

- 2 (a) Explain what is meant by *upthrust*.

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- (b) Before a small balloon is inflated, its mass is 1.30 g as recorded on an electronic mass balance. The balloon is inflated with air so that it is spherical in shape with a diameter of 22.0 cm.

- (i) The density of air is 1.21 kg m^{-3} . Calculate the mass of air displaced by the balloon.

mass of air displaced = g [2]

- (ii) The inflated balloon gives reading of 1.55 g when placed on the balance. Calculate the mass of air in the balloon.

mass of air in balloon = g [2]

- (iii) Explain why the value in (b)(ii) is larger than the value in (b)(i).

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(c) A 2.10 g nut is now tied to the balloon with a light cotton thread. The balloon is dropped from a height of 4.00 m.

(i) Calculate the acceleration of the balloon and nut at the start of their descent.

acceleration = m s⁻² [2]

(ii) Explain why the acceleration will approach zero as the balloon descends.

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