1 The orbit of the Earth, mass 6.0×10^{24} kg, may be assumed to be a circle of radius 1.5×10^{11} m with the Sun at its centre, as illustrated in Fig. 1.1.

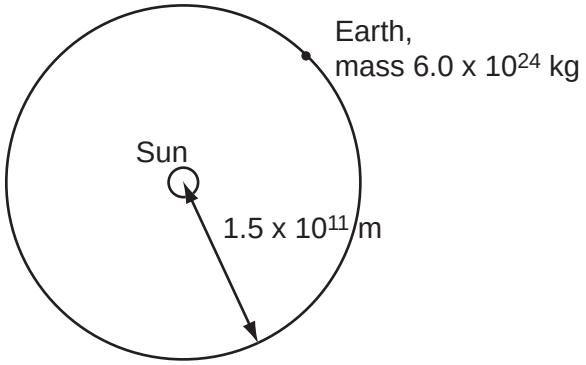

Fig. 1.1

The time taken for one orbit is 3.2×10^{7} s.

(a) Calculate

(i) the magnitude of the angular velocity of the Earth about the Sun,

angular velocity = ... rad s^{-1} [2]

(ii) the magnitude of the centripetal force acting on the Earth.

force = ... N [2]

(b) (i) State the origin of the centripetal force calculated in **(a)(ii)**.

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(ii) Determine the mass of the Sun.

mass = ... kg [3]