QUES 02:-

An artificial satellite moving in a circular orbit around the earth has a total (K.E. + P.E.) energy E_0 . Its potential energy is

- (a) E_0
- $_{(b)} 1.5 E_0$
- (c) $2 E_0$
- (d) E_0

Solution

Total Energy, $E_0 = - GMm/2r$

Potential Energy, $U = -GMm/r = 2E_0$

Answer: (c) 2 E₀