

Physics Competitive Exam Notes: Electrostatics & Mechanics

Comprehensive 1-Hour Class Material with Extensive Numericals

CLASS 12 ELECTROSTATICS (1 Hour Session)

PART A: FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS (15 minutes)

1. Electric Charge and Coulomb's Law


Core Theory:

- Charge quantization: $Q = ne$ ($e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C)
- Conservation: Total charge in isolated system remains constant
- Two types: Positive and Negative

Coulomb's Law:

$$F = k(q_1q_2)/r^2 = (1/4\pi\epsilon_0)(q_1q_2)/r^2$$

Constants: $k = 9 \times 10^9$ N·m²/C², $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$ C²/N·m²

 **Vector Form:** $F_{12} = k(q_1q_2)/r^2 \times \hat{r}_{12}$

NUMERICAL PROBLEMS SET 1: Basic Coulomb's Law

Problem 1 (KCET Style): Two point charges $+3\mu\text{C}$ and $+5\mu\text{C}$ are separated by 2m in air. Calculate the force between them.

Solution:

Given: $q_1 = 3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$, $q_2 = 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}$, $r = 2\text{m}$

$$F = k(q_1q_2)/r^2$$

$$F = (9 \times 10^9)(3 \times 10^{-6})(5 \times 10^{-6})/(2)^2$$

$$F = (9 \times 15 \times 10^{-3})/4 = 0.03375 \text{ N} = 3.375 \times 10^{-2} \text{ N}$$

Problem 2 (NEET Style): Three charges $+2\mu\text{C}$, $-3\mu\text{C}$, and $+1\mu\text{C}$ are placed at corners of an equilateral triangle of side 10cm . Find net force on $+1\mu\text{C}$ charge.

Solution:

Step 1: Force due to $+2\mu\text{C}$ on $+1\mu\text{C}$

$$F_1 = k(2 \times 10^{-6})(1 \times 10^{-6})/(0.1)^2 = 1.8 \text{ N (repulsive)}$$

Step 2: Force due to $-3\mu\text{C}$ on $+1\mu\text{C}$

$$F_2 = k(3 \times 10^{-6})(1 \times 10^{-6})/(0.1)^2 = 2.7 \text{ N (attractive)}$$

Step 3: Vector addition (60° between forces)

$$F_{\text{net}} = \sqrt{F_1^2 + F_2^2 + 2F_1F_2\cos 60^\circ}$$

$$F_{\text{net}} = \sqrt{1.8^2 + 2.7^2 + 2 \times 1.8 \times 2.7 \times 0.5} = 3.89 \text{ N}$$

Problem 3 (JEE Style): Four identical charges Q are placed at four corners of a square of side ' a '. Find the force on one charge due to the other three.

Solution:

Force due to adjacent charges: $F_{\text{adj}} = kQ^2/a^2$ each (2 charges)

Force due to opposite charge: $F_{\text{opp}} = kQ^2/(a\sqrt{2})^2 = kQ^2/(2a^2)$

Resultant of two adjacent forces: $F_{\text{res}} = \sqrt{2} \times kQ^2/a^2$

Net force = $F_{\text{res}} + F_{\text{opp}} = kQ^2/a^2(\sqrt{2} + 1/2)$

$F_{\text{net}} = kQ^2/a^2 \times (\sqrt{2} + 0.5) = 1.914 kQ^2/a^2$

2. Electric Field Concepts

Definition: $E = F/q_0$ (force per unit positive charge)

Point Charge: $E = kQ/r^2$ (magnitude), Direction: radially outward (+ve), inward (-ve)

Principle of Superposition: $E_{\text{net}} = E_1 + E_2 + E_3 + \dots$



NUMERICAL PROBLEMS SET 2: Electric Field

Problem 4 (KCET Style): Calculate electric field at a point 30cm away from a $+5\mu\text{C}$ point charge.

Solution:

$$E = kQ/r^2 = (9 \times 10^9)(5 \times 10^{-6})/(0.3)^2$$

$$E = 45 \times 10^3/0.09 = 5 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C}$$

Problem 5 (NEET Style): Two charges $+8\mu\text{C}$ and $-2\mu\text{C}$ are separated by 15cm. Find the point where electric field is zero.

