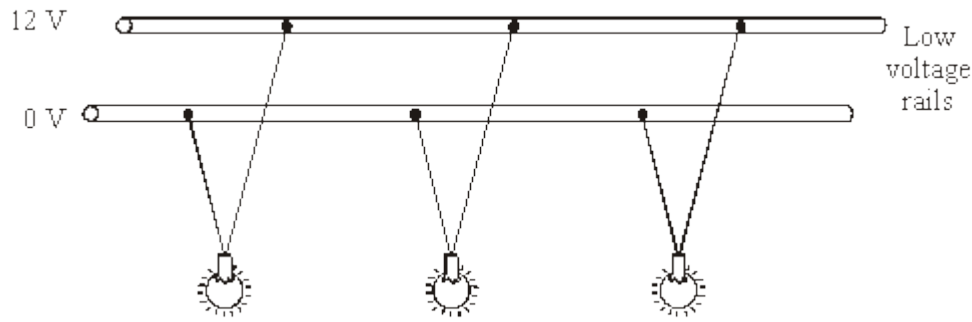


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The diagram shows a 12 volt lighting system. Each lamp has a power of 32 watts.



(i) Write down the equation that links current, potential difference and power.

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(1)

(ii) Calculate the input current to the lighting system. Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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current = \_\_\_\_\_ A

(2)

(Total 3 marks)

2

(a) The resistance of a 24 W, 12 V filament lamp depends on the current flowing through the lamp. For currents up to 0.8 A, the resistance has a constant value of 2.5 Ω.

(i) Use the equation in the box to calculate the potential difference across the lamp when a current of 0.8 A flows through the lamp.

potential difference = current × resistance

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

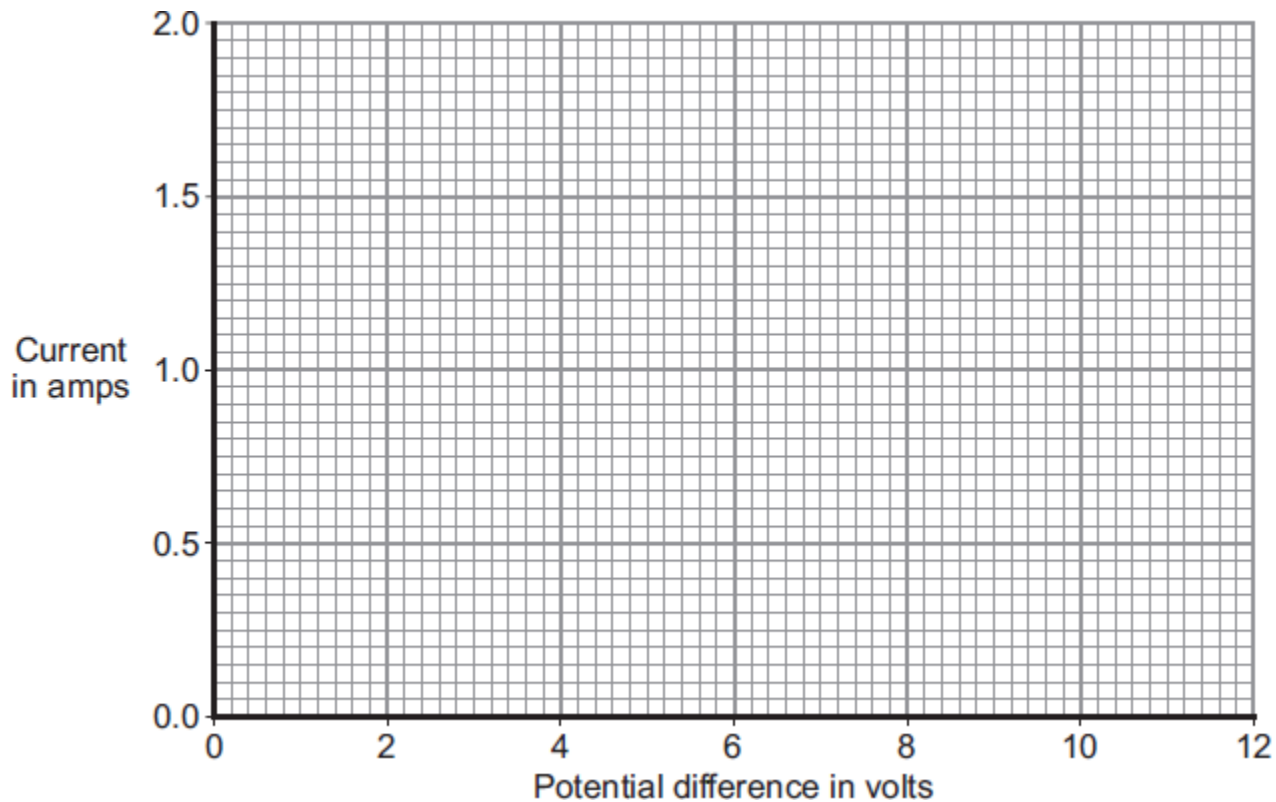
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Potential difference = \_\_\_\_\_ V

