

Momentum

Question Paper 1

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Subject	Combined Science: Trilogy - Physics
Exam Board	AQA
Topic	6.5 Forces
Sub-Topic	Momentum
Difficulty Level	Silver Level
Booklet	Question Paper 1

Time Allowed: 60 minutes

Score: /59

Percentage: /100

Grade Boundaries:

Q1. The figure below shows an ice skater standing on the ice.



Mass
70 kg

- (a) Write down the equation that links acceleration, change in velocity and time.

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(1)

- (b) As the skater pushes away across the ice there is a small frictional force.

After pushing, the skater starts to move with a velocity of 5 m / s.

He slows to 3 m / s in 6 seconds.

Calculate the acceleration of the skater.

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Acceleration = m / s²

(2)

- (c) Write down the equation that links acceleration, force and mass.

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(1)

- (d) Friction reduces the speed of the skater.

Calculate the frictional force acting on the skater to slow him down.

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Frictional force = N

(2)

- (e) The skater stands still on the ice.

He throws his bag to a friend.

As he throws his bag forwards, the skater moves backwards across the ice.

Use the idea of conservation of momentum to explain why he moves backwards.

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(Total 10 marks)

Q2.An investigation was carried out to show how thinking distance, braking distance and stopping distance are affected by the speed of a car.

The results are shown in the table.

Speed in metres per second	Thinking distance in metres	Braking distance in metres	Stopping distance in metres
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10	6	6	12
15	9	14	43
20	12	24	36
25	15	38	53
30	18	55	73

- (a) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete each sentence.

As speed increases, thinking distance

decreases.

increases.

stays the same.

As speed increases, braking distance

decreases.

increases.

stays the same.

(2)

- (b) One of the values of stopping distance is incorrect.

Draw a ring around the incorrect value in the table.

Calculate the correct value of this stopping distance.

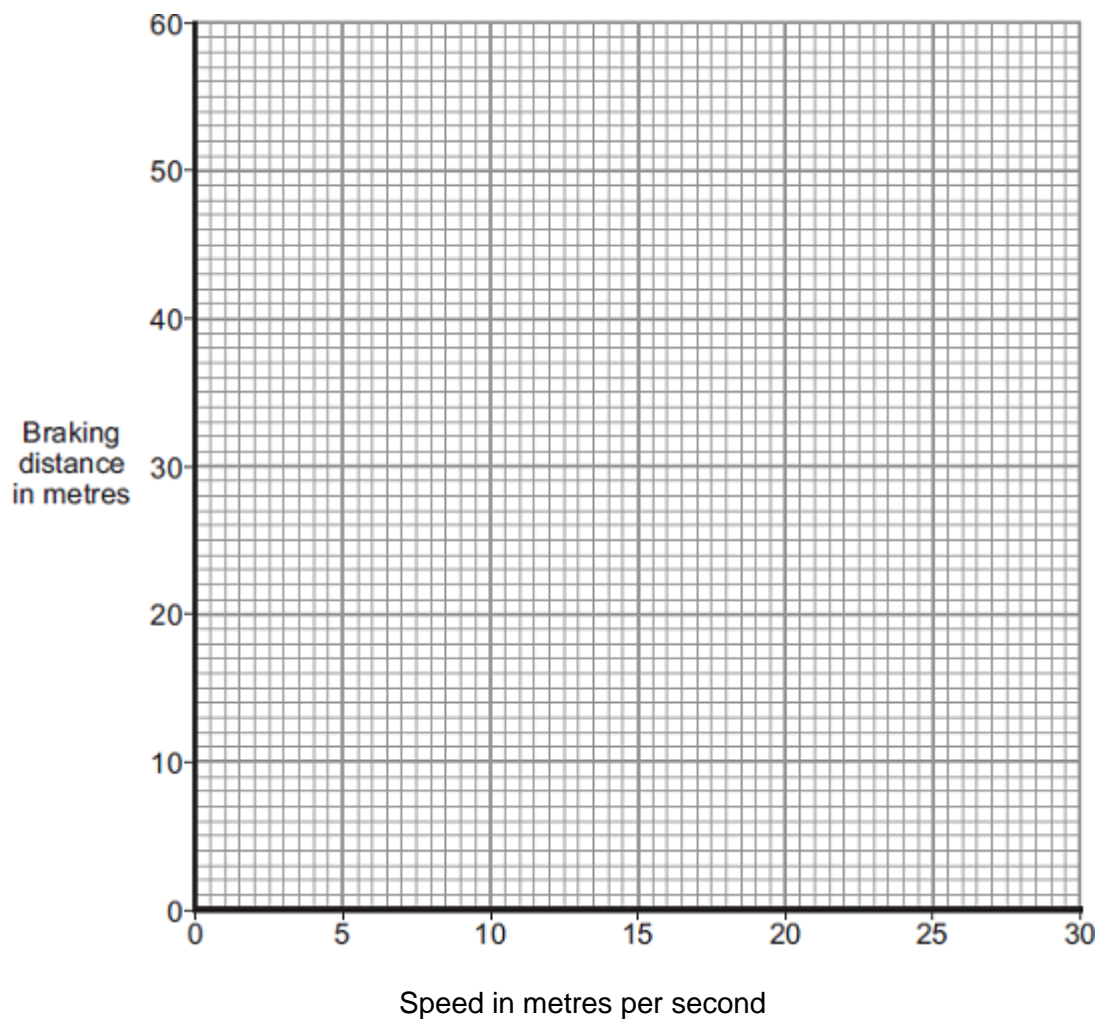
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Stopping distance = m

