

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

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- (b) A satellite is in a circular orbit around a planet. The radius of the orbit is R and the period of the orbit is T . The planet is a uniform sphere.

Use Newton's law of gravitation to show that R and T are related by

$$4\pi^2 R^3 = GMT^2$$

where M is the mass of the planet and G is the gravitational constant.

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- (c) The Earth may be considered to be a uniform sphere of mass 5.98×10^{24} kg and radius 6.37×10^6 m.

A geostationary satellite is in orbit around the Earth.

Use the expression in (b) to determine the height of the satellite above the Earth's surface.

height = m [3]

- (d) Another satellite is in a circular orbit around the Earth with the same orbital radius and period as the satellite in (c).
- (i) Calculate the angular speed of the satellite in this orbit. Give a unit with your answer.

angular speed = unit [2]

- (ii) Despite having the same orbital period, the orbit of this satellite is not geostationary.

Suggest **two** ways in which the orbit of this satellite could be different from the orbit of the satellite in (c).

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