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Answers

1. (a) 1 A

(b) 2 A

(c) 1 A

2. (a) 0.1 A 🡪 100 mA

(b) 1.5 W 🡪 0.0015 kW

(c) 1.5 W 🡪 0.0015 kW

(d) 2700 J 🡪 0.00075 kWh

(e) 0.6 C

(f) 3.75 X 10 18 electrons

3. (a) 8.6 ohms

(b) 1680 W 🡪 1.68 kW

(c) $0.07 🡪 7¢