Newton's First Law

Question Paper 1

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Exam Board	AQA
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Sub-Topic	Newton's First Law
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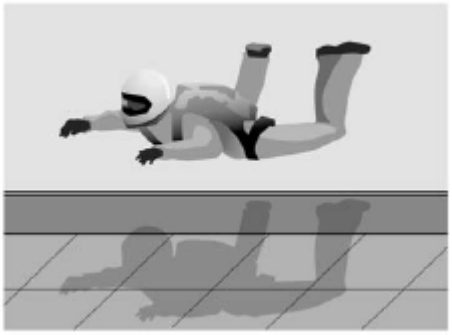
Percentage: **/100**

Grade Boundaries:

Q1.Figure 1 shows a skydiver training in an indoor wind tunnel.

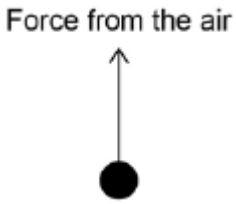
Large fans below the skydiver blow air upwards.

Figure 1



(a) The skydiver is in a stationary position.

Complete the free body diagram for the skydiver.



(2)

(b) The skydiver now straightens his legs to increase his surface area.

This causes the skydiver to accelerate upwards.

Explain why straightening his legs cause the skydiver to accelerate upwards.

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(2)

(c) A small aeroplane used for skydiving moves along a runway.

The aeroplane accelerates at 2 m / s^2 from a velocity of 8 m / s.

After a distance of 209 m it reaches its take-off velocity.

Calculate the take-off velocity of the aeroplane.

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Take-off velocity = ... m / s

(3)

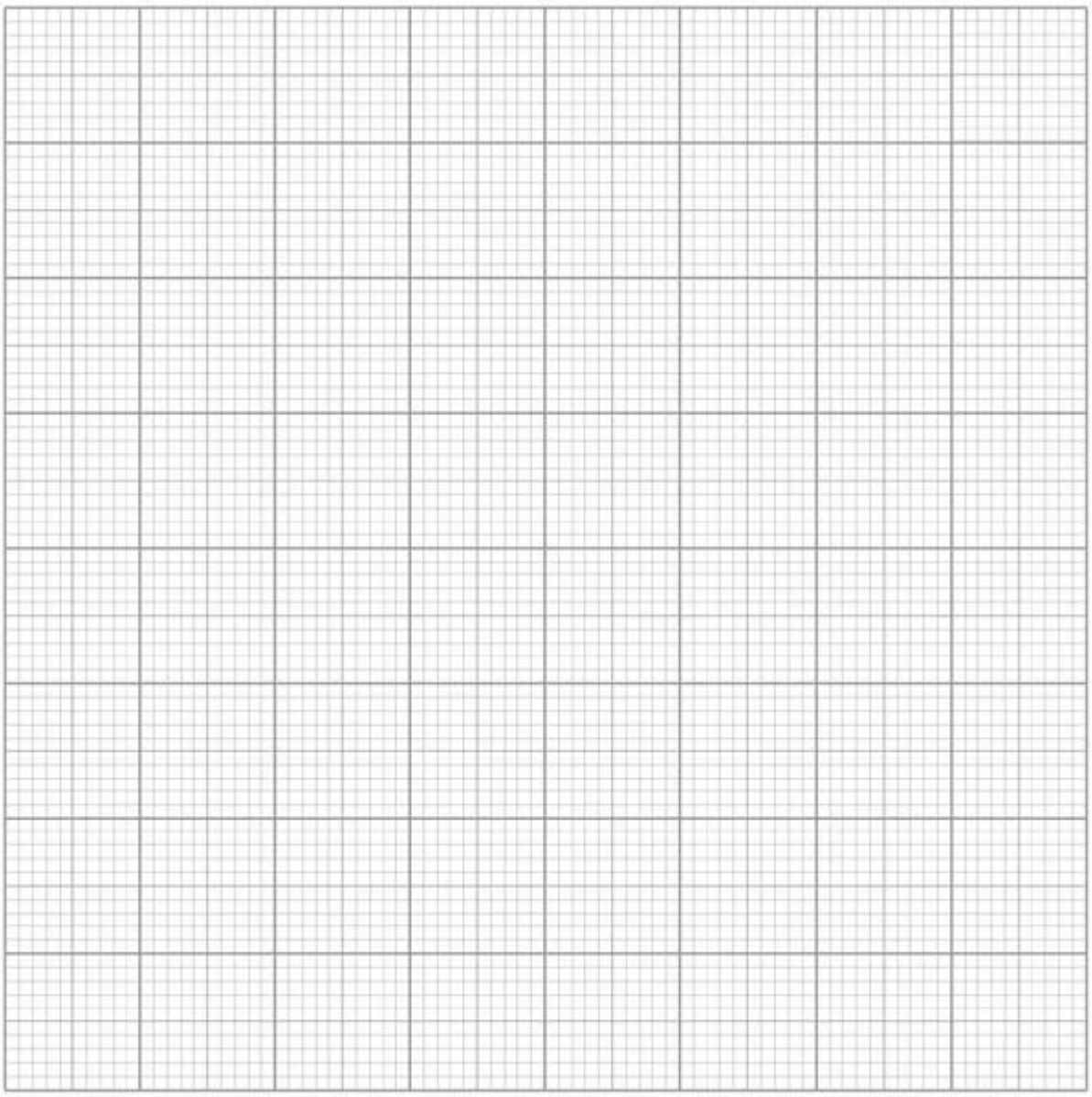
(d) A skydiver jumps from an aeroplane.

