

Topic Tests

for AS and A Level Year 1 OCR Physics A
Modules 2, 3 and 4

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Teacher's Introduction

These topic tests have been designed to help you and your students assess their knowledge of a topic after you have taught each section of **AS and A Level Year 1 OCR Physics A Modules 2–4**.

Each topic test closely follows the content of the specification and includes:

- **Factual questions:** Some simpler factual questions are included to ensure that all the content and basics are covered, and to allow weaker learners access to some marks.
- **Short-answer questions:** These are not in exam style, and the purpose of these is to test different elements, knowledge and skills from the specification in a variety of styles.
- **Exam-style questions:** Where appropriate, topics may contain one or more exam-style questions, to prepare students for what they might meet in the exam, and to test exam skills.

Mathematical and practical skills are also covered in these topic tests.

Tests have been designed to take approximately 25–60 minutes and most are worth on average between 25 and 40 marks. Please note that some tests are shorter and others have been combined where appropriate, as shown in the table.

The topic tests are suitable for a classroom assessment, revision aid or homework task and are, therefore, suitable for use immediately after a topic is completed in class or at the end of teaching the course.

Students are able to see the number of marks awarded for each question, allowing them to gauge the level of detail they will require for the answers, as in exam conditions. Full answers are included at the end of the resource and are accompanied by marker instructions, providing quick guidelines on what answers would and would not be accepted in an exam situation. Additionally, it makes the resource a suitable tool for students to use independently.

All diagrams and graphs have been designed with black-and-white photocopying in mind, so key features will not be lost.

Students will need a **calculator**, **graph paper** and **ruler** to complete the questions.

Students may also need a sheet containing Physics data and formulae, which can be found on the exam board website.

I hope you find these tests useful during your teaching.

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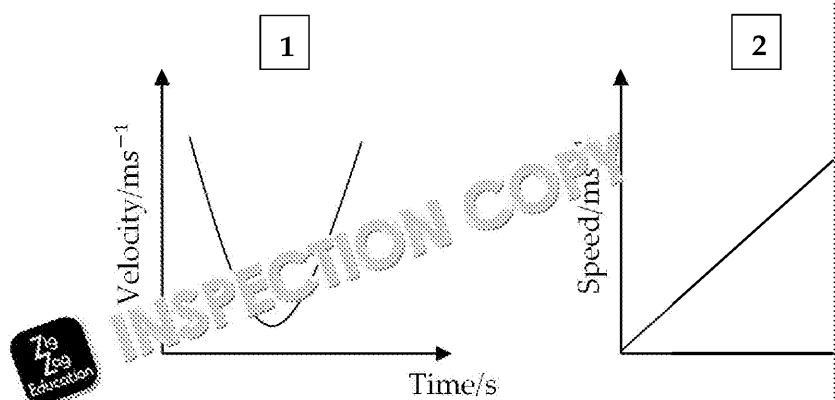
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3.1.1 Kinematics

1. Define the term *displacement*.
2. Define the term *average speed*.
3. Define the term *instantaneous speed*.
4. State the key difference between velocity and speed. State the units for each.
5. Indicate whether the following two situations are describing either instantaneous speed or average speed.
 - a) During a flight from London to Edinburgh, ground control radios the pilot and asks what the instantaneous speed is at 5 minutes before land time.
 - b) The parents of a new university student drive down with the student. They travel around 150 miles from their home to the university. How do they know how fast they were travelling if it took them 2½ hours to complete the journey?
6. A student travels by bus to get to school. The school is 3.5 km from her home. She travels at a velocity of 13.4 ms^{-1} . Calculate how long it will take the student to get to school.
7.
 - a) Define the term *acceleration*.
 - b) Calculate the acceleration of a motor bike if its velocity changes from 10 ms^{-1} to 20 ms^{-1} every 2 seconds.
8. Indicate which graph could be used to calculate the following quantities. Give your answer.
 - a) Acceleration
 - b) Distance

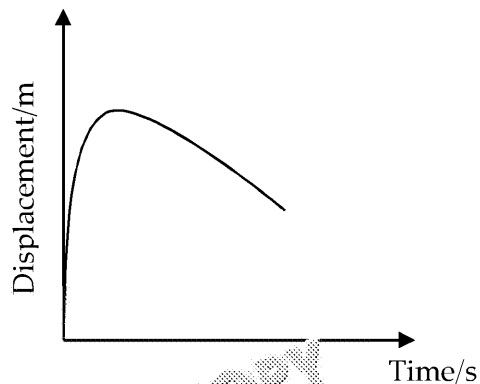


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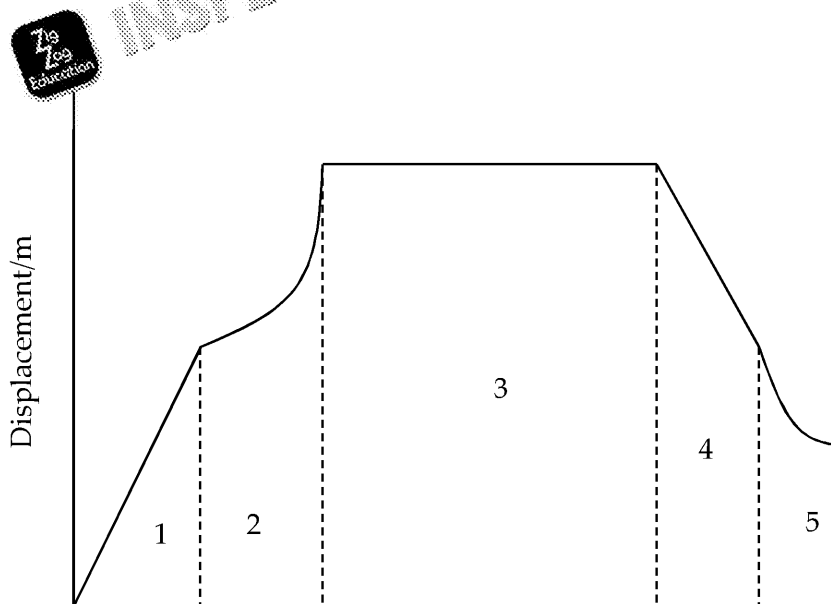
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c) Explain how you could calculate velocity from the following displacement-time graph.