Solution:

Let the point be at distance x from $+8\mu\text{C}$ charge

$$E_1 = k(8 \times 10^{-6})/x^2 \quad \text{and} \quad E_2 = k(2 \times 10^{-6})/(0.15-x)^2$$

For $E_{\text{net}} = 0$: $E_1 = E_2$

$$8/x^2 = 2/(0.15-x)^2$$

$$\sqrt{8/2} = x/(0.15-x)$$

$$2x = 0.15-x$$

$$3x = 0.15$$

$$x = 0.05\text{m} = 5\text{cm from } +8\mu\text{C charge}$$

Problem 6 (JEE Style): An electric dipole consists of charges $+q$ and $-q$ separated by distance $2a$. Find electric field at a point on the axis at distance r from center ($r \gg a$).

Solution:

$$E_+ = kq/(r-a)^2 \quad (\text{away from center})$$

$$E_- = kq/(r+a)^2 \quad (\text{towards center})$$

$$E_{\text{net}} = kq[(1/(r-a)^2) - (1/(r+a)^2)]$$

For $r \gg a$: Use binomial approximation

$$E_{\text{net}} \approx kq[(1/r^2)(1+2a/r) - (1/r^2)(1-2a/r)]$$

$$E_{\text{net}} = kq(4a/r^3) = k(2p)/r^3 \quad \text{where } p = q \times 2a$$

3. Electric Potential and Potential Energy

Electric Potential: $V = kQ/r$ (scalar quantity) **Potential Energy:** $U = qV = kQq/r$ **Relationship:** $E = -\nabla V$ ($E = -dV/dr$ for radial field)



NUMERICAL PROBLEMS SET 3: Electric Potential

Problem 7 (KCET Style): Find the potential at a point 25cm away from a $+4\mu\text{C}$ charge.

Solution:

$$V = kQ/r = (9 \times 10^9)(4 \times 10^{-6})/(0.25)$$

$$V = 36 \times 10^3 / 0.25 = 1.44 \times 10^5 \text{ V} = 144 \text{ kV}$$

Problem 8 (NEET Style): Two charges $+6\mu\text{C}$ and $-4\mu\text{C}$ are separated by 50cm. Find potential at the midpoint.

Solution:

$$V_1 = k(6 \times 10^{-6})/(0.25) = 2.16 \times 10^5 \text{ V}$$

$$V_2 = k(-4 \times 10^{-6})/(0.25) = -1.44 \times 10^5 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{\text{net}} = V_1 + V_2 = 2.16 \times 10^5 - 1.44 \times 10^5 = 0.72 \times 10^5 \text{ V} = 72 \text{ kV}$$

Problem 9 (JEE Style): A charge q is moved from infinity to a point in an electric field. If work done is W , find the potential at that point.

Solution:

Work done = Change in potential energy

$$W = U_{\text{final}} - U_{\text{initial}} = qV - 0 = qV$$

$$\text{Therefore: } V = W/q$$

4. Gauss's Law and Applications

Gauss's Law: $\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = Q_{\text{enclosed}}/\epsilon_0$

Key Results:

- **Infinite line charge:** $E = \lambda/(2\pi\epsilon_0 r)$
- **Infinite plane sheet:** $E = \sigma/(2\epsilon_0)$
- **Spherical conductor:** $E = 0$ (inside), $E = kQ/r^2$ (outside)
- **Solid sphere:** $E = kQr/R^3$ (inside), $E = kQ/r^2$ (outside)



NUMERICAL PROBLEMS SET 4: Gauss's Law

Problem 10 (NEET Style): An infinite line charge has linear charge density 10^{-6} C/m. Find electric field at 5cm distance.

Solution:

$$E = \lambda/(2\pi\epsilon_0 r) = \lambda k'/(r) \text{ where } k' = 1/(2\pi\epsilon_0) = 18 \times 10^9$$

$$E = (18 \times 10^9)(10^{-6})/(0.05) = 3.6 \times 10^5 \text{ N/C}$$

Problem 11 (JEE Style): A uniformly charged sphere of radius R has total charge Q . Find electric field at distance r from center when: (a) $r < R$ (b) $r > R$

Solution:

(a) For $r < R$ (inside sphere):

$$\text{Charge enclosed} = Q(r^3/R^3)$$

$$E \times 4\pi r^2 = Q(r^3/R^3)/\epsilon_0$$

$$E = Qr/(4\pi\epsilon_0 R^3) = kQr/R^3$$

(b) For $r > R$ (outside sphere):

$$E = Q/(4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2) = kQ/r^2$$

5. Capacitors and Capacitance

Definition: $C = Q/V$

Parallel Plate Capacitor: $C = \epsilon_0 A/d$

Combinations:

- **Series:** $1/C_{eq} = 1/C_1 + 1/C_2 + 1/C_3$
- **Parallel:** $C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

Energy: $U = \frac{1}{2}CV^2 = \frac{1}{2}QV = Q^2/(2C)$

With Dielectric: $C' = KC$ ($K =$ dielectric constant)



NUMERICAL PROBLEMS SET 5: Capacitors

Problem 12 (KCET Style): A parallel plate capacitor has plates of area 200 cm^2 separated by 2 mm . Find its capacitance in air.

Solution:

$$C = \epsilon_0 A/d = (8.85 \times 10^{-12})(200 \times 10^{-4})/(2 \times 10^{-3})$$

$$C = (8.85 \times 10^{-12})(0.02)/(0.002) = 8.85 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F} = 88.5 \text{ pF}$$

Problem 13 (NEET Style): Three capacitors $2 \mu\text{F}$, $4 \mu\text{F}$, and $6 \mu\text{F}$ are connected in series. Find equivalent capacitance.

Solution:

$$1/C_{eq} = 1/2 + 1/4 + 1/6 = (6+3+2)/12 = 11/12$$

$$C_{eq} = 12/11 \mu\text{F} = 1.09 \mu\text{F}$$

Problem 14 (JEE Style): A $5\mu\text{F}$ capacitor is charged to 100V .

Calculate: (a) Charge stored (b) Energy stored (c) If connected to an identical uncharged capacitor, find final energy.

Solution:

$$(a) Q = CV = 5 \times 10^{-6} \times 100 = 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C} = 500 \mu\text{C}$$

$$(b) U = \frac{1}{2}CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 10^{-6} \times (100)^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ J} = 25 \text{ mJ}$$

(c) When connected in parallel:

Total charge = $500 \mu\text{C}$ (conserved)

Total capacitance = $5 + 5 = 10 \mu\text{F}$

Final voltage = $Q/C = 500 \times 10^{-6} / 10 \times 10^{-6} = 50\text{V}$

Final energy = $\frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times 10^{-6} \times (50)^2 = 1.25 \times 10^{-2} \text{ J} = 12.5 \text{ mJ}$

Energy lost = $25 - 12.5 = 12.5 \text{ mJ}$

6. Electric Dipole in Detail

Dipole Moment: $p = q \times 2a$ (from $-q$ to $+q$)

Potential: $V = (1/4\pi\epsilon_0) \times (p \cdot \hat{r})/r^2 = kp \cos \theta/r^2$

Electric Field:

- **On axis:** $E = 2kp/r^3$
- **On equatorial line:** $E = kp/r^3$
- **General:** $E_r = 2kp \cos \theta/r^3$, $E_\theta = kp \sin \theta/r^3$

Torque: $\tau = p \times E$

Potential Energy: $U = -p \cdot E = -pE \cos \theta$



NUMERICAL PROBLEMS SET 6: Electric Dipole

Problem 15 (NEET Style): An electric dipole has charges $\pm 4 \times 10^{-6}$ C separated by 6cm. Calculate dipole moment and potential at 30cm on the axis.

Solution:

$$p = q \times 2a = 4 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.06 = 2.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}\cdot\text{m}$$

$$V = 2kp/r^2 = 2 \times 9 \times 10^9 \times 2.4 \times 10^{-7} / (0.3)^2$$

$$V = 4.32 \times 10^3 / 0.09 = 4.8 \times 10^4 \text{ V} = 48 \text{ kV}$$

Problem 16 (JEE Style): A dipole with moment 2×10^{-6} C·m is placed in uniform field 5×10^5 N/C. Find: (a) Maximum torque (b) Work done to rotate from $\theta = 0^\circ$ to $\theta = 90^\circ$.

