Acceleration

Question Paper

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Exam Board	AQA
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Sub-Topic	Acceleration
Difficulty Level	Bronze Level
Booklet	Question Paper

Time Allowed: **40 minutes**

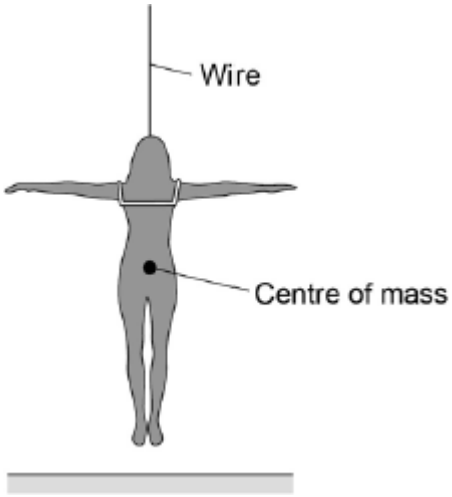
Score: **/39**

Percentage: **/100**

Grade Boundaries:

Q1. An actor is attached to a wire so that she can hang above the stage.

Look at the figure below.



(a) On The figure above draw two arrows to show the forces acting on the actor.

(2)

(b) Which **two** forces are acting on the actor?

Tick **two** boxes.

- Air resistance force ☐
- Electrostatic force ☐
- Gravitational force ☐
- Magnetic force ☐
- Tension force ☐

(2)

(c) The actor hangs above the stage in a stationary position.

What is the resultant force on the actor?

Resultant force = ... N

(1)

(d) The actor has a mass of 70 kg.

Gravitational field strength = 9.8 N / kg

Use the following equation to calculate the weight of the actor.

Weight = mass × gravitational field strength

Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

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Weight of actor = ... N

(2)

(e) A motor pulls vertically upwards on the wire with a force of 720 N.

Calculate the resultant force on the actor.

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Resultant force = ... N

(1)

(f) Another actor has a mass of 65 kg.

This actor is attached to the wire and the motor pulls her vertically upwards.

The resultant force on the actor is 25 N.

Write down the equation that links acceleration, mass and resultant force.

Equation .....

(1)

(g) Calculate the acceleration of the actor.

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Acceleration of actor = ... m / s^2

(3)

(Total 12 marks)

Q2. On 14 October 2012, a skydiver set a world record for the highest free fall from an aircraft.

After falling from the aircraft, he reached a maximum steady velocity of 373 m / s after 632 seconds.

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

This maximum steady velocity is called the | frictional / initial / terminal | velocity.

(1)

(b) The skydiver wore a chest pack containing monitoring and tracking equipment. The weight of the chest pack was 54 N.

The gravitational field strength is 10 N / kg.

Calculate the mass of the chest pack.

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Mass of chest pack = ... kg

(2)

(c) During his fall, the skydiver's acceleration was not uniform.

Immediately after leaving the aircraft, the skydiver's acceleration was 10 m / s^2.

(i) Without any calculation, estimate his acceleration a few seconds after leaving the aircraft.

Explain your value of acceleration in terms of forces.

Estimate .....

Explanation .....

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(3)

(ii) Without any calculation, estimate his acceleration 632 seconds after leaving the aircraft.

Explain your value of acceleration in terms of forces.

Estimate .....

Explanation .....

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(3)
(Total 9 marks)

Q3. A high-speed train accelerates at a constant rate in a straight line.

The velocity of the train increases from 30 m/s to 42 m/s in 60 seconds.

(a) (i) Calculate the change in the velocity of the train.

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Change in velocity = ... m/s

(1)

(ii) Use the equation in the box to calculate the acceleration of the train.

$$\text{acceleration} = \frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time taken for change}}$$

Show clearly how you work out your answer and give the unit.
Choose the unit from the list below.

m/s **m/s²** **N/kg** **Nm**

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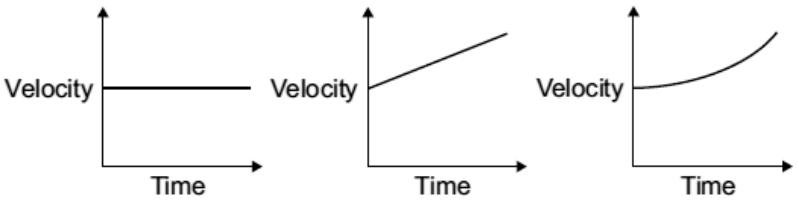
Acceleration = ...

