

ELECTRICITY AND ELECTRONICS

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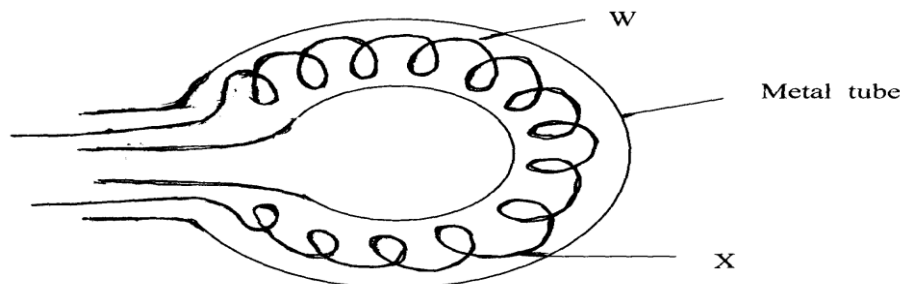
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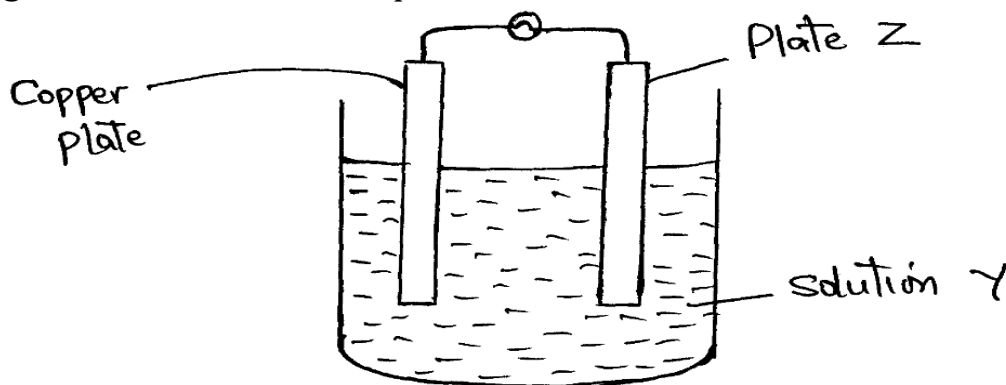
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1. State **one** advantage of a lead-acid accumulator over a dry cell
2. State **one** defect of a simple cell and explain how it can be corrected.
3. Study the circuit below:
Determine the current flowing in the circuit
4. When the time base of a cathode ray oscilloscope is turned on, there is a horizontal trace across the screen as shown in the figure:-
 - (i) An alternating potential difference of constant frequency and constant amplitude is then connected to the **Y**-input of the oscilloscope. Sketch on the same diagram above the trace which might be obtained
 - (ii) The time base is switched off but the alternating potential difference is left connected. Describe what would be observed on the screen
5. The figure below shows the wiring in a modern mains appliance. Identify the wires **Y** and **Z**
6. State **two** ways of decreasing capacitance
7. (a) The figure below represents part of an electric cooker coil.



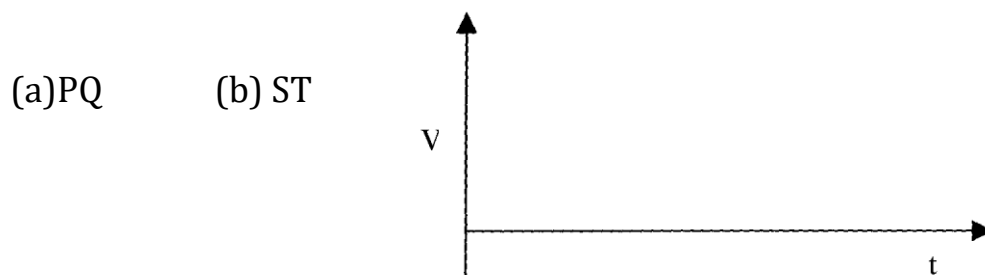
- (i) State why the part labeled **W** is coiled
 - (ii) State the property of material **X** that makes it suitable for its use
- (b) State the advantage of transmitting power at:-
 - (i) Very high voltage
 - (ii) Alternating voltage
- (c) Aluminium wires are commonly used in power transmission than copper wires. Give **two** advantages of aluminum as transmission lines
- (d) The diagram below shows a wrongly wired three pin plug.
 - (i) Indicate in the diagram above the correct colors for the wiring
 - (ii) State the use of device marked **X**
- (e) A household uses a 1.5Kw water heater for 2 hours a day for 30 days. If the cost of electricity is shs.6.70 per Kwh, how much will they pay for this consumption?

