

Performance-based assessments for basic electricity competencies

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The purpose of these assessments is for instructors to accurately measure the learning of their electronics students, in a way that melds theoretical knowledge with hands-on application. In each assessment, students are asked to predict the behavior of a circuit from a schematic diagram and component values, then they build that circuit and measure its real behavior. If the behavior matches the predictions, the student then simulates the circuit on computer and presents the three sets of values to the instructor. If not, then the student then must correct the error(s) and once again compare measurements to predictions. Grades are based on the number of attempts required before all predictions match their respective measurements.

You will notice that no component values are given in this worksheet. The *instructor* chooses component values suitable for the students' parts collections, and ideally chooses different values for each student so that no two students are analyzing and building the exact same circuit. These component values may be hand-written on the assessment sheet, printed on a separate page, or incorporated into the document by editing the graphic image.

This is the procedure I envision for managing such assessments:

1. The instructor hands out individualized assessment sheets to each student.
2. Each student predicts their circuit's behavior at their desks using pencil, paper, and calculator (if appropriate).
3. Each student builds their circuit at their desk, under such conditions that it is impossible for them to verify their predictions using test equipment. Usually this will mean the use of a multimeter only (for measuring component values), but in some cases even the use of a multimeter would not be appropriate.
4. When ready, each student brings their predictions and completed circuit up to the instructor's desk, where any necessary test equipment is already set up to operate and test the circuit. There, the student sets up their circuit and takes measurements to compare with predictions.
5. If any measurement fails to match its corresponding prediction, the student goes back to their own desk with their circuit and their predictions in hand. There, the student tries to figure out where the error is and how to correct it.
6. Students repeat these steps as many times as necessary to achieve correlation between all predictions and measurements. The instructor's task is to count the number of attempts necessary to achieve this, which will become the basis for a percentage grade.
7. (OPTIONAL) As a final verification, each student simulates the same circuit on computer, using circuit simulation software (Spice, Multisim, etc.) and presenting the results to the instructor as a final pass/fail check.

These assessments more closely mimic real-world work conditions than traditional written exams:

- Students cannot pass such assessments only knowing circuit theory or only having hands-on construction and testing skills – they must be proficient at both.
- Students do not receive the “authoritative answers” from the instructor. Rather, they learn to validate their answers through real circuit measurements.
- Just as on the job, the work isn't complete until *all errors* are corrected.
- Students must recognize and correct their own errors, rather than having someone else do it for them.
- Students must be fully prepared on exam days, bringing not only their calculator and notes, but also their tools, breadboard, and circuit components.

Instructors may elect to reveal the assessments before test day, and even use them as preparatory labwork and/or discussion questions. Remember that there is absolutely nothing wrong with “teaching to

the test” *so long as the test is valid*. Normally, it is bad to reveal test material in detail prior to test day, lest students merely memorize responses in advance. With performance-based assessments, however, there is no way to pass without truly understanding the subject(s).

Competency: Soldered wire splice	Version:
Description	
Strip the ends of a short length of solid copper wire, splicing the ends together so as to form a loop. Use the "Western Union" splice technique, soldering the splice as a final step.	
Given conditions	
Approximately 6 inches of 22-gauge (or similar) solid copper wire. 25 watt soldering iron Electrical solder Needle-nose pliers	
Parameters	
(Check)	
Western Union splice well-formed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Even solder coverage of splice	<input type="checkbox"/>
No excess solder on splice (<i>can still discern shape of splice</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solder joint shiny in appearance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Splice stronger than wire	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Answer 1

Instructor will certify quality of splice.

Notes 1

The purpose of this exercise is to ensure students can solder a good wire splice.

Competency: PCB soldering		Version:
Description <p>Solder at least five resistors into a printed circuit board, being careful not to apply excess heat or excess solder. The resistors should lay flat on the board, with the soldered wire ends neatly trimmed.</p>		
Given conditions <p>Five resistors, 1/4 watt each Printed circuit board with copper pads 25 watt soldering iron Electrical solder, small-diameter Needle-nose pliers Miniature diagonal cutting pliers</p>		
Parameters		(Check)
Five resistors soldered in place (flat on board)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Even solder coverage of all pads and leads		<input type="checkbox"/>
No excess solder on pads (solder has concave profile)		<input type="checkbox"/>
No cold solder joints		<input type="checkbox"/>
All soldering flux cleaned off		<input type="checkbox"/>
All leads neatly trimmed		<input type="checkbox"/>
No overheated or lifted pads		<input type="checkbox"/>
Good "wetting" of solder on all pads		<input type="checkbox"/>

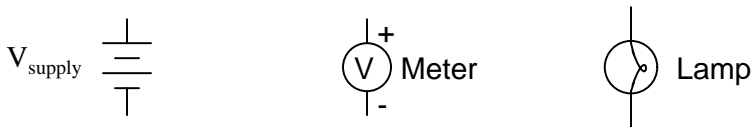
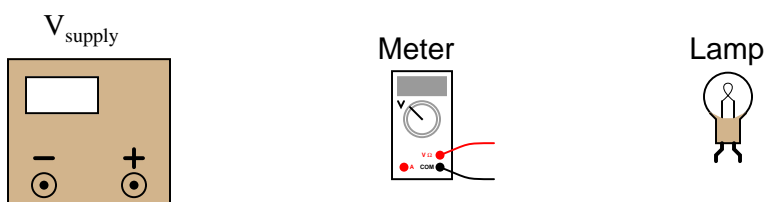
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Answer 2

Instructor will certify quality of solder joints.

Notes 2

The purpose of this exercise is to ensure students can make good solder joints on a printed circuit board.

Competency: Voltmeter usage	Version:
<div data-bbox="310 212 472 254">Description</div> <p data-bbox="472 285 1117 359">Build a simple one-source, one-lamp circuit and use a multimeter to measure the lamp voltage.</p>	
<div data-bbox="310 422 586 464">Schematic diagram</div> <div data-bbox="423 537 1170 663">  <p>The schematic diagram shows three components: a voltage source labeled V_{supply} represented by a battery symbol, a voltmeter represented by a circle with a 'V' and '+' '-' terminals, labeled 'Meter', and a lamp represented by a circle with a diagonal line and a small circle inside, labeled 'Lamp'.</p> </div>	
<div data-bbox="310 758 586 800">Pictorial diagram</div> <div data-bbox="399 915 1162 1115">  <p>The pictorial diagram shows three physical components: a brown rectangular voltage source labeled V_{supply} with '-' and '+' terminals, a digital multimeter labeled 'Meter' with a display and red/black probes connected to 'VΩ' and 'COM' ports, and a physical incandescent lamp labeled 'Lamp'.</p> </div>	
<div data-bbox="310 1283 500 1325">Explanation</div> <p data-bbox="423 1335 1187 1409">Should the voltmeter be connected in <i>series</i> or in <i>parallel</i> with the lamp in order to measure voltage?</p> <p data-bbox="423 1440 1187 1514">What will happen if the meter is connected the wrong way (series vs. parallel)?</p>	

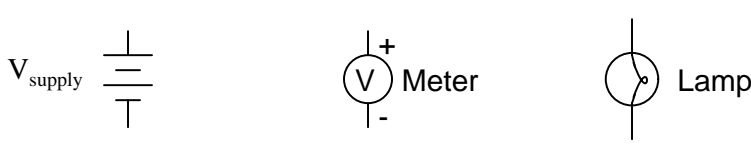
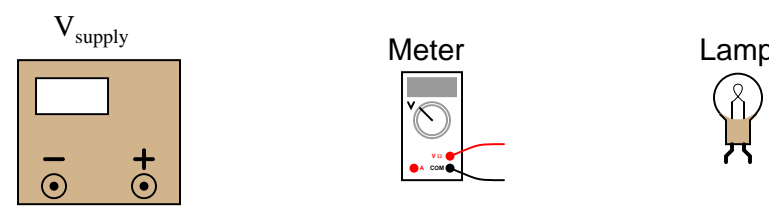
Answer 3

Connect the voltmeter in *parallel* with the component whose voltage is to be measured.

Notes 3

The purpose of this exercise is to make absolutely sure students can safely measure voltage with a multimeter.

A good extension of this assessment is to have students demonstrate competency using both digital and analog multimeters!

