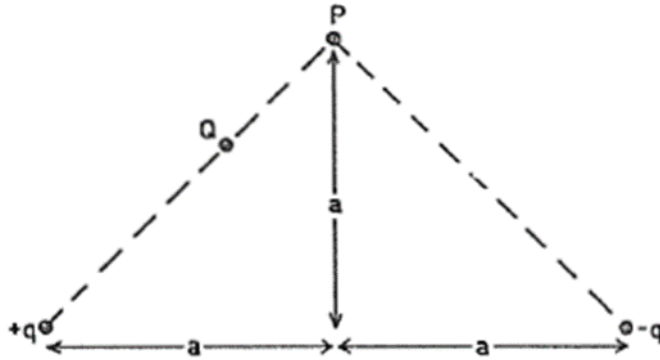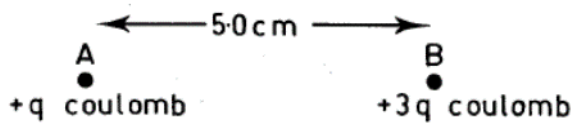**1967 Question 5   46%**

Consider a point *P* equidistant from two charges + *q* and - *q* as shown.
The electric field at *P* will be

A.   zero.
B.   parallel to the line joining the charges.
C.   perpendicular to the line joining the charges.
D.   parallel to the line QP.

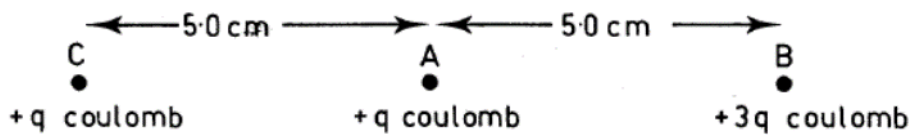**1979 Question 43   56%**

The magnitude of the force exerted by A on B is 2.0 x 10^{-5} N.
What is the magnitude of the force exerted by B on A?

1979 Question 44   56%

A third charged sphere, C, is placed 5.0 cm from A.

What is the magnitude of the force exerted by C on B?

1979 Question 45   51%

What is the magnitude and direction of the net force on A? Indicate the direction of
this force by writing L (to the left) or R (to the right).

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1977 Question 52   43%
Two insulated uncharged metal spheres are each given net charges of + *Q* coulomb.
The force each exerts on the other is *F* newton when they are placed *d* m apart.
What distance apart should the spheres be if the force between them is to be *3F?*

1977 Question 53   44%
The spheres are now returned to their original separation of *d* m. What charge should
be added to one of the spheres if the force between them is to be - *2F*?

1973 Question 85   32%
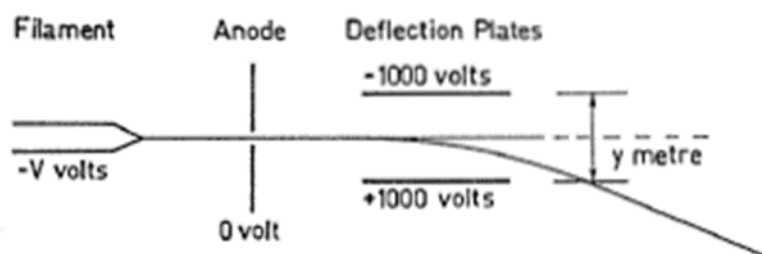
The heated filament of a cathode ray tube is at a potential of -*V* volt. Electrons emitted
from it are accelerated towards the anode which is at a potential of 0 volt
The electrons start at rest and reach the anode with a velocity of 6.0×10^7 m s^{-1}. What
is the value of *V?*
Data : Charge on electron, $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ coulomb
Mass of electron, $m = 9.1 \times 10^{-31}$ kg.

1973 Question 86   41%
The stream of electrons enters a region of uniform electric field, *E,* in the space
between plane, parallel deflection plates separated by a spacing of *y* metre.
The top plate is at a potential of -1000 volt and the bottom plate at +1000 volt.
The magnitude of *E* is 2.0×10^5 newton coulomb^{-1}. What is the spacing between the
plates *y*?

1973 Question 87   26%
What is the acceleration of the electrons in the region between the plates?

✓ **Question 3**

A Van de Graaff generator, which is a piece of electric field demonstration equipment, consists of a small sphere that is electrically charged, as shown in the diagram below.
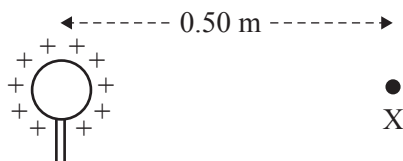
A particular Van de Graaff generator has a sphere that has a charge of 5.0×10^{-7} coulombs on it. Take the Coulomb's law constant to be $k = 9.0 \times 10^9$ N m^2 C^{-2}.

