

**MEGA LECTURE**

**Q1.**

- 1 (a) work done in bringing/moving unit mass .....M1  
 from infinity to the point..... A1 [2]  
 (use of 1 kg in the definition – max 1/2)
- (b) potential at infinity defined as being zero..... B1  
 forces are always attractive..... B1  
 so work got out in moving to point..... B1 [3]  
 (max potential is at infinity – allow 1/3)
- (c) (i)  $\phi = -GM/R$   
 change =  $6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6.0 \times 10^{24} \times \{(6.4 \times 10^6)^{-1} - \{1.94 \times 10^7\}^{-1}\}$  .....C2  
 change =  $4.19 \times 10^7 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$  (ignore sign) ..... A1
- (ii)  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = m\Delta\phi$  ..... C1  
 $v^2 = 2 \times 4.19 \times 10^7 = 8.38 \times 10^7$   
 $v = 9150 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  ..... A1 [5]
- (d) acceleration is not constant..... B1 [1]

**Q2.**

- 3 (a) (i) (force) =  $GM_1M_2/(R_1 + R_2)^2$  ..... B1  
 (ii) (force) =  $M_1R_1\omega^2$  or  $M_2R_2\omega^2$  ..... B1 [2]
- (b)  $\omega = 2\pi/(1.26 \times 10^8)$  or  $2\pi/T$  ..... C1  
 $= 4.99 \times 10^{-8} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$  ..... A1 [2]  
 allow 2 s.f.:  $1.59\pi \times 10^{-8}$  scores 1/2
- (c) (i) reference to either taking moments (about C) or same (centripetal) force ..... B1  
 $M_1R_1 = M_2R_2$  or  $M_1R_1\omega^2 = M_2R_2\omega^2$  ..... B1  
 hence  $M_1/M_2 = R_2/R_1$  ..... A0 [2]
- (ii)  $R_2 = 3/4 \times 3.2 \times 10^{11} \text{ m} = 2.4 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$  ..... A1  
 $R_1 = (3.2 \times 10^{11}) - R_2 = 8.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}$  (allow vice versa) ..... A1 [2]  
 if values are both wrong but have ratio of four to three, then allow 1/2
- (d) (i)  $M_2 = \{(R_1 + R_2)^2 \times R_1 \times \omega^2\} / G$  (any subject for equation) ..... C1  
 $= (3.2 \times 10^{11})^2 \times 8.0 \times 10^{10} \times (4.99 \times 10^{-8})^2 / (6.67 \times 10^{-11})$  ..... C1  
 $= 3.06 \times 10^{29} \text{ kg}$  ..... A1
- (ii) less massive (only award this mark if reasonable attempt at (i)) ..... B1 [4]  
 ( $9.17 \times 10^{29} \text{ kg}$  for more massive star)
- Total [12]**

**Q3.**



- 1 (a) (i) angular speed =  $2\pi/T$  C1  
 $= 2\pi/(3.2 \times 10^7)$   
 $= 1.96 \times 10^{-7} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$  A1 [2]
- (ii) force =  $mr\omega^2$  or force =  $mv^2/r$  and  $v = r\omega$  C1  
 $= 6.0 \times 10^{24} \times 1.5 \times 10^{11} \times (1.96 \times 10^{-7})^2$   
 $= 3.46 \times 10^{22} \text{ N}$  A1 [2]
- (b) (i) gravitation/gravity/gravitational field (strength) B1 [1]
- (ii)  $F = GMm/x^2$  or  $GM = r^3\omega^2$  C1  
 $3.46 \times 10^{22} = (6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times M \times 6.0 \times 10^{24})/(1.5 \times 10^{11})^2$  C1  
 $M = 1.95 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$  A1 [3]

