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QUESTION PAPER

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- In questions marked with an **asterisk** (*), marks will be awarded for your ability to structure your answer logically, showing how the points you make are related or follow on from each other where appropriate.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

- 1 Figure 1 shows a person on a skateboard at the top of a ramp.

At P, the person is not moving.

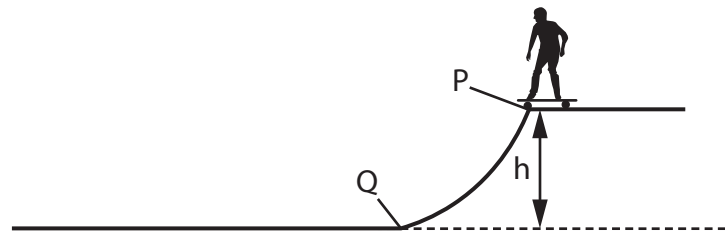


Figure 1

- (a) The person rides the skateboard down the ramp from P to Q.

The gravitational potential energy of the person decreases by 980 J.

The mass of the person is 35 kg.

Calculate h, the height of the ramp.

Use $g = 10 \text{ N/kg}$.

Use the equation

$$\text{change in gravitational potential energy} = m \times g \times h$$

(2)

h = m



(b) The kinetic energy, KE, of the person at Q is 950 J.

The mass of the person is 35 kg.

Calculate the velocity of the person at Q.

Use the equation

$$v^2 = \frac{2 \times KE}{m} \quad (3)$$

velocity = m/s



(c) Figure 2 is a diagram that represents energy changes from P to Q.

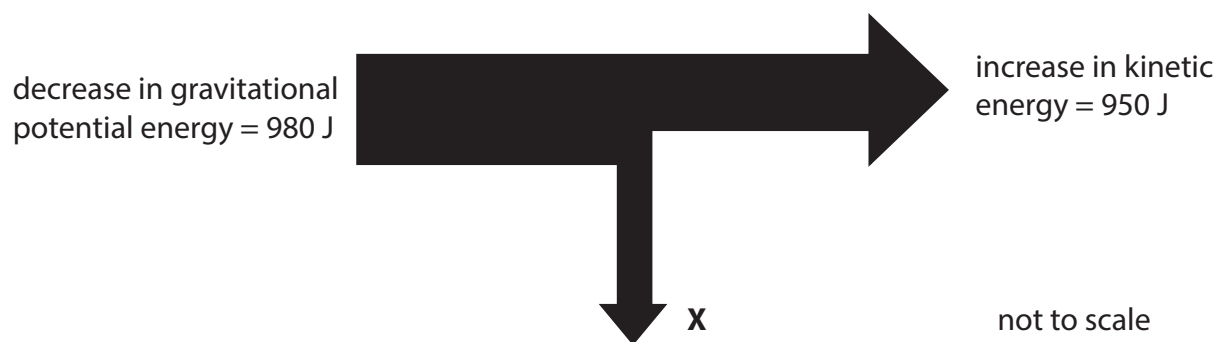


Figure 2

(i) State what is represented by **X**.

(1)

(ii) Calculate the value of **X**.

(1)

value of **X** = J

(iii) Calculate the efficiency of the system represented in Figure 2.

(2)

efficiency =

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- 2 (a) Two people, L and M, have a 100 m race.

L starts running before M.

Figure 3 shows a distance/time graph of the race.

