

Positive and negative point charges of equal magnitude are kept at  $\left(0, 0, \frac{a}{2}\right)$  and  $\left(0, 0, -\frac{a}{2}\right)$  respectively. The work done by the electric field when another positive point charge is moved from  $(-a, 0, 0)$  to  $(0, a, 0)$  is **[2007]**

- (a) positive
- (b) negative
- (c) zero
- (d) depends on the path connecting the initial and final positions

(c) Two charges make an electric dipole.  $A$  and  $B$  points lie on the equatorial plane of the dipole.

$\therefore$  Potential at  $A$ ,  $V_A =$  potential at  $B$ ,  $V_B = 0$

Hence, work done  $W = q (V_A - V_B) = q \times 0 = 0$

