Practice Question Set For GCSE
Subject : Physics
Paper-2 Topic : 10_Electricity

Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 27 Marks **Time : 27 Minutes**

Q1.

The Sun has a mass of 2.0×10^{30} kg.
A white dwarf has a mass of 3.4×10^{29} kg.

Calculate the value of

$$\frac{\text{mass of this white dwarf}}{\text{mass of the Sun}}$$

(2)

value = ...

(Total for question = 2 marks)

Q2.

Figure 23 shows an electric car connected to a battery charger.

(Source: © Danil Roudenko/123RF)

Figure 23

The car has a rechargeable battery to drive its motor.

The rechargeable battery provides a potential difference of 330 V and can store up to 64 MJ.

It takes 8 hours for the battery to receive a full charge.

Assume that the charging process is 100% efficient.

(a) Calculate the total charge that flows while the battery is being charged.

(3)

total charge = ... C

(b) Calculate the average charging current.

(3)

current = ... A

(Total for question = 6 marks)

Q3.

The espresso machine shown in Figure 27 is an electrical appliance.

(Source: © tanawaty/123RF)

Figure 27

The espresso machine has an electrical heater connected to a 440 V mains supply.

The power of the electrical heater is 3.5 kW.

(i) The rating of a fuse is the current above which it melts.

Which of these is the most suitable fuse for the espresso machine circuit?

(1)

- ☒ **A** 1 A
- ☒ **B** 5 A
- ☒ **C** 10 A
- ☒ **D** 13 A

(ii) Before the espresso machine can be used, its heater must raise the temperature of some cold water.

The specific heat capacity of water is 4200 J/kg K.
Show that it takes the heater about 90 s to raise the temperature of 1 kg of water from 18°C to 95°C.
Use an equation from the formula sheet.

(3)

(Total for question = 4 marks)

Q4.

Draw a circuit diagram you could use to investigate the relationship between potential difference, current and resistance for a filament lamp.

(3)

(Total for question = 3 marks)

Q5.

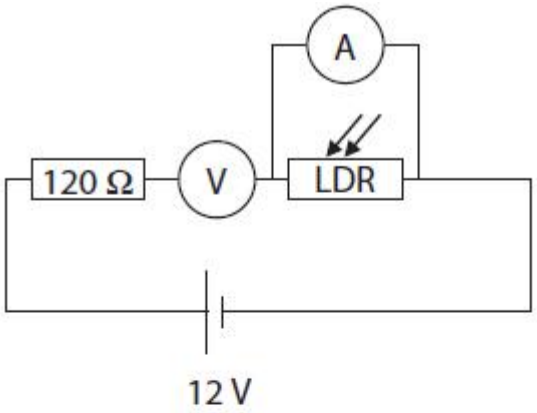
(a) A technician investigates a light-dependent resistor (LDR) connected in series with a 120 Ω resistor and a voltage source.

The technician measures the voltage across the LDR and also the current in the LDR.

(i) Which **one** of these circuits should the technician use?

Put a cross (☒) in the box next to your answer.

(1)



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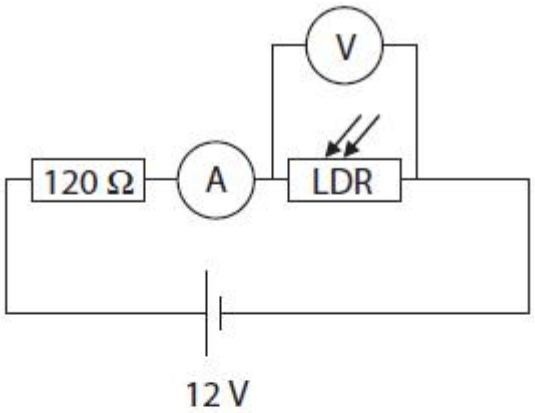

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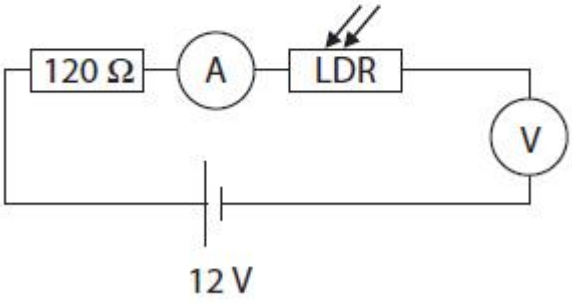

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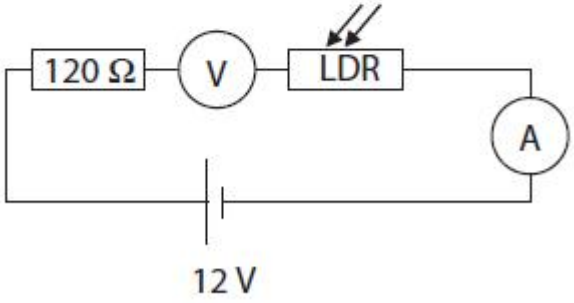

☒ **D**

(ii) When the LDR is in bright sunlight, its resistance is 185 Ω.
The voltage across the LDR is then 7.2V.
Show that the current in the LDR is about 0.039 A.

(2)

(iii) Complete the sentence by putting a cross (☒) in the box next to your answer.

The current in the 120 Ω resistor is

(1)

☒ **A** much more than the current in the LDR

☒ **B** much less than the current in the LDR

☒ **C** the same as the current in the LDR

☒ **D** the opposite of the current in the LDR

(iv) The technician repeats the readings with the LDR in different light conditions.
The table gives two of the readings.

light condition	current in LDR
bright sunlight	0.039 A
cloudy skies	0.028 A

Explain why the two current readings are different.

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*(b) The photograph shows a temporary traffic sign.

The traffic sign uses many small lights all powered by a rechargeable battery.
These lights need to be very bright during the day so that they can be seen clearly.
They do not need to be as bright at night.

Explain how using a light-dependent resistor can make the energy stored in the battery last longer.

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(Total for question = 12 marks)