


## UNIT 4 – ELECTRIC CIRCUITS

IPOD Questions

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## IPOD # 14

- a) A lamp with a resistance of  $30\ \Omega$  is connected to a voltage source. The current in the circuit is  $3.0\ \text{A}$ . What is the voltage of the source?
  - b) The current in a circuit is  $2\ \text{A}$ . If the voltage is cut in  $\frac{1}{2}$  what is the new value of the current?
  - c) The current in a circuit is  $2\ \text{A}$ . If the voltage is tripled and the resistance is cut in half, what is the new value of current in the circuit?
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## IPOD # 15

A classroom TV, rated at 170 W, was left on overnight and was running for a total of 24 hours that day (in school & out of school).

- a) How much energy (in kWh) was consumed?
- b) How much did it cost the school? (cost per kWh - \$0.10)
- c) If this TV were left on every day for a month, how much would it cost?



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## IPOD # 16

- A  $2\ \Omega$  and a  $4\ \Omega$  resistor are connected in series across a 12-V battery.
  - Draw the circuit
  - What is the equivalent (total) resistance?
  - What is the current?
  - What is the potential drop (voltage) across each resistor?
  - What is the power developed by each resistor?
  - What is the total power developed by the circuit?



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## PROMPT # 17

- Two resistors,  $40\text{-}\Omega$  and  $10\text{-}\Omega$ , are connected in parallel across a 120-V generator.
  - Draw the circuit
  - What is the equivalent (total) resistance?
  - What is the current through the entire circuit?
  - What is the current through each branch of the circuit?
  - What is the power developed by each resistor?
  - What is the total power developed by the circuit?



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## IPOD # 18

- A  $2\ \Omega$  resistor is connected across a 9-V battery.
  - What is the current in the circuit?
  - How much power is developed by the resistor?
  - The device is on an average of 6 hours per day. How much energy does it use (in kWh) per day? Per 30 days?
  - If it costs \$0.12 per kWh, how much does it cost to run for a day? For 30 days?



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## IPOD # 19

### Comparing Series vs. Parallel Circuits

Fill in the table below to indicate the manner in which series and parallel circuits differ.

	Series Circuit	Parallel Circuit
a. Definition: The pathway by which charge loops around the circuit is characterized by _____ pathway(s).		
b. Observation: If one light bulb goes out, the other light bulbs _____.		
c. Observation: As the number of resistors is increased, the overall current _____.		
d. Observation: As the number of resistors is increased, the overall resistance _____.		
e. Calculate the equivalent (total) resistance if a 2 $\Omega$ and a 4 $\Omega$ resistor were connected across a 10-V battery.		

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## *EXTRA PROMPT*

- In this circuit, three resistors receive the same amount of current (4 amps) from a single source. Calculate the amount of voltage "dropped" by each resistor.
- In this circuit, three resistors receive the same amount of voltage (24 volts) from a single source. Calculate the amount of current "drawn" by each resistor.

