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• $Q_7 = (24V)(7\mu F) = 168\mu C$ $[Q_5 = (24V)(5\mu F) = 120\mu C]$

- $U_5 = \frac{1}{2} (5\mu F)(24V)^2 = 1440\mu J \qquad \left[U_7 = \frac{1}{2} (7\mu F)(24V)^2 = 2016\mu J \right]$
- $V_2 + V_4 = 24V$, $V_2C_2 = V_4C_4 \Rightarrow V_2 = 16V$, $V_4 = 8V$ $[V_3 + V_6 = 24V$, $V_3C_3 = V_6C_6 \Rightarrow V_3 = 16V$, $V_6 = 8V]$

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(a)
$$I_1 = I_2 = \frac{3V + 6V}{5\Omega + 3\Omega} = 1.125A, \quad V_a - V_b = 9V.$$

 $\left[I_3 = I_4 = \frac{2V + 5V}{6\Omega + 4\Omega} = 0.7A, \quad V_c - V_d = 7V.\right]$
(b) $I_1 = \frac{3V}{5\Omega} = 0.6A, \quad I_2 = \frac{6V}{3\Omega} = 2A, \quad V_a - V_b = 9V.$
 $\left[I_3 = \frac{5V}{4\Omega} = 1.25A, \quad I_4 = \frac{2V}{6\Omega} = 0.333A, \quad V_c - V_d = 7V.\right]$



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(a) no voltage across capacitor: $R_{eq} = 9\Omega$ [$R_{eq} = 6\Omega$]

$$I_3 = I_1 + I_2 = \frac{36V}{9\Omega} = 4A, \quad I_1 = I_2 = 2A \quad \left[I_3 = I_1 + I_2 = \frac{36V}{6\Omega} = 6A, \quad I_1 = I_2 = 3A\right].$$

(b) no current through capacitor: $R_{eq} = 12\Omega$ [$R_{eq} = 8\Omega$]

$$I_1 = I_3 = \frac{36V}{12\Omega} = 3A, \quad I_2 = 0, \quad \left[I_1 = I_3 = \frac{36V}{8\Omega} = 4.5A, \quad I_2 = 0\right].$$