

Electrostatics JEE Main PYQ – 2

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Electrostatics

1. A capacitor C is fully charged with voltage V_0 . After disconnecting the voltage source, it is connected in parallel with another uncharged capacitor of capacitance $\frac{C}{2}$. The energy loss in the process after the charge is distributed between the two capacitors is : (+4, -1)

[Sep. 04, 2020 (II)]

- a. $\frac{1}{6}CV_0^2$
- b. $\frac{1}{2}CV_0^2$
- c. $\frac{1}{3}CV_0^2$
- d. $\frac{1}{4}CV_0^2$

2. A capacitor is made of two square plates each of side ' a ' making a very small angle α between them, as shown in figure. The capacitance will be close to : (+4, -1)

[8 Jan 2020 II]

- a. $\frac{\epsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha a}{4d}\right)$
- b. $\frac{\epsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha a}{d}\right)$
- c. $\frac{\epsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha a}{2d}\right)$
- d. $\frac{\epsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left(1 - \frac{3\alpha a}{2d}\right)$

3. A charge Q is uniformly distributed over a long rod AB of length L as shown in the figure. The electric potential at the point O lying at distance L from the end A is (+4, -1)

[Sep. 02, 2020 (II)]

- a. $\frac{Q}{8\pi\epsilon_0 L}$
- b. $\frac{3Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 L}$
- c. $\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 L \ln 2}$
- d. $\frac{Q \ln 2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 L}$

4. A parallel plate capacitor is made of two circular plates separated by a distance of 5 mm and with a dielectric of dielectric constant 2.2 between them. When the electric field in the dielectric is $3 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}$, the charge density of the positive plate will be close to (+4, -1)

- a. $6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C/m}^2$ [2014]
b. $3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C/m}^2$
c. $3 \times 10^4 \text{ C/m}^2$
d. $6 \times 10^4 \text{ C/m}^2$

5. A parallel plate capacitor of capacitance 90 pF is connected to a battery of emf 20 V . If a dielectric material of dielectric constant $K = \frac{5}{3}$ is inserted between the plates, the magnitude of the induced charge will be : (+4, -1)

- a. 1.2 nC [2018]
b. 0.3 nC
c. 2.4 nC
d. 0.9 nC

6. A plane electromagnetic wave of frequency 50 MHz travels in free space along the positive x -direction. At a particular point in space and time, $\vec{E} = 6.3\hat{j} \text{ V/m}$. The corresponding magnetic field \vec{B} , at that point will be: (+4, -1)

- a. $18.9 \times 10^{-8} \hat{k} \text{ T}$ [11-Apr-2023 shift 1]
b. $6.3 \times 10^{-8} \hat{k} \text{ T}$
c. $2.1 \times 10^{-8} \hat{k} \text{ T}$
d. $18.9 \times 10^8 \hat{k} \text{ T}$

7. A solid conducting sphere, having a charge Q , is surrounded by an uncharged conducting hollow spherical shell. Let the potential difference (+4, -1)

between the surface of the solid sphere and that of the outer surface of the hollow shell be V . If the shell is now given a charge of $-4Q$, the new potential difference between the same two surfaces is :

[8 April 2019 I]

- a. V
- b. $2V$
- c. $-2V$
- d. $4V$

8. A uniform electric field \vec{E} exists between the plates of a charged condenser. A charged particle enters the space between the plates and perpendicular to \vec{E} . The path of the particle between the plates is a : (+4, -1)

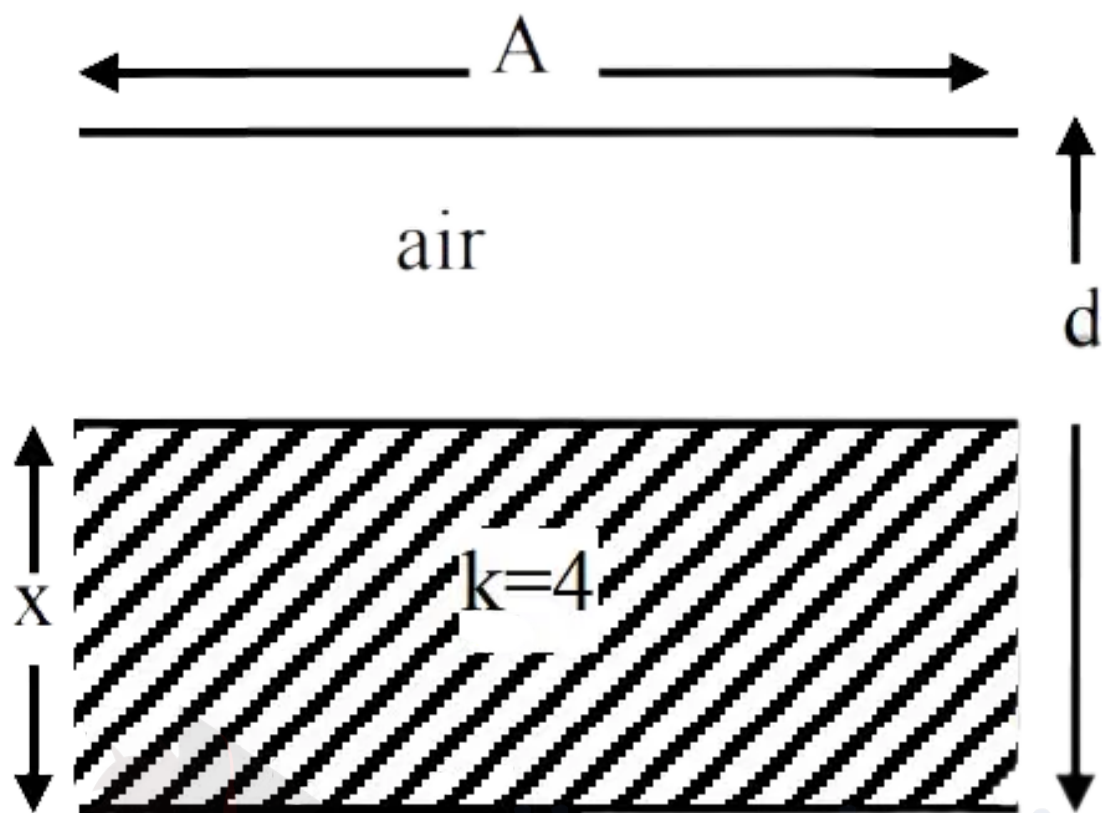
[Online April 9, 2013]

- a. straight line
- b. hyperbola
- c. parabola
- d. circle

9. A parallel plate capacitor with air between the plate has a capacitance of $15 \mu F$. The separation between the plate becomes twice and the space between them is filled with a medium of dielectric constant 3.5. Then the capacitance becomes $\frac{x}{4} \mu F$. The value of x is _____ (+4, -1)

[31-Jan-2024 Shift 1]

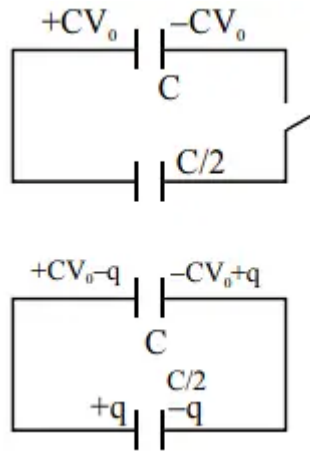
10. When $x = \frac{d}{3}$ then capacitance is $C_1 = 2 \mu F$ then if $x = \frac{2d}{3}$ then capacitance C_2 will be (in μF). (+4, -1)



Answers

1. Answer: a

Explanation:



$$\frac{CV_0 - q}{C} = \frac{q}{C/2} = \frac{2q}{C}$$

$$V_0 = \frac{3q}{C} \Rightarrow q = \frac{CV_0}{3}$$

$$U_i = \frac{1}{2} CV_0^2$$

$$U_f = \frac{\left(\frac{2CV_0}{3}\right)^2}{2C} + \frac{\left(\frac{CV_0}{3}\right)^2}{2\left(\frac{C}{2}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} CV_0^2 \left[\frac{4}{9} + \frac{2}{9} \right] = \frac{1}{2} CV_0^2 \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)$$

$$\text{Heat loss} = \frac{1}{2} CV_0^2 - \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} CV_0^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} CV_0^2$$

