

- 4 (a) Define electric field strength.

[1]

- (b) A uniform electric field is produced by applying a potential difference of 1200V across two parallel metal plates in a vacuum, as shown in Fig. 4.1.

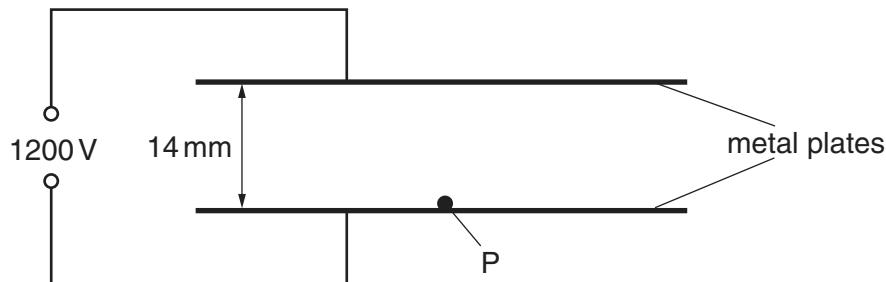


Fig. 4.1

The separation of the plates is 14 mm. A particle P with charge 3.2×10^{-19} C and mass 6.6×10^{-27} kg starts from rest at the lower plate and is moved vertically to the top plate by the electric field.

Calculate

- (i) the electric field strength between the plates,

$$\text{electric field strength} = \dots \text{Vm}^{-1} [2]$$

- (ii) the work done on P by the electric field,

$$\text{work done} = \dots \text{J} [2]$$

- (iii) the gain in gravitational potential energy of P,

$$\text{gain in potential energy} = \dots \text{J} [2]$$

(iv) the gain in kinetic energy of P,

gain in kinetic energy = J [1]

(v) the speed of P when it reaches the top plate.

speed = ms^{-1} [2]