

Newton's Second Law

Question Paper

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Booklet	Question Paper

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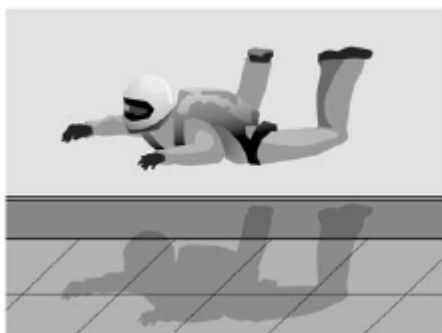
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Grade Boundaries:

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

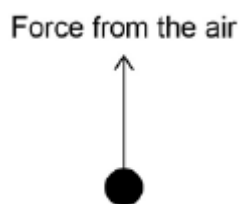
Large fans below the skydiver blow air upwards.

Figure 1



(a) The skydiver is in a stationary position.

Complete the free body diagram for the skydiver.



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(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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(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

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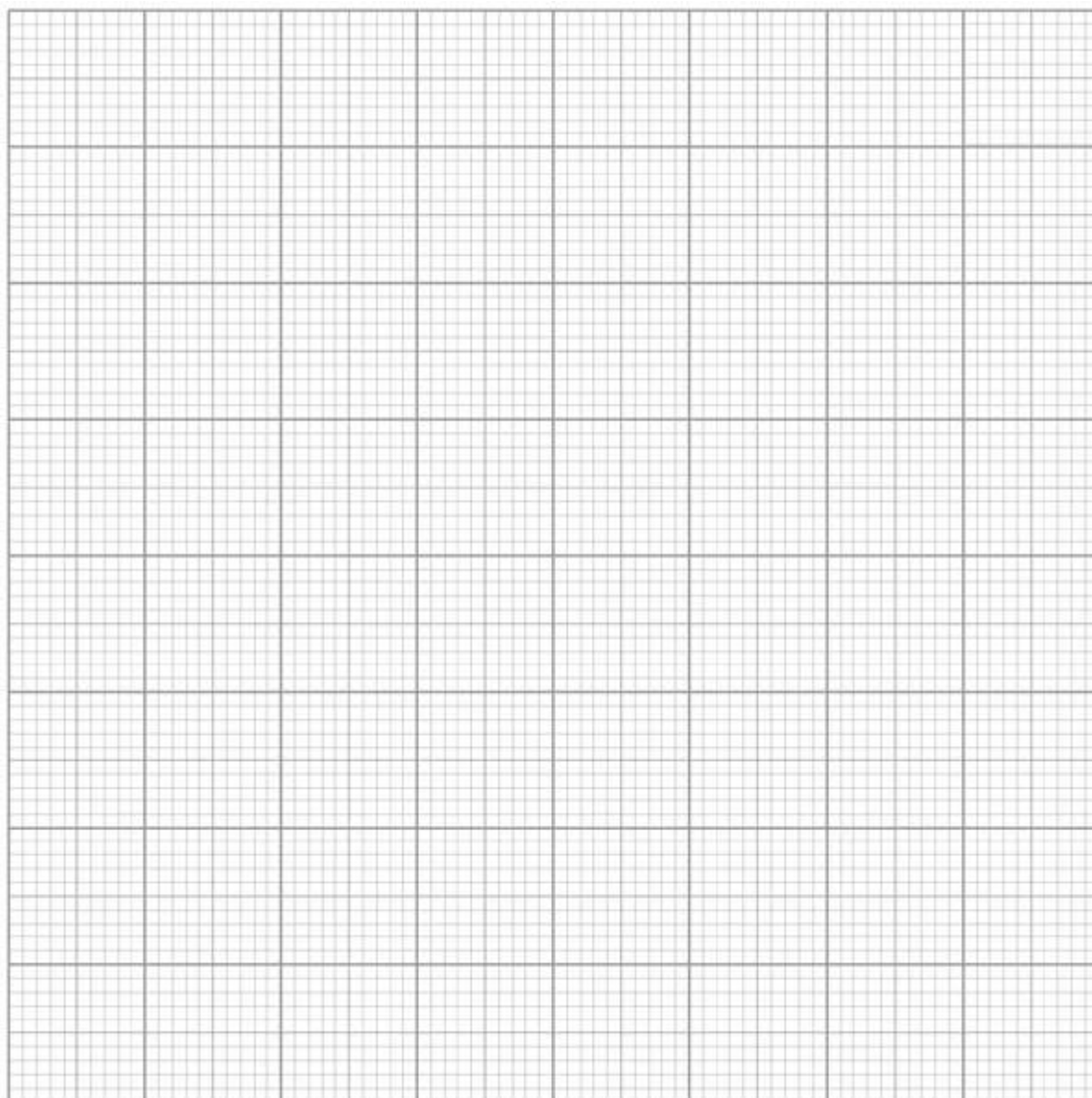
- (d) A skydiver jumps from an aeroplane.

