

- 4 (a) Define capacitance.

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- (b) An isolated metal sphere of radius R has a charge $+Q$ on it.

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

Show that the capacitance C of the sphere is given by the expression

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

where ϵ_0 is the permittivity of free space.

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- (c) In order to investigate electrical discharges (lightning) in a laboratory, an isolated metal sphere of radius 63 cm is charged to a potential of 1.2×10^6 V.

At this potential, there is an electrical discharge in which the sphere loses 75% of its energy.

Calculate

- (i) the capacitance of the sphere, stating the unit in which it is measured,

capacitance = [3]

- (ii) the potential of the sphere after the discharge has taken place.

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potential = V [3]