

Q 5 A solenoid of length 0.5 m has a radius of 1 cm and is made up of 500 turns. It carries a current of 5 A. What is the magnitude of the magnetic field inside the solenoid?

Sol. The number of turns per unit length is,

$$n = \frac{500}{0.5} = 1000 \text{ turns/m}$$

The length $l = 0.5$ m and radius $r = 0.01$ m. Thus, $l/r = 50$ i.e., $l \gg r$

Hence, we can use the long solenoid formula, namely,

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \mu_0 n I \\ &= 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 10^3 \times 5 \\ &= 6.28 \times 10^{-3} \text{ T} \end{aligned}$$