(2)

(b) Which **one** of the graphs, **A**, **B** or **C**, shows how the velocity of the train changes as it accelerates?

Write your answer, **A**, **B** or **C**, in the box.



A **B** **C**

Graph ☐

(1)
(Total 4 marks)

Q4. (a) The total stopping distance of a car has two parts. One part is the distance the car travels during the driver's reaction time. This distance is often called the 'thinking distance'.

What distance is added to the 'thinking distance' to give the total stopping distance?

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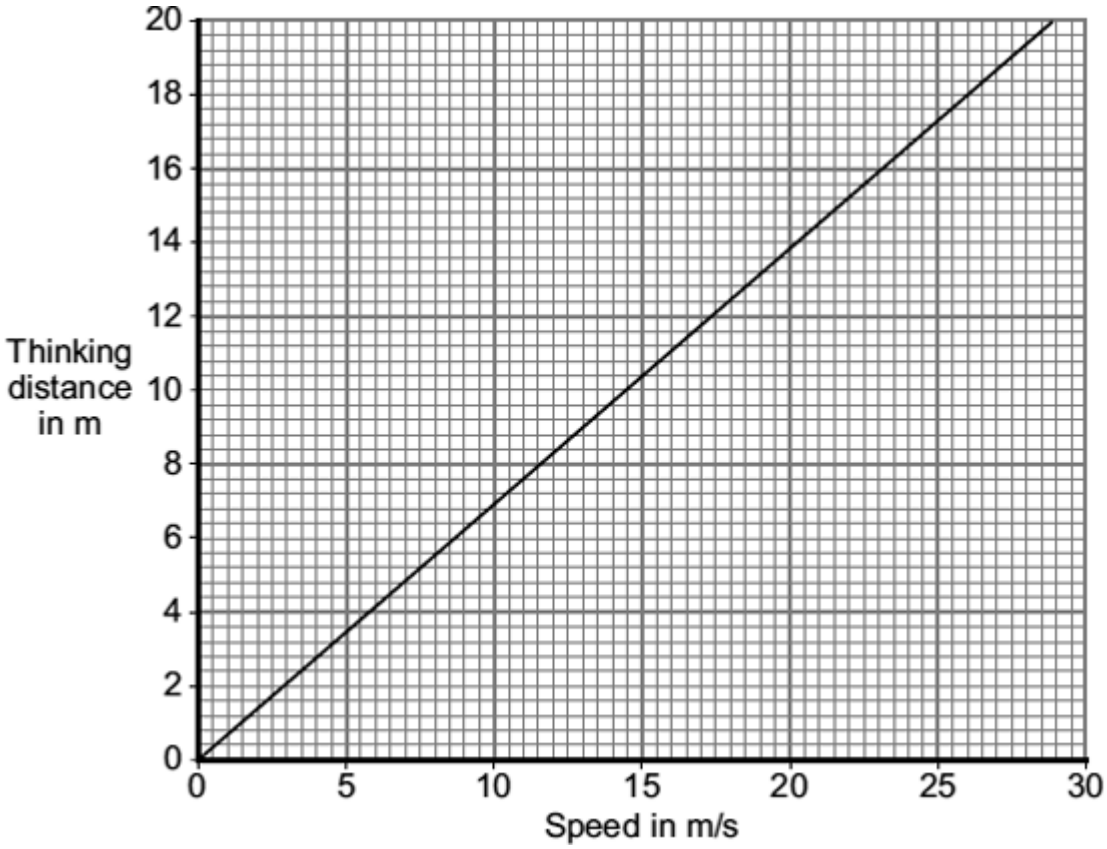
(1)

(b) The graph shows the relationship between the speed of a car and the thinking distance.



Describe the relationship between speed and thinking distance.

