Combined Science - Physics - Key Stage 4 - Electricity

## Series Circuits

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## Current in series circuits

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


## Potential difference in series circuits

1) Draw the circuit to the right.
2) If the potential difference across voltmeter 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 $20 \Omega$ 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 $20 \Omega$.


## Independent practice

Calculate the potential difference across the lamp, and calculate the resistance of the lamp in both of these circuits.
1)


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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

1) 


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

1) 


2) $\mathbf{V}=\mathbf{3} \mathbf{V}$
If $\mathrm{V}_{1}=2 \mathrm{~V}$ and $\mathrm{V}_{2}=4 \mathrm{~V}$ then:
$9=2+V+4$,
so $\mathbf{V}=9-2-4=\mathbf{3} \mathbf{V}$

## Review: Resistance in series circuits

1) 


2) $\mathbf{R}=\mathbf{1 5} \boldsymbol{\Omega}$

If the total resistance is $20 \boldsymbol{\Omega}$. Then: $20=5+\mathrm{R}$, so $\mathbf{R}=20-5=15 \Omega$
3) Total potential difference $=$ total current $\times$ total resistance

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\begin{aligned}
& 6=0.3 \times \mathrm{R} \\
& \mathrm{R}=6 / 0.3=20 \Omega
\end{aligned}
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## Review: Independent practice

Calculate the potential difference across the lamp, and calculate the resistance of the lamp.
1)


1) $V=2 V, R=1 \square$
2) $V=1.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{R}=15$

## 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 $0.36 \Omega$
e) The total circuit resistance $4.36 \Omega$