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- (c) (i) Using the results from the table, plot a graph of braking distance against speed.

Draw a line of best fit through your points.



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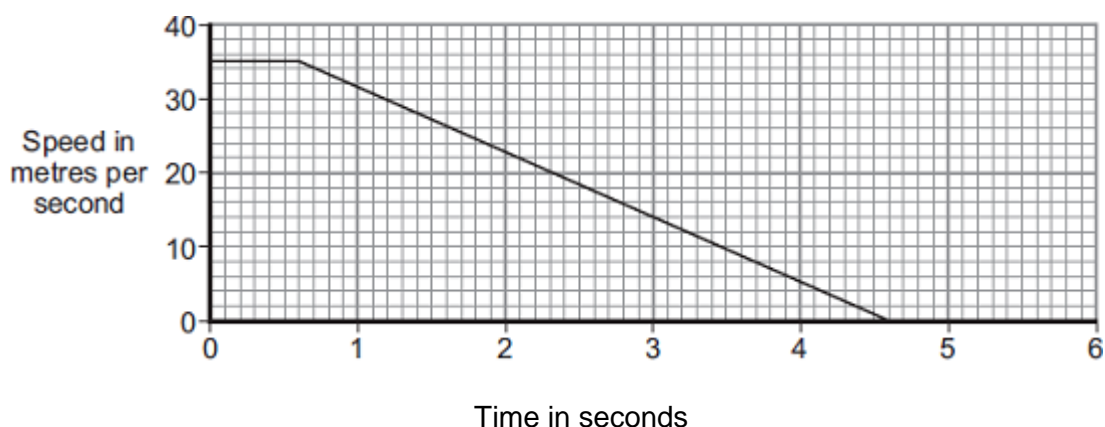
- (ii) Use your graph to determine the braking distance, in metres, at a speed of 22 m / s.

Braking distance = m

(1)

- (d) The speed–time graph for a car is shown below.

While travelling at a speed of 35 m / s, the driver sees an obstacle in the road at time $t = 0$. The driver reacts and brakes to a stop.



- (i) Determine the braking distance.

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Braking distance = m

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- (ii) If the driver was driving at 35 m / s on an icy road, the speed–time graph would be different.

Add another line to the speed–time graph above to show the effect of travelling at 35 m / s on an icy road and reacting to an obstacle in the road at time $t = 0$.

(3)

- (e) A car of mass 1200 kg is travelling with a velocity of 35 m / s.

- (i) Calculate the momentum of the car.

Give the unit.

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Momentum =

(3)

- (ii) The car stops in 4 seconds.

Calculate the average braking force acting on the car during the 4 seconds.

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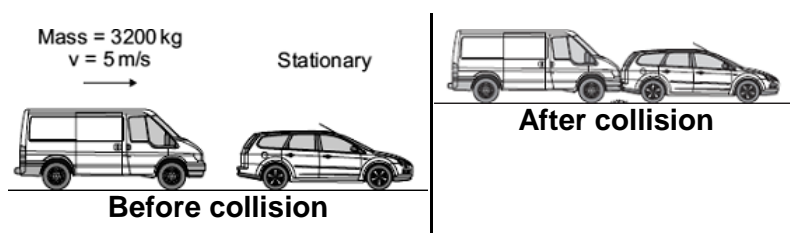
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Force = N

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(Total 19 marks)

- Q3.** (a) A van has a mass of 3200 kg. The diagram shows the van just before and just after it collides with the back of a car.