**Q4.**

- 1 (a) centripetal force is provided by gravitational force B1  
 $mv^2/r = GMm/r^2$  B1  
hence  $v = \sqrt{GM/r}$  A0 [2]
- (b) (i)  $E_K (= \frac{1}{2}mv^2) = GMm/2r$  B1 [1]
- (ii)  $E_P = -GMm/r$  B1 [1]
- (iii)  $E_T = -GMm/r + GMm/2r$  C1  
 $= -GMm/2r$  A1 [2]
- (c) (i) if  $E_T$  decreases then  $-GMm/2r$  becomes more negative  
or  $GMm/2r$  becomes larger  
so  $r$  decreases M1  
A1 [2]
- (ii)  $E_K = GMm/2r$  and  $r$  decreases  
so ( $E_K$  and)  $v$  increases M1  
A1 [2]

**Q5.**

- 1 (a) (region of space) where a mass experiences a force B1 [1]
- (b) (i) potential energy =  $(-GMm/x)$  C1  
 $\Delta E_P = GMm/2R - GMm/3R$  M1  
 $= GMm/6R$  A0 [2]
- (ii)  $E_K = \frac{1}{2}m(7600^2 - 7320^2)$  M1  
 $= (2.09 \times 10^6)m$  A0 [1]
- (c) (i)  $2.09 \times 10^6 = (6.67 \times 10^{-11} M)/(6 \times 3.4 \times 10^6)$  C1  
 $M = 6.39 \times 10^{23} \text{ kg}$  A1 [2]
- (ii) e.g. no energy dissipated due to friction with atmosphere/air  
rocket is outside atmosphere  
not influenced by another planet etc. B1 [1]

**Q6.**

**MEGA LECTURE**

- 1 (a) force per unit mass (*ratio idea essential*) B1 [1]
- (b)  $g = GM / R^2$  C1  
 $8.6 \times (0.6 \times 10^7)^2 = M \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$  C1  
 $M = 4.6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$  A1 [3]
- (c) (i) *either* potential decreases as distance from planet decreases  
 or potential zero at infinity and X is closer to zero  
 or potential  $\propto -1/r$  and Y more negative M1  
 so point Y is closer to planet. A1 [2]
- (ii) idea of  $\Delta\phi = \frac{1}{2}v^2$  C1  
 $(6.8 - 5.3) \times 10^7 = \frac{1}{2}v^2$   
 $v = 5.5 \times 10^3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  A1 [2]

**Q7.**

- 1 (a) work done moving unit mass M1  
 from infinity to the point A1 [2]
- (b) (i) at R,  $\phi = 6.3 \times 10^7 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$  (allow  $\pm 0.1 \times 10^7$ ) B1  
 $\phi = GM / R$   
 $6.3 \times 10^7 = (6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times M) / (6.4 \times 10^6)$  C1  
 $M = 6.0 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$  (allow 5.95  $\rightarrow$  6.14) A1 [3]  
 Maximum of 2/3 for any value chosen for  $\phi$  not at R
- (ii) change in potential =  $2.1 \times 10^7 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$  (allow  $\pm 0.1 \times 10^7$ ) C1  
 loss in potential energy = gain in kinetic energy B1  
 $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \phi m$  or  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = GM / 3R$  C1  
 $\frac{1}{2}v^2 = 2.1 \times 10^7$   
 $v = 6.5 \times 10^3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  ..... (allow 6.3  $\rightarrow$  6.6) A1 [4]  
 (answer  $7.9 \times 10^3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , based on  $x = 2R$ , allow max 3 marks)
- (iii) e.g. speed / velocity / acceleration would be greater B1  
 deviates / bends from straight path B1 [2]  
 (any sensible ideas, 1 each, max 2)

**Q8.**

- 1 (a) (i) force proportional to product of masses B1  
 force inversely proportional to square of separation B1 [2]
- (ii) separation much greater than radius / diameter of Sun / planet B1 [1]
- (b) (i) e.g. force or field strength  $\propto 1 / r^2$  B1  
 potential  $\propto 1 / r$  [1]
- (ii) e.g. gravitational force (always) attractive B1  
 electric force attractive or repulsive B1 [2]

