

- 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 $9.0 \times 10^5 \text{ V}$.
A spark occurs, partially discharging the sphere so that its potential is reduced to $3.6 \times 10^5 \text{ V}$.

Determine the energy of the spark.

energy = J [3]