Just before the collision, the van was moving at 5 m/s and the car was stationary.

- (i) Calculate the momentum of the van just before the collision.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Momentum = kg m/s

(2)

- (ii) The collision makes the van and car join together.

What is the total momentum of the van and the car just after the collision?

Momentum = kg m/s

(1)

- (iii) Complete the following sentence by drawing a ring around the correct line in the box.

The momentum of the car before the collision is

more than
the same as
less than

the

momentum of the car after the collision.

(1)

- (b) A seat belt is one of the safety features of a car.



In a collision, wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of injury.

Use words or phrases from the box to complete the following sentences.

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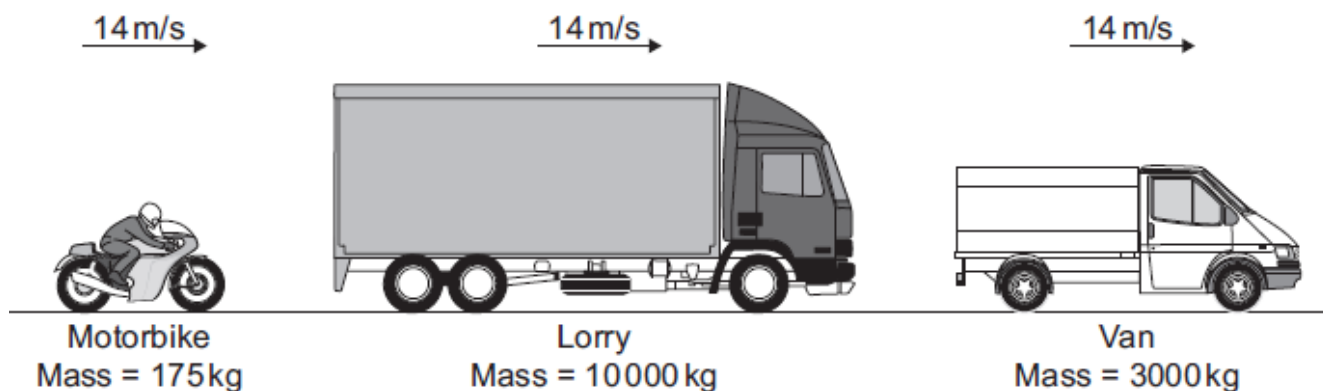
In a collision, the seat belt stretches. The time it takes for the person held by the seat belt to lose momentum compared to a person not wearing a seat belt,

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The force on the person's body
and so reduces the risk of injury.

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(Total 6 marks)

- Q4.** (a) (i) The diagram shows three vehicles travelling along a straight road at 14 m/s.



Which vehicle has the greatest momentum?

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Give the reason for your answer.

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(2)

- (ii) Use the equation in the box to calculate the momentum of the motorbike when it travels at 14 m/s.

<p>momentum = mass × velocity</p>

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Momentum =kg m/s

(2)

- (b) The motorbike follows the lorry for a short time, and then accelerates to overtake both the lorry and van.

- (i) Complete the following sentence by drawing a ring around the correct line in the box.

When the motorbike starts to overtake, the kinetic energy

of the motorbike

decreases.

stays the same.

increases.

(1)

- (ii) Give a reason for your answer to part (b)(i).

