

1 (a) Define gravitational potential at a point.

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(b) Artemis is a spherical planet that may be assumed to be isolated in space. The variation with distance x from the centre of Artemis of the gravitational potential ϕ is shown in Fig. 1.1.

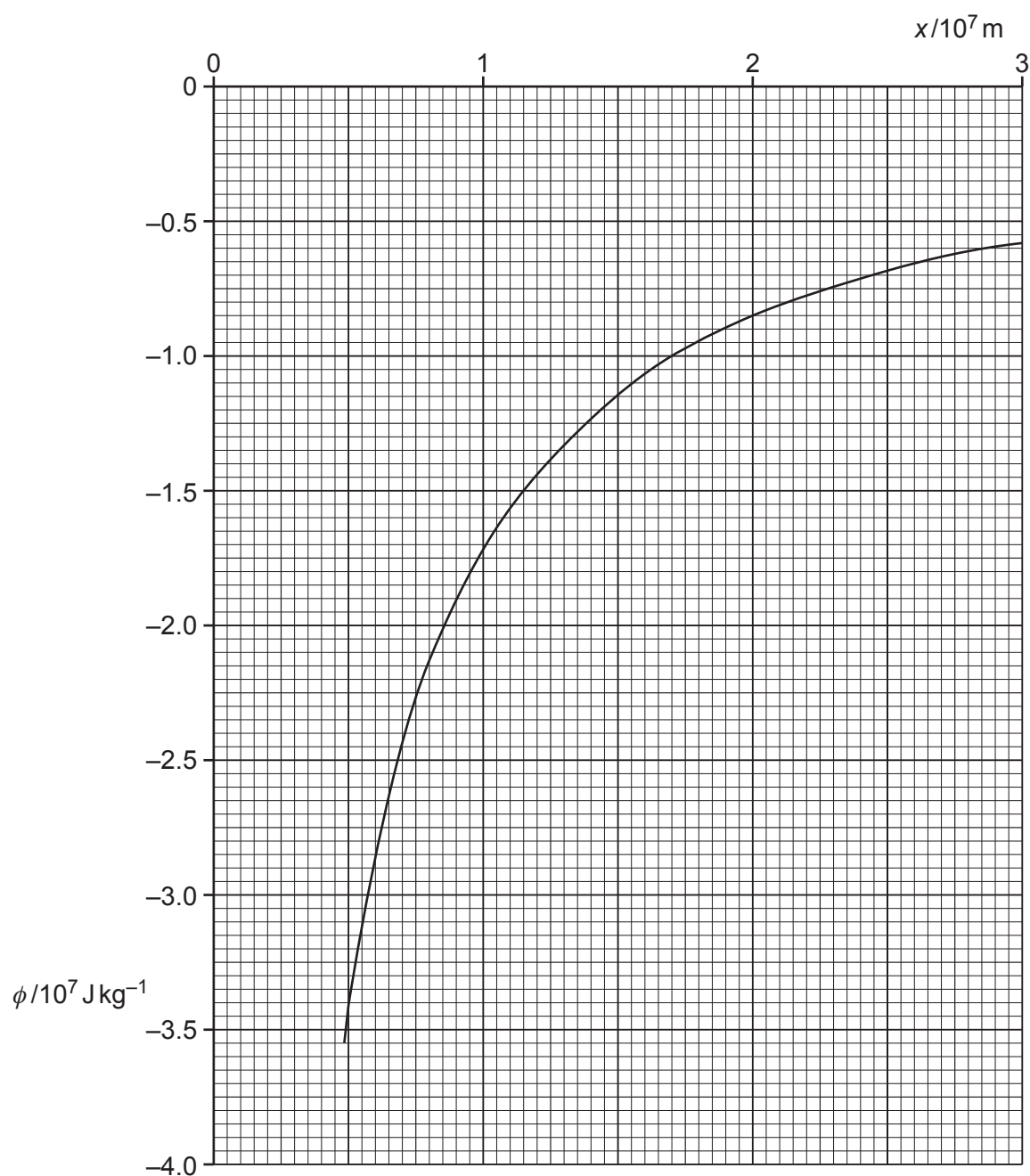


Fig. 1.1

- (i) The radius of Artemis is 4800 km.

Determine the value of ϕ on the surface of Artemis.

$$\phi = \dots\dots\dots \text{J kg}^{-1} \quad [1]$$

- (ii) Show that the mass of Artemis is $2.55 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$.

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- (iii) Calculate the gravitational field strength g on the surface of Artemis.

$$g = \dots\dots\dots \text{N kg}^{-1} \quad [2]$$

- (iv) A satellite is in an orbit at a fixed position above a point on the surface of Artemis. The satellite is located above the equator of Artemis at a height above the surface where the gravitational potential is $-0.65 \times 10^7 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$.

Calculate the period, in hours, of rotation of Artemis.

$$\text{period} = \dots\dots\dots \text{hours} \quad [4]$$

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- (c) State **one** similarity and **one** difference between gravitational potential due to a point mass and electric potential due to a point charge.

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difference

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