Which one of the following best gives the magnitude of the electric field at point X in the diagram above, 0.50 m from the sphere?

A. 1.8×10^{-2} V m^{-1}

B. 3.6×10^{-2} V m^{-1}

C. 1.8×10^4 V m^{-1}

D. 3.6×10^4 V m^{-1}

✓ **Question 2** (6 marks)

The electron gun section of a particle accelerator accelerates electrons between two plates that are 10 cm apart and have a potential difference of 5000 V between them.

Data

mass of electron	9.1×10^{-31} kg
charge on electron	$(-)\ 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C

a. Calculate the electric field between the plates. Include an appropriate unit.   2 marks

b. Calculate the magnitude of the force on an electron between the plates.   2 marks

N

c. Calculate the speed of the electrons as they exit the electron gun. Ignore any relativistic effects. Assume that the initial speed of the electrons is zero.   2 marks

m s^{-1}

Question 4

A small sphere has a charge of 2.0×10^{-6} C on it. Take $k = 8.99 \times 10^9$ N m^2 C^{-2}.

The strength of the electric field due to this charge at a point 3.0 m from the sphere is best given by

A. 2.0×10^{-3} V m^{-1}

B. 6.0×10^{-3} V m^{-1}

C. 9.0×10^{-3} V m^{-1}

D. 2.0×10^{3} V m^{-1}

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Question 1 (5 marks)

An electric field accelerates a proton between two plates. The proton exits into a region of uniform magnetic field at right angles to its path, directed out of the page, as shown in Figure 1.

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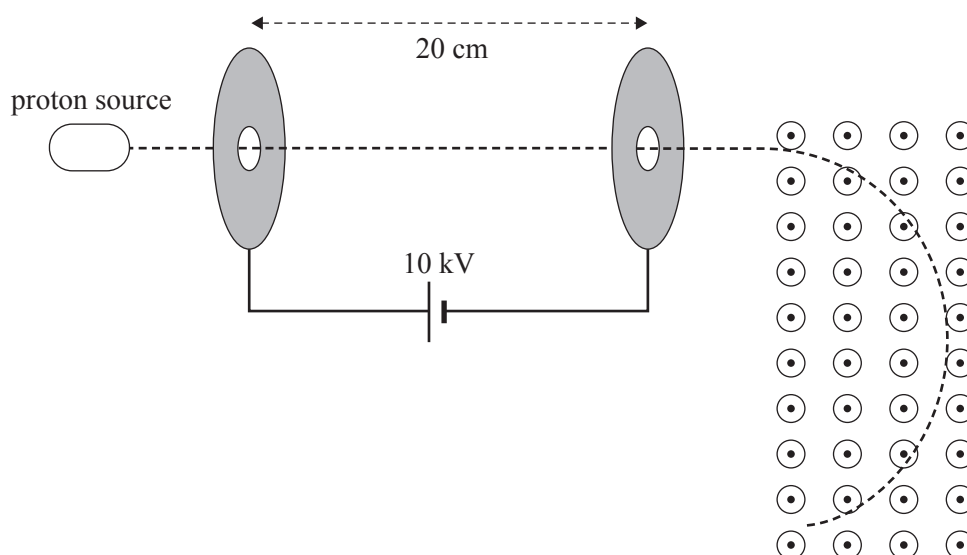| mass of proton	1.7×10^{-27} kg
charge on proton	$+1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C
accelerating voltage	10 kV
distance between plates	20 cm
strength of magnetic field	2.0×10^{-2} T

Figure 1

a. Calculate the strength of the electric field between the plates.   1 mark

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V m^{-1}

b. Calculate the speed of the proton as it exits the electric field. Show your working.   2 marks

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m s^{-1}

2 marks

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Question 1 (7 marks)

Electrons are accelerated from rest between two plates that are 50 cm apart, as shown in Figure 1.
The electrons emerge from the second plate at a speed, v, of 4.2×10^7 m s^{-1}.

Ignore relativistic effects.

