Gravitational and electric fields – multiple choice

- 1. Near the surface of a planet the gravitational field strength is uniform and for two points, 10 m apart vertically, the gravitational potential difference is 3 J kg^{-1} . How much work must be done in raising a mass of 4 kg vertically through 5 m?
 - A 3 J
 - **B** 6 J
 - C 12 J
 - **D** 15 J

(Total 1 mark)

2. Which one of the following graphs correctly shows the relationship between the gravitational force, F, between two masses and their separation, r?



- 3. The Earth has density ρ and radius *R*. The gravitational field strength at the surface is *g*. What is the gravitational field strength at the surface of a planet of density 2ρ and radius 2R?
 - A g
 - **B** 2g
 - \mathbf{C} 4g
 - **D** 16g

(Total 1 mark)

4. Two protons, each of mass m and charge e, are a distance d apart. Which one of the following

expressions correctly gives the ratio	$\left(\frac{\text{electrostatic force}}{\text{gravitational force}}\right)$	for the forces acting between them?
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$$\mathbf{A} \qquad \frac{4\pi\varepsilon_0 e^2}{Gm^2}$$
$$\mathbf{B} \qquad \frac{Ge^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 m^2}$$

$$\mathbf{C} \qquad \frac{e^2 m^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 G}$$

$$\mathbf{D} \qquad \frac{e^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 Gm^2}$$

(Total 1 mark)

- 5. Which one of the following statements about electric potential and electric field strength is correct?
 - A electric potential is zero whenever the electric field strength is zero
 - **B** electric field strength is a scalar quantity
 - **C** electric potential is a vector quantity
 - **D** electric potential due to a point charge varies as (l/r) where r is the distance from the point charge

(Total 1 mark)

- 6. An electron travelling at constant speed enters a uniform electric field at right angles to the field. While the electron is in the filed it accelerates in a direction which is
 - A in the same direction as the electric field
 - **B** in the opposite direction to the electric field
 - **C** in the same direction as the motion of the electron
 - **D** in the opposite direction to the motion of the electron

(Total 1 mark)

- 7. Two isolated point charges are separated by 0.04 m and attract each other with a force of 20 μ N. If the distance between them is increased by 0.04 m, what is the new force of attraction?
 - **Α** 5 μN
 - **B** 10 μN
 - **C** 20 μN
 - **D** 40 μN

(Total 1 mark)