- I. Multiple choice [5 pts each]: choose the most correct answer.
- 1. An electroscope is initially uncharged, when a positively charged rod is brought near the upper disk *but does not touch it.* Describe the charge distribution within the electroscope.
 - a) The electroscope is neutral everywhere
 - b) The electroscope is neutral, but with negative charges on the disk and positive charges on the post and vane.
 - c) The electroscope is negative everywhere
 - d) The electroscope is positive everywhere
 - e) The disk and post are negative and the vane is positive



- 2. If the electric force is so much stronger than the gravitational force, why does gravitation dominate on the scale of the solar system and beyond?
 - a) The electric force is a short range force
 - b) Matter in bulk is neutral
 - c) The electric force doesn't act on most objects
 - d) The speed of the particles affects the electric force
 - e) None of these
- 3. A point charge of q_1 = +3.0 nC and another point charge q of unknown charge are separated by a distance of 3.2 mm. If the force between them is found to be of a magnitude 3.6 N what is the unknown charge?
 - a) -1.27x10⁻⁴ C
 - b) -4.27x10⁻⁴ C
 - c) +1.27x10⁻⁴ C
 - d) +4.27x10⁻⁴ C
 - e) Not enough information
- 4. A charge $q_1 = +2.0 \ \mu\text{C}$ is a distance of +3.0 mm from the origin on the *x*-axis. Another charge $q_2 = +3.0 \ \mu\text{C}$ is a distance of -2.0 mm from the origin along the y-axis. A third charge $Q = -1.5 \ \text{nC}$ is at the origin. What is the magnitude of the force on Q from the other charges?
 - a) 10.6 N
 - b) 3.6 N
 - c) $3.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$
 - d) 1.8 x10⁻³ N
 - e) None of these



- 5. A point charge $q = -3.5 \ \mu$ C is at x = 4.0 mm. What is the electric field from this charge at x = 3.6 mm?
 - a) 0 N/C
 - b) 1.97 x10¹¹ N/C to the right
 - c) $1.97 \text{ x} 10^{11} \text{ N/C}$ to the left
 - d) $3.97 \times 10^{11} \text{ N/C}$ to the right
 - e) $3.97 \times 10^{11} \text{ N/C}$ to the left



- 6. Charge $q_1 = +5$ C is at the origin and charge $q_2 = -3$ C is at x = 1.5 mm. In what regions is it possible for the electric field to equal zero?
 - a) 0 < x < 1.5 mm only
 - b) x < 0 only
 - c) x > 1.5 mm only
 - d) x > 1.5 mm and x < 0
 - e) None of these



- 7. The conductor below is placed in a uniform electric field of 3.5 N/C to the right, and sits for a time. The potential at point *A* inside the conductor is then measured to be 3.0 V. What is the potential at point *B* if the separation distance is 2.0 m between them?
 - a. $V_{\rm B}=10~{\rm V}$
 - b. $V_{\rm B} = -4.0 \, {\rm V}$
 - c. $V_{\rm B} = 0 \, {\rm V}$
 - d. $V_{\rm B} = 3 \, {\rm V}$
 - e. None of these



- 8. Two positive charges +Q are oriented as shown at right. Which statement accurately describes the potential and electric field?
 - a) The potential at A is greater than the potential at B; so the electric field at A is greater than the electric field at B.
 - b) Both the electric field and potential are both greater at point B than point A.
 - c) The potential at A is greater than the potential at B; but the electric field at B is greater than the electric field at A.
 - d) The electric field and potential is zero at point A.





- a) 2 Amps in the clockwise direction
- b) 2 Amps in the counter-clockwise direction
- c) 0.5 Amp in the clockwise direction
- d) 2.5 Amps in the counter-clockwise direction
- 10. The resistor in the previous question is now carefully sliced in two length-wise (as shown below) to make two resistors that have the original length but half the width. What is the current in the resistors?
 - a) 1 Amp in each resistor
 - b) 2 Amps in each resistor
 - c) 4 Amps in each resistor
 - d) 2 Amps in resistor A and zero current in resistor B
 - e) It depends on the shape of the resistor, so not enough information is given



- 11. In the circuit below the current from the battery splits and travels into the left and right arms of the circuit (I_L & I_R). Describe the currents and relative brightness (power) of the four identical lightbulbs in this circuit.
 - a) The current in the left branch is 1/4 the current in the right branch. C & D are the same brightness and 4 times as bright as A & B.
 - b) The current in the left branch is equal to the current in the right branch, so A & B are the same brightness and twice as bright as C & D.
 - c) The current in the right branch is twice the current in the left branch, so all the bulbs are the same brightness.
 - d) There is not enough information given to determine the currents and relative brightnesses.





II. [25 pts] Free response problems 12-16: Show work or explain reasoning for full credit.

Two square parallel plates are oppositely charged as shown below. Each plate is 1.0 cm x 1.0 cm; the separation is initially 1.0 mm; and the charge on each plate is $\pm 8.85 \times 10^{-11}$ C.

12. [5 pts] Calculate the magnitude of the Electric field inside the capacitor, and draw the Electric Field Lines on the capacitor diagram.	-	*
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	-	+
	-	+

13. [5 pts] Calculate the potential difference $\varDelta V$ across the capacitor.

14. [5 pts] If we define the left-hand plate to be at zero voltage and at zero position x (as shown by the dot), draw the voltage vs. position graph (ΔV vs. x in mm) within the capacitor on the axes provided.







16. [5 pts] Did the energy stored in the capacitor increase or decrease as the plates were moved apart? Calculate the ratio of final to initial stored energy.

III. [20 pts] Tutorial Free Response problems 17-20. Show work or explain reasoning where indicated.

Four charges, one with charge +3q and the others with charge +q, are fixed a distance s away from the origin, o, as shown at right. The top and bottom charges each make an angle *a* with the horizontal x-axis.

17. [5 pts] A positive point charge, $+q_0$ is now placed at the origin, o. On the diagram, indicate the direction of the net force on the test charge $+q_0$. Explain.



The next two questions are based on the situation below:

Two particles with the *same* positive charge, Q_A and Q_B are released from rest at point 1 in separate uniform electric fields that point in the negative *x*direction. There is no interaction between the two charges. Both charges move through a distance *d* to the left. (Ignore any gravitational forces.)

18. [5 pts] Is the value of $V_2 - V_1$ positive, negative, or zero? Explain.



It is known that the mass of Q_A is twice as large as the mass of Q_B . When both charges have moved from point 1 to point 2, the speed of Q_A is measured to be $\frac{1}{2}$ the speed of Q_B .

19. [5 pts] Is the magnitude of the electric field strength in which particle A is present *greater than, less than,* or *equal to* magnitude of the electric field strength in which particle B is present? Explain.

Consider the following two cases in which a battery is connected to a parallel plate capacitor and then disconnected:

In Case 1, a 5 V battery is used.

In Case 2, a 10 V battery is used.

It is found that the charge stored on the two capacitors is the same.

- 20. [5 pts] In what way could the capacitors differ? Assume all characteristics of the capacitors other than the changes described are the same.
 - A. The capacitor in Case 2 could have half the distance between the plates.
 - B. The capacitor in Case 2 could have half the area of the plates.
 - C. The capacitor in Case 2 could have half the distance **and** half the area.
 - D. It is not possible for the two capacitors to store the same charge.

Explain your answer for full credit:

