Distance and Displacement

Question Paper 1

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Sub-Topic	Distance and Displacement
Difficulty Level	Gold Level
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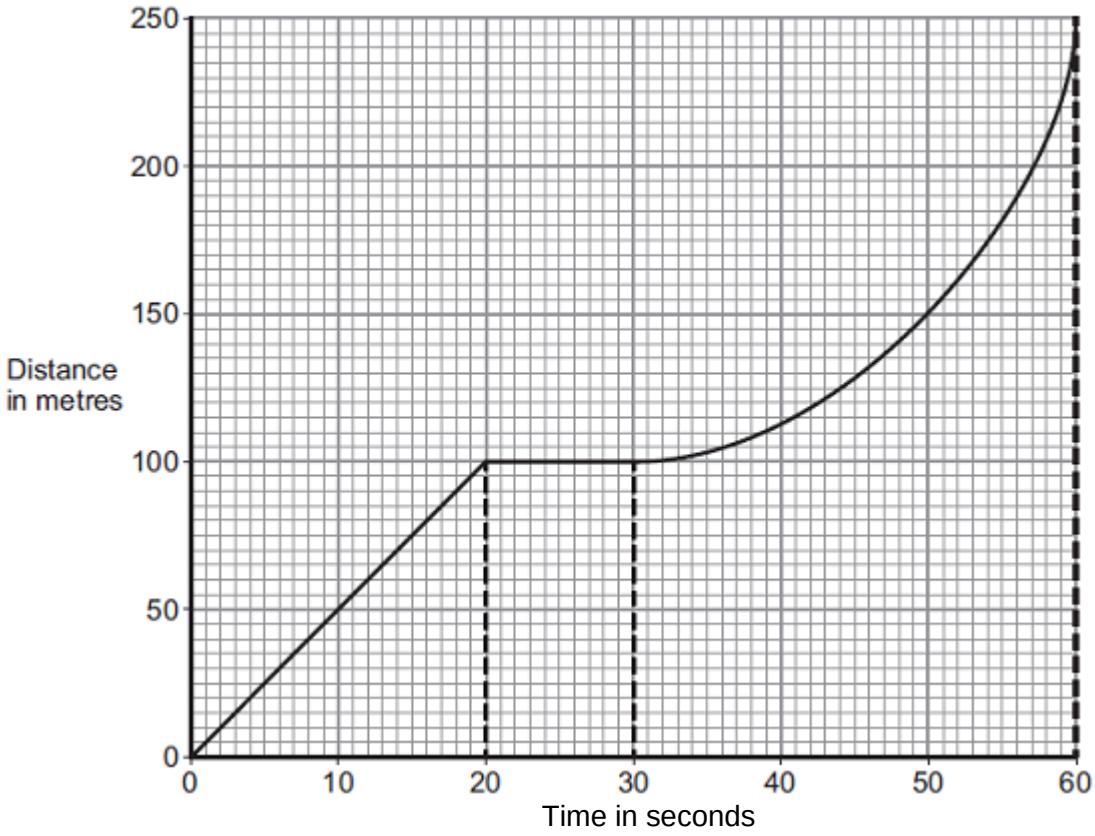
Score: **/56**

Percentage: **/100**

Grade Boundaries:

Q1.A bus is taking some children to school.

(a) The bus has to stop a few times. The figure below shows the distance–time graph for part of the journey.



(i) How far has the bus travelled in the first 20 seconds?

Distance travelled = ... m

(1)

(ii) Describe the motion of the bus between 20 seconds and 30 seconds.

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(1)

(iii) Describe the motion of the bus between 30 seconds and 60 seconds.

Tick (✓) **one** box.

	Tick (✓)
Accelerating	
Reversing	
Travelling at constant speed	

(1)

(iv) What is the speed of the bus at 45 seconds?

Show clearly on the figure above how you obtained your answer.

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Speed = ... m / s

(3)

(b) Later in the journey, the bus is moving and has 500 000 J of kinetic energy.

The brakes are applied and the bus stops.

(i) How much work is needed to stop the bus?

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Work = ... J

(1)

(ii) The bus stopped in a distance of 25 m.

Calculate the force that was needed to stop the bus.

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Force = ... N

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(iii) What happens to the kinetic energy of the bus as it is braking?