There is a resultant vertical force of 300 N on the skydiver.

There is a horizontal force from the wind of 60 N.

Draw a vector diagram on **Figure 2** to determine the magnitude and direction of the resultant force on the skydiver.

Figure 2



Magnitude of resultant force = ... N

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(Total 12 marks)

Q2. When two objects interact, they exert forces on each other.

(a) Which statement about the forces is correct?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

	Tick (✓)
The forces are equal in size and act in the same direction.	

The forces are unequal in size and act in the same direction.	
The forces are equal in size and act in opposite directions.	
The forces are unequal in size and act in opposite directions.	

(1)

(b) A fisherman pulls a boat towards land.

The forces acting on the boat are shown in **Diagram 1**.

The fisherman exerts a force of 300 N on the boat.
The sea exerts a resistive force of 250 N on the boat.

Diagram 1

(i) Describe the motion of the boat.

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(2)

(ii) When the boat reaches land, the resistive force increases to 300 N.
The fisherman continues to exert a force of 300 N.

Describe the motion of the boat.

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Accelerating to the right ☐

Constant velocity to the right ☐

Stationary ☐

(1)

(iii) Explain your answer to part **(b)(ii)**.

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(2)

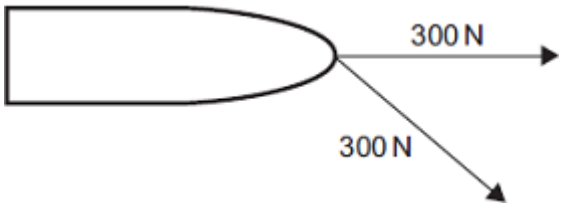
(iv) Another fisherman comes to help pull the boat. Each fisherman pulls with a force of 300 N, as shown in **Diagram 2**.

Diagram 2 is drawn to scale.

Add to **Diagram 2** to show the single force that has the same effect as the two 300 N forces.

Determine the value of this resultant force.

Diagram 2

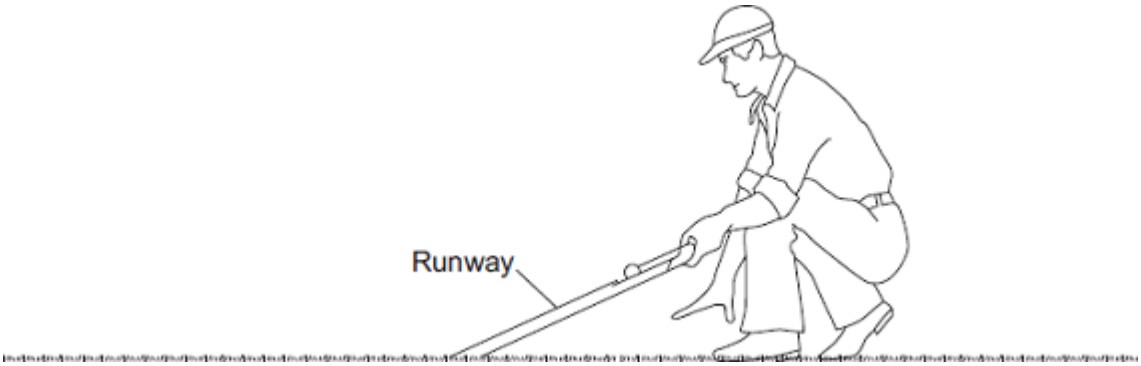


Resultant force = ... N

(4)
(Total 10 marks)

