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(b) **Figure 1** shows three circuits.

The resistors in the circuits are identical.

Each of the cells has a potential difference of 1.5 volts.





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(3)

(i) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

		half	twice	the same as	
	The	resistance of circ	cuit 1 is	the resistar	ce of circuit 3 .
(ii)	Calc	culate the reading	on voltmeter V	/ ₂ .	(1.
			Vc	oltmeter reading V ₂ =	V (1)
(iii)	Whi	ch voltmeter, V₁, V	I_2 or V_3 , will given by	ve the lowest reading?	
	Drav	w a ring around th	e correct answ	ver.	
		V ₁	V ₂	V ₃	

(1)

(c) A student wanted to find out how the number of resistors affects the current in a series circuit.

Figure 2 shows the circuit used by the student.



The student started with one resistor and then added more identical resistors to the circuit.

Each time a resistor was added, the student closed the switch and took the ammeter reading.

The student used a total of 4 resistors.

Figure 3 shows three of the results obtained by the student.



Figure 3

(i) To get valid results, the student kept one variable the same throughout the experiment.

Which variable did the student keep the same?

 (ii) The bar chart in Figure 3 is not complete. The result using 4 resistors is not shown. Complete the bar chart to show the current in the circuit when 4 resistors were used.
 (2)
 (iii) What conclusion should the student make from the bar chart?
 (1) (1) (Total 10 marks)
 2 (a) Draw a diagram to show how 1.5 V cells should be connected together to give a potential difference of 4.5 V.

Use the correct circuit symbol for a cell.

A student built the circuit shown in the diagram below.



(2)

(b) Calculate the total resistance of the circuit in the diagram above.

Use the equation:

	resistance = $\frac{\text{potential difference}}{\text{current}}$	
	 Total resistance =Ω	
(C)	The resistance of P is 3.5 Ω .	(2)
	Calculate the resistance of Q .	
	Resistance of \mathbf{Q} = Ω	(1)

(d)	The student connect	s the two	resistors i	n the diagram	above in parallel.
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What happens to the total resistance of the circuit?

Tick one box.

It decreases
It increases
It increases
It does not change
It does not change
(1)

Give a reason for your answer.

(1)

(Total 7 marks)

 (a) The diagram shows the circuit that a student used to investigate how the current through a resistor depends on the potential difference across the resistor.



(i) Each cell provides a potential difference of 1.5 volts.

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What is the total potential difference provided by the four cells in the circuit?

Total potential difference = ______ volts

(ii) The student uses the component labelled **X** to change the potential difference across the resistor.

What is component X?

Draw a ring around your answer.



(b) The results obtained by the student have been plotted on a graph.



(i) One of the results is anomalous.

Draw a ring around the anomalous result.

(1)

(ii) Which one of the following is the most likely cause of the anomalous result?
 Put a tick (✓) in the box next to your answer.

(C)



(1) (Total 7 marks)



(a) The ammeter displays a reading of 0.10 A.

Calculate the potential difference across the 45 Ω resistor.

	Potential difference =	V
Calculate the resis	tance of the resistor labelled R .	
	Resistance =	Ω
State what happen when switch S is c	s to the total resistance of the circuit and the losed.	current through the circuit

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

(a) **Figure 1** shows the graph of current against potential difference for a component.



What is the name of the component?

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Draw a ring around the correct answer.

diode	filament bulb	thermistor

(b) Figure 2 shows a circuit containing a 6 V battery.

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

The current in some parts of the circuit is shown.





(i) What is the potential difference across **X**?

Potential difference across **X** = _____ V

(1)

(1)

i)	Calculate the resistance of X.	
	Resistance of X = Ω	(2
i)	What is the current in Y ?	,
	Current in Y = A	(1
/)	Calculate the resistance of Y .	(L)
	Resistance of Y =Ω	(1
')	When the temperature of resistor ${f X}$ increases, its resistance increases.	(L)
	What would happen to the:potential difference across X	
	• current in X	
	• total current in the circuit?	
	Tick (✓) three boxes.	
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	Decrease	Stay the same	Increase
Potential difference across X			
Current in X			
Total current in the circuit			

(3) (Total 9 marks)

Mark schemes



allow **1** mark for each correct line if more than one line is drawn from any symbol then all of those lines are wrong

(b)	(i)	half	1
	(ii)	3(V)	1
	()		1
	(iii)	V ₁	1
			1
(c)	(i)	potential difference / voltage of the power supply	
		accept the power supply	
		accept the voltage / volts	
		accept number of cells / batteries	
		accept (same) cells / batteries	
		do not accept same ammeter / switch / wires	
			1
	(ii)	bar drawn – height 1.(00)A	
		ignore width of bar	
		allow 1 mark for bar shorter than 3 rd bar	
			2
	(iii)	as the number of resistors increases the current decreases	
			1 [10]

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(a)

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3 cells joined in series in correct orientation

e.g.

 $R = \frac{12}{1.6}$ (b) 1 $R = 7.5 (\Omega)$ 1 an answer of 7.5 (Ω) scores **2** marks 4.0 (Ω) (C) allow their answer to part (b) - 3.5 correctly calculated 1 (d) it decreases 1 the current would be higher (for the same p.d.) reason only scores if correct box is chosen or more than one path for charge to flow allow current for charge

or

total resistance is always less than the smallest individual resistance

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3 ^(a)

(b)

(i)	6	1
(ii)	variable resistor	1
(iii)	voltmeter	1
(i)	point at 3 V ringed	1
(ii)	The student misread the ammeter.	•

(iii) 1 (volt)

			1		
	(c)	as one increases so does the other or directly proportional or positive correlation accept a numerical description, eg when one doubles the other also doubles	1		[7]
4	(a)	$V = 0.10 \times 45$		1	
		4.5 (V)		1	
	(b)	R = 12 / 0.10		1	
		total resistance = 120 (Ω)		1	
		R = 120 – 105 = 15 (Ω)		1	
	(c)	(total) resistance decreases		1	
		(so) current increases		1	[7]
5	(a)	filament bulb		1	
	(b)	(i) 6 V		1	
		(ii) 3Ω or their $\frac{(i)}{2}$ correctly calculated allow 1 mark for correct substitution ie $6 = 2 \times R$ or their (i) = 2 × R		2	
		(iii) 1 A		1	
		(iv) 6Ω or their (i) / their (iii) correctly calculated		1	

(v)

Decrease	Stay the same	Increase
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