

Physics 227 - First Common Hour Exam  
 October 9, 2005  
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1. The exam will last from 3:00 PM to 4:20 PM. Use a #2 pencil to make entries on the answer sheet. Enter the following ID information now, before the exam starts.
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6. During the exam, you may use pencils, a calculator, and one **handwritten** 8.5 x 11 inch sheet with formulas and notes, without attachments.

7. There are 16 multiple-choice questions on the exam. Mark only one answer on the answer sheet. There is no deduction of points for an incorrect answer, so even if you cannot work out the answer to a question, you should make an educated guess. **At the end of the exam, hand in the answer sheet and the cover page.** Retain this question paper for future reference and study.

8. When you are asked to open the exam, make sure that your copy contains all 16 questions. Raise your hand if this is not the case, and a proctor will help you. Also raise your hand during the exam if you have a question.
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Some possibly useful information:

$$c = \text{speed of light} = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$q_e = -e = \text{charge on an electron} = -1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ Coulombs}$$

$$q_p = +e = \text{charge on a proton} = +1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ Coulombs}$$

$$m_e = \text{electron mass} = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_p = \text{proton mass} = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$k_e = 8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

$$g = 9.80 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$1 \text{ mC} = 10^{-3} \text{ C} \quad 1 \mu\text{C} = 10^{-6} \text{ C}$$

$$1 \text{ nC} = 10^{-9} \text{ C} \quad 1 \text{ pC} = 10^{-12} \text{ C}$$

3. Calculate the magnitude of the dipole moment  $|p|$  of two point charges of  $+3e$  and  $-3e$  ( $e$  is the fundamental charge) separated by 6.00 nanometers.

- a) 0 C-m
  - b)  $2.88 \times 10^{-18}$  C-m
  - c)  $2.88 \times 10^{-27}$  C-m
  - d)  $5.76 \times 10^{-27}$  C-m
  - e)  $1.80 \times 10^{-8}$  C-m
- Correct**

2. A point charge of  $+10.0 \mu\text{C}$  is located at the center of a cube with edge 0.0200 m. What is the flux of the electric field through one face of the cube?

- a)  $1.88 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}$
  - b)  $1.68 \times 10^4 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}$
  - c)  $-7.12 \times 10^4 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}$
  - d)  $-1.68 \times 10^4 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}$
  - e) none of the above
- Correct**

3. A charge of  $+1.0 \mu\text{C}$  is placed at  $x = 0$ . Where along the  $x$ -axis must a second charge of  $+4.0 \mu\text{C}$  be placed so that the electric field at  $x = 10 \text{ cm}$  is zero?

- a) 30 cm
  - b) 20 cm
  - c) 50 cm
  - d) 60 cm
  - e) 40 cm
- Correct**

4. A parallel-plate capacitor with a volume of  $1 \text{ m}^3$  contains a material with dielectric constant  $k = 4$ . The energy stored in the capacitor when the electric field in the capacitor is  $100 \text{ V/m}$  is  $\epsilon_0$  times

- a)  $0.5 \times 10^4 J$
  - b)  $2 \times 10^4 J$
  - c)  $4 \times 10^4 J$
  - d)  $0.125 \times 10^4 J$
  - e) 0.25J
- Correct**

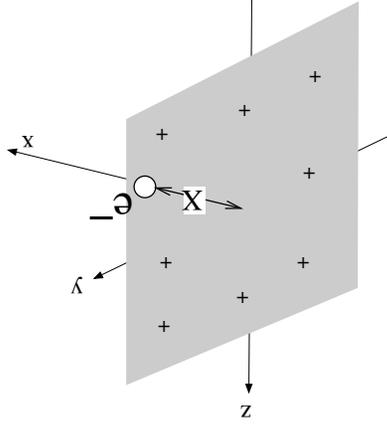
5.

Two small identical metal balls hold charges of  $-10 \mu\text{C}$  and  $+6 \mu\text{C}$  respectively. When placed a certain distance apart, the magnitude of the force between them is  $F$ . They are then allowed to touch and brought back to their original position. The force between them is now

- a)  $F/15$ , attractive
  - b)  $4F/15$ , attractive
  - c)  $F/15$ , repulsive
  - d)  $4F/15$ , repulsive
  - e)  $4F$ , repulsive
- Correct**

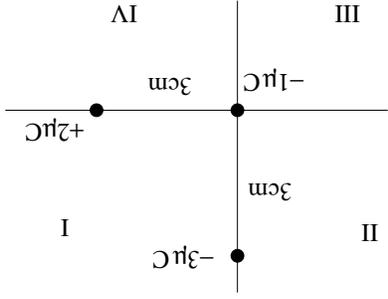
6. A positively charged, infinitely wide sheet with a uniform charge density  $\sigma$  extends along the  $y$ - $z$  plane. An electron (with mass  $m_e$ ) is located at position  $X\hat{i}$  in front of the plane. What is the acceleration  $a_x$  of the electron along the  $x$ -axis?

