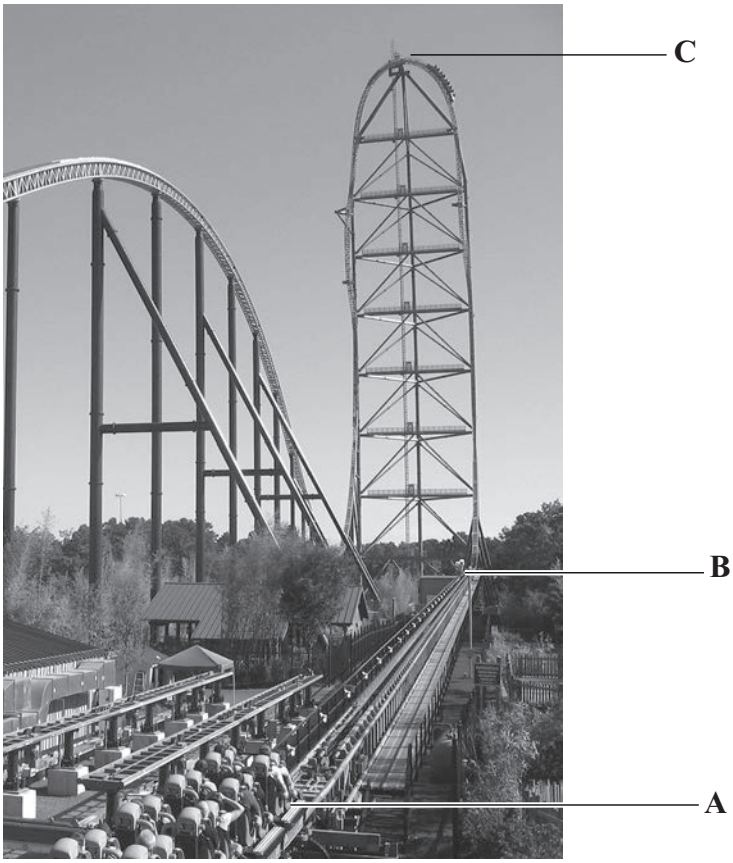
11 The photograph shows a type of rollercoaster.

The car is launched from point **A** in the photograph, accelerates to point **B** and then rises over point **C**.



(a) Each loaded car has a mass of 2000 kg.

C is 128 m above **B**.

(i) State the equation linking gravitational potential energy, mass, height and gravitational field strength.

(1)

(ii) Show that the gravitational potential energy gained by the car when it rises from **B** to **C** is about 2.6 MJ.

(2)

(b) The car gains kinetic energy when work is done on it by the launching system between **A** and **B**.

Assume there are no energy losses.

(i) State the minimum kinetic energy that the car must have at **B** for it to reach **C**.

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(ii) How is the kinetic energy gained related to the work done?

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(iii) Write down the equation linking work done, force and distance.

(1)

(iv) The launching system provides a force of 32 kN.

Calculate the minimum length of track needed between **A** and **B** for the car to reach **C**.

(2)

Length of track = ... m

(c) Sometimes the car does not reach **C**, but rolls backwards to the start.

This can happen when it becomes windy or the track becomes wet.

Explain why these conditions could cause the car to stop before it reaches **C**.

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(Total for Question 11 = 10 marks)

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