

5 (a) Define *electric field strength*.

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- (b) An isolated metal sphere is to be used to store charge at high potential. The charge stored may be assumed to be a point charge at the centre of the sphere. The sphere has a radius of 25 cm. Electrical breakdown (a spark) occurs in the air surrounding the sphere when the electric field strength at the surface of the sphere exceeds $1.8 \times 10^4 \text{ V cm}^{-1}$.

- (i) Show that the maximum charge that can be stored on the sphere is $12.5 \mu\text{C}$.

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- (ii) Calculate the potential of the sphere for this maximum charge.

potential = V [2]