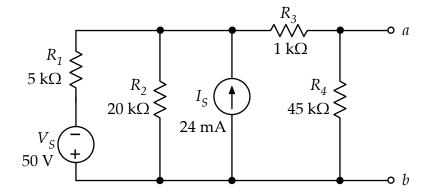
A voltmeter with a resistance of  $85.5 \text{ k}\Omega$  (What a lousy voltmeter!) is used to measure the voltage  $v_{ab}$  in the circuit shown at right. What is the reading on the voltmeter?



 $v_{VM} =$