

Practice Question Set For A-Level  
**Subject : Physics**  
**Paper-2 Topic : 12\_Gravatational Fields**

Name of the Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Max. Marks : 24 Marks

Time : 24 Minutes

Mark Schemes

Q1.

Question Number	Acceptable answers	Additional guidance	Mark
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of <math>F = k \Delta x</math> (1)</li> <li><math>k = 14.4 \text{ N m}^{-1}</math> (1)</li> <li>Use of <math>T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}</math> (1)</li> <li>Use of <math>f = 1/T</math> (1)</li> <li><math>f = 2.4 \text{ Hz}</math> (1)</li> </ul>	<p>Example of calculation:</p> $k = mg/\Delta x = 66 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg} \times 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2} / 4.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m} = 14.4 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ $T = 2\pi(0.066/14.4)^{1/2} = 0.425 \text{ s}$ $f = 1/T = 1/0.425 = 2.35 \text{ Hz}$	<b>5</b>

Q2.

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(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use of <math>F = Gm_1m_2/r^2</math> (1)</li> <li>force = <math>6.5 \times 10^{31} \text{ N}</math> (1)</li> </ul>	<p>Example of calculation</p> $F = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2} \times 29 \times 1.99 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg} \times 36 \times 1.99 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg} / (6.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ m})^2$ $\text{force} = 6.5 \times 10^{31} \text{ N}$	<b>2</b>

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(b)	<p><b>Either</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use of <math>F = mv^2/r</math> ecf from (a) (1)</li> <li>use of <math>v = 2\pi r/T</math> (1)</li> <li><math>T = 1.1 \times 10^6 \text{ s}</math> (1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use of <math>F = m\omega^2 r</math> ecf from (a) (1)</li> <li>use of <math>\omega = 2\pi/T</math> (1)</li> <li><math>T = 1.1 \times 10^6 \text{ s}</math> (1)</li> </ul>	<p>Example of calculation</p> $F = mv^2/r = m(2\pi r/T)^2/r$ $T^2 = 4\pi^2 mr/F$ $= 4\pi^2 \times 29 \times 1.99 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg} \times 3.6 \times 10^{10} \text{ m} / 6.5 \times 10^{31} \text{ N}$ $= 1.21 \times 10^{12} \text{ s}^2$ $T = 1.12 \times 10^6 \text{ s}$ $= 18700 \text{ min}$ $= 312 \text{ hours}$ $= 13 \text{ days}$	<b>3</b>

Q3.

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(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satellite would always be above the same point on the Earth's surface (1)</li> <li>So that contact/communication with the space station would be maintained at all times (1)</li> </ul>		2
(ii)	Use of $F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$ with $F = m\omega^2 r$ (1) Use of $\omega = 2\pi/T$ (1) $r = 4.23 \times 10^7$ m (1) $h = 3.6 \times 10^7$ m (1) <b>OR</b> Use of $F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$ with $F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$ (1) Use of $v = 2\pi r/T$ (1) $r = 4.23 \times 10^7$ m (1) $h = 3.6 \times 10^7$ m (1)	<u>Example of calculation:</u> $m\omega^2 r = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$ $\therefore \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 = \frac{GM}{r^3}$ $\therefore r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{GMT^2}{4\pi^2}}$ $r =$ $\sqrt[3]{\frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2} \times 6.00 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg} \times (8.64 \times 10^4 \text{ s})^2}{4\pi^2}}$ $r = 4.23 \times 10^7$ m $h = r - R_E = 4.23 \times 10^7 - 6.4 \times 10^6$ m $= 3.59 \times 10^7$ m	4

Q4.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Converts hours to seconds (1)</li> <li>Equates <math>F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}</math> and <math>F = \frac{mv^2}{r}</math> (1)  <b>Or</b>            Equates <math>F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}</math> and <math>F = mr\omega^2</math></li> <li>Substitutes <math>v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}</math> or <math>\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}</math> (1)</li> <li><math>GM = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{T^2}</math> derived and used (1)</li> <li><math>M = 1.9 \times 10^{27}</math> kg (1)</li> </ul>	<u>Example of calculation:</u> $171 \times 60 \times 60 = 615\,600$ s $\frac{GMm}{r^2} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$ and $v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$ Leads to $GM = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{T^2}$ $M = \frac{4\pi^2 \times (1.07 \times 10^9 \text{ m})^3}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2} (171 \times 3600)^2 (\text{s})^2}$ $M = 1.91 \times 10^{27}$ kg	5

<p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Converts hours to seconds</li> <li>Use <math>v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}</math> or <math>\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}</math></li> <li>Equates <math>F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}</math> and <math>F = \frac{mv^2}{r}</math></li> </ul> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>Equates <math>F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}</math> and <math>F = mr\omega^2</math></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>GM = r^3 \omega^2</math> <b>Or</b> <math>GM = v^2 r</math> derived and used</li> <li><math>M = 1.9 \times 10^{27}</math> kg</li> </ul>	<p>Alternative method:</p> <p><math>171 \times 60 \times 60 = 615\,600</math> s</p> $v = \frac{2\pi \times 1.07 \times 10^9 \text{ m}}{615\,600 \text{ s}}$ <p><math>v = 10900 \text{ ms}^{-1}</math></p> $\frac{GMm}{r^2} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$ $GM = v^2 r$ $M = \frac{(10900 \text{ ms}^{-1})^2 \times 1.07 \times 10^9 \text{ m}}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}}$ <p><math>M = 1.9 \times 10^{27}</math> kg</p> <p>Alternative via <math>\omega = 1.02 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad s}^{-1}</math></p>
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Q5.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of <math>F = Gm_1m_2/r^2</math> and <math>F = mv^2/r</math></li> <li>Use of <math>v = 2\pi r/T</math></li> <li><math>T = 488\,000 \text{ s} = 5.7</math> days</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of <math>F = Gm_1m_2/r^2</math> and <math>F = m\omega^2 r</math></li> <li>Use of <math>\omega = 2\pi/T</math></li> <li><math>T = 488\,000 \text{ s} = 5.7</math> days</li> </ul>	<p>'Use of <math>r</math> can be with any mass <math>m</math> for the orbiting body, or by algebraic combination with no <math>m</math></p> <p>(1) <u>Example of calculation</u></p> <p><math>F = GMm/r^2 = mv^2/r</math></p> <p><math>GM/r^2 = v^2/r</math></p> <p><math>v = 2\pi r/T</math></p> <p><math>T^2 = 4\pi^2 r^3 / GM</math></p> <p><math>= 4\pi^2 (1.34 \times 10^8 \text{ m})^3 / 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-1} \times 5.97 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg} = 2.39 \times 10^{11} \text{ s}^2</math></p> <p><math>T = 488\,000 \text{ s} = 5.7</math> days</p>	3