

1 (a) Define gravitational potential at a point.

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(b) Mars is a planet that may be considered to be an isolated uniform sphere of radius $3.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$.

A satellite of mass 122 kg is in orbit around Mars at a constant height of $1.7 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ above the surface of the planet.

The height of the orbit is increased to $6.8 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ above the surface. This increases the gravitational potential energy of the satellite by $5.1 \times 10^8 \text{ J}$.

(i) Show that the mass of Mars is $6.4 \times 10^{23} \text{ kg}$.

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(ii) Calculate the gravitational potential ϕ at the surface of Mars. Give a unit with your answer.

$\phi =$ unit [2]

(c) The satellite in (b) is moved to an orbit in which the satellite remains at the same point above the surface of Mars.

(i) The orbit has a period of 25 hours.

State what can be deduced from this about the rotation of Mars on its axis.

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(ii) State **one** other feature of this orbit.

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