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Chapter 26 Answers

1	tie of A , B , and C , then tie of $A + B$ and $B + C$, then $A + B + C$
2	b, a, c
3	(a) top-bottom, front-back, left-right; (b) top-bottom, front-back, left-right; (c) top-bottom, front-back, left-right; (d) top-bottom, front-back, left-right
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Reading Quiz Questions

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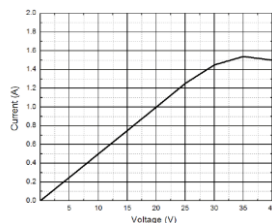
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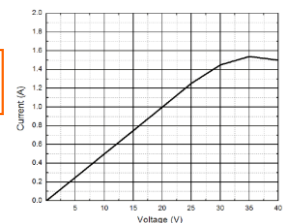
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