Competency: Voltmeter usage	Version:
<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Description</div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">Build a simple one-source, one-lamp circuit and use two multimeters to measure the lamp voltage.</p>	
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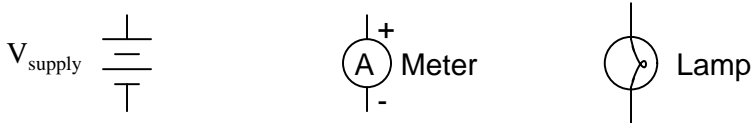
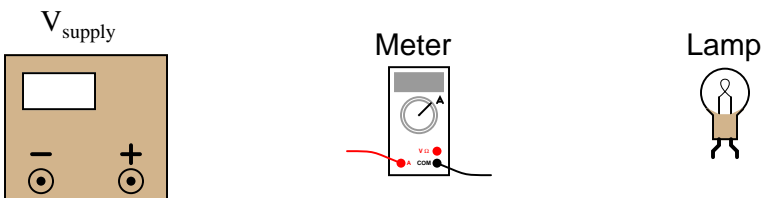
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Answer 4

Connect the voltmeter in *parallel* with the component whose voltage is to be measured.

Notes 4

The purpose of this exercise is to make absolutely sure students can safely measure voltage with a multimeter.

Competency: Ammeter usage	Version:
<div>Description</div> <p>Build a simple one-source, one-lamp circuit and use a multimeter to measure the lamp current.</p>	
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<div>Pictorial diagram</div> 	
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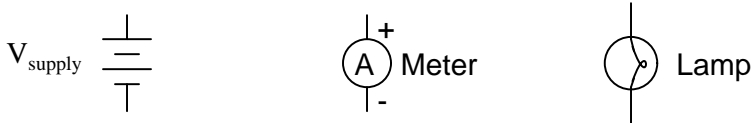
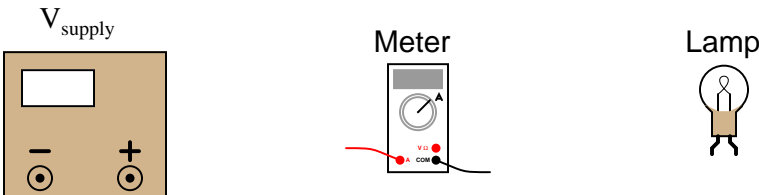
Answer 5

Connect the ammeter in *series* with the component whose current is to be measured.

Notes 5

The purpose of this exercise is to make absolutely sure students can safely measure current with a multimeter.

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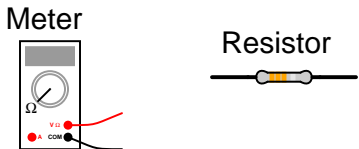
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Answer 6

Connect the ammeter in *series* with the component whose current is to be measured.

Notes 6

The purpose of this exercise is to make absolutely sure students can safely measure current with a multimeter.

Competency: Ohmmeter usage	Version:																					
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Description</div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">Interpret the color codes for several resistors, and then compare their rated resistances with the indication given by an ohmmeter.</p>																						
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Answer 7

The ohmmeter's indication is the "final word" on resistance.

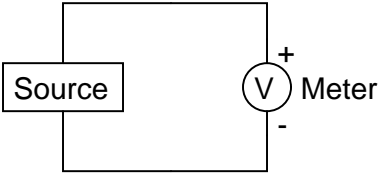
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The purpose of this exercise is to make absolutely sure students can accurately measure resistance with a multimeter, and also that they can interpret resistor color codes. Select resistors that span a wide range, from less than 10 ohms to millions of ohms.

I recommend the following resistor color codes for students to try (all 5% tolerance):

- Blk, Brn, Grn, Gld
- Brn, Red, Brn, Gld
- Blu, Gry, Blk, Gld
- Red, Red, Org, Gld
- Brn, Grn, Yel, Gld
- Org, Org, Red, Gld

A good extension of this assessment is to have students demonstrate competency using both digital and analog multimeters!

Competency: Sources of electricity		Version:
Schematic		
		
Given conditions		
(Descriptions of source types; i.e. <i>photovoltaic, chemical, etc.</i>) Source 1 = Source 2 = Source 3 =		
Parameters		
Greatest voltage produced	Predicted <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 25px; width: 100%;"></div>	Measured <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 25px; width: 100%;"></div>
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Answer 8

The real-life measurements you take constitute the "final word" on which sources generate the most significant voltages.

Notes 8

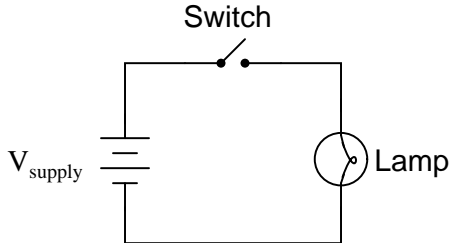
In this performance assessment, different electricity sources are suggested by way of conversion phenomena. In other words, the instructor will list such things as *photovoltaic* and *piezoelectric*, and students will have to choose the correct components to demonstrate conversion of energy into electrical form. Then, students will demonstrate each conversion for the instructor, ranking them in order of the voltage magnitude generated by each demonstration.

The purpose of this exercise is not only for students to obtain a practical understanding of electricity sources, but also to understand the relative magnitudes of each one. It is important for students to know, for instance, that thermoelectricity is a rather weak effect compared to piezoelectricity. This will help them understand the relative sensitivity of sensors and other electrical devices in the future.

Possible sources to list for student demonstration are:

- Photovoltaic
- Piezoelectric
- Electromagnetic
- Chemical
- Thermoelectric

Of course, your selection of sources for student demonstration depends on the parts and equipment available to them.

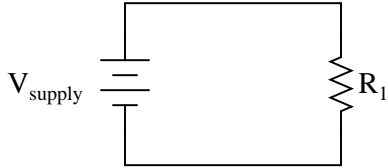
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Answer 9

Use circuit simulation software to verify your predicted and measured parameter values.

Notes 9

Use a variable-voltage, regulated power supply to supply a suitable DC voltage for the incandescent lamp.

Competency: Ohm's Law	Version:									
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Answer 10

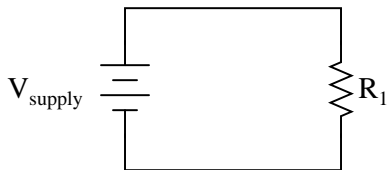
Use circuit simulation software to verify your predicted and measured parameter values.

Notes 10

Use a variable-voltage, regulated power supply to supply any amount of DC voltage below 30 volts. Specify a standard resistor value, somewhere between 1 k Ω and 100 k Ω (1k5, 2k2, 2k7, 3k3, 4k7, 5k1, 6k8, 10k, 22k, 33k, 39k 47k, 68k, etc.).

If using this question as a lab exercise rather than an assessment, I recommend specifying a voltage that is standard for batteries, so students don't necessarily have to have an adjustable power supply available to do this lab.

For example, specify V_{supply} as 6 volts and R_1 as 33 k Ω . The resulting current is sufficient to provide a nice, strong needle deflection on most cheap analog ammeters, too!

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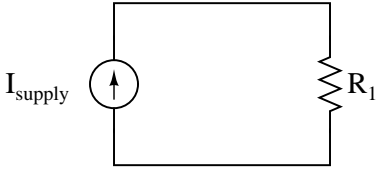
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Answer 11

Use circuit simulation software to verify your predicted and measured parameter values.

Notes 11

Use a variable-voltage, regulated power supply to supply any amount of DC voltage below 30 volts. Specify a standard resistor value, somewhere between 1 k Ω and 100 k Ω (1k5, 2k2, 2k7, 3k3, 4k7, 5k1, 6k8, 10k, 22k, 33k, 39k 47k, 68k, etc.).

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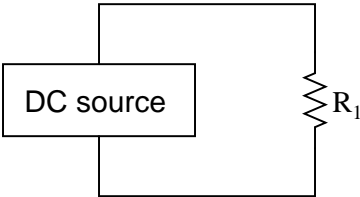
Answer 12

Use circuit simulation software to verify your predicted and measured parameter values.

Notes 12

Use a variable-voltage, regulated power supply to supply any amount of DC voltage below 30 volts. Specify a standard resistor value, somewhere between 1 k Ω and 100 k Ω (1k5, 2k2, 2k7, 3k3, 4k7, 5k1, 6k8, 10k, 22k, 33k, 39k 47k, 68k, etc.).

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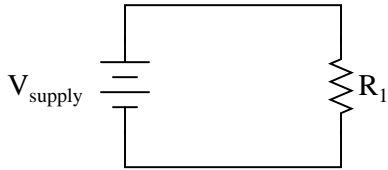
Use circuit simulation software to verify your predicted and measured parameter values.