(2)

- (ii) When the potential difference across the lamp is 12 V, the current through the lamp is 2 A.

On the axes below, draw a current–potential difference graph for the filament lamp over the range of potential difference from 0 to 12 volts.



(2)

- (iii) Why does the resistance of the lamp change when the current through the lamp exceeds 0.8 A?

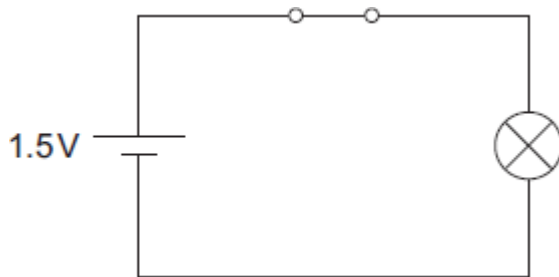
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(1)

- (b) The lamp is now included in a circuit. The circuit is switched on for 2 minutes. During this time, 72 coulombs of charge pass through the lamp.



Use the equation in the box to calculate the energy transformed by the lamp while the circuit is switched on.

$$\text{energy transformed} = \text{potential difference} \times \text{charge}$$

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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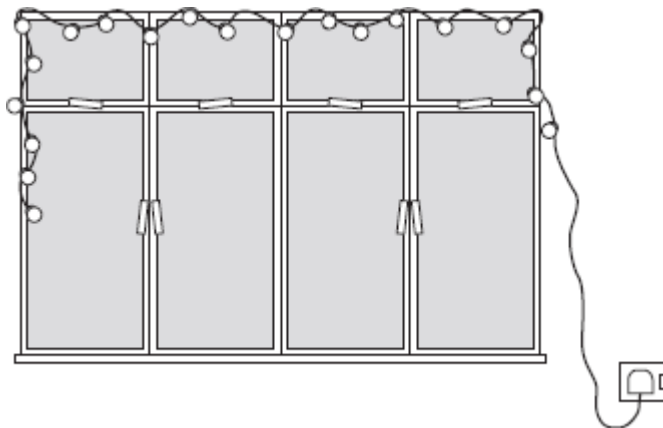
Energy transformed = \_\_\_\_\_ J

(2)

(Total 7 marks)

3

A set of lights consists of 20 lamps connected in series to the 230 V mains electricity supply.



- (a) When the lights are switched on and working correctly, the current through each lamp is 0.25 A.

- (i) What is the total current drawn from the mains supply?

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(1)

(ii) Calculate the charge passing through **one** of the lamps in 5 minutes.

Show clearly how you work out your answer and give the unit.

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Total charge = \_\_\_\_\_

**(3)**

(b) One of the lamps in the set is a fuse lamp. This contains a filament which melts if a fault occurs. A short time after the lights are switched on, a fault causes the filament inside the fuse lamp to melt and all the lamps go out.

The householder cannot find another fuse lamp so connects a piece of aluminium foil across the contacts inside the fuse lamp holder.

When switched on, the nineteen remaining lamps work.

What the householder has done is dangerous.

Explain why.

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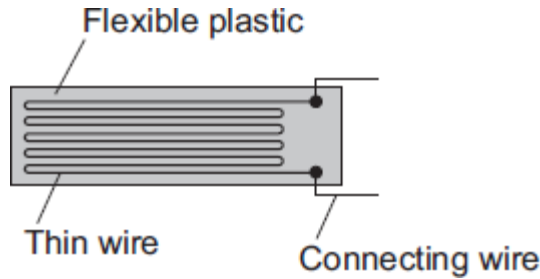
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**(Total 6 marks)**

4

The diagram shows a strain gauge, which is an electrical device used to monitor a changing force.

