Review Questions - Electrical Applications

- 1. An ebonite rod rubbed with fur causes paper to "stick" to it when brought near. Answer each question in terms of electric charges.
 - (A) Why is the ebonite rod considered to be charged?
 - (B) Why is the paper considered to be neutral?
 - (C) Why is the paper attracted to the rod?
- 2. Why do people get shocks after they drag their feet on a rug?
- 3. Define each: static electricity, the law of electric charges, current electricity.
- 4. A charged Lucite rod touches a neutral pith ball, and is removed. When brought near it again, the pith ball moves away. Answer each question in terms of charges.
 - (A) If the Lucite rod was positively charged, what charge was given to the pith ball?
 - (B) How were these charges transferred?
 - (C) Why was the pith ball repelled when the rod was brought near, after contact?
- 5. Define each: electric current, voltage, discharged, voltage drop.
- 6. What is the difference between each pair of terms?
 - (A) a live/hot wire and neutral wire (B) a voltmeter and an ammeter
- 7. Define electrical load. All electrical loads converted electrical energy into which 4 energy types?
- 8. For each of the 4 parts of an electric circuit, state:
 (A) the part
 (B) the function
 (B) two examples
- 9. What is the difference between an open and a closed circuit?
- 10. Draw a circuit diagram of three 6-V cells connected in (A) series and (B) parallel. Include a switch and 4 loads in each diagram.
- 11. State 3 differences between a series circuit and a parallel circuit.
- 12. Explain each of the following observations.
 - (A) if 1 bulb is removed from a series circuit, all other lights go out
 - (B) if 1 bulb is removed from a parallel circuit, all others remain lit
 - (C) if another bulb is added in series, all bulbs get dimmer
 - (D) if another bulb is added in parallel, the bulb brightness remains unchanged
- Examine each circuit diagram. Why does the voltage drop across the battery differ from that across 1 bulb for circuit A and NOT circuit B?



- 14. What is resistance? What are the units of measure for this?
- 15. (A) What is the difference between a conductor and a resistor?
 - (B) Explain why the filament in a light bulb is made of tungsten rather than copper.
- 16. What is the voltage drop across a light bulb with a resistance of 100 Ω and a current of 2.0 A?

17. Pick one form of electricity generation. Describe how this technology works. Include what material used to make the electricity.