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9. Resistivity is like ______.

10. In a perfect crystalline metal, if a sample of it could be found,

- A. mobile electrons would encounter no resistance.
- B. mobile electrons would encounter more resistance than those in imperfect samples.
- C. electrons would all be bound and unable to move within the sample.
- D. the sample would have *negative* resistance.

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9. When a conductor is in electrostatic equilibrium,

- A. its free electrons are at rest
- B. its free electrons move randomly with no net flow
- C. electrons are not free until current is passing through

10. Flowing electrons bounce off ______ in a conductor. This bouncing (starting and stopping) gives rise to resistance.