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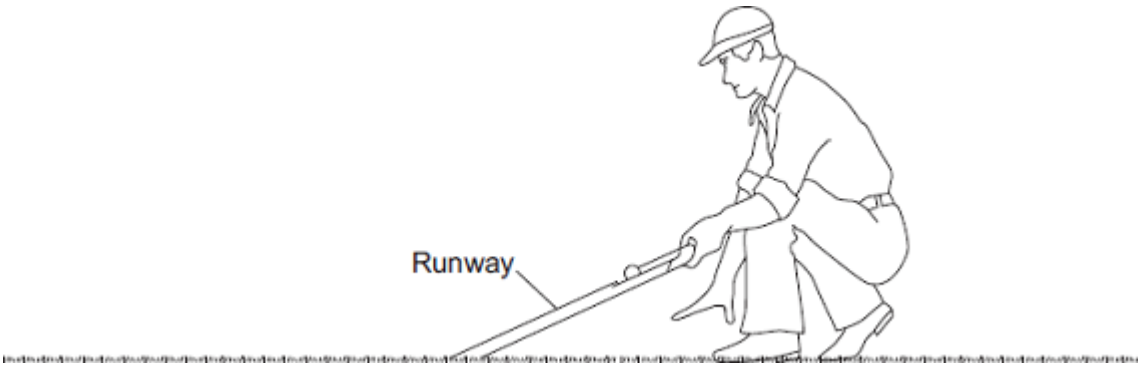
(2)
(Total 11 marks)

Q2.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
2	
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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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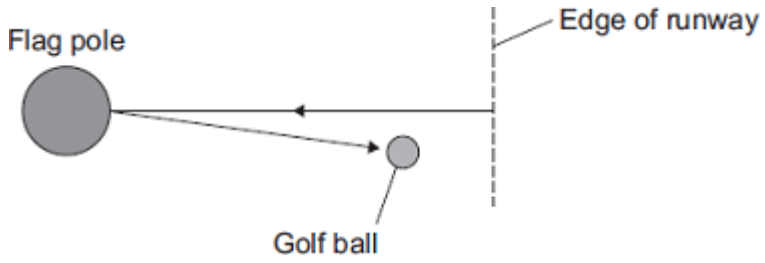
(d) In a test, a golf ball hits a flag pole on the golf course and travels back towards the edge of the runway as shown in **Figure 3**.

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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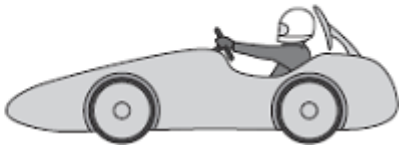
(2)
(Total 15 marks)

Q3.(a) Some students have designed and built an electric-powered go-kart. After testing, the students decided to make changes to the design of their go-kart.

First design **X**

Final design **Y**



The go-kart always had the same mass and used the same motor.

The change in shape from the first design (**X**) to the final design (**Y**) will affect the top speed of the go-kart.

Explain why.

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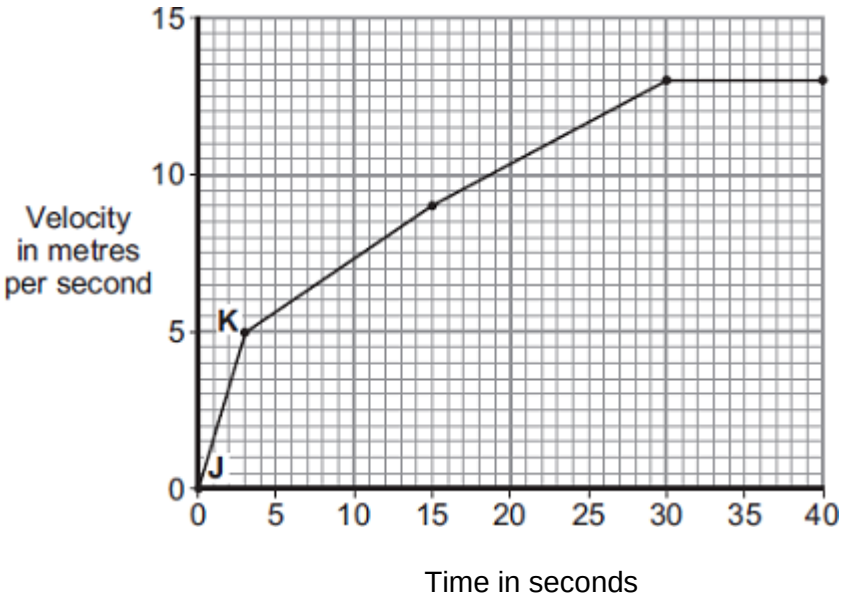
(3)

(b) The final design go-kart, **Y**, is entered into a race.

