3 Two charged metal spheres A and B are isolated in space, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

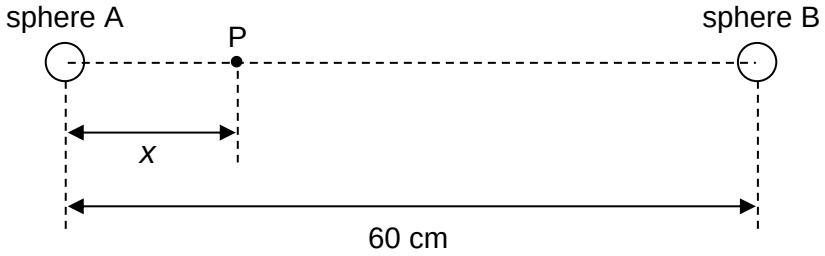

Fig. 3.1

The centres of the spheres are separated by a distance of 60 cm. Point P is at a distance x from the centre of sphere A along the line joining the centres of the two spheres.
The variation with x of the electric potential V at P is shown in Fig. 3.2. The potential at x = 15 cm is zero.

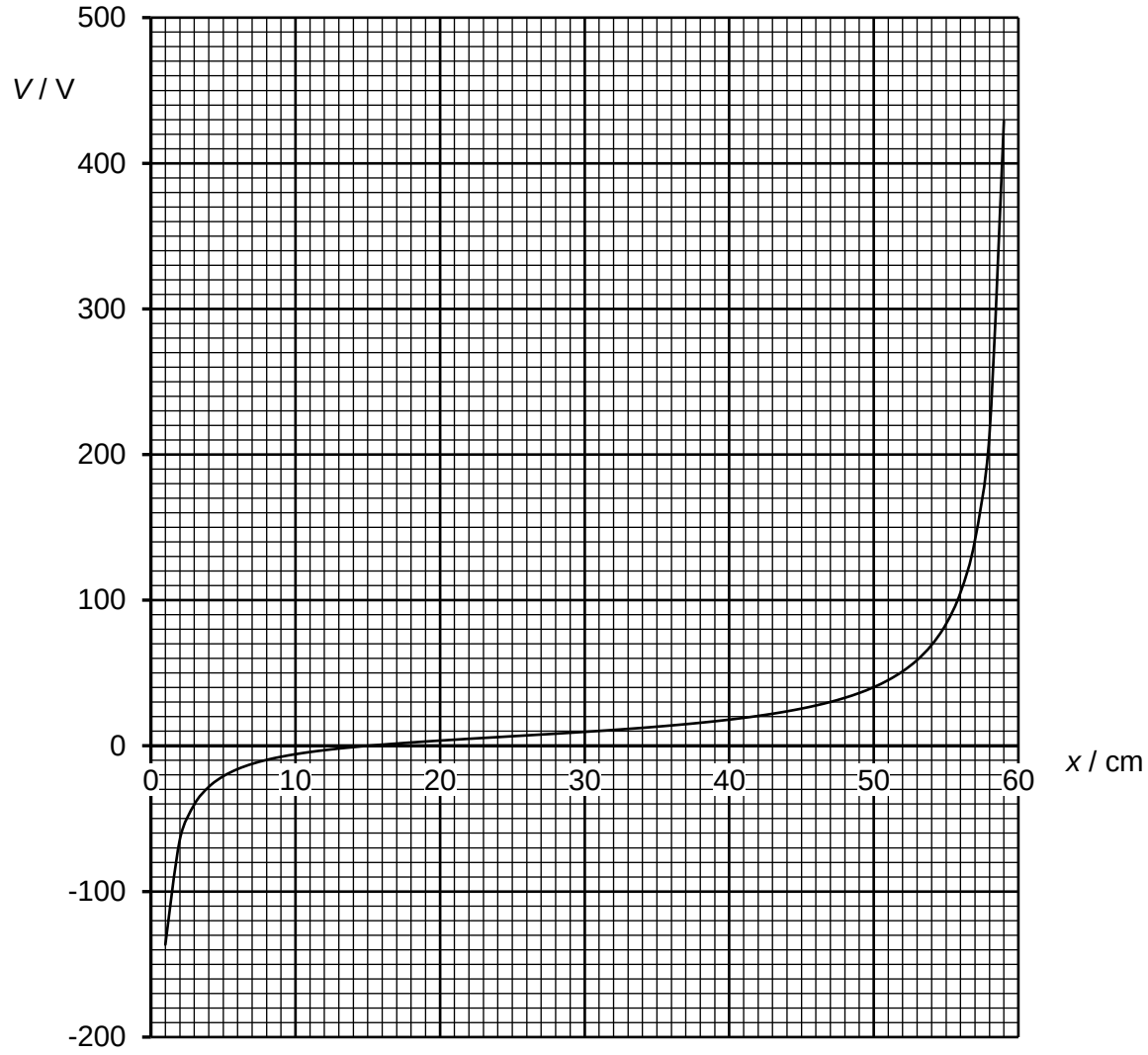

Fig. 3.2

(a) **(i)** Define *electric field strength.*

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(ii) State the relation between electric field strength *E* and potential *V*.

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(iii) Hence, explain the direction of the electric field at the point P, where x = 15 cm.

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(b) Given that the magnitude of the charge of sphere B is 0.48 nC, determine the charge of sphere A.

charge of sphere A = ... C [3]

(c) An electron moves along the line joining the centres of the two spheres towards sphere B and passes x = 15 cm with a speed of 4.0×10^6 m s^{-1}. Calculate the speed of the electron when it reaches x = 57 cm.

speed = ... m s^{-1} [3]

[Total: 9]