

- 1 (a) Define gravitational field strength.

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- (b) A spherical planet has diameter 1.2×10^4 km. The gravitational field strength at the surface of the planet is 8.6 N kg^{-1} .

The planet may be assumed to be isolated in space and to have its mass concentrated at its centre.

Calculate the mass of the planet.

mass = kg [3]

- (c) The gravitational potential at a point X above the surface of the planet in (b) is $-5.3 \times 10^7 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$.

For point Y above the surface of the planet, the gravitational potential is $-6.8 \times 10^7 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$.

- (i) State, with a reason, whether point X or point Y is nearer to the planet.

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- (ii) A rock falls radially from rest towards the planet from one point to the other.
Calculate the final speed of the rock.

speed = m s^{-1} [2]