## **Chapter 14 (Gravitation)**

**1**- A uniform spherical shell is made of copper. Its inner and outer radii are 0.50 m and 0.75 meter, respectively. The gravitational force exerted by this shell on a particle of mass m:

**a**. is zero if it is placed at 0.4 m from its center

**b**. is zero if it is placed in contact with its outer surface

c. is maximum if it is placed at its center

**d**. is maximum if it is placed in contact with its inner surface

e. is zero if it is placed at a point 0.65 m from the center

**2**- Three particles with equal mass M = 1.0 kg are located at (0,0), (4,0) and (0,4) where the x and y coordinates are in meters. Find the magnitude of the gravitational force exerted on the particle located at the origin by the other two particles. (A:  $5.9 \times 10^{-12}$  N)

**3**- A moon is moving in a circular orbit around a planet with a period of  $10^{**4}$  s. Find the mass of the planet if the radius of the orbit is  $10^{**7}$  m. (A: 5.9\*  $10^{**24}$  kg)

**4**- Three particles with equal mass M = 1.0 kg are located at (0,0), (4,0) and (0,4) where the x and y coordinates are in meters. Find the potential energy of the system. (A: -4.5\* 10\*\*(-11) J)

5- A rocket is fired vertically from Earth's surface. It reaches a maximum altitude h = 4.0 Re (Re = radius of Earth) above the surface of Earth. Find the initial speed of the rocket (Re = 6.37\*10\*\*6 m and mass of Earth Me = 5.98\*10\*\*24 kg). (A: 10 km/s)

**6**- At what altitude (in Earth's radii) above the surface of the Earth would the acceleration of gravity be 1/8 of that on the surface? (A: 1.83 Re)

7- A satellite is observed to orbit a large planet close to its surface with a period of 6.0 hours. Find the average mass density of the planet. Assume the planet is spherical. (A:  $303 \text{kg/m}^3$ )

**8**- A 100 kg spaceship is in circular orbit of radius  $1.38 \times 10^7$  m around the Earth. How much energy is required to transfer the spaceship to a circular orbit of radius  $1.92 \times 10^7$  m? (A: 4.08 x  $10^8$  J)

**9**- The planet Mars has a satellite which travels in a circular orbit of radius 9.4 x  $10^6$  m, with a period of 2.754 x  $10^4$  s. Calculate the mass of Mars from this information. (A: 6.48 x  $10^{23}$  kg)

**10**- Two spheres, each of mass 6.4 kg, are fixed at points A and B. Find the Magnitude and direction of the initial acceleration of a sphere of mass 0.01 kg if released from rest at point p and acted only by forces of gravitational attraction of the spheres A and B. (A:  $-0.5 \times 10^{-7}$  j m/s<sup>2</sup>)