**Q9.**



- 1 (a) region (of space) where a particle / body experiences a force B1 [1]
- (b) similarity: e.g. force  $\propto 1/r^2$   
potential  $\propto 1/r$  B1 [1]
- difference: e.g. gravitation force (always) attractive B1  
electric force attractive or repulsive B1 [2]
- (c) *either* ratio is  $Q_1Q_2 / 4\pi\epsilon_0m_1m_2G$  C1  
 $= (1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2 / 4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times (1.67 \times 10^{-27})^2 \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$  C1  
 $= 1.2 \times 10^{36}$  A1 [3]
- or  $F_E = 2.30 \times 10^{-28} \times R^{-2}$  (C1)  
 $F_G = 1.86 \times 10^{-64} \times R^{-2}$  (C1)  
 $F_E / F_G = 1.2 \times 10^{36}$  (A1)

### Q10.

- 1 (a) work done in bringing unit mass from infinity (to the point) B1 [1]
- (b) gravitational force is (always) attractive B1  
*either* as  $r$  decreases, object/mass/body does work  
*or* work is done by masses as they come together B1 [2]
- (c) *either* force on mass =  $mg$  (where  $g$  is the acceleration of free fall /gravitational field strength) B1  
 $g = GM/r^2$  B1  
 if  $r \ll h$ ,  $g$  is constant B1  
 $\Delta E_p = \text{force} \times \text{distance moved}$  M1  
 $= mgh$  A0
- or  $\Delta E_p = m\Delta\phi$  (C1)  
 $= GMm(1/r_1 - 1/r_2) = GMm(r_2 - r_1)/r_1r_2$  (B1)  
 if  $r_2 \approx r_1$ , then  $(r_2 - r_1) = h$  and  $r_1r_2 = r^2$  (B1)  
 $g = GM/r^2$  (B1)  
 $\Delta E_p = mgh$  (A0) [4]
- (d)  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = m\Delta\phi$   
 $v^2 = 2 \times GM/r$  C1  
 $= (2 \times 4.3 \times 10^{13}) / (3.4 \times 10^6)$  C1  
 $v = 5.0 \times 10^3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  A1 [3]  
 (Use of diameter instead of radius to give  $v = 3.6 \times 10^3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  scores 2 marks)

### Q11.



**MEGA LECTURE**

- 1 (a) force proportional to product of masses and inversely proportional to square of separation (*do not allow square of distance/radius*)  
either point masses or separation @ size of masses M1 A1 [2]
- (b) (i)  $\omega = 2\pi / (27.3 \times 24 \times 3600)$  or  $2\pi / (2.36 \times 10^6)$  M1  
 $= 2.66 \times 10^{-6} \text{ rads}^{-1}$  A0 [1]
- (ii)  $GM = r^3 \omega^2$  or  $GM = v^2 r$  C1  
 $M = (3.84 \times 10^5 \times 10^3)^3 \times (2.66 \times 10^{-6})^2 / (6.67 \times 10^{-11})$  M1  
 $= 6.0 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$  A0 [2]  
(special case: uses  $g = GM/r^2$  with  $g = 9.81, r = 6.4 \times 10^6$  scores max 1 mark)
- (c) (i) grav. force =  $(6.0 \times 10^{24}) \times (7.4 \times 10^{22}) \times (6.67 \times 10^{-11}) / (3.84 \times 10^8)^2$  C1  
 $= 2.0 \times 10^{20} \text{ N}$  (allow 1 SF) A1 [2]
- (ii) either  $\Delta E_p = Fx$  because  $F$  constant as  $x \ll$  radius of orbit B1  
 $\Delta E_p = 2.0 \times 10^{20} \times 4.0 \times 10^{-2}$  C1  
 $= 8.0 \times 10^{18} \text{ J}$  (allow 1 SF) A1 [3]
- or  $\Delta E_p = GMm/r_1 - GMm/r_2$  C1  
Correct substitution B1  
 $8.0 \times 10^{18} \text{ J}$  A1  
( $\Delta E_p = GMm/r_1 + GMm/r_2$  is incorrect physics so 0/3)

