

- 1 (a) Define gravitational potential at a point.

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- (b) A satellite is orbiting the Earth with an orbital radius of 6610 km at a speed of 7780 m s<sup>-1</sup>. The satellite is boosted into a higher orbit of radius 6890 km by firing its thrusters.

- (i) State and explain the effect on the gravitational potential energy of the satellite.

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- (ii) Show that the linear speed  $v$  of a satellite in a circular orbit of radius  $R$  about the centre of the Earth is given by

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R}}$$

where  $G$  is the gravitational constant and  $M$  is the mass of the Earth.  
Explain your working.

- (iii) Show that the speed of the satellite in the new orbit is 7620 m s<sup>-1</sup>. [1]

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- (iv) The satellite has a mass of 120 kg. Using your result in (b), calculate the **change** in  
1. kinetic energy,

change in kinetic energy = ..... J [2]

2. total energy.

change in total energy = ..... J [2]

[Total: 8]