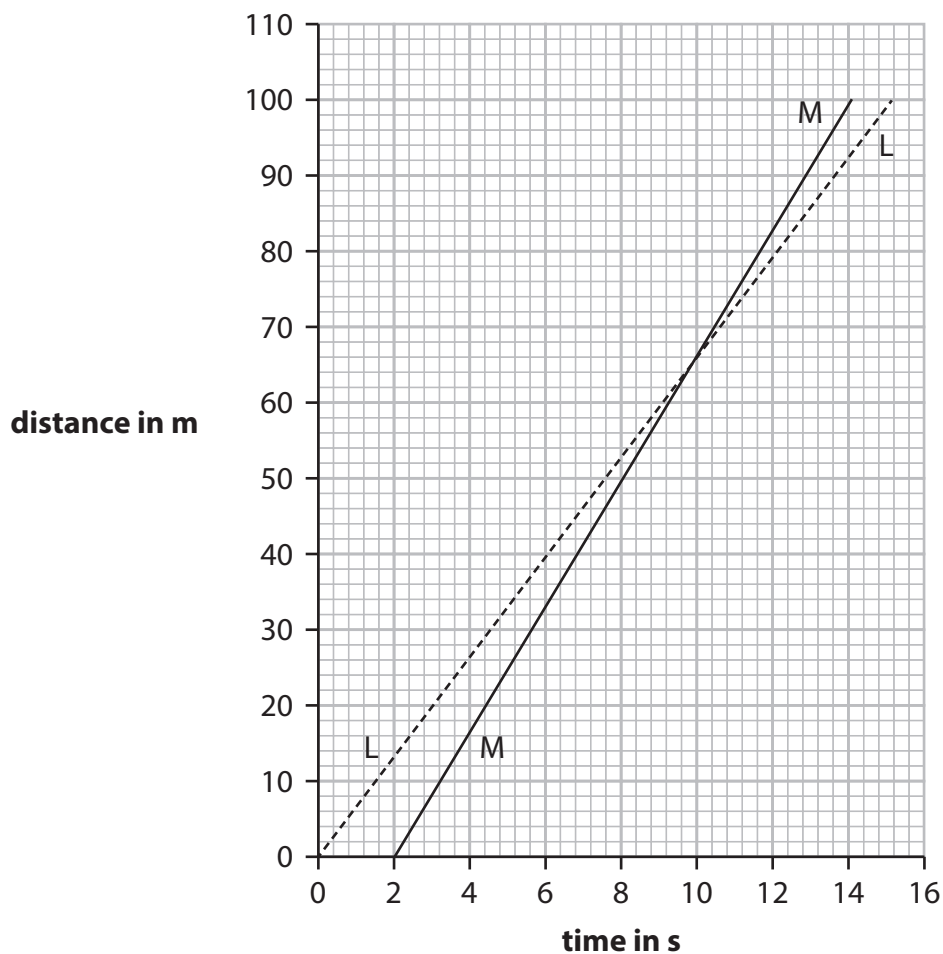


Figure 3

- (i) State the **distance** that L has run when M overtakes.

(1)

distance = m

- (ii) Calculate the velocity of L when running the 100 m race.

(2)

velocity = m/s



(b) A motorcycle is travelling at a velocity of 6.2 m/s.

The motorcycle accelerates at 2.5 m/s² until its velocity is 10 m/s.

(i) Calculate the time taken for this acceleration.

Use the equation

$$\text{time taken} = \frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{acceleration}} \quad (2)$$

time taken = s

(ii) The motorcycle now decelerates (slows down) from 10 m/s to a stop.

The deceleration is at a constant rate of 4.4 m/s².

Calculate the distance the motorcycle travels as it slows down to a stop.

Use the equation

$$v^2 - u^2 = 2 \times a \times x \quad (2)$$

distance = m



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(c) A car collides with a barrier on a road.

The time of the collision is very short.

Explain **one** factor, other than the time of the collision, that would affect the force on the car in the collision.

Your explanation should refer to an equation in the Equation Booklet.

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3 Ultraviolet (UV) waves from the Sun travel towards the Earth.

Ultraviolet waves can be grouped by wavelength.

The three groups of wavelengths are UVA, UVB and UVC.

Figure 4 shows, for each group,

- the wavelength range
- the effect of the Earth's atmosphere on each type of UV wave.

	UVA	UVB	UVC
wavelength range	400 nm to 315 nm	314 nm to 280 nm	279 nm to 100 nm
% energy absorbed by the Earth's atmosphere	5%	95%	100%

Figure 4

- (a) (i) Explain why UVC is potentially the most dangerous ultraviolet radiation but does not cause harm to people.

(2)

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- (ii) The speed of electromagnetic radiation is 3.00×10^8 m/s.

Calculate the frequency of the shortest wavelength of UVB radiation.

(3)

frequency = Hz



(b) UV radiation of wavelength 365 nm is used to detect forged banknotes.

In a genuine banknote there are marks that **cannot** be seen using visible light. These marks **can** be seen using UV radiation.

Explain why the marks can be seen when the UV radiation shines on the banknote.

Your answer should refer to the energy of electrons in atoms.

You may draw a diagram to help with your answer.

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- 4 (a) A car starts from rest and then travels for 70 s as shown on the graph in Figure 5.

