

- 4 A rocket is launched from the surface of the Earth.

Fig. 4.1 gives data for the speed of the rocket at two heights above the Earth's surface, after the rocket engine has been switched off.

height / m	speed / m s^{-1}
$h_1 = 19.9 \times 10^6$	$v_1 = 5370$
$h_2 = 22.7 \times 10^6$	$v_2 = 5090$

Fig. 4.1

The Earth may be assumed to be a uniform sphere of radius $R = 6.38 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$, with its mass M concentrated at its centre. The rocket, after the engine has been switched off, has mass m .

- (a) Write down an expression in terms of

(i) G , M , m , h_1 , h_2 and R for the change in gravitational potential energy of the rocket,
 [1]

(ii) m , v_1 and v_2 for the change in kinetic energy of the rocket.
 [1]

- (b) Using the expressions in (a), determine a value for the mass M of the Earth.

$M = \dots\dots\dots \text{ kg [3]}$