

Physics - 12th Class Physics Chapter 2 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. State Ohm's law and write its formula.

Ans 1: It states that "the current flowing through a conductor is directly proportional to the applied potential difference provided that the physical state remains same"

$$V=IR$$

Resistance: The opposition against the flow of current is known as resistance. The SI unit of resistance is Ohm

$$R=V/I$$

Q2. What does the equation $H=I^2Rt$ show?

Ans 1: This equation shows the heating effect. During their motion free electrons collide frequently with the atoms of metal. On each collision they transfer some of their kinetic energy to the atoms with which they collide. And these collisions produce a heating effect in the wire.

Q3. What is the effect on drift velocity of free electrons by increasing potential difference?

Ans 1: By an increase in potential difference, drift velocity also increases. Because by increasing potential difference, the current also increases.

Q4. Why is a potentiometer an accurate measuring meter?

Ans 1: The voltage measured using a potentiometer is the voltage across the terminals of the cell when current is not flowing through it. This voltage is exactly the emf of the cell. Further, the accuracy of a potentiometer can be increased to a great extent by increasing the length of the "potentiometer wire".

Q5. Differentiate between resistance and resistivity. Give their units.

Ans 1: Resistance: The opposition against the flow of current is known as resistance. The SI unit of resistance is Ohm.
 $R=V/I$

Ans 2: Resistivity: The resistance of a meter cube of a material is called resistivity. Its unit is known as ohm-meter.

Q6. Does the bending in wire affect its electrical resistance?

Ans 1: No bend in wire does not affect its electrical resistance.

Q7. What is meant by Tolerance? Also give one example.

Ans 1: Tolerance mean the possible variation in the value of resistance of a carbon resistors from a marked value. In case of silver and gold band its value is $\pm 10\%$ and $\pm 5\%$.

Q8. Briefly describe the current through a metallic conductor and drift velocity.

Ans 1: In a metallic conductor, free electrons are in random motion with the speed of several hundred km/s at the room temperature. If the ends of the wire are connected to the battery, the free electrons experience a force and are directed to move in the electric field direction. The accelerating electrons keep on colliding with atoms of the conductors and transfer their energy to the lattice with the result that the electrons acquire an average velocity called drift velocity. The drift velocity is of the order of 10^{-3} m/s. A steady current is established in the wire.

Q9. State Ohm's law and basic principle of electroplating.

Ans 1: Current passing through a wire is directly proportional to the potential difference applied across its ends provided that the physical state of the conductors remains the same.
Basic principle of electroplating is a process of coating a thin layer of some expensive metal (gold, silver etc) on an article of some cheap metal.

Q10. Write about any two sources of Current.

Ans 1:

1. Electric generators convert mechanical energy into electrical energy.
 2. Solar cells convert sunlight directly into electrical energy.
 3. Thermocouples convert heat energy into electrical energy.
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