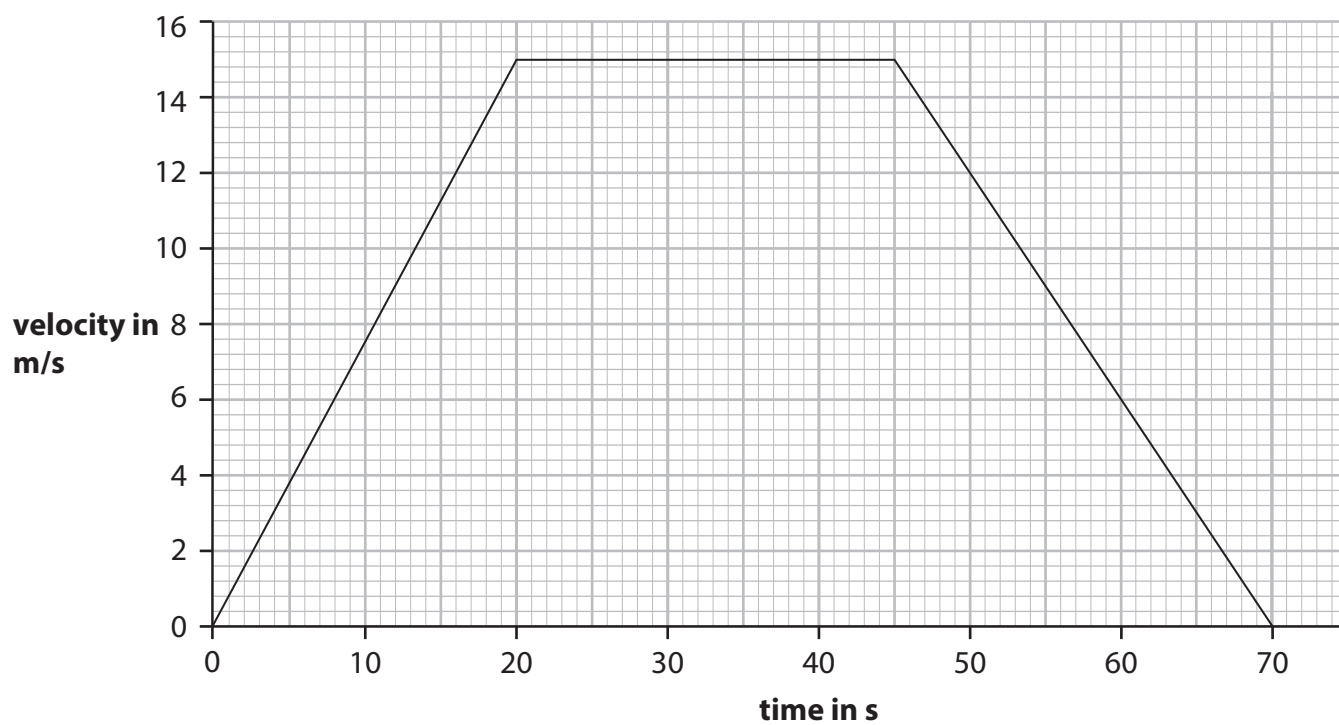


Figure 5

- (i) Complete the sentence using data from Figure 5.

(1)

The car is travelling at constant velocity from s
to s.



(ii) Use data from the graph in Figure 5 to show that the car travels a total distance of about 710 m in 70 s.

(3)

(iii) Calculate the average speed of the car for the total distance travelled.

(1)

average speed = m/s

(b) The **inertial** mass of an object is a measure of how difficult it is to change the velocity of the object.

A force of 450 N acts on a car to give the car an acceleration of 0.35 m/s^2 .

Calculate the **inertial** mass of the car.

(2)

inertial mass of car kg



(c) Figure 6 shows a different velocity/time graph.

