# **CAPACITOR**

1. A parallel plate capacitor has plates of area A separated by distance 'd' between them. It is filled with a dielectric which has a dielectric constant that varies as  $k(x) = K(1 + \alpha x)$  where 'x' is the distance measured from one of the plates. If  $(\alpha d) \ll 1$ , the total capacitance of the system is best given by the expression:



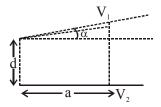
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$$(3) \ \frac{A\epsilon_0 K}{d} \Biggl(1 + \frac{\alpha^2 d^2}{2}\Biggr) \qquad (4) \ \frac{AK\epsilon_0}{d} \Bigl(1 + \alpha d\Bigr)$$

- 2. A 60 pF capacitor is fully charged by a 20 V supply. It is then disconnected from the supply and is connected to another uncharged 60 pF capactior is parallel. The electrostatic energy that is lost in this process by the time the charge is redistributed between them is (in nJ)
- **3.** Effective capacitance of parallel combination of two capacitors  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  is 10  $\mu$ F. When these capacitors are individually connected to a voltage source of 1V, the energy stored in the capacitor  $C_2$  is 4 times that of  $C_1$ . If these capacitors are connected in series, their effective capacitance will be:
  - (1)  $3.2 \mu F$
  - (2)  $8.4 \mu F$
  - (3)  $1.6 \mu F$
  - $(4) 4.2 \mu F$

4. A capacitor is made of two square plates each of side 'a' making a very small angle α between them, as shown in figure. The capacitance will be close to:



$$(1) \frac{\varepsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left( 1 - \frac{3\alpha a}{2d} \right) \qquad (2) \frac{\varepsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha a}{4d} \right)$$

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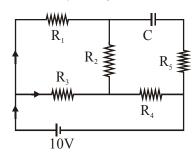
5. A 5 µF capacitor is charged fully by a 220 V supply. It is then disconnected from the supply and is connected in series to another uncharged 2.5 µF capacitor. If the energy change during

the charge redistribution is  $\frac{X}{100}$ J then value

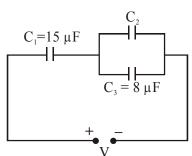
of X to the nearest integer is\_\_\_\_

- A 10 µF capacitor is fully charged to a potential 6. difference of 50 V. After removing the source voltage it is connected to an uncharged capacitor in parallel. Now the potential difference across them becomes 20 V. The capacitance of the second capacitor is:
  - (1)  $10 \mu F$
- (2) 15  $\mu$ F
- (3)  $20 \mu F$
- (4)  $30 \mu F$

7. An ideal cell of emf 10 V is connected in circuit shown in figure. Each resistance is 2 Ω. The potential difference (in V) across the capacitor when it is fully charged is \_\_\_\_\_.



8. In the circuit shown in the figure, the total charge in 750  $\mu$ C and the voltage across capacitor  $C_2$  is 20 V. Then the charge on capacitor  $C_2$  is :



- (1) 590 μC
- (2)  $450 \mu C$
- (3)  $650 \mu C$ 
  - (4)  $160 \mu C$
- **9.** A capacitor C is fully charged with voltage V<sub>0</sub>. After disconnecting the voltage source, it is connected in parallel with another uncharged

capacitor of capacitance  $\frac{C}{2}$ . The energy loss

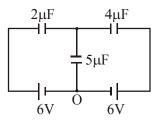
in the process after the charge is distributed between the two capacitors is :

- (1)  $\frac{1}{6}$ CV<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup>
- (2)  $\frac{1}{2}CV_0^2$
- (3)  $\frac{1}{3}$ CV<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup>
- (4)  $\frac{1}{4}$ CV<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup>

10. Two capacitors of capacitances C and 2C are charged to potential differences V and 2V, respectively. These are then connected in parallel in such a manner that the positive terminal of one is connected to the negative terminal of the other. The final energy of this configuration is:

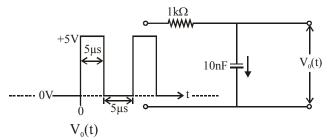
(1) 
$$\frac{9}{2}$$
CV<sup>2</sup>

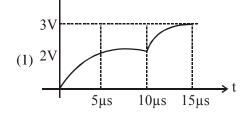
- (2)  $\frac{25}{6}$ CV<sup>2</sup>
- (3) zero
- $(4) \ \frac{3}{2} \text{CV}^2$
- 11. A parallel plate capacitor has plate of length 'l', width 'w' and separation of plates is 'd'. It is connected to a battery of emf V. A dielectric slab of the same thickness 'd' and of dielectric constant k = 4 is being inserted between the plates of the capacitor. At what length of the slab inside plates, will be energy stored in the capacitor be two times the initial energy stored?
  - (1) l / 4
  - (2) l / 2
  - (3) l / 3
  - (4) 21 / 3
- 12. In the circuit shown, charge on the 5  $\mu F$  capacitor is :

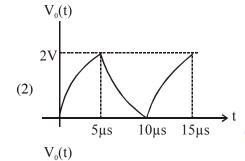


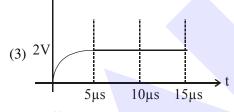
- (1)  $5.45 \mu C$
- (2)  $16.36 \mu C$
- (3)  $10.90 \mu C$
- (4) 18.00 μC

