

A level Physics B

H557/02 Scientific literacy in physics

Question Set 14

Fig. 1.1 shows a potential divider circuit using cells with very low internal (a) resistance.



Fig. 1.1

Show that the potential difference across the 4.7 k Ω resistor is 4.2 V to 2 significant figures.

(b) An analogue voltmeter connected across the $4.7 \text{ k}\Omega$ resistor reads 3.2 V.

Show that the resistance of the voltmeter is about $5 \text{ k}\Omega$.

[3]

[1]

(C) A cell is made by inserting a zinc strip and a copper strip into a potato. When the same analogue voltmeter is connected to the cell as shown in Fig. 1.2, it registers a potential difference of 0.50 V.



Fig. 1.2

Using your answer to (b), calculate the current in the circuit. (i)

current =......A [1]

When a digital voltmeter of resistance $1.0 M\Omega$ replaces the analogue voltmeter (C) (ii) in Fig. 1.2, it registers a potential difference of 0.93 V. Use the readings from the two meters to calculate an estimate for the internal resistance of the potato, stating any assumptionsyou make.

internal resistance = $\dots \Omega$ [3]

Total Marks for Question Set 14:8

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