This straight line graph can be represented by the equation

$$y = mx + c$$

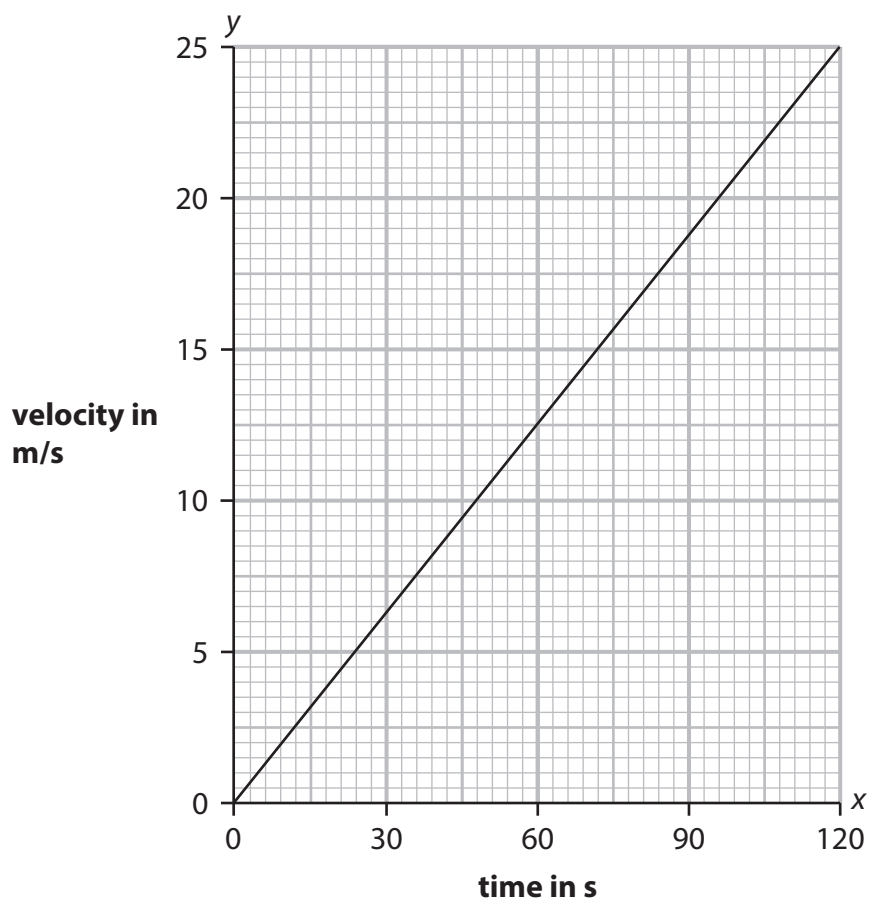


Figure 6

(i) Give the quantities that x and y represent in the equation.

(1)

x represents

y represents



(ii) Calculate the value of m from the graph in Figure 6.

(2)

$m = \dots\dots\dots \text{m/s}^2$

(iii) State the value of c from the graph in Figure 6.

(1)

value of $c = \dots\dots\dots$

(Total for Question 4 = 11 marks)



- 5 (a) An electron has a charge of -1 .

The charge on an alpha particle is

(1)

- ☐ A -2
☐ B 0
☐ C $+1$
☐ D $+2$

- (b) Alpha, beta and gamma are all **ionising** radiations.

Give the meaning of the term **ionising**.

(1)

- (c) A teacher determines the background radiation count rate in a laboratory.

Explain how to determine a value for the background radiation count rate.

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- (d) The teacher now investigates the absorption of beta radiation by different thicknesses of aluminium.

The apparatus available is

- a source of beta radiation
 - a Geiger–Müller (G-M) tube and counter
 - 10 pieces of aluminium, each 0.5 mm thick
 - a metre rule.
- (i) Sketch a labelled diagram showing the positions of the apparatus when the measurements are being taken.

(2)

- (ii) Give the independent variable in this investigation.

(1)

- (iii) Name a quantity that must be kept constant during the investigation.

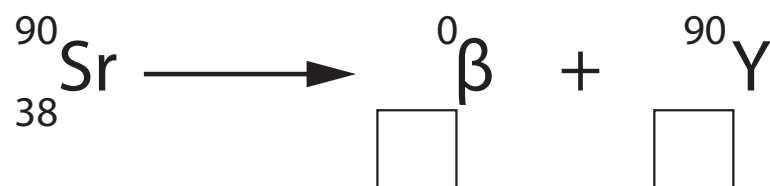
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(iv) Strontium-90 is the source of beta minus radiation in this investigation.

Complete the nuclear equation for this emission of beta minus radiation.

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- 6 (a) Figure 7 shows a ball being rotated in a horizontal circle.

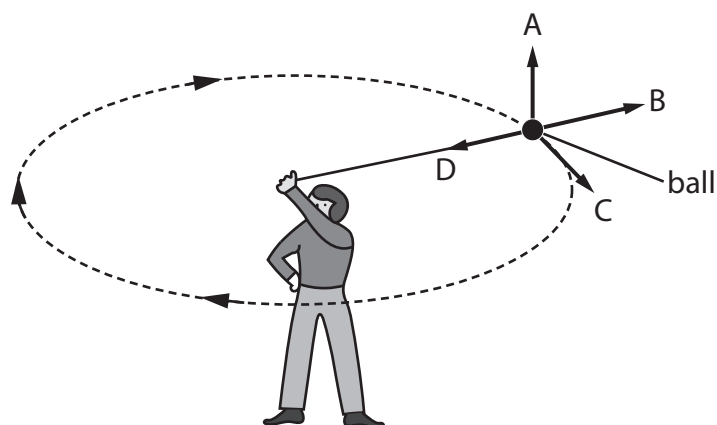


Figure 7

- (i) Which arrow in Figure 7 shows the direction of the centripetal force on the ball?

