

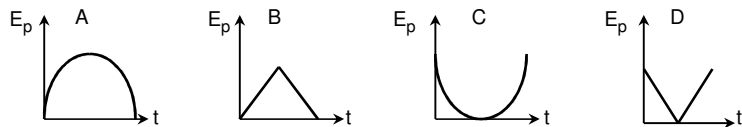
- 7.2 What is the total drag force acting on the car? (2)
- 7.3 The power output of the car's engine is then reduced to zero and the car begins to descend a hill which is inclined at 10° to the horizontal. It continues to travel at $8 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$. Calculate how much extra retarding force is needed to achieve this constant velocity. (5)
- 8 A person raises and lowers a dumb-bell of mass $2,5 \text{ kg}$ through a vertical distance of $0,4 \text{ m}$, 50 times in 60 seconds.
- 8.1 Show that the useful work performed by the arm muscles in lifting the dumb-bell during this activity is 490 J . (4)
- 8.2 Calculate the rate of conversion of energy in the muscles for the person during this activity. Assume that the muscles convert energy into useful work with an efficiency of 20%. (5)

Gravitational Potential Energy

- Gravitational potential energy $E_p = mgh$** (on data sheet) where E_p = gravitational potential energy in joule (U can also be used), m = mass of object in kilogram, g = gravitational acceleration in $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$ on that planet ($9,8 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$ on the earth) and h = height above the reference point (usually the ground).
- For an object falling freely ($v_i = 0$ and $a = g = 9,8 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$, near the earth's surface). $\Delta y = v_i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a \Delta t^2 = \frac{1}{2} g \Delta t^2$, therefore $\Delta y \propto \Delta t^2$.
Furthermore, with m and g both constant, $E_p \propto h$, therefore $E_p \propto h \propto \Delta t^2$, so that the **graph of E_p versus time is a parabola**.
The graph of E_p versus **displacement** or **height** is a straight line, passing through the origin.
- Work done by an **external force F** lifting an object from point 1 to point 2 equals the change in gravitational potential energy, $\Delta E_p = mgh_2 - mgh_1$, if **velocity** remains constant, therefore $W_F = \Delta E_p$.
- Work done by **gravity** (conservative force) when an object is lifted at constant velocity from point 1 to point 2 higher up, is $W_G = -\Delta E_p$.

Exercise 10:

- 1 Give ONE word/term for
- 1.1 the energy of an object due to its height above a point of reference. (1)
- 1.2 the energy of a stationary object due to its position above the surface of the earth. (1)
- 2 A ball is thrown vertically upwards. Which of the following potential energy-time graphs represents the change in the ball's gravitational potential energy from the moment it leaves the thrower's hand until it falls back to the same height again?



- 3 Which one of the following decreases when work is done by the force of gravity?
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| A Kinetic energy | B Potential energy |
| C Heat | D Momentum |
- (3)
- 4 The downward velocity of a parachutist is constant. Which one of the following statements about the parachutist is true?

- A Both his acceleration and his kinetic energy are zero.
- B His kinetic energy increases and gravitational potential energy decreases.
- C The sum of his gravitational potential energy and kinetic energy remains constant.
- D His potential energy decreases, but his kinetic energy remains constant. (3)
- 5 Mary throws a netball vertically upwards. The ball reaches a maximum height h at time t_h . Which graph best represents the variation in the potential energy E_p of the ball as a function of time?
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- 6 In South Africa the transportation of goods by trucks adds to the traffic problems on our roads. A $10\,000 \text{ kg}$ truck travels up a straight inclined road of length 23 m at constant speed of $20 \text{ km}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$. The total work done by the engine of the truck to get there is $7 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$. The work done to overcome friction is $8,5 \times 10^4 \text{ J}$.
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- 6.1 Calculate the height, h , reached by the truck at the top of the road. (6)
- 6.2 Calculate the instantaneous power delivered by the engine of the truck. (6)
- 6.3 Arrestor beds are constructed as a safety measure to allow trucks to come to rest when their brakes fail whilst going downhill. Write down TWO design features of such arrestor beds. (2)

Kinetic Energy

- Kinetic energy $E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$** (on data sheet) where E_k = kinetic energy in joule (K can also be used), m = mass of the object in kg and v = speed of the object in $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$.
- If m remains constant, $E_k \propto v^2$, therefore when v increases by a factor 2, E_k increases by a factor $(2)^2 = 4$, etc.
- Furthermore, with $E_k \propto v^2$ and $v^2 \propto \Delta t^2$, the **graph of E_k versus t is a parabola**.
For an object falling freely ($v_i = 0$ and $a = g = 9,8 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$ near the earth's surface) $v_f = v_i + a \Delta t = g \Delta t$, so that $v_f \propto \Delta t$.
- Work done by an external force = change in kinetic energy if height, i.e. E_p , remains the same.
- Work-energy theorem:** The work done by a **net force** on an object or system is equal to the **change in the kinetic energy** of the object or system: $W_{\text{net}} = \Delta E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2$

Exercise 11:

- 1 Give ONE word/term for
- 1.1 the energy of an object due to its motion. (1)
- 2 A stone is thrown vertically upwards and allowed to fall freely. (Ignore the effects of air resistance.) Which graph best represents the kinetic energy of the stone as a function of time? (3)