- a.  $\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{m_e}{e} \right)$
  - b.  $-\frac{2\epsilon_0}{\sigma} \left( \frac{m_e}{e} \right)$
  - c.  $\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{m_e}{e} \right)$
  - d.  $-\frac{\epsilon_0}{\sigma} \left( \frac{m_e}{e} \right)$
  - e.  $\frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 X^2}{\sigma} \left( \frac{m_e}{e} \right)$
- Correct**



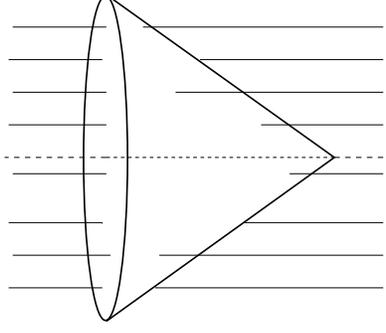
7. A charge of  $+2.0\mu\text{C}$  is fixed on the x-axis at  $x = 3\text{ cm}$ , while a charge of  $-3.0\mu\text{C}$  is fixed on the y-axis at  $y = 3\text{ cm}$ . The force on a third charge of  $-1.0\mu\text{C}$  placed at the origin is in the direction

- a)  $56.3^\circ$  from the x-axis in quadrant II
- b)  $33.7^\circ$  from the x-axis in quadrant I
- c)  $33.7^\circ$  from the x-axis in quadrant IV
- d)  $56.3^\circ$  from the x-axis in quadrant IV
- e)  $56.3^\circ$  from the x-axis in quadrant III

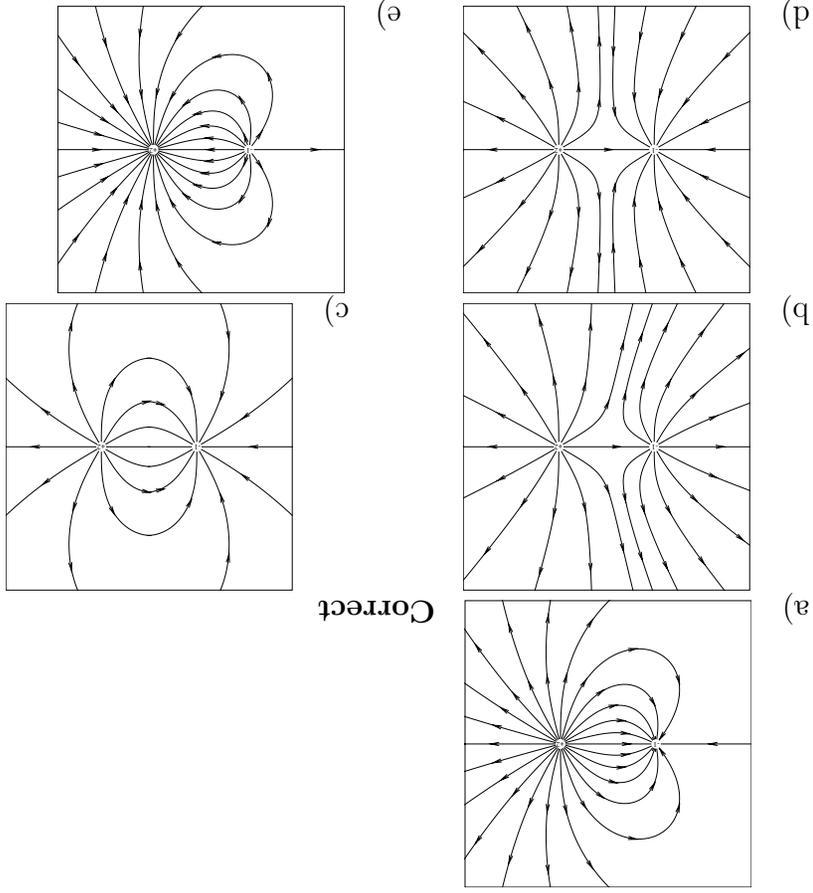


8. A cone with a circular base of radius  $3\text{ cm}$  and height  $4\text{ cm}$  is placed in a uniform electric field of magnitude  $10\text{ N/C}$  oriented along the axis of the cone, as shown. What is the flux passing through the tapered surface of the cone?