Q3.Figure 1 shows a golfer using a runway for testing how far a golf ball travels on grass.
One end of the runway is placed on the grass surface.
The other end of the runway is lifted up and a golf ball is put at the top.
The golf ball goes down the runway and along the grass surface.

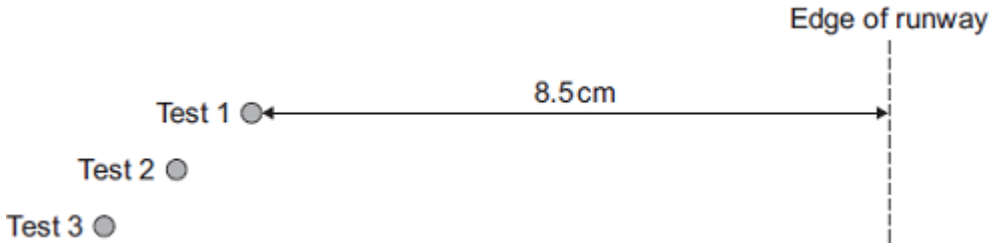
Figure 1



(a) A test was done three times with the same golf ball.

The results are shown in **Figure 2**.

Figure 2



(i) Make measurements on **Figure 2** to complete **Table 1**.

Table 1

Test	Distance measured in centimetres
1	8.5
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(2)

(ii) Calculate the mean distance, in centimetres, between the ball and the edge of the runway in **Figure 2**.

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Mean distance = ... cm

(1)

(iii) **Figure 2** is drawn to scale.
Scale: 1 cm = 20 cm on the grass.

Calculate the mean distance, in centimetres, the golf ball travels on the grass surface.

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Mean distance on the grass surface = ... cm

(1)

(iv) The distance the ball travels along the grass surface is used to estimate the 'speed' of the grass surface.

The words used to describe the 'speed' of a grass surface are given in **Table 2**.

Table 2

'Speed' of grass surface	**Mean distance the golf ball travels in centimetres**
Fast	250
Medium fast	220
Medium	190
Medium Slow	160
Slow	130

Use **Table 2** and your answer in part **(iii)** to describe the 'speed' of the grass surface.

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(1)

(b) The shorter the grass, the greater the distance the golf ball will travel.
A student uses the runway on the grass in her local park to measure the distance

the golf ball travels.

(i) Suggest **two** variables the student should control.

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(2)

(ii) She carried out the test five times.
Her measurements, in centimetres, are shown below.

75 95 84 74 79

What can she conclude about the length of the grass in the park?

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(1)

(c) Another student suggests that the 'speed' of a grass surface depends on factors other than grass length.

She wants to test the hypothesis that 'speed' depends on relative humidity.

Relative humidity is the percentage of water in the air compared to the maximum amount of water the air can hold. Relative humidity can have values between 1% and 100%.

The student obtains the data in **Table 3** from the Internet.

Table 3

Relative humidity expressed as a percentage	Mean distance the golf ball travels in centimetres
71	180
79	162
87	147

(i) Describe the pattern shown in **Table 3**.

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(1)

(ii) The student writes the following hypothesis:
'The mean distance the golf ball travels is inversely proportional to relative humidity.'

Use calculations to test this hypothesis and state your conclusion.

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(3)

(iii) The data in **Table 3** does **not** allow a conclusion to be made with confidence.

Give a reason why.