9. The motion of a rally car was recorded during its race and the following displacement-time graph was plotted.

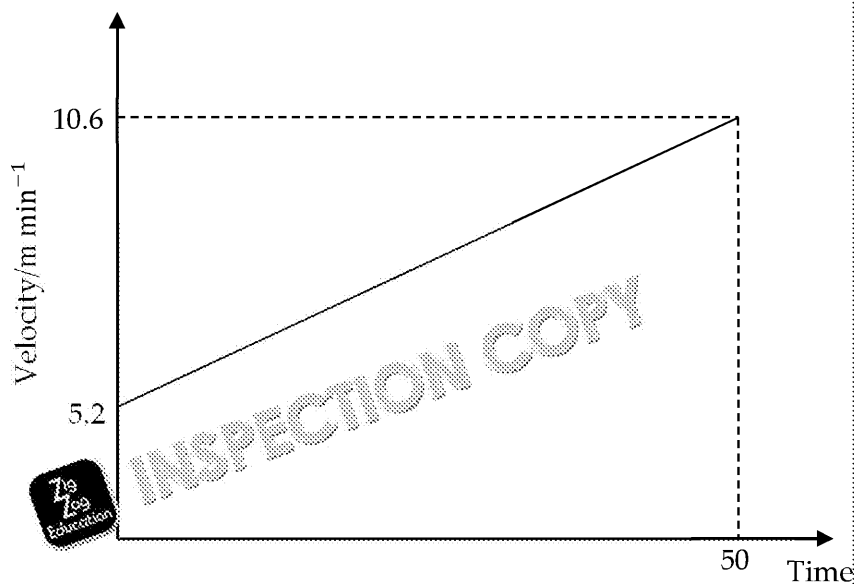


- Describe the car's motion at each stage of the car's journey.
- Sketch a velocity-time graph for stage 2 of the car's journey.
- Explain how you could determine the instantaneous acceleration and therefore state the difference in determining the average acceleration.

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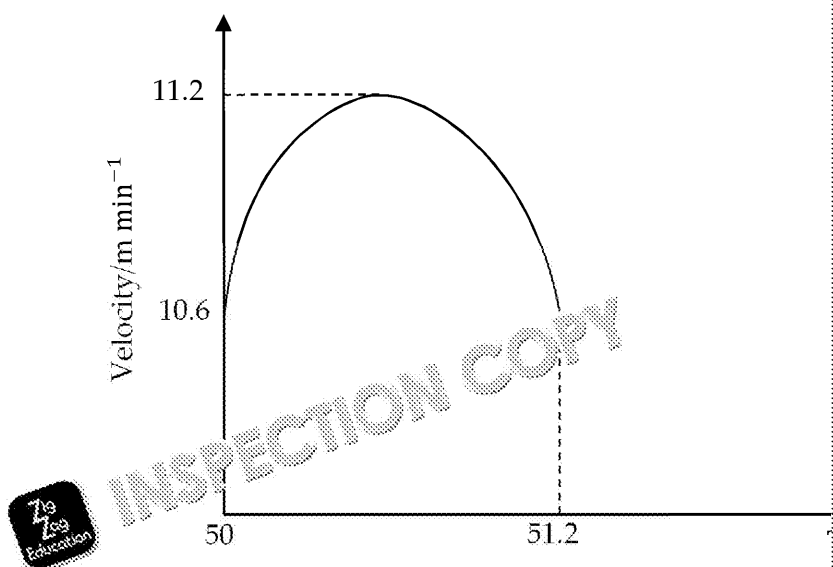


10. A jogger records his motion during the first section of a marathon. He changes during the first 50 minutes of the race.



- State velocity that the jogger initially records himself at.
- Calculate the jogger's acceleration.
- Explain the effect on the jogger's acceleration if the time he took to complete this section increased, with the jogger's initial and final velocities remaining the same.

The motion of the jogger alters in the next 50 minutes of the race. This is described by a velocity–time graph.



- Estimate the displacement of the jogger during this section of the race.
Hint: Approximate the parabola as a semicircle.

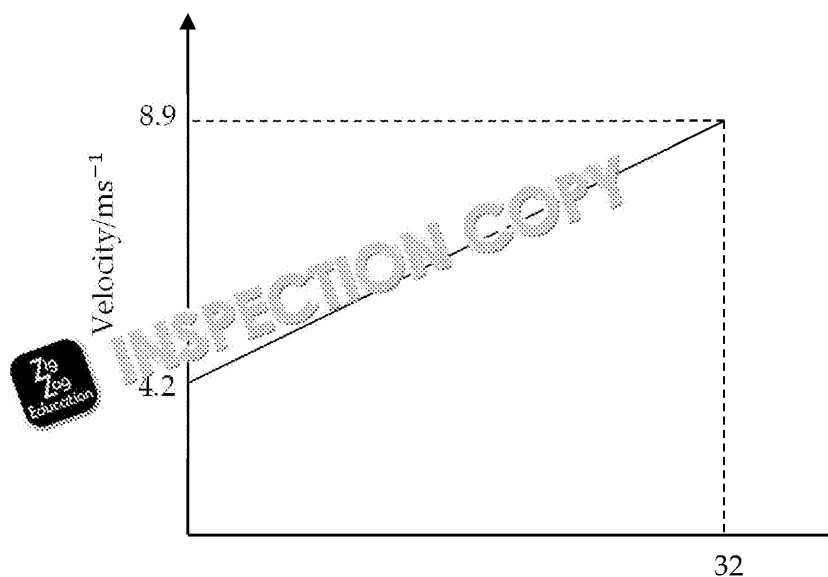
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3.1.2 Linear Motion

1. The transport department of the local council has been recording the motion of vehicles outside local primary and secondary schools to understand whether speed limits are being met. The motion of one vehicle is described in the velocity–time graph below.



- a) What relationship does the graph illustrate?
- b) Explain how the department could use their knowledge of the equation $y = mx + c$, to determine the vehicle's initial velocity and acceleration.
- c) State the vehicle's initial velocity.
- d) Calculate the vehicle's acceleration.
2. A running group is out on a weekly run in their local park. During the run, Runner 1 stops to tie her shoelaces. Runner 2 approaches Runner 1 at a running pace and continues with a constant velocity. Runner 1 starts from rest, as Runner 2 approaches, and accelerates at 1.2 ms^{-2} .
- a) Calculate what time the runners will be side by side again.
- b) Determine the velocity at which Runner 2 would have needed to approach for the two runners to be side by side again after 3 seconds.
3. A child is playing with a toy rocket in their back garden. The rocket is attached to a pump. The child fires the rocket and it launches the air from its launch pipe at 5 ms^{-1} , with air resistance negligible.
- a) What will the rocket's velocity be when it reaches its maximum height?
- The garden has a fence around it that stands 2 metres high.
- b) Show by calculation whether the rocket will reach the height of the fence.
- c) Show that the time it takes for the rocket to reach its maximum height is 0.4 seconds.

