

5 A student uses a circuit containing an ammeter, a voltmeter and a cell to take measurements to determine the resistance of a length of nichrome wire.

(a) (i) Define resistance.

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(b) The student also measures the length and the diameter of the wire. Table 5.1 shows the measurements recorded for each quantity.

**Table 5.1**

quantity	measurement
length	$(0.864 \pm 0.001)\text{m}$
diameter	$(0.496 \pm 0.002)\text{mm}$
voltmeter reading	$(1.38 \pm 0.02)\text{V}$
ammeter reading	$(0.276 \pm 0.001)\text{A}$

(i) Show that the resistance of the wire is  $5.00\ \Omega$ .

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(ii) Calculate, to three significant figures, the resistivity  $\rho$  of the nichrome.

$\rho = \dots\dots\dots\ \Omega\text{m}$  [3]

(iii) Calculate the percentage uncertainty in  $\rho$ .

percentage uncertainty =  $\dots\dots\dots\ \%$  [2]

(iv) Determine the absolute uncertainty in  $\rho$ .

absolute uncertainty =  $\dots\dots\dots\ \Omega\text{m}$  [1]

[Total: 10]