

Exam-2 Phys-207 Spring '20

1) *Parallel-plate capacitor energy [8 pts.]* A parallel-plate capacitor with a non-zero charge is disconnected from any battery. If the separation of its plates is doubled, the electric energy stored in the capacitor is:

- (A)  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the original
- (B)  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the original
- (C) unchanged
- (D) doubled
- (E) quadrupled
- (F) 8 times the original

2) *Parallel-plate capacitor with dielectric [8 pts.]* A charged air-filled capacitor is connected to a 12 V battery. A sheet of dielectric with  $\kappa=5$  is inserted completely filling the volume between its plates. As a result, the electric energy stored in the capacitor is:

- (A)  $\frac{1}{25}$  of the original
- (B)  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the original
- (C) unchanged
- (D) 5 times the original
- (E) 9 times the original
- (F) 25 times the original

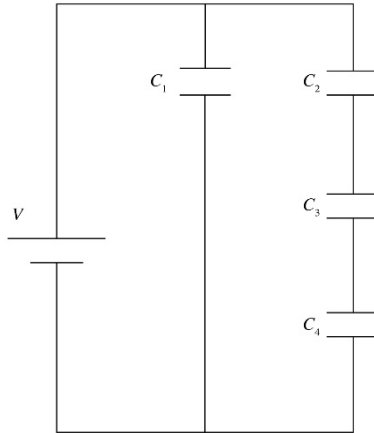
3) *Capacitor electric field [8 pts.]* A fully charged parallel-plate capacitor with a plate separation of 12.5 mm and a capacitance of  $10 \mu\text{F}$  stores 8 mJ of energy. Find the electric field strength inside the capacitor.

- (A) 42 V/m
- (B) 320 V/m
- (C) 1250 V/m
- (D) 2260 V/m
- (E) 3200 V/m
- (F) 4200 V/m

4) *Capacitor circuit [10 pts.]* Consider the circuit shown with voltage  $V$  and 4 capacitors with equal capacitance  $C$ . Calculate the total capacitance and the final charge on capacitor 2, which is the top right-hand capacitor in the figure.

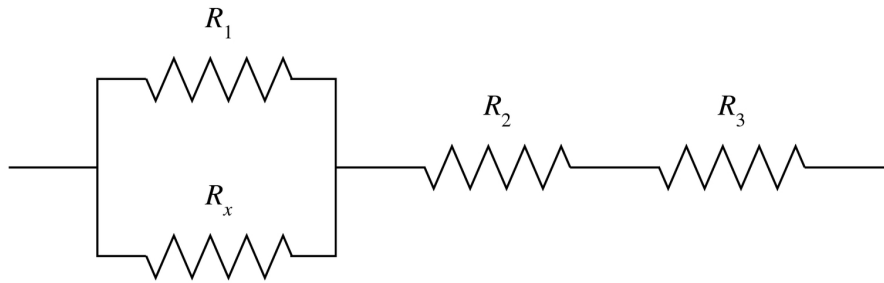
- (A)  $C_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{3} C$  ,  $Q_2 = \frac{1}{3} CV$
- (B)  $C_{\text{tot}} = \frac{2}{3} C$  ,  $Q_2 = \frac{2}{3} CV$
- (C)  $C_{\text{tot}} = \frac{3}{4} C$  ,  $Q_2 = \frac{3}{4} CV$
- (D)  $C_{\text{tot}} = \frac{4}{3} C$  ,  $Q_2 = \frac{1}{3} CV$

- (E)  $C_{\text{tot}} = 4/3 \text{ C}$  ,  $Q_2 = 2/3 \text{ V}$   
 (F)  $C_{\text{tot}} = 5/3 \text{ C}$  ,  $Q_2 = 1/3 \text{ C V}$



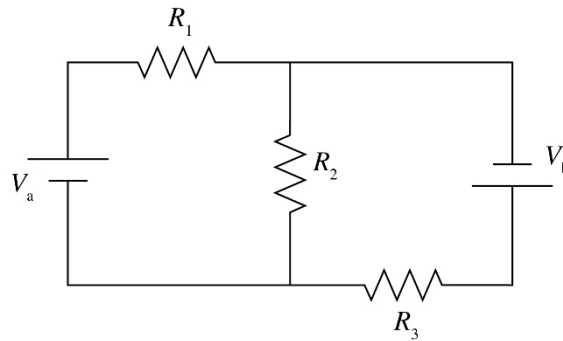
- 5) *wire current density [8 pts.]* A current density of  $1.6 \times 10^6 \text{ A/m}^2$  flows through a wire with a conduction electron density of  $8.5 \times 10^{28} / \text{m}^3$ . What is the drift speed of the electrons?
- (A)  $9.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m/s}$   
 (B)  $4.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m/s}$   
 (C)  $3.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/s}$   
 (D)  $1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m/s}$   
 (E)  $1.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/s}$   
 (F)  $3.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m/s}$
- 6) *terminal voltage [8 pts.]* A battery has an EMF of 12.00 V. When you draw a current of 1.200 A from it, the terminal voltage is 10.64 V. What is terminal voltage when you draw a current of 0.600 A?
- (A) 5.30 V  
 (B) 9.96 V  
 (C) 10.48 V  
 (D) 11.32 V  
 (E) 11.68 V  
 (F) 11.94 V
- 7) *resistor network [10 pts.]* For the configuration shown below a total resistance of  $R_{\text{tot}} = 2.33 R$  is measured. The resistances  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = R$  are also known. Determine the value of the unknown resistance  $R_x$ .
- (A)  $R_x = R/4$   
 (B)  $R_x = R/3$   
 (C)  $R_x = R/2$

