## **QUIZ: DC CIRCUITS**

Two bulbs are wired in series with a precise 3V power supply. When you close the switch, the bulbs light and they appear to have the same brightness.

1. If the voltage across Bulb 1 is measured to be 1.5V, the voltage across Bulb 2 is most probably *closest* to

- A) OV
- C) 1.5V D) 2V
- E) 3V

- B) 1V
- True or false: The current across Bulb 1 will be less than the current across Bulb 2.
- 3. True or false: In this series circuit, if Bulb 1 burns out, Bulb 2 will also go out.
- 4. When a third bulb is added to the circuit.
  - A) all three bulbs get brighter, so the circuit is drawing more current from the power supply.
  - B) all three bulbs get brighter, but this means the circuit draws less current with 3 bulbs than with two.
  - C) all three bulbs get dimmer, which means that the circuit is drawing more current with three bulbs than with 2.

3V

Bulb 1

D) all three bulbs get dimmer because the increased resistance means that less current can be drawn by the circuit.

E) all three bulbs go out completely. Usually with a big explosion. We are just lucky that no one got hurt in lab that day.

The same two bulbs are now re-wired into a parallel circuit.

- 5. When a third bulb is added in parallel, the total current
  - A) will remain unchanged. No matter how many bulbs you use, the total current remains exactly the same.
  - B) will increase, and the bulbs will appear much dimmer than a single bulb connected to the 3V power supply.
  - C) will decrease. All three bulbs will appear much dimmer than a single bulb connected to the 3V power supply.
  - D) will decrease, and as a result all three bulbs will seem to get brighter than a single bulb wired to the 3V power supply.
  - E) will increase, and the bulbs will appear with the just about the same brightness a single bulb connected to the 3V power supply.
- 6. True or false: In this parallel circuit, if Bulb 1 burns out, Bulb 2 will also go out.
- 7. Of all the circuits you constructed, which drew the greatest amount of current?
  - A) One bulb by itself.
- C) Three bulbs in series.
- E) Three bulbs in parallel.

Bulb 2

- B) Two bulbs in series.
- D) Two bulbs in parallel.
- 8. True or false: The  $68\Omega$  resistor draws more current than the  $51\Omega$  resistor when they are wired together in series.
- 9. True or false: The  $68\Omega$  resistor draws more current than the  $51\Omega$  resistor when they are wired together in parallel.
- 10. True or false: The voltage across the  $68\Omega$  resistor is greater than the voltage across the  $51\Omega$  resistor when they are wired together in series.
- 11. True or false: The voltage across the  $68\Omega$  resistor is greater than the voltage across the  $51\Omega$  resistor when they are wired together in parallel.