Notes 13

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An interesting "twist" on this exercise is to specify the value of resistor R_1 in colors. For example: Red, Vio, Red, Gld instead of 2.7 k Ω .

When students set their power supplies for a certain amount of current, it is often helpful to have them do so while it is powering the resistor (rather than connecting their ammeter directly across the power supply to set its current output). This helps avoid the possibility of blowing the fuse in their ammeter!

Competency: Current-limiting resistor	Version:									
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Answer 14

Use circuit simulation software to verify your predicted and measured parameter values.

Notes 14

Use a variable-voltage, regulated power supply to supply any amount of DC voltage below 30 volts. If using this question as a lab exercise rather than an assessment, I recommend specifying a voltage that is standard for batteries, so students don't necessarily have to have an adjustable power supply available to do this lab.

In this exercise, the student must both quantitatively and qualitatively analyze the circuit, because the ideal resistor value probably does not exist. As the instructor, it is your task to choose voltage and current specifications that preclude exact solutions with common resistor values.

Competency: 4-wire "Kelvin" resistance measurement Version:									
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Answer 15

Use circuit simulation software to verify your predicted and measured parameter values.

Notes 15

You will need to provide some low-resistance specimens for your students to measure using this technique. Motor armature coils work well for this purpose, as do large power resistors with the labels scratched off.

When students set their power supplies for a certain amount of current, it is often helpful to have them do so while it is powering the resistor (rather than connecting their ammeter directly across the power supply to set its current output). This helps avoid the possibility of blowing the fuse in their ammeter!

Competency: Determining wire length by resistance		Version:
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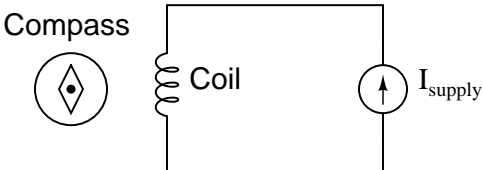
Answer 16

Measure the wire length to check your calculation!

Notes 16

You will need to provide some spools of wire for your students to measure using this technique. Your students will need to find wire tables correlating length with resistance (at different temperatures, if the room temperature is significantly different from the standard temperature given in the table).

When students set their power supplies for a certain amount of current, it is often helpful to have them do so while it is powering the wire (rather than connecting their ammeter directly across the power supply to set its current output). This helps avoid the possibility of blowing the fuse in their ammeter!

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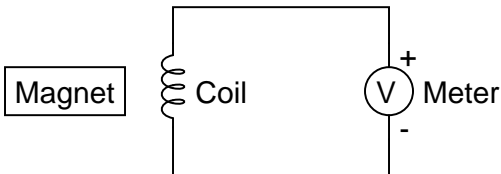
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Answer 17

I won't reveal the answer here as to what effect magnitude has on magnetic field strength, but I will suggest a way to test for strength: place the compass at a distance from the coil, where the coil's field has a relatively small effect on the needle position in relation to the ambient magnetic field.

Notes 17

Old solenoid valve coils work very well for this exercise, as do spools of wire with large steel bolts passed through the center. Students may also wind their own coils using small-gauge magnet wire and a steel bolt. If the coils are hollow, you may experiment with and without ferrous cores, to demonstrate the effects of a ferromagnetic flux path on the field strength produced.

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Answer 18

The magnitude of the induced voltage is a direct function of the magnetic flux's rate of change over time ($\frac{d\phi}{dt}$).

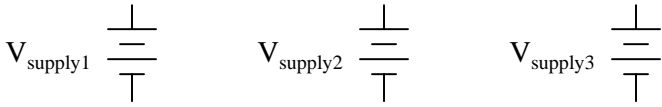
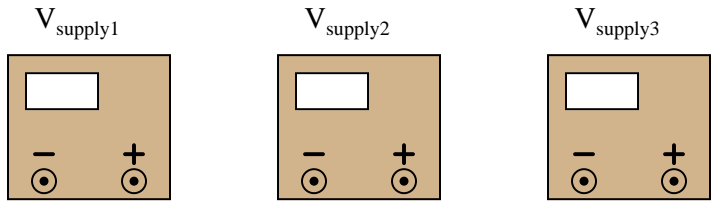
Notes 18

Old solenoid valve coils work very well for this exercise, as do spools of wire with large steel bolts passed through the center. Students may also wind their own coils using small-gauge magnet wire and a steel bolt.

Please note that students will not be able to *predict* the polarity of the induced voltage unless they know the rotation of the coil windings and the polarity of their magnet. This will only be possible if the windings are exposed to view or if the students wind their own coils, and if the magnet has its poles labeled "North" and "South" (or if this is determined experimentally by using the magnet as a compass).

Use magnets that are as strong as possible, and that have their poles on the physical ends. This may seem like a strange request, but I've seen students bring some unusual magnets to class for this experiment, whose poles are *not* located on the ends. One type of magnet that works well is the so-called "cow magnet," used by cattle ranchers to protect cows' multiple stomachs from injury from ingestion of fence staples and other ferromagnetic objects. These are a few inches long, cylindrical in shape (so the cow can swallow it like a big pill), and quite strong.

If students are using analog multimeters to measure the coil's induced voltage, be sure to keep the multimeter far away from the magnet. Analog meter movements are generally quite sensitive to external magnetic fields and may register falsely if positioned too close to a strong magnet.

Competency: Series DC voltages	Version:
Description	
Connect three DC power sources together to achieve the specified total voltage.	
Given conditions	
$V_{\text{supply1}} =$	$V_{\text{total}} =$
$V_{\text{supply2}} =$	
$V_{\text{supply3}} =$	
Schematic diagram	
	
Pictorial diagram	
	

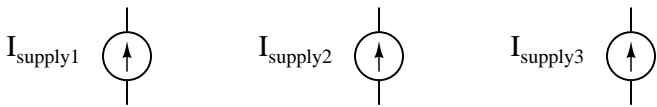
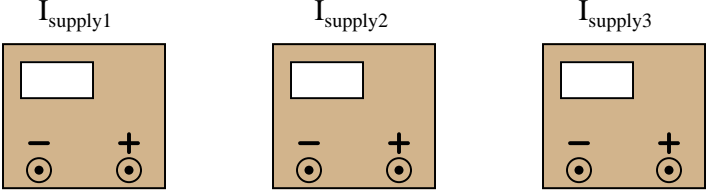
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Answer 19

Use circuit simulation software to verify schematic diagram. Your real circuit will verify the pictorial diagram.

Notes 19

Use variable-voltage, regulated power supplies to supply any amount of DC voltage below 30 volts.

Competency: Parallel DC currents	Version:
Description	
Connect three DC power sources together to achieve the specified total current.	
Given conditions	
$I_{\text{supply1}} =$	$I_{\text{total}} =$
$I_{\text{supply2}} =$	
$I_{\text{supply3}} =$	
Schematic diagram	
	
Pictorial diagram	
	

Caution! Consult your instructor to see how to set up each power supply to be a *safe* current source before attempting to connect them together!

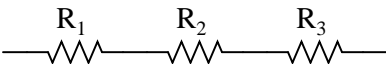
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Answer 20

Use circuit simulation software to verify schematic diagram. Your real circuit will verify the pictorial diagram.

Notes 20

Use regulated power supplies with adjustable current limits to act as current sources (voltage adjustments set to "full" while current adjustments set the desired output current for each). Keep the currents less than one amp for each supply.

Competency: Series resistances		Version:
Schematic		
		
Given conditions		
$R_1 =$	$R_2 =$	$R_3 =$
Parameters		
R_{total}	Predicted <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	Measured <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
Analysis		
<div style="text-align: center;">Equation used to calculate R_{total} :</div>		

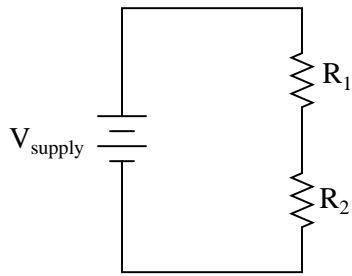
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Answer 21

Use circuit simulation software to verify schematic diagram. Your real circuit will verify the pictorial diagram.

Notes 21

Specify standard resistor values, all between 1 k Ω and 100 k Ω (1k5, 2k2, 2k7, 3k3, 4k7, 5k1, 6k8, 10k, 22k, 33k, 39k 47k, 68k, etc.).

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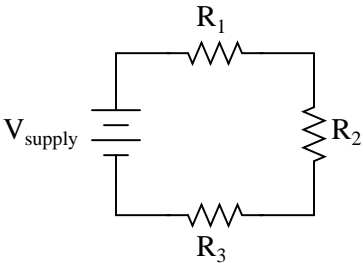
Answer 22

Use circuit simulation software to verify your predicted and measured parameter values.

