Three identical bulbs are connected in two ways as shown. Denote the brightness without a prime when the switch is closed and with a prime \( ' \) when the switch is open.

Compare the respective brightnesses of bulbs \( A \) and \( B \) when the switch is closed to when the switch is open.

A) \( B' > B \) and \( A' > A \)
B) \( B' < B \) and \( A' > A \)
C) \( B' > B \) and \( A' < A \)
C) \( B' < B \) and \( A' < A \)

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\frac{I'_B}{I_B} = \frac{V}{2R} = \frac{3}{4} \quad \frac{3R}{2}
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\frac{I'_A}{I_A} = \frac{V}{2R} = \frac{3}{2} \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{3R}{2}
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Since the brightness is directly proportional to the power \( P = I^2 R \), \( B' < B \) and \( A' > A \).

Answer B.

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