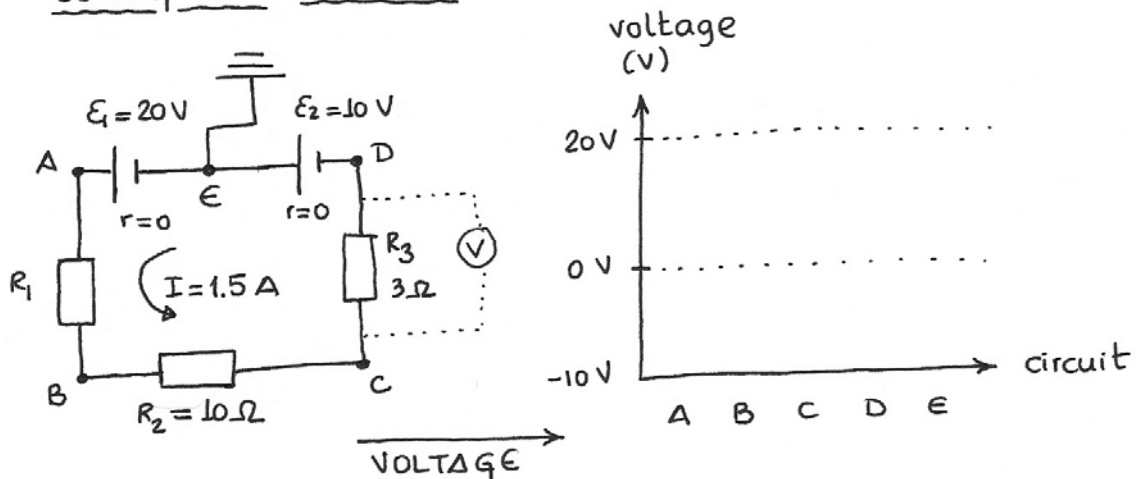


Conceptual Exercise



Determination of potentials (voltages)

"E" point is connected to the ground. Therefore, $V_E = 0 \text{ V}$

"A" point is next to the positive electrode of the battery. It means that $V_A = 20 \text{ V}$

From Ohm's Law, we can get the value of R_1 :

$$I = \frac{\varepsilon}{R_{\text{equiv}}} = \frac{30 \text{ V}}{R_1 + 10 \Omega + 3 \Omega} = 1.5 \text{ A} \rightarrow R_1 = 7 \Omega$$

The potential difference between "A" and "B" (the voltage "lost") is:

$$V_A - V_B = I * R = 1.5 \text{ A} * 7 \Omega = 10.5 \text{ V}$$

The potential (voltage) at "B" is:

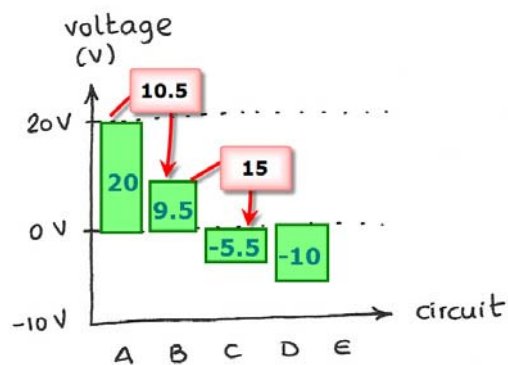
$$V_A - V_B = 10.5 \text{ V} \xrightarrow{V_A = 20 \text{ V}} 20 \text{ V} - V_B = 10.5 \text{ V} \rightarrow V_B = 9.5 \text{ V}$$

The potential difference between "B" and "C" is:

$$V_B - V_C = I * R = 1.5 \text{ A} * 10 \Omega = 15 \text{ V}$$

The potential (voltage) at "C" is:

$$V_B - V_C = 15 \text{ V} \xrightarrow{V_B = 9.5 \text{ V}} 9.5 \text{ V} - V_C = 15 \text{ V} \rightarrow V_C = -5.5 \text{ V}$$



Determination of powers

The electric power (energy per second) supplied by the battery is:

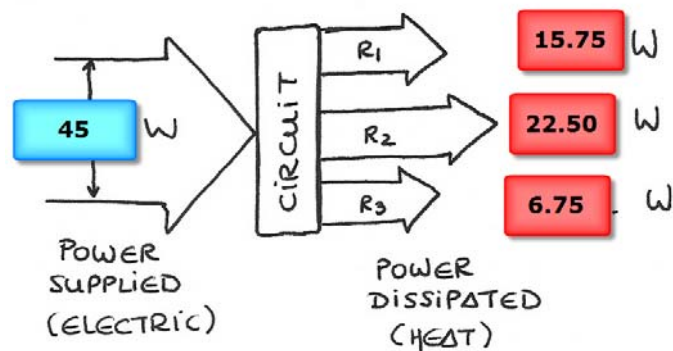
$$P_{\text{supplied}} = \varepsilon * I = 30 \text{ V} * 1.5 \text{ A} = 45 \text{ W}$$

The power dissipated (as heat) by each resistor is:

$$P_{R1} = I^2 * R = (1.5 \text{ A})^2 * 7 \Omega = 15.75 \text{ W}$$

$$P_{R2} = I^2 * R = (1.5 \text{ A})^2 * 10 \Omega = 22.50 \text{ W}$$

$$P_{R3} = I^2 * R = (1.5 \text{ A})^2 * 3 \Omega = 6.75 \text{ W}$$



Determination of the readings

The reading of the ammeter gives the value of the current. The reading of the voltmeter gives the value of the potential difference between two points:

