

- 1 (a) State the equation for the gravitational force  $F$  between two point masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  that are separated by a distance  $r$ . State the meaning of any other symbols you use.

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- (b) A satellite is in a circular orbit of radius  $R$  around a planet of mass  $M$ .

Show that the period  $T$  of the orbit is given by

$$T^2 = kR^3$$

where  $k$  is a constant that depends on the value of  $M$ . Explain your reasoning.

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- (c) A satellite is in a circular orbit around the Earth with a period of 24 hours.  
The mass of the Earth is  $6.0 \times 10^{24}$  kg.

- (i) Calculate the radius of the orbit.

radius = ..... m [2]

(ii) State the **two** other conditions that must be met for the orbit to be geostationary.

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