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

(5)
(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.

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- (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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- (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

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Constant velocity to the right

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Stationary



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

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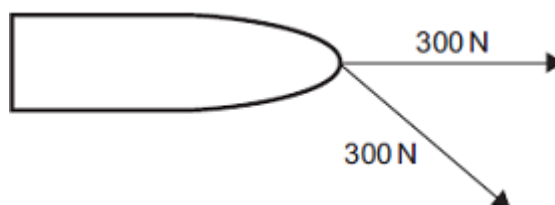
- (iv) Another fisherman comes to help pull the boat. Each fisherman pulls with a force of 300 N, as shown in **Diagram 2**.

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.

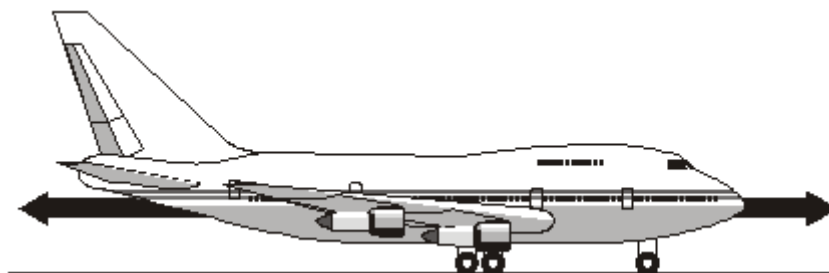
Diagram 2



Resultant force = N

(4)
(Total 10 marks)

- Q3.** (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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- (ii) Describe the movement of the aircraft when the resultant force is zero.

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- (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 =

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- (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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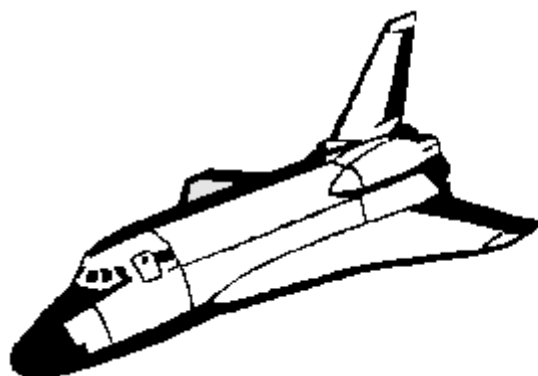
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- Q4.** The diagram shows an orbiter, the reusable part of a space shuttle. The data refers to a typical flight.



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

$$\text{kinetic energy} = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

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Kinetic energy = joules

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

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- (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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- (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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- (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

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(Total 9 marks)

Q5. 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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(ii) Calculate the deceleration of the oil tanker. Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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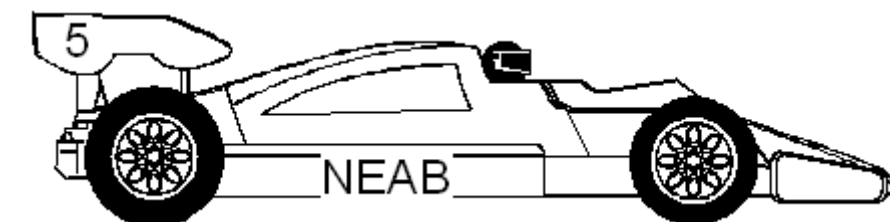
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Deceleration = m/s²

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(Total 3 marks)

- Q6.** A racing driver is driving his car along a **straight** and **level** road as shown in the diagram below.



- (a) The driver pushes the accelerator pedal as far down as possible. The car does not accelerate above a certain maximum speed. Explain the reasons for this in terms of the forces acting on the car.

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- (b) The racing car has a mass of 1250 kg. When the brake pedal is pushed down a constant braking force of 10 000 N is exerted on the car.

- (i) Calculate the acceleration of the car.

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- (ii) Calculate the kinetic energy of the car when it is travelling at a speed of 48 m/s.

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- (iii) When the brakes are applied with a constant force of 10 000 N the car travels a distance of 144 m before it stops. Calculate the work done in stopping the car.

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(Total 16 marks)

- Q7.** A rollercoaster car stops above a vertical drop. Suddenly it falls under gravity.



The drop is 60 metres high and at the bottom of the drop the car travels at 125 km/h.

The acceleration experienced by the people in the car is 10 m/s^2 . The mass of the car and its passengers is 1210 kg.

Calculate the force exerted on the car and its passengers. Show your working.

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Force = N

(Total 3 marks)