## Gravitation

1. Assertion (A): Two satellites A and B are in the same orbit around the earth, B being behind A. Satellite B can overtake satellite A by increasing its speed.

> Reason (R): Orbital speeds of two satellite in same orbit may different

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 2. Assertion (A): At the centre of the earth, a body has centre of mass, but no centre of gravity.

Reason (R): Acceleration due to gravity is zero at the centre of the earth.

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 3. Assertion (A): The mechanical energy of earth-moon system remains same when another heavenly body passes nearby the earth-moon system.

Reason (R): Force exerted by heavenly body on the earth-moon system is nonconservative.

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- Assertion (A): An astronaut in an orbiting 4. space station above the earth experiences weightlessness.

Reason (R): An object orbiting around the earth under the influence of the earth's gravitational force is in a state of free fall. (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)

- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false

Assertion (A): Gravitational potential of earth at every place upon it is negative.

Reason (R): Every body on earth is bound by the attraction of earth.

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 6. Assertion (A): For a system of masses at some finite distance, gravitational field can be zero but gravitational potential can not be zero.

Reason (R): Gravitational field is a scalar quantity while gravitational potential is a vector quantity.

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 7. Assertion (A): Period of revolution of satellite in circular orbit around earth is inversely proportional to cube of its orbital speed.

Reason (R): Period of revolution in uniform circular motion is given by

- $T = \frac{2\pi r}{r}$  where r is radius of orbit and v is speed.
- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- Assertion (A): Assuming zero potential at 8. infinity, the gravitational potential at a point can never be positive.

Reason (R): The magnitude of gravitational force between two particles has inverse square dependence on the distance between two particles.

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false





- Assertion (A): Gravitational field of a uniform spherical shell outside it is same as that of particle of same mass placed at its centre of mass.
  - Reason (R): For the calculation of gravitational force between any two uniform spherical shells, they can always be replaced by particles of same mass placed at respective centres.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 10. Assertion (A): The force of attraction between a hollow spherical shell of uniform density and a point mass situated out side is just as if the entire mass of the shell is concentrated at the centre of the
  - **Reason (R):** Gravitational forces caused by the various regions of the shell have components along the line joining the point mass to the centre as well as along a direction perpendicular to this line.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 11. Assertion (A): The gravitational force between two finite bodies is necessarily along the line joining their centre of mass. **Reason (R):** The gravitational force between two particles is not central.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 12. Assertion (A): If the law of gravitation, instead of being inverse square law becomes an inverse cube law then planets will still have elliptical orbits.
  - **Reason (R):** In that case also,  $T^2 \propto r^3$ (symbols having usual meanings)
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false

- 13. Assertion (A): Gravitational potential energy of any mass particle may not be zero at earth centre.
  - Reason (R): Gravitational field intensity at earth centre is zero.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 14. Assertion (A): If the product of surface area and density is same for two planets, escape velocities at surface will be same for both planets.
  - Reason (R): For given mass of a planet  $\rm V_e \propto \, R^{-1/2}$
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- Assertion (A): When planet moves in 15. elliptical orbit around Sun. Its angular momentum about sun remains conserved.
  - Reason (R): Total mechanical energy of planet - sun system remains conserved.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 16. Assertion (A): Moon revolving around earth does not come closer despite earth's gravitational attraction.
  - Reason (R): A radially outward force balances earth's force of attraction during revolution of moon.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false



**17. Assertion (A):** Earth has an atmosphere but the moon does not.

**Reason (R):** Moon is small in comparison to earth.

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- **18. Assertion (A):** Potential energy of a planet increases as it moves from perihelion to aphelion.

**Reason (R):** As planet moves from perihelion to aphelion work done by gravitational pull of sun on planet is negative.

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- **19. Assertion (A):** An artificial satellite of earth releases a packet. It will hit the earth exactly below the satellite.

**Reason (R):** Packet will move along a straight line towards earth's centre with respect to satellite.

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- **20. Assertion (A):** Charged particles experience both electrical and gravitational force. But gravitational force is ignored.

**Reason (R):** Gravitational force is due to mass of particles while electrical force is due to charge of particles.

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false

21. Assertion (A): If earth stops rotating about its axis, then the value of acceleration due to gravity increases every where, except at the poles.

**Reason (R):** The value of acceleration due to gravity is maximum at the poles

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- **22. Assertion (A):** Even when orbit of a satellite is elliptical, its plane of rotation passes through the centre of earth.

**Reason (R):** According to law of conservation of angular momentum plane of rotation of satellite always remain same.

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- **23. Assertion (A):** The radius vector from the sun to a planet sweeps out equal areas in equal times interval.

**Reason (R):** Transverse (perpendicular to radius vector) acceleration of the planet is zero.

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- **24. Assertion (A):** Earth is continuously pulling moon towards its centre but moon does not fall to earth,

**Reason (R):** Attraction of sun on moon is greater than that of earth on moon.

- (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
- (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
- (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (4) Both (A) and (R) are false





- **25. Assertion (A):** An artificial satellite is moving in a circular orbit of the earth. If the gravitational pull suddenly disappears, then it moves with the same speed tangential to the original orbit.
  - **Reason (R):** The orbital speed of a satellite decreases with the increase in radius of the orbit.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- **26. Assertion (A):** If a body is taken from earth to moon, its gravitational mass becomes one-sixth on moon.
  - **Reason (R):** Gravitational mass depends upon acceleration due to gravity.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- **27. Assertion (A):** A person in an artificial satellite revolving around the earth feels weightlessness.
  - **Reason (R):** There is no gravitational force on the satellite.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- **28. Assertion (A):** A spherically symmetric shell produces no gravitational field anywhere.
  - **Reason (R):** The field due to various mass elements cancel out, everywhere for a spherically symmetric shell.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false

- **29. Assertion (A):** The plane of the orbit of an artificial satellite must contain the centre of the earth.
  - **Reason (R):** For the orbital motion of satellite, the necessary centripetal force is provided by gravitational pull of earth on satellite.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 30. Assertion (A): Escape velocity of a satellite is greater than its orbital velocity. Reason (R): Orbit of a satellite is within the gravitational field of planet whereas escaping is beyond the gravitational field of planet.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- 31. Assertion (A): Escape velocity from surface of a planet is  $V_e$ . If a tunnel is made inside the surface, the escape velocity from a point inside the tunnel must be greater than  $V_e$ .
  - **Reason (R):** Gravitational force is a conservative central force.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false
- **32. Assertion (A):** Total energy is conserved in moving a satellite to higher orbit.
  - **Reason (R):** Sum of change in potential energy and kinetic energy is same in magnitude and opposite in nature.
  - (1) Both (A) & (R) are true and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (2) Both (A) & (R) are true but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A)
  - (3) (A) is true but (R) is false
  - (4) Both (A) and (R) are false





ANSWER KEY																				
Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Ans.	4	1	4	1	1	3	1	2	3	3	4	4	2	2	2	3	2	1	4	2
Que.	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32								
Ans.	2	1	1	2	2	4	3	4	1	1	2	4								

