

H.W. Mechanical energy
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4. What are the two kinds of mechanical energy?

A) The mechanical energy is found in two forms namely:
(a) The potential energy
(b) The kinetic energy

5) What is potential energy? State its unit.

A) The energy of a body at rest is called the potential energy. It is defined as follows:

⇒ Potential energy of a body is the energy possessed by it due to its state of rest or position. Actually it is equal to the

work done in bringing the body of that state of rest or position

It is written as P.E or U

The S.I unit of potential energy is Joules.

7) State two factors on which the potential energy of a body at certain height above the ground depends.

(A) The potential energy of a body in the raised position depends upon the following two factors:

(a) The mass of the body:- Greater the mass of the body greater is the potential energy of the body.

(b) Its height above the ground:- Higher the height of body greater is its potential.

8) Two bodies A and B of masses 10 kg and 20 kg respectively are at the same height above the ground. Which of the two has greater potential energy?

A) The body B having mass 20 kg has the greater potential energy. This can be explained as follows:

$$P.E = mgh$$

For both the bodies gravity and height are same so the body with greater mass possesses greater potential energy.