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Attempt ALL questions.

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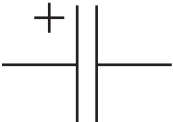
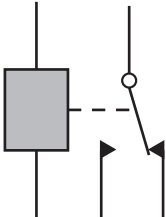
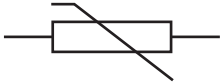
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**Attempt ALL questions**

1. The table below gives information about some circuit components.  
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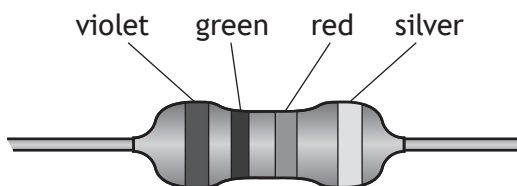
(a) Complete the table for the missing entries.

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Component name	Symbol	Function
Electrolytic capacitor		stores charge
		electromagnetic switch
Diode		allows current to flow in one direction only
Thermistor		

1. (continued)

(b) A technician selects a resistor with the colour coding as shown below.



Use the information in the data sheet to answer the questions below.

(i) Determine the resistance of this resistor.

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(ii) State the percentage tolerance of this resistor.

1

(iii) Determine the maximum and minimum resistance of this resistor in ohms.

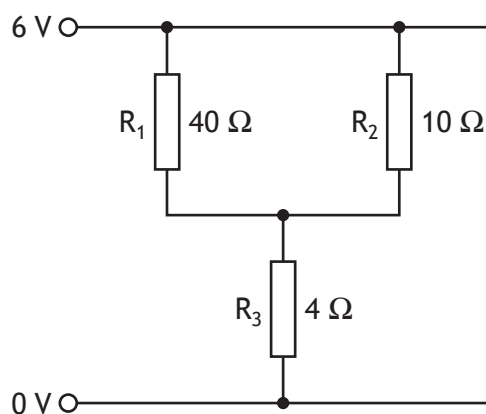
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2. State two safety precautions that must be taken when using a soldering iron.

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3. A circuit diagram is shown below.



(a) (i) Calculate the effective resistance of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  in parallel.  
*Space for working and answer*

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(ii) Calculate the total resistance of this circuit.  
*Space for working and answer*

1



3. (continued)

(b) Calculate the current in resistor  $R_3$ .

*Space for working and answer*

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(c) Calculate the power dissipated in resistor  $R_3$ .

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4. There are many different types of logic gate used in electronics.

(a) Complete the truth table for an AND gate.

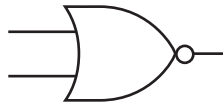
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A	B	Output
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

(An additional truth table, if required, can be found on *page 16*.)

(b) Name the logic gate shown below.

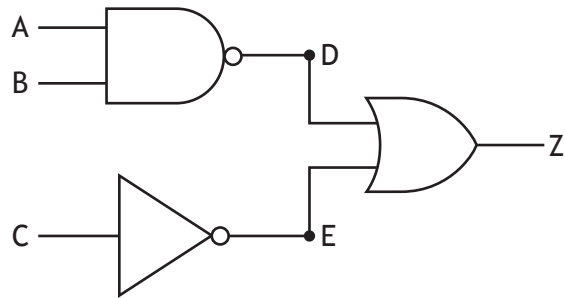
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4. (continued)

(c) Complete the truth table for the logic circuit shown below.

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A	B	C	D	E	Z
0	0	0			
0	0	1			
0	1	0			
0	1	1			
1	0	0			
1	0	1			
1	1	0			
1	1	1			

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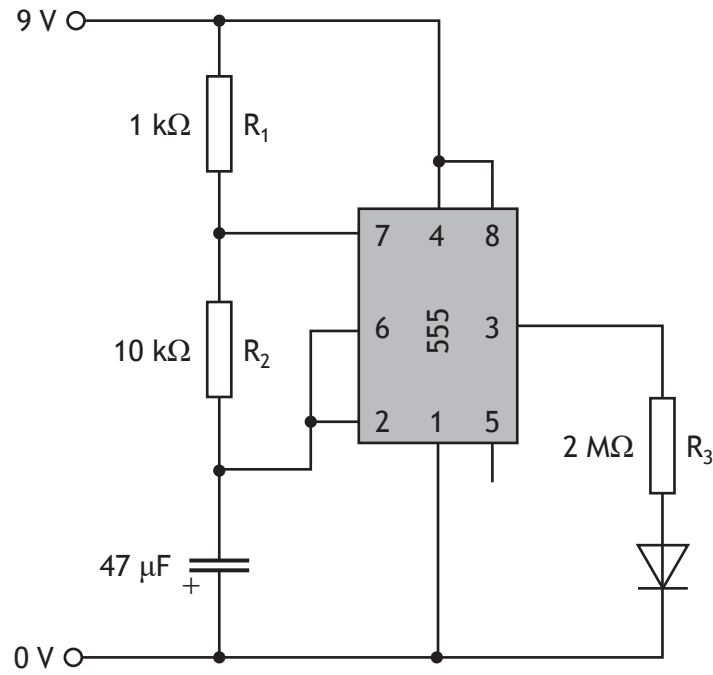
5. Simulation is used in circuit design.

