



2020 Sec 4 Physics Assignment Answers
AS13 Static Electricity

Total = 20

- 1 (a) Since unlike charges attract, some electrons in P and Q will move to the left end of P next to the perspex rod, so P has excess negative charge. [1]

This will also result in induced positive charges on the right end of Q. [1]

- (b) P becomes negatively charged / P has net negative charge [1]
 Q becomes positively charged / Q has net positive charge [1]

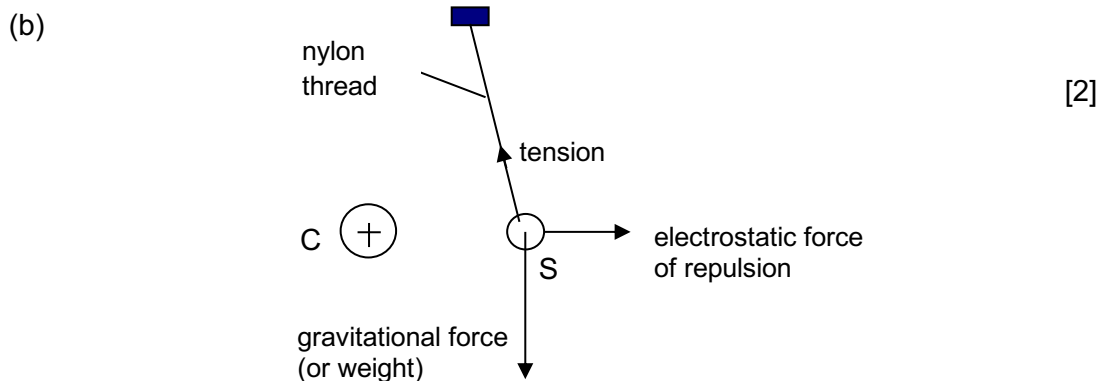
- (c) No. [1]
 There is no contact between the rod and the spheres throughout the whole process. [1]

- 2 (a) (i) The positively charged sphere C induces electrons to the left side of sphere S and induces positive charges on the right side of S. [1]

Since the unlike charges of spheres C and S are closer than the like charges, the force of attraction is stronger than the force of repulsion. [1]
 Hence, sphere S moves towards C due to the net attractive force on S.

- (ii) When S touches C, since unlike charges attract, some electrons from S will move onto C to neutralise some of the positive charges in C. [1]

This will cause sphere S to become positively charged and C will be less positive. Since like charges repel, S will be repelled from C. [1]



- (c) Thermal energy from the flame ionises the air particles around S to produce negative and positive ions. The negative ions will be attracted to S and slowly discharge the excess positive charges on S. [1]

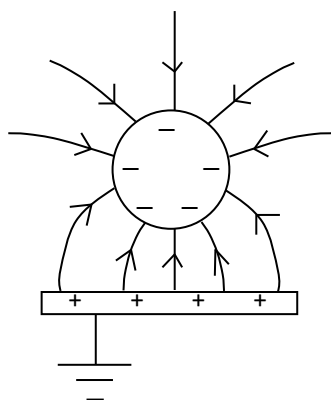
When S is neutralised, it will fall closer to C due to the net force of the tension and the weight. [1]

The charged sphere C will induce charges on S again, causing S to be attracted to C again (as in part (a)(i)). [1]

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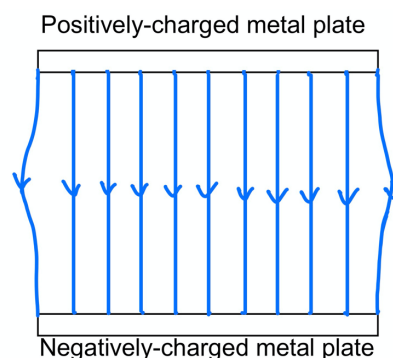
(a) [2]

- Shape of electric field patterns
- Arrow directions on electric field lines
- No crossing of electric field lines
- Sign of charges on objects

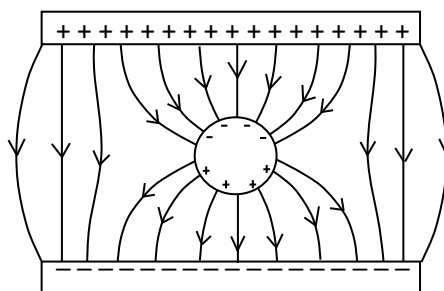


Note: The plate has induced positive charge.

(b) [1] electric field bet. 2 parallel plates



(c) [2]



Note: The sphere has induced positive (at the bottom) & negative (at the top) charges, as electrons flow to the top of the