

3 (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. The density of air is 1.21 kg m^{-3} .

(i) Calculate the mass of air displaced by the balloon.

mass of air = 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 = g [2]

(iii) Explain the difference between the values in (b)(i) and (b)(ii).

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

Explain why the acceleration will approach zero as the balloon descends.

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