

Series and parallel circuits application questions

1. Draw a series circuit with a battery and two bulbs. Label these A and B.
2. The resistance of bulb A is $3\ \Omega$ and the resistance of bulb B is $9\ \Omega$. What is the total resistance of the in the circuit. $3 + 9 = 12\ \Omega$
3. The current through bulb A is $0.5\ \text{A}$. What is the current through bulb B? $0.5\ \text{A}$
4. The potential difference across the battery is $6\ \text{V}$. what is the potential difference across bulb A? And bulb B? $V = IR$ so $V = 0.5 \times 3 = 1.5\ \Omega$ for bulb A.
5. Draw a parallel circuit with a battery and two resistors. Label these A and B.
6. The resistance of resistor A is $3\ \Omega$ and the resistance of resistor B is $9\ \Omega$. What must the total resistance of the in the circuit be smaller than? The resistance of the smallest value resistor.
7. The potential difference across the battery is $6\ \text{V}$. what is the potential difference across resistor A? And resistor B? $6\ \text{V}$
8. What is the current through resistor A? And resistor B? Use the $V = IR$ equation.