

Worksheet: Gravitation

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Q1. State Newton's universal law of gravitation. [1 mark]

Q2. Find the weight of a 60 kg person on (a) Earth and (b) the Moon. ($g_{\text{Earth}} = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$, $g_{\text{Moon}} = 1.6 \text{ m/s}^2$) [1 mark]

Q3. A box of weight 200 N is placed on a table. The base of the box has area 0.5 m^2 . What pressure does the box exert on the table? [2 marks]

Q4. A ball is dropped from a height of 20 m. Find the time it takes to reach the ground. ($g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$) [2 marks]

Q5. Why does an iron nail sink in water but a much heavier ship made of iron floats? [2 marks]

Q6. Two bodies of masses 100 kg and 200 kg are placed 10 m apart. Find the gravitational force between them. ($G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2$) [3 marks]

Q7. A stone is thrown vertically upward with initial velocity 20 m/s. Find (a) the maximum height reached, (b) the time to reach the maximum height. ($g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$) [3 marks]

Q8. Find the pressure exerted by sea water (density 1030 kg/m^3) at a depth of 100 m. ($g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$) [3 marks]

Q9. An object has mass 200 g and volume 50 cm^3 . Find its density and relative density. State whether it will sink or float in water. [3 marks]

Q10. Why is the value of g less at the equator than at the poles? [3 marks]

Q11. A cubical wooden block of side 10 cm and density 600 kg/m^3 floats in water. (a) What fraction of the block is submerged? (b) What is the depth of the submerged part below the water surface? [4 marks]

Q12. Calculate the force of gravitational attraction between Earth (mass $6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$) and a person of mass 60 kg standing on Earth's surface. ($G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$, $R_{\text{Earth}} = 6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$). Show that the result is the person's weight on Earth. [4 marks]

Q13. A body is thrown vertically upward from a tower of height 25 m with velocity 15 m/s. Find the total time the body remains in the air before hitting the ground. ($g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$) [4 marks]

Q14. A ship floats with 5 m of its hull below the water surface in fresh water. When it sails into sea water, the hull is now only 4.85 m below the surface. Why? (density_seawater = 1030 kg/m^3 , density_freshwater = 1000 kg/m^3) [4 marks]

Q15. Why is it easier to swim in sea water than in fresh water? [4 marks]
