

**The Physics of Energy, Explained Simply  
&  
The Physics of Energy For Beginners**

**Elastic Potential Energy Questions - Answers**

Equation: **EPE =  $\frac{1}{2} kx^2$**

k = Spring Stiffness (Newtons per Metre, N/m)

x = Extension or Compression (Metre, m)

1.  $EPE = 0.5 \times 200 \text{ N/m} \times (0.3 \text{ m})^2 = 9.0 \text{ J}$
2.  $EPE = 0.5 \times 50 \text{ N/m} \times (0.2 \text{ m})^2 = 1.0 \text{ J}$
3.  $EPE = 0.5 \times 150 \text{ N/m} \times (0.1 \text{ m})^2 = 0.75 \text{ J}$
4.  $EPE = 0.5 \times 300 \text{ N/m} \times (0.05 \text{ m})^2 = 0.38 \text{ J}$
5.  $EPE = 0.5 \times 100 \text{ N/m} \times (0.25 \text{ m})^2 = 3.12 \text{ J}$
6.  $EPE = 0.5 \times 80 \text{ N/m} \times (0.4 \text{ m})^2 = 6.4 \text{ J}$
7.  $EPE = 0.5 \times 250 \text{ N/m} \times (0.12 \text{ m})^2 = 1.8 \text{ J}$
8.  $EPE = 0.5 \times 60 \text{ N/m} \times (0.15 \text{ m})^2 = 0.67 \text{ J}$
9.  $EPE = 0.5 \times 20 \text{ N/m} \times (0.02 \text{ m})^2 = 0.0 \text{ J}$
10.  $EPE = 0.5 \times 180 \text{ N/m} \times (0.3 \text{ m})^2 = 8.1 \text{ J}$

