

Parallel Circuits

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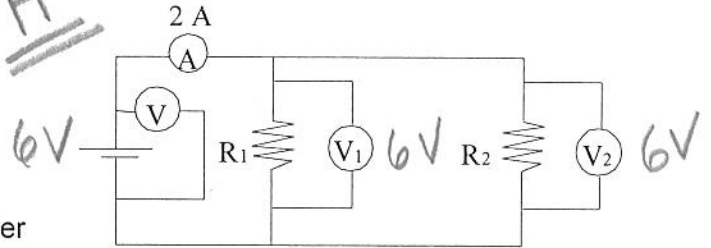
$V_T = V_1 = V_2$

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1 An electric circuit is composed of two identical resistors, R_1 and R_2 , three voltmeters, V , V_1 and V_2 , and one ammeter, A . Each of voltmeters V_1 and V_2 indicates a potential difference V of 6 V.

voltage (V)

The diagram to the right illustrates this circuit.



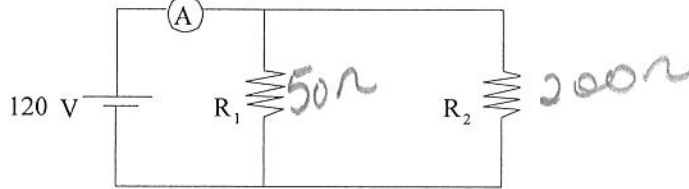
What is the potential difference indicated by voltmeter V in this circuit?

- A) 3 V
- B) 6 V
- C) 12 V
- D) 14 V

R_T or R_{eq}

2 An electric circuit is illustrated below. The value of the resistance of the resistors is

$R_T = 40\Omega$ which is $< 50\Omega$!



$R_1 = 50 \Omega$

$R_2 = 200 \Omega$

$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{50\Omega} + \frac{1}{200\Omega}$

What is the value of the equivalent resistance of this circuit?

$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{5}{200\Omega} = \frac{200\Omega}{5} = 40\Omega$

3 A circuit consisting of 3 resistors R_1 , R_2 and R_3 , connected in parallel is illustrated below. The power supply is fixed at 24 V.

$V_1 24V$ $I_1 2A$ $R_1 12\Omega$

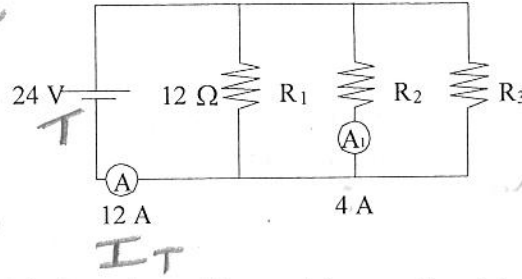
$V_2 24V$ $I_2 4A$ $R_2 6\Omega$

~~$V_3 24V$ $I_3 6A$ $R_3 4\Omega$~~

~~$V_T 24V$ $I_T 12A$ $R_T 2\Omega$~~

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$\frac{V_2}{I_2} = \frac{24V}{4A} = 6\Omega$



According to this diagram, what is the value of the resistance of resistor R_3 ?

Show all your work. ANS: $R_3 = 4\Omega$

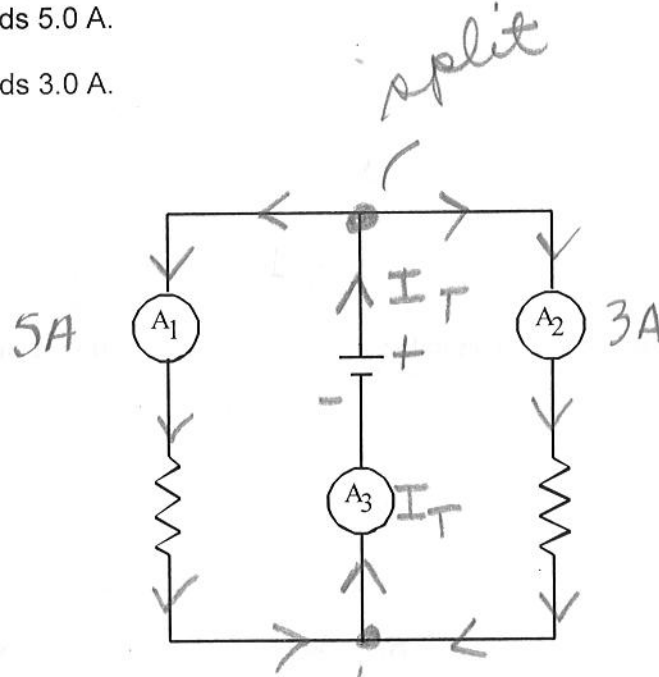
$A_1 = I_2!$
you label!

