

### Pages 239–241 Exam practice questions

1 C

2 A

3 A

4 B

5 B

6 A

7 B

8 D

9 D

10 B

11 a) 0.4 A [1]

b) Current at normal operating temperature = horizontal portion of graph

$$= 0.2 \text{ A. [1]} \quad R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{6 \text{ V}}{0.2 \text{ A}} = 30 \, \Omega. \text{ [1]}$$

c) The metal in the filament of the bulb is initially cold. This means its resistance is low and a larger amount of current can flow through the filament. [1] The filament heats up as more current passes through it and the resistance increases, gradually limiting the current to a maximum value. [1]

d) Total charge,  $\Delta Q$  = area under  $I$ – $t$  graph from 0–500 ms. This can be approximated by dividing the area under the graph into regular shapes and calculating each shape's area/charge, or you could use a square counting technique – where each small square is equivalent to  $(0.1 \text{ A} \times 20 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}) = 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ C}$ .

The four triangles have a charge of:

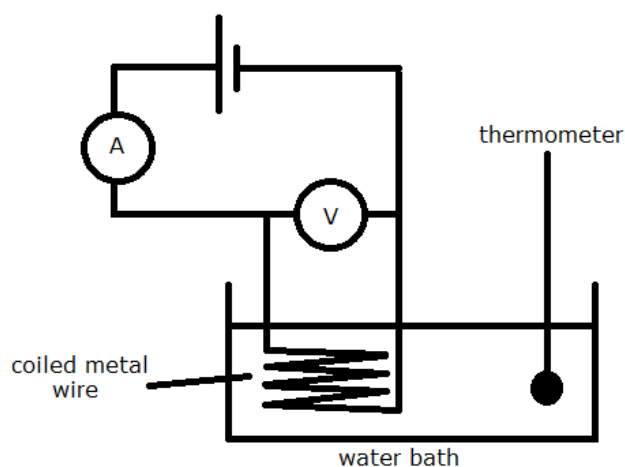
$$\left(\frac{1}{2} \times 0.4 \times 40 \times 10^{-3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 0.1 \times 100 \times 10^{-3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 0.07 \times 260 \times 10^{-3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 0.03 \times 160 \times 10^{-3}\right) = 0.0245 \text{ C}$$

The three rectangles have a charge of:

$$(0.3 \times 100 \times 10^{-3}) + (0.23 \times 160 \times 10^{-3}) + (0.2 \times 200 \times 10^{-3}) = 0.1068 \text{ C}$$

Total charge = 0.1313 C = 0.13 C (2 s.f.) correct method [1]; answer [1]

12 a)

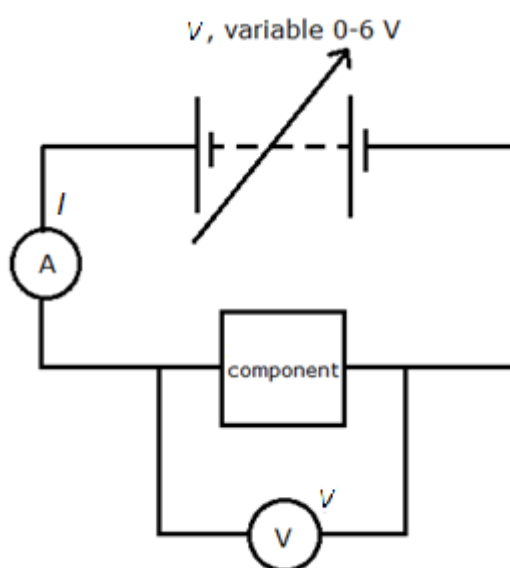


Correct electrical circuit [1]; suitable apparatus to vary  $T$  [1]

- b) i)** Set up apparatus as in Figure 7.
- ii)** Adjust temperature to  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  using ice.
- iii)** Measure and record current, p.d. and temperature. [1]
- iv)** Change temperature on water bath to  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- v)** Repeat step (iii).
- vi)** Repeat for  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  temperature increments up to  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$ . [1]
- vii)** Calculate values of  $R$  for each temperature using,  $R = \frac{V}{I}$ . [1]
- c)** The temperature at and below [1] which a material becomes superconducting. [1]

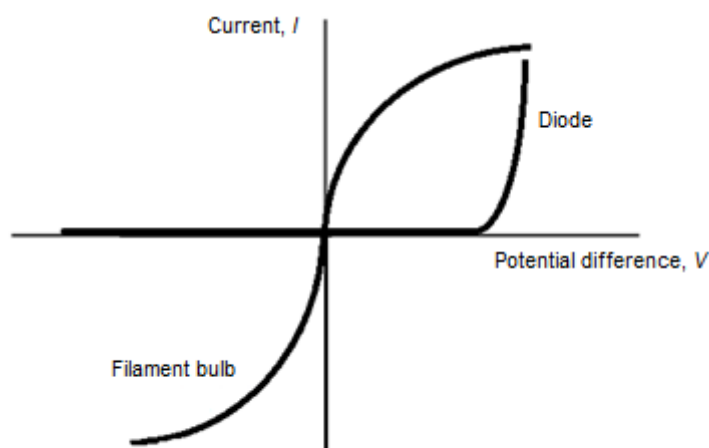
**13 a)** A conductor that obeys Ohm's Law ( $I \propto V$ ). [1]

