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3. There is a current of 3.00 A through a resistor when it is connected to a 12.0-V battery. What is the resistance of the resistor?
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