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Electric Current Problems

$$\frac{Q}{It}$$

$$I = \frac{Q}{t}$$

$$Q = It$$

$$t = \frac{Q}{I}$$

$$1C = 6.25 \times 10^{18} e^-$$

1. The filament of a light has 3150 C of charge flow through it in 35 min. What is the current in the filament?

$$I = \frac{Q}{t} = \frac{3150C}{2100s} = \boxed{1.5A}$$

$$35 \text{ min} \times \frac{60s}{1 \text{ min}} = 2100s$$

2. A load has a current of 88 mA flow through it. What quantity of charge flows through the load in 51 s?

$$Q = It = 0.088A \times 51s = 4.488C = \boxed{4.9C}$$

$$88 \text{ mA} \times \frac{1A}{1000 \text{ mA}} = 0.088A$$

3. A heater has a current of 11 A flow through it. How many hours will it take for 80 kC of charge to flow through the heater?

$$t = \frac{Q}{I} = \frac{80000C}{11A} = 7272.72727s = \frac{7272.72727s}{60s} = 121.21212 \text{ min} = \frac{121.21212 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ min}} = 2.02 \text{ hours} = \boxed{2.0 \text{ hours}}$$

$$80 \text{ kC} \times \frac{1000C}{1 \text{ ke}} = 80000C$$

4. How many electrons are in a charge of 33 C?

$$33C \times \frac{6.25 \times 10^{18} e^-}{1C} = 2.0625 \times 10^{20} e^- = \boxed{2.10 \times 10^{20} e^-}$$

5. A student from a different universe calculates that 4.6 μC of charge is 3.1 × 10¹³ electrons. What is the charge on an electron in that universe?

$$\frac{0.0000046C}{3.1 \times 10^{13} e^-} = 1.48387 \times 10^{-19} C/e^- = \boxed{1.5 \times 10^{-19} C/e^-}$$

$$4.6 \mu C \times \frac{1C}{10^6 \mu C} = 0.0000046C$$

6. In a high voltage transmission line, 1.4 × 10²² electrons go past a tower in 25 s. What is the current in the transmission line?

$$I = \frac{Q}{t} = \frac{2240C}{25s} = \boxed{89.6A} = \boxed{90A}$$

$$1.4 \times 10^{22} e^- \times \frac{1C}{6.25 \times 10^{18} e^-} = 2240C$$

7. A load has a current of 12 mA flow through it. How many electrons flow through the load in 35 s?

$$Q = It = 0.012A \times 35s = 0.42C \times \frac{6.25 \times 10^{18} e^-}{1C} = 2.625 \times 10^{18} e^- = \boxed{2.6 \times 10^{18} e^-}$$

$$12 \text{ mA} \times \frac{1A}{1000 \text{ mA}} = 0.012A$$

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Ohm's Law Problems



$V = IR$ $I = \frac{V}{R}$ $R = \frac{V}{I}$

1. (a) What is the voltage across the resistor if the two cells are each 1.5 V in Figure 1?

$1.5V + 1.5V = \boxed{3.0V}$
(series circuit)

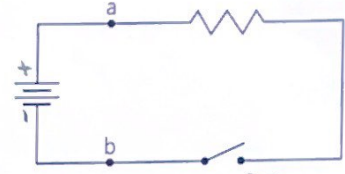


Figure 1

- (b) If a current of 0.10 A is measured at point *a*, what is the resistance of the resistor? What is the current at *b*?

$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{3.0V}{0.10A} = \boxed{30.0\Omega}$

current (*I*) at *b* = $\boxed{0.10A}$
because the circuit is in series.

2. If a toaster has a resistance of 220 Ω , how much current will it draw from a 110 V outlet?

$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{110V}{220\Omega} = \boxed{0.50A}$

3. A calculator runs on two 6.0 V dry cells connected in parallel. If the calculator draws 0.001 A, how many milliamps (mA) does it draw? What is the effective resistance of the calculator?

$0.001A \times \frac{1000mA}{1A} = \boxed{1mA}$

$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{6.0V}{0.001A} = 6000\Omega$

4. A resistor has a value of 100 Ω . If a current of 5 mA passes through it, what is the applied voltage?

$5mA \times \frac{1A}{1000mA} = 0.005A$

$V = IR = 0.005A \times 100\Omega = \boxed{0.5V}$

5. A resistance has a voltage of 10 mV (millivolts) applied to it. The current through the resistance is 0.5 mA. What is the value of the resistance?

$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{0.01V}{0.0005A} = \boxed{20\Omega}$

$10mV \times \frac{1V}{1000mV} = 0.01V$
 $0.5mA \times \frac{1A}{1000mA} = 0.0005A$

6. A hair dryer uses a current of 10 A when plugged into a 120 V outlet. What is the resistance of the hair dryer?

$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{120V}{10A} = \boxed{12\Omega}$