

## CHAPTER 8

- 1 a What instrument is used to measure electric current?  
b How should it be connected in a circuit?  
c Draw its circuit symbol.
- 2 A circuit is set up in which a cell makes an electric current flow through a lamp. Two ammeters are included, one to measure the current flowing into the lamp, the other to measure the current flowing out of the lamp.
- a Draw a circuit diagram to represent this circuit.  
b Add an arrow to show the direction of the current around the circuit.  
c What can you say about the readings on the two ammeters?
- 3 a Name two materials that are good electrical conductors.  
b Name two materials that are good electrical insulators.
- 4 a In which direction does conventional current flow around a circuit?  
b In which direction do electrons flow?
- 5 a What is the unit of electric current?  
b What is the unit of electric charge?
- 6 a How many milliamps are there in 1 amp?  
b How many microamps are there in 1 amp?
- 7 Which of the following equations shows the correct relationship between electrical units?
- $1 \text{ A} = 1 \text{ C/s}$   
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- 8 If 20 C of charge pass a point in a circuit in 1 s, what current is flowing?
- 9 A current of 4 A flows around a circuit for 10 s. How much charge flows around the circuit in this time?
- 10 a What do the letters p.d. stand for?  
b What meter is used to measure p.d.?  
c Draw the symbol for this meter.
- 11 a What name is given to the p.d. across a cell or battery?  
b What unit is this measured in?
- 12 a What is the resistance of a lamp if a current of 2.0 A flows through it when it is connected to a 12 V supply?  
b If the p.d. across the lamp is increased, will the current flowing increase or decrease?
- 13 A student cuts two pieces of wire, one long and one short, from a reel.  
a Which piece of wire will have the greater resistance?  
b Draw a circuit diagram to show how you would check your answer by measuring the resistances of the two pieces of wire.
- 14 What p.d. is needed to make a current of 1 A flow through a  $20 \Omega$  resistor?
- 15 a What is the resistance of a resistor if a p.d. of 20 V across it causes a current of 2 A to flow through it?  
b What p.d. would cause a current of 3 A to flow through the resistor?
- 16 What current flows when a p.d. of 14.5 V is connected across a  $1000 \Omega$  resistor?
- 17 A 1.0 m length of wire is found to have a resistance of  $40 \Omega$ .  
a What would be the resistance of a piece of the same wire of length 2.0 m?  
b What would be the resistance of a 2.0 m wire with half the cross-sectional area, made of the same material?
- 18 Write down an equation linking watts, volts and amps.
- 19 A 10 V power supply pushes a current of 5 A through a resistor. At what rate is energy transferred to the resistor?
- 20 A tropical fish tank is fitted with an electric heater, which has a power rating of 30 W. The heater is connected to a 12 V supply. What current flows through the heater when it is switched on?
- 21 How much energy is transformed by an electric lamp in 100 s if a current of 0.22 A flows through it when it is connected to a 120 V supply?

- 18.1** a Draw a circuit to show how a cell can be connected to a switch and a lamp, so that the lamp lights up when the switch is closed. Label the components in your circuit. [4]
- b Add arrows to your circuit to show the direction in which electric current flows in the circuit. [2]
- c Name the device you would use to measure the e.m.f. of the cell. [1]
- d What unit is e.m.f. measured in? [1]

- 18.2** To determine the resistance  $R$  of a resistor, an ammeter and a voltmeter can be used.
- a Draw a circuit diagram to show how you would use these instruments, together with a variable power supply, to determine  $R$ . [5]
- b What quantity does the ammeter measure? [1]
- c What quantity does the voltmeter measure? [1]
- d If the voltmeter gave a reading of 6.5 V and the ammeter gave a reading of 1.25 A, what would be the value of  $R$ ? [3]

- 18.3** Electrical appliances are used to transform electrical energy into other, more useful, forms of energy.
- a Into what useful form of energy does a filament lamp transform electrical energy? [1]
- b Into what other, less useful, form is electrical energy transformed by the lamp? [1]
- c A lamp is labelled '12 V, 36 W'. This indicates that it should be used with a 12 V supply. What other information does the label provide? [1]
- d How much electrical energy does the lamp transform in 1 minute? [3]
- e The lamp is connected to a 12 V supply. Use the relationship  $P = IV$  to calculate the current that flows through it. [3]

- 18.4** An electric heater is connected to a 10 V supply.
- a In 20 s, 30 C of electric charge flows through the heater. Calculate the current flowing. [3]
- b Calculate the energy transferred by the heater in 20 s. [4]