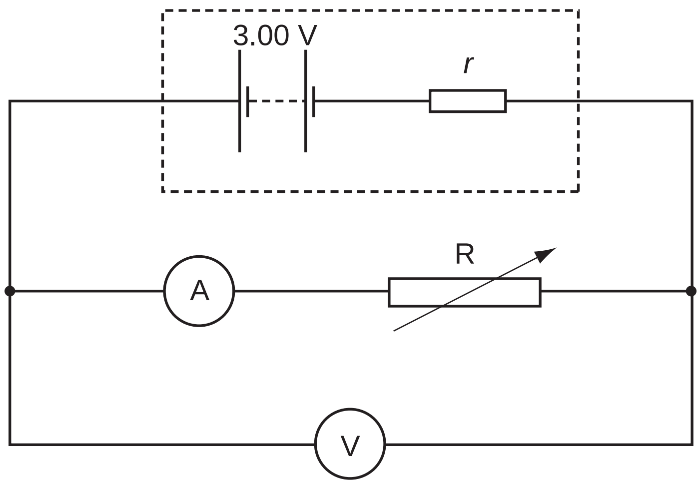

Fig. 7.1

The resistance of R is varied. Fig. 7.2 shows the variation of the power *P* dissipated in R with the potential difference *V* across R.

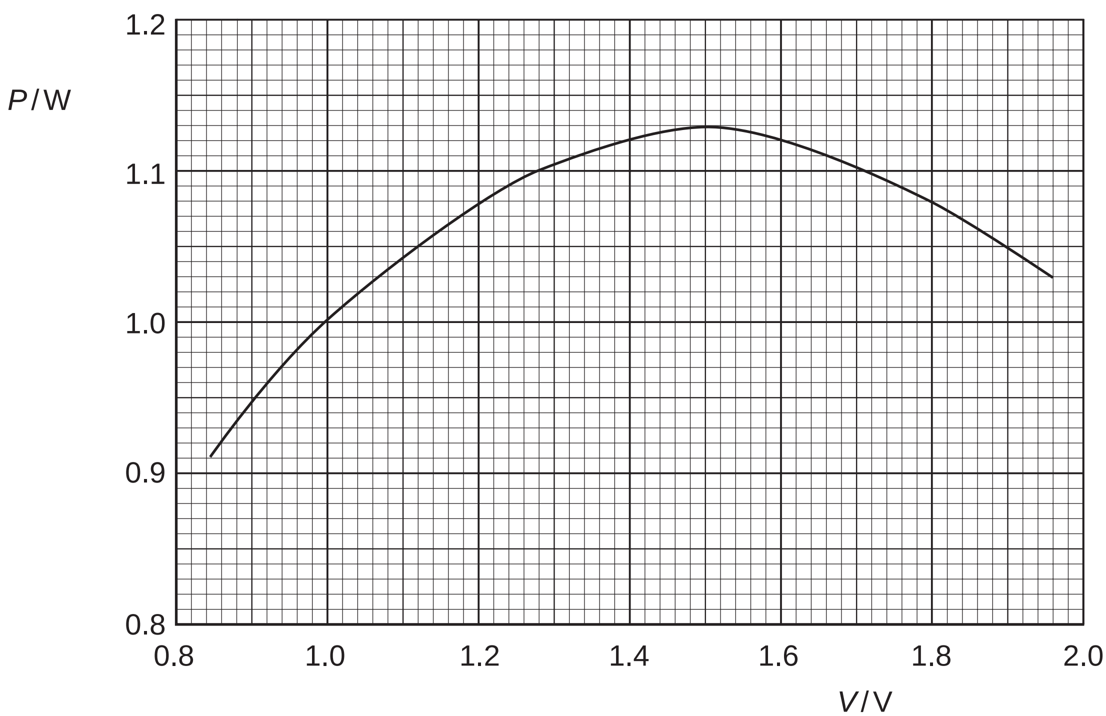

Fig. 7.2

(i) Use Fig. 7.2 to determine

1. the maximum power dissipation in R,

maximum power = ... W

2. the potential difference across R when the maximum power is dissipated.

potential difference = ... V
[1]

(ii) Hence calculate the resistance of R when the maximum power is dissipated.

resistance = ... Ω [2]

(iii) Use your answers in **(i)** and **(ii)** to determine the internal resistance *r* of the battery.

r = ... Ω [3]

(c) By reference to Fig. 7.2, it can be seen that there are two values of potential difference *V* for which the power dissipation is 1.05 W.
State, with a reason, which value of *V* will result in less power being dissipated in the internal resistance.

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