#### **Physics 208: Electricity and Magnetism**

Common Exam 2, October 17<sup>th</sup> 2016

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### IMPORTANT Read these directions carefully:

• You have 75 minutes to complete the exam.

• Formulae are provided on a separate colored sheet. You may NOT use any other formula sheet. *Please take the formula sheet with you. Do not turn it in.* 

- You may use only an SAT approved calculator.
- When calculating numerical values, be sure to keep track of units. Results must include proper units.
- Be alert to the number of significant figures in the information given. Results must have the correct number of significant figures.
- You do not need to show work for the Multiple Choice questions.
- Show your work for the Problems 1 to 3. Without supporting work, the answer alone is worth nothing.
- Mark your answers clearly by drawing boxes around them.
- Please write clearly. You may gain marks for a partially correct calculation if your work can be deciphered.

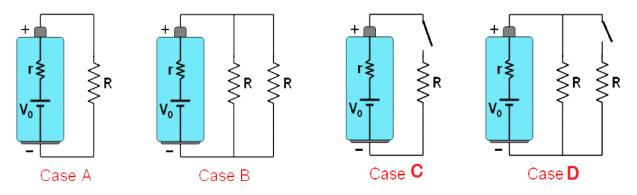
• If you need additional space to answer a problem, indicate/ mark on the main page of the problem that you are continuing on another page. Staple together all the extra sheets that contain your work to be graded.

For grading only:

Problem	Score
Multiple Choice	
Problem 1	
Problem 2	
Problem 3	
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#### **Multiple Choice Questions**

**MC1.** (5 pts) The real batteries and the resistors in all four cases illustrated below are identical. In which case is the voltage output across the terminals of the battery closest to the ideal battery *emf*  $V_0$ ?



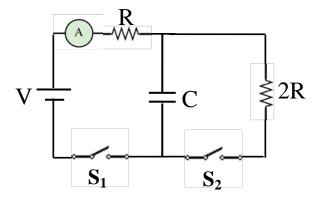
- A.) The voltage across the terminals of the battery is closest to emf in Case A
- B.) The voltage across the terminals of the battery is closest to *emf* in Case B
- C.) The voltage across the terminals of the battery is closest to emf in Case C
- D.) The voltage across the terminals of the battery is closest to emf in Case D
- E.) The voltage across the terminals of the battery is the same in all cases.

**MC2.** (5 pts) Two capacitors,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , are connected in series across an electric source of constant voltage output. With the electric source still connected, a dielectric is now inserted between the plates of the capacitor  $C_1$ . What happens to the charge on capacitor  $C_2$ ?

- A.) The charge on  $C_2$  increases.
- B.) The charge on  $C_2$  decreases.
- C.) The charge on  $C_2$  remains the same.
- D.) The answer depends on the value of the capacitance  $C_1$ .
- E.) There is not enough information.

**MC3. (5 pts)** The capacitor in the circuit shown is initially uncharged. The switches  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are closed simultaneously at t=0. What is the current through the ideal ammeter i) at t=0 and ii) for t $\rightarrow\infty$ , respectively?

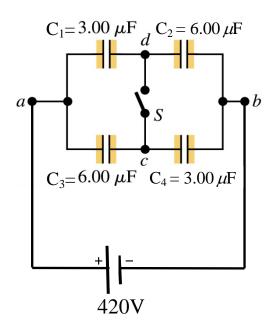
- A.) V/3R; V/3R
- B.) 0; V/3R
- C.) V/R; 0
- D.) V/3R; 0
- E.) V/R; V/3R



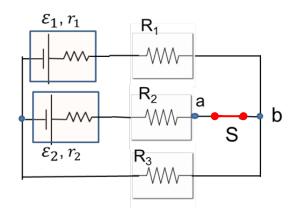
- 1. (30 pts) The capacitors are connected, as in the diagram, with the switch *initially open*. The applied potential difference  $V_{ab}$  = +420 V.
  - a) What is the potential difference  $V_{cd}$ ?

After the switch S is *closed*:

- b) What is the potential difference across each capacitor?
- c) How much charge flowed through the switch when it was closed?



- **2. (25 pts)** The DC circuit in the figure contains two batteries, one of *emf*  $\varepsilon_1$  and internal resistance  $r_1$ , and the other of *emf*  $\varepsilon_2$  and internal resistance  $r_2$ . The switch **S** is initially **closed**.
  - a) Write enough symbolic equations for calculating the currents  $(I_1, I_2, \text{ and } I_3)$ through each resistor. Include only the known constants ( $\varepsilon_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_2$ ,  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$ ,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$ ) and the unknown currents.
  - b) Calculate the current through each resistor and the power output of the lower battery ( $\varepsilon_2, r_2$ ) for the following set of numerical values:  $\varepsilon_1 = 2.0V$ ,  $\varepsilon_2 = 10.0V$ ,  $r_1 = 1.0\Omega$ ,  $r_2 = 2.0\Omega$ ,  $R_1 = 3.0\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 2.0\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 4.0\Omega$ .



c) After the switch S is **opened**, write a symbolic equation for the voltage  $V_{ab}$  of the contact **a** with respect to the contact **b**. Include only the known constants:  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, r_1, r_2, R_1, R_2$ , and  $R_3$ .

**3.** (**30 pts**) In the electric circuit below, each capacitor has an initial charge *Q*=7.00 nC on its plates.

- a) Calculate the total energy stored in this circuit while the switch is open.
- b) Calculate the current through the resistor immediately after the switch S is closed.
- c) After the switch S is closed, calculate the current through the resistor at the instant that the capacitors have *lost* 80% of their initial stored energy.