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4. During a Physics lesson the teacher provides you with the following apparatus:
- Light gates
 - A trolley
 - Data-logging software
 - Runway ramp
 - Video software
 - Piece of card

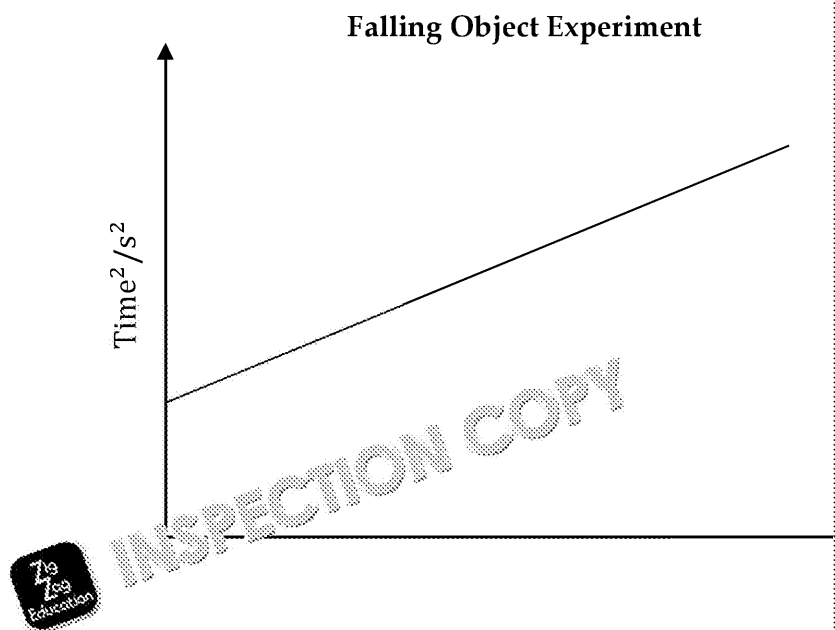
The teacher sets the task of investigating the acceleration of the trolley down the ramp.

- a) Describe how you would use the apparatus provided to investigate the acceleration of the trolley.
- b) State a potential source of error in the experiment.
- c) Explain how this error could be eliminated or minimised to increase the reliability of the experiment.

5. A group of Year 12 physicists carry out an experiment to determine the acceleration of an object in free fall, g .

The experimental method involves dropping a steel ball from an initial height h . An electronic timer is used to measure how long it takes for the ball to fall through the height, h . The group repeats the experimental method once for each height.

The students plot a graph of t^2 against h , similar to the graph below. They use the equation $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$ to calculate g .



- a) State the general equation for a straight line graph.
- b) Explain how you could use the graph to calculate the acceleration g .
Hint: Compare $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$ and your answer from (a).
- c) Suggest one limitation of the experiment.

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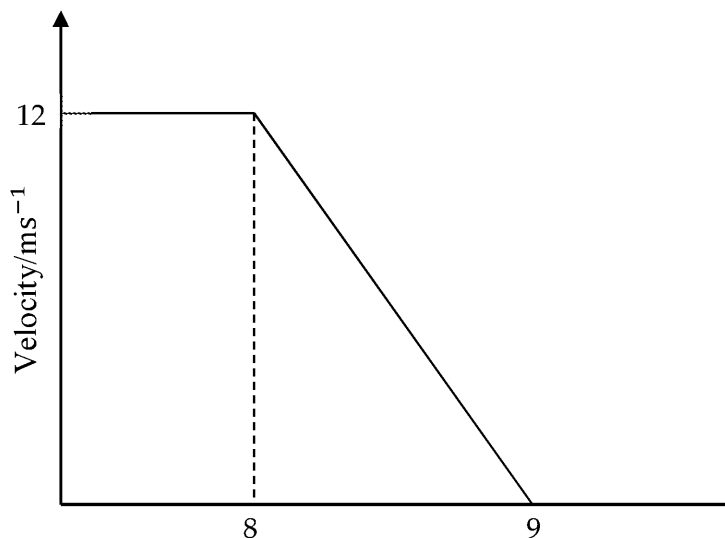
6. A car manufacturer is carrying out research into safe road practice to improve road safety and safety features. The tests concentrate on appropriate stopping distances and consequences of reaction time.
- a) Define the term *stopping distance*.

To evaluate a stopping distance, the company needs to have knowledge of reaction and braking distances.

- b) Define each distance and give an example of a factor that would affect each distance.
 c) Explain why gaining knowledge of stopping distances, and the factors that affect them, would be beneficial to the company.

The government has published regulations about maintaining safe distances between vehicles. They state that vehicles should maintain a distance of 5 metres in all circumstances.

Consider a vehicle travelling at 27 mph (12 ms^{-1}) that has to stop suddenly. The motion of the vehicle is described in the velocity–time graph.



- d) Calculate the braking distance of the vehicle.

The driver was illegally on her phone when she noticed the pedestrian. Her reaction time was 3 seconds.

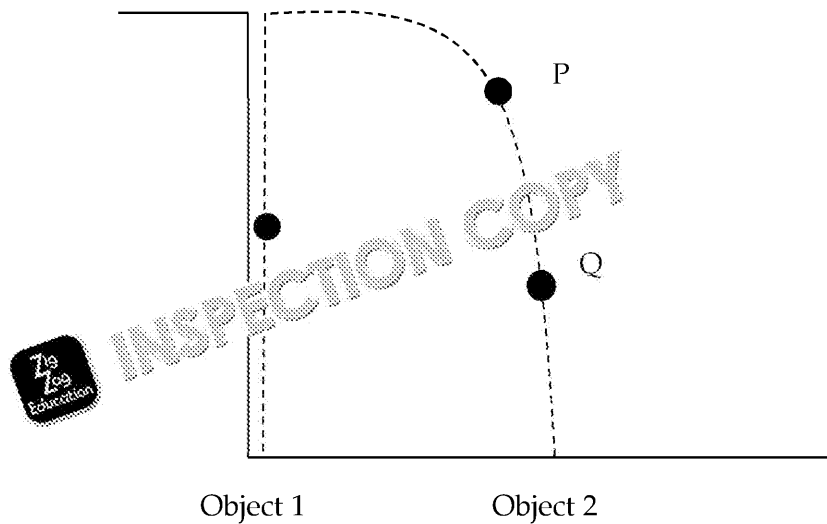
- e) Show, by calculation, that despite the driver maintaining the required distance, this driver would not have been able to stop in time to avoid the pedestrian.
 f) Explain how scientific understanding of what affects a stopping distance can improve road safety.

