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PHYSICS - X-PART-11 CLASS 11



Lighting effect of electric current

1. Incandescent lamps (Filament lamps)



The main parts of a filament lamp.

- * Tungsten filament
- * Glass cover
- * Copper wire
- * Gas filled at low pressure inside the bulb

The working of a filament lamp.

* Electricity passes through the Tungsten filament

* The filament becomes white hot

* Gives out light

- 1. Which material is used to make filament?
- * Tungsten

2. What properties of tungsten make it suitable for being used as a filament?

- * high resistivity
- * high melting point
- * high ductility
- * ability to emit white light in the white hot condition

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3.Why is the bulb filled with an inert gas/ nitrogen?

* Vaporisation can be reduced by filling some inert gas at low pressure inside the bulb.

- 4. Why is the bulb is evacuated?
- * In order to avoid oxidation of tungsten.
- 5.Nichrome is not used as filament in incandescent lamps. Why?
- * It can remain only in red hot condition but it can't give light.
- 5. What is the disadvantage of the incandescent lamps?

* A major part of the electrical energy supplied to an incandescent lamp is lost as heat. Hence the efficiency of these devices is less.

2. Discharge lamps

The main parts of a Discharge lamp.

*Glass tubes *Two electrodes *Gas molecules



The working of a Discharge lamp.

When a high potential difference is applied to the electrodes

The gas molecules get excited

Excited atoms come back to their original states for attaining stability

The energy stored in them will be radiated as light

- 1. What are the advantages of using discharge lamps instead of incandescent lamps?
 - * Loss of electricity in the form of heat is less
 - * More life span
 - * More light is obtained
 - * Less consumption of electricity

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2.What are the factors to be considered when you select a bulb?

- * Efficiency
- * Energy consumption
- * Low energy loss
- * Less environmental pollution

3. LED (Light emitting diode)



1. Which are the lamps that are mostly used? Why?

LED lamps, because

- * As there is no filament, there is no loss of energy in the form of heat.
- * Since there is no mercury in it, it is not harmful to environment.
- * Very low power consumption.
- * More life span.
- * Different coloured LEDs can be manufactured.