

Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.

- 1 (a) State Newton's law of gravitation.

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- (b) A satellite of mass  $m$  has a circular orbit of radius  $r$  about a planet of mass  $M$ . It may be assumed that the planet and the satellite are uniform spheres that are isolated in space.

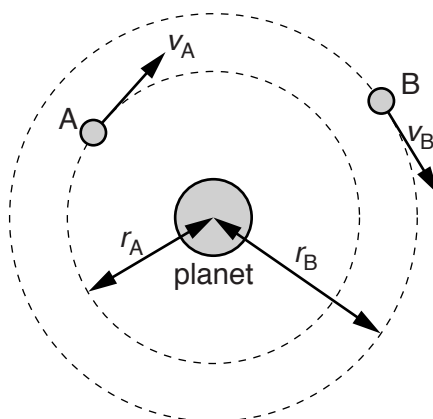
Show that the linear speed  $v$  of the satellite is given by the expression

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$$

where  $G$  is the gravitational constant.  
Explain your working.

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- (c) Two moons A and B have circular orbits about a planet, as illustrated in Fig. 1.1.



**Fig. 1.1** (not to scale)

Moon A has an orbital radius  $r_A$  of  $1.3 \times 10^8$  m, linear speed  $v_A$  and orbital period  $T_A$ .  
Moon B has an orbital radius  $r_B$  of  $2.2 \times 10^{10}$  m, linear speed  $v_B$  and orbital period  $T_B$ .

(i) Determine the ratio

1.  $\frac{v_A}{v_B}$ ,

ratio = .....[2]

2.  $\frac{T_A}{T_B}$ .

ratio = .....[3]

- (ii) The planet spins about its own axis with angular speed  $1.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ .  
Moon A is always above the same point on the planet's surface.

Determine the orbital period  $T_B$  of moon B.

$T_B = \dots\dots\dots \text{s}$  [2]

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