

**21** An electric field pattern is set up in the region around a charged particle.

Which statement is true?

- A** The electric potential must increase in the direction of the electric field line.
- B** The electric potential must decrease in the direction of the electric field line.
- C** The electric field strength must increase in the direction of the electric field line.
- D** The electric field strength must decrease in the direction of the electric field line.