Gravitation – Multiple Choice

1. The rate of change of momentum of a body falling freely under gravity is equal to its

A weight.

B power.

C kinetic energy.

D potential energy.

(Total 1 mark)

2. Two protons are 1.0×10^{-14} m apart. Approximately how many times is the electrostatic force between them greater than the gravitational force between them?

A 10^{23}

B 10^{30}

C 10^{36}

D 10^{42}

(Total 2 marks)

3. When at the surface of the Earth, a satellite has weight W and gravitational potential energy $-U$. It is projected into a circular orbit whose radius is equal to twice the radius of the Earth. Which line, **A** to **D**, in the table shows correctly what happens to the weight of the satellite and to its gravitational potential energy?

	weight	**gravitational potential energy**
A	becomes $\frac{W}{2}$	increases by $\frac{U}{2}$
B	becomes $\frac{W}{4}$	increases by $\frac{U}{2}$
C	remains W	increases by U
D	becomes $\frac{W}{4}$	increases by U

(Total 2 marks)