Notes 22

Use a variable-voltage, regulated power supply to supply any amount of DC voltage below 30 volts. Specify standard resistor values, all between 1 k Ω and 100 k Ω (1k5, 2k2, 2k7, 3k3, 4k7, 5k1, 6k8, 10k, 22k, 33k, 39k 47k, 68k, etc.).

An extension of this exercise is to incorporate troubleshooting questions. Whether using this exercise as a performance assessment or simply as a concept-building lab, you might want to follow up your students' results by asking them to predict the consequences of certain circuit faults.

Competency: Series DC resistor circuit		Version:	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 5px;">Schematic</div>			
			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 5px;">Given conditions</div>			
$V_{\text{supply}} =$	$R_1 =$	$R_2 =$	$R_3 =$
<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 5px;">Parameters</div>			
	Predicted	Measured	
I_{supply}			
V_{R1}			
V_{R2}			
V_{R3}			
			Predicted
			Measured
			I_{R1}
			I_{R2}
			I_{R3}
<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 5px;">Analysis</div>			
Relationship between resistor voltage drops and total voltage:			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 5px;">Fault analysis</div>			
Suppose component fails <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; margin-left: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> open <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> shorted </div>			
<i>What will happen in the circuit?</i>			

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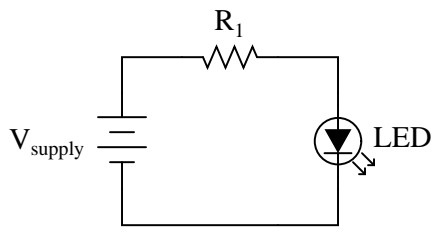
Answer 23

Use circuit simulation software to verify your predicted and measured parameter values.

Notes 23

Use a variable-voltage, regulated power supply to supply any amount of DC voltage below 30 volts. Specify standard resistor values, all between 1 k Ω and 100 k Ω (1k5, 2k2, 2k7, 3k3, 4k7, 5k1, 6k8, 8k2, 10k, 22k, 33k, 39k 47k, 68k, 82k, etc.).

An extension of this exercise is to incorporate troubleshooting questions. Whether using this exercise as a performance assessment or simply as a concept-building lab, you might want to follow up your students' results by asking them to predict the consequences of certain circuit faults.

Competency: Series dropping resistor for LED		Version:																												
Schematic																														
																														
Given conditions																														
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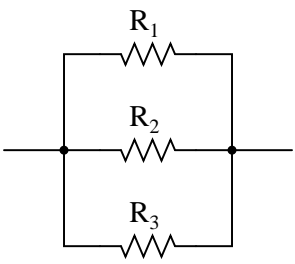
Answer 24

Note: be careful to choose a resistor with an adequate power rating (Watts)!

Notes 24

Use a variable-voltage, regulated power supply to supply any amount of DC voltage below 30 volts. For added challenge, set the power supply voltage high enough (at least 15 volts) that a 1/4 watt resistor will be inadequately rated for the power dissipation.

An extension of this exercise is to incorporate troubleshooting questions. Whether using this exercise as a performance assessment or simply as a concept-building lab, you might want to follow up your students' results by asking them to predict the consequences of certain circuit faults.

Competency: Parallel resistances		Version:
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 5px;">Given conditions</div>		
$R_1 =$	$R_2 =$	$R_3 =$
<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 5px;">Parameters</div>		
R_{total}	Predicted <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 25px; margin: 5px auto;"></div>	Measured <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 25px; margin: 5px auto;"></div>
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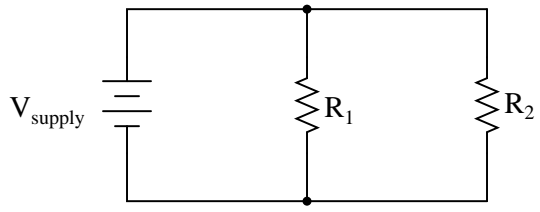
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Answer 25

Use circuit simulation software to verify schematic diagram. Your real circuit will verify the pictorial diagram.