Applying a force to the gauge causes it to stretch.  
This makes the electrical resistance of the wire change.



- (a) (i) Using the correct symbols, **add** to the diagram to show how a battery, an ammeter and a voltmeter can be used to find the resistance of the strain gauge drawn above.

(2)

- (ii) When in use, the strain gauge is always connected to a d.c. power supply, such as a battery.

How is a d.c. (direct current) power supply different from an a.c. (alternating current) power supply?

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(1)

- (b) Before any force is applied, the unstretched gauge, correctly connected to a 3.0 V battery, has a current of 0.040 A flowing through it.

- (i) Calculate the resistance of the unstretched gauge.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Resistance = \_\_\_\_\_  $\Omega$

- (ii) Stretching the gauge causes the current flowing through the gauge to decrease.

What happens to the resistance of the gauge when it is stretched?

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(1)

- (iii) What form of energy is stored in the gauge when a force is applied and the gauge stretches?

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(1)

(Total 7 marks)

5

A set of Christmas tree lights is made from twenty identical lamps connected in series.



- (a) Each lamp is designed to take a current of 0.25 A. The set plugs directly into the 230 V mains electricity supply.

- (i) Write down the equation that links current, potential difference and resistance.

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(1)

- (ii) Calculate the resistance of **one** of the lamps. Show clearly how you work out your final answer and give the unit.

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Resistance = \_\_\_\_\_

(4)

(iii) What is the total resistance of the set of lights?

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Total resistance = \_\_\_\_\_

(1)

(b) How does the resistance of a filament lamp change as the temperature of the filament changes?

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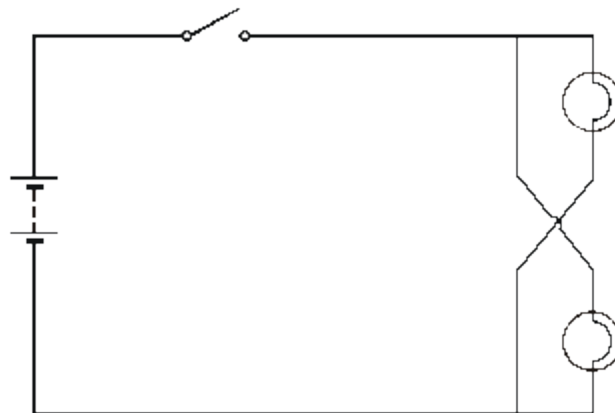
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(1)

(Total 7 marks)

**6**

The circuit diagram below shows a circuit used to supply electrical energy to the two headlights of a car.



The current through the filament of one car headlight is 3.0 A. The potential difference across each of the two headlights is 12 V.

(a) Suggest a suitable fuse for the circuit. \_\_\_\_\_

(1)

(b) Calculate the resistance of the headlight filament when in use.

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_ W

(2)

(c) Calculate the power supplied to the two headlights of the car.

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_ W

(2)

(d) The fully charged car battery can deliver 72 kJ of energy at 12 V. How long can the battery keep the headlights fully on?

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_ s

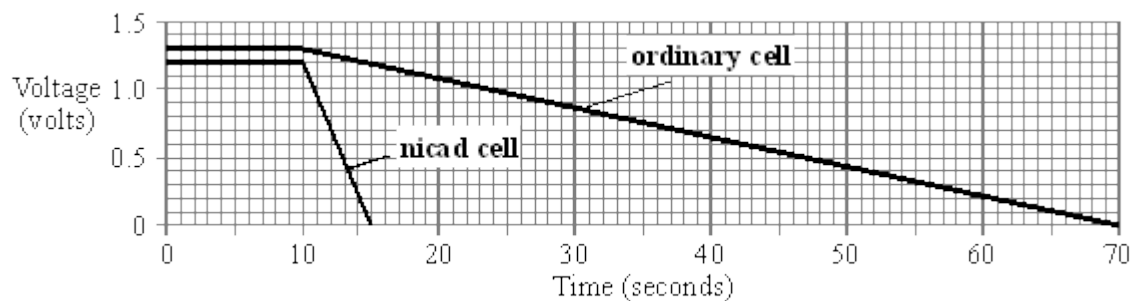
(2)

(Total 7 marks)

**7**

A small torch uses a single cell to make the bulb light up.

(a) The graphs show the voltage across two different types of cell as they transfer the last bit of their stored energy through the torch bulb.





