

Question Number	Answer	Mark
12(a)	<p>Use $V_{\text{grav}} = -\frac{GM}{r}$ to obtain ΔE (1)</p> <p>Equate ΔE to $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$ and re-arrangement to obtain $v = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$ (1)</p> <p><u>Example of derivation</u></p> $\Delta E = m \times V_{\text{grav}} = \frac{GMm}{r}$ $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{GMm}{r}$ $\therefore v^2 = \frac{2GM}{r}$ $\therefore v = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$	2
12(b)(i)	<p>Use of $v = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$ (1)</p> <p>$v = 1.12 \times 10^4 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$ (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> $v = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2} \times 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}}{6.36 \times 10^6 \text{ m}}}$ <p>$\therefore v = 1.12 \times 10^4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$</p>	2
12(b)(ii)	<p>There is a range of molecular speeds Or Some molecules will be travelling (much) faster than 1900 m s^{-1} (1)</p> <p>So there will be some molecules with a speed greater than the escape velocity Or There will be some molecules with enough kinetic energy to escape (1)</p> <p>[A correct comparison of the escape velocity ($1.1 \times 10^4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$) with $\sqrt{\langle c^2 \rangle}$ (1900 m s^{-1}) scores a maximum of 1 mark.]</p>	2
Total for question 12		6