

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

- 1 (a) (i) A gravitational field may be represented by lines of gravitational force. State what is meant by a *line of gravitational force*.

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- (ii) By reference to lines of gravitational force near to the surface of the Earth, explain why the gravitational field strength  $g$  close to the Earth's surface is approximately constant.

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- (b) The Moon may be considered to be a uniform sphere of diameter  $3.4 \times 10^3$  km and mass  $7.4 \times 10^{22}$  kg. The Moon has no atmosphere.

During a collision of the Moon with a meteorite, a rock is thrown vertically up from the surface of the Moon with a speed of  $2.8 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ .

Assuming that the Moon is isolated in space, determine whether the rock will travel out into distant space or return to the Moon's surface.

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