#### PHYSICS

# ELECTRICITY

Class - X





## What is Electricity?

- Electricity is the flow of electrons around a closed circuit
- It was discovered by William Gilbert
- It consists of electrons in motion



#### Conductors

- Conductors are those materials that allow flow of electricity through them
- They can conduct electricity because of the presence of free electrons between the atoms of the substance
- All the metals are good conductors of electricity and graphite (the only non metal) can also conduct electricity

#### Insulators

- Insulators are those materials that do not allow flow of electricity through them
- They cannot conduct electricity because they don't have free electrons between their atoms
- All the non metals (except graphite) are insulators



## **Electric Charges**

- When a glass rod is rubbed with a silk cloth, it acquires the ability to attract small particles of paper and is said to have acquired an 'Electric Charge'
- S.I. unit of electric charge is 'Coulomb'
- Symbol for coulomb is 'C'



## **Electric Current**

- Electric current is the flow of electrons through a conducting material (like copper, iron, etc.)
- The device that causes the flow of electrons is called a cell (or a battery if 2 or more cells are connected in a row)



#### Flow of Electrons and Current in a Circuit

- Electrons flow from the negative terminal to the positive terminal
- By convention, electric current flows from positive terminal to the negative terminal



#### How can Electric Current be Expressed?

 Electric current is expressed as the rate of flow of charge through a conductor per unit time, i.e.

$$Electric\ Current\ (I)\ =\ \frac{Quantity\ of\ Charge\ (Q)}{Time\ (t)}$$

- S.I. unit of electric current is Ampere (A) and  $1 Ampere (A) = \frac{1 Coulomb (C)}{1 Second (s)}$
- Electric current is measured by Ammeter



#### **Electric Potential and Potential Difference**

- Electric potential is the capability of a charge to move unit positive charge from one point to another
- Electric potential difference is the work done to bring unit positive charge from one point to another, i.e.

Potential Difference 
$$(V) = \frac{Work \ done \ (W)}{Charge \ (Q)}$$

 S.I unit of potential difference is Voltage (V) and is measured by Voltmeter

#### Why is Potential Difference important?

- Electric current will flow through a conductor only if there is a difference in the electric potential between the two ends of the conductor
- The potential difference in a circuit is provided by a cell or battery
- The chemical reaction in the cell produces a potential difference between the two terminals and sets the electrons in motion and produces electric current

## **Electric Circuit**

 Electric circuit is a continuous and closed path of an electric current



A schematic diagram of an electric circuit comprising of r a cell, electric bulb, ammeter and plug key



#### Symbols of components used in Electric Circuits



#### Voltmeter

- Voltmeter is a device that measures the potential difference across the ends of any conducting material
- It is connected in parallel to the ends of the conducting material
- It has high resistance



#### Ammeter

- Ammeter is a device that measures the current flowing through any conducting material
- It is connected in series to the conducting material
- It has low resistance

## Ohm's Law

Ohm's law states that,

The current flowing through a conductor is directly proportional to the potential difference between its ends provided all the physical conditions remain the same, i.e.

$$I \alpha V \text{ or } \frac{V}{I} = Constant \text{ or } \frac{V}{I} = R$$

 Here, the constant (R) stands for resistance for a given conductor wire at a given temperature



#### Resistance

- Resistance is the property of a conductor to resist the flow of electrons through it.
- According to Ohm's law,

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

- The S.I. unit of resistance is Ohm ( $\Omega$ )
- If the potential difference around the two ends of the wire is 1
  V and the current flowing through the wire is 1 A, then the resistance of the wire is said to be 1 Ω



#### Factors on which Resistance depends

- The resistance of a conductor is:
- 1. directly proportional to the length of the wire
- 2. inversely proportional to the area of the cross section of the wire
- 3. dependent on the material of the conductor
- 4. directly proportional to the temperature of the material, i.e.  $\mathbf{R} \alpha \mathbf{I}$

$$R \alpha \frac{I}{A}$$
$$R = \rho \frac{I}{A}$$

Or

- Here, ρ (rho) is the constant of proportionality called Resistivity of the material of the conductor.
- Its S.I. unit is Ohm Metre (Ωm)

#### Resistivity of substances

- Conductors like metals and alloys have low resistivity of  $10^{-8} \Omega m$  to  $10^{-6} \Omega m$
- Insulators like rubber, glass etc. have high resistivity  $10^{12} \Omega m$  to  $10^{17} \Omega m$ .
- Substances with low resistivity are better conductors of electricity than those with high resistivity

# **Resistors in Series**



- When three resistors R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are connected in series across AB
- i. The current in all the resistors is same
- ii. The total voltage across the resistors is equal to the sum of the voltage across each resistor

$$V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$$

iii. The equivalent resistance is the sum of the resistances of each resistor. This increases the total resistance

 $R_s = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$ 

#### **Resistors in Parallel**



- When three resistors R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are connected in parallel across AB
- The voltage in all the resistors is same
- ii. The total current in all the resistors is the sum of the current in each resistor

#### $I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$

The reciprocal of the equivalent resistance is the sum of the reciprocals of resistances of each resistor. This decreases the total resistance

 ${}^{1}$  R<sub>p</sub>  ${}^{=}$   ${}^{1}$  R<sub>1</sub>  ${}^{+1}$  R<sub>2</sub>  ${}^{+1}$  R<sub>3</sub>

## **Electrical Energy**

- Electrical energy is the work done to maintain the flow of current in a conductor
  - $W = Q \times V$  where,  $Q = I \times t$
  - : W = VIt where, V = IR
  - $\therefore$  W = I<sup>2</sup>Rt

S.I. unit of electrical energy is Joule (J)

#### **Electric Power**

 Electric power is the rate at which electric current is used

 $Power(P) = \frac{Work Done(W)}{Time(t)} Where, W = I Rt$ 

$$\therefore Power = \frac{I \frac{R}{t}}{t} = I^2 R t$$
  
Or, Power = VI

- S.I. unit of power is Watt (W)
- An object has 1 Watt of power when 1Ampere of current flows across a conductor with a potential difference of 1Volt

## **Commercial Unit of Energy**

- Commercial unit of energy is kWh (Kilowatt Hour)
- One kWh is the power consumed when 1W of power is used for 1 hour
- Relationship between Kilowatt hour and Joule:
  - $1 \text{ kWh} = 1 \text{ kW} \times 1 \text{ h}$
  - $1 \text{ kWh} = 1000 \text{ W} \times 3600 \text{ s}$
  - 1 kWh = 360000 J
  - $1 \text{ kWh} = 3.6 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$

#### Heating Effect of Electric Current



If a current 'I' flows through a resistor of resistance 'R' and 't' be the time for which a charge 'Q' flows through it, then the work done to move the charge through potential difference 'V'

W = QV  $P = \frac{W}{t} = \frac{QV}{t} \text{ and } \frac{Q}{t} = I \text{ or } P = IV$ or Heat Energy (H) = Pt = VIt According to Ohm's law, V = IR  $\therefore H = I^2Rt$ PUNA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