- (D)  $R_x = 2/3 R$
- (E)  $R_x = R$
- (F)  $R_x = 2R$

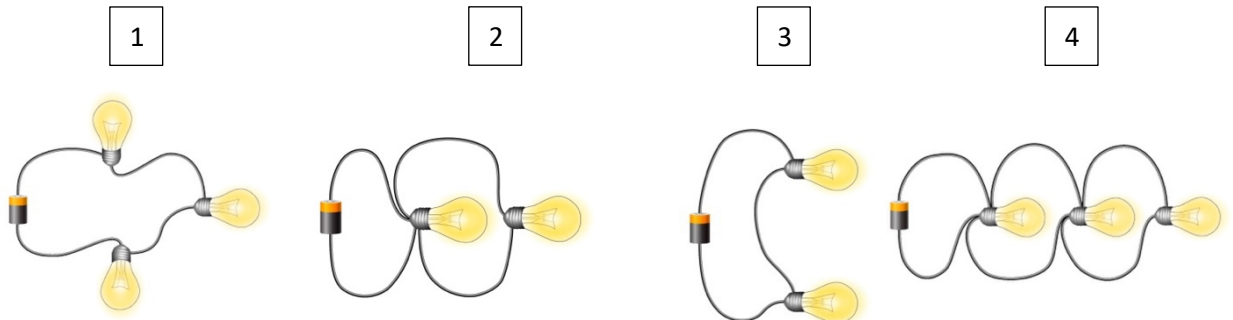


8) *battery-resistor network [8 pts.]* Consider the circuit shown below, with the current  $I_1$  through  $R_1$  going from left to right, the current  $I_2$  through  $R_2$  from top down and  $I_3$  through  $R_3$  from right to left. When applying the Kirchhoff loop rule to the left and to the right loop, respectively, one obtains:

- (A)  $V_a - I_1 R_1 - I_2 R_2 = 0$  and  $V_b - I_3 R_3 - I_2 R_2 = 0$
- (B)  $V_a - I_1 R_1 - I_2 R_2 = 0$  and  $V_b - I_3 R_3 + I_2 R_2 = 0$
- (C)  $V_a + I_1 R_1 - I_2 R_2 = 0$  and  $V_b - I_1 R_1 - I_2 R_2 = 0$
- (D)  $V_a + I_1 R_1 - I_2 R_2 = 0$  and  $V_b - I_1 R_1 - I_3 R_3 = 0$
- (E)  $V_a + I_1 R_1 - I_3 R_3 = 0$  and  $-V_b + I_3 R_3 + I_2 R_2 = 0$
- (F)  $V_a + I_1 R_1 - I_2 R_2 = 0$  and  $V_b - I_3 R_3 + I_2 R_2 = 0$



9) *lightbulb-circuits [8 pts.]* Order the circuits shown below according to their power output, from highest to lowest. All batteries have the same voltage, and all light bulbs have the same resistance.



- (A)  $1 > 2 > 3 > 4$
- (B)  $1 > 3 > 4 > 2$
- (C)  $2 > 3 > 1 > 4$
- (D)  $2 > 4 > 1 > 3$
- (E)  $3 > 4 > 2 > 1$
- (F)  $3 > 1 > 2 > 4$
- (G)  $4 > 1 > 2 > 3$
- (H)  $4 > 2 > 3 > 1$

10) *appliances power [8 pts.]* A 120 V outlet is protected by a 20 A circuit breaker. Select the pair of appliances with the maximum power output that can be operated at the same time from the same outlet.

- (A) a 1150 W waffle iron and a 1300 W space heater
- (B) a 1100 W playstation and a 850 W flat iron
- (C) a 1300 W microwave and a 1000 W waffle iron
- (D) a 1500 W blow dryer and a 850 W flat-iron
- (E) a 1200 W toaster and a 1050 W leaf blower
- (F) a 1300 W microwave and a 900 W waffle iron

11) *capacitor charging [8 pts.]* You charge an initially uncharged capacitor through a  $400 \Omega$  resistor by means of a battery. After 0.1 s the capacitor reaches 90% of its maximum charge. What is the capacitance of the capacitor?

- (A)  $109 \mu\text{F}$
- (B)  $220 \mu\text{F}$
- (C)  $92 \mu\text{F}$
- (D)  $2200 \mu\text{F}$
- (E)  $1100 \mu\text{F}$
- (F)  $550 \mu\text{F}$

12) *RC network [8 pts.]* Consider the RC circuit shown in the diagram, with a battery voltage  $V$ . The 3 resistances are equal ( $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = R$ ) and the 2 capacitances are also equal ( $C_1 = C_2 = C$ ). What is the magnitude of the current supplied by the battery a long time after the switch is closed ?

- (A)  $3V/R$

- (B)  $2V/R$
- (C)  $V/R$
- (D)  $V/2R$
- (E)  $V/3R$
- (F) 0

