

## CHAPTER-7 | Gravitation

QUIZ  
PART-02

1. Which of the following correctly expresses the acceleration due to gravity at Earth's surface?

- A.  $g = GM/R$                       B.  $g = GM/R^2$   
C.  $g = G/(MR^2)$                 D.  $g = R^2/GM$  (D)

**Explanation :** At Earth's surface,  $g = GM/R^2$ , where  $M$  is Earth's mass and  $R$  its radius.

2. The value of  $g$  at a height  $h$  above Earth's surface is:

- A.  $g = g_s (R/(R+h))^2$   
B.  $g = g_s ((R+h)/R)^2$   
C.  $g = g_s (R/h)^2$   
D.  $g = g_s ((R-h)/R)^2$  (D)

**Explanation :** At height  $h$ ,  $g(h) = GM/(R+h)^2 = g_s (R/(R+h))^2$ .

3. For small heights  $h \ll R$ , the fractional decrease in  $g$  is approximately:

- A.  $h/R$                               B.  $2h/R$   
C.  $3h/R$                             D.  $h^2/R^2$  (D)

**Explanation :** Using binomial approximation,  $\Delta g/g \approx 2h/R$  for  $h \ll R$ .

4. At depth  $d$  inside Earth, the acceleration due to gravity is:

- A.  $g(d) = g_s$   
B.  $g(d) = g_s (1 - d/R)$   
C.  $g(d) = g_s (R/(R+d))^2$   
D. Zero everywhere below the surface (D)

**Explanation :** Inside a uniform sphere,  $g \propto r$ . At depth  $d$ ,  $g(d) = g_s (1 - d/R)$ .

5. What is the value of  $g$  at Earth's center?

- A.  $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$                       B.  $GM/R^2$   
C. Zero                              D. Infinite (C)

**Explanation :** At the center, all gravitational forces cancel, making  $g = 0$ .

6. The percentage decrease in  $g$  at small height  $h$  is given by:

- A.  $(h/R) \times 100\%$                       B.  $(2h/R) \times 100\%$   
C.  $(h^2/R^2) \times 100\%$   
D.  $(R/h) \times 100\%$  (B)

**Explanation :** For small  $h$ , % decrease =  $(\Delta g/g) \times 100 = (2h/R) \times 100\%$ .

7. The percentage decrease in  $g$  at depth  $d$  is:

- A.  $(d/R) \times 100\%$                       B.  $(2d/R) \times 100\%$   
C.  $(3d/R) \times 100\%$   
D.  $(d^2/R^2) \times 100\%$  (A)

**Explanation :** For depth  $d$ , % decrease =  $(d/R) \times 100\%$ .

8. At what location is  $g$  maximum on Earth?

- A. Equator  
B. Top of Mount Everest  
C. Pole  
D. Center of the Earth (C)

**Explanation :** Due to Earth's rotation and shape,  $g$  is maximum at the poles and minimum at the equator.

9. The standard mean value of  $g$  near Earth's surface is:

- A.  $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$                               B.  $9.2 \text{ m/s}^2$   
C.  $9.9 \text{ m/s}^2$                               D.  $0 \text{ m/s}^2$  (A)

**Explanation :** The accepted average value of  $g$  is  $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

10. Which of the following does NOT affect the value of  $g$  for a given location?

- A. Earth's mass and radius  
B. Height above Earth's surface  
C. Depth below Earth's surface  
D. Mass of the falling object (D)

**Explanation :**  $g$  depends only on Earth's properties and position, not on the mass or shape of the object.