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(a) State **two** reasons for simulating a circuit before it is constructed.

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(b) A student simulated the flashing LED circuit shown below.



Identify **three** errors in the student's circuit.

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Error 1:

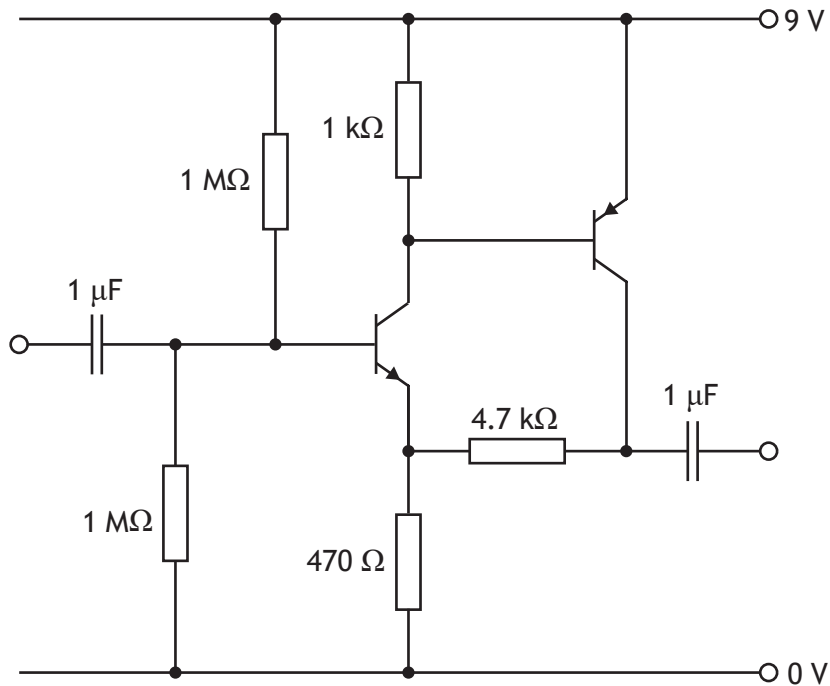
Error 2:

Error 3:





6. A technician constructed a circuit from the schematic diagram shown below.



Complete the following table by giving **three** pre-power up checks for this circuit.

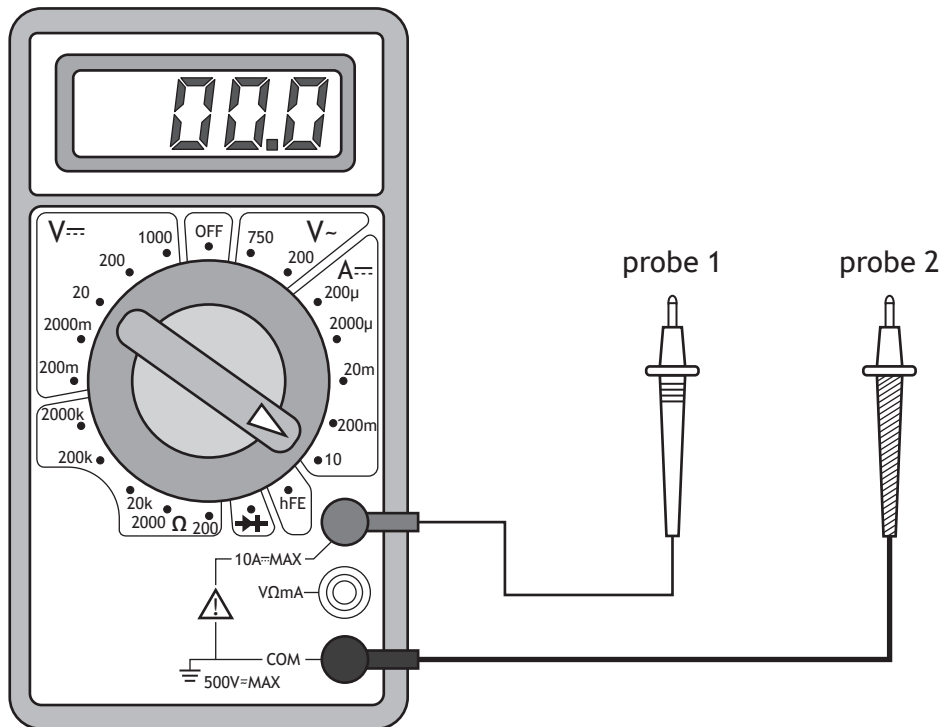
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Pre-power up checklist
Correct power supply voltage