Solution:

$$(a) \tau_{\text{max}} = pE \text{ (when } \theta = 90^\circ)$$

$$\tau_{\text{max}} = 2 \times 10^{-6} \times 5 \times 10^5 = 1 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$$

$$(b) W = U_{\text{final}} - U_{\text{initial}} = -pE \cos(90^\circ) - (-pE \cos(0^\circ))$$

$$W = 0 - (-pE) = pE = 2 \times 10^{-6} \times 5 \times 10^5 = 1 \text{ J}$$



CLASS 11 MECHANICS (1 Hour Session)



PART B: KINEMATICS (20 minutes)

1. Motion in Straight Line

Equations of Motion:

1. $v = u + at$

2. $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

3. $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$

4. $s = (u + v)t/2$

Advanced Relations:

- $s_{nth} = u + a/2(2n-1)$ (displacement in nth second)
- Average velocity = Total displacement/Total time

NUMERICAL PROBLEMS SET 7: Linear Motion

Problem 17 (KCET Style): A car accelerates from rest at 2 m/s^2 for 10 seconds. Find: (a) Final velocity (b) Distance covered.

Solution:

Given: $u = 0$, $a = 2 \text{ m/s}^2$, $t = 10\text{s}$

(a) $v = u + at = 0 + 2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ m/s}$

(b) $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times (10)^2 = 100 \text{ m}$

Problem 18 (NEET Style): A stone is dropped from height h . Another stone is thrown downward with velocity u from same height after time t_1 . When do they meet?

Solution:

For dropped stone: $y_1 = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$ (distance fallen)

For thrown stone: $y_2 = u(t-t_1) + \frac{1}{2}g(t-t_1)^2$ (distance fallen)

When they meet: $y_1 = y_2$

$$\frac{1}{2}gt^2 = u(t-t_1) + \frac{1}{2}g(t-t_1)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}gt^2 = u(t-t_1) + \frac{1}{2}g(t^2 - 2tt_1 + t_1^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}gt^2 = u(t-t_1) + \frac{1}{2}gt^2 - gt t_1 + \frac{1}{2}gt_1^2$$

$$0 = u(t-t_1) - gt t_1 + \frac{1}{2}gt_1^2$$

$$gt t_1 = u(t-t_1) + \frac{1}{2}gt_1^2$$

$$t = (ut_1 + \frac{1}{2}gt_1^2)/(u + gt_1)$$

2. Projectile Motion

Key Equations:

- **Time of flight:** $T = 2u \sin \theta/g$
- **Maximum height:** $H = u^2 \sin^2 \theta/(2g)$
- **Range:** $R = u^2 \sin 2\theta/g$
- **Trajectory:** $y = x \tan \theta - gx^2/(2u^2 \cos^2 \theta)$



NUMERICAL PROBLEMS SET 8: Projectile Motion

Problem 19 (NEET Style): A projectile is fired at 45° with velocity 50 m/s. Find: (a) Time of flight (b) Maximum height (c) Range.

Solution:

Given: $u = 50 \text{ m/s}$, $\theta = 45^\circ$, $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$

(a) $T = 2u \sin \theta / g = 2 \times 50 \times \sin 45^\circ / 10 = 2 \times 50 \times (1/\sqrt{2}) / 10 = 5\sqrt{2} \approx 7.07 \text{ s}$

(b) $H = u^2 \sin^2 \theta / (2g) = (50)^2 \times (\sin 45^\circ)^2 / (2 \times 10) = 2500 \times (1/2) / (20) = 62.5 \text{ m}$

(c) $R = u^2 \sin 2\theta / g = (50)^2 \times \sin 90^\circ / 10 = 2500 \times 1 / 10 = 250 \text{ m}$

Problem 20 (JEE Style): A ball is thrown horizontally from height 80m with velocity 20 m/s. Find: (a) Time to reach ground (b) Horizontal distance (c) Velocity when it hits ground.

Solution:

(a) Vertical motion: $h = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$

$80 = \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times t^2 \Rightarrow t = 4 \text{ s}$

(b) Horizontal distance = $u_x \times t = 20 \times 4 = 80 \text{ m}$

(c) $v_x = 20 \text{ m/s}$ (remains constant)

$v_y = gt = 10 \times 4 = 40 \text{ m/s}$

$|v| = \sqrt{(v_x)^2 + (v_y)^2} = \sqrt{(20)^2 + (40)^2} = \sqrt{(400 + 1600)} = \sqrt{2000} = 20\sqrt{5} \approx 44.7 \text{ m/s}$

PART C: LAWS OF MOTION (15 minutes)

Newton's Laws and Applications

Newton's Second Law: $F = ma$ (vector form)

Friction:

- Static: $f_s \leq \mu_s N$
- Kinetic: $f_k = \mu_k N$

Constraint Relations: For connected bodies, accelerations are related

NUMERICAL PROBLEMS SET 9: Force and Motion

Problem 21 (KCET Style): A 5kg block is pulled by 30N force at 37° to horizontal. If $\mu = 0.3$, find acceleration. ($\cos 37^\circ = 0.8$, $\sin 37^\circ = 0.6$)

Solution:

Forces analysis:

$$\text{Horizontal component: } F_x = 30 \times 0.8 = 24 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Vertical component: } F_y = 30 \times 0.6 = 18 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Normal force: } N = mg - F_y = 5 \times 10 - 18 = 32 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Friction force: } f = \mu N = 0.3 \times 32 = 9.6 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Net horizontal force} = F_x - f = 24 - 9.6 = 14.4 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Acceleration} = F_{\text{net}}/m = 14.4/5 = 2.88 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Problem 22 (JEE Style): Two blocks of masses 2kg and 3kg are connected by a string passing over a pulley. Find acceleration of the system and tension in string.

Solution:

Let a = acceleration, T = tension

For 3kg block (downward): $3g - T = 3a$

For 2kg block (upward): $T - 2g = 2a$

Adding equations: $3g - 2g = 3a + 2a$

$$g = 5a \Rightarrow a = g/5 = 2 \text{ m/s}^2$$

From second equation: $T = 2g + 2a = 2 \times 10 + 2 \times 2 = 24 \text{ N}$

PART D: WORK, ENERGY AND POWER (15 minutes)

Energy Conservation and Work-Energy Theorem

Work: $W = F \cdot s \cdot \cos \theta = Fs \cos \theta$

Kinetic Energy: $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

Potential Energy:

- Gravitational: $PE = mgh$
- Elastic: $PE = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

Work-Energy Theorem: $W_{\text{net}} = \Delta KE$

Power: $P = W/t = F \cdot v$

NUMERICAL PROBLEMS SET 10: Work and Energy

Problem 23 (NEET Style): A 2kg object moves from rest under constant force 10N for 5m. Find: (a) Work done (b) Final velocity (c) Power at end.

Solution:

(a) Work done = $F \times s = 10 \times 5 = 50 \text{ J}$

(b) Using work-energy theorem: $W = \Delta KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - 0$
 $50 = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times v^2 \Rightarrow v = 5\sqrt{2} \approx 7.07 \text{ m/s}$

Alternative: $a = F/m = 10/2 = 5 \text{ m/s}^2$

$v^2 = u^2 + 2as = 0 + 2 \times 5 \times 5 = 50 \Rightarrow v = 5\sqrt{2} \text{ m/s}$

(c) Power = $F \cdot v = 10 \times 5\sqrt{2} = 50\sqrt{2} \approx 70.7 \text{ W}$

Problem 24 (JEE Style): A spring with $k = 200 \text{ N/m}$ is compressed by 10cm . Find: (a) Potential energy stored (b) Velocity of 0.5kg mass when released from compression.

Solution:

(a) $PE = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 200 \times (0.1)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 200 \times 0.01 = 1 \text{ J}$

(b) Using energy conservation: $PE = KE$

$\frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

$kx^2 = mv^2$

$v = x\sqrt{(k/m)} = 0.1 \times \sqrt{(200/0.5)} = 0.1 \times \sqrt{400} = 0.1 \times 20 = 2 \text{ m/s}$

PART E: ROTATIONAL MECHANICS (10 minutes)

Moment of Inertia and Rotational Motion

Key Moments of Inertia:

- Rod (center): $I = ML^2/12$
- Rod (end): $I = ML^2/3$

- Ring: $I = MR^2$
- Disc: $I = MR^2/2$
- Sphere: $I = 2MR^2/5$

Rotational KE: $KE_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$

Rolling Motion: $KE_{\text{total}} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2(1 + I/mR^2)$



NUMERICAL PROBLEMS SET 11: Rotation

Problem 25 (NEET Style): A solid disc of mass 2kg and radius 0.5m rolls down an incline of height 5m. Find velocity at bottom.

Solution:

Energy conservation: $mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$

For rolling: $v = \omega R$, so $\omega = v/R$

For disc: $I = \frac{1}{2}mR^2$

$$mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times (\frac{1}{2}mR^2) \times (v/R)^2$$

$$mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{4}mv^2$$

$$mgh = \frac{3}{4}mv^2$$

$$v^2 = \frac{4gh}{3} = \frac{4 \times 10 \times 5}{3} = \frac{200}{3}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{200}{3}} = 10\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \approx 8.16 \text{ m/s}$$

Problem 26 (JEE Style): A rod of length 2m and mass 3kg rotates about an axis through its center. If angular velocity is 10 rad/s, find rotational kinetic energy.

Solution:

$$I = ML^2/12 = 3 \times (2)^2/12 = 3 \times 4/12 = 1 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$$

$$KE_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times (10)^2 = 50 \text{ J}$$

ADVANCED PROBLEM SETS

CHALLENGING NUMERICALS

Problem 27 (JEE Advanced Style): A charge +Q is distributed uniformly on a ring of radius R. Find electric field at distance x on the axis.

Solution:

Consider element dq on ring at angle θ

$$dE = k(dq)/r^2 \text{ where } r = \sqrt{x^2 + R^2}$$

$$\text{Component along axis: } dE_x = dE \times \cos \alpha = dE \times x/\sqrt{x^2 + R^2}$$

$$E_x = \int (k(dq)x)/(x^2 + R^2)^{3/2} = (kQx)/(x^2 + R^2)^{3/2}$$

Special cases:

- At center ($x = 0$): $E = 0$

- At $x \gg R$: $E \approx kQ/x^2$ (point charge)

Problem 28 (NEET Advanced): A satellite orbits Earth at height h above surface. If Earth's radius is R, find orbital velocity.

Solution:

For circular orbit: Gravitational force = Centripetal force

$$GMm/(R+h)^2 = mv^2/(R+h)$$

$$v^2 = GM/(R+h)$$

$$\text{At surface: } g = GM/R^2 \Rightarrow GM = gR^2$$

$$v = \sqrt{gR^2/(R+h)} = R\sqrt{g/(R+h)}$$

$$\text{For } h \ll R: v \approx \sqrt{gR} = \sqrt{(10 \times 6.4 \times 10^6)} = 8 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s} = 8 \text{ km/s}$$



COMPETITIVE EXAM PATTERNS



TOPIC-WISE WEIGHTAGE

NEET Physics:

- **Electrostatics:** 3-4 questions (12-16 marks)
- **Mechanics:** 8-10 questions (32-40 marks)

JEE Main:

- **Electrostatics:** 2-3 questions
- **Mechanics:** 7-8 questions

KCET:

- **Electrostatics:** 4-5 questions
- **Mechanics:** 15-18 questions



RAPID FIRE QUESTIONS

Quick Solve (30 seconds each):

1. **Q:** If charge is doubled and distance is halved, force becomes?
A: 16 times ($\propto q^2/r^2$)
 2. **Q:** Equipotential surfaces are always _____ to electric field lines.
A: Perpendicular
 3. **Q:** Inside a conductor in electrostatic equilibrium, $E = ?$ **A:** Zero
 4. **Q:** Capacitance of parallel plate capacitor is doubled when? **A:** Area doubled OR distance halved OR dielectric inserted
 5. **Q:** For projectile motion, range is maximum at angle? **A:** 45°
 6. **Q:** Rolling sphere $KE = \text{translational } KE \times ?$ **A:** 1.4 (since total = $1.4 \times \frac{1}{2}mv^2$)
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LAST MINUTE REVISION

FORMULA FLASH CARDS

Electrostatics:

- $F = kq_1q_2/r^2$
- $E = kQ/r^2$
- $V = kQ/r$
- $C = \epsilon_0 A/d$
- $U = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$
- $\tau = p \times E$ (dipole)

Mechanics:

- $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$
- $R = u^2 \sin 2\theta / g$
- $F = ma$
- $W = F \cdot s$
- $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
- $I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$ (disc)

SUCCESS MANTRAS

1. **Always draw diagrams** for electrostatics problems
2. **Check dimensions** of your final answer
3. **Use energy conservation** when possible - it's faster
4. **For multiple choice** - eliminate wrong options first
5. **Approximate** when exact calculation is time-consuming

Time Allocation for 1-hour exam:

- Easy (40%): 24 minutes
- Medium (40%): 24 minutes
- Difficult (20%): 12 minutes

Remember: Accuracy > Speed. Master these numericals and you'll dominate competitive exams! 