**Q12.**

- 1 (a) region of space area / volume B1  
where a mass experiences a force B1 [2]
- (b) (i) force proportional to product of two masses M1  
force inversely proportional to the square of their separation M1  
either reference to point masses or separation >> 'size' of masses A1 [3]
- (ii) field strength =  $GM / x^2$  or field strength  $\propto 1 / x^2$  C1  
ratio =  $(7.78 \times 10^{30})^2 / (1.5 \times 10^8)^2$  C1  
 $= 27$  A1 [3]
- (c) (i) either centripetal force =  $mR\omega^2$  and  $\omega = 2\pi / T$  B1  
or centripetal force =  $mv^2 / R$  and  $v = 2\pi R / T$  B1  
gravitational force provides the centripetal force M1  
either  $GMm / R^2 = mR\omega^2$  or  $GMm / R^2 = mv^2 / R$  A0 [3]  
 $M = 4\pi^2 R^3 / GT^2$   
(allow working to be given in terms of acceleration)
- (ii)  $M = \{4\pi^2 \times (1.5 \times 10^{11})^3\} / \{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times (3.16 \times 10^7)^2\}$  C1  
 $= 2.0 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$  A1 [2]

**Q13.**



- 1 (a) equatorial orbit / above equator B1  
 satellite moves from west to east / same direction as Earth spins B1  
 period is 24 hours / same period as spinning of Earth B1 [3]  
 (allow 1 mark for 'appears to be stationary/overhead' if none of above marks scored)
- (b) gravitational force provides/is the centripetal force B1  
 $GMm/R^2 = mR\omega^2$  or  $GMm/R^2 = mv^2/R$  M1  
 $\omega = 2\pi/T$  or  $v = 2\pi R/T$  or clear substitution M1  
 clear working to give  $R^3 = (GMT^2/4\pi^2)$  A1 [4]
- (c)  $R^3 = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6.0 \times 10^{24} \times (24 \times 3600)^2 / 4\pi^2$  C1  
 $= 7.57 \times 10^{22}$  C1  
 $R = 4.2 \times 10^7$  m A1 [3]  
 (missing out 3600 gives  $1.8 \times 10^5$  m and scores 2/3 marks)

**Q14.**

- 4 (a) (i)  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = GMm/R$  ..... B1  
 $v^2 = 2GM/R$  ..... A0  
 (ii)  $g = GM/R^2$  ..... M1  
 clear algebra giving  $v^2 = 2gR$  ..... A1 [3]
- (b)  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = 3/2kT$   
 $v^2 = 3kT/m$  ..... C1  
 $3kT/m = 2gR$  ..... C1  
 $T = (2 \times 6.6 \times 10^{-27} \times 9.81 \times 6.4 \times 10^6) / (1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 3)$  ..... C1  
 $T = 2.0 \times 10^4$  K ..... A1 [4]

**Q15.**

- 1 (a) (i) radial lines..... B1  
 pointing inwards..... B1  
 (ii) no difference OR lines closer near surface of smaller sphere ..... B1 [3]
- (b) (i)  $F_G = GMm/R^2$ ..... C1  
 $= (6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.98 \times 10^{24}) / (6380 \times 10^3)^2$   
 $= 9.80$  N..... A1  
 (ii)  $F_C = mR\omega^2$ ..... C1  
 $\omega = 2\pi/T$ ..... C1  
 $F_C = (4\pi^2 \times 6380 \times 10^3) / (8.64 \times 10^4)^2$   
 $= 0.0337$  N..... A1  
 (iii)  $F_G - F_C = 9.77$  N..... A1 [6]
- (c) because acceleration (of free fall) is (resultant) force per unit  
 mass ..... B1  
 acceleration =  $9.77$  m s<sup>-2</sup> ..... B1 [2]

**Q16.**



- 1 (a)  $GM/R^2 = R\omega^2$  ..... C1  
 $\omega = 2\pi / (24 \times 3600)$  ..... C1  
 $6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6.0 \times 10^{24} = R^3 \times \omega^2$   
 $R^3 = 7.57 \times 10^{22}$  ..... M1  
 $R = 4.23 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$  ..... A0 [3]
- (b)(i)  $\Delta\phi = GM/R_0 - GM/R_1$  ..... C1  
 $= (6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6.0 \times 10^{24}) (1 / 6.4 \times 10^6 - 1 / 4.2 \times 10^7)$   
 $= 5.31 \times 10^7 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$  ..... C1  
 $\Delta E_P = 5.31 \times 10^7 \times 650$  ..... C1  
 $= 3.45 \times 10^{10} \text{ J}$  ..... A1 [4]
- (c) e.g. satellite will already have some speed in the correct direction ... B1 [1]

