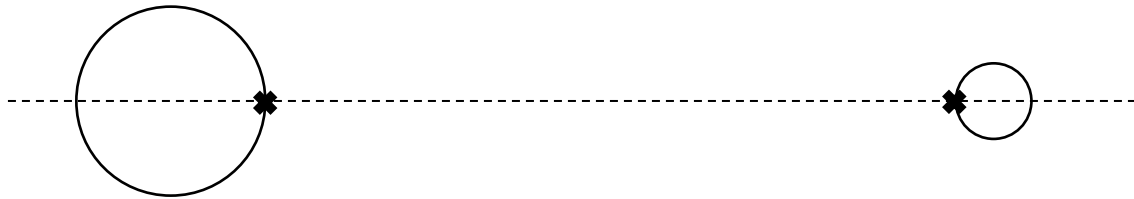


4 (a) Define gravitational field strength.

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..... [1]

(b) Fig 4.1 shows point A and point B on the surface of the Earth and the Moon respectively, along the line joining their centres.



Earth

Moon

A

B

*Fig 4.1 (not to scale)*

(i) There exist a point X on the line joining the centres of Earth and Moon where the resultant gravitational field strength is zero. Estimate and label this point X on Fig 4.1. [1]

(ii) The mass of Earth is  $5.97 \times 10^{24}$  kg, the mass of Moon is  $7.34 \times 10^{22}$  kg, the radius of Earth is  $6.37 \times 10^3$  km, and the radius of Moon is  $1.74 \times 10^3$  km. The centre-to-centre distance between Earth and Moon is  $3.84 \times 10^5$  km.

Determine the magnitude of gravitational field strength at A and B respectively.

gravitational field strength at A = .....  $\text{N kg}^{-1}$

gravitational field strength at B = .....  $\text{N kg}^{-1}$

[3]

- (iii) Without further calculations, sketch the variation with distance  $d$  of gravitational field strength  $g$ , experienced along the line joining the centre of Earth and Moon between points A and B in Fig. 4.2. [1]



**Fig. 4.2**

[Total: 6 marks]

