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• Down/left along diagonal [Up/right along diagonal].

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$$V_A = k \frac{9nC}{6m} + k \frac{7nC}{8m} = 13.50V + 7.88V = 21.4V.$$

 $[V_B = k \frac{9nC}{8m} + k \frac{7nC}{6m} = 10.1V + 10.5V = 20.6V].$







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(a) Gauss' law implies that

$$Q_1 = -Q_2 = +5nC [Q_1 = -Q_2 = -4nC].$$

(b) $E_A = k \frac{5nC}{(4cm)^2} = 28.1 \times 10^3 N/C$ (right)
 $[E_A = k \frac{4nC}{(4cm)^2} = 22.5 \times 10^3 N/C$ (left)].
(c) $E_B = k \frac{2nC}{(12cm)^2} = 1.25 \times 10^3 N/C$ (right)
 $[E_B = k \frac{3nC}{(12cm)^2} = 1.88 \times 10^3 N/C$ (left)]





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(a)
$$F_x = 0$$
, $F_y = qE = 10$ mN
 $[F_x = 0, F_y = qE = 12$ mN].

(b)
$$v_x = v_0 = 4$$
m/s, $v_y = \frac{F_y}{m}t = 5$ m/s
 $[v_x = v_0 = 5$ m/s, $v_y = \frac{F_y}{m}t = 9$ m/s].

(c)
$$K = \frac{1}{2} (3 \times 10^{-3} \text{kg}) [(4\text{m/s})^2 + (5\text{m/s})^2] = 61.5 \text{mJ}$$

 $[K = \frac{1}{2} (2 \times 10^{-3} \text{kg}) [(5\text{m/s})^2 + (9\text{m/s})^2] = 106 \text{mJ}].$

