

- 4 (a) Define capacitance.

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- (b) An isolated metal sphere has a radius r . When charged to a potential V , the charge on the sphere is q .

The charge may be considered to act as a point charge at the centre of the sphere.

- (i) State an expression, in terms of r and q , for the potential V of the sphere.

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- (ii) This isolated sphere has capacitance. Use your answers in (a) and (b)(i) to show that the capacitance of the sphere is proportional to its radius.

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- (c) The sphere in (b) has a capacitance of 6.8 pF and is charged to a potential of 220V .

Calculate

- (i) the radius of the sphere,

radius = m [3]

- (ii) the charge, in coulomb, on the sphere.

charge = C [1]

- (d) A second uncharged metal sphere is brought up to the sphere in (c) so that they touch.
The combined capacitance of the two spheres is 18 pF.

Calculate

- (i) the potential of the two spheres,

potential = V [1]

- (ii) the change in the total energy stored on the spheres when they touch.

change = J [3]