

**O Level Pure Physics Structured**  
**Current and DC Circuits Test 3.0**

Q1

(a) Fig. 12.1 shows a variable potential divider (potentiometer), a power supply and a lamp.

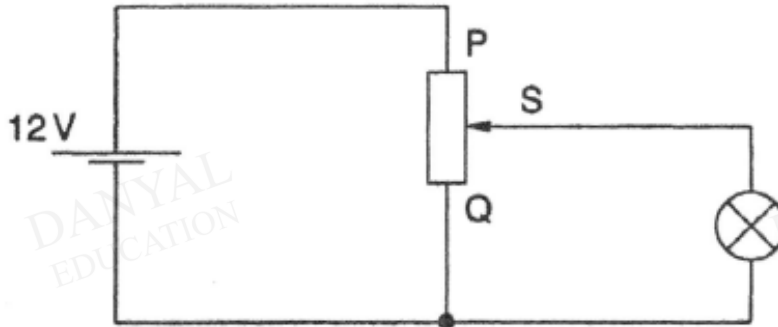


Fig. 12.1

- (i) On Fig. 12.1,
1. mark with a letter **X** the position of an ammeter to measure the current in the lamp,
  2. add a voltmeter to measure the potential difference (p.d.) across the lamp. [2]

(ii) The sliding contact **S** moves from **P** to **Q**. Describe what happens to the brightness of the lamp.  
..... [1]

(b) The lamp is marked 12 V, 200 mA.  
When the potential difference across the lamp is in the range 0 to 1.0 V, the resistance of the lamp has a constant value of 11  $\Omega$ .

(i) Calculate the current in the lamp when the potential difference across it is 1.0 V.

current = ..... [2]

(ii) Calculate the power dissipated by the lamp when the potential difference across it is 1.0 V

power = ..... [2]

(iii) On Fig. 12.2, sketch a graph to show how the current in the lamp changes with the p.d. across it.

[3]