**b)**



- c) i)** Adjust power supply so that voltmeter reads 1.0 V
- ii)** Measure and record p.d.,  $V$ , and current,  $I$ . [1]
- iii)** Alter p.d.,  $V$ , across the component in increments of 1.0 V.
- iv)** Repeat step (ii). [1]
- v)** Reverse bias the component. [1]
- vi)** Repeat steps (i) to (iv), recording values as negative. [1]
- vii)** Calculate values of:  $R = \frac{V}{I}$ , for each current, p.d. pair. [1]
- viii)** If the component is 'ohmic' then the values of  $R$  will all be very similar with no trend. [1]

14 a)

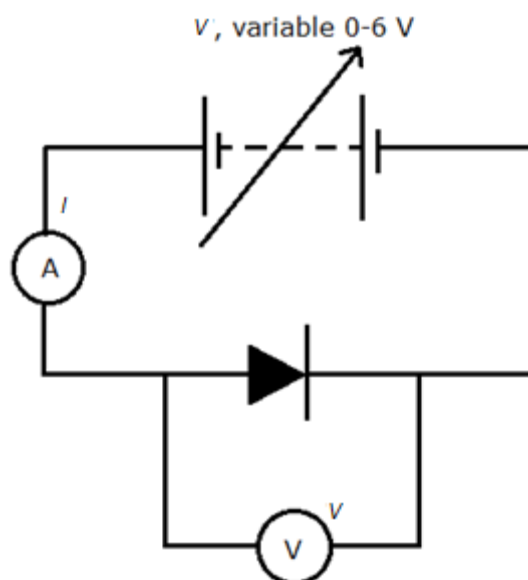


Correct diode [1]

Correct filament bulb [1]

**b)** Resistance,  $R = \frac{V}{I}$ . As  $V$  increases, so does  $I$ , but proportionately less than the increase in  $V$  [1]. This indicates that the ratio  $R = \frac{V}{I}$  increases with  $V$  [1].

**c)**



Correct symbols [1]

Correct connections [1]

- d)**
- i)** Adjust power supply so that voltmeter reads 0.5 V.
  - ii)** Measure and record p.d.,  $V$ , and current,  $I$ . [1]
  - iii)** Alter p.d.,  $V$ , across the component in increments of 0.5 V up to 3.0 V.
  - iv)** Repeat (ii). [1]
  - v)** Reverse bias the component. [1]
  - vi)** Repeat (i) to (iv), recording values as negative. [1]
- 15 a)**  $V = 6.0 \text{ V} - 1.8 \text{ V} = 4.2 \text{ V}$  [1]
- b)**  $I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{4.2 \text{ V}}{1.4 \times 10^3 \Omega}$  [1]  $= 3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A}$  [1] (2 s.f.)
- c)**  $R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{1.8 \text{ V}}{3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A}}$  [1]  $= 600 \Omega$  [1] (2 s.f.)
- d)** Higher resistance in the circuit will result in a smaller current [1] and hence a lower value of  $V$  [1].
- 16 a)**  $A = \pi r^2 \Rightarrow R = \frac{\rho l}{\pi r^2} = \frac{0.82 \Omega \text{ m} \times 8.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}}{\pi \times (1.4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})^2}$  [1]  $= 106.5 \Omega = 110 \Omega$  [1] (2 s.f.)
- b)** Increasing x4 length = increasing x4 resistance [1]. Halving the radius means that the area decreases by a factor of x4 [1] – the overall effect is for the resistance to increase by a factor of 16 to  $1760 \Omega$  [1].
- 17 a)**  $R = \frac{\rho l}{A} = \frac{1.7 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m} \times 0.60 \text{ m}}{1.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2}$  [1]  $= 0.078 \Omega$  [1] (2 s.f.)
- b)**  $V = IR = 2.2 \times 0.078 = 0.156 \text{ V}$  [1];
- b)** p.d across terminals of the supply  $V_T = V_{\text{wire 1}} + V_{\text{wire 2}} + V_{\text{lamp}}$   
 $= 0.156 \text{ V} + 0.156 \text{ V} + 12.0 \text{ V} = 12.3 \text{ V}$

## Pages 242–243 Stretch and challenge questions

- 18 A**
- 19 a)** Current flows and power is converted/heat energy produced (in the thermistor).  
 Calculation  $P = V^2/R = 25/120 = 0.2 \text{ W}$ .  
 This causes the temperature of the thermistor to rise and its resistance to fall.  
 Increased current flow so more heat energy produced.  
 Cycle continues until thermistor overheats/is destroyed.
- b)**  $50 \Omega$  as the variation of  $R_{\text{thermistor}}$  would be relative to  $(50 + 120) \Omega$ . (The change in potential is the change in  $R_{\text{thermistor}}$  relative to the smallest total resistance).
- c)**  $50 \Omega$  is the smallest resistance and might be too little to prevent the ‘thermal runaway’ described in part (a).
- 20 a)**  $A = \frac{V}{l}$ ; and  $R = \frac{\rho l^2}{V}$
- b)**  $\frac{V}{\rho} = \frac{l^2}{R}$  OR  $\frac{\rho}{V} = \frac{R}{l^2}$

$$c) \frac{R_{old}}{I_{old}^2} = \frac{R_{new}}{I_{new}^2}$$

$$\frac{2.7}{32^2} = \frac{R_{new}}{120^2}$$

$$R_{new} = 38 \, \Omega$$