

## AP Physics: Current, Ohm's Law, Resistivity, and Power HW

**Instructions:** Complete these problems on separate paper. Show all of your work for calculations or give a detailed explanation.

1. Car batteries are often rated in ampere-hours. Does this unit designate the amount of current, power, energy, or charge that can be drawn from the battery? Explain.
2. In a particular television picture tube, the measured beam current is  $60.0 \mu\text{A}$ . How many electrons strike the screen every second?
3. A current  $I$  flows through a circuit. By what factor does the current change if
  - The voltage is doubled?
  - The voltage is halved?
  - The resistance is doubled?
  - The resistance is halved?
  - The voltage and resistance are both quadrupled?
4. What voltage would be necessary to produce a current of  $0.2\text{A}$  through a  $30\Omega$  resistor?
5. A device is specified to have a current of  $5 \text{ mA}$ . If it is supplied with a  $12 \text{ Volt}$  battery, what size resistor should be used?
6. When a toaster is plugged into a  $120\text{-V}$  wall socket it produces a current of  $4.2 \text{ A}$ . How much current would flow through the toaster if it were plugged into a  $220\text{-V}$  socket?
7. A hair dryer draws  $7.5 \text{ A}$  when plugged into a  $120\text{-V}$  line.
  - What is its resistance?
  - How much charge passes through it in  $15 \text{ min}$ ?
8. A  $9.0\text{-V}$  battery is connected to a bulb whose resistance is  $1.6 \Omega$ . How many electrons leave the battery per minute?
9.

The resistance of a  $60\text{-watt}$  lightbulb operated at  $120 \text{ volts}$  is approximately

(1) $720 \Omega$	(3) $120 \Omega$
(2) $240 \Omega$	(4) $60. \Omega$
10.

An operating electric heater draws a current of  $10. \text{ amperes}$  and has a resistance of  $12 \text{ ohms}$ . How much energy does the heater use in  $60. \text{ seconds}$ ?

(1) $120 \text{ J}$	(3) $7200 \text{ J}$
(2) $1200 \text{ J}$	(4) $72,000 \text{ J}$

11. A wire, made of an unknown material with a cross-sectional area of  $3 \times 10^{-9} m^2$ , is cut into several segments of varying length. The resistance of each segment is measured. This data is recorded in the table below.

Length (m)	Resistance ( $\Omega$ )	
0.1	1.0	
0.2	1.8	
0.3	2.7	
0.4	3.9	
0.5	4.4	

You will find the resistivity of the wire graphically. Choose two quantities that can be graph to produce a straight best fit line.

- Which two quantities should be graphed so that the slope of the best fit line is the resistivity? Which axis should each be placed on?
- Fill out the empty column in the data table with a quantity that will be plotted on your graph.
- On the graph paper below, label the axes, plot your data points, and draw a best fit line using a ruler.
- Calculate the slope of your best fit line. Show all work.
- Determine the resistivity of the wire.