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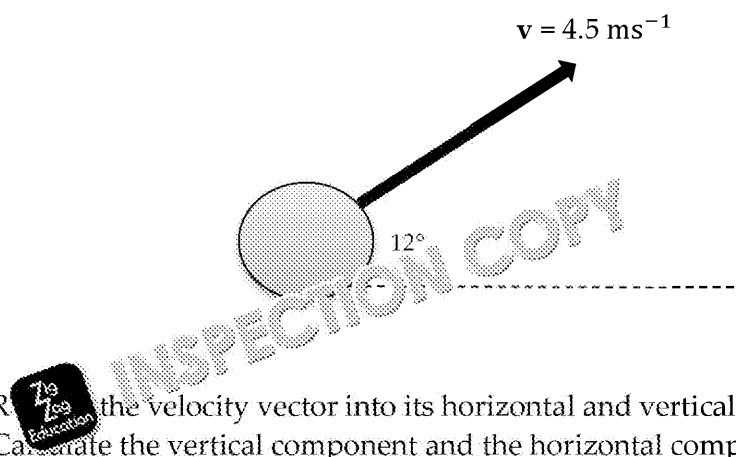


3.1.3 Projectile Motion

1. Two identical objects are dropped from an identical height. Object 1 is dropped whereas Object 2 is thrown horizontally. The diagram indicates the motion of the objects. The diagram indicates the motion of the objects in the presence of air resistance.



- State which object is displaying projectile motion.
 - State and draw the direction of acceleration for both objects.
 - For Object 2, draw its velocity vector at P and resolve the vector into its horizontal and vertical components.
 - State which component will be affected by acceleration.
 - Draw how the ball's vertical and horizontal components change. State the dependency of the vertical and horizontal motion of the ball.
2. During a football match, the ball bounces off a player's boot and is released at an angle of 12° to the horizontal and a speed of 4.5 ms^{-1} . Ignore the effect of air resistance.



- Resolve the velocity vector into its horizontal and vertical components.
- Calculate the vertical component and the horizontal component.

As soon as the ball leaves the player's foot, it remains in the air for 4 s before hitting the pitch again.

- Calculate how far across the pitch the ball will land.
- Sketch the path the ball takes during its motion and state its velocity at the end of its path.
- Calculate the velocity of the ball just before it hits the pitch again.

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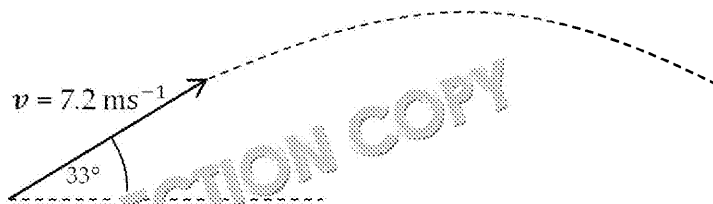
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A second player kicks the ball a few seconds later; this time the ball is 5.6 ms^{-1} . The horizontal velocity remains the same as for the first play

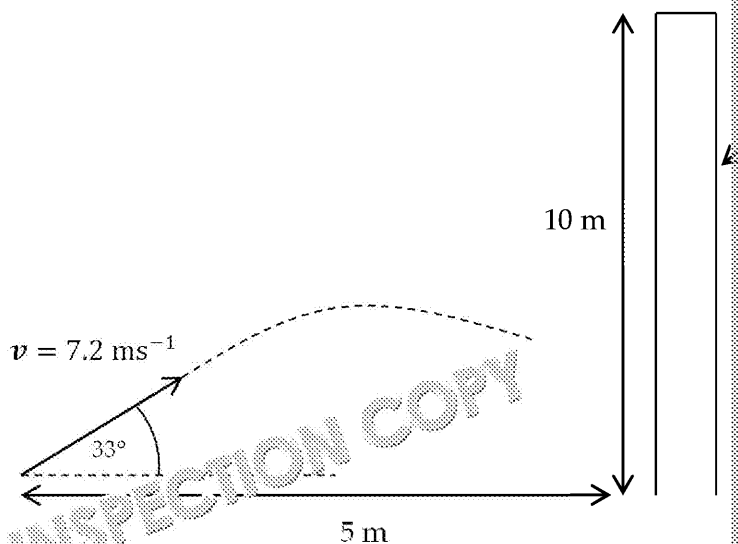
f) Calculate the angle and the vertical component of the ball's velocity at the foot of the second player.

3. Chris regularly practises his cricket batting in his back garden. One of the cricket balls being fired at 7.2 ms^{-1} at 33° .



- Resolve the vector and calculate its horizontal and vertical components.
- Calculate the vector's horizontal and vertical components.
- Explain how the vertical velocity component of the ball alters with time as it reaches its maximum height.
- Explain how the horizontal component alters with time during the flight.

Chris repeatedly gets into trouble with his neighbours when the cricket ball is fired into their garden. To stop this from happening Chris builds a fence between his garden and his neighbour's. The fence stands at 10 m tall and is placed 5 m from where the ball is fired.



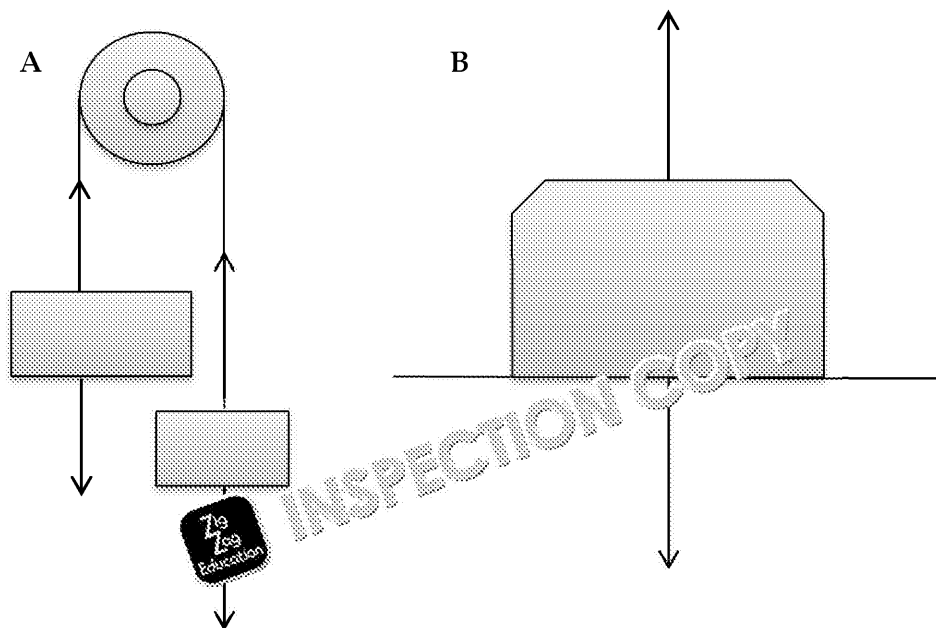
- Does the fence stop the ball reaching Chris's neighbour's garden?
- Explain what effect increasing the angle would have on the result.

