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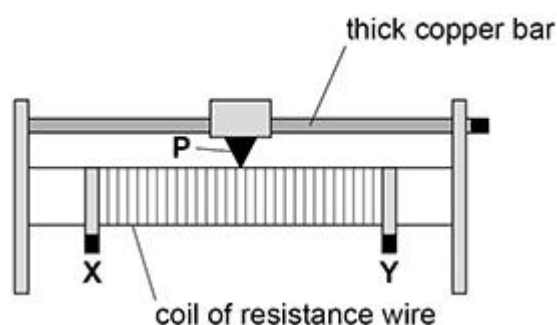
Max. Marks : 24 Marks

Time : 24 Minutes

Q1.

Figure 1 shows a variable resistor that has a maximum resistance of 25Ω .
 A sliding contact **P** is mounted on a thick copper bar. **P** can be set to any position between **X** and **Y**.

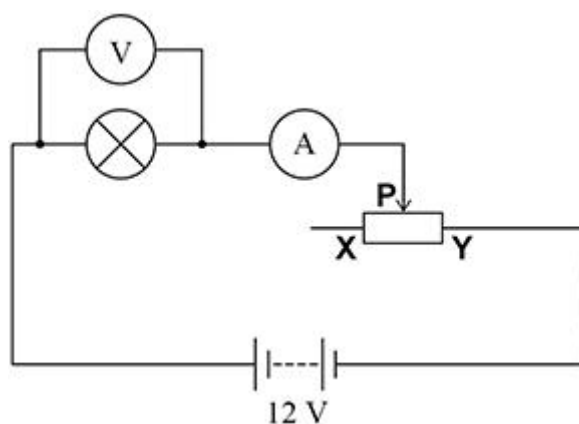
Figure 1



- (a) **Figure 2** shows the variable resistor being used to investigate the variation of current with voltage for a filament lamp.
 The normal operating voltage of the lamp is 12 V .

The 12 V battery has negligible internal resistance.

Figure 2



The position of **P** is adjusted so that the reading on the voltmeter is at its minimum value of 0.75 V .

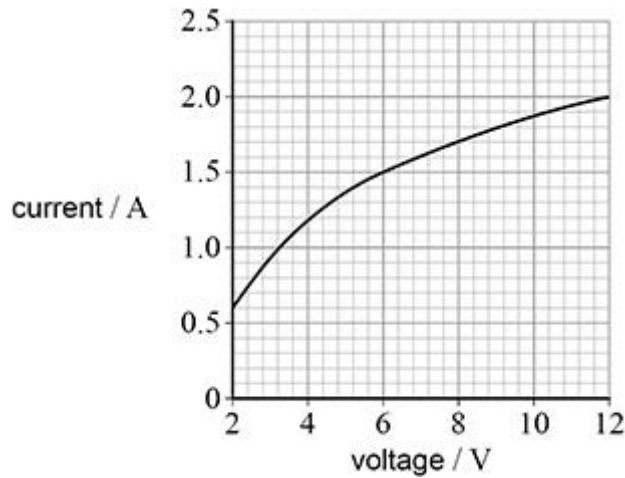
Calculate the resistance of the lamp when the voltmeter reading is 0.75 V .

resistance = _____ Ω

(2)

(b) **Figure 3** shows the variation of current with voltage for the lamp between 2 V and 12 V.

Figure 3



Calculate the resistance of the lamp when the voltage across the lamp is 8.0 V.

resistance = _____ Ω

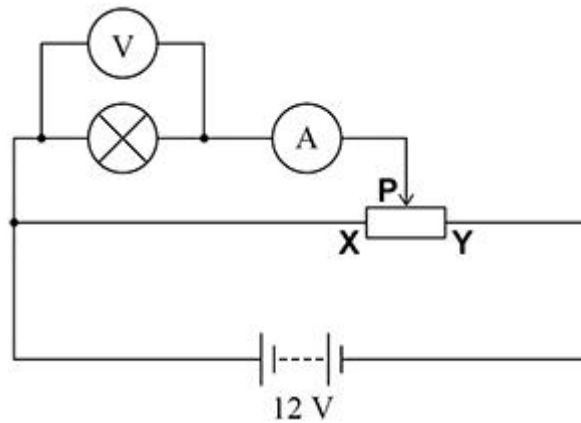
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(c) Explain, in terms of electron movement, why the resistance of the filament lamp changes as the voltage changes as shown in **Figure 3**.

(3)

(d) **Figure 4** shows an alternative circuit used to investigate the variation of current with voltage for the lamp.

Figure 4



The circuit components are the same as in **Figure 2**.

When the voltage across the lamp is 12 V its resistance is 6.0 Ω .

P is moved to position **Y**.

Calculate the total resistance of the circuit.

total resistance = _____ Ω

(2)

(e) Calculate the power transferred by the battery when **P** is at position **Y**.

power = _____ W

(2)

(f) A student wants to control the brightness of the lamp.

He gives two reasons why the circuit in **Figure 4** is better than the circuit in **Figure 2** for controlling the brightness. The two reasons are:

- the **Figure 4** circuit can achieve a greater range of voltages across the lamp
- the **Figure 4** circuit is more efficient at transferring energy to the lamp.

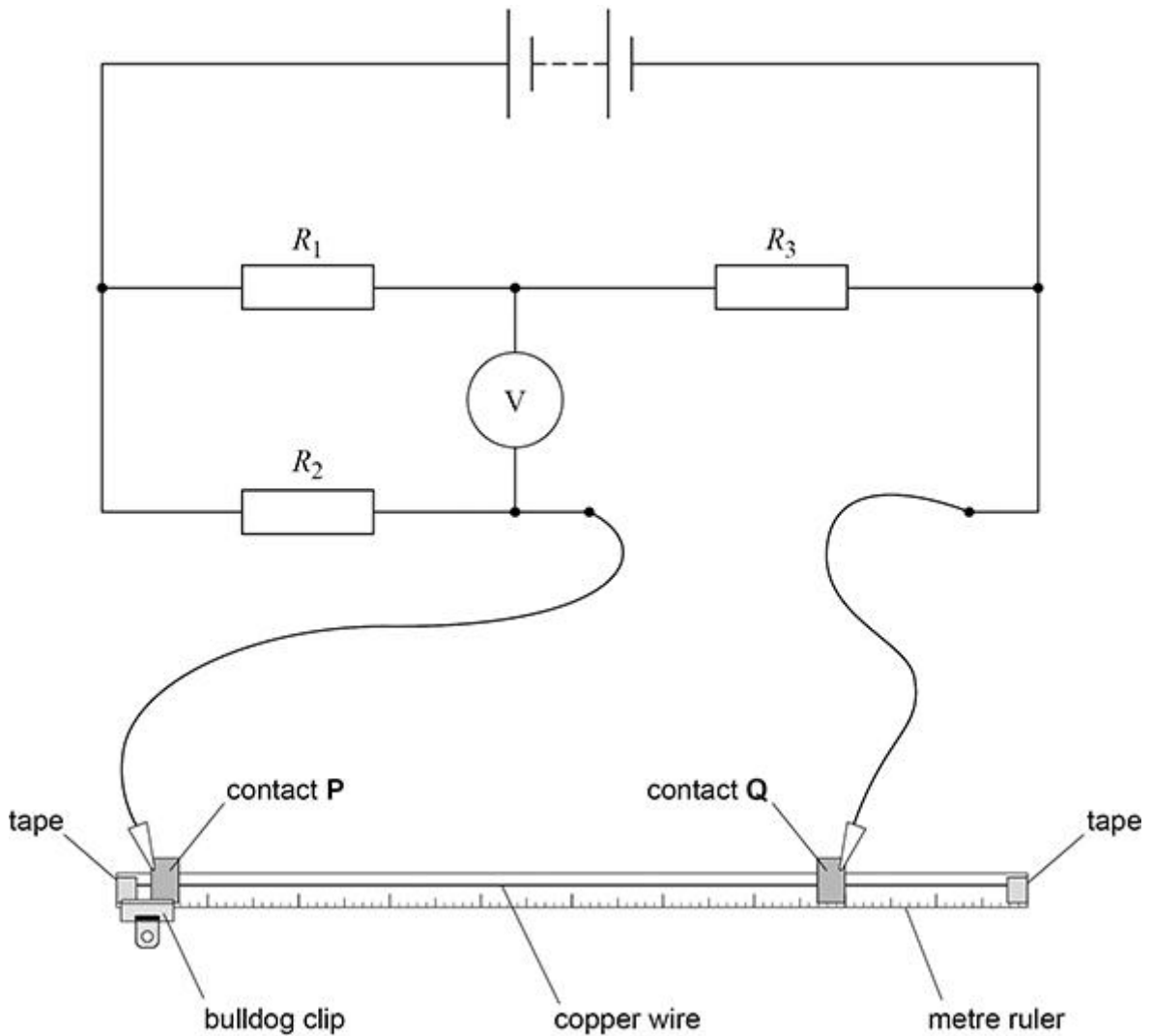
Discuss, without calculation, whether either of these two reasons is correct.

