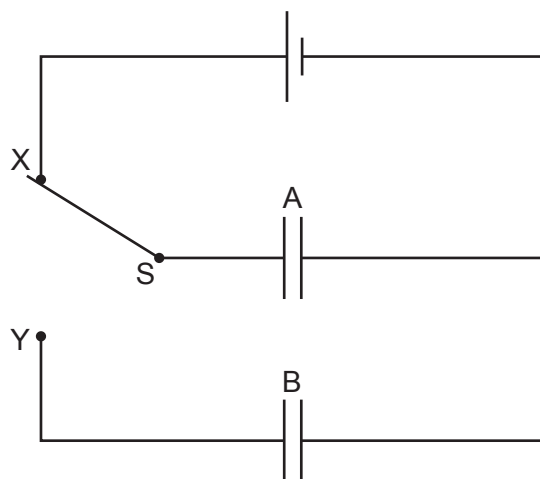


- 5 Two capacitors A and B are connected into the circuit shown in Fig. 5.1.



**Fig. 5.1**

Capacitor A has capacitance  $C$  and capacitor B has capacitance  $3C$ .  
 The electromotive force (e.m.f.) of the cell is  $V$ .  
 The two-way switch S is initially at position X, and capacitor B is initially uncharged.

- (a) State, in terms of  $V$  and  $C$ , expressions for:

- (i) the initial charge  $Q_A$  on the plates of capacitor A

$$Q_A = \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

- (ii) the initial energy  $E_A$  stored in capacitor A.

$$E_A = \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

- (b) The two-way switch S is now moved to position Y.

- (i) State and explain what happens to the charge that was initially on the plates of capacitor A.

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- (ii) Show that the final potential difference (p.d.)  $V_B$  across capacitor B is given by

$$V_B = \frac{V}{4}.$$

Explain your reasoning.

[3]

- (iii) Determine an expression, in terms of  $V$  and  $C$ , for the decrease  $\Delta E$  in the total energy that is stored in the capacitors as a result of the change of the position of the switch.

$$\Delta E = \dots\dots\dots [2]$$