

- 5 (a) Explain why the electric potential near an isolated proton is positive.

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- (b) An isolated metal sphere is positively charged and has radius  $R$ , as shown in Fig. 5.1.

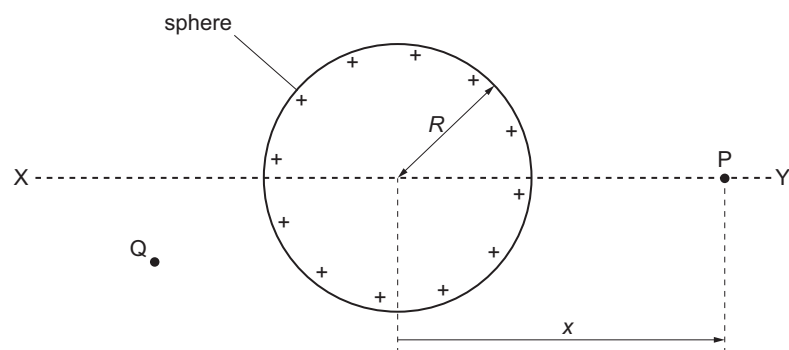


Fig. 5.1

Line XY passes through the centre of the sphere.  
 Point P lies on line XY at a variable displacement  $x$  from the centre of the sphere.  
 Point Q is at a fixed position that is not on line XY.

The electric field strength at the surface of the sphere is  $E_0$ .

- (i) On Fig. 5.1, draw an arrow at point Q to show the direction of the electric field at that point. [1]

- (ii) On Fig. 5.2, sketch the variation of the electric field  $E$  at point P with  $x$  for values of  $x$  between  $x = -3R$  and  $x = 3R$ . Do **not** include the region inside the sphere between  $x = -R$  and  $x = R$ .

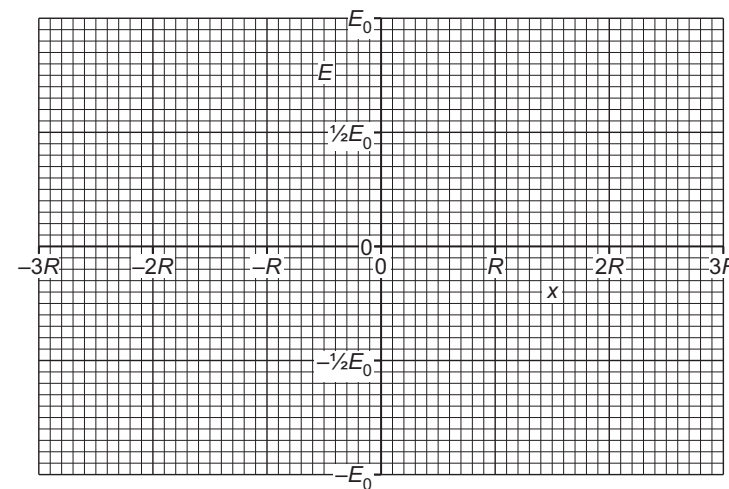


Fig. 5.2

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- (c) The proton and the electron in a hydrogen atom are separated by a distance of  $5.3 \times 10^{-11}$  m.

Calculate the electric potential energy of the proton and the electron.

electric potential energy = ..... J [2]

[Total: 9]

**5 (a)** Define electric potential at a point.

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**(b)** An isolated solid metal sphere of radius  $r$  is given a positive charge.

The potential at the surface of the sphere is  $9.0 \times 10^4 \text{ V}$ . At a distance of  $3r$  from the centre of the sphere, the electric field strength is  $2.0 \times 10^5 \text{ N C}^{-1}$ .

**(i)** Determine the electric field strength at the surface of the sphere.

electric field strength = .....  $\text{N C}^{-1}$  [2]

**(ii)** Show that the radius of the sphere is 5.0 cm.

[2]

**(iii)** Calculate the charge on the sphere.

charge = ..... C [2]

**(iv)** Use your answer in **(b)(iii)** to determine the capacitance of the sphere.

capacitance = ..... F [2]

[Total: 10]