(3)
(Total 14 marks)

Q2.

Figure 1 shows a circuit used to find the resistance per unit length of a copper wire.

Figure 1

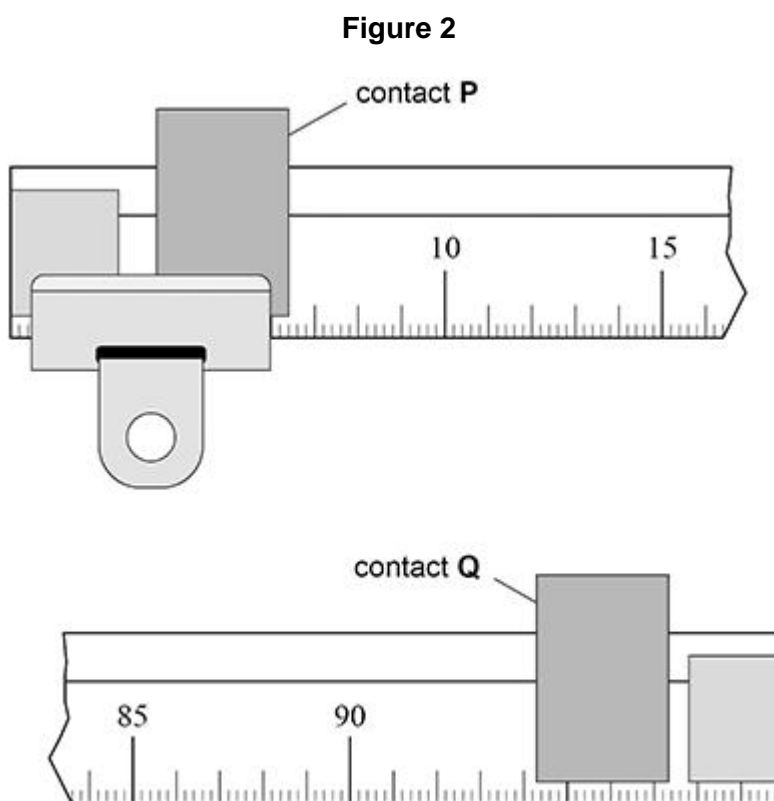


The copper wire is fixed with tape to a metre ruler that has 2 mm graduations. Contact **P** is placed on the wire close to one end of the ruler and held firmly in place using a bulldog clip.

When contact **Q** is placed on the wire as shown in **Figure 1** the voltmeter shows a non-zero reading.

Q is moved along the wire until the voltmeter reading is zero.

Figure 2 shows enlarged views of the position of **P** and the new position of **Q**.



- (a) Determine, in m, the length x of copper wire between **P** and **Q**.

$$x = \text{_____ m}$$

(1)

- (b) When the voltmeter reading is zero:

$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{R_3}{R_4}$$

where R_4 is the resistance of the copper wire between **P** and **Q**.

Determine, in $\Omega \text{ m}^{-1}$, the resistance per unit length of the copper wire.

$$R_1 = 2.2 \text{ M}\Omega$$

$$R_2 = 3.9 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_3 = 75 \text{ }\Omega$$

(1)

- (f) Calculate, in mm, the diameter of a constantan wire that has the **same** resistance per unit length as the copper wire.

diameter = _____ mm

(1)

(Total 10 marks)