

Capacitors & Electric and Magnetic Fields – Test A

1. A capacitor is discharged. Which row in the table gives correct information showing the variation of potential difference across the plates with time?

	shape of the graph	quantity given by area under the graph
A	linear decrease	
B	linear decrease	
C	exponential decay	
D	exponential decay	

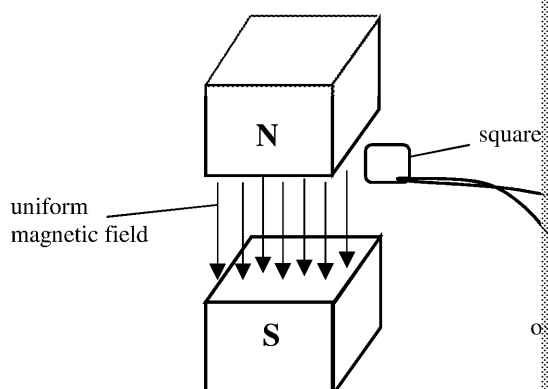
2. Describe one similarity between the law for the force between masses and the law for the force between charges.
3. Assuming that the only forces acting between two protons are gravitational and electrostatic, calculate for two protons that are in contact
- the gravitational force between them
 - the electrostatic force between them
- Take the radius of a proton to be 0.85 fm.
4. Calculate the electric field strength at a distance of 10^{-10} m from an electron.
5. A 1000 μF capacitor is charged to 12.0 V with the switch at position 1 using the circuit to the right.
- Calculate the charge on the capacitor when it is fully charged to 12.0 V. [2]
 - The switch is then moved to position 2. On graph paper, plot a graph to show the variation of charge with time for the first 4 s after the switch is moved to position 2. [5]
6. Describe how you would determine the relationship between the capacitance and the dimensions of its plates. You have access to:
- aluminium foil
 - a ruler
 - paper
 - scissors
 - a d.c. power supply
 - a voltmeter
 - a variable resistor
 - connecting leads and connectors
- Include what variables you will change, measure and control, and how you will measure capacitance.

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7. An electric drill is being used to make a hole in a wall. The drill is cutting bit rapidly.
- Under normal use, the current in the motor coil is 3.5 A. The coil is rectangular. Calculate the flux linkage when the plane of the coil is at 60° to the magnetic field.
 - The drill becomes stuck in the wall and the motor stops turning. The power to the motor is switched on. The motor overheats and fails. Use your understanding of electromagnetic induction to explain this.
8. The diagram shows a square coil of wire in a uniform magnetic field.



A student wishes to use this equipment to investigate how the magnetic flux linkage varies with the angle that the plane of the coil makes with the magnetic field.

- Describe how the e.m.f. induced in the coil is measured using the equipment.
- Sketch a graph of how you would expect the induced e.m.f. to vary over the range $0-360^\circ$ when the coil is in the same plane as the magnetic field.



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