

**Test Your fiziks concepts!****Topic: Electromagnetic Theory****(For CSIR NET-JRF, GATE, JEST and TIFR Aspirants)**

**Q.** Consider an electrostatic field  $\vec{E}$  in a region of space. Identify the INCORRECT statement.

- (a) The work done in moving a charge in a closed path inside the region is zero
- (b) The curl of  $\vec{E}$  is zero
- (c) The field can be expressed as the gradient of a scalar potential
- (d) The potential difference between any two points in the region is always zero

**Ans.: (d)**

**Note:**

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**Test Your fiziks concepts!****Topic: Mechanics****(For PGT: KVS, NVS, DSSSB, State Education Boards, etc.)**

**Q.** A skater is using very low-friction rollerblades. A friend throws a Frisbee straight at her. In which case does the Frisbee impart the greatest impulse to the skater:

- (a) she catches the Frisbee and holds it
- (b) she catches it momentarily but drops it
- (c) she catches it and at once throws it back to her friend
- (d) she can't catch it at all

**Ans.:** (c)

**Solution.:** Impulse = change in momentum of the Frisbee.

**(a)** catches and holds it:

Frisbee momentum changes from initial to zero, so impulse =  $m\Delta v$

**(b)** catches momentarily but drops it:

final momentum is not zero (since it drops), so less momentum change.

**(c)** catches and throws it back:

changes Frisbee momentum from initial to opposite direction, so impulse magnitude =  $m(v_f - v_i)$  with sign reversal, which is **larger** than just stopping it.

**(d)** can't catch it:

impulse almost zero relative to her.

**Note:**

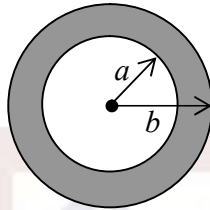
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Q. A hollow spherical shell carries charge density  $\rho = \frac{k}{r^2}$  in the region  $a \leq r \leq b$ .



Then the potential at the center is:

- (a)  $\frac{k}{\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$       (b)  $-\frac{k}{\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$       (c)  $\frac{k}{\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$       (d)  $-\frac{k}{\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$

Ans.: (c)

Solution.:

$$r < a: |\vec{E}| = 0, \quad a < r < b: \vec{E} = \frac{k}{\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{r-a}{r^2}\right) \hat{r}, \quad r > b: \vec{E} = \frac{k}{\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{b-a}{r^2}\right) \hat{r}$$

$$V(0) = -\int_{\infty}^0 \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\int_{\infty}^b \frac{k}{\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{b-a}{r^2}\right) dr - \int_b^a \frac{k}{\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{r-a}{r^2}\right) dr - \int_a^0 (0) dr$$

$$V(0) = \frac{k}{\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{b-a}{b}\right) - \frac{k}{\epsilon_0} \left[ \ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) + a \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b}\right) \right] \Rightarrow V(0) = -\frac{k}{\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \frac{k}{\epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

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**Test Your fiziks concepts!****Topic: Solid State Physics****(For IIT-JAM, JEST, TIFR and CUET Aspirants)**

**Q.** The first maxima for Bragg's diffraction pattern by a crystal is observed at  $30^\circ$  when X-rays wavelength of  $0.32 \text{ nm}$  are used. The distance between the atomic planes is:

- (a)  $0.32 \text{ nm}$                       (b)  $0.48 \text{ nm}$                       (c)  $0.84 \text{ \AA}$                       (d)  $0.48 \text{ \AA}$

**Ans.: (a)**

**Solution.:**  $2d \sin \theta = n\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = 2d \sin 30^\circ \Rightarrow d = \lambda = 0.32 \text{ nm}$                        $\therefore n = 1$

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**Test Your fiziks concepts!****Topic: Mechanics****(For PGT: KVS, NVS, DSSSB, State Education Boards, etc.)**

**Q.** The engine of a rocket in outer space, far from any planet is turned on. The rocket ejects burnt fuel at constant rate. In the first second of firing, it ejects  $1/100$  of its initial mass at relative speed of  $2000\text{ m/s}$ . The initial acceleration of the rocket is:

- (a)  $5\text{ m/s}^2$                       (b)  $-10\text{ m/s}^2$                       (c)  $+20\text{ m/s}^2$                       (d)  $-30\text{ m/s}^2$

**Ans.: (c)**

**Solution.:** Rocket thrust equation: Thrust  $F = v_{\text{exhaust}} \times \frac{dm}{dt}$  and acceleration  $a = \frac{F}{M}$ .

Here  $v_{\text{exhaust}} = 2000\text{ m/s}$ ,  $\Delta m = \frac{1}{100}M_0$  and  $\Delta t = 1\text{ sec}$ , so  $\frac{dm}{dt} \approx \frac{\Delta m}{1\text{ s}} = \frac{M_0}{100}\text{ kg/s}$

Thus  $F = 2000 \times \frac{M_0}{100} = 20M_0\text{ N} \Rightarrow a_0 = \frac{F}{M_0} = 20\text{ m/s}^2$

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