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Answers of Assignments-3

Class: VIII

Sub: Physics

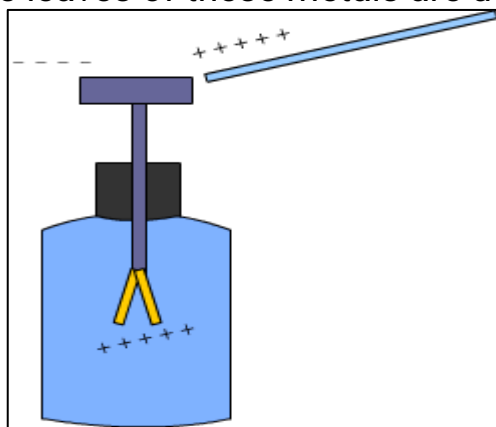
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Topic: Some natural phenomena

I. Answers:

1. Describe the construction and working of an electroscope.

ANS: Electroscope is a simple device which is used to test the presence of charge in an object. The gold-leaf electroscope was developed in 1787 by a British scientist named Abraham Bennet. Gold and silver are among the best conductors of electric current and hence leaves of these metals are used in electroscopes.



Structure of Electroscope: It is made of a glass jar. A vertical brass rod is inserted into the jar through a cork. The top of the brass rod has a horizontal brass rod or a brass disc. Two gold leaves are suspended from the brass rod; inside the jar.

Working of Electroscope: When the brass disc of the electroscope is touched with a charged object, electric charge gets transferred to the gold leaf through the rod. This results in the gold leaves moving away from each other. This happens because both the leaves have similar charges.

2. What is the process for discharging an electroscope for next use?

ANS: electroscope will have to be connected by a conducting pathway to another object that is capable of receiving those electrons. This process of grounding works because excess electrons find each other repulsive or in contact with our hand we can discharge an electroscope.

3. Define discharging.

ANS: When a charged object comes in contact with a body which is not charged, electric charges jump from the charged body to the uncharged body till the charges on the two bodies are equalized. This process is referred to as discharging.

4. Explain the charging object by conduction.

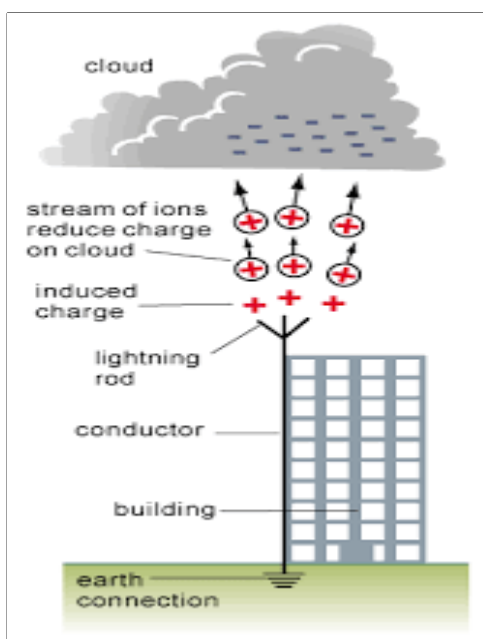
ANS: Charging by conduction involves the contact of a charged object to a neutral object. Hence when an uncharged conductor is brought in contact with a charged conductor, charge is shared between the two conductors and hence the uncharged conductor gets charged.

5. Define earthing.

ANS: The process of discharging atmospheric electricity through a metallic conductor into the earth.

6. Explain how a lightning conductor works.

Ans: Lightning conductor is a device used to protect buildings from the damaging effects of lightning. It is made of a thick strip of metal. Lightning conductor is made of a thick metal rod. The top end of the lightning conductor is pointed like a sharp spike and fixed on the highest point of the building; the lower end is joined to the metal plate and buried deep inside the ground. If lightning strikes it hits the top of the conductor instead of the building, then the lightning conductor provides an easy and direct path for the lightning bolt to pass to the ground without affecting the building.



7. Explain briefly how lightning occurs.

Ans: : A cloud is a visible mass of condensed water vapour floating in the atmosphere. When a storm develops the strong winds move up through the cloud .The strong winds make water droplets rub against each other, this rubbing produces extremely large electric charges. The smaller water droplets acquire positive charge and being lighter move up with the help of rising winds, the larger water droplets being heavy acquire negative charge. When the accumulation of charges becomes sufficiently large it starts flowing through air with high speed which is sufficient to break the insulation of air. As a result, negative and positive charges meet, producing streaks of bright light and sound. This process is called an electric discharge (lightning).

