

- Q1- a) What is the resistance of a light bulb that uses 75 Watts at 115 Volts?  
 b) What is the current in the bulb in this situation?

The power dissipated  $P$  in a resistance  $R$  when a current  $I$  flowing through it by applying a voltage  $V$  is given by

$$P = VI = I^2R = V^2/R$$

Here the power of the bulb  $P = 75$  Watt

The voltage across the bulb  $V = 115$  V

Thus the current in the circuit is given by

$$P = V^2/R$$

Gives  $R = V^2/P = 115^2/75 = \mathbf{176.33 \Omega}$

And the current is given by

$$P = VI$$

Or  $75 = 115 \cdot I$

Gives  $I = 75/115 = \mathbf{0.6522 A}$

- Q2- An electric heater is designed to consume 600 W when connected to a 120 V line. How much power is actually used if line voltage is only 110 V?

The resistance of the heater coil is given by the rated power as

$$P = V^2/R$$

Or  $R = 120^2/600 = 24 \Omega$

Now as the voltage is less, the power consumed at this voltage 110 V will be

$$P' = V^2/R = 110^2/24 = \mathbf{504.2 W}$$

- Q3- A 6V, 3W light bulb connected across a 6 V battery draws a current of 0.480 A. Find the battery's internal resistance.

The resistance of the light bulb is given by its ratings as

$$P = V^2/R$$

Or  $R = V^2/P = 6^2/3 = 12 \Omega$

The internal resistance of the battery always comes in series with the battery. If the internal resistance of the battery is  $r$  then total resistance in the circuit will be  $R + r$  where  $R$  is the external resistance. Thus the current in the circuit is given by using Ohm's law as

$$I = \mathcal{E}/(R + r)$$

Or  $0.480 = 6/(R + r)$

Gives  $R + r = 6/0.480 = 12.5 \Omega$

Substituting value of resistance of the bulb we get

$$r = 12.5 - 12 = 0.5 \Omega$$

Thus the internal resistance of the battery is  $\mathbf{0.5 \Omega}$

- Q4- A 9 volt battery has 5 W internal resistance and is supplying current to a 25 W load. Find: a) the current. b) the terminal voltage of the battery. c) the power delivered to the load.

(a) The current in the circuit is given by

$$I = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R+r} = \frac{9}{25+5} = 0.30 A$$

(b) the terminal voltage of the battery is the same as the voltage across the external resistance, given by

$$V = IR = \frac{\mathcal{E}R}{R+r} = \frac{9 \cdot 25}{25+5} = \mathbf{7.5 V}$$

The power delivered to the load is given by

$$P_L = V \cdot I = 7.5 \cdot 0.3 = \mathbf{2.25 W}$$