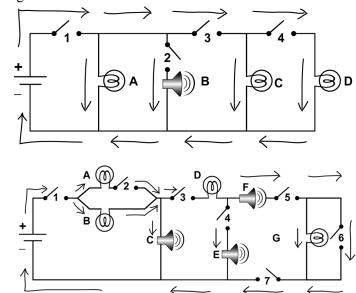
Skill and Practice Sheet Answers

12A Open and Closed Circuits

- 1. Answers are:
 - a. A, B
 - b. A, C, D
 - c. A, B, C
 - d. no current
 - e. A, B, D
 - f. B, C, D
 - g. A, C
 - h. A
 - i. A
 - j. no current
- 2. Answers are:
 - a. A, B, C, D, E
 - b. A, B, C, D, E, F, G
 - c. A, B, C, D, E
 - d. A, B, C, D, F, G
 - e. A, B, C
 - f. B, C, D, E, F, G
 - g. no current
 - h. B, C, D, F, G
 - i. A, B, C, D, F, G
 - j. A, B, C
 - k. A, B, C, D, E
 - 1. B, C
 - m. A, B, C
 - n. no current
 - o. B, C

3. Diagrams:



- 4. diagram #1: 4 paths; diagram #2: 8 paths
- 5. Student drawings will vary. If time permits, allow students to build and test their circuits

12B Voltage, Current, and Resistance

Reading section answers:

- 1. A battery with a larger voltage can create a greater energy difference. A 9-volt battery gives a greater "push" to the charges and creates a larger current.
- 2. You could increase the number of batteries, which would increase the total voltage in the circuit. You could replace the light bulb with a bulb of lower resistance. You could also use thicker wires, shorter wires, or wires made from a material with a higher conductivity. These changes to the wires would decrease the total amount of resistance in the circuit.
- 3. If the circuit used a 9-volt battery, you could try replacing it with five (or less than five) 1.5-volt batteries to lower the voltage in the circuit.

You could replace the bulb with a bulb of higher resistance. Or, you could use thinner wires, longer wires, or wires made from a material with a lower conductivity. These changes to the wires would increase the total resistance in the circuit. To stop the current completely, you could simply open the switch.

- 4. You could simply cut each piece of wire in the circuit as short as possible. A shorter wire has less resistance than a longer wire. To make a more significant decrease in resistance, you would need to replace the wire with a thicker gauge wire or a wire made from a material with greater conductivity.
- 5. Ohm's law states that, in a circuit, the amount of current is directly related to voltage, and inversely related to the resistance in the circuit.

Problem section answers:

- 1. 1.5 amps
- 2. 0.75 amps
- 3. 50 volts
- 4. 12 ohms

12C Ohm's Law

- 1. 3 amps
- 2. 0.75 amp
- 3. 0.5 amp
- 4. 1 amp
- 5. 120 volts
- 6. 8 volts
- 7. 50 volts
- 8. 12 ohms
- 9. 240 ohms
- 10. 1.5 ohms
- 11. 3 ohms
- 12. Answers are:
 - a. Circuit A: 6 V; Circuit B: 12 V

- b. Circuit A: 1 A; Circuit B: 2 A
- c. Circuit A: 0.5 A; Circuit B: 1 A
- d. It is brighter in circuit B because there is a greater voltage and greater current (and more power is consumed since power equals current times voltage).
- 13. The current becomes 4 times as great.
- 14. If resistance increases, the current decreases. The two are inversely proportional.
- 15. If voltage increases, current increases. The two are directly proportional.
- 16. Remove one of the light bulbs. This decreases the resistance and increases the current.
- 17. Remove one of the batteries. This decreases the voltage and decreases the current.
- 18. Answers are:
 - a. 2 batteries and a 3 ohm bulb (or 4 batteries and all 3 bulbs)
 - b. 4 batteries and a 3 ohm bulb
 - c. 2 batteries and a 1 ohm bulb (or 4 batteries and a 2 ohm bulb)
 - d. 4 batteries and a 1 ohm bulb