

Gravity Answers

1. A [2]
2. D [2]
3. C [2]
4. (a) 360 N (1) 1
- (b) (i) ($E_p = mgh$ gives) $E_p = 720 \times 0.6 = 4.3 \times 10^2$ J (1)
- (ii) $T \cos 20^\circ$ (1) = 360(N)
 $T = 380$ N (1)
 (allow e.c.f from(a)) 3
- (c) (potential energy) changes (1)
 centre of mass/gravity moves upwards (1) 2
 QWC [6]
5. (a) (i) $E (= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}) = \frac{29 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times (1.15 \times 10^{-10})^2}$ (1)
 $= 3.15 \times 10^{12} \text{Vm}^{-1}$ (or NC^{-1}) (1)
- (ii) $V(= -\frac{GM}{r}) = (-) \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 63 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27}}{1.15 \times 10^{-10}}$ (1)
 $= (-) 6.07 \times 10^{-26}$ (1) – sign and J kg^{-1} 5
- (b) arrow pointing to the right (1) 1 [6]

6. (a) period = 24 hours or equals period of Earth's rotation (1)
 remains in fixed position relative to surface of Earth (1)
 equatorial orbit same angular speed as Earth or equatorial surface (1) max 2

(b) (i) $\frac{GMm}{r^2} = m\omega^2 r$ (1)

$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ (1)

$r \left(= \frac{GMT^2}{4\pi^2} \right)^{1/3} = \left(\frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6 \times 10^{24} \times (24 \times 3600)^2}{4\pi^2} \right)^{1/3}$ (1)

(gives $r = 42.3 \times 10^3$ km)

(ii) $\Delta V = GM \frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{r}$ (1)

$= 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6 \times 10^{24} \times \left(\frac{1}{6.4 \times 10^6} - \frac{1}{4.23 \times 10^7} \right)$

$= 5.31 \times 10^7$ (J kg⁻¹) (1)

$\Delta E_p = m\Delta V (= 750 \times 5.31 \times 10^7) = 3.98 \times 10^{10}$ J (1)

(allow C.E. for value of ΔV)

[alternatives:

calculation of $\frac{GM}{R}$ (6.25×10^7) or $\frac{GM}{r}$ (9.46×10^6) (1)

or calculation of $\frac{GMm}{R}$ (4.69×10^{10}) or $\frac{GMm}{r}$ (7.10×10^9) (1)

calculation of both potential energy values (1)

subtraction of values or use of $m\Delta V$ with correct answer (1)

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