**Q17.**

- 1 (a) *either* ratio of work done to mass/charge  
 or work done moving unit mass/charge from infinity  
 or both have zero potential at infinity B1 [1]
- (b) gravitational forces are (always attractive) B1  
 electric forces can be attractive or repulsive B1  
 for gravitational, work got out as masses come together B1  
 /mass moves from infinity B1  
 for electric, work done on charges if same sign, work got out if opposite sign as charges  
 come together B1 [4]

**Q18.**

- 4 (a) (i)  $\frac{GMm}{2m} \{(R + h_1)^{-1} - (R + h_2)^{-1}\}$  B1  
 $\frac{1}{2}m \{v_1^2 - v_2^2\}$  B1 [2]
- (b)  $2M \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \{(26.28 \times 10^6)^{-1} - (29.08 \times 10^6)^{-1}\} = 5370^2 - 5090^2$  B1  
 $M \times 4.888 \times 10^{-19} = 2.929 \times 10^6$  C1  
 $M = 6.00 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$  A1 [3]  
*(If equation in (a) is dimensionally unsound, then 0/3 marks in (b), if dimensionally sound but incorrect, treat as e.c.f.)*

**Q19.**

www.megalecture.com



- 1 (a) (i)  $F = GMm / R^2$  B1 [1]  
 (ii)  $F = mR\omega^2$  B1 [1]  
 (iii) reaction force =  $GMm / R^2 - mR\omega^2$  (allow e.c.f.) B1 [1]
- (b) (i) either value of  $R$  in expression  $R\omega^2$  varies  
 or  $mR\omega^2$  no longer parallel to  $GMm / R^2$  / normal to surface  
 becomes smaller as object approaches a pole / is zero at pole B1 [2]  
 B1 [2]
- (ii) 1. acceleration =  $6.4 \times 10^6 \times (2\pi / \{8.6 \times 10^4\})^2$  C1  
 =  $0.034 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  A1 [2]  
 2. acceleration = 0 A1 [1]
- (c) e.g. 'radius' of planet varies  
 density of planet not constant  
 planet spinning  
 nearby planets / stars  
 (any sensible comments, 1 mark each, maximum 2) B2 [2]

**Q20.**

- 1 (a)  $F \propto Mm / R^2$  .....(words or explained symbols) .....M1  
 either  $M$  and  $m$  are point masses  
 or  $R \gg$  diameter of masses ...(do not allow 'size') ..... A1 [2]
- (b) (i) equatorial orbit ..... B1  
 period 24 hours / same angular speed ..... B1  
 from west to east / same direction of rotation ..... B1 [3]  
 (allow one of the last two marks for 'always overhead' if 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> marks not scored)
- (ii) gravitational force provides centripetal force  
 / gives rise to centripetal acceleration ....(in 'words') ..... B1  
 $GM / x^2 = x\omega^2$  ..... M1  
 $g = GM / R^2$  ..... M1  
 to give  $gR^2 = x^3\omega^2$  ..... A0 [3]
- (iii)  $\omega = 2\pi / (24 \times 3600) = 7.27 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$  ..... C1  
 $9.81 \times (6.4 \times 10^6)^2 = x^3 \times (7.27 \times 10^{-5})^2$  ..... C1  
 $x^3 = 7.6 \times 10^{22}$   
 $x = 4.2 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$  ..... A1 [3]  
 (use of  $g = 10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ , loses 1 mark but once only in the Paper)

[Total: 11]

