

Answer on Question 42655, Physics, Electric Circuits

For given single copper wire, $R = \frac{\rho L}{\pi r_1^2}$, where $R = 10$ is resistance, L is the length of the wire,

$r_1 = 6 \text{ mm}$ is the radius of the wire. From last formula, $L = \frac{\pi R r_1^2}{\rho}$.

For one wire out of five of the same length as given single copper wire, resistance is $R_2 = \frac{\rho L}{\pi r_2^2}$,

where $r_2 = 2 \text{ mm}$ is the radius.

Substituting formula for length L into last formula, obtain $R_2 = R \frac{r_1^2}{r_2^2}$. This is the resistance of one wire.

Since 5 wires are insulated, they are connected in parallel, and total resistance is

$$R = \frac{R_2}{5} = \frac{R}{5} \frac{r_1^2}{r_2^2} = \frac{90}{5} \Omega = 18 \Omega.$$

Hence, the answer is C).