

2024 Ph H1 Q19

Section: Electricity

Topic: Current, PD, Power, Resistance

Question Summary

A $2.2\text{ k}\Omega$ resistor is rated at 0.25 W . The potential difference across the resistor when operating at rated power is required.

Worked Solution

Power is related to potential difference by:

$$P = V^2 / R.$$

Rearranging: $V = \sqrt{(P \times R)}$.

Substitute: $P = 0.25\text{ W}$, $R = 2200\ \Omega$.

$$V = \sqrt{(0.25 \times 2200)} = \sqrt{550} \approx 23.5\text{ V}.$$

Final Answer: D

Revision Tips

- Use $P = V^2 / R$ to find voltage when resistance and power are known.
- Check units carefully: $2.2\text{ k}\Omega = 2200\ \Omega$.
- Always round sensibly to match multiple choice options.