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Given the following circuit diagram in which three ammeters have been installed:

Ammeter A_1 reads 5.0 A.

Ammeter A_2 reads 3.0 A.



What is the reading of ammeter A_3 ?

- A) 2.0 A
- B) 3.0 A
- C) 5.0 A
- D) 8.0 A

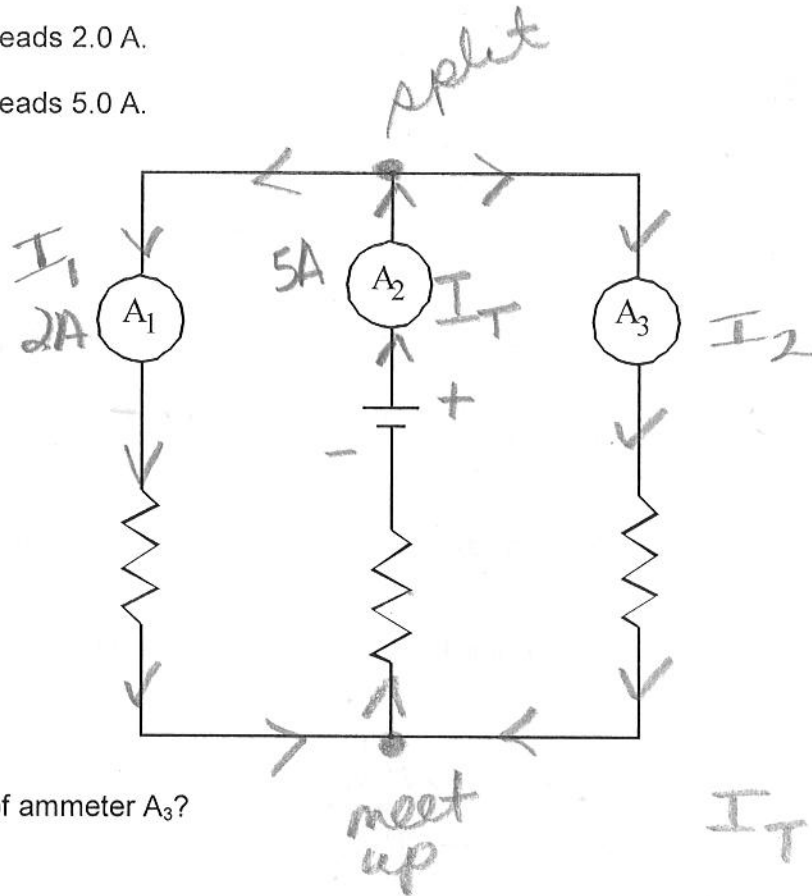
$I_T = I_1 + I_2$

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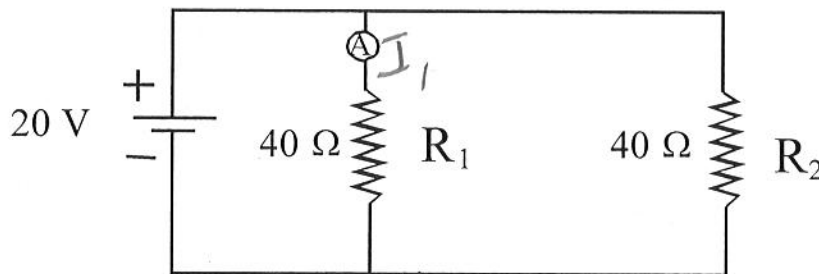


What is the reading of ammeter A_3 ?

- A) 7.0 A
- B) 5.0 A
- C) 3.0 A
- D) 2.0 A

$$I_T = I_1 + I_2$$
$$I_T - I_1 = I_2$$
$$5A - 2A = 3A$$

6 The electric circuit shown below consists of an ammeter A, a power supply, and resistors R_1 and R_2 connected in parallel.



