2008 Electricity 5



Example: 3 resistors are in parallel: 4Ω , 5Ω , and 7Ω . Find the total resistance of three resistors.

C. Parallel or series?

Solution: Since in parallel use:

$$\frac{1}{R_{T}} = \frac{1}{R_{1}} + \frac{1}{R_{2}} + \dots \qquad \frac{1}{R_{T}} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} \qquad \frac{1}{R_{T}} = .593$$
$$\frac{1}{R_{T}} = .25 + .2 + .143 \qquad R_{T} = \frac{1}{.593} = 1.7\Omega$$

- 1. Series or parallel?
 - A. ____Only one path for the electricity to flow.
 B. ____Paths are dependent on each other (one affects the other).
 C. ____How your house is wired.
 E. ____If one light turns off, the others stay on.
 F. ____If you turn off one light, all the lights turn off.
 G. ____Has more than one path for the electricity to flow.
 H. ____Two devices have the same current.
 - D. ____ Paths are independent of each other.

A. Parallel or series?

I. ____ Two devices have the same voltage.

D. Parallel or series?

2. Decide if the following are in parallel or series and find the total voltage or total resistance.

B. Parallel or series?





- 7. Use the diagram to answer:
 A) Total voltage: B) Parallel or series?
 C) Which light bulb will have more current flowing thru it?
 D) V at F? E) V at B =
 - F) V from B to E (V_{BE}) =
 - G) Find the current going thru the 8 Ω resistor.
 - H) Find the current going thru the 4 Ω resistor.
 - H) What is the I_T ?



- 8. In the above diagram, which switches allow:A) only resistor 1 to have current in it?
 - B) only resistor 2 to have current thru it?
 - C) to by-pass both resistors?
 - D) for electricity to go thru both resistors?
- 9. From your book: If current is the amount of charge that flows each second (Amps = Coulombs/Sec), then how many electrons flow in 4 seconds from a 1.5 amp circuit?