

A thin spherical insulating shell of radius R carries a uniformly distributed charge such that the potential at its surface is V_0 . A hole with small area $\alpha 4\pi R^2$ ($\alpha \ll 1$) is made on the shell without affecting the rest of the shell. Which one of the following statement is correct?

- A** The ratio of the potential at the centre of the shell to that of the point at $\frac{1}{2}R$ from center towards the hole will be $\frac{1 - \alpha}{1 - 2\alpha}$
- B** The potential at the centre of shell is reduced by $2\alpha V_0$
- C** The magnitude of electric field at the centre of the shell is reduced by $\frac{\alpha V_0}{2R}$
- D** The magnitude of electric field at a point, located on a line passing through the hole and shell's center, on a distance $2R$ from the center of the spherical shell will be reduced by $\frac{\alpha V_0}{2R}$

Correct option is A)

Given V at surface

$$V_0 = \frac{KQ}{R}$$

V at C

$$V_C = \frac{KQ}{R} - \frac{K\alpha Q}{R} = V_0(1 - \alpha)$$

V at B

$$V_B = \frac{KQ}{R} - \frac{K(\alpha Q)}{R/2} = V_0(1 - 2\alpha)$$

$$\therefore \frac{V_C}{V_B} = \frac{1 - \alpha}{1 - 2\alpha}$$

E at A

$$E_A = \frac{KQ}{(2R)^2} - \frac{K\alpha Q}{R^2} = \frac{KQ}{4R^2} - \frac{\alpha V_0}{R}$$

So reduced by $\frac{\alpha V_0}{R}$

E at C

$$E_C = \frac{K(\alpha Q)}{R^2} = \frac{\alpha V_0}{R}$$

So increased by $\frac{\alpha V_0}{R}$.