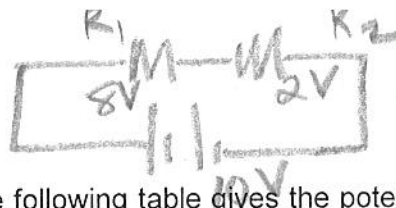
$$I_1 = \frac{V_1}{R_1}$$
$$= \frac{20V}{40\Omega}$$

What is the current intensity (I) flowing through the ammeter?

$$ANS = I_1 = 0.5A$$

7 Two electric circuits each consists of a power supply and resistors R_1 and R_2 .

circuit 1:



For each circuit, the following table gives the potential difference (voltage), V , across the terminals of the power supply; the potential difference V_1 , across resistor R_1 ; and the potential difference, V_2 , across resistor R_2 .

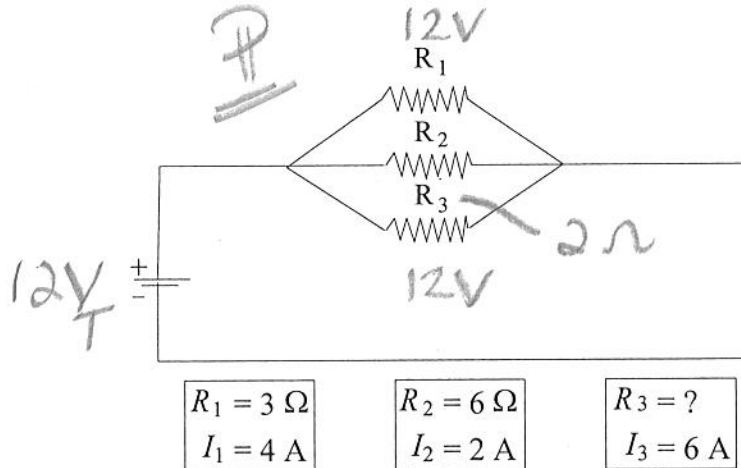


Circuit	$V(V)_T =$	$V_1(V)$	$V_2(V)$
series 1	10 V =	8 V +	2 V
# 2	10 V =	10 V =	10 V

Draw a circuit diagram to illustrate each of these circuits. Give one reason to justify each of your diagrams.

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The following diagram shows a parallel circuit consisting of three resistors.



$$R_3 = \frac{V_3}{I_3} = \frac{12V}{6A} = 2\Omega$$

What is the value of resistor R_3 ?

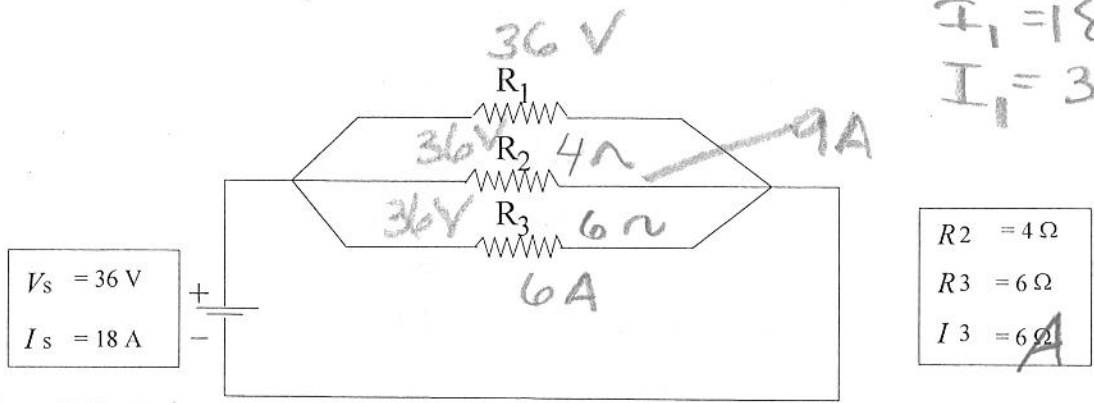
- A) 0.5 Ω
- B) 2 Ω
- C) 9 Ω
- D) 12 Ω

$$V = I \cdot R_1 \\ = (4A)(3\Omega) = 12V = 12V = 12V$$

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The following circuit is connected to a source that can provide a current intensity of 18 A when the potential difference (voltage) is 36 V?

R_1 ① $V_T = V_1 = V_2 = V_3$ ③ $I_T = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$



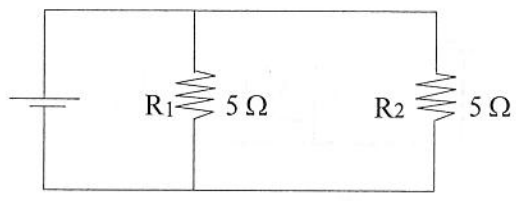
$I_1 = 18A - 9A - 6A$
 $I_1 = 3A$

ANS = $I_1 = 3A$

What is the current intensity I_1 flowing through resistor R_1 ?

② $9A = \frac{V_2}{R_2} = I_2 = \frac{36V}{4\Omega}$

10 A parallel circuit is illustrated below.

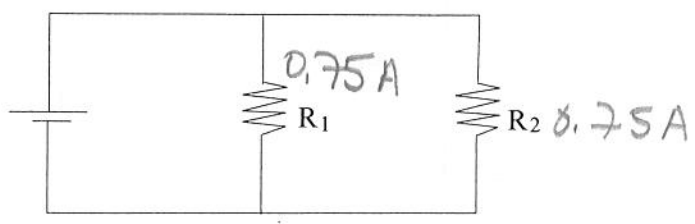


What is the equivalent resistance of this circuit?

- A) 0.4Ω
- B) 2.5Ω**
- C) 5Ω
- D) 10Ω

$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{5\Omega} + \frac{1}{5\Omega} = \frac{2}{5\Omega}$
 $R_T = \frac{5\Omega}{2} = 2.5\Omega$

11 The following electric circuit consists of two resistors R_1 and R_2 and a power source.



Using an ammeter, you measured the current intensity (I) through each resistor. Here are the results:

$$I_T = I_1 + I_2 = 0.75A + 0.75A$$

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Resistor	Intensity (A)
R_1	0.75
R_2	0.75

$$I_T = 1.5A$$

$$= I_T?$$

Given this information, what is the current intensity provided by the power source I_s ?

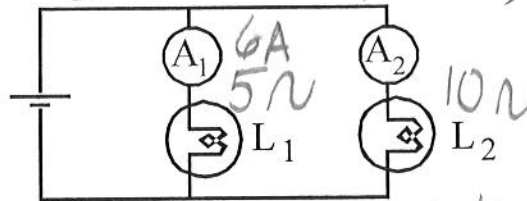
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In the laboratory, you built an electric circuit consisting of a power source, two different light bulbs, L_1 and L_2 , and two ammeters, A_1 and A_2 . The resistance of light bulb L_2 is twice the resistance of light bulb L_1 ($R_2 = 2R_1$).

$$R_{LB_2} = 2 R_{LB_1}$$

$$2 \times R = \frac{1}{2} I!$$

$R + I = \text{inverse!}$



$$L_2 = 10\Omega$$

$$L_1 = 5\Omega$$

because I can!

If ammeter A_1 reads 0.6 A, what is the reading given by ammeter A_2 ?

$$\therefore I_2 = 3A = \frac{1}{2} \text{ the } I \text{ bec twice the } R!$$

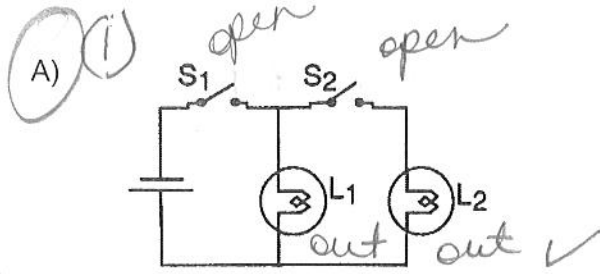
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An electrical circuit consists of a power source, two switches (S_1 and S_2) and two light bulbs (L_1 and L_2).