Data

mass of electron	9.1×10^{-31} kg
charge on electron	-1.6×10^{-19} C

magnetic field of
strength B = 5.0×10^{-2} T

$v = 4.2 \times 10^7$ m s^{-1}

50 cm

electron
source

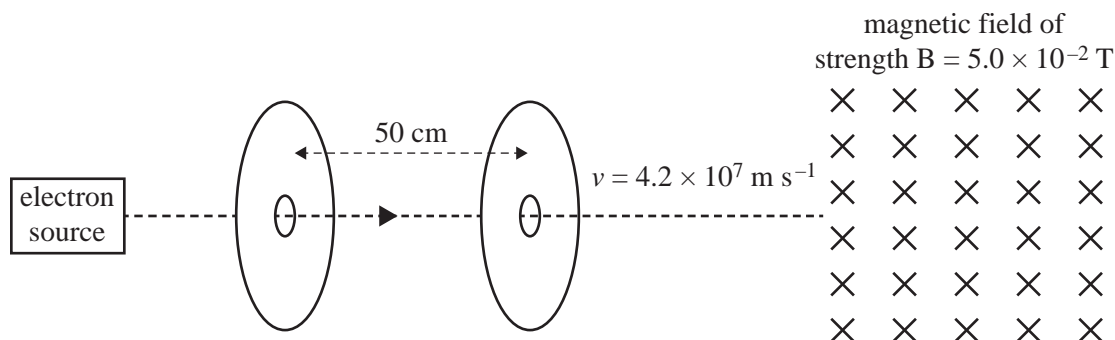**Figure 1**

a. Calculate the voltage between the two plates. Show your working.   3 marks

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Question 3

Three charges (–Q, +2Q, –2Q) are placed at the vertices of an isosceles triangle, as shown below.
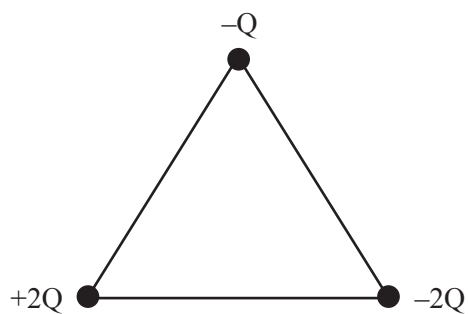
Which one of the following arrows best represents the direction of the net force on the charge –Q?

A. ⟵

B. ⟶

C. ↘

D. ↖

Question 2 (2 marks)

Figure 2 shows two equal positive stationary point charges placed near each other.

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Figure 2

Sketch on Figure 2 the shape and direction of the electric field lines. Use at least **eight** field lines.

SECTION A – Multiple-choice questions

Instructions for Section A

Answer **all** questions in pencil on the answer sheet provided for multiple-choice questions.

Choose the response that is **correct** or that **best answers** the question.

A correct answer scores 1; an incorrect answer scores 0.

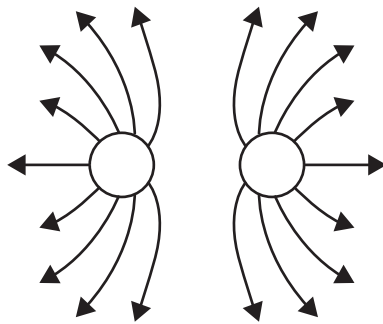Marks will **not** be deducted for incorrect answers.

No marks will be given if more than one answer is completed for any question.

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Question 1

The diagram below shows the electric field lines between two charges of equal magnitude.

The best description of the two charges is that the

A. charges are both positive.

B. charges are both negative.

C. charges can be either both positive or both negative.

D. left-hand charge is positive and the right-hand charge is negative.

Question 2

Three charges, $-Q$, $+2Q$ and $+2Q$, are placed at the vertices of an equilateral triangle, as shown below.
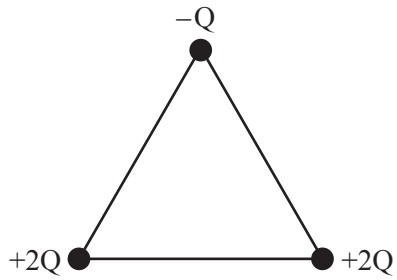
Which one of the following arrows best represents the direction of the net force on the charge $-Q$?

A.

B.

C.

D.