- a)  $0.028\text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}$  **Correct**
- b)  $0.94\text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}$
- c)  $0.0022\text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}$
- d)  $0.35\text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}$
- e)  $2.80\text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}$

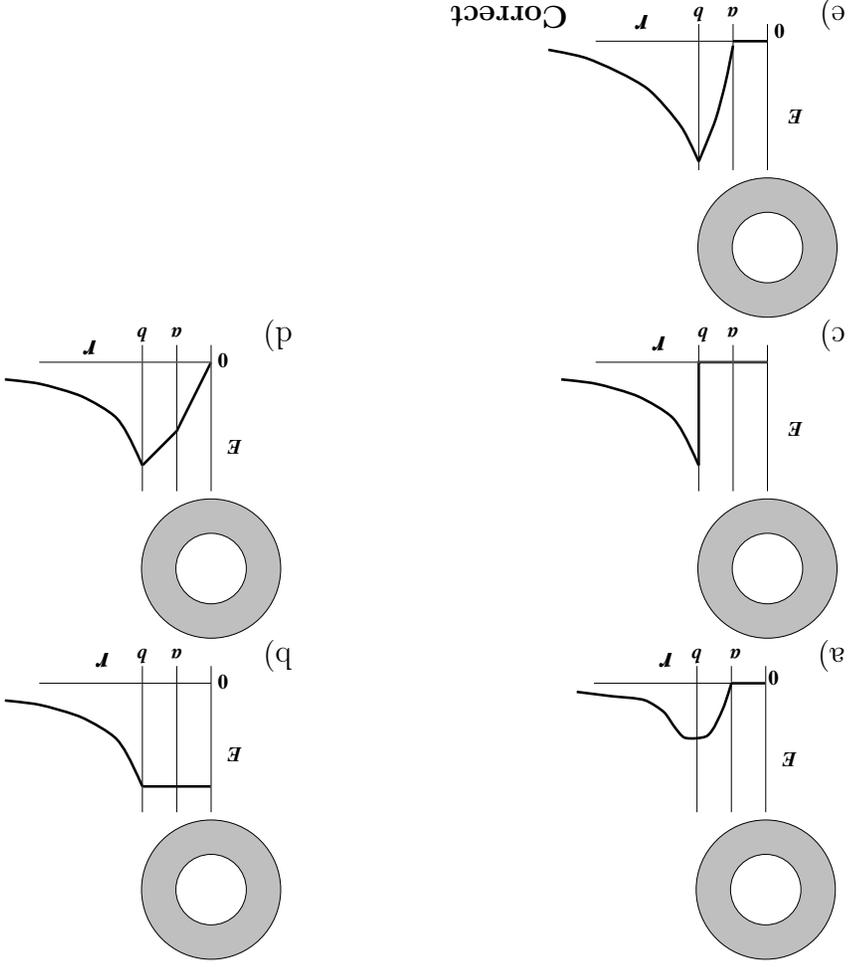


9. Which diagram best represents the field lines around a negative charge,  $-q$ , and a positive charge,  $+2q$ , as shown in the diagrams?



Note: in all figures, the  $-q$  charge is on the left and the  $+2q$  is on the right.

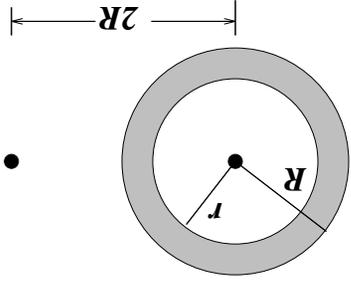
0. An insulating spherical shell of inner radius  $a$  and outer radius  $b$  is uniformly charged with a positive charge density. The radial component of the electric field,  $E_r(r)$  has a graph



11.

A conducting spherical shell of outer radius  $R$  and inner radius  $r = 3R/4$  has no net charge on it. At its center there is a point charge  $q$ , and at a distance  $2R$  from its center there is a point charge  $Q$ . The magnitude of the electrostatic force on the charge  $q$  at the center is

- a)  $k^e qQ/4R^2$
- b) nonzero but less than  $k^e qQ/4R^2$
- c) 0 **Correct**
- d)  $k^e qQ/R^2$
- e)  $16k^e qQ/9R^2$



12.

Two charges, one of  $+7\ \mu\text{C}$  and one of  $-4\ \mu\text{C}$ , are  $0.3\ \text{m}$  apart. How much work must be done to bring a charge of  $-5\ \mu\text{C}$  to form the third vertex of an equilateral triangle,  $0.3\ \text{m}$  from each of the others?

