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Chapter 3 – Electrical Circuits and Ohm’s Law
Multiple Choice Questions Quiz B

1. What is the function of a complete electrical circuit?
 - a) To maintain a constant voltage throughout the components
 - b) To provide a continuous path for current flow from the power source to ground
 - c) To ensure resistance is minimized across all components
 - d) To prevent overloading through current limitation

2. Technician A states that a short-to-ground occurs when a power wire contacts a grounded surface. Technician B states that a short-to-voltage involves contact between two power wires. Who is correct?
 - a) Technician A only
 - b) Technician B only
 - c) Both Technicians A and B
 - d) Neither Technician A nor B

3. When diagnosing an open circuit, which of the following would be a primary symptom?
 - a) Intermittent current flow
 - b) Complete absence of current in the circuit
 - c) Overheating of wires
 - d) Reduced circuit voltage

4. If 12 volts are applied across a resistance of 4 ohms, the resulting current flow is:
 - a) 0.5 amperes
 - b) 2 amperes
 - c) 3 amperes
 - d) 4 amperes

5. What component in a circuit typically serves to protect against excessive current?
- a) Resistor
 - b) Load
 - c) Fuse
 - d) Switch
6. A circuit with high resistance due to corrosion may result in:
- a) Short-circuits in connected components
 - b) No effect on circuit operation
 - c) Increased amperage through the system
 - d) Reduced current flow and potential dimming of lights
7. When the resistance in a circuit is doubled while voltage remains constant, the current will:
- a) Increase
 - b) Decrease
 - c) Remain unchanged
 - d) Vary based on load
8. Watt's Law can be used to calculate:
- a) Voltage when current and resistance are known
 - b) Power when voltage and current are known
 - c) Current when only resistance is known
 - d) Resistance in an open circuit
9. The purpose of the return path (ground) in an automotive circuit is to:
- a) Provide a path for current to return to the battery
 - b) Increase voltage across the load
 - c) Limit the amperage flowing through the system
 - d) Directly connect to the vehicle's fuse panel

10. If a circuit's power source has a potential of 10 volts and consumes 5 watts, the current flowing through the circuit is:

- a) 2 amperes
- b) 0.5 amperes
- c) 5 amperes
- d) 10 amperes

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Correct Answers:

1. b
2. c
3. b
4. c
5. c
6. d
7. b
8. a
9. b
10. a