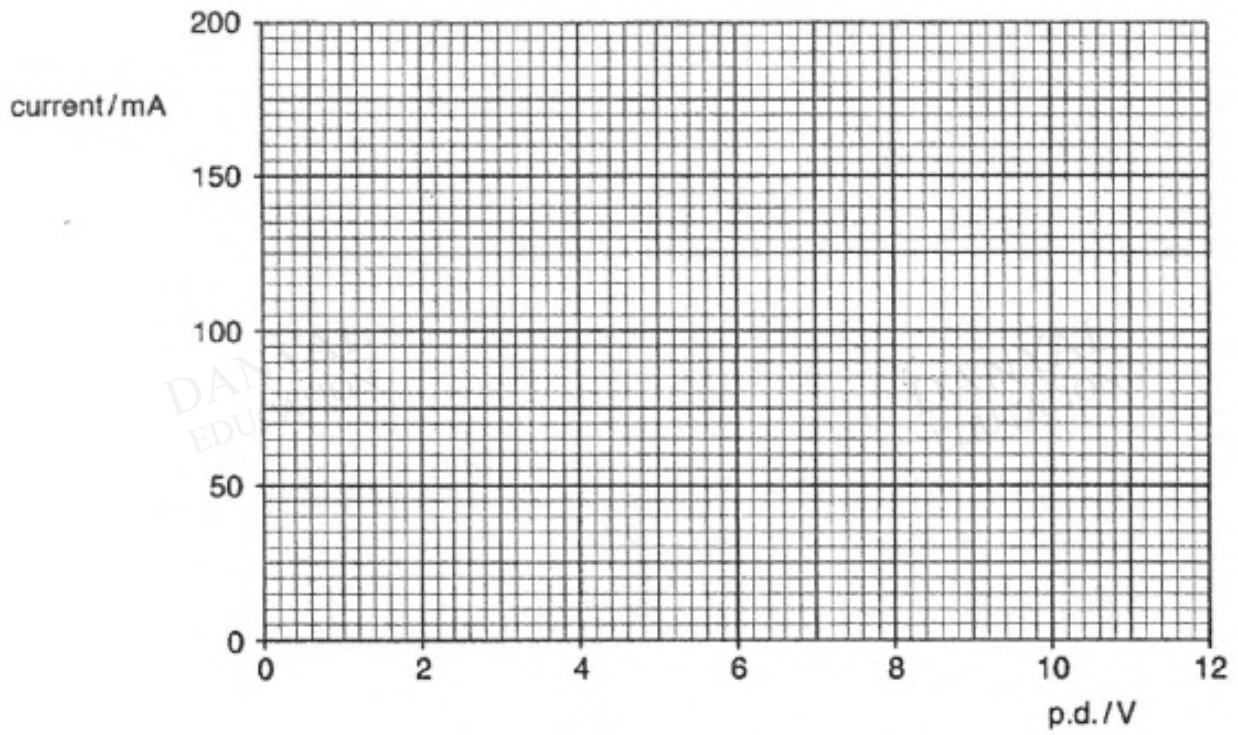


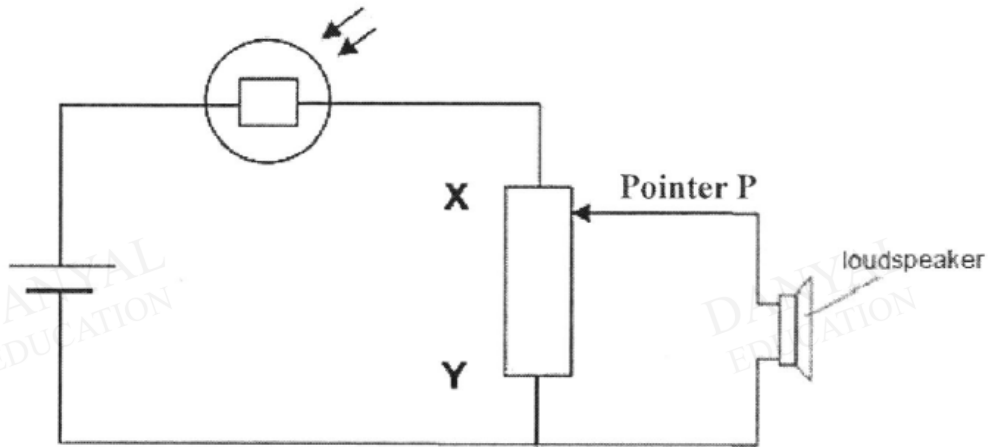
Fig. 12.2

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Q2

7. The diagram shows a circuit consists of a light dependent resistor (LDR), a potentiometer XY and a loudspeaker.



When little light falls on the LDR, its resistance is  $3000\ \Omega$ . When the light of strong intensity falls on the LDR, its resistance is  $500\ \Omega$ .

- a) Describe and explain the conditions where the loudspeaker will be the loudest. [3]

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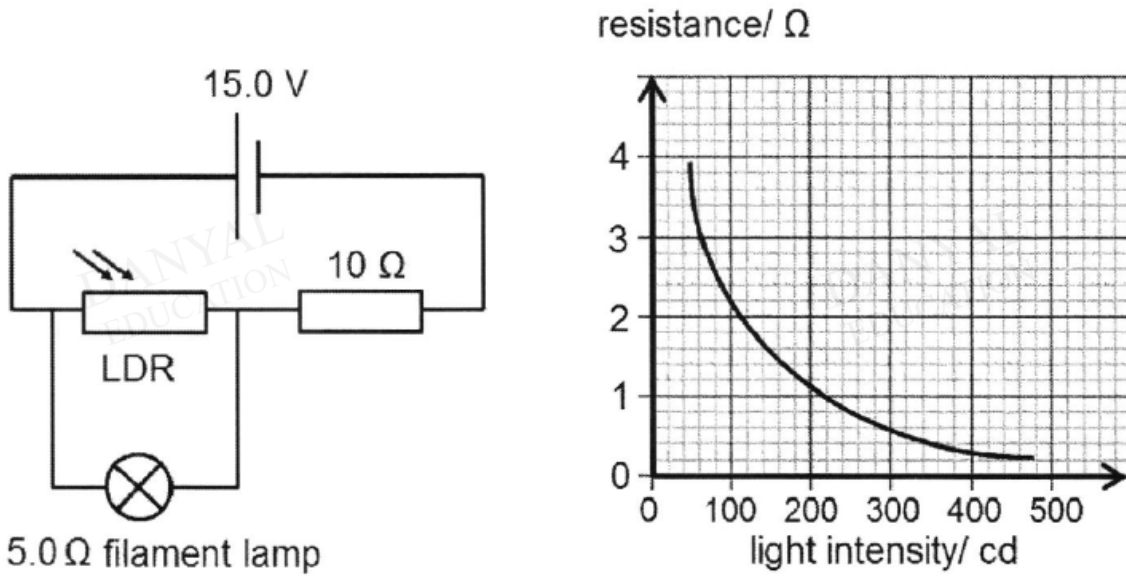
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Q3