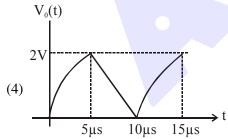
13. For the given input voltage waveform  $V_{\text{in}}(t)$ , the output voltage waveform  $V_{\text{D}}(t)$ , across the capacitor is correctly depicted by:









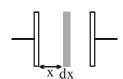


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#### **SOLUTION**

As K is variable we take a plate element of Area A and thickness dx at distance x Capacitance of element

$$dC = \frac{(A)K(1+\alpha x)\epsilon_0}{dx}$$



Now all such elements are is series so equivalent capacitance

$$\frac{1}{C} = \int \frac{1}{dC} = \int_{0}^{d} \frac{dx}{AK\epsilon_{0} (1 + \alpha x)}$$

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{\alpha A K \varepsilon_0} ln \left( \frac{1 + \alpha d}{1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{\alpha A K \epsilon_0} \left( \alpha d - \frac{\left(\alpha d\right)^2}{2} + \frac{\left(\alpha d\right)^3}{3} + \dots \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{C} = \frac{\alpha d}{\alpha A K \varepsilon_0} \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha d}{2} + \frac{(\alpha d)^2}{3} + \dots \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{d}{AK\varepsilon_0} \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha d}{2} \right)$$

$$C = \frac{AK\varepsilon_0}{d} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha d}{2} \right)$$

2. **NTA Ans.** (6)

Sol. 
$$C$$
  $\Rightarrow C$   $Q/2$   $Q/2$   $Q = CV$ 

$$\Delta Q_{L} = \frac{Q^{2}}{2C} - \left[ \frac{(Q/2)^{2}}{2C} \times 2 \right] = \frac{Q^{2}}{4C}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \, \text{CV}^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \times 60 \times 10^{-12} \times 4 \times 10^{2}$$
$$= 6 \text{nJ}$$

NTA Ans. (3)

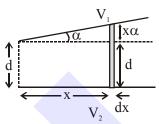
**Sol.** 
$$C_1 + C_2 = 10$$
 ....(i) 
$$\frac{1}{2}C_2V^2 = 4 \times \frac{1}{2}C_1V^2$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \therefore & C_2 = 4C_1 & ....(ii) \\ \therefore & C_1 = 2 \ \& \ C_2 = 8 \end{array}$$
 For series combination

$$C_1 = 2 \& C_2 = 8$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} = 1.6$$

- NTA Ans. (4) 4.
- Assume small element dx at a distance x from Sol.



Capacitance for small element dx is

$$dC = \frac{\varepsilon_0 a \, dx}{d + x \, \alpha}$$

$$C = \int_{0}^{a} \frac{\varepsilon_0 a \, dx}{d + x\alpha}$$

$$= \frac{\varepsilon_0 a}{\alpha} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \alpha a}{d} \right) \Big|_0^a \qquad \left( \ln (1 + x) \approx x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)$$

$$=\frac{\varepsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha a}{2d}\right)$$

5. Official Ans. by NTA (36) Official Ans. by ALLEN (4 Actual 4.033)

**Sol.** 
$$u_i = \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 10^{-6} (220)^2$$

Final common potential

$$v = \frac{220 \times 5 + 0 \times 2.5}{5 + 2.5} = 220 \times \frac{2}{3}$$

$$u_f = \frac{1}{2}(5+2.5) \times 10^{-6} \left(220 \times \frac{2}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\Delta u = u_f - u_i$$

$$\Delta u = -403.33 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow -403.33 \times 10^{-4} = \frac{X}{100}$$

$$X = -4.03$$

or magnitude or value of X is approximate 4

### 6. Official Ans. by NTA (2)

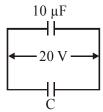
#### **Sol.** Initially



• Charge on capacitor 10 μF

$$Q = CV = (10 \ \mu F) \ (50V)$$

$$Q = 500 \mu C \bullet$$



• Final Charge on 10 μF capacitor

$$Q = CV = (10 \mu F) (20V)$$

$$Q = 200 \mu C$$

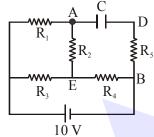
• From charge conservation,

Charge on unknown capacitor

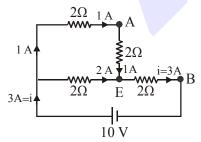
$$C = 500 \mu C - 200 \mu C = 300 \mu C$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 Capacitance (C) =  $\frac{Q}{V} = \frac{300 \,\mu\text{C}}{20 \,\text{V}} = 15 \,\mu\text{F}$ 