8. The diagram below shows a simple cell:-



- (a) (i) Name **z** and solution **y**
(ii) Name and explain the defect that occurs at plate **z**
(iii) Give **one** method of preventing the defect that occurs at the copper plate

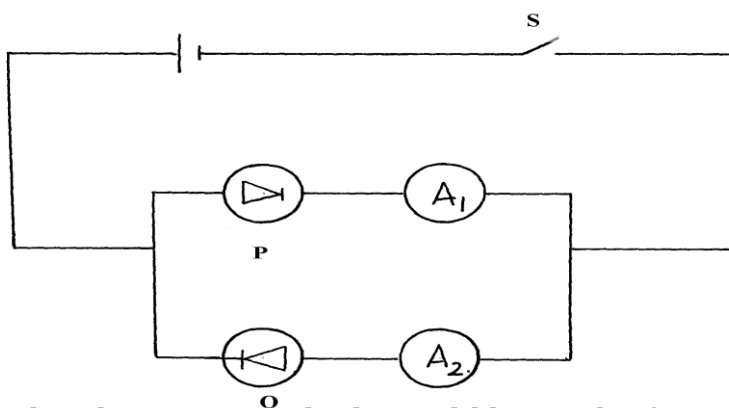
- (b) (i) Explain how P-type semi-conductor is formed
(ii) The figure below shows a circuit diagram for full wave rectification
(I) Draw the diodes D_3 and D_4 on the diagram to complete the circuit
(II) On the axes below sketch a voltage -time graph observed when a C.R.O is connected at points



(iii) On the circuit diagram **(b) (ii)** above, draw a capacitor which can be used to smoothen the output voltage

9. Explain how conductivity of a semi conductor changes with increase in temperature
10. With the time base switched on; the following trace was obtained on the screen of a CRO as shown in the figure below:
Draw a circuit diagram that can be used to produce the wave above

11. **Figure 4** below shows a circle with two diodes **P** and **Q** and a cell:-



Explain the observation which would be made if **S** is closed

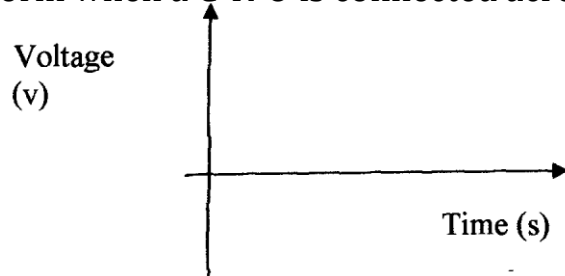
12. Explain why eight 1.5V cells arranged in series to give a total of 12V cannot be used to start a car. But car battery of 12V starts a car

13. a) i) Distinguish between a **p-type** and an **n-type** extrinsic semi conductors

ii) The figure below shows a bridge rectifier

A capacitor has been connected across the resistors as shown. Sketch on the axes below the

wave form when a C-R-O is connected across the resistor; R

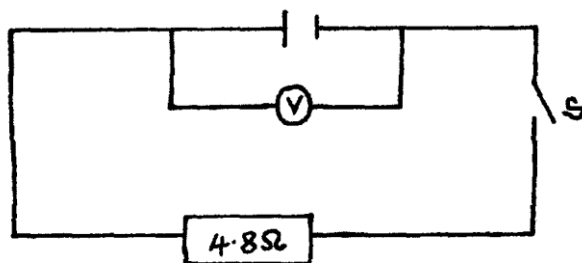


Sketch on the same axes above the wave form when a C-R-O is connected across the resistor R

and capacitor **c** removed

iii) Figure shows a voltmeter connected across the cell. The voltmeter reads 1.5V when the

switch **S**, is open and 1.25V when the switch is closed.



i) What is the e.m.f of the cell?

