

Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.

- 1 (a) (i) A gravitational field may be represented by lines of gravitational force.
State what is meant by a *line of gravitational force*.

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- (ii) By reference to lines of gravitational force near to the surface of the Earth, explain why the gravitational field strength g close to the Earth's surface is approximately constant.

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- (b) The Moon may be considered to be a uniform sphere of diameter 3.4×10^3 km and mass 7.4×10^{22} kg. The Moon has no atmosphere.

During a collision of the Moon with a meteorite, a rock is thrown vertically up from the surface of the Moon with a speed of 2.8 km s^{-1} .

Assuming that the Moon is isolated in space, determine whether the rock will travel out into distant space or return to the Moon's surface.

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