Notes 25

Specify standard resistor values, all between 1 k Ω and 100 k Ω (1k5, 2k2, 2k7, 3k3, 4k7, 5k1, 6k8, 10k, 22k, 33k, 39k 47k, 68k, etc.).

Competency: Parallel DC resistor circuit		Version:	
Schematic			
			
Given conditions			
$V_{\text{supply}} =$	$R_1 =$	$R_2 =$	
Parameters			
	Predicted	Measured	
I_{supply}	<input style="width: 80px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	
V_{R1}	<input style="width: 80px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	I_{R1}
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V_{R2}	<input style="width: 80px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	
Analysis			
Relationship between resistor (branch) currents and total current:			
Fault analysis			
Suppose component <input style="width: 60px; height: 25px;" type="text"/> fails <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> open <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> other _____ <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> shorted			
What will happen in the circuit?			

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Answer 26

Use circuit simulation software to verify your predicted and measured parameter values.

Notes 26

Use a variable-voltage, regulated power supply to supply any amount of DC voltage below 30 volts. Specify standard resistor values, all between 1 k Ω and 100 k Ω (1k5, 2k2, 2k7, 3k3, 4k7, 5k1, 6k8, 10k, 22k, 33k, 39k 47k, 68k, etc.).

An extension of this exercise is to incorporate troubleshooting questions. Whether using this exercise as a performance assessment or simply as a concept-building lab, you might want to follow up your students' results by asking them to predict the consequences of certain circuit faults.

Competency: Parallel DC resistor circuit		Version:	
Schematic			
Given conditions			
$V_{\text{supply}} =$	$R_1 =$	$R_2 =$	$R_3 =$
Parameters			
	Predicted	Measured	
I_{supply}			I_{R1}
V_{R1}			I_{R2}
V_{R2}			I_{R3}
V_{R3}			
Analysis			
Relationship between resistor (branch) currents and total current:			
Fault analysis			
Suppose component fails <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; margin-left: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> open <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> shorted </div>			
What will happen in the circuit?			

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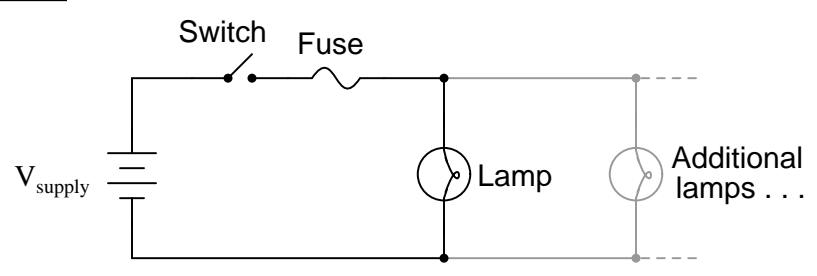
Answer 27

Use circuit simulation software to verify your predicted and measured parameter values.

Notes 27

Use a variable-voltage, regulated power supply to supply any amount of DC voltage below 30 volts. Specify standard resistor values, all between 1 k Ω and 100 k Ω (1k5, 2k2, 2k7, 3k3, 4k7, 5k1, 6k8, 8k2, 10k, 22k, 33k, 39k, 47k, 68k, 82k, etc.).

An extension of this exercise is to incorporate troubleshooting questions. Whether using this exercise as a performance assessment or simply as a concept-building lab, you might want to follow up your students' results by asking them to predict the consequences of certain circuit faults.

Competency: Parallel loads with fuse protection		Version:
Schematic		
		
Given conditions		
$V_{\text{supply}} =$	$I_{\text{lamp}} \text{ (nominal)} =$	Fuse rating =
Parameters		
Maximum # of lamps	Predicted <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>	Tested <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>

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Answer 28

Use circuit simulation software to verify your predicted and measured parameter values.

Notes 28

Use a variable-voltage, regulated power supply to supply a suitable DC voltage for the incandescent lamp. Set the power supply current limit such that it outputs enough to blow the fuse, but not enough to damage anything else. The fuse needs to be rated for a current value practical for a reasonable number of parallel-connected lamps.

(Template)

Competency:	Version:
Schematic	
Given conditions	
Parameters	
Predicted	Measured
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Answer 29

Here, you would indicate where or how to obtain answers for the requested parameters, but not actually give the figures. My stock answer here is “use circuit simulation software” (Spice, Multisim, etc.).

Notes 29

Any relevant notes for the assessment activity go here.