

CAPACITOR

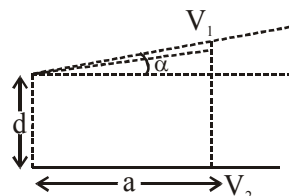
1. A parallel plate capacitor has plates of area A separated by distance 'd' between them. It is filled with a dielectric which has a dielectric constant that varies as $k(x) = K(1 + \alpha x)$ where 'x' is the distance measured from one of the plates. If $(\alpha d) \ll 1$, the total capacitance of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



$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & \frac{AK\varepsilon_0}{d} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha d}{2} \right) & (2) \quad & \frac{A\varepsilon_0 K}{d} \left(1 + \left(\frac{\alpha d}{2} \right)^2 \right) \\ (3) \quad & \frac{A\varepsilon_0 K}{d} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha^2 d^2}{2} \right) & (4) \quad & \frac{AK\varepsilon_0}{d} (1 + \alpha d) \end{aligned}$$

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 capacitor in 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 μF . 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 μF
 - (2) 8.4 μF
 - (3) 1.6 μF
 - (4) 4.2 μF

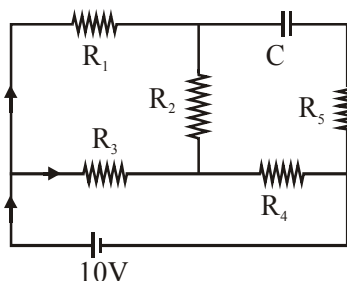
4. A capacitor is made of two square plates each of side 'a' making a very small angle α between them, as shown in figure. The capacitance will be close to :



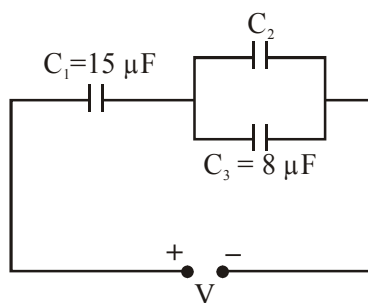
$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & \frac{\varepsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left(1 - \frac{3\alpha a}{2d} \right) & (2) \quad & \frac{\varepsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha a}{4d} \right) \\ (3) \quad & \frac{\varepsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha a}{d} \right) & (4) \quad & \frac{\varepsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha a}{2d} \right) \end{aligned}$$

5. A $5\ \mu\text{F}$ capacitor is charged fully by a $220\ \text{V}$ supply. It is then disconnected from the supply and is connected in series to another uncharged $2.5\ \mu\text{F}$ capacitor. If the energy change during the charge redistribution is $\frac{X}{100}\text{J}$ then value of X to the nearest integer is_____.
6. A $10\ \mu\text{F}$ capacitor is fully charged to a potential difference of $50\ \text{V}$. After removing the source voltage it is connected to an uncharged capacitor in parallel. Now the potential difference across them becomes $20\ \text{V}$. The capacitance of the second capacitor is:
- (1) $10\ \mu\text{F}$ (2) $15\ \mu\text{F}$
(3) $20\ \mu\text{F}$ (4) $30\ \mu\text{F}$

7. An ideal cell of emf 10 V is connected in circuit shown in figure. Each resistance is $2\ \Omega$. 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 is $750\text{ }\mu\text{C}$ and the voltage across capacitor C_2 is 20 V . Then the charge on capacitor C_1 is :



- (1) $590\ \mu\text{C}$
- (2) $450\ \mu\text{C}$
- (3) $650\ \mu\text{C}$
- (4) $160\ \mu\text{C}$

9. A capacitor C is fully charged with voltage V_0 . 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) $\frac{1}{6} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{V}_0^2$
- (2) $\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{V}_0^2$
- (3) $\frac{1}{3} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{V}_0^2$
- (4) $\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{V}_0^2$

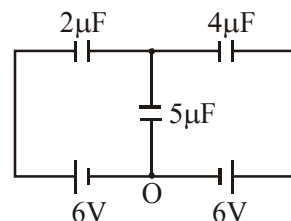
- 10.** Two capacitors of capacitances C and $2C$ are charged to potential differences V and $2V$, respectively. These are then connected in parallel in such a manner that the positive terminal of one is connected to the negative terminal of the other. The final energy of this configuration is:

- (1) $\frac{9}{2}CV^2$
- (2) $\frac{25}{6}CV^2$
- (3) zero
- (4) $\frac{3}{2}CV^2$

- 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?