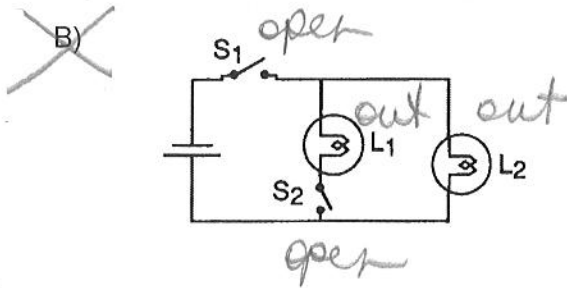
The following table shows what happens to both light bulbs:

Switch		Light Bulb	
S_1	S_2	L_1	L_2
open	open	out	out
closed	open	bright	out

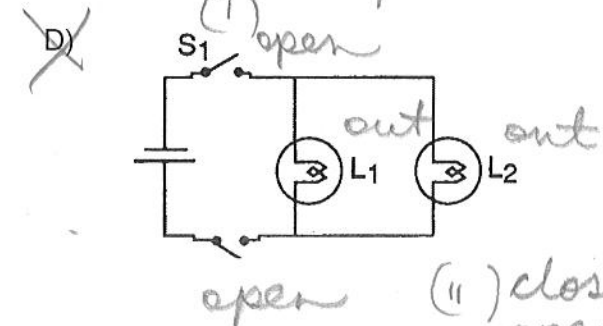
Which of the following circuit diagrams illustrates the results shown in the table above?



(II) close $S_1 = L_1$ on + L_2 out
open S_2

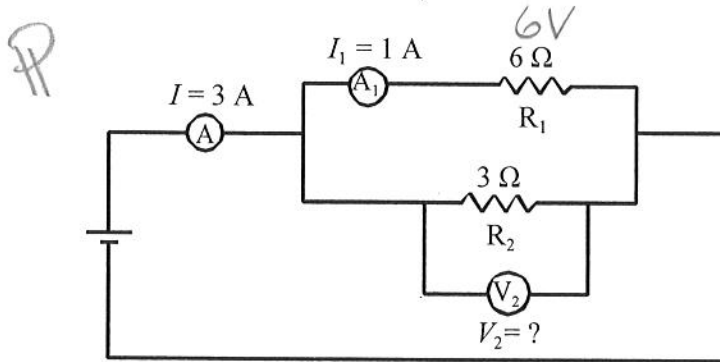


(II) close $S_1 = L_2$ on
open $S_2 = L_1$ out



(II) close S_1 } L_1
open S_2 } +
 L_2 out

14 The following electric circuit consists of a power source, two ammeters (\textcircled{A} and \textcircled{A}_1), two resistors (R_1 and R_2) and a voltmeter (\textcircled{V}_2). Ammeter \textcircled{A} reads 3 A and ammeter \textcircled{A}_1 reads 1 A.



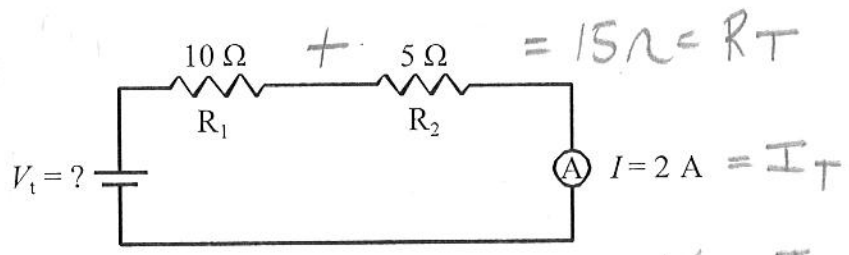
$$V_1 = I_1 R_1 = (1 \text{ A})(6 \Omega) = 6 \text{ V}$$

$$\therefore V_2 = 6 \text{ V} \text{ bec } \textcircled{P}$$

What is the potential difference (voltage), V_2 , across the terminals of resistor R_2 ?

- A) 1.5 V C) 9 V
 B) 6 V D) 27 V

15 The following circuit consists of a power source, two resistors (R_1 and R_2) and an ammeter \textcircled{A} . The ammeter reads 2 A.



$$V_T = I_T R_T$$
$$= (2 \text{ A})(15 \Omega)$$
$$V_T = 30 \text{ V}$$

What is the potential difference (voltage), V_t , across the terminals of the power source?

- A) 0.13 V
- B) 7.5 V
- C) 30 V
- D) 60 V