

- 7 A space shuttle of mass m is returning to Earth of mass M . The space shuttle falls from a height R above the Earth, where R is equal to the radius of the Earth.

Which of the following gives the change in gravitational potential energy, ΔE_{grav} , of the space shuttle?

☐ A $\Delta E_{\text{grav}} = GMm \left(\frac{1}{2R} - \frac{1}{R} \right)$

☐ B $\Delta E_{\text{grav}} = GMm \left(\frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{2R} \right)$

☐ C $\Delta E_{\text{grav}} = \frac{GMm}{R}$

☐ D $\Delta E_{\text{grav}} = \frac{GMm}{2R}$

(Total for Question 7 = 1 mark)