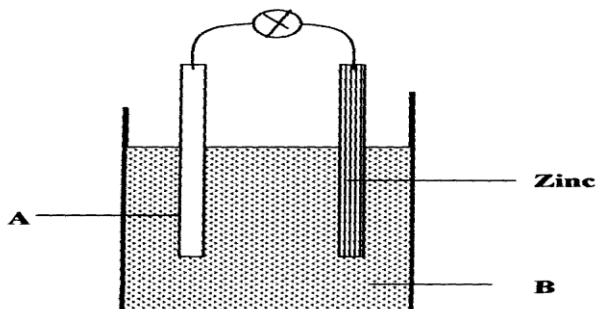
ii) What is the terminal voltage of the cell?

iii) Calculate the internal resistance of the cell

14. What is the use of a fuse in an electric circuit?

15. Distinguish between **Topping** and **Dopping**

16. The figure below shows the set up for a simple cell.



a) Name the Electrode **A** and the solution **B**

b) State **two** reasons why the bulb goes off after a short time

17. The figure 2 shows a simple cell made of copper and zinc electrodes dipped in dilute sulphuric acid

a) Identify the cathode

b) If a voltmeter is connected across the rods the reading is observed to reduce with time.

State **two** causes of this observation

18. State **one** reason why colour televisions have a higher power rating than black and white televisions

19. Explain **two** factors that affect the capacitance of a parallel-plate capacitor

20. a) A girl opened up a used up dry cell and found the following:

i) The zinc casing was 'eaten away'

ii) The cell was watery

Name the cell defect

b) Three identical bulbs are connected in series with a battery of dry cells. At first the bulbs

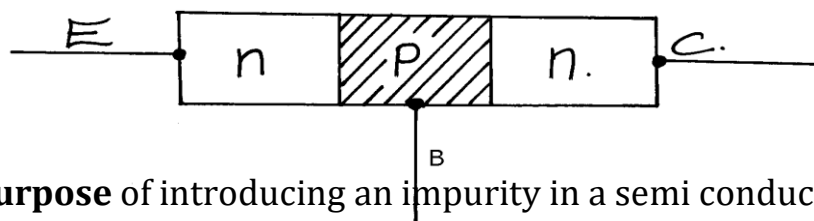
shine brightly but gradually become dimmer. Using the same cells, explain how you

would increase the brilliance of the bulbs

21. Figure 9 below shows a diagram of an n - p - n transistor.

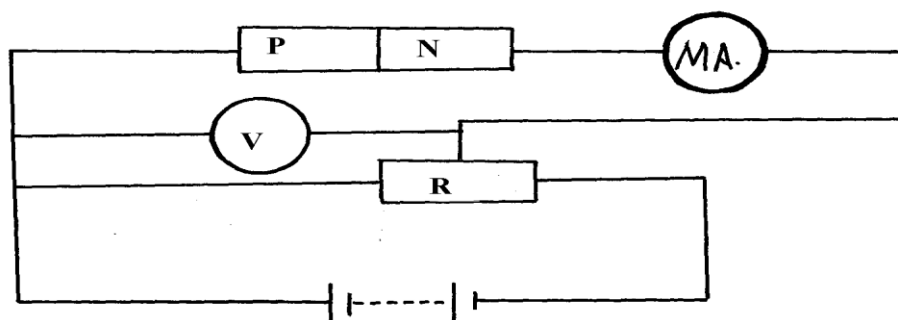
- (a) Complete the diagram by showing the connections of two batteries **suitable for biasing** the transistor in the common-emitter mode.

Figure 9



22. State the **purpose** of introducing an impurity in a semiconductor.
23. In an attempt to establish the relationship between current through a junction diode and the p.d across it, a student connected a diode to an e.m.f source as in **figure 3** below:-

fig. 3



- (a) State whether the diode is forward biased or reverse biased
- (b) Briefly describe how she obtained her readings
- (c) Sketch a graph to represent the relationship between current (y-axis) and the p.d across the diode
24. Figure 8 shows a circuit where a battery of emf 4.5V, switches A and B, two capacitors $C_1 = 0.3 \mu\text{F}$ and $C_2 = 0.5 \mu\text{F}$ and a voltmeter are connected
- a) Determine the charge on C_1 when switch A is closed and switch B is open
- b) What is the effective capacitance C_T when both switches A and B are closed?

- c) State what is observed on the voltmeter when;
- Switch A is closed and switch B is open
 - Switch A is closed and opened and then B is closed
 - Explain the observation made in **c(ii)** above