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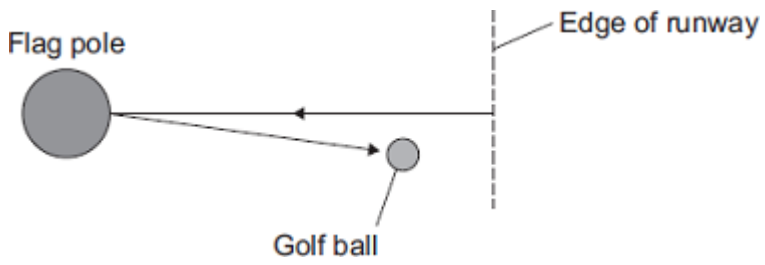
(d) In a test, a golf ball hits a flag pole on the golf course and travels back towards the edge of the runway as shown in **Figure 3**.

Figure 3



The distance the ball travels and the displacement of the ball are **not** the same.

What is the difference between distance and displacement?

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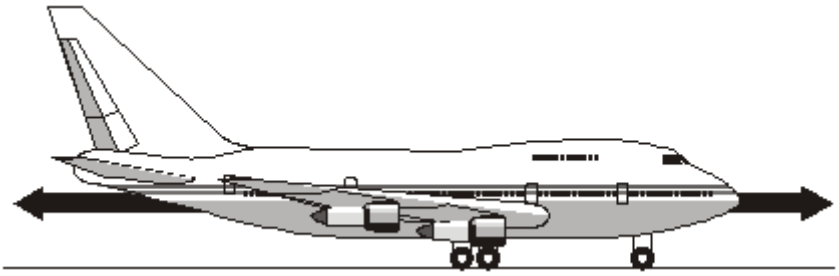
(Total 15 marks)

Q4. (a) The diagram shows an aircraft and the horizontal forces acting on it as it moves along a runway. The *resultant force* on the aircraft is zero.



(i) What is meant by the term *resultant force*?

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(1)

(ii) Describe the movement of the aircraft when the resultant force is zero.

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(1)

(b) The aircraft has a take-off mass of 320 000 kg. Each of the 4 engines can produce a maximum force of 240 kN.

Calculate the maximum acceleration of the aircraft.

Show clearly how you work out your answer and give the unit.

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Acceleration = ...

(3)

(c) As the aircraft moves along the runway to take off, its acceleration decreases even though the force from the engines is constant.

Explain why.

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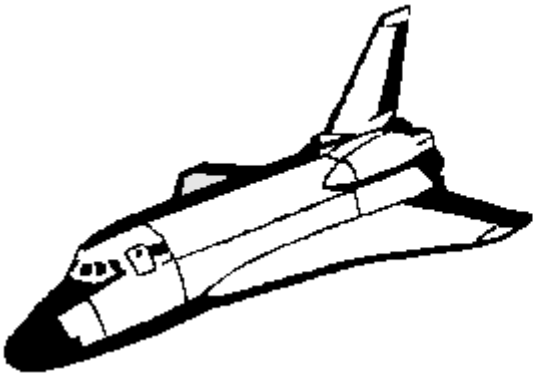
(2)
(Total 7 marks)

Q5. The diagram shows an orbiter, the reusable part of a space shuttle. The data refers to a typical flight.



Orbiter data	
Mass	78 000 kg
Orbital speed	7.5 km/s
Orbital altitude	200 km
Landing speed	100 m/s
Flight time	7 days

(a) (i) What name is given to the force which keeps the orbiter in orbit around the Earth?

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(1)

(ii) Use the following equation to calculate the kinetic energy, in joules, of the orbiter while it is in orbit.

kinetic energy = ½ mv^2

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Kinetic energy = ... joules

(2)

(iii) What happens to most of this kinetic energy as the orbiter re-enters the Earth's atmosphere?

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(1)

(b) After touchdown the orbiter decelerates uniformly coming to a halt in 50 s.

(i) Give the equation that links acceleration, time and velocity.

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(1)

(ii) Calculate the deceleration of the orbiter. Show clearly how you work out your answer and give the unit.

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Deceleration = ...

(2)

(c) (i) Give the equation that links acceleration, force and mass.

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(1)

(ii) Calculate, in newtons, the force needed to bring the orbiter to a halt. Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Force = ... newtons

(1)
(Total 9 marks)

Q6. The table contains typical data for an oil tanker.

Mass	56 000 000 kg
Cruising speed	12 m/s
Deceleration force	392 000 N
Stopping distance	10 000 m

(i) Write down the equation which links acceleration, force and mass.

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(1)

(ii) Calculate the deceleration of the oil tanker. Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Deceleration = ... m/s^2

(2)
(Total 3 marks)