(1)

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C
- ☐ D

- (ii) The ball is moving at constant speed. Give **one** reason why the velocity of the ball is continuously changing.

(1)

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(b) Figure 8 shows a gymnast landing on a mat and coming to rest.

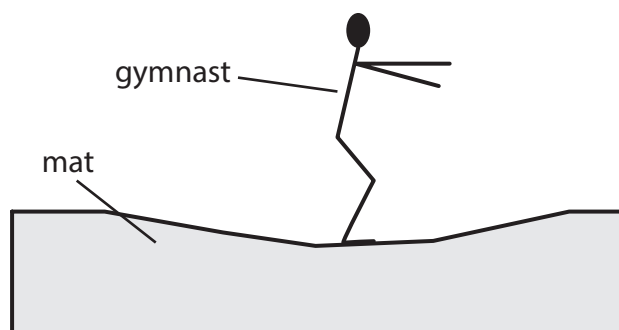


Figure 8

The gymnast has a mass of 53 kg.

The gymnast lands on the mat with a velocity of 4.0 m/s.

The average force exerted by the mat on the gymnast is 3500 N.

Calculate the time taken for the gymnast to come to rest.

Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

Use the equation

$$\text{force} = \frac{\text{change in momentum}}{\text{time}}$$

(3)

time = s



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If you're taking **GCSE (9–1) Combined Science** or **GCSE (9–1) Physics**, you will need these equations:

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distance travelled = average speed × time	
acceleration = change in velocity ÷ time taken	$a = \frac{(v-u)}{t}$
force = mass × acceleration	$F = m \times a$
weight = mass × gravitational field strength	$W = m \times g$
HT momentum = mass × velocity	$p = m \times v$
change in gravitational potential energy = mass × gravitational field strength × change in vertical height	$\Delta GPE = m \times g \times \Delta h$
kinetic energy = $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{mass} \times (\text{speed})^2$	$KE = \frac{1}{2} \times m \times v^2$
efficiency = $\frac{(\text{useful energy transferred by the device})}{(\text{total energy supplied to the device})}$	
wave speed = frequency × wavelength	$v = f \times \lambda$
wave speed = distance ÷ time	$v = \frac{x}{t}$
work done = force × distance moved in the direction of the force	$E = F \times d$
power = work done ÷ time taken	$P = \frac{E}{t}$
energy transferred = charge moved × potential difference	$E = Q \times V$
charge = current × time	$Q = I \times t$
potential difference = current × resistance	$V = I \times R$
power = energy transferred ÷ time taken	$P = \frac{E}{t}$
electrical power = current × potential difference	$P = I \times V$
electrical power = (current) ² × resistance	$P = I^2 \times R$
density = mass ÷ volume	$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$

	force exerted on a spring = spring constant $\times$ extension	$F = k \times x$
	(final velocity) ² – (initial velocity) ² = 2 $\times$ acceleration $\times$ distance	$v^2 - u^2 = 2 \times a \times x$
HT	force = change in momentum $\div$ time	$F = \frac{(mv - mu)}{t}$
	energy transferred = current $\times$ potential difference $\times$ time	$E = I \times V \times t$
HT	force on a conductor at right angles to a magnetic field carrying a current = magnetic flux density $\times$ current $\times$ length	$F = B \times I \times l$
	For transformers with 100% efficiency, potential difference across primary coil $\times$ current in primary coil = potential difference across secondary coil $\times$ current in secondary coil	$V_p \times I_p = V_s \times I_s$
	change in thermal energy = mass $\times$ specific heat capacity $\times$ change in temperature	$\Delta Q = m \times c \times \Delta\theta$
	thermal energy for a change of state = mass $\times$ specific latent heat	$Q = m \times L$
	energy transferred in stretching = 0.5 $\times$ spring constant $\times$ (extension) ²	$E = \frac{1}{2} \times k \times x^2$

If you're taking **GCSE (9–1) Physics**, you also need these extra equations:

	moment of a force = force $\times$ distance normal to the direction of the force	
	pressure = force normal to surface $\div$ area of surface	$P = \frac{F}{A}$
HT	$\frac{\text{potential difference across primary coil}}{\text{potential difference across secondary coil}} = \frac{\text{number of turns in primary coil}}{\text{number of turns in secondary coil}}$	$\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$
	to calculate pressure or volume for gases of fixed mass at constant temperature	$P_1 \times V_1 = P_2 \times V_2$
HT	pressure due to a column of liquid = height of column $\times$ density of liquid $\times$ gravitational field strength	$P = h \times \rho \times g$

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