**Q21.**



**MEGA LECTURE**

- 1 (a) (i) force per (unit) mass .....(*ratio idea essential*) ..... B1 [1]
- (ii)  $g = GM / R^2$  ..... C1  
 $9.81 = (6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times M) / (6.38 \times 10^6)^2$  .....(*all 3 s.f*) ..... M1  
 $M = 5.99 \times 10^{24}$  kg ..... A0 [2]
- (b) (i) either  $GM = \omega^2 r^3$  or  $gR^2 = \omega^2 r^3$  ..... C1  
 either  $6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.99 \times 10^{24} = \omega^2 \times (2.86 \times 10^7)^3$   
 or  $9.81 \times (6.38 \times 10^6)^2 = \omega^2 \times (2.86 \times 10^7)^3$  ..... C1  
 $\omega = 1.3 \times 10^{-4}$  rad s<sup>-1</sup> ..... A1 [3]  
 (*use of  $r = 2.22 \times 10^7$  m scores max 2 marks*)
- (ii) period of orbit =  $2\pi / \omega$  ..... C1  
 =  $4.8 \times 10^4$  s (= 13.4 hours) ..... A1  
 period for geostationary satellite is 24 hours (=  $8.6 \times 10^4$  s) ..... A1  
 so no ..... A0 [3]
- (c) satellite can then provide cover at Poles ..... B1 [1]
- [Total: 10]

**Q22.**

- 1 (a) force per unit mass (*ratio idea essential*) B1 [1]
- (b) graph: correct curvature M1  
 from  $(R, 1.0 g_s)$  & at least one other correct point A1 [2]
- (c) (i) fields of Earth and Moon are in opposite directions M1  
 either resultant field found by subtraction of the field strength  
 or any other sensible comment A1  
 so there is a point where it is zero A0 [2]  
 (*allow  $F_E = -F_M$  for 2 marks*)
- (ii)  $GM_E / x^2 = GM_M / (D - x)^2$  C1  
 $(6.0 \times 10^{24}) / (7.4 \times 10^{22}) = x^2 / (60R_E - x)^2$  C1  
 $x = 54R_E$  A1 [3]
- (iii) graph:  $g = 0$  at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  distance to Moon B1  
 $g_E$  and  $g_M$  in opposite directions M1  
 correct curvature (by eye) and  $g_E > g_M$  at surface A1 [3]

**Q23.**



- 1 (a) (i) rate of change of angle / angular displacement swept out by radius M1  
A1 [2]
- (ii)  $\omega \times T = 2\pi$  B1 [1]
- (b) centripetal force is provided by the gravitational force B1  
*either*  $m r (2\pi/T)^2 = G M m / r^2$  *or*  $m r \omega^2 = G M m / r^2$  M1  
 $r^3 \times 4\pi^2 = G M \times T^2$  A1  
 $G M / 4\pi^2$  is a constant (*c*) A1  
 $T^2 = c r^3$  A0 [4]
- (c) (i) *either*  $T^2 = (45/1.08)^3 \times 0.615^2$  *or*  $T^2 = 0.30 \times 45^3$  C1  
 $T = 165$  years A1 [2]
- (ii) speed =  $(2\pi \times 1.08 \times 10^8) / (0.615 \times 365 \times 24 \times 3600)$  C1  
 $= 35 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  A1 [2]

## Q24.

- 1 (a) gravitational force provides the centripetal force B1  
 $G M m / r^2 = m r \omega^2$  (*must be in terms of  $\omega$* ) B1  
 $r^3 \omega^2 = G M$  and  $G M$  is a constant B1 [3]
- (b) (i) 1. for Phobos,  $\omega = 2\pi / (7.65 \times 3600)$  C1  
 $= 2.28 \times 10^{-4} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$   
 $(9.39 \times 10^6)^3 \times (2.28 \times 10^{-4})^2 = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times M$  C1  
 $M = 6.46 \times 10^{23} \text{ kg}$  A1 [3]
2.  $(9.39 \times 10^6)^3 \times (2.28 \times 10^{-4})^2 = (1.99 \times 10^7)^3 \times \omega^2$  C1  
 $\omega = 7.30 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$  C1  
 $T = 2\pi / \omega = 2\pi / (7.30 \times 10^{-5})$   
 $= 8.6 \times 10^4 \text{ s}$   
 $= 23.6 \text{ hours}$  A1 [3]
- (ii) *either* almost 'geostationary' B1  
*or* satellite would take a long time to cross the sky [1]

