#### Circuits – Set 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Rank in order, from largest to smallest, the current densities  $J_a$  to  $J_d$  in these four wires, which carry currents ranging from I to 2I.



- 2. A wire carrying a current I has two equal length segments that have equal diameters. If the conductivities of the material in the two segments have a ratio  $\sigma_1:\sigma_2=2:1$ , what is the ratio  $E_1:E_2$  of the electric field strengths in the two segments of the wire.
  - a.  $E_1:E_2=4:1$
  - b.  $E_1:E_2=2:1$
  - c.  $E_1:E_2=1:1$
  - d.  $E_1:E_2=1:2$
  - e.  $E_1:E_2=1:4$



- 3. What is the ratio of the change in potential  $\Delta V_1$ : $\Delta V_2$ ?
  - a.  $\Delta V_1: \Delta V_2=4:1$
  - b.  $\Delta V_1: \Delta V_2 = 2:1$
  - c.  $\Delta V_1: \Delta V_2=1:1$
  - d.  $\Delta V_1: \Delta V_2=1:2$
  - e.  $\Delta V_1: \Delta V_2=1:4$
- 4. What is the ratio of the resistances  $R_1:R_2$ ?
  - a.  $R_1: R_2=4:1$
  - b. R<sub>1</sub>: R<sub>2</sub> =2:1
  - c.  $R_1: R_2=1:1$
  - d.  $R_1: R_{22}=1:2$
  - e.  $R_1: R_2 = 1:4$

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- 5. What is the ratio of the power dissipated in each segment  $P_1:P_2$ ?
  - a. P<sub>1</sub>: P<sub>2</sub>=4:1
  - b. P<sub>1</sub>: P<sub>2</sub> =2:1
  - c.  $P_1: P_2=1:1$
  - d.  $P_1: P_2=1:2$
  - e. P<sub>1</sub>: P<sub>2</sub>=1:4

- 6. Two light bulbs operate on the same potential difference. Bulb A has four times the power output of bulb B. Which bulb has the greater current?
  - a. Bulb A
  - b. Bulb B
  - c. Neither they both have the same current

There is a potential difference of 2.5 V between opposite ends of a 6.0 m long iron wire. Note: there is a table with resistivities in Wolfson.

- a) Assuming a uniform electric field in the wire, what is the current density?
- b) If the wire diameter is 1.0 mm, what is the total current?

The maximum safe current in 12-gauge (1.2 mm diameter) copper wire is 20 A.

- a) What is the maximum current density?
- b) What is the maximum electric field?

Engineers call for a power line with a resistance per unit length of 50 m $\Omega$ /km.

- a) What wire diameter is required if the line is made of copper?
- b) What wire diameter is required if the line is made of aluminum?
- c) If the costs of copper and aluminum wire are \$4.65/kg and \$2.30/kg, respectively, which material is more economical? The densities of copper and aluminum are 8.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and 2.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, respectively.

- 1. If a large resistor and a small resistor are connected in parallel, the equivalent resistance will be closer in value to that of the:
  - a. large resistor
  - b. small resistor
  - c. Neither; it will be exactly between the two values
  - d. None of the above

2. Refer to the diagram. When the switch is closed the total power dissipated in the circuit will:

- a. increase
- b. decrease
- c. remain the same
- d. None of the above



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- 3. Rank in order, from brightest to dimmest, the identical bulbs A to D.
  - a. A = B = C = D
  - b. A > B > C = D
  - $c. \quad A > C > B > D$
  - d. A > C = D > B
  - $e. \quad C=D>B>A$



Find the equivalent resistance of the following systems. All resistors have a resistance R.







In this circuit,  $R_1 = 1.0 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 3.0 \text{ k}\Omega R_3 = 2.0 \text{ k}\Omega$ , and  $\Delta V=30 \text{ V}$ 

Find the:

- a) Equivalent Resistance
- b) Total Current delivered by the battery
- c) Voltage across each resistor
- d) Power dissipated by each resistor
- e) Total power dissipated in the circuit.



For the circuit shown in the figure, find the current through and the potential difference across each resistor.



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