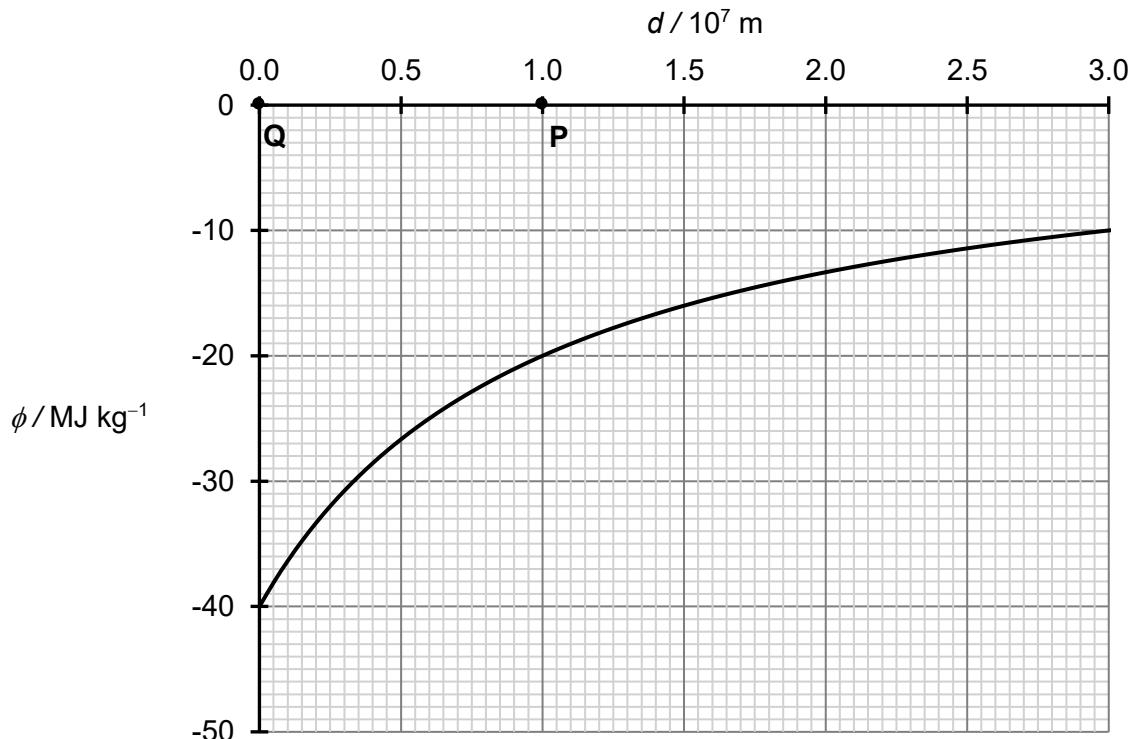


- 2 (a) Explain why gravitational potential has a negative value.

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- (b) Fig. 2.1 shows the variation of the gravitational potential ϕ with distance d from the surface of a certain planet. Point P is at a distance of 1.0×10^7 m from the surface of the planet and point Q is on the surface of the planet.



- (i) Determine the gravitational acceleration at point P.

Fig. 2.1

gravitational acceleration = m s^{-2} [2]

- (ii) Assuming that a 1.0 kg mass falls from point P toward point Q with the acceleration obtained in (b)(i) throughout the motion, calculate the increase in its kinetic energy.

increase in kinetic energy = J [2]

- (iii) Indicate, using vertical double-head arrows, the parts of the graph that represent

1. your answer in (b)(ii). Label this arrow **A**.
2. the actual increase in the kinetic energy of the 1.0 kg mass when the gravitational acceleration from P to Q is not constant. Label this arrow **B**.

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