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7. A student wants to check that the current flowing through a component is 1.2 mA DC.



- (a) Identify **two** changes that must be made to the multimeter to get the most accurate measurement.

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Change 1:

Change 2:

- (b) Draw the symbol for direct current that is shown on the meter.

1

- (c) State the most appropriate scale that should be used to check the resistance of a 15 000 Ω resistor.

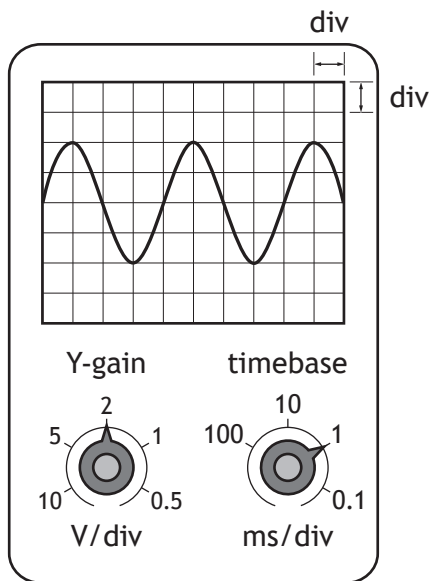
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8. The output from a signal generator is connected to the input terminals of an oscilloscope.

The trace is shown on the screen.

The Y-gain and timebase settings are also shown below.



- (a) State whether this signal is analogue or digital.

1

- (b) Determine the peak voltage of this signal.

1

- (c) Calculate the frequency of this signal.

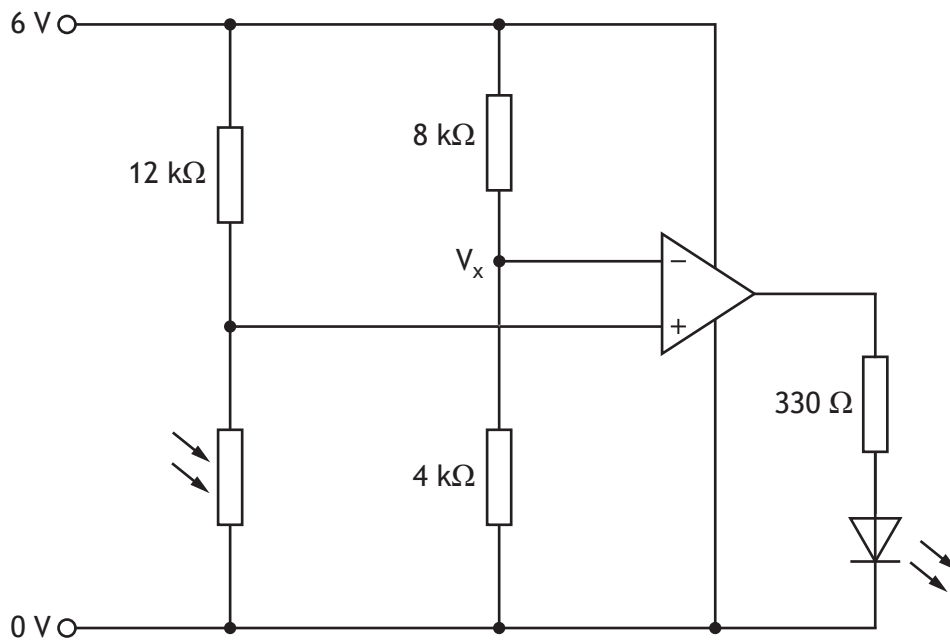
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*Space for working and answer*



9. A child's LED night light is controlled using a LM741 comparator circuit as shown below.

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- (a) Calculate the reference voltage  $V_x$ .  
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- (b) State the resistance of the light dependent resistor when the voltage across it is equal to the reference voltage  $V_x$ .