The graph shows how the velocity of the go-kart changes during the first 40 seconds of the race.



(i) Use the graph to calculate the acceleration of the go-kart between points **J** and **K**.

Give your answer to **two** significant figures.

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Acceleration = ... m/s^2

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(ii) Use the graph to calculate the distance the go-kart travels between points **J** and **K**.

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Distance = ... m

(2)

(iii) What causes most of the resistive forces acting on the go-kart?

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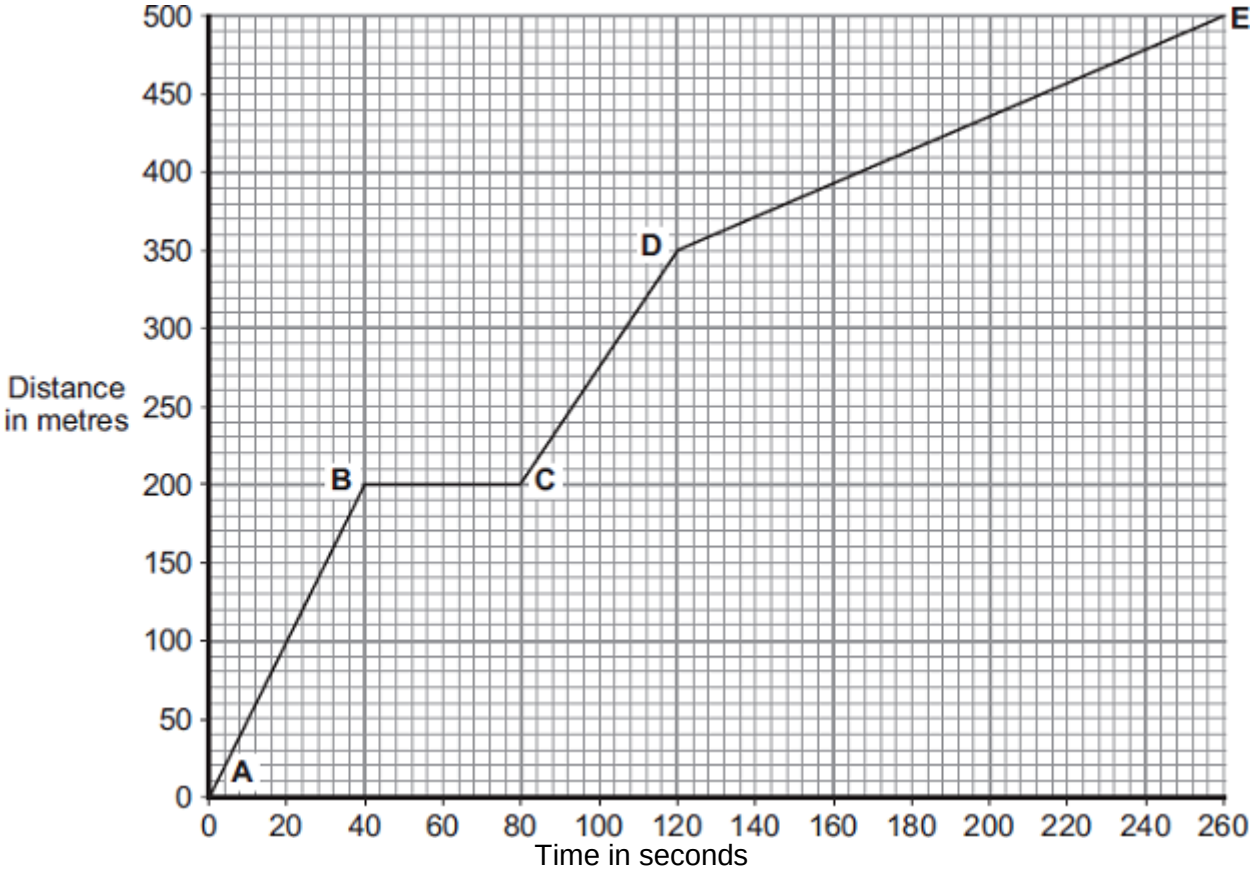
(1)
(Total 8 marks)

Q4. Part of a bus route is along a high street.
The distance-time graph shows how far the bus travelled along the high street and how long it took.



(a) Between which two points was the bus travelling the slowest?

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to your answer.

Points	Tick (✓)
A – B	
C – D	
D – E	

Give a reason for your answer.

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(2)

(b) The bus travels at 5 m/s between points **A** and **B**.
The bus and passengers have a total mass of 16 000 kg.

Use the equation in the box to calculate the momentum of the bus and passengers between points **A** and **B**.

momentum = mass x velocity

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Momentum = ... kg m/s

(2)

(c) A cyclist made the same journey along the high street.
The cyclist started at the same time as the bus and completed the journey in 220 seconds. The cyclist travelled the whole distance at a constant speed.

(i) Draw a line on the graph to show the cyclist's journey.

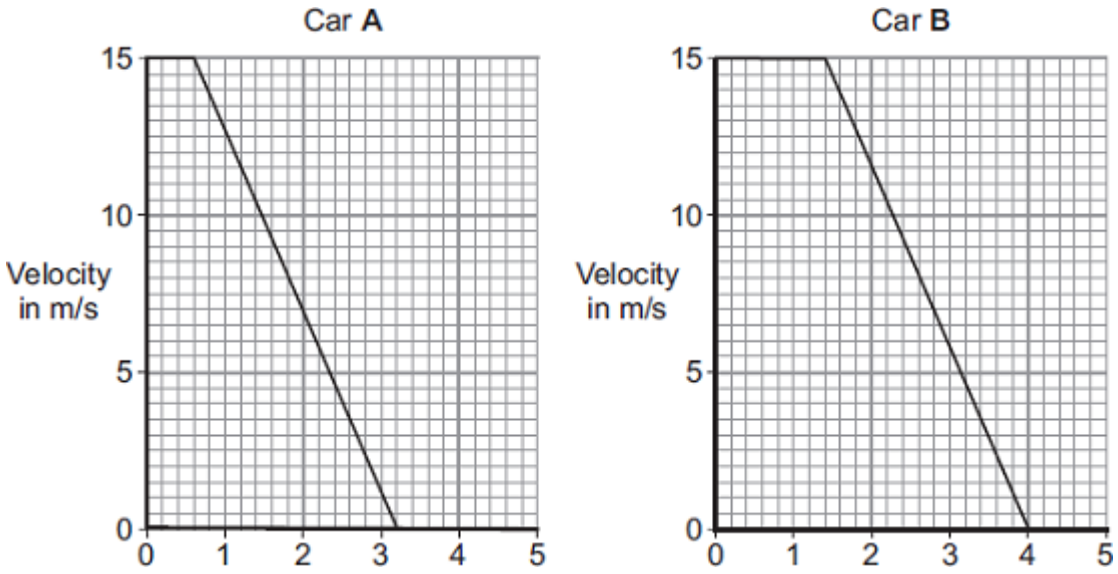
(2)

(ii) After how many seconds did the cyclist overtake the bus?

The cyclist overtook the bus after ..... seconds.

(1)
(Total 7 marks)

Q5.(a) The graphs show how the velocity of two cars, **A** and **B**, change from the moment the car drivers see an obstacle blocking the road.



One of the car drivers has been drinking alcohol. The other driver is wide awake and alert.

(i) How does a comparison of the two graphs suggest that the driver of car **B** is the one who has been drinking alcohol?

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(1)

(ii) How do the graphs show that the two cars have the same deceleration?

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(1)

(iii) Use the graphs to calculate how much further car **B** travels before stopping compared to car **A**.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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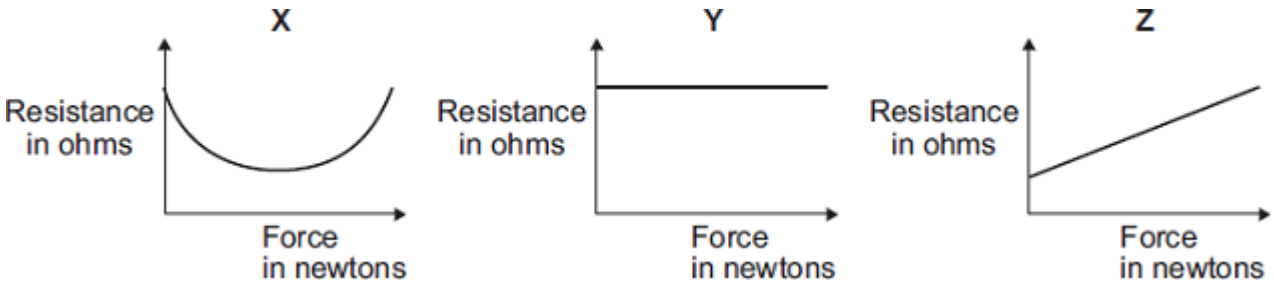
Additional stopping distance = ... m

(3)

(b) In a crash-test laboratory, scientists use sensors to measure the forces exerted in collisions. The graphs show how the electrical resistance of 3 experimental types of sensor, **X**, **Y**, and **Z**, change with the force applied to the sensor.



Which of the sensors, **X**, **Y** or **Z**, would be the best one to use as a force sensor?

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Give a reason for your answer.

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(2)
(Total 7 marks)

Q6. The London Eye is one of the largest observation wheels in the world.

The passengers ride in capsules. Each capsule moves in a circular path and accelerates.

(a) Explain how the wheel can move at a steady speed and the capsules accelerate at the same time.

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(2)

(b) In which direction is the resultant force on each capsule?

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(1)

(c) The designers of the London Eye had to consider **three** factors which affect the resultant force described in part (b).

Two factors that increase the resultant force are:

- an increase in the speed of rotation
- an increase in the total mass of the wheel, the capsules and the passengers.

Name the other factor that affects the resultant force and state what effect it has on the resultant force.

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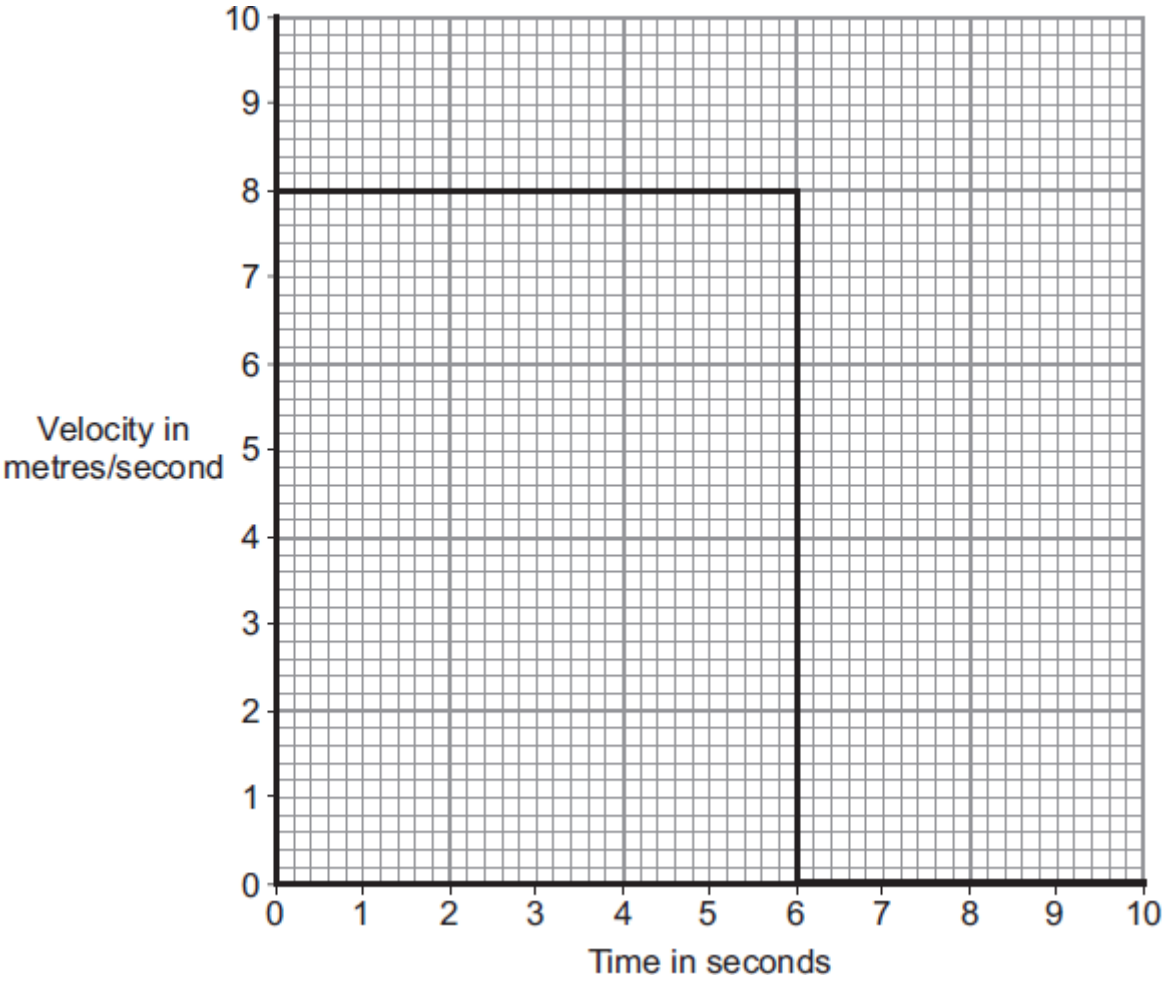
(1)
(Total 4 marks)

Q7. The diagram shows the velocity-time graph for an object over a 10 second period.



