## USING ELECTRICITY Homework Exercises

## **Homework – Resistance**

## Hand in your HW jotter no later than Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

- 1. Variable resistors can be used in two main ways to alter voltage, or to alter current.
  - (a) What do we call the variable resistor when it is set up to alter the size of the **current** in the circuit?
  - (b) What do we call the variable resistor when it is set up to alter the size of the voltage across the resistor?
- 2. (a) A 1200 W hair dryer is connected to the mains electrical supply. Calculate the current drawn.(b) The dryer is used for 5 minutes. How much electrical energy is used in this time?



- 3. A 100 W light bulb is found to draw a current of 0.43 A when it is operating correctly. Use this information to calculate the resistance of its filament.
- 4. (a) Draw a circuit diagram for a circuit that has three lamps in series attached to a battery pack, and add a switch that controls all three lamps.
  - (b) If the three lamps are rated as "6 V, 0.06 A", calculate the **supply voltage** needed to allow them to operate properly.
  - (c) What size of current will be drawn from the battery? Explain why it is this value.
- 5. (a) Draw a circuit diagram for a circuit that has three lamps in parallel attached to a battery pack, and add a switch that controls all three lamps.
  - (b) If the three lamps are rated "6 V, 0.06 A", calculate the current drawn from the battery pack.
  - (c) What size of voltage must the battery be to allow them to operate properly? Explain why it is this value.
- 6. Calculate the equivalent resistance between **X** and **Y** in each of the following networks, showing all the working for each one:

