Combined Science - Physics - Key Stage 4 - Electricity

Series Circuits

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Current in series circuits

 Draw the circuit to the right.
If the current through ammeter 2 is 1.8 A, predict the current through ammeter 1 and ammeter 3.





Potential difference in series circuits

Draw the circuit to the right. 1)

If the potential difference across voltmeter 2) is 2 V and the potential difference across voltmeter 2 is 4 V, what must be the potential difference across the middle resistor?





Resistance in series circuits

- 1) Draw the circuit to the right.
- 2) If the total resistance is 20Ω what is the resistance of the second resistor?
- 3) If the cell voltage is 6 V and the current is 0.3 A, show that the total resistance is 20 Ω .





Independent practice

Calculate the potential difference across the lamp, and calculate the resistance of the lamp in both of these circuits.



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Independent practice

Calculate:

- a) The potential difference across the resistor
- b) The current through the resistor
- c) The current through the lamp
- d) The resistance of the lamp
- e) The total circuit resistance





Answers



Review: Current in series circuits



2) If the current in ammeter 2 is 1.8 A, then the current in ammeter 1 will be **1.8** A and the current in ammeter 3 will be **1.8** A.



Review: Potential difference in series circuits



2) **V** = **3** V
If
$$V_1 = 2$$
 V and $V_2 = 4$ V then: $9 = 2 + V + 4$,

so V = 9 - 2 - 4 = 3 V



Review: Resistance in series circuits





3) Total potential difference = total current × total resistance

 $6 = 0.3 \times R$ $R = 6 / 0.3 = 20 \Omega$

1)



If the total resistance is 20 Ω . Then: 20 = 5 + R, so **R** = $20 - 5 = 15 \Omega$



Review: Independent practice

Calculate the potential difference across the lamp, and calculate the resistance of the lamp.



1) $V = 2 V, R = 1 \square$

2) V = 1.5 V, R = 15 □



Review: Independent practice

Calculate:

- a) The potential difference across the resistor 5.5 V
- b) The current through the resistor 1.375 A
- c) The current through the lamp 1.375 A
- d) The resistance of the lamp 0.36 Ω
- e) The total circuit resistance $4.36 \ \Omega$



