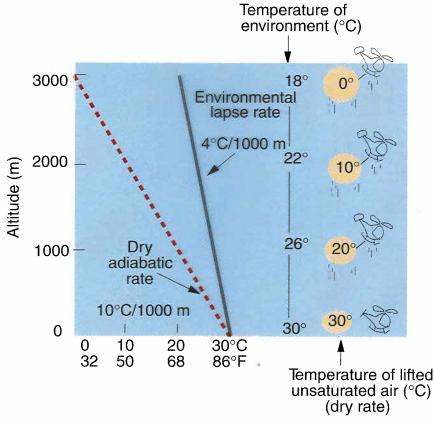
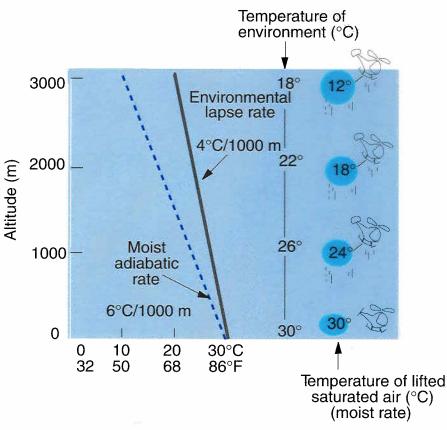
Figure 7.3 **An absolutely stable atmosphere**



(a) Lifted, unsaturated air at each level is colder and heavier than the air around it. If given the chance, the parcel would return to its original position.



(b) Lifted, saturated air at each position is colder and heavier than the air surrounding it. If released, the parcel would return to its original position.