

1. Four $1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ fC}$ charges are placed on the corners of a square. If the potential at the center of the square is 18 V, what is the most nearly length of a side of the square?

A) 2.0 m
B) 2.1 m
C) 3.0 m
D) 4.2 m
E) 6.0 m

2. A point P is 3.0 m away from a point charge of 1.0 C and 1.0 m away from a point charge of -0.5 C .

What is the electric potential at point P ?

A) -5.0×10^8
B) -1.5×10^9
C) -3.5×10^9
D) -5.5×10^9
E) -7.5×10^9

Base your answers to questions 3 and 4 on the following. Point P is located 3.0 m from a point charge of -5.0 C and point Q is located 5.0 m from the same charge.

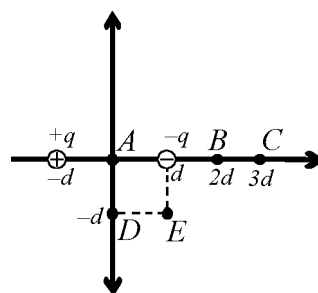
3. What is the electric potential at point P ?

A) -1.8×10^9
B) -5.0×10^9
C) -5.4×10^9
D) -9.0×10^9
E) -15×10^9

4. What is the electric potential at point Q ?

A) -1.8×10^9
B) -5.0×10^9
C) -5.4×10^9
D) -9.0×10^9
E) -15.0×10^9

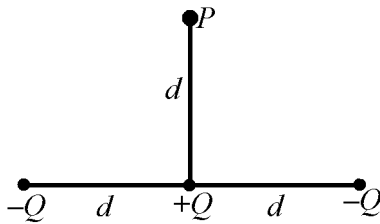
5. Base your answer to the following question on the diagram below which shows two charges, magnitude q , of opposite sign. Each are located a distance d from the origin A of a coordinate system.



At which of the following points is the electric potential *least* in magnitude?

A) A
B) B
C) C
D) D
E) E

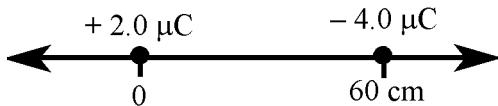
6. Base your answer to the following question on the diagram below showing three point charges arranged in a horizontal line.



The electric potential at point P is most nearly

- A) $-\frac{kQ}{d^2}$
- B) $-\frac{kQ}{2d^2}$
- C) $-\frac{kQ}{d}$
- D) $-\frac{0.4 kQ}{d}$
- E) $\frac{2.4 kQ}{d}$

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Two point charges of $+2.0$ microcoulombs and -4.0 microcoulombs are located at the origin and $+60$ cm on the x -axis respectively. At which point on the x axis is the electrostatic potential zero?

- A) -60 cm
- B) -30 cm
- C) $+20$ cm
- D) 0 cm
- E) -20 cm

8. Four positive point charges of magnitude Q are placed at the corners of a square with a diagonal length of a . The potential at the center of the square is

- A) 0
- B) $\frac{kQ}{a}$
- C) $\frac{2kQ}{a}$
- D) $\frac{4kQ}{a}$
- E) $\frac{8kQ}{a}$

9. Which of the following statements is/are true?

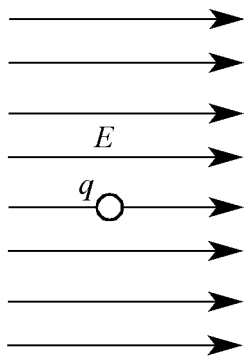
- I. If the electric field at a certain point is zero, then the electrostatic force on a charge at the same point is also zero.
- II. If the electrostatic force on a charge at a certain point is zero, then the electric potential at the same point is zero.
- III. The electric potential is inversely proportional to the strength of the electric field.

- A) I only
- B) II only
- C) III only
- D) I and II only
- E) None of the above are true

10. Which of the following statements is necessarily true?

- A) If the electric field at a certain point is zero, then the electric potential at the same point is also zero.
- B) If the electric potential at a certain point is zero, then the electric field at the same point is also zero.
- C) The electric potential is inversely proportional to the strength of the electric field.
- D) The electric potential is directly proportional to the strength of the electric field.
- E) None of the above.

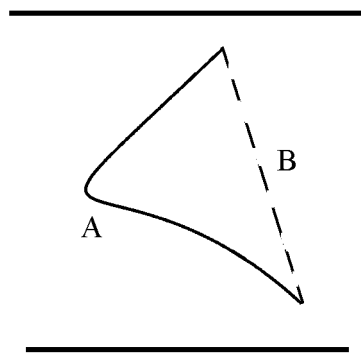
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If the charge q at rest in the above electric field E is negative, it will accelerate

- A) towards the left, which has a lower electric potential.
 - B) towards the left, which has a higher electric potential.
 - C) towards the right, which has a lower electric potential.
 - D) towards the right, which has a higher electric potential.
 - E) towards the top of the page, which has a constant electric potential.
12. Which of the following is always true about electric field lines?
- A) They are perpendicular to equipotential surfaces and go in the direction of higher potential.
 - B) They are parallel to equipotential surfaces and go in the direction of higher potential.
 - C) They are parallel to equipotential surfaces and go in the direction of ∇ constant potential.
 - D) They are perpendicular to equipotential surfaces and go in the direction of lower potential.
 - E) They are parallel to equipotential surfaces and go in the direction of lower potential.

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A small charged particle is moved from one point to another within a uniform electrical field between charged plates by two different paths. Which of the following is true?

- A) The change in potential along Path A is greater than the change in potential along Path B, and the work done by the electric field along Path A is greater than the work done along Path B.
 - B) The change in potential along Path A is greater than the change in potential along Path B, and the work done by the electric field along Path A is the same as the work done along Path B.
 - C) The change in potential along Path A is the same as the change in potential along Path B, and the work done by the electric field along Path A is greater than the work done along Path B.
 - D) The change in potential along Path A is the same as the change in potential along Path B, and the work done by the electric field along Path A is less than the work done along Path B.
 - E) The change in potential along Path A is the same as the change in potential along Path B, and the work done by the electric field along Path A is the same as the work done along Path B.
14. A charge of magnitude $+4Q$ is placed at the origin of the x -axis. A second charge of magnitude $+Q$ is placed at the point $+5$ meters on the x -axis. At which point on the x -axis, besides infinity, is the electrostatic potential zero?
- A) $+2.1$ meters
 - B) $+2.5$ meters
 - C) $+4$ meters
 - D) $+7.2$ meters
 - E) There exist no points on the x -axis, besides infinity, where the electrostatic potential is zero.

15. A charge of magnitude $-4Q$ is placed at the origin of the x -axis. A second charge of magnitude $+Q$ is placed at the point $+5$ meters on the x -axis. At which point on the x -axis, besides infinity, is the electrostatic potential zero?

A) $+2.1$ meters

B) $+2.5$ meters

C) $+4$ meters

D) $+7.2$ meters

E) There exist no points on the x -axis, besides infinity, where the electrostatic potential is zero.

Answer Key
Electric Fields MC Questions [Mar 28, 2011]

1. D
 2. B
 3. E
 4. D
 5. A
 6. D
 7. C
 8. E
 9. A
 10. D
 11. B
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