SECTION B

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Question 1 (3 marks)

A small sphere carrying a charge of -2.7 μC is placed between charged parallel plates, as shown in Figure 1. The potential difference between the plates is set at 15.5 V, which just holds the sphere stationary. The electric field between the plates is uniform.
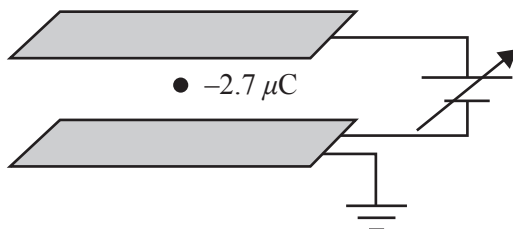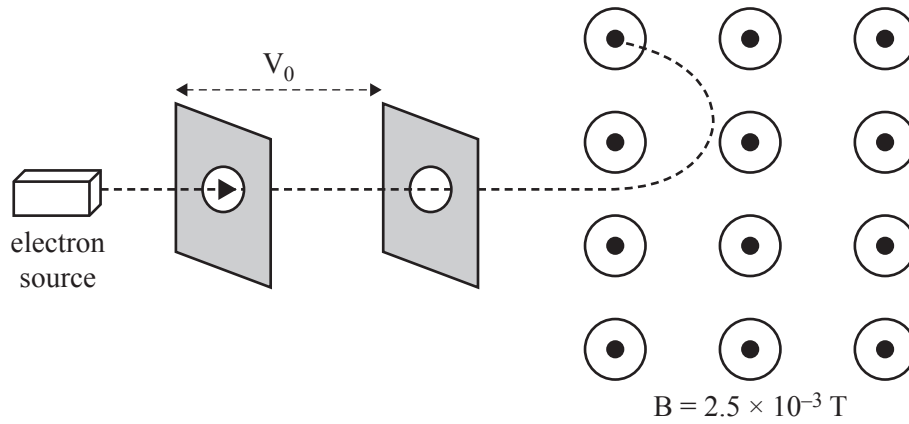

Figure 1

a. In which direction (up, down, right, left) will the sphere move if the voltage is increased? 1 mark

b. Calculate the value of the electric force that is holding the sphere stationary if the plates are 2.0 mm apart. Show your working. 2 marks

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Question 2 (8 marks)

An electron is accelerated from rest by a potential difference of V_0. It emerges at a speed of 2.0×10^7 m s^{-1} into a magnetic field, B, of strength 2.5×10^{-3} T and follows a circular arc, as shown in Figure 2.

$B = 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$ T

Figure 2

a. Calculate the value of the accelerating voltage, V_0. Show your working. 3 marks
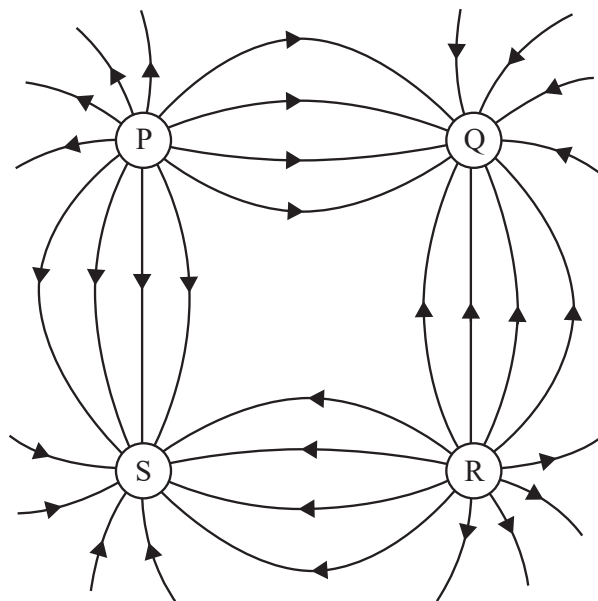
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kV

Question 2

The diagram below shows the electric field lines between four charged spheres: P, Q, R and S.

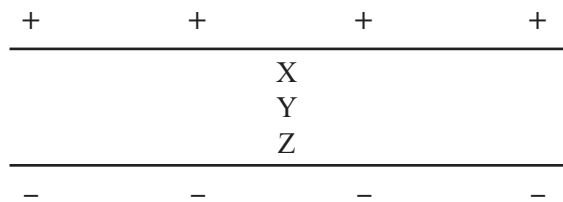The magnitude of the charge on each sphere is the same.

Which of the following correctly identifies the type of charge (+ positive or − negative) that resides on each of the spheres P, Q, R and S?