The figure below shows a LDR connected to a battery of e.m.f. 15.0 V in a circuit and a graph that shows how the resistance of the LDR varies with the surrounding light intensity.



- (a) Describe and explain how the brightness of the filament lamp changes as the surrounding light intensity decreases.

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- (b) Calculate the current passing through the light bulb when the surrounding light intensity is 100 cd.

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current = \_\_\_\_\_ [ 3 ]

- (c) State one practical use for such a circuit.

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Q4

Fig. 7.1 shows a potential divider circuit made from a light-dependent resistor (LDR) and a rheostat that is set to  $3.0 \text{ k}\Omega$ . The potential divider is connected in series with a  $12 \text{ V d.c.}$  power supply and a voltmeter is connected across the LDR.

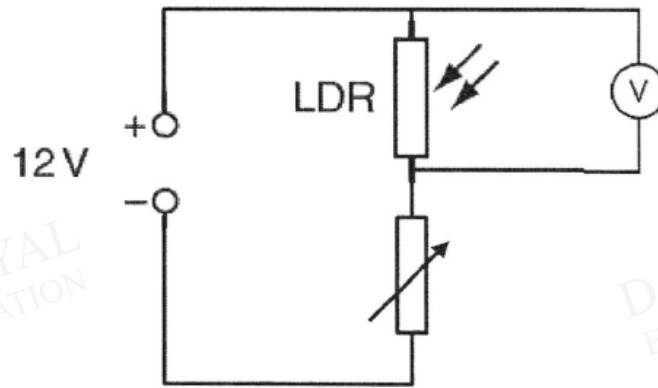


Fig. 7.1

A light shines on the LDR and the resistance of the LDR is  $1.0 \text{ k}\Omega$ .

(a) Calculate

(i) the current in the circuit,

current = ..... [2]

(ii) the voltage shown on the voltmeter.

voltage = ..... [2]

(b) Describe and explain how the reading of the voltmeter would change when the light intensity decreases.

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..... [2]

(c) Describe and explain the effect of increasing the resistance of the rheostat.

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(d) Suggest a practical use for the circuit in Fig. 7.1.

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Q5

A battery of e.m.f.  $E$  and internal resistance  $r$  is connected to a variable resistor as shown in Fig. 11.1.

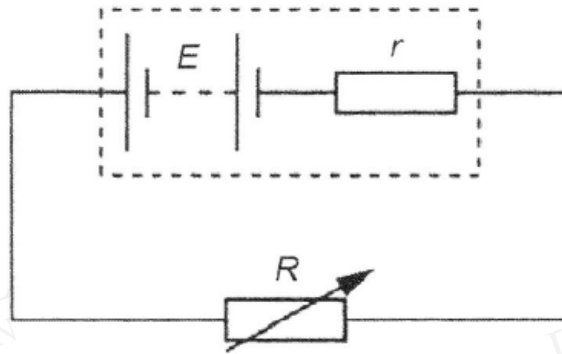


Fig. 11.1

The total power produced in the battery is  $P_T$ . The power dissipated in the variable resistor is  $P_R$ .

