

CAPACITOR

- 1 Two capacitors of $2\ \mu\text{F}$ and $8\ \mu\text{F}$ are joined in series and a potential difference of 300 volts is applied. Find the charge and potential difference for each capacitor.
[240 V and 60 V]
- 2 A capacitor of $100\ \mu\text{F}$ is charged to a potential difference of 50V. If the plates are then connected in parallel to another capacitor and it is found that the potential difference between its plates falls to 35 volts, what is the capacitance of the second capacitor?
[43 μF]
- 3 Two parallel plates of an air-filled capacitor are 1.0 mm apart. What must the plate area be if the capacitance is 1 nano-farad?
[Ans $0.11\ \text{m}^2$]
- 4 A parallel plate capacitor has the plates $10\text{cm} \times 10\text{cm}$ separated by a distance 2.5 cm. It is initially filled with air. What will be the increase in the capacitance if a dielectric slab of the same area and thickness 2.5cm is placed between the two plates? $\epsilon_r = 2$.
[Ans = $3.54 \times 10^{-12}\ \text{F}$]
- 5 A heart defibrillator delivers $8 \times 10^2\ \text{J}$ of energy by discharging a capacitor initially at $2 \times 10^4\ \text{V}$. What is its capacitance?
[4 μF]
- 6 A capacitor has a capacitance of 50F and it has a charge of 100V. Find the energy that this capacitor holds.
[$2.5 \times 10^5\ \text{J}$]
- 7 Calculate the change in the energy stored in a capacitor of capacitance $1500\ \mu\text{F}$ when the potential difference across the capacitor changes from 10 V to 30 V
[0.3 J]
- 8 When a capacitor is connected to a source of 240 V, it stores a charge of 50 mC. Calculate the energy stored in the capacitor. [hint $V = V_0 e^{-(t/RC)}$] [6 J]
- 9 A capacitor of $1000\ \mu\text{F}$ is with a potential difference of 12 V across it is discharged through a $500\ \Omega$ resistor. Calculate the voltage across the capacitor after 1.5 s
[0.6 V]
- 10 Calculate the time for the potential across a $100\ \mu\text{F}$ capacitor to fall to 80 per cent of its original value if it is discharged through a $20\ \text{k}\Omega$ resistor. [0.5 s]
- 11 A $4000\ \mu\text{F}$ capacitor is charged through a $2.5\ \text{k}\Omega$ resistor using a 15 V supply. Calculate the potential difference across the plates after 5s [5.9 V]
- 12 A $2000\ \mu\text{F}$ capacitor is charged through a $1\ \text{k}\Omega$ resistor using a 6 V supply. Calculate charge on the plates after 2.5

[hint $Q_0 = CV = 2000 \times 10^{-6} \times 6 = 0.012\ \text{C}$, $Q = Q_0 (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$, Ans = $0.0086\ \text{C}$]