**Science 9**

**Unit D: Electrical Principles and Technologies**

**Lesson 9**

**Practice Worksheet 44: Circuit Simulation**

Use the link in the online course to open the simulation, then complete the following questions.

*Leave your answers in blue; it will be easier for you and your teacher to see them later.*

**Question 1**

When electricity flows through wires and makes something work, such as a light bulb, it follows a circuit. In the simulation, set up a circuit with one light bulb, one battery, and two wires.

1. Take a computer screenshot of your circuit and insert an image of it below.

*Insert image here.*

1. What seems to be making the light bulb turn on in your circuit? (Hint: What is electricity, based on the simulator?)

*Type your answer here.*

**Question 2**

In the simulator, build a circuit with two light bulbs, one battery, and wires. Build the circuit so that if you break the connection at one bulb, both light bulbs go out.

To break a circuit connection, right-click at the bulb and select “split junction”.

1. Take a computer screenshot of your new circuit and insert an image of it below.

*Insert image here.*

1. Why does the other bulb go out if you break the connection at one bulb?

*Type your answer here.*

1. This circuit is called a **series circuit** because the bulbs are hooked up in one long series or line. Name somewhere you have seen a string of lights that are also a series circuit.

*Type your answer here.*

**Question 3**

In the simulator, build a circuit with two light bulbs, one battery, and wires. Build the circuit so that if you break the connection at either light bulb, the other bulb stays lit.

1. Take a computer screenshot of your new circuit and insert an image of it below.

*Insert image here.*

1. Why do the other bulbs stay if you break the connection at one bulb?

*Type your answer here.*

1. This circuit is called a **parallel circuit**, which has two or more single loops connected to the same voltage source (battery). When one bulb goes out in these circuits, the other lights stay on! Name somewhere you have seen many bulbs hooked up to one power source, but one bulb can go out without affecting the others.

*Type your answer here.*

**Question 4**

You design toys for a toy company. Your boss wants you to hook up the lights in the toy car you are working on in the cheapest way possible without consideration for the quality of the toy. Which circuit should you use if you want to save money by using fewer parts? Why would this circuit be cheaper?

*Type your answer here.*

**Question 5**

You are an electrician working on a house. What type of circuits should you use for the house so that the owners do not call to complain about their wiring? Why use this circuit?

*Type your answer here.*

**Question 6**

Experiment with the simulator and see what you can make it do!

1. What can you do to make the light bulbs glow brighter?

*Type your answer here.*

1. What can you do to make the light bulb grow dimmer?

*Type your answer here.*

1. How can you cause a fire in the simulator circuit?

*Type your answer here.*

**Congratulations! You have completed this practice worksheet.**

Now it's time to carefully compare your answers to the suggested answers in the online course. When comparing, you should feel free to make changes to your answers or make extra notes.

**Keep this practice worksheet for study purposes.** Using practice worksheets as a study tool to review for exams is a great idea.

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