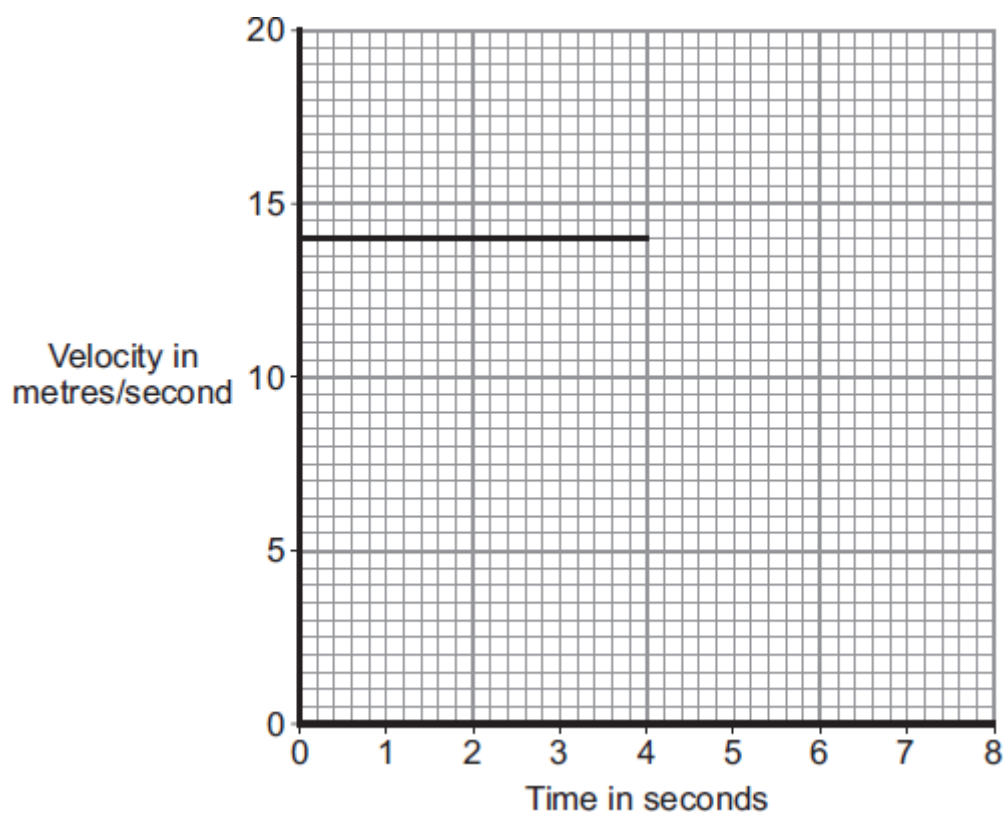
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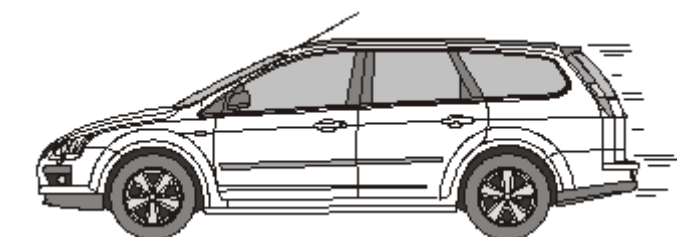
- (iii) The graph shows the velocity of the motorbike up to the time when it starts to accelerate. The motorbike accelerates constantly, going from a speed of 14 m/s to a speed of 20 m/s in a time of 2 seconds. The motorbike then stays at 20 m/s.

Complete the graph to show the motion of the motorbike over the next 4 seconds.



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(Total 9 marks)

- Q5.** (a) The diagram shows a car travelling at a speed of 12 m/s along a straight road.



- (i) Calculate the momentum of the car.

Mass of the car = 900 kg

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Momentum = kg m/s

(2)

(ii) Momentum has direction.

Draw an arrow on the diagram to show the direction of the car's momentum.

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(b) The car stops at a set of traffic lights.

How much momentum does the car have when it is stopped at the traffic lights?

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Give a reason for your answer.

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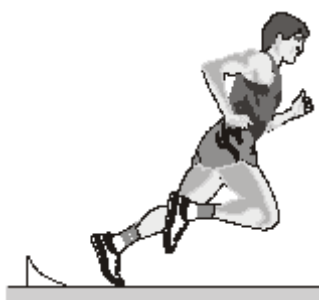
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- Q6.** (a) The diagram shows an athlete at the start of a race. The race is along a straight track.



In the first 2 seconds, the athlete accelerates constantly and reaches a speed of 9 m/s.

- (i) Calculate the acceleration of the athlete.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Acceleration =

(2)

- (ii) Which **one** of the following is the unit for acceleration?

Draw a ring around your answer.

J/s

m/s

m/s²

Nm

(1)

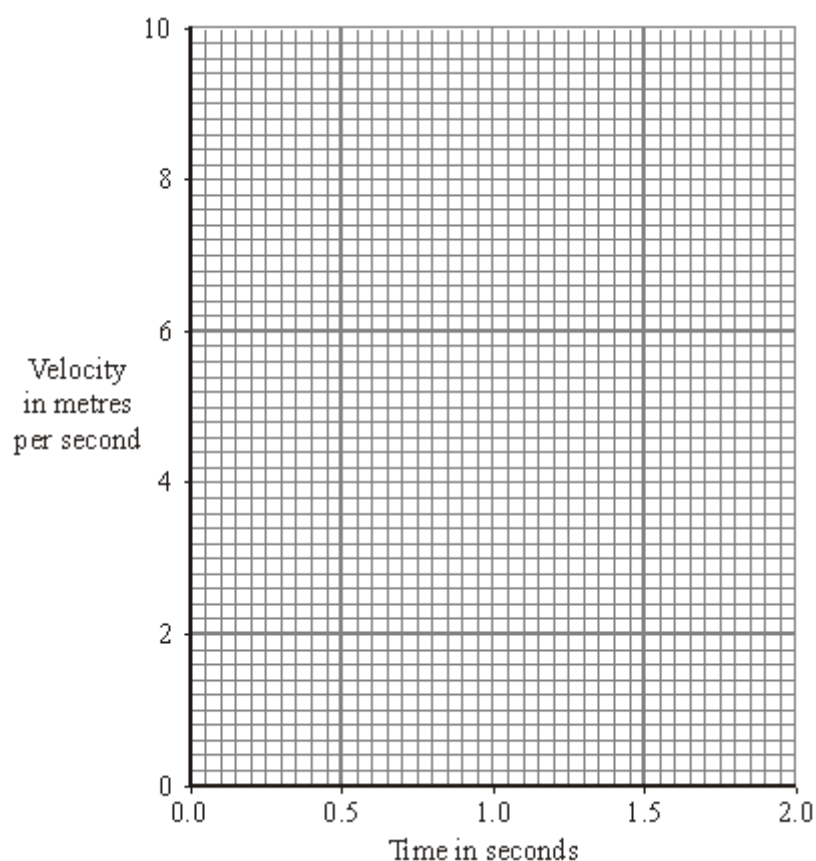
- (iii) Complete the following sentence.

The velocity of the athlete is the of the

athlete in a given direction.

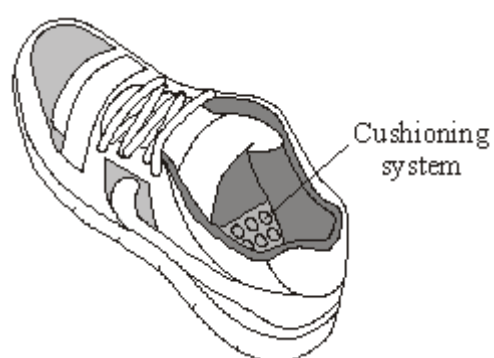
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- (iv) Complete the graph to show how the velocity of the athlete changes during the first 2 seconds of the race.

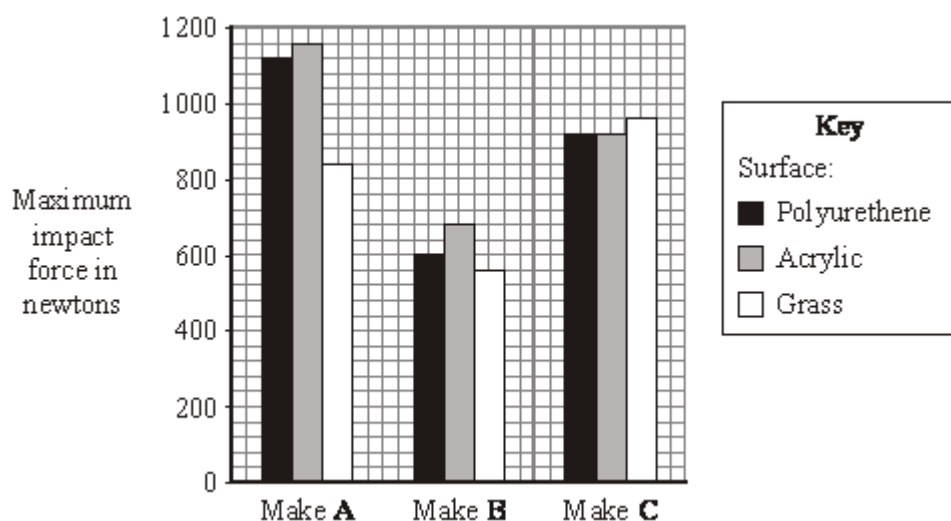


(2)

- (b) Many running shoes have a cushioning system. This reduces the impact force on the athlete as the heel of the running shoe hits the ground.



The bar chart shows the maximum impact force for three different makes of running shoe used on three different types of surface.



- (i) Which **one** of the three makes of running shoe, **A**, **B** or **C**, has the best cushioning system?

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Explain the reason for your answer.

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(3)

- (ii) The data needed to draw the bar chart was obtained using a robotic athlete fitted with electronic sensors.

Why is this data likely to be more reliable than data obtained using human athletes?

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(1)

(Total 10 marks)