(a) Use the graph to calculate the distance travelled by the object in 10 seconds.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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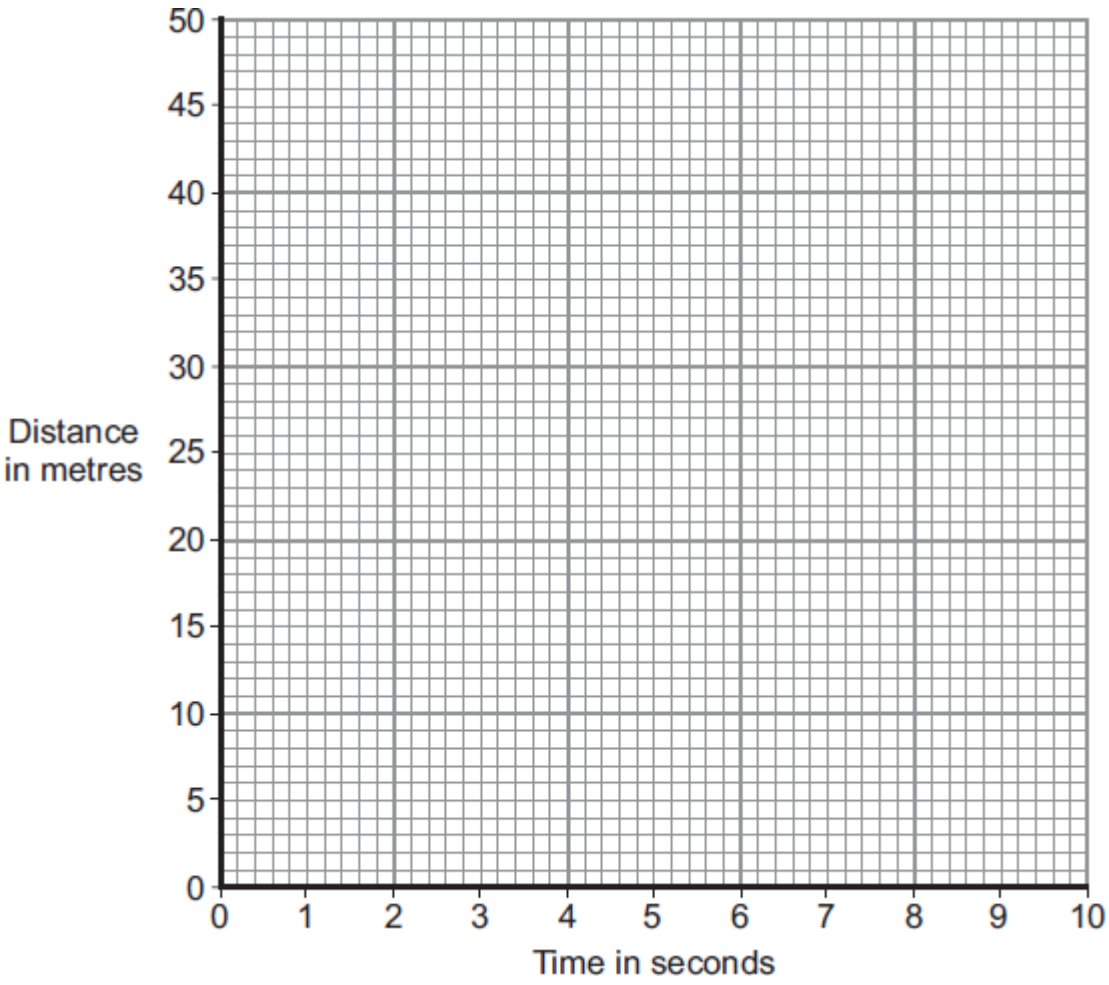
Distance = ... m

(2)

(b) Complete the distance-time graph for the object over the same 10 seconds.



(2)
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