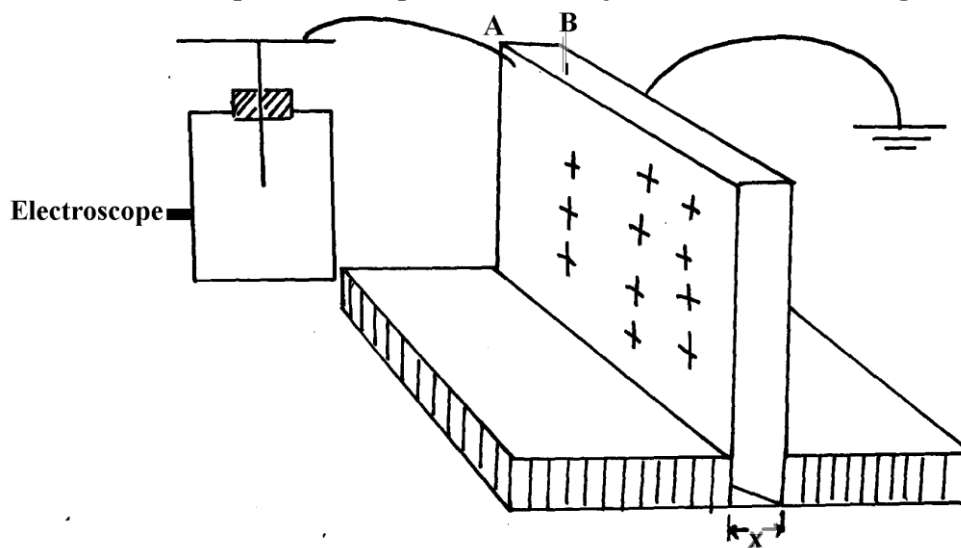
25. (a) Define capacitance

(b) Two aluminium plates **A** and **B** of same dimensions are each mounted on an insulating stand.

Plate **A** is charged to high voltage and connected to uncharged electroscope while plate **B** is

earthed. The two plates are placed side by side as in the diagram **figure 4** below:-

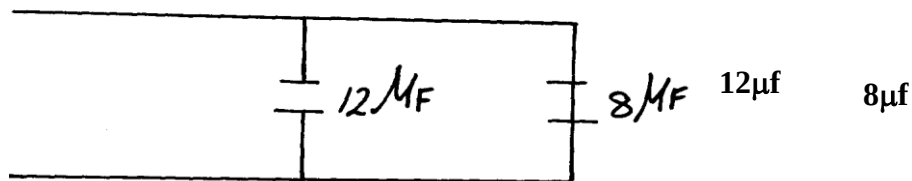
fig . 4



- Indicate on the diagram the position of the leaf and charge distribution on the electroscope
- State and explain the observation on the electroscope when the distance (**x**) of separation between the plates is increased while keeping the area of overlap the same

(c) A $12\mu\text{f}$ capacitor is charged with a 200V source then placed in parallel with uncharged $8.0\mu\text{f}$ capacitor as shown in fig 5 below:-

fig. 5

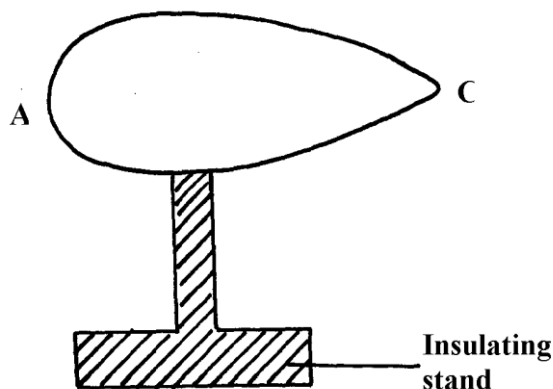


Determine:

- (i) The initial charge on the $12\mu\text{f}$ capacitor
- (ii) The final charge on each capacitor

- (d) The diagram **figure 6** below shows a pear shaped charged conductor on an insulating stand
(charges not shown on the diagram)

fig. 6



Part **A** is touched using a proof-plane and then the proof-plane is brought next but not touching the cap of a leaf electroscope (not shown on the diagram). The same experiment is repeated for part **C** of the conductor.

- (i) State the expected observation in the above experiments

- (ii) Explain the observations made in **(d) (i)** above

- (iii) Name any **one** application of the above phenomenon

26. a) State **two** factors that affect the capacitance of a parallel plate capacitor
b) The diagram below shows an arrangement of capacitors in a circuit

- i) Determine the total charge in the circuit

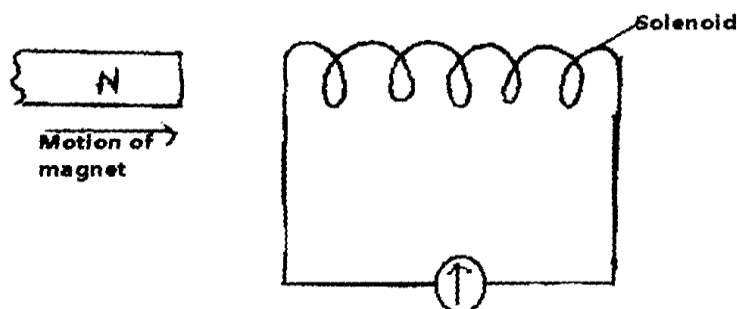
27. a) What is doping as used in electronics

- b) Distinguish between intrinsic and extrinsic semi-conductors.

- c) What would be observed in the diagram below when switch **S** is closed, **B₁** and **B₂** are identical torch bulbs

28. a) Define Eddy currents

- b) The diagram below shows the north pole of a magnet approaching a solenoid



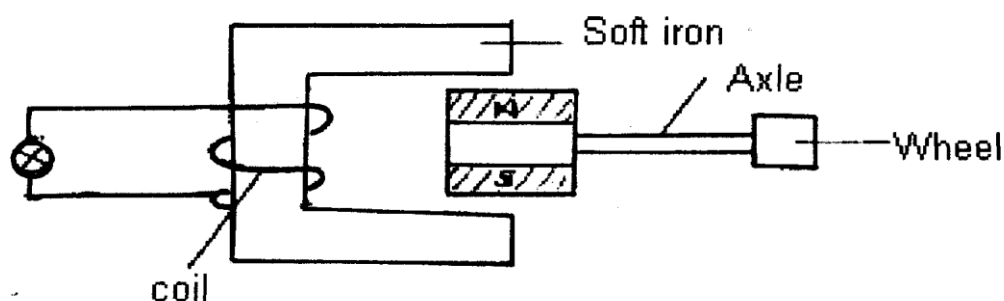
i) Using Lenz's law, indicate the direction of current through the galvanometer

ii) Explain the observation made when:

- I The magnet is moved away from the solenoid
- II The magnet is placed stationary in the solenoid

c) A transformer is designed as shown in the figure below. If the primary coil has 2400 turns and the secondary has 200 turns calculate the p.d across BC assuming there are no energy losses in the transformer

d) The figure shows a cross- section of a bicycle dynamo. The wheel is connected by an axle to a permanent cylindrical magnet and is rotated by the bicycle tyre



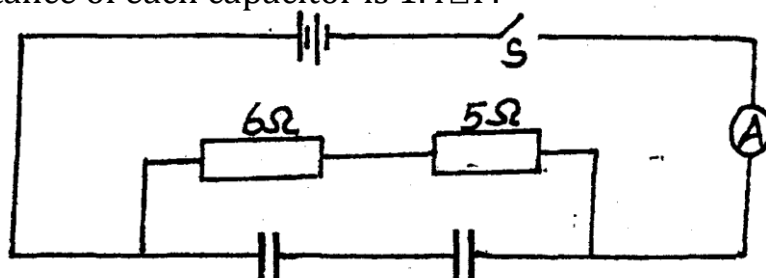
i) Explain why the bulb lights

ii) How can the bulb be made brighter

29. A car battery requires topping up with distilled water occasionally. Explain why this is necessary and why distilled water is used
30. Draw appropriate symbol of a circuit diagram of a junction diode in reverse bias

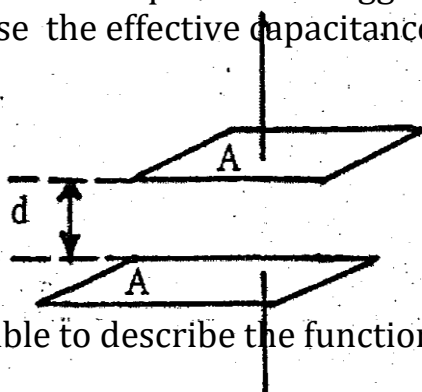
31. a) In the circuit diagram shown in Fig.5 each cell has an e.m.f of 1.5V and internal resistance of 0.5Ω . The capacitance of each capacitor is $1.4\mu\text{F}$.

Fig.5



- i) When the switch **S** is closed determine the ammeter reading.
 - ii) When the switch **S** is closed determine the charge on each capacitor.
- b) The diagram in Fig. 6 represents two parallel plates of a capacitor separated by a distance **d**. Each plate has an area of a square unit. Suggest **two** adjustments that can be made so as to increase the effective capacitance.

