**Electricity- Part-2** 

# Current & Voltage



## **Free electrons**



## **Flow of electrons**



# **Electric Charge(Q)**

Electric charge(Q) is measured by the unit called Coulomb(C).

Charge of  $6.25 \times 10^{18}$  electrons is equal to 1 Coulomb(C).

Charge of an electron is  $-1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  C



Charles-Augustin de Coulomb

## **Current(I)**

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It

**Concept learning questions** 

01) A charge of 20 C flows through a point of a circuit in 5 second. Find the current in the circuit.

$$I = \frac{Q}{t}$$
$$I = \frac{20 C}{5 s}$$

$$= 4 C/s = 4 A$$

**Concept learning questions** 

02) A current of 2 A flows through a point in a circuit in 3 second. Find the charge flow through the point.

$$Q = It$$
$$= 2A \times 3s$$
$$= 6 C$$



## **CIRCUIT SYMBOLS**

#### **Measuring Current(I)**







An ammeter has negligible resistance.



The amount of energy transferred per unit charge is called the voltage.

$$V = \frac{E}{Q} \qquad 1V = 1 J/C$$
$$E = V \times Q$$

# Voltage(V)

□ The voltage is also known as potential difference.

□ The SI unit of voltage is volt(V).

The voltage across an equipment shows the amount of electrical energy transferred to the equipment from each coulomb of charge passing through the equipment.

Ex: Voltage across a bulb is 3 V = The bulb receive 3J of energy from each coulomb.





### MEASURING VOLTAGE(V)

# **Concept learning questions**

1) The voltage across a light bulb is 3 V. Calculate the electrical energy transferred to the bulb when 20 C of charge passing through it.

2) When 50 C of charge passing through a motor the electrical energy transferred to the motor is 200 J. Find the voltage across the motor.

#### SERIES CIRCUITS

If the components are connected (as a single loop) without branches or junctions, it is called a series circuit.



## **Properties of series connection**

□ Single switch can control all the components.

□ If a component breaks, it opens the circuit and stop the flow of current.

□ The voltage of the battery is shared between the components.

Ex: adding more bulbs in series reduce the brightness of the bulbs.

□ Same current flows through all the components.



#### PARALLEL CIRCUITS

Circuit that have junctions or branches and more than one path that the current can flow are called parallel circuits.



## **Properties of parallel connection**

Single switch can control all the components and separate switches can be placed to control the components in the branches.

If a component breaks, it won't affect the components in other branches.

□ The voltage is the same for all the components in parallel.

□ The current is shared between the branches.



# **End Chapter questions**

b Look carefully at the circuits shown below. Assuming that all switches are initially closed, decide which of the bulbs go out when each of the switches is opened in turn.



- c In circuit A, which bulb(s) glow the brightest when all the switches in the circuit are closed?
- d Explain your answer to part c.

4 The diagram below shows a circuit containing two 2-way switches.



- a Explain in your own words what happens when each of the switches is moved to a new position.
- b Suggest one important application of this circuit in the home.

**5** The diagram shows a circuit used to investigate the relationship between current and voltage for a light-emitting diode (LED).

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(a) Draw meters on the diagram to measure the voltage of the LED and the current in the LED.

#### Marking scheme

Question number	Answer	Notes	Marks
5 (a)	both ammeter and voltmeter symbols correct; ammeter drawn in series with LED; voltmeter drawn in parallel with LED;		3