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3.2.1 Dynamics

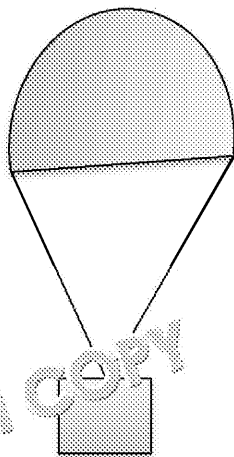
1. Define the term *net (resultant) force*.
2. Define the newton.
3. State the equation relating the force, mass and acceleration.
4. Calculate the net force acting on a 1.67×10^3 kg car if it's accelerating at 2.5 ms^{-2} .
5. A small 30 kg boat leaves the harbour with an initial velocity of 2.2 ms^{-1} and reaches a maximum velocity of 8.1 ms^{-1} in 40 seconds. Calculate the net force acting on the boat.
6. a) Estimate the mass of an average man.
b) Calculate the weight of an average man on Earth.
c) Explain why the man's weight would differ if he was standing on the Moon.
7. State a situation where a force would be described as:
 - Tension
 - Upthrust
8. a) Define the term *frictional force*.
b) State the direction in which a frictional force acts.
9. Define the normal contact force.
10. For each of the following free-body diagrams, label the forces acting on the object.



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11. During a humanitarian crisis a charity released food and water aid from

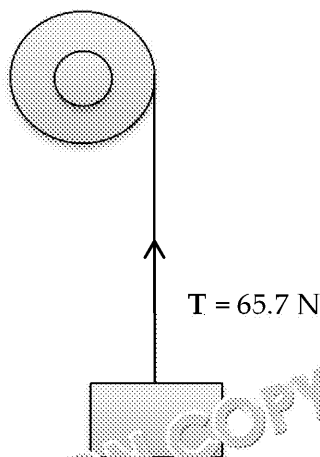


a) Sketch the forces acting on the aid supply box.

The charity found that the packages were accelerating at too fast a rate so the contents of the packages were getting destroyed on impact.

b) Explain what factor needs to be changed to reduce the rate at which the packages fall towards the ground.

12. In a factory, warehouse packages are moved from the factory floor to the roof using pulley systems. A simple version of the pulley system is demonstrated in the diagram. The package is initially at rest.



a) Calculate the weight force acting on the package.

b) Describe the motion of the package.

A factory staff member alters the tension of the rope and the package starts to move upwards.

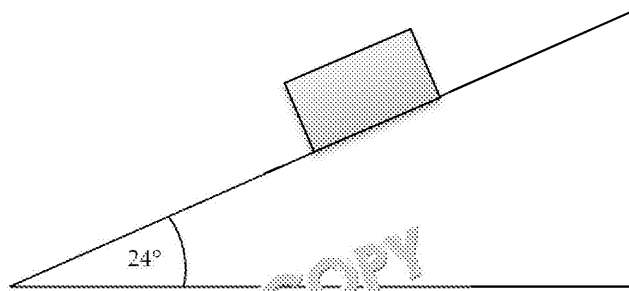
c) Calculate the tension in the rope after the staff have made the alteration.

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13. In the same factory, the engineers also built conveyor belts to move boxes of the trucks. The box below weighs 5 kg.



- a) Draw the forces acting on the box.
b) Resolve the box's downward force into its horizontal and vertical components.
c) Calculate the box's downward force's horizontal and vertical components.
d) State the magnitude of the normal contact force.

The frictional force between the box and the conveyor belt is 23 N.

- e) Calculate the rate at which the box slides down the slope.
f) Calculate the magnitude of frictional force the engineers would have to apply for the box to remain stationary on the conveyor belt.

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3.2.2 Motion with Non-Uniform Acceleration

1. Define the term *drag*.
2. A coin is dropped vertically into a water fountain.
 - a) Indicate on a free-body diagram the external forces acting on the coin as it moves through the water.
 - b) Describe the motion of the coin as soon as it enters the fountain up to the point where it reaches the fountain floor.
3. State two factors that would affect the drag force on a body as it travels through a fluid.
4. While on holiday a group of friends decide to take part in a skydive. As they fall the first friend decides to open her parachute to reduce the speed she falls.
 - a) Explain how a scientific understanding of drag would benefit sports.

The skydiving company has only catered for skydivers ranging from 50 kg to 90 kg. Friends over 90 kg

- b) Explain what effect this will have on their motion during their fall.
 - c) Suggest how the company could compensate for the additional mass.
 - d) Explain how a skydiver reaches terminal velocity.
 - e) Sketch a velocity–time graph and acceleration–time graph to illustrate the motion before the parachute is opened.
 - f) Explain how the acceleration–time graph would alter if the effect of drag was not present.
5. In a Physics lesson you are given the following experimental apparatus:
 - Measuring cylinder
 - Beaker
 - Viscous liquid
 - Elastic bands or other method of marking distances along cylinder
 - Steel ball bearings
 - Stopwatch
 - Metre rule

The teacher gives you the aim of determining the terminal velocity of a ball bearing as it travels through the viscous liquid.

- a) Describe an experiment to execute the aim.
- b) State two potential sources of error.
- c) Explain how you could minimise the two errors.
- d) Explain why the measurement of terminal velocity needs to be carried out over the top half of the cylinder.

