

Practice Question Set For A-Level
Subject : Physics
Paper-2 Topic : 12_Gravitational Fields

Name of the Student: _____

Max. Marks : 17 Marks

Time : 17 Minutes

Mark Schemes

Q1.

Question Number	Acceptable Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of $v = u + at$ (1) $a = 0.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ (1) 	<p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> $a = \frac{v - u}{t} = \frac{97 \text{ m s}^{-1}}{120 \text{ s}} = 0.808 \text{ m s}^{-2}$	2
(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ Or $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ Or $s = \left(\frac{v+u}{2}\right)t$ (1) Use of $v_{av} = \frac{s}{t}$ with $t = 320 \text{ s}$ (1) $v_{av} = 75 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ (1) 	<p>Ecf acceleration from (a)(i)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 = 0.5 \times 0.808 \text{ m s}^{-2} (120 \text{ s})^2 = 5820 \text{ m}$ $s_2 = 29900 \text{ m} - 5820 \text{ m} = 24\,080 \text{ m}$ $t = 440 \text{ s} - 120 \text{ s} = 320 \text{ s}$ $v_{av} = \frac{24\,080 \text{ m}}{320 \text{ s}} = 75.3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	3

Q2.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of $F = mv^2 / r$ with $F = Gm_1 m_2 / r^2$ (1) Use of $v = 2\pi r / T$ (1) $T = 6.64 \times 10^8 \text{ s}$ (= 21 years) (1) Or Use of $F = m\omega^2 r$ with $F = Gm_1 m_2 / r^2$ Use of $\omega = 2\pi / T$ $T = 6.64 \times 10^8 \text{ s}$ (= 21 years) 	<p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> $F = Gm_1 m_2 / r^2 = m_2 v^2 / r = (2\pi r)^2 m_2 / rT^2$ $T^2 = 4\pi^2 r^3 / G m_1$ $= 4\pi^2 \times (1.9 \times 10^{14} \text{ m})^3 / (6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2} \times 9.2 \times 10^{36} \text{ kg})$ $T = 6.64 \times 10^8 \text{ s} (= 21 \text{ years})$	3

Q3.

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(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of $F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$ with $F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$ (1) • Correct substitutions to calculate r (1) • $h = 5.4 \times 10^5 \text{ m}$ (1) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of $g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$ to find value of g at orbit height (1) • Use of $a = \frac{v^2}{r}$ with value of g at orbit height (1) • $h = 5.4 \times 10^5 \text{ m}$ (1) 	<p>Example of calculation:</p> $\frac{GMm}{r^2} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$ $r = \frac{GM}{v^2}$ $r = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2} \times 5.97 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}}{(7.59 \times 10^3 \text{ m s}^{-1})^2}$ $r = 6.91 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ $\therefore h = (6.91 \times 10^6 - 6.37 \times 10^6) \text{ m} = 5.42 \times 10^5 \text{ m}$	3
(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of $GPE = \frac{GMm}{r}$ (1) • $GPE = 5.7 \times 10^{10} \text{ J}$ (1) (ecf from (a)(i)) 	<p>Example of calculation:</p> $GPE = GMm \left(\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right)$ $\therefore GPE = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2} \times 5.97 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg} \times 11600 \text{ kg} \left(\frac{1}{6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}} - \frac{1}{6.91 \times 10^6 \text{ m}} \right)$ $\therefore GPE = 5.67 \times 10^{10} \text{ J}$	2

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(iii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would bring the gravitational potential energy closer to zero (1) • This would mean that the satellite would orbit at a greater height as $GPE \propto \frac{1}{r}$ (1) • To remain in orbit the centripetal acceleration must equal the gravitational field strength at the orbit height Or Since gravitational force smaller, $\frac{mv^2}{r}$ would be reduced (1) • (Hence) r is greater so v must be smaller Or $v^2 = \frac{GM}{r}$ and satellite would orbit at lower speed (1) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HST will have more kinetic energy at the original orbit height (1) • The centripetal force will be too small to keep it in this orbit (1) • The satellite would be travelling too fast, so it would move to a higher orbit (1) • (Hence) r is greater so v must be smaller Or $v^2 = \frac{GM}{r}$ and satellite would orbit at lower speed (1) 		4