

**8** Many galaxies have a supermassive black hole at its core. Studies of stars that orbit close to the centre of our Milky Way galaxy's central black hole, Sagittarius A\* can yield the approximate mass of the black hole. One star, S4714, is as of 2020, the record holder of closest approach. Given that it orbits with a period of 12 years and at a radius of  $1.3 \times 10^{14}$  m, what is the approximate mass of Sagittarius A\*?

- A**  $5.0 \times 10^8$  kg      **B**  $9.1 \times 10^{36}$  kg      **C**  $2.7 \times 10^{45}$  kg      **D**  $8.3 \times 10^{51}$  kg