- a)  $-1.5\ \text{J}$
- b)  $-0.45\ \text{J}$  **Correct**
- c) 0
- d)  $-1.29\ \text{J}$
- e)  $-0.84\ \text{J}$

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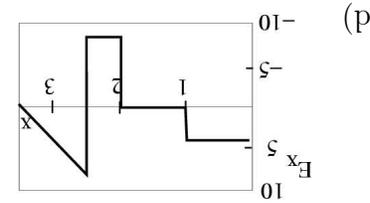
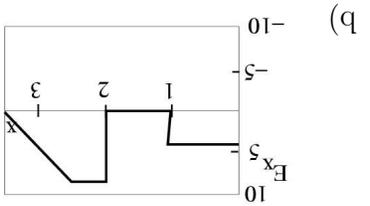
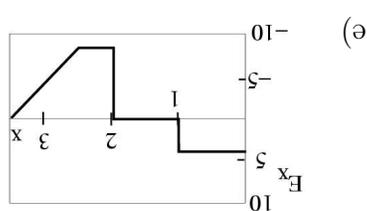
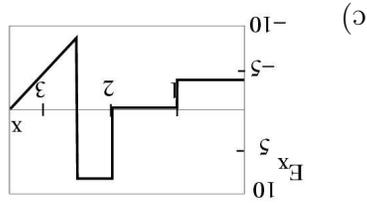
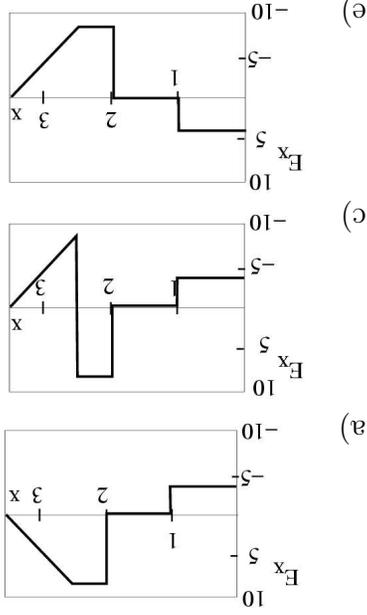
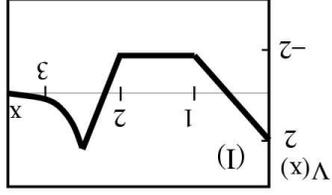
Two capacitors have capacitances of  $7\ \mu\text{F}$  and  $5\ \mu\text{F}$  respectively. They are connected in parallel to a battery. After the battery has charged them, the  $7\ \mu\text{F}$ -capacitor has a stored energy of  $2.24 \times 10^{-4}\ \text{J}$ . What is the charge on the **other** capacitor, i.e. the  $5\ \mu\text{F}$ -capacitor?

- a)  $40\ \mu\text{C}$  **Correct**
- b) None of the other answers
- c)  $96\ \mu\text{C}$
- d) Zero
- e)  $56\ \mu\text{C}$

4. A cube with side lengths 1 meter, has its corner at the origin and its sides are aligned with the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ -axes. An electric field of strength  $\mathbf{E} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - 4z\hat{k}$  N/C passes through the cube. The electric charge in the cube is  $\epsilon_0$  times

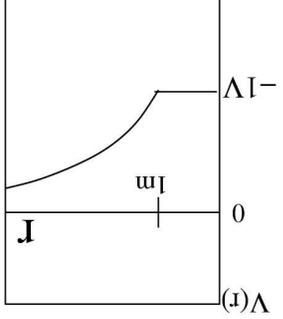
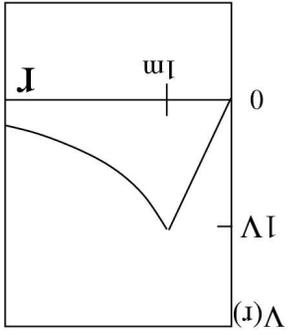
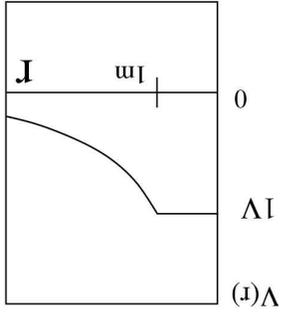
- a) 0
- b)  $-2C$  **Correct**
- c)  $2C$
- d)  $6C$
- e)  $-5C$

5. The electric potential  $V(x)$  depends on  $x$  in the fashion shown in the first panel (I) below. Which of the figures shown below most precisely describes the electric field  $E_x$  in the  $x$ -direction?

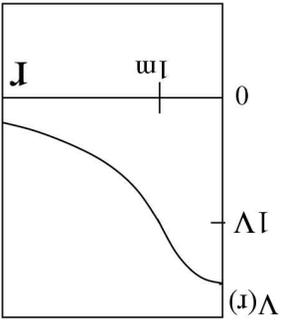


**Correct**

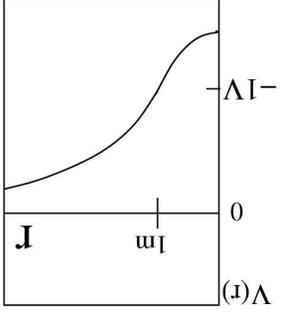
16. A conducting sphere of radius  $1m$  carries a charge of  $-0.11nC$ . Which of the figures in Fig. 2 correctly describes the radial dependence of the electric potential?



b)



d)



**Correct**