### 7. Official Ans. by NTA (8.00)



- $R_1$  to  $R_5 \rightarrow each 2\Omega$
- · Cap. is fully charged
- So no current is there in branch ADB
- Effective circuit of current flow:



$$R_{eq} = \left(\frac{4 \times 2}{4 + 2}\right) + 2$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{4}{3} + 2 = \frac{10}{3}\Omega$$

$$i = \frac{10}{10/3} = 3A$$

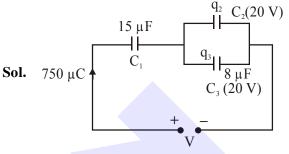
So potential different across AEB

$$\Rightarrow$$
 2 × 1 + 2 × 3 = 8V

Hence potential difference across

Capacitor = 
$$\Delta V = V_{AEB} = 8V$$

## 8. Official Ans. by NTA (1)



$$q_3 = 20 \times 8 = 160 \mu C$$

$$\therefore q_2 = 750-160 = 590 \mu C$$

9. Official Ans. by NTA (4)
Official Ans. by ALLEN (1)

$$C$$
 $C/2$ 
 $-q$ 
 $-CV_0+q$ 
 $C/2$ 
 $-q$ 

$$\frac{CV_0 - q}{C} = \frac{q}{C/2} = \frac{2q}{C}$$

$$V_0 = \frac{3q}{C}$$
  $\Rightarrow q = \frac{CV_0}{3}$ 

$$U_{i} = \frac{1}{2}CV_{0}^{2}$$

$$U_{f} = \frac{\left(\frac{2CV_{0}}{3}\right)^{2}}{2C} + \frac{\left(\frac{CV_{0}}{3}\right)^{2}}{2\left(\frac{C}{2}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} CV_0^2 \left[ \frac{4}{9} + \frac{2}{9} \right] = \frac{1}{2} CV_0^2 \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

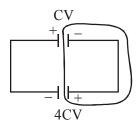
Heat loss = 
$$\frac{1}{2}CV_0^2 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}CV_0^2\right)$$

Sol.

$$=\frac{1}{6}CV_0^2$$

### 10. Official Ans. by NTA (4)

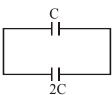
Sol. 
$$\begin{array}{c|c} + C_{-} \\ \hline V \\ Q_{1} = CV \\ \end{array}$$
 
$$\begin{array}{c|c} + \frac{2C_{-}}{2V} \\ 2V \\ Q_{2} = 2C \times 2V = 4CV \\ \end{array}$$



⇒ By conservation of charge

$$\begin{aligned} & q_{_{i}} = q_{_{f}} \\ & Q_{_{1}} + Q_{_{2}} = q_{_{1}} + q_{_{2}} \\ & 4CV - CV = (C + 2C) \ V_{_{C}} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{c} = \frac{3CV}{3C} \Rightarrow V$$

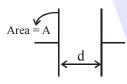


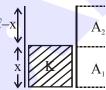
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times (3C) \times V_c^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 3C \times V^2 = \frac{3}{2}CV^2$$

### 11. Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol.





Before inserting slab

After inserting dielectric slab

$$C_i = \frac{\varepsilon_0 A}{d}$$

$$C_f = C_1 + C_2$$

$$C_i = \frac{\varepsilon_0 \ell w}{d}$$

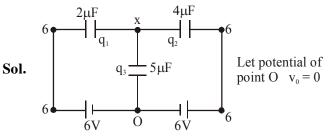
$$C_{f} = \frac{K\epsilon_{0}A_{1}}{d} + \frac{\epsilon_{0}A_{2}}{d}$$

$$C_{\rm f} = \frac{K\epsilon_0 wx}{d} + \frac{\epsilon_0 w(\ell - x)}{d}$$

$$C_{\rm f} = 2C_{\rm i} \implies \frac{K\epsilon_0 wx}{x} + \frac{\epsilon_0 w(\ell - x)}{d} = \frac{2\epsilon_0 \ell w}{d}$$
$$4x + \ell - x = 2\ell$$

$$x = \frac{\ell}{3}$$

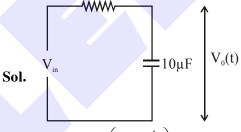
# 12. Official Ans. by NTA (2)



Now, using junction analysis We can say,  $q_1 + q_2 + q_3 = 0$ 2(x - 6) + 4(x - 6) + 5(x) = 0

$$x = \frac{36}{11}$$
  $q_3 = \frac{36(5)}{11} = \frac{180}{11}$   $q_3 = 16.36 \mu C$ 

# 13. Official Ans. by NTA (1)



$$V_0(t) = V_{in} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right)$$

at t = 5us

$$V_0(t) = 5 \left(1 - e^{\frac{5 \times 10^{-6}}{10^3 \times 10 \times 10^{-9}}}\right)$$

$$= 5 (1 - e^{-0.5}) = 2V$$

Now  $V_{in} = 0$  means discharging

$$V_0(t) = 2e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} = 2e^{-0.5}$$

= 1.21 V

Now for next 5 µs

$$V_0(t) = 5 - 3.79e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

after 5 µs again

 $V_0(t) = 2.79 \text{ Volt} \approx 3V$ 

Most approperiate Ans. (1)

$$U\left(r = \left(\frac{2B}{A}\right)^{1/6}\right) = -\frac{A}{2B/A} + \frac{B}{4B^2/A^2}$$

$$=\frac{-A^2}{2B}+\frac{A^2}{4B}=\frac{-A^2}{4B}$$