Describe the differences that the graphs show between the two types of cell.

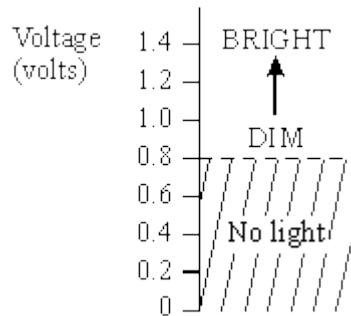
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(3)

(b) The diagram shows how bright the torch bulb is for different voltages.



From the point when the voltage of each cell starts to fall, how long will the bulb stay lit:

(i) with the ordinary cell?

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(ii) with the nicad cell?

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(4)

(c) When the voltage across the bulb falls to half, the current through the bulb falls by **less than** half. Why is this?

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(3)

(Total 10 marks)

8

- (a) The picture shows a person using a set of electronic 'Body Fat Scales'. When the person stands on the scales, a small, harmless, electric current passes through the person's body. The scales then calculate the resistance of the person's body and convert the resistance into a *prediction* of body fat content.



- (i) The scales contain two 3 V cells joined in series.

Calculate the resistance of a person's body, if when he stands on the scales, a current of 0.12 mA passes through his body.

$$1000 \text{ mA} = 1 \text{ A}$$

Show clearly how you work out your answer and give the unit.

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Resistance = \_\_\_\_\_

(3)

- (ii) The scales can only produce a *prediction* of body fat content and not an accurate measurement.

Suggest why.

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(1)

- (iii) It is recommended that the scales are **not** used immediately after a person has drunk a large amount of water.

Suggest why.

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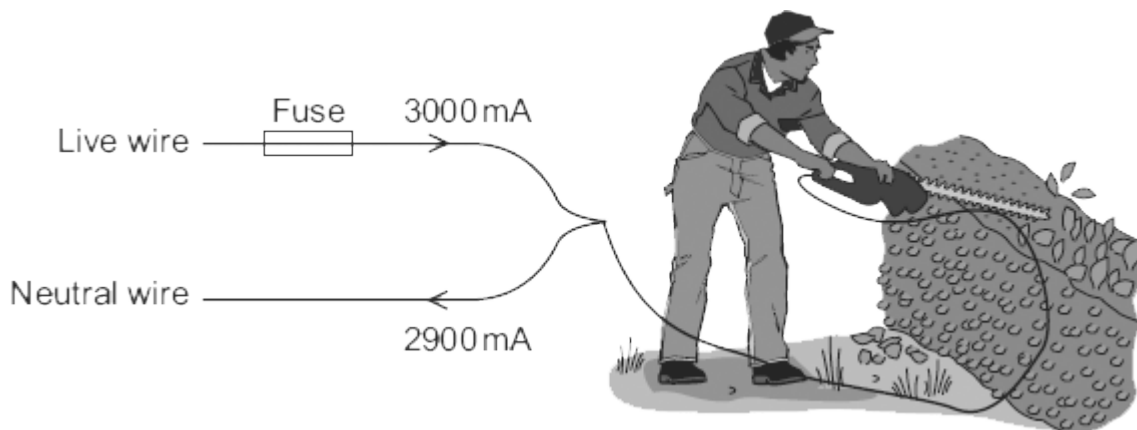
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(2)

- (b) The diagram shows how someone could get an electric shock from accidentally cutting into an electric cable. If this happens, and a Residual Current Circuit Breaker (RCCB) is being used, the circuit will switch off automatically.



- (i) A faulty appliance or circuit can be switched off by a RCCB or a fuse.  
Compare the action of a RCCB with the action of a fuse.