Fig.6

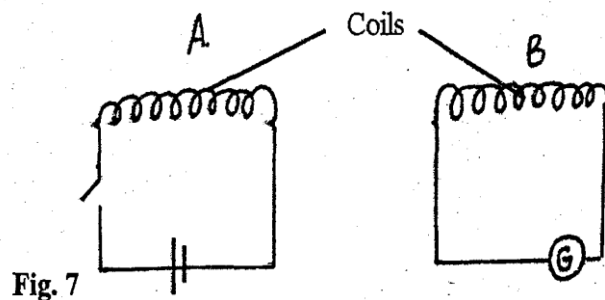


- c) Complete the table to describe the function of the parts of a lightning conductor.

Port	Function
Spike	
Thick copper rod	
Earthed metal plate	

32. The circuits in Fig. 7 shown are close to each other.

Fig. 7



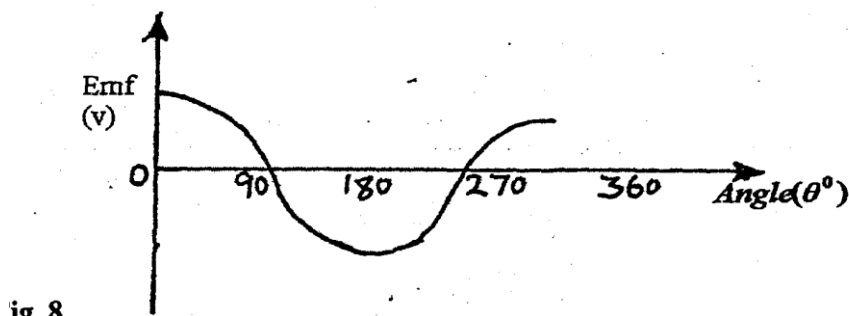
- a) When the switch is closed, the galvanometer shows a reading and then returns to zero.

When the switch is then opened, the galvanometer shows a reading in the opposite direction and then returns to zero. Explain these observations.

- b) Energy losses in a transformer are reduced by having a laminated soft iron core. State and explain **two** other ways of reducing energy losses in a transformer.

- c) The e.m.f generated as the coil of an alternating generator rotates is represented in the graph in

Fig. 8.

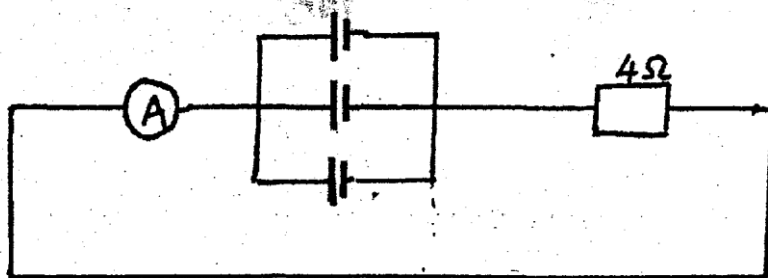


- i) Give reasons for the changes in the e.m.f as the coil rotates from 0° to 90° and 90° to 180°.
- ii) Sketch on the same diagram a similar graph if the generator was a direct current one.

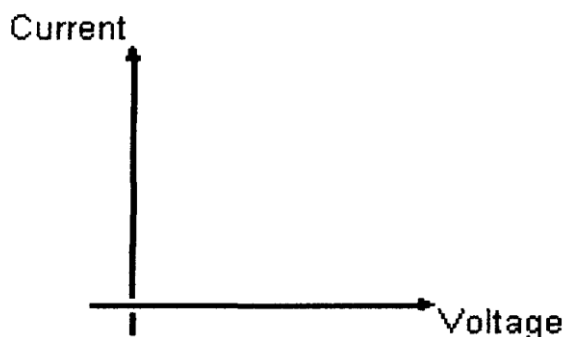
33. State **one** advantage of:

- i) A lead-acid accumulative over a dry cell
- ii) A dry cell over lead-acid accumulator

34. Three identical cells of e.m.f. 2.0V and of negligible internal resistance are connected as shown in figure below. Determine the ammeter reading.



35. State **one** advantage of:
- i) A lead-acid accumulative over a dry cell
 - ii) A dry cell over lead-acid accumulator
36. Compare the property of material used to make a fuse wire to one used to make the filament of a torch bulb.
37. State **two** reasons why the CRO is a more accurate voltmeter than a moving coil voltmeter.
38. The strip below represents part of the electromagnetic spectrum. **C** is the visible part of the spectrum. **A** is the region of the shortest wave length and **F** the highest
- Name the sections which represent:
- (i) X-rays
 - (ii) Infra-red
 - (iii) T.V waves
39. Sketch a forward bias characteristics of a **P – N** junction diode in the axis below



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