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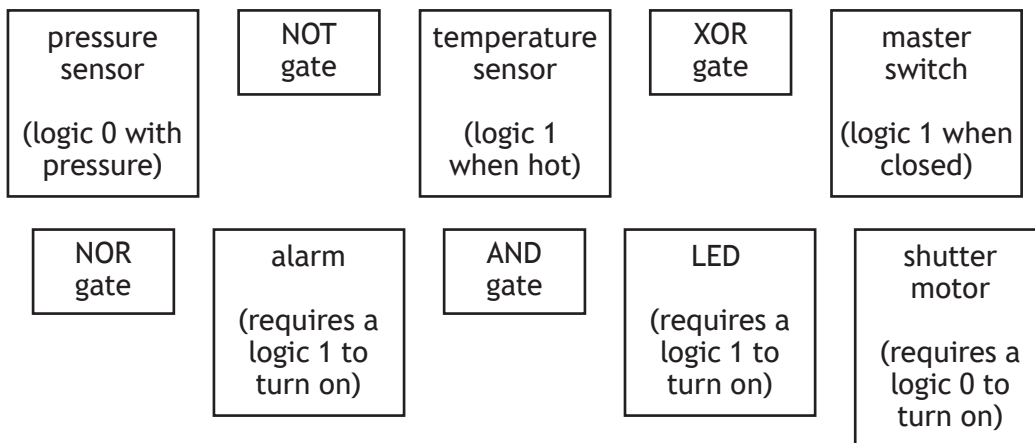
- (c) Describe how this circuit works.

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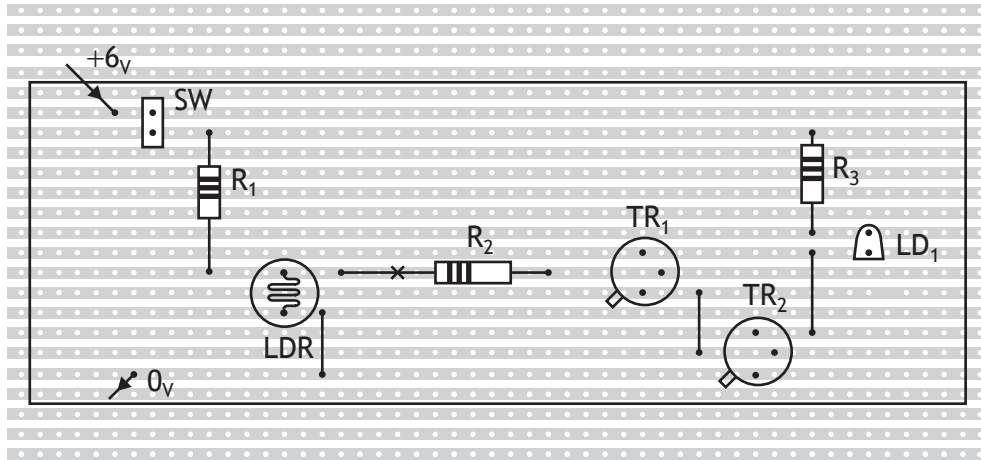


10. A security system for an art gallery is required to protect an expensive vase. The system must include a sensor that can detect if the vase has been lifted. When the vase is lifted, this will turn on an alarm and a motor which closes the shutter on the gallery door. There is also a master switch to turn the whole system on and off. Selecting from the elements given below, draw a **block diagram** of an electronic solution for this system. On your diagram, clearly indicate the input, process and output sections of your solution.

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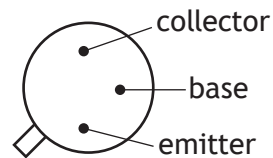
11. The stripboard plan below shows a component (top) view of a circuit with the following layout.



**Component data**

- TR<sub>1</sub> and TR<sub>2</sub> — BFY51 npn transistors
- LD<sub>1</sub> — 5 mm standard led (red)
- LDR — ORP12 light dependent resistor
- R<sub>1</sub> — carbon film 10 K 0.25 w
- R<sub>2</sub> — carbon film 6K8 0.25 w
- R<sub>3</sub> — carbon film 270 R 0.25 w
- SW — SPST switch (on/off switch)

**TR<sub>1</sub> and TR<sub>2</sub> pin connections**



Draw a circuit diagram for this circuit.  
Each component must be labelled.

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11. (continued)

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**ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR ANSWERS**

Additional truth table for question 4(a)

A	B	Output
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

Additional truth table for question 4(c)

A	B	C	D	E	Z
0	0	0			
0	0	1			
0	1	0			
0	1	1			
1	0	0			
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1	1	0			
1	1	1			



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