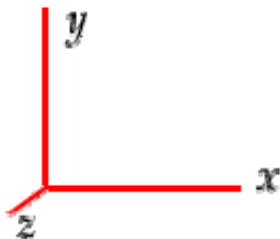


To specify directions, use the coordinate system shown below where  $+x$  is to the right,  $+y$  is toward the top of the page, and  $+z$  is out of the page.



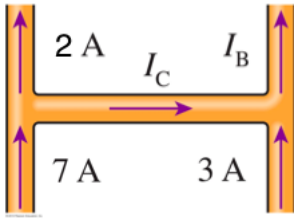
Note the following terminology for directions:

- to the right ( $+x$ )
- to the left ( $-x$ )
- upward or toward the top of the page ( $+y$ )
- downward or toward the bottom of the page ( $-y$ )
- out of the page ( $+z$ )
- into the page ( $-z$ )

### Section 1. Multiple Choice

1. A coil of wire of total length 10 m has a resistance of  $10\ \Omega$ . What is the resistance of a coil made from the same wire that has a length of 5 m?
  - (a)  $20\ \Omega$
  - (b)  $2.5\ \Omega$
  - (c)  $40\ \Omega$
  - (d)  $5\ \Omega$
  - (e) It is the same,  $10\ \Omega$ .
2. In an ionic solution,  $5.8 \times 10^{15}$  positive ions with charge  $+2e$  pass to the left each second while  $6.6 \times 10^{15}$  negative ions with charge  $-e$  pass to the right. What are the magnitude and direction of current in the solution?
  - (a)  $0.80\ \text{mA}$  to the left
  - (b)  $1.06\ \text{mA}$  to the right
  - (c)  $1.86\ \text{mA}$  to the left
  - (d)  $1.98\ \text{mA}$  to the right
  - (e)  $2.91\ \text{mA}$  to the left

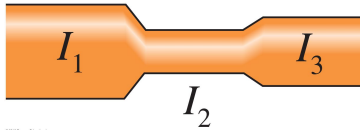
3. Currents flowing in connected wires are shown below.



What is  $I_B$ ?

- (a) 5 A
- (b) 8 A
- (c) 12 A
- (d) 6 A
- (e) 3 A

4. A side view of a wire of varying circular cross section is shown below.



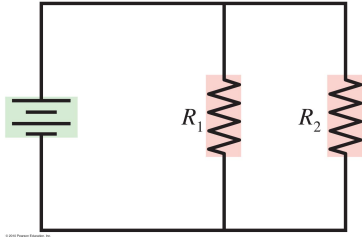
Rank in order the currents flowing in the three sections.

- (a)  $I_1 > I_2 > I_3$
- (b)  $I_2 > I_3 > I_1$
- (c)  $I_1 = I_2 = I_3$
- (d)  $I_1 > I_3 > I_2$

5. Rank in order the speed of an electron in the three sections.

- (a)  $v_1 > v_2 > v_3$
- (b)  $v_2 > v_3 > v_1$
- (c)  $v_1 = v_2 = v_3$
- (d)  $v_1 > v_3 > v_2$

6. In the circuit shown below, the emf of the battery is  $1.5\text{ V}$ ,  $R_1 = 10\ \Omega$  and  $R_2 = 20\ \Omega$ .

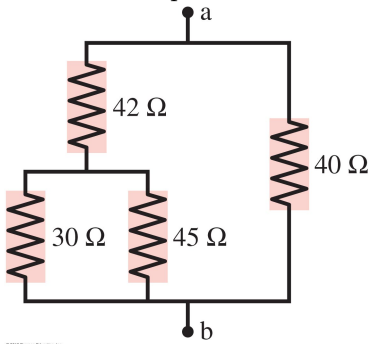


What is the current through the battery?

- (a)  $0.15\text{ A}$
  - (b)  $0.075\text{ A}$
  - (c)  $0.05\text{ A}$
  - (d)  $0.225\text{ A}$
  - (e)  $0.125\text{ A}$
7. What is the voltage across  $R_2$  in the previous question?