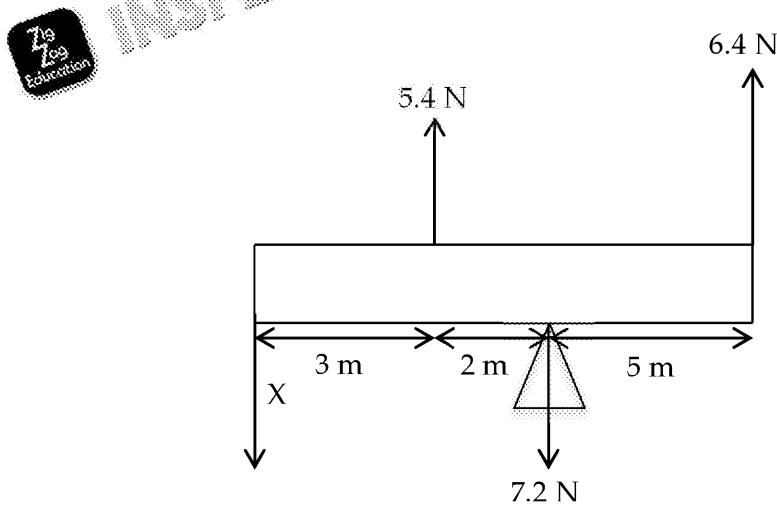
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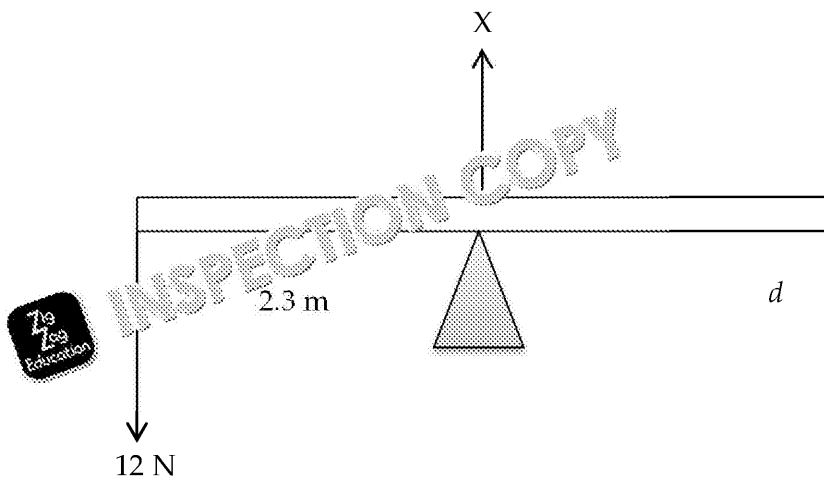
3.2.3 (Part 1) Equilibrium

1. Define the term *moment of force* with an equation.
2. Define the term *couple* in terms of forces.
3. Define the term *torque of a couple* with an equation.
4. Define the *principle of moments* with an equation.
5. Define the terms *centre of mass* and *centre of gravity*.
6. The diagram below represents the principle of moments.



Calculate the total moment around X and state its direction.

7. For a circus performance a balancing apparatus is set up for its performance. Engineers come up with has to be in equilibrium to ensure it remains balanced.



- a) Define what is meant by the term *equilibrium of forces*.
- b) Calculate the distance d from the pivot.
- c) Calculate the force X .

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One of the circus performers climbs onto the left end of the balancing

d) Suggest one change that could be made to ensure the system remains

8. A tugboat is held in equilibrium at the docks by three ropes attached to the front. The first rope is attached with a tension A on a bearing of 90° , the second rope is attached with a tension of 15 N and the third rope is attached with tension B at a bearing of 30° .

- Draw the free-body diagram to illustrate how the tugboat is tied to the docks.
- Calculate the tensions A and B .



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3.2.4 (Part 2) Density and Pressure

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9. State the equation that illustrates the relationship between density, mass and volume.
10. What is the unit for density?
11. John plays the trombone in the school orchestra. A section of his trombone needs to be cleaned. The section is cylindrical and has a mass of 0.3 kg, a height of 2.3 cm. Calculate the density of the cylindrical section.
12. Pupils at a secondary school are receiving a set of injections from their school nurse. The nurse administers the injection by pushing the plunger. She applies a force of 10 N. The plunger has a cross-sectional area of a circle with radius 0.2 cm.



- a) Calculate the pressure exerted by the nurse on the syringe plunger.
 - b) Explain what would happen to the pressure if the nurse exerted less force on the plunger.
13. A boat with a small hole sinks to just below the surface of the sea so that it is almost submerged. The boat floats under the surface.
- a) Sketch the forces acting on the boat.

The fisherman owning the boat wants to determine the pressure on the bottom of the boat.

- b) Explain what parameters the fisherman would need to measure in order to determine the pressure acting on the bottom of the boat.
- c) State a potential source of error that would affect the accuracy of the fisherman's measurement.
- d) Use Archimedes' principle to explain how the fisherman could have determined the pressure on the bottom of the boat if he knew the weight of the water displaced.

Archimedes' principle, like many other scientific theories and theories of scientific discovery, which was continually developed over time to become the modern theory of buoyancy.

- e) State the role of the scientific community in validating scientific knowledge.

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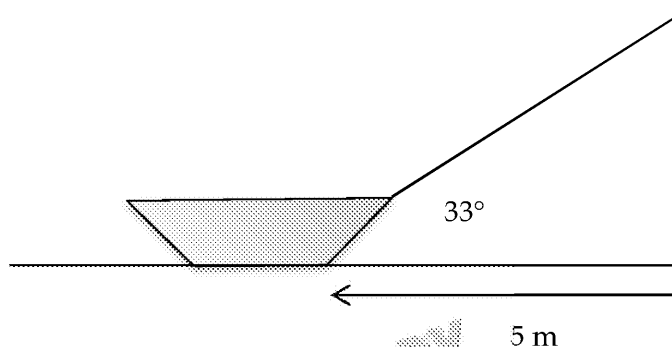
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3.3.1 (Part 1) Work and Conservation of Energy

1. Define the term *work done* by a force and define its unit.
2. Explain what is meant by the *principle of conservation of energy*.
3. State whether work done is a scalar or vector.
4. Indicate whether work is done in the following examples:
 - a) A child pushing a toy car along the floor.
 - b) A child holding a toy car.
 - c) A handyman standing at the top of a ladder.
 - d) A handyman climbing up a ladder.
5. Explain the energy transfers occurring in the following situations:
 - a) A person starting to cycle her bike.
 - b) A car wheel travelling across a tarmac road.
 - c) A musician singing into a microphone.
6. A family are going sledging on New Year's Day. To speed up the walk the father lifts his daughter onto his shoulders. He lifts with a force of 30 N through a height of 1.5 m.
 - a) Calculate the work done in lifting the child.