## Q25.



- 1 (a) (i) weight =  $\frac{GMm}{r^2}$  C1  
 $= (6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6.42 \times 10^{23} \times 1.40) / (\frac{1}{2} \times 6.79 \times 10^6)^2$  C1  
 $= 5.20 \text{ N}$  A1 [3]
- (ii) potential energy =  $-\frac{GMm}{r}$  C1  
 $= -(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6.42 \times 10^{23} \times 1.40) / (\frac{1}{2} \times 6.79 \times 10^6)$  M1  
 $= -1.77 \times 10^7 \text{ J}$  A0 [2]
- (b) either  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = 1.77 \times 10^7$  C1  
 $v^2 = (1.77 \times 10^7 \times 2) / 1.40$  C1  
 $v = 5.03 \times 10^3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  A1
- or  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{GMm}{r}$  (C1)  
 $v^2 = (2 \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6.42 \times 10^{23}) / (6.79 \times 10^6 / 2)$  (C1)  
 $v = 5.02 \times 10^3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  (A1) [3]

**Q26.**

- 1 (a) force is proportional to the product of the masses and inversely proportional to the square of the separation  
 either point masses or separation  $\gg$  size of masses M1  
A1 [2]
- (b) (i) gravitational force provides the centripetal force B1  
 $mv^2/r = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$  and  $E_K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$  M1  
 hence  $E_K = \frac{GMm}{2r}$  A0 [2]
- (ii) 1.  $\Delta E_K = \frac{1}{2} \times 4.00 \times 10^{14} \times 620 \times (\{7.30 \times 10^6\}^{-1} - \{7.34 \times 10^6\}^{-1})$  C1  
 $= 9.26 \times 10^7 \text{ J}$  (ignore any sign in answer) A1 [2]  
 (allow  $1.0 \times 10^8 \text{ J}$  if evidence that  $E_K$  evaluated separately for each  $r$ )
2.  $\Delta E_P = 4.00 \times 10^{14} \times 620 \times (\{7.30 \times 10^6\}^{-1} - \{7.34 \times 10^6\}^{-1})$  C1  
 $= 1.85 \times 10^8 \text{ J}$  (ignore any sign in answer) A1 [2]  
 (allow  $1.8$  or  $1.9 \times 10^8 \text{ J}$ )
- (iii) either  $\{7.30 \times 10^6\}^{-1} - \{7.34 \times 10^6\}^{-1}$  or  $\Delta E_K$  is positive /  $E_K$  increased  
 speed has increased M1  
A1 [2]

**Q27.**

- 1 (a) work done in moving unit mass from infinity (to the point) M1  
A1 [2]
- (b) (i) gravitational potential energy =  $\frac{GMm}{x}$   
 energy =  $(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 7.35 \times 10^{22} \times 4.5) / (1.74 \times 10^6)$  M1  
 energy =  $1.27 \times 10^7 \text{ J}$  A0 [1]
- (ii) change in grav. potential energy = change in kinetic energy B1  
 $\frac{1}{2} \times 4.5 \times v^2 = 1.27 \times 10^7$   
 $v = 2.4 \times 10^3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  A1 [2]
- (c) Earth would attract the rock / potential at Earth's surface) not zero /  $< 0$   
 / at Earth, potential due to Moon not zero M1  
 escape speed would be lower A1 [2]