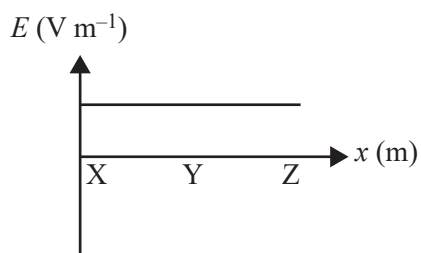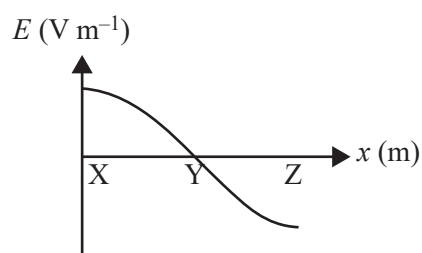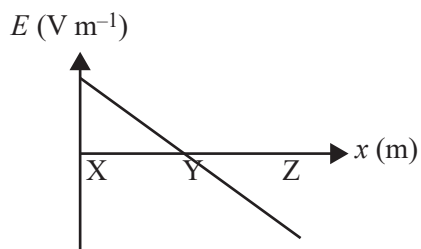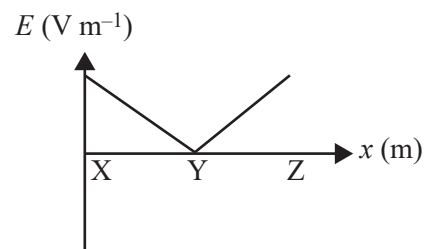|	**P**	**Q**	**R**	**S**
A.	−	+	−	+
B.	+	−	+	−
C.	−	−	+	+
D.	+	+	−	−

Question 3

The diagram below shows two parallel metal plates with opposite charges on each plate.

X, Y and Z represent different distances from the positive plate.

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              X
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Which one of the following graphs best shows the electric field strength, E, versus the position, x, between the two parallel plates?

A.

E (V m^{-1})

x (m)

X   Y   Z

B.

E (V m^{-1})

x (m)

X   Y   Z

C.

E (V m^{-1})

x (m)

X   Y   Z

D.

E (V m^{-1})

x (m)

X   Y   Z

Question 5 (9 marks)

Figure 5 shows a stationary electron (e^-) in a uniform magnetic field between two parallel plates. The plates are separated by a distance of 6.0×10^{-3} m, and they are connected to a 200 V power supply and a switch. Initially, the plates are uncharged. Assume that gravitational effects on the electron are negligible.
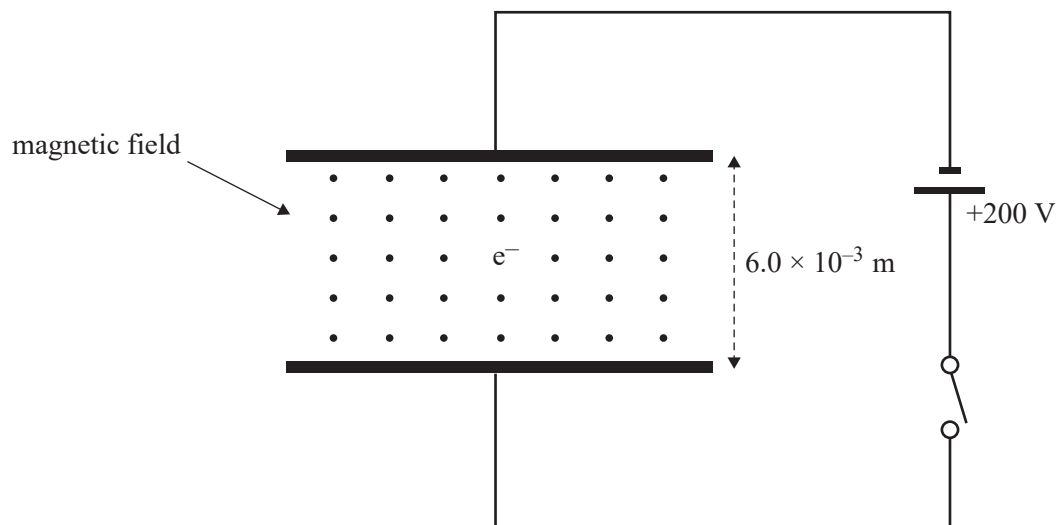
Figure 5

The switch is now closed.

b.   Determine the magnitude and the direction of any electric force now acting on the electron. Show your
working.   3 marks

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Question 1 (4 marks)

A particle with mass m and charge q is accelerated from rest by a potential difference, V. The only force acting on the particle is due to the electric field associated with this potential difference.
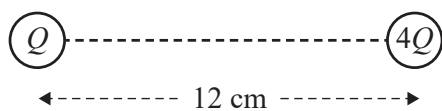
a. Show that the speed of the particle is given by $v = \sqrt{\dfrac{2qV}{m}}$ and state the principle of physics used in your answer.

