

A solid sphere and a hollow sphere of the same material and of equal radii are heated to the same temperature.

- (a) Both will emit equal amount of radiation per unit time in the beginning.
- (b) Both will absorb equal amount of radiation from the surrounding in the beginning.
- (c) The initial rate of cooling ( $dT/dt$ ) will be the same for the two spheres.
- (d) The two spheres will have equal temperatures at any instant.

Let the surrounding temperature be  $T_0$ .

By Stefan's - Boltzmann law, thermal radiation energy emitted per unit time by a black body of surface area  $A$  is  $u = \sigma AT^4$

Also, energy absorbed per unit time is  $u_0 = \sigma AT_0^4$

As the two spheres have equal radii ( $\Rightarrow$  equal area) and equal temperature. Hence, their initial amount of emission and absorption will be equal.

Hence, option (a) and (b) are correct.