Later on, the dad is pulling his daughter along on a sledge. He is pulling with a force of 100 N at an angle of 33° to the horizontal along a distance of 5 m.



- b) Calculate the work done in pulling the child along on the sledge.

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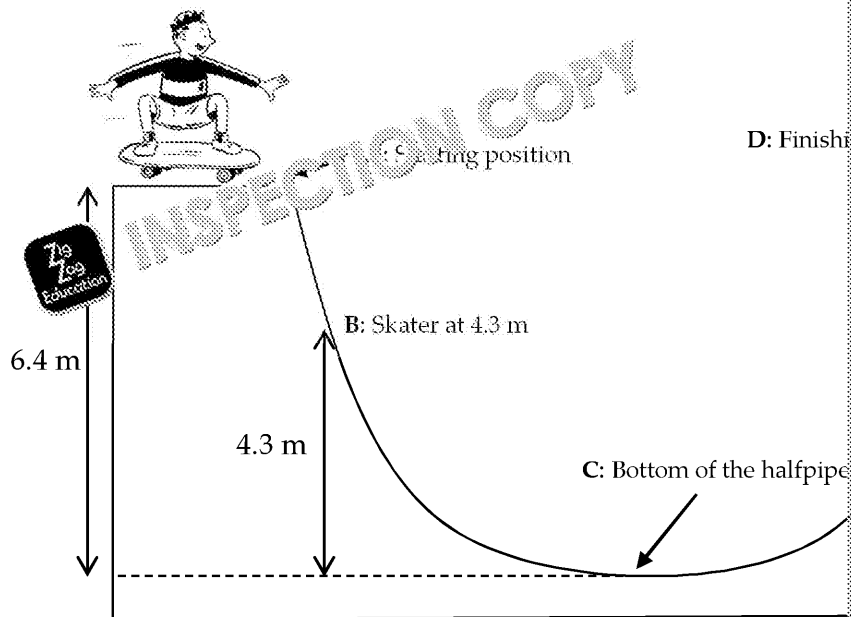


3.3.2 (Part 2) Kinetic and Potential Energy

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7. A skateboarder competing in a halfpipe competition completes his first run and his board together weigh 85 kg.

The following diagram indicates the skateboarder's journey down the halfpipe.



- Derive the equation for kinetic energy.
- Derive the equation for potential energy.
- Calculate the gravitational potential energy of the skateboarder at the starting position.
- Use the principle of conservation of energy to calculate the maximum velocity the skateboarder can achieve at point C.
- Calculate the maximum velocity the skateboarder could achieve at point D.
- Explain why during the competition the skater would not reach the velocity calculated at C.

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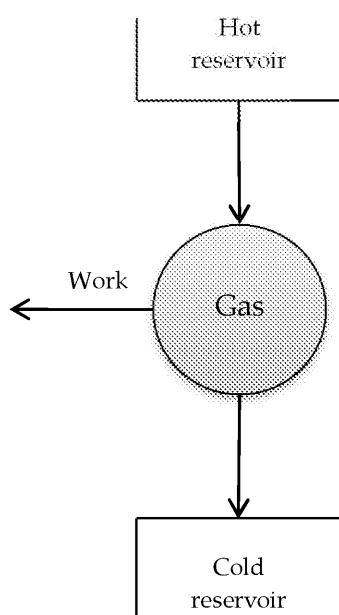
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3.3.3 (Part 3) Power

8. In Italy, Vespas are a common mode of transport. The engine generates a force of around 150 N and can reach a maximum speed of 26 ms^{-1} on a flat road.
- Derive the equation for power, $P = Fv$.
 - Calculate the power generated by the Vespa's engine.
 - When a Vespa travels up hills, explain what would happen to the power generated.
9. A heat engine works by providing heat to a gas. It transfers the high temperature to a lower temperature and the engine then releases the heat to a cold reservoir. By completing this cycle, work is generated by the engine.



The input energy supplied by the hot reservoir is 400 J and output work is 200 J.

- Explain why the output energy is not equal to the input energy.
- Define the term *power* and define its unit.
- Calculate the power generated by the engine in 20 seconds.
- Calculate the percentage efficiency of the engine.
- Explain why it is ethically important for companies using these high efficiencies.



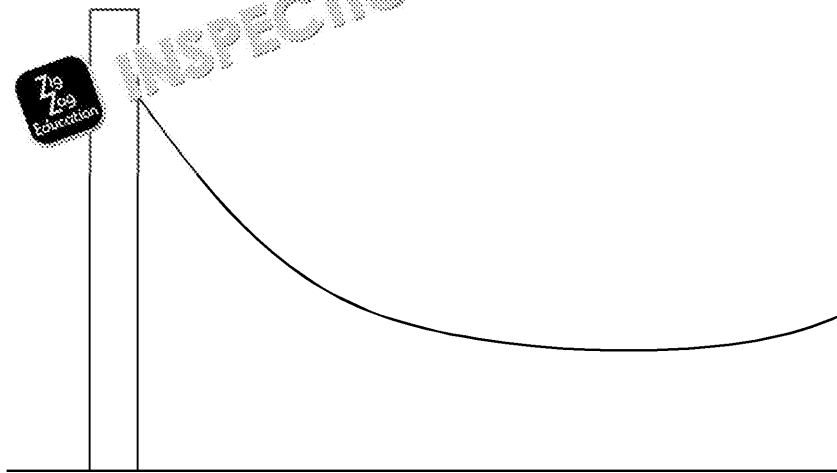
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3.4.1 (Part 1) Springs

1. Explain the differences between tensile and compressive deformation.
2. In the following situations, indicate whether tensile deformation or compression is occurring:
 - a) A dog owner pulling on the lead of their dog
 - b) A child jumping on a bed
3. The following force diagram illustrates a slack line stretched between trees in this situation and indicate whether the force is tensile or compressive.



