

- 1 (a) Define gravitational potential.

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- (b) Explain why values of gravitational potential near to an isolated mass are all negative.

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- (c) The Earth may be assumed to be an isolated sphere of radius  $6.4 \times 10^3$  km with its mass of  $6.0 \times 10^{24}$  kg concentrated at its centre. An object is projected vertically from the surface of the Earth so that it reaches an altitude of  $1.3 \times 10^4$  km.

Calculate, for this object,

- (i) the change in gravitational potential,

$$\text{change in potential} = \dots \text{J kg}^{-1}$$

- (ii) the speed of projection from the Earth's surface, assuming air resistance is negligible.

$$\text{speed} = \dots \text{ms}^{-1}$$

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(d) Suggest why the equation

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

is not appropriate for the calculation in (c)(ii).

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