**Q28.**

- 1 (a) force proportional to product of the two masses and inversely proportional to the square of their separation  
*either* reference to point masses *or* separation >> 'size' of masses M1  
A1 [2]
- (b) gravitational force provides the centripetal force  
 $GMm/R^2 = mR\omega^2$   
 where  $m$  is the mass of the planet B1  
M1  
A1  
A0 [3]  
 $GM = R^3\omega^2$
- (c)  $\omega = 2\pi / T$  C1  
*either*  $M_{\text{star}} / M_{\text{Sun}} = (R_{\text{star}} / R_{\text{Sun}})^3 \times (T_{\text{Sun}} / T_{\text{star}})^2$   
 $M_{\text{star}} = 4^3 \times (1/2)^2 \times 2.0 \times 10^{30}$  C1  
 $= 3.2 \times 10^{31} \text{ kg}$  A1 [3]  
*or*  $M_{\text{star}} = (2\pi)^2 R_{\text{star}}^3 / GT^2$  (C1)  
 $= \{(2\pi)^2 \times (6.0 \times 10^{11})^3\} / \{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times (2 \times 365 \times 24 \times 3600)^2\}$  (C1)  
 $= 3.2 \times 10^{31} \text{ kg}$  (A1)

**Q29.**

- 1 (a) work done bringing unit mass from infinity (to the point) M1  
A1 [2]
- (b)  $E_p = -m\phi$  B1 [1]
- (c)  $\phi \propto 1/x$  C1  
*either* at  $6R$  from centre, potential is  $(6.3 \times 10^7)/6$  ( $= 1.05 \times 10^7 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$ )  
and at  $5R$  from centre, potential is  $(6.3 \times 10^7)/5$  ( $= 1.26 \times 10^7 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$ ) C1  
 change in energy  $= (1.26 - 1.05) \times 10^7 \times 1.3$  C1  
 $= 2.7 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$  A1
- or* change in potential  $= (1/5 - 1/6) \times (6.3 \times 10^7)$  (C1)  
 change in energy  $= (1/5 - 1/6) \times (6.3 \times 10^7) \times 1.3$  (C1)  
 $= 2.7 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$  (A1) [4]

**Q30.**



**MEGA LECTURE**

- 1 (a) gravitational force provides/is the centripetal force B1  
M1  
A0 [2]  
 $GMm/r^2 = mv^2/r$   
 $v = \sqrt{GM/r}$
- allow gravitational field strength provides/is the centripetal acceleration (B1)  
(M1)  
 $GM/r^2 = v^2/r$
- (b) (i) kinetic energy increase/change = loss/change in (gravitational) potential energy B1  
C1  
 $\frac{1}{2}mV_0^2 = GMm/x$   
 $V_0^2 = 2GM/x$   
 $V_0 = \sqrt{2GM/x}$  A1 [3]  
 (max. 2 for use of  $r$  not  $x$ )
- (ii)  $V_0$  is (always) greater than  $v$  (for  $x = r$ ) M1  
A1 [2]  
 so stone could not enter into orbit  
 (expressions in (a) and (b)(i) must be dimensionally correct)

**Q31.**

- 1 (a)  $g = GM/R^2$  C1  
A1 [2]  
 $= (6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6.4 \times 10^{23}) / (3.4 \times 10^6)^2 = 3.7 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$
- (b)  $\Delta E_p = mg\Delta h$  B1  
C1  
A1 [3]  
 because  $\Delta h \ll R$  (or  $1800 \text{ m} \ll 3.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ )  $g$  is constant  
 $\Delta E_p = 2.4 \times 3.7 \times 1800$   
 $= 1.6 \times 10^4 \text{ J}$   
 (use of  $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  max. 1 for explanation)
- (c) gravitational potential energy =  $(-GMm/x)$  C1  
C1  
C1  
 $v^2 = 2GM/x$   
 $x = 4D = 4 \times 6.8 \times 10^6$   
 $v^2 = (2 \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6.4 \times 10^{23}) / (4 \times 6.8 \times 10^6)$   
 $= 3.14 \times 10^6$   
 $v = 1.8 \times 10^3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  A1 [4]  
 (use of 3.5D giving  $1.9 \times 10^3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , allow max. 3)

**Q32.**

- 2 (a) smooth curve with decreasing gradient, not starting at  $x = 0$  M1  
A1 [2]  
 end of line not at  $g = 0$  or horizontal
- (b) straight line with positive gradient M1  
A1 [2]  
 line starts at origin
- (c) sinusoidal shape B1  
B1  
B1 [3]  
 only positive values and peak/trough height constant  
 4 'loops'





[www.megalecture.com](http://www.megalecture.com)