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b. Calculate the speed of an electron accelerated from rest by a potential difference of 200 V.　　2 marks

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	m s^{-1}

Question 4

Two point charges, Q and $4Q$, are placed 12 cm apart, as shown in the diagram below.

On the straight line between the charges Q and $4Q$, the electric field is

A.   non-zero everywhere.

B.   zero at a point 2.4 cm from Q.

C.   zero at a point 3 cm from Q.

D.   zero at a point 4 cm from Q.

Question 2

Consider the diagram below, which shows a stationary object with field lines that extend outwards from the object.
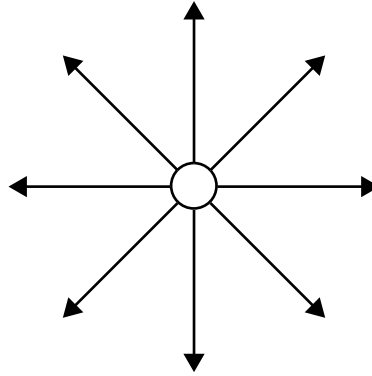
The field shown is most likely to be identified as an example of

A.   an electric field that is uniform.

B.   an electric field that is non-uniform.

C.   a gravitational field that is uniform.

D.   a gravitational field that is non-uniform.

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Question 1 (3 marks)

Two small charges, A and B, are placed 6.0 cm apart in a straight line, as shown in Figure 1.
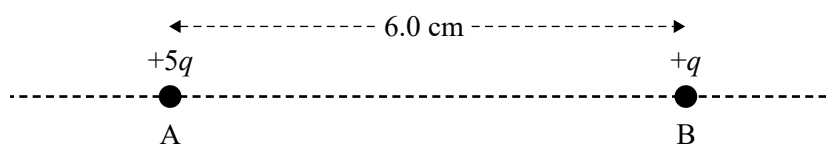
Figure 1

Charge A has a magnitude of $+5q$ coulombs and charge B has a magnitude of $+q$ coulombs.

If the force exerted by charge A on charge B is 5.1×10^{-24} N to the right, determine the value of q.

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Question 2 (3 marks)

A positively charged particle carrying a charge of $+1.5 \times 10^{-8}$ C enters a region between two large, charged plates with opposite charges, as shown in Figure 2.

The potential difference between the plates is 2.0 kV, and the kinetic energy of the charged particle as it enters the hole is 2.8×10^{-5} J. Ignore gravitational effects and air resistance.
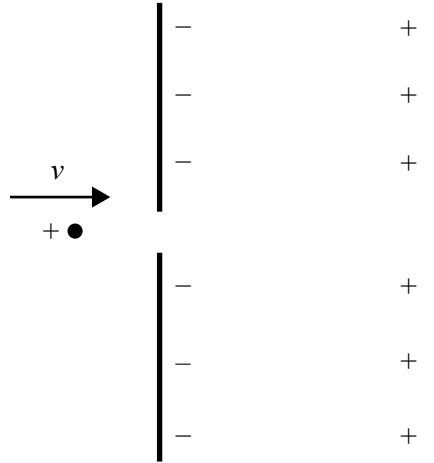

Figure 2

Ariel and Jamie discuss what they think will happen to the particle after it enters the region between the two equally but oppositely charged plates.

Ariel says that the particle has insufficient kinetic energy to reach the positively charged plate and will travel part of the way before returning towards the negatively charged plate.

Jamie says that the particle will collide with the positively charged plate and then head back towards the negatively charged plate.

Evaluate Ariel and Jamie's statements, giving clear reasons for your answer.

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Question 2

The diagram below shows two charges, Q_1 and Q_2, separated by a distance, d.

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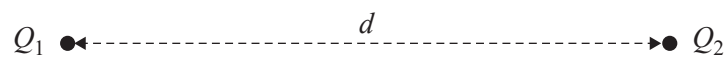
There is a force, F, acting between the two charges.

Which one of the following is closest to the magnitude of the force acting between the two charges if both d and the charge on Q_1 are halved?

A. $\dfrac{F}{4}$

B. F

C. $2F$

D. $4F$