

3 (a) Define *pressure*.

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(b) Explain, in terms of the air molecules, why the pressure at the top of a mountain is less than at sea level.

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(c) Fig. 3.1 shows a liquid in a cylindrical container.

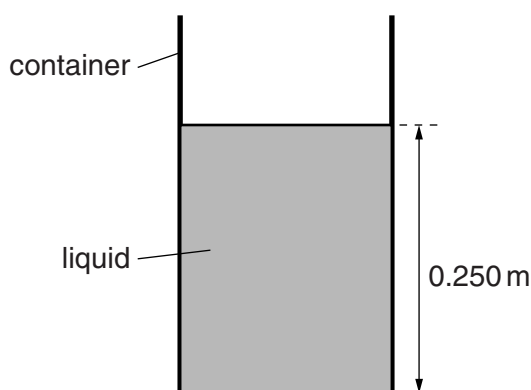


Fig. 3.1

The cross-sectional area of the container is 0.450 m^2 . The height of the column of liquid is 0.250 m and the density of the liquid is 13600 kg m^{-3} .

(i) Calculate the weight of the column of liquid.

weight = N [3]

- (ii) Calculate the pressure on the base of the container caused by the weight of the liquid.

pressure = Pa [1]

- (iii) Explain why the pressure exerted on the base of the container is different from the value calculated in (ii).

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