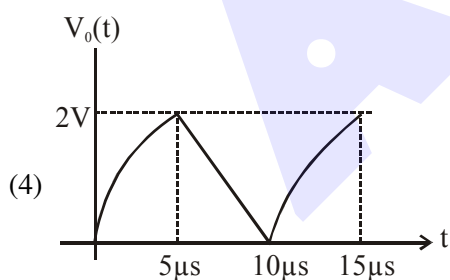
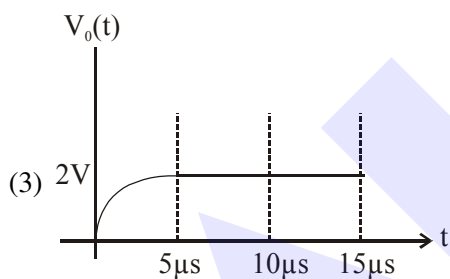
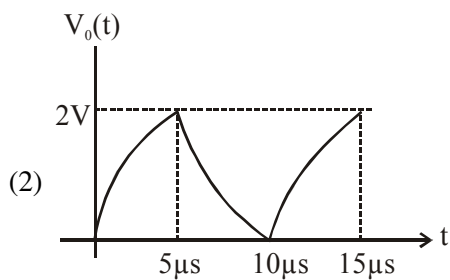
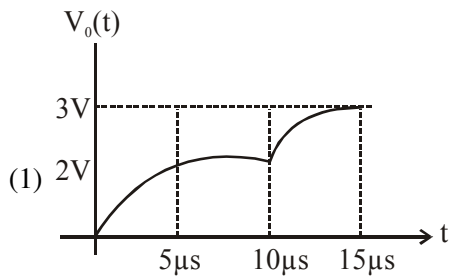
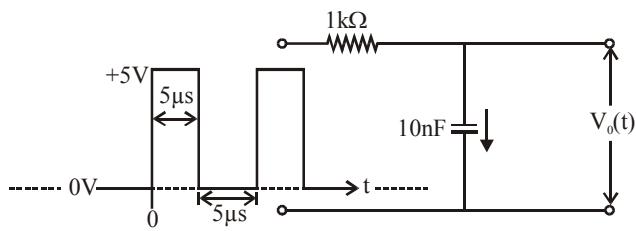
- (1) $l/4$
- (2) $l/2$
- (3) $l/3$
- (4) $2l/3$

- 12.** In the circuit shown, charge on the $5\ \mu\text{F}$ capacitor is :



- (1) $5.45 \text{ } \mu\text{C}$
- (2) $16.36 \text{ } \mu\text{C}$
- (3) $10.90 \text{ } \mu\text{C}$
- (4) $18.00 \text{ } \mu\text{C}$

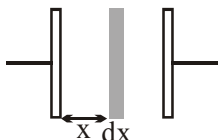
13. For the given input voltage waveform $V_{in}(t)$, the output voltage waveform $V_D(t)$, across the capacitor is correctly depicted by:



SOLUTION

Sol. 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 in series so equivalent capacitance

$$\frac{1}{C} = \int \frac{1}{dC} = \int_0^d \frac{dx}{AK\epsilon_0(1+\alpha x)}$$

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{\alpha AK\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{1+\alpha d}{1}\right)$$

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

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

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{d}{AK\epsilon_0} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha d}{2} \right)$$

$$C = \frac{AK\epsilon_0}{d} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha d}{2} \right)$$

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

Sol. $\frac{+Q}{C} \parallel \frac{-Q}{C} \Rightarrow C \parallel \frac{Q/2}{C} \parallel \frac{Q/2}{C} \parallel C \quad Q = CV$

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

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

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

$$= 6 \text{ nJ}$$

3. **NTA Ans. (3)**

Sol. $C_1 + C_2 = 10$ (i)

$$\frac{1}{2} C_2 V^2 = 4 \times \frac{1}{2} C_1 V^2$$

$$\therefore C_2 = 4C_1 \quad \dots(ii)$$

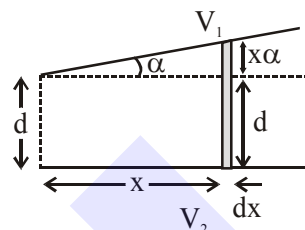
$$\therefore C_1 = 2 \text{ \& } C_2 = 8$$

For series combination

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

4. **NTA Ans. (4)**

Sol. Assume small element dx at a distance x from left end



Capacitance for small element dx is

$$dC = \frac{\epsilon_0 a dx}{d + x\alpha}$$

$$C = \int_0^a \frac{\epsilon_0 a dx}{d + x\alpha}$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon_0 a}{\alpha} \ln\left(\frac{1+\alpha a}{d}\right) \Bigg|_0^a \quad \left(\ln(1+x) \approx x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon_0 a^2}{d} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha a}{2d} \right)$$

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

