

41. We find the initial charge on the  $7.7\text{-}\mu\text{F}$  capacitor when it is connected to the battery:

$$Q = C_1 V = (7.7\text{ }\mu\text{F})(125\text{ V}) = 962.5\text{ }\mu\text{C}.$$

When  $C_1$  is disconnected from the battery and then connected to  $C_2$ , some charge will flow from  $C_1$  to  $C_2$ . The flow will stop when the voltage across the two capacitors is the same:

$$V_1 = V_2 = 15\text{ V}.$$

Because charge is conserved, we have

$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2.$$

We find the charge remaining on  $C_1$  from

$$Q_1 = C_1 V_1 = (7.7\text{ }\mu\text{F})(15\text{ V}) = 115.5\text{ }\mu\text{C}.$$

The charge on  $C_2$  is

$$Q_2 = Q - Q_1 = 962.5\text{ }\mu\text{C} - 115.5\text{ }\mu\text{C} = 847\text{ }\mu\text{C}.$$

We find the value of  $C_2$  from

$$Q_2 = C_2 V_2;$$

$$847\text{ }\mu\text{C} = C_2(15\text{ V}), \text{ which gives } C_2 = \boxed{56\text{ }\mu\text{F}}.$$

42. We find the initial charges on the capacitors:

$$Q_1 = C_1 V_1 = (2.50\text{ }\mu\text{F})(1000\text{ V}) = 2500\text{ }\mu\text{C};$$

$$Q_2 = C_2 V_2 = (6.80\text{ }\mu\text{F})(650\text{ V}) = 4420\text{ }\mu\text{C}.$$

When the capacitors are connected, some charge will flow from  $C_2$  to  $C_1$  until the potential difference across the two capacitors is the same:

$$V_1' = V_2' = V.$$

Because charge is conserved, we have

$$Q = Q_1' + Q_2' = Q_1 + Q_2 = 2500\text{ }\mu\text{C} + 4420\text{ }\mu\text{C} = 6920\text{ }\mu\text{C}.$$

For the two capacitors we have

$$Q_1' = C_1 V, \text{ and } Q_2' = C_2 V.$$

When we add these, we get

$$Q_1' + Q_2' = Q = (C_1 + C_2)V;$$

$$6920\text{ }\mu\text{C} = (2.50\text{ }\mu\text{F} + 6.80\text{ }\mu\text{F})V, \text{ which gives } V = \boxed{744\text{ V}}.$$

The charge on  $C_1$  is

$$Q_1' = C_1 V = (2.50\text{ }\mu\text{F})(744\text{ V}) = 1.86 \times 10^3\text{ }\mu\text{C} = \boxed{1.86 \times 10^{-3}\text{ C}}.$$

The charge on  $C_2$  is

$$Q_2' = C_2 V = (6.80\text{ }\mu\text{F})(744\text{ V}) = 5.06 \times 10^3\text{ }\mu\text{C} = \boxed{5.06 \times 10^{-3}\text{ C}}.$$

43. The energy stored in the capacitor is

$$U = \frac{1}{2} C V^2 = \frac{1}{2} (7200 \times 10^{-12}\text{ F})(550\text{ V})^2 = \boxed{1.09 \times 10^{-3}\text{ J}}.$$

44. We find the capacitance from

$$U = \frac{1}{2} C V^2;$$

$$200\text{ J} = \frac{1}{2} C (6000\text{ V})^2, \text{ which gives } C = 1.1 \times 10^{-5}\text{ F} = \boxed{11\text{ }\mu\text{F}}.$$