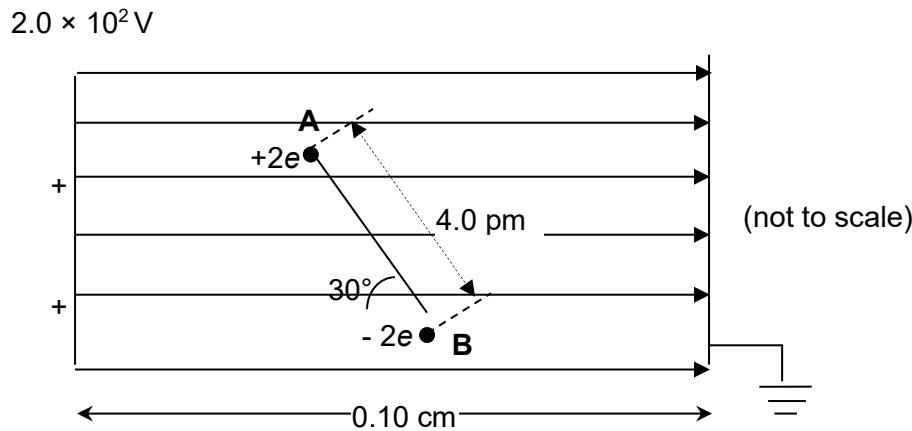


- 19** Two ions **A** and **B**, at a distance of 4.0 pm apart, are linked to form a molecule. They are situated between a pair of charged parallel plates placed a distance of 0.10 cm apart. The left plate has a potential of  $2.0 \times 10^2$  V and the right plate is earthed. The line joining **A** and **B** is at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the direction of the electric field as shown in the diagram below.



What is the torque on the molecule **AB**?

- A**  $1.3 \times 10^{-25}$  N m    **B**  $2.2 \times 10^{-25}$  N m    **C**  $2.6 \times 10^{-25}$  N m    **D**  $5.1 \times 10^{-25}$  N m