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Paper - II, Group - B, (Current Electricity, Modern Physics)

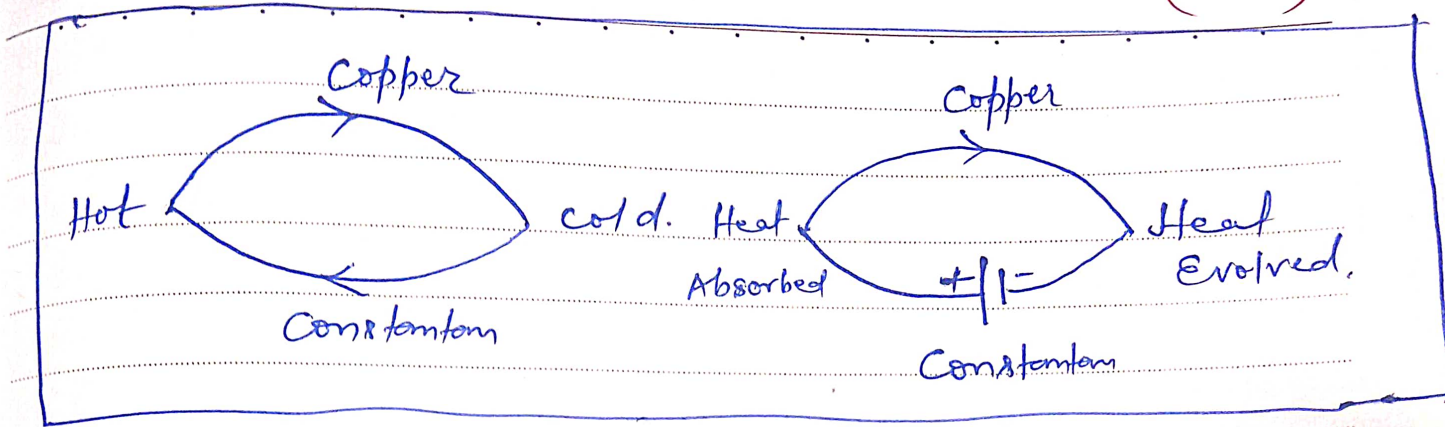
Topic:- Peltier Effect:

In 1834 Jean Peltier, a french watch maker, discovered a second thermoelectric effect. If a current flows through a circuit containing junction of two dissimilar metals, it leads to an absorption or a liberation of heat at the junction. Heat is given out or absorbed depending on the pairs of metals and the direction of the current.

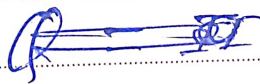
For a copper-constantan thermocouple if the current flow at the junction is from copper (+) to constantan (-), heat is absorbed. On changing the direction of the current, heat will be liberated at the same junction, showing that the phenomenon is reversible.

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The amount of heat Q liberated to the surrounding in order that the junction may be kept at the same temp. is proportional to the current I passing through the junction



$$Q = \pi_{AB} I$$

Where the constant π_{AB} is called the Peltier coefficient. The Peltier coefficient depends on the pair of materials A and B of the junction and also on the junction temperature.