

**Section A**

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

- 1 (a) Define *gravitational potential* at a point.

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- (b) A stone of mass  $m$  has gravitational potential energy  $E_P$  at a point X in a gravitational field. The magnitude of the gravitational potential at X is  $\phi$ .

State the relation between  $m$ ,  $E_P$  and  $\phi$ .

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- (c) An isolated spherical planet of radius  $R$  may be assumed to have all its mass concentrated at its centre. The gravitational potential at the surface of the planet is  $-6.30 \times 10^7 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$ .

A stone of mass  $1.30 \text{ kg}$  is travelling towards the planet such that its distance from the centre of the planet changes from  $6R$  to  $5R$ .

Calculate the change in gravitational potential energy of the stone.

change in energy = ..... J [4]