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A + charged object is placed near a conductor attached to an insulating pedestal (a). After the opposite side of the conductor is grounded for a short time (b), the conductor becomes negatively charged (c). Based on this information, we can conclude that within the conductor

1. both + and - charges move freely
2. only - charges move freely
3. only + charges move freely
4. We can't really conclude anything

