

Ten charges are placed on the circumference of a circle of radius R with constant angular separation between successive charges. Alternate charges 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 have charge $(+q)$ each, while 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 have charge $(-q)$ each. The potential V and the electric field E at the centre of the circle are respectively :

(Take $V=0$ at infinity)

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(a) $V = \frac{10q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}; E = 0$

(b) $V = 0; E = \frac{10q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}$

(c) $V = 0; E = 0$

(d) $V = \frac{10q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}; E = \frac{10q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}$

(c) Potential at the centre, $V_C = \frac{KQ_{\text{net}}}{R}$

$$\therefore Q_{\text{net}} = 0$$

$$\therefore V_C = 0$$

Let E be electric field produced by each charge at the centre, then resultant electric field will be $E_C = 0$, since equal electric field vectors are acting at equal angle so their resultant is equal to zero.