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2. Answer: c

Explanation:

Assume small element dx at a distance x from left end
Capacitance for small element dx is

$$\begin{aligned}dC &= \frac{\epsilon_0 a dx}{d+x} \\C &= \int_0^a \frac{\epsilon_0 a dx}{d+x} \\&= \frac{\epsilon_0 a}{\alpha} \ln \left(\frac{1+\alpha a}{d} \right) \Big|_0^a \left(\ln(1+x) \approx x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \\&= \frac{\epsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha a}{2d} \right)\end{aligned}$$

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3. Answer: d

Explanation:

$$V = \int_L^{2L} \frac{kqQ}{x} = \int_L^{2L} \frac{k \left(\frac{Q}{L} \right) dx}{x} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 L} \int_L^{2L} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) dx$$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 L} [\log_e x]_L^{2L}$$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 L} [\log_e 2L - \log_e L] = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 L} \ln(2)$$

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4. Answer: a

Explanation:

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{K\epsilon_0}$$
$$\sigma = K\epsilon_0 E$$
$$= 2.2 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 3 \times 10^4 \approx 6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C/m}^2$$

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5. Answer: a

Explanation:

$$C' = KC_0$$

$$Q = KC_0V$$

$$Q_{\text{induced}} = Q \left(1 - \frac{1}{K}\right)$$

$$= \frac{5}{3} \times 90 \times 10^{-12} \times 20 \left(1 - \frac{3}{5}\right)$$

$$= 1.2 \text{ nC}$$

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6. Answer: c

Explanation:

$$|B| = \frac{|E|}{C} = \frac{6.3}{3 \times 10^8} = 2.1 \times 10^{-8} T$$

$$\text{and } \hat{E} \times \hat{B} = \hat{C}$$

$$\hat{j} \times \hat{B} = \hat{i}$$

$$\hat{B} = \hat{k}$$

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7. Answer: a

Explanation:

As given in the first condition :

Both conducting spheres are shown.

$$V_{in} - V_{out} = \left(\frac{kQ}{r_1} \right) - \left(\frac{kQ}{r_2} \right)$$

$$= kQ \left(\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right) = V$$

$$V_{in} - V_{out} = \left(\frac{kQ}{r_1} - \frac{4kQ}{r_2} \right) - \left(\frac{kQ}{r_2} - \frac{4kQ}{r_2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{kQ}{r_1} - \frac{kQ}{r_2}$$

$$= kQ \left(\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right) = V$$

Hence, we also obtain that potential difference does not depend on charge of outer

sphere.

∴ P.d. remains same

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8. Answer: c

Explanation:

When charged particle enters perpendicularly in an electric field, it describes a parabolic path

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{QE}{m} \right) \left(\frac{x}{4} \right)^2$$

This is the equation of parabola.

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9. Answer: 105 – 105

Explanation:

The correct answer is 105.

$$C_0 = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} = 15pF$$

$$C = \frac{K\epsilon_0 A}{2d} = \frac{3.5}{2} \times 15pF = \frac{105}{4}pF$$

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10. Answer: 3 – 3

Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{C_{eq}} &= \frac{1}{C_{air}} + \frac{1}{C_{di}} \\ \frac{1}{C_{eq}} &= \frac{2d}{3(\epsilon_0 A)} + \frac{d}{(3)4\epsilon_0 A} = \frac{3d}{4A\epsilon_0} \\ C_{eq} &= \frac{4A\epsilon_0}{3d} = 2\mu F \\ \frac{A\epsilon_0}{d} &= 1.5\mu F \\ \frac{1}{C'_{eq}} &= \frac{d}{3(\epsilon_0 A)} + \frac{2d}{(3)4\epsilon_0 A} = \frac{(4+2)d}{12\epsilon_0 A} = \frac{6d}{12\epsilon_0 A} \Rightarrow C'_{eq} = 2\left[\frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}\right] = 3\mu F \end{aligned}$$

So, the correct answer is 3 μF

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