Phys Sc 416/30 Lab 3.5 Name\_\_\_\_\_ In Series with\_\_\_\_\_

## Parallel Versus Series Circuits (The Sequel)

**Purpose**: To measure voltage across resistors in a series circuit and to measure the current flowing through resistors connected in parallel.



## Procedure:

1. Build the following circuit with the voltage set at 5 V. Record the letter of your unknown resistor.



2. Move the voltmeter around so that you measure the voltage for the power supply,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ . Record your values in the table below.



3. Build the following circuit with the voltage set at 5 V.



4. Move the ammeter around so that you measure the current at three different points in the circuit as shown in the following diagram. Record your values in the table below.



A <sub>1</sub>	
A <sub>2</sub>	
А	

## Analysis of Results

- 1. In #2, how are V,  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  approximately related? Write a formula and check it with the actual measurements from your data table.
- 2. In #4, how are A,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  approximately related? Write a formula and check it with the actual measurements from your data table.

## **Conclusion:**