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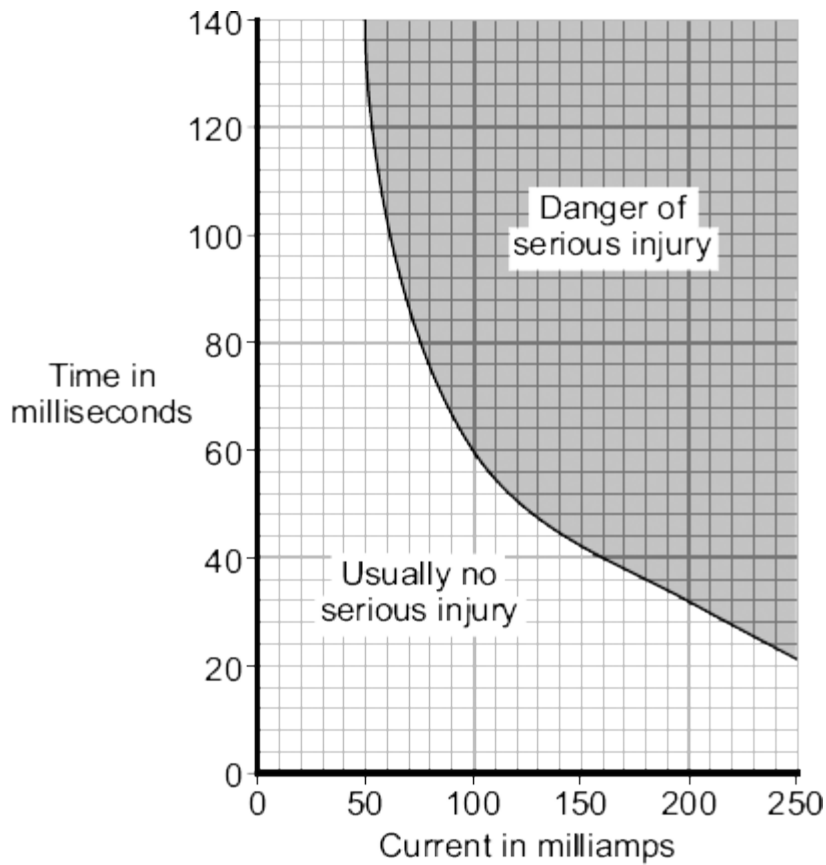
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(2)

- (ii) The graph shows how the severity of an electric shock depends on the size of the current and the time that the current flows through the body.



Using the RCCB helps prevent an electric shock seriously injuring the person using the hedge trimmers.

Using information from both the diagram and the graph explain how.

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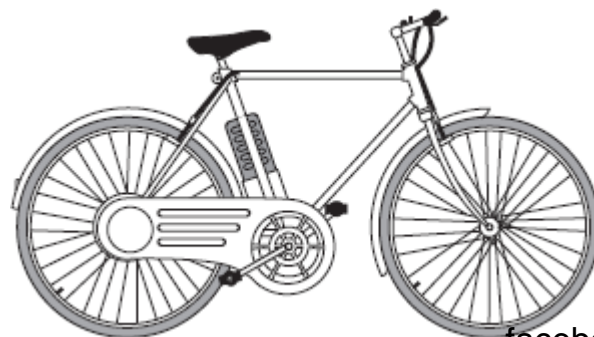
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(2)

(Total 10 marks)

9

The picture shows an electric bicycle. The bicycle is usually powered using a combination of the rider pedalling and an electric motor.



(a) A 36 volt battery powers the electric motor. The battery is made using individual 1.2 volt cells.

(i) Explain how a 36 volt battery can be produced using individual 1.2 volt cells.

To gain full marks, you must include a calculation in your answer.

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(2)

(ii) The battery supplies a direct current (d.c.).

What is a *direct current (d.c.)*?

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(1)

(iii) When fully charged, the battery can deliver a current of 5 A for 2 hours. The battery is then fully discharged.

Calculate the maximum charge that the battery stores.

Show clearly how you work out your answer and give the unit.

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Charge stored = \_\_\_\_\_

(3)

- (b) When powered only by the electric motor, the bicycle can carry a 90 kg rider at a maximum speed of 6 m/s. Under these conditions, the maximum distance that the bicycle can cover before the battery needs recharging is 32 km.

The bicycle has a mass of 30 kg.

- (i) Calculate the maximum kinetic energy of the bicycle **and** rider when the rider is not pedalling.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Kinetic energy = \_\_\_\_\_ J

(2)

- (ii) The bicycle can be fitted with panniers (bags) to carry a small amount of luggage.

What effect would fitting panniers and carrying luggage have on the distance the bicycle can cover before the battery needs recharging?

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Give a reason for your answer.