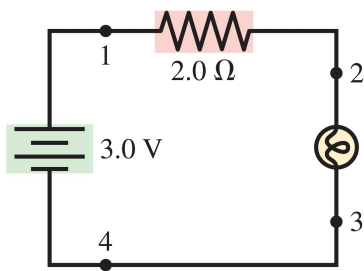
- (a)  $1.5\text{ V}$
- (b)  $1.0\text{ V}$
- (c)  $0.05\text{ V}$
- (d)  $1.35\text{ V}$
- (e)  $0.15\text{ V}$

8. What is the equivalent resistance of the resistors shown below?



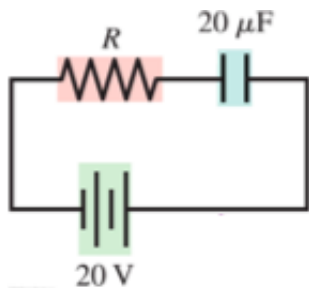
- (a)  $10\ \Omega$
- (b)  $100\ \Omega$
- (c)  $157\ \Omega$
- (d)  $53\ \Omega$
- (e)  $24\ \Omega$

Questions 9–13 pertain to the following circuit where the resistance of the light bulb is  $8\ \Omega$ .



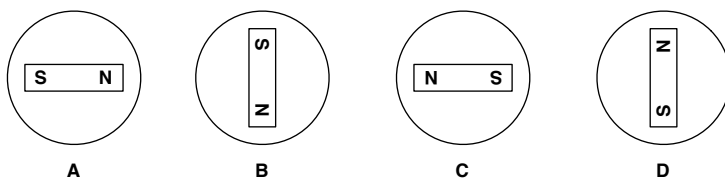
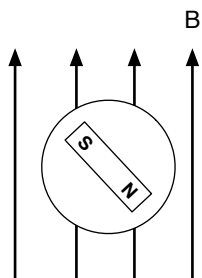
9. What is the voltage across the light bulb?
- (a) 2.25 V
  - (b) 0.6 V
  - (c) 2.4 V
  - (d) 0.375 V
  - (e) 0.75 V
10. At which point is the current the greatest?
- (a) 1
  - (b) 2
  - (c) 3
  - (d) 4
  - (e) None of the above; it's the same at all of these points.
11. If the  $2\ \Omega$  resistor is also a light bulb, which bulb will be brightest?
- (a)  $2\ \Omega$  bulb
  - (b)  $8\ \Omega$  bulb
  - (c) Neither; they will have the same brightness.
12. What is the direction of conventional current at point 4?
- (a) to the right
  - (b) to the left
13. In what direction will electrons flow at point 4?
- (a) to the right
  - (b) to the left

14. Suppose that the capacitor in the circuit below starts out uncharged. At  $t = 0$ , a wire is connected from the capacitor to the battery, thus completing the circuit.



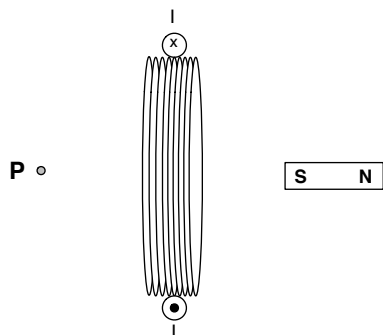
After a very long time, what will be the charge ( $Q_{max}$ ) on the capacitor?

- (a)  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  C
  - (b)  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  C
  - (c)  $4 \times 10^{-6}$  C
  - (d)  $4 \times 10^{-4}$  C
  - (e) zero
15. If you double the resistance and repeat the experiment, the time constant  $\tau$  that characterizes how long it takes to charge the capacitor will be
- (a) twice as long.
  - (b) half as long.
  - (c) the same.
16. A dipole (such as a compass needle) is in the orientation shown below when suddenly a magnetic field is created (by a source not shown) in the  $+y$  direction. The picture shows the situation at  $t = 0$ . If there is damping, the compass needle will eventually stop rotating and will be at rest in equilibrium. What will be the orientation of the compass needle after it reaches equilibrium?



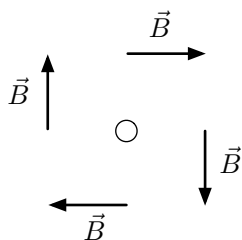
- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

17. A side view of a current-carrying coil is shown below. Current flows into the page at the top of the coil and out of the page at the bottom of the coil.



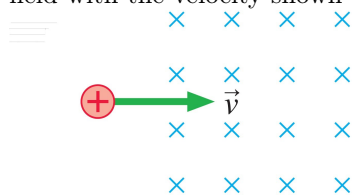
Will the bar magnet and coil attract or repel?

- (a) attract  
 (b) repel  
 (c) Neither; they will not exert a force on each other.
18. The end-view of a current-carrying wire is shown below, along with the magnetic field at locations equidistant from the wire.



What is the direction of the current in the wire?

- (a) to the right ( $+x$ )  
 (b) to the left ( $-x$ )  
 (c) upward, toward the top of the page ( $+y$ )  
 (d) out of the page ( $+z$ )  
 (e) into the page ( $-z$ )
19. At a certain instant, an ion with a charge  $+1$  (times  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  C) is in a region of uniform magnetic field with the velocity shown below.

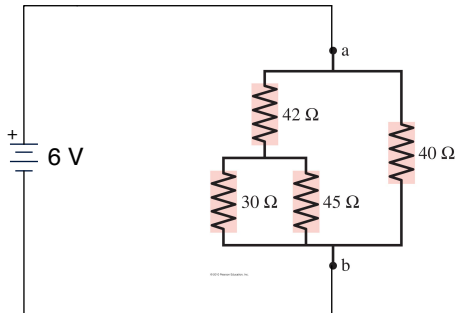


The ion will travel

- (a) with a constant speed along a parabola that curves upward.  
 (b) with a constant speed along a parabola that curves downward.  
 (c) in uniform circular motion, counter-clockwise.  
 (d) in uniform circular motion, clockwise.  
 (e) in a straight line to the right with constant speed.

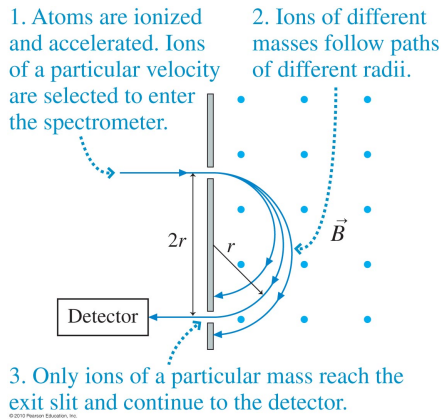
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20. In the circuit below, what is the current through the  $42\ \Omega$  resistor? (Note that it is the same circuit as in Question #8.)



Questions 21-22:

21. A mass spectrometer similar to the one in the figure below is designed to separate protein fragments. The fragments are ionized by removing a single electron and then enter a  $0.60\text{ T}$  uniform magnetic field at a speed of  $2.4 \times 10^5\text{ m/s}$ . If the distance between the points where the ion enters and exits the magnetic field is  $0.501\text{ m}$ , what is the mass of the ion?

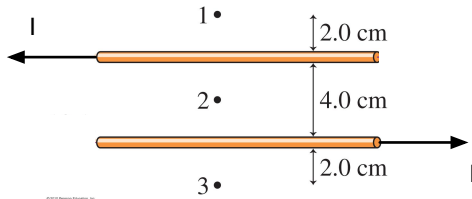


22. How many times more massive is this ion than a single proton? ( $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}\text{ kg}$ )



Questions 23-24:

23. Two wires carry a current  $I = 2\text{ A}$  in the directions shown below.



(a) At which point (1, 2, or 3) is the magnetic field the greatest (in magnitude)? State your reasoning. For full credit, you must have the correct answer with correct reasoning.

24. What is the net magnetic field at point 3? Give both the magnitude and the direction.

# Answer Key for Exam A

## Section 1. Multiple Choice

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| 1. (d)  | 11. (b) |
| 2. (e)  | 12. (b) |
| 3. (b)  | 13. (a) |
| 4. (c)  | 14. (d) |
| 5. (b)  | 15. (a) |
| 6. (d)  | 16. (d) |
| 7. (a)  | 17. (b) |
| 8. (e)  | 18. (e) |
| 9. (c)  | 19. (c) |
| 10. (e) |         |

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