

- 4 (a) An insulated metal sphere of radius  $R$  is situated in a vacuum. The charge  $q$  on the sphere may be considered to be a point charge at the centre of the sphere.

- (i) State a formula, in terms of  $R$  and  $q$ , for the potential  $V$  on the surface of the sphere.

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- (ii) Define capacitance and hence show that the capacitance  $C$  of the sphere is given by the expression

$$C = 4\pi\epsilon_0 R.$$

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- (b) An isolated metal sphere has radius 45 cm.

- (i) Use the expression in (a)(ii) to calculate the capacitance, in picofarad, of the sphere.

capacitance = ..... pF [2]

- (ii) The sphere is charged to a potential of  $9.0 \times 10^5$  V.

A spark occurs, partially discharging the sphere so that its potential is reduced to  $3.6 \times 10^5$  V.

Determine the energy of the spark.

energy = ..... J [3]