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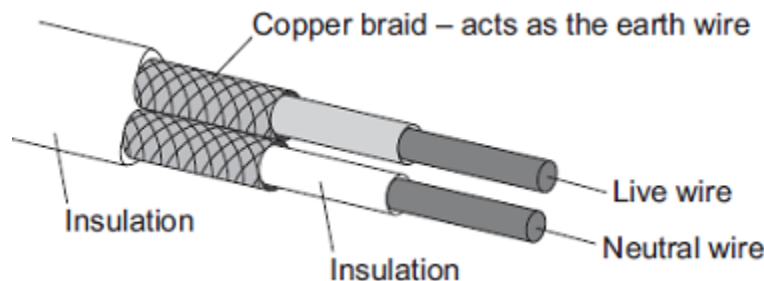
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(2)

(Total 10 marks)

10

The diagram shows the structure of a cable. The cable is part of an undersoil heating circuit inside a large greenhouse.



- (a) The cable is connected to the mains electricity supply through a residual current circuit breaker. If the cable is accidentally cut the circuit breaker automatically switches the circuit off.

- (i) What is the frequency of the mains electricity supply in the UK?

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(1)

- (ii) What happens, as the cable is cut, to cause the circuit breaker to switch the circuit off?

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(2)

- (iii) A circuit can also be switched off by the action of a fuse.

Give **one** advantage of using a circuit breaker to switch off a circuit rather than a fuse.

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(1)

- (b) The 230 volt mains electricity supply causes a current of 11 amps to flow through the cable.

- (i) Calculate the amount of charge that flows through the cable when the cable is switched on for 2 hours and give the unit.

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Charge = \_\_\_\_\_

(3)

- (ii) Calculate the energy transferred from the cable to the soil in 2 hours.

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Energy transferred = \_\_\_\_\_ J

(2)

- (c) The heating circuit includes a thermistor. The thermistor is buried in the soil and acts as a thermostat to control the increase in the temperature of the soil.

Describe how an **increase** in the temperature of the soil affects the thermistor.

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(2)

(Total 11 marks)

11

The current in a circuit depends on the potential difference (p.d.) provided by the cells and the total resistance of the circuit.

- (a) Using the correct circuit symbols, draw a diagram to show how you would connect 1.5 V cells together to give a p.d. of 6 V.

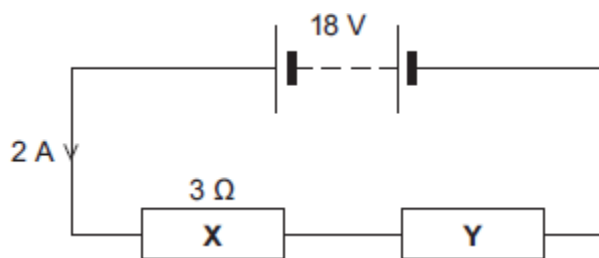
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- (b) **Figure 1** shows a circuit containing an 18 V battery.

Two resistors, **X** and **Y**, are connected in series.

- **X** has a resistance of  $3 \Omega$ .
- There is a current of 2 A in **X**.

**Figure 1**



- (i) Calculate the p.d. across **X**.

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P.d. across **X** = \_\_\_\_\_ V

(2)



(ii) Calculate the p.d. across **Y**.

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P.d. across **Y** = \_\_\_\_\_ V

(2)

(iii) Calculate the total resistance of **X** and **Y**.

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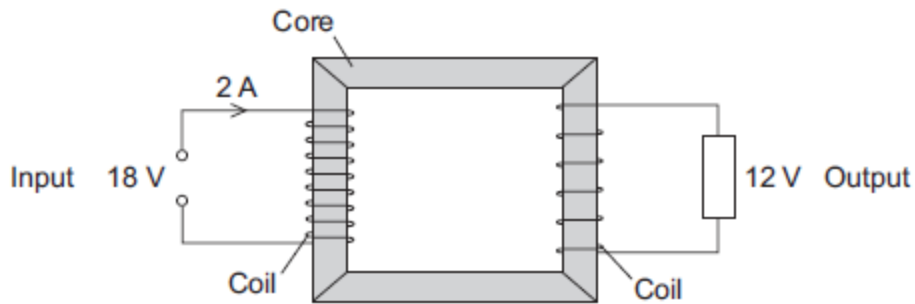
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Total resistance of **X** and **Y** = \_\_\_\_\_  $\Omega$

(2)

(c) **Figure 2** shows a transformer.

**Figure 2**



(i) An 18 V battery could **not** be used as the input of a transformer.

Explain why.

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(2)

(ii) The transformer is 100% efficient.

Calculate the output current for the transformer shown in **Figure 2**.

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Output current = \_\_\_\_\_ A

(2)

(Total 12 marks)