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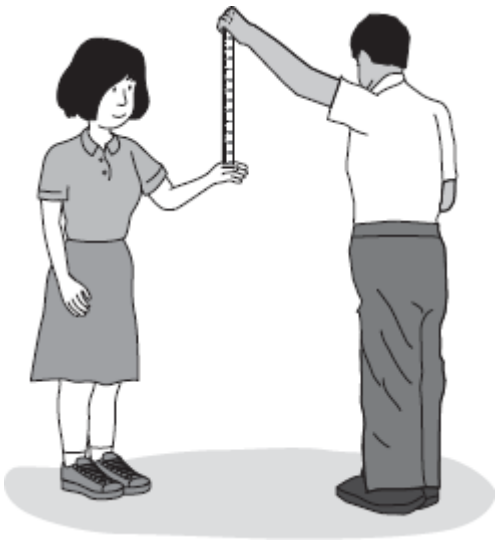
(2)

(c) The diagram shows two students investigating reaction time.



One student holds a 30 cm ruler, then lets go. As soon as the second student sees the ruler fall, she closes her hand, stopping the ruler. The further the ruler falls before being stopped, the slower her reaction time.

(i) One student always holds the ruler the same distance above the other student's hand.
In this experiment, what type of variable is this?

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

independent variable ☐

dependent variable ☐

control variable ☐

(1)

(ii) Describe how this experiment could be used to find out whether listening to music affects reaction time.

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(2)

(d) The following information is written on the label of some cough medicine.

WARNING: Causes drowsiness. Do not drive or operate machinery.

How is feeling drowsy (sleepy) likely to affect a driver's reaction time?

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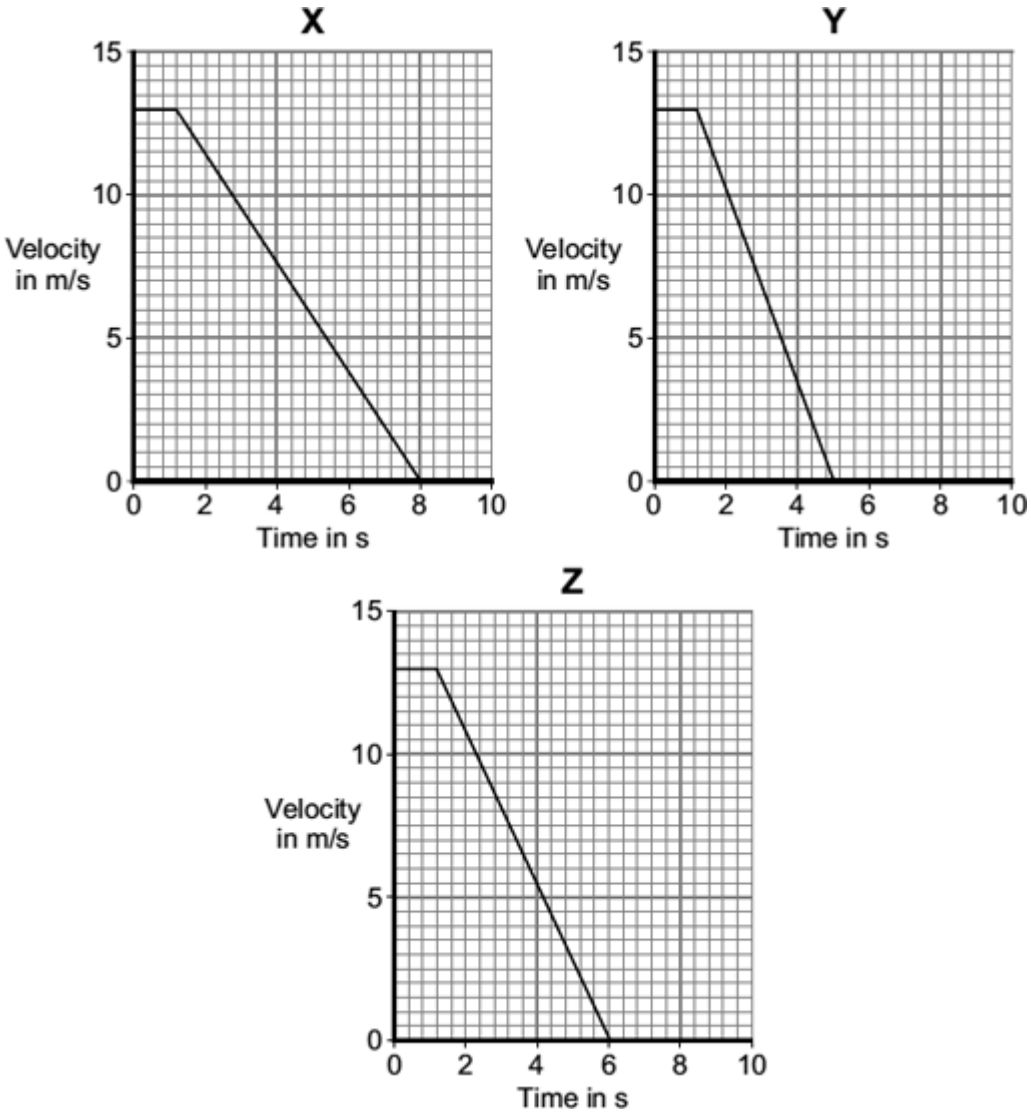
(1)

(e) Three cars, **X**, **Y** and **Z** , are being driven along a straight road towards a set of traffic lights.
The graphs show how the velocity of each car changes once the driver sees that the traffic light has turned to red.



Which one of the cars, **X**, **Y** or **Z** , stops in the shortest distance?

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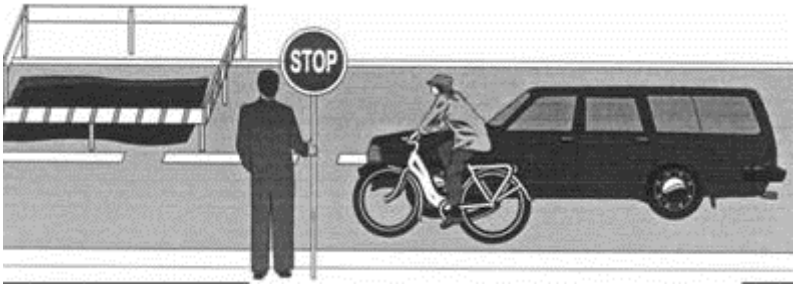
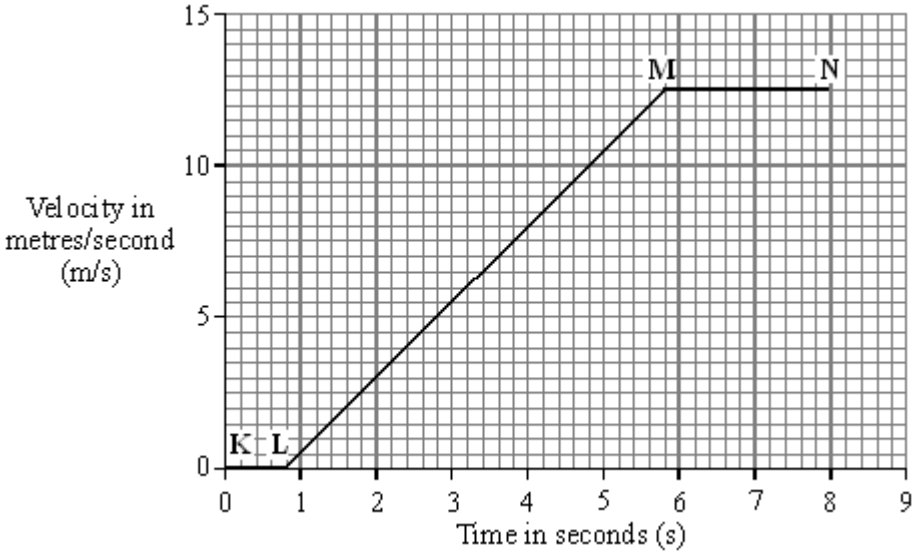
(1)
(Total 8 marks)

Q5. A car and a bicycle are travelling along a straight road. They have stopped at road works.



The graph shows how the velocity of the car changes after the sign is changed to GO.



(a) Between which two points on the graph is the car moving at constant velocity?

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(1)

(b) Between which two points on the graph is the car accelerating?

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(1)

(c) Between the sign changing to GO and the car starting to move, there is a time delay. This is called the reaction time.

(i) What is the reaction time of the car driver?

Reaction time = ... seconds

(1)

(ii) Which **one** of the following could increase the reaction time of a car driver?
Tick the box next to your choice.

Drinking alcohol ☐

Wet roads ☐

Worn car brakes ☐

(1)

(d) The cyclist starts to move at the same time as the car. For the first 2 seconds the cyclist's acceleration is constant and is greater than that of the car.

Draw a line on the graph to show how the velocity of the cyclist might change during the first 2 seconds of its motion.

(2)
(Total 6 marks)