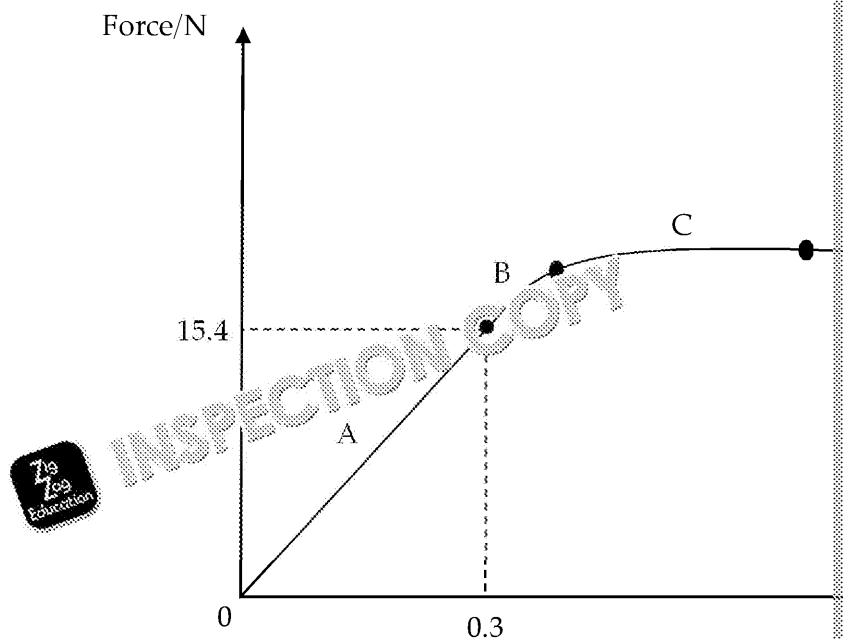
4. State Hooke's law.
5. Explain why a force constant is included in the equation of Hooke's law.
6. Wire A is said to have a larger force constant (k) than B.
 - a) State what that means about wire A compared to wire B.
 - b) If you wanted to ensure that both wires experienced the same amount of stretch, what would you have to do differently with wire A compared to wire B?
 - c) Calculate the force used to stretch wire A if it was stretched a distance of 1.2 m from its rest position and has a force constant of 1200 N/m.

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7. An experiment was carried out on different spring characteristics. The springs tested are plotted on a graph:



- Explain which section of the graph you can apply Hooke's law to
- Explain how the force constant k can be determined from the graph in part a).
- Calculate the work done on the spring during stage A.
- Given that $E = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$, sketch the graph of E plotted against x^2 for stage A.
- Calculate the elastic potential energy of the string during stage A.

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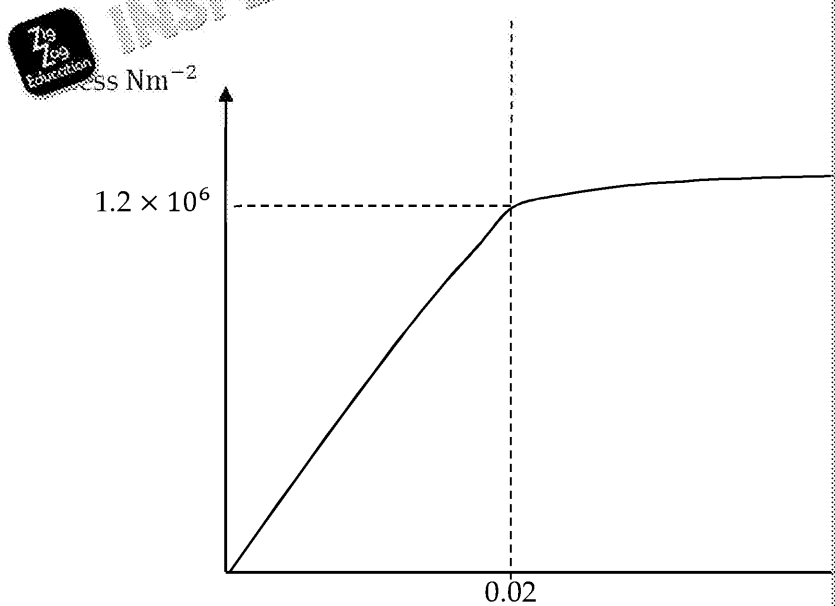
3.4.2 (Part 2) Mechanical Properties of Solids

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8. A Year 12 Physics class carry out an experiment to investigate the Young's modulus of different materials. They are provided with the following apparatus:

- Vernier scales
- Two wires of the same material
- Slotted masses
- Clamp stand
- Metre rule

The students plotted the following σ graph of their results of the experiment.



- Define the terms:
 - Stress
 - Strain
- Describe how the students would have used the apparatus to achieve their results and determine Young's modulus.
- State what type of material is represented in the graph.
- Calculate Young's modulus for the linear section of the graph.
- Explain how Young's modulus would alter if you changed the length of the wire.

Another Year 12 Physics class repeated the experiment with a different material. The following table is an example of the results they achieved:

	Stress/ Nm^{-2}
Mass 1	0
Mass 2	2.1
Mass 3	4.3
Mass 4	6.5

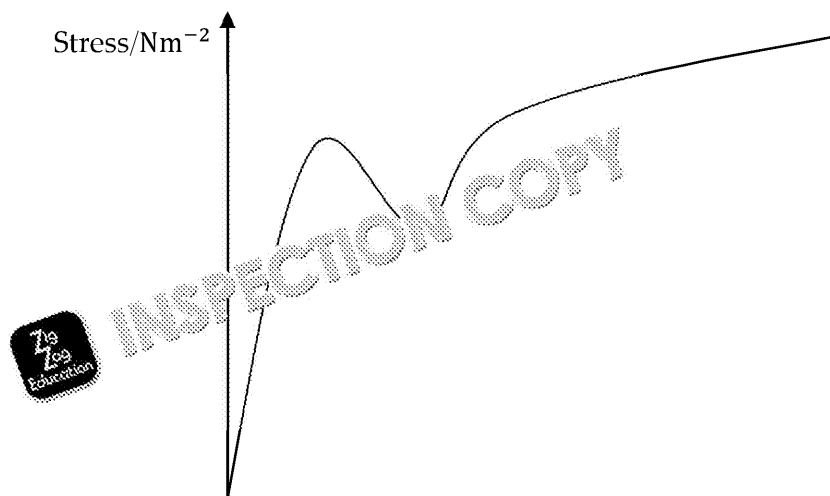
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- f) Plot the graph of stress against strain for the students' results and material they must have used during the experiment.

The Year 12 class repeated the experiment again for another material. obtained the graph below:



- g) State what material is represented by the graph results.
h) Indicate and explain what regions illustrate:
- Elastic deformation
 - Plastic deformation

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3.5.1 (Part 1) Newton's Laws of Motion