The variations of  $P_T$  and of  $P_R$  with resistance  $R$  of the variable resistor are shown in Fig. 11.2.

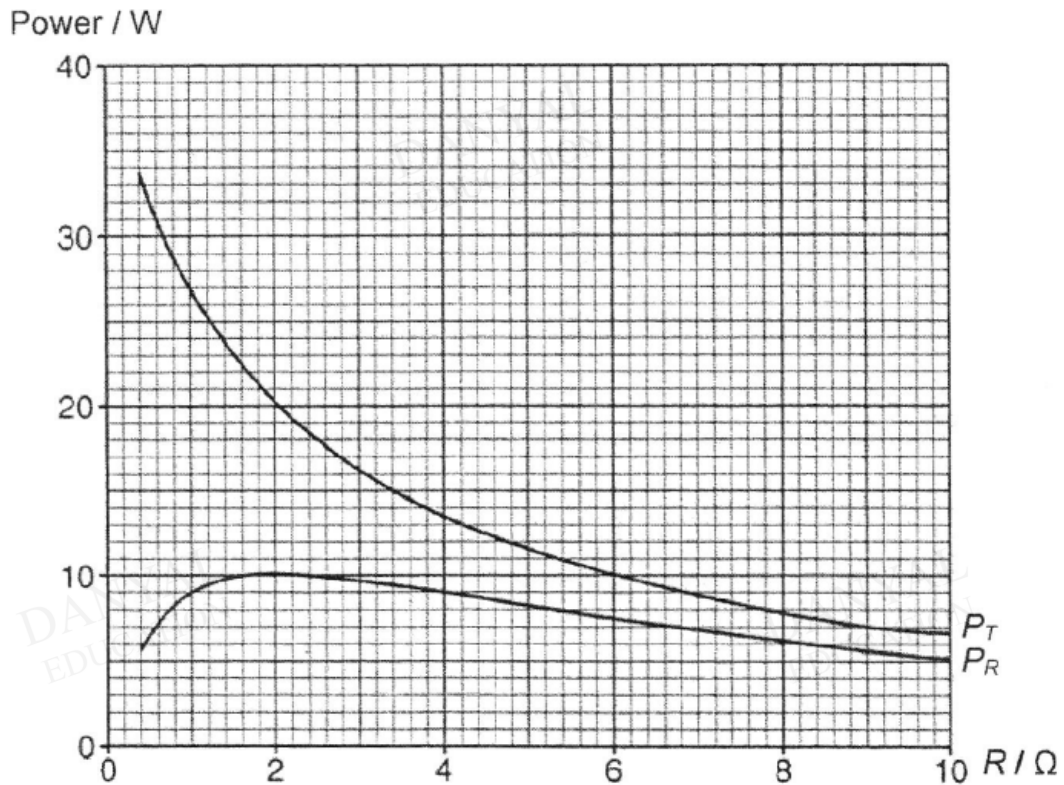


Fig. 11.2

(a) For resistance  $R = 4.0 \Omega$ , use Fig. 11.2

(i) to show that the current in the circuit is 1.5 A,

[2]



(ii) to determine the work done per unit charge across  $R$ ,

Work done per unit charge = ..... [2]

(iii) to determine the e.m.f.  $E$  of the battery.

$E = \dots\dots\dots$  [2]

(b) Suggest what is represented by the quantity  $(P_T - P_R)$ .

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..... [1]

(c) Use the values of  $P_T$  and  $P_R$  at  $R = 4.0 \Omega$  and the information in (a)(i) to determine the internal resistance  $r$  of the battery.

$r = \dots\dots\dots$  [2]

**Answers**

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12(E)	1. Ammeter must be connected in series with the lamp.	[1]
(a)(i)	2. Voltmeter must be connected in parallel to the lamp.	[1]
(a)(ii)	Brightness of lamp decreases.	[1]
12(E)	Current $(I) = V / R = 1.0 / 11$	[1]: W & C/F
(b)(i)	= <b>0.091A</b> (to 2 s.f.) or <b>0.0909A</b> (to 3 s.f.)	[1]: A & U
12(E)	Power = $V^2/R = 1^2 / 11$	[1]: W & C/F
(b)(ii)	= <b>0.0909W</b> (to 3 s.f.)	[1]: A & U
12(E)	• Graph is a straight line from the origin to (1,91) ← accept (1,90)	[1]
(b)(iii)	• and then a smooth curve of decreasing gradient after that	[1]
	• and pass through the point (12,200)	[1]

Q2

a)	The LDR must be exposed to a <u>strong light</u> , this <u>reduces overall resistance</u> , thus increasing current [1]
	The pointer P must be placed <u>after X</u> or at X[1] This allows the <u>PD</u> across the loudspeaker to be the maximum[1]

Q3

- (a) When the surrounding light intensity decreases, resistance of the LDR increases [1]  
 According to the potential divider rule, potential difference across LDR will increase [1]  
 The lamp will be brighter [1]
- (b)
- |                   |   |                                  |  |     |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|-----|
| resistance of LDR | = | 2.2 $\Omega$                     |  |     |
| Total resistance  | = | $[ 1 / ((1/2.2 + 1/5.0)) + ] 10$ |  |     |
|                   | = | 11.5 $\Omega$                    |  | [1] |
| current           | = | $15 / 11.527$                    |  |     |
|                   | = | 1.30 A                           |  | [1] |
| $V_{10\Omega}$    | = | $1.3 \times 10$                  |  |     |
|                   | = | 13 V                             |  |     |
| $V_{lamp}$        | = | $15 - 13$                        |  |     |
|                   | = | 2 V                              |  |     |
| current in lamp   | = | $2 / 5$                          |  |     |
|                   | = | 0.40 A                           |  | [1] |
- (c) Street lamp [1]

Q4

'ai	$V=RI$ or $12 = I(4000)$ $I = 3.0 \text{ mA}$	M1 A1
'aii	$V = \frac{R_{LDR}}{R_{rheostat} + R_{LDR}} \times V$ or $V = \frac{1000}{3000 + 1000} \times 12$ $V = 3.0 \text{ V}$	M1 A1
b	Voltmeter reading will slowly increase. Because $V_o = \frac{R_{LDR}}{R_{rheostat} + R_{LDR}} \times V_s$ . When light intensity decreases, $R_{LDR}$ increases and Voltage will increase accordingly to the formula	B1 B1
c	It will make the circuit less sensitive/needs more changes in light intensity before voltmeter reading change by increasing $R_{rheostat}$ , $R_{LDR}$ must change even more before the voltage will make the corresponding change.	B1 B1
d	Light dependent switch/ street light/night lamp	B1

Q5

ai	When $R = 4.0 \Omega$ , $P_R = 9.0 \text{ W}$ [1]  $P_R = I^2 R \rightarrow I = \sqrt{\frac{P_R}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{9.0}{4.0}} = 1.5 \text{ A (Shown) [1]}$	[2]
aii	$V = IR = 1.5 \times 4.0 = 6.0 \text{ V (2 or 3 s.f)}$	Working [1]  Ans [1]
aiii	When $R = 4.0 \Omega$ , $P_T = 13.5 \text{ W}$  $P_T = EI \rightarrow E = \frac{P_T}{I} = \frac{13.5}{1.5} = 9.0 \text{ V (2 or 3 s.f)}$	Working [1]  Ans [1]
b	The power dissipated in the internal resistance of the battery.	[1]
c	$P_T - P_R = I^2 r \rightarrow r = \frac{P_T - P_R}{I^2} = \frac{13.5 - 9.0}{1.5^2} = 2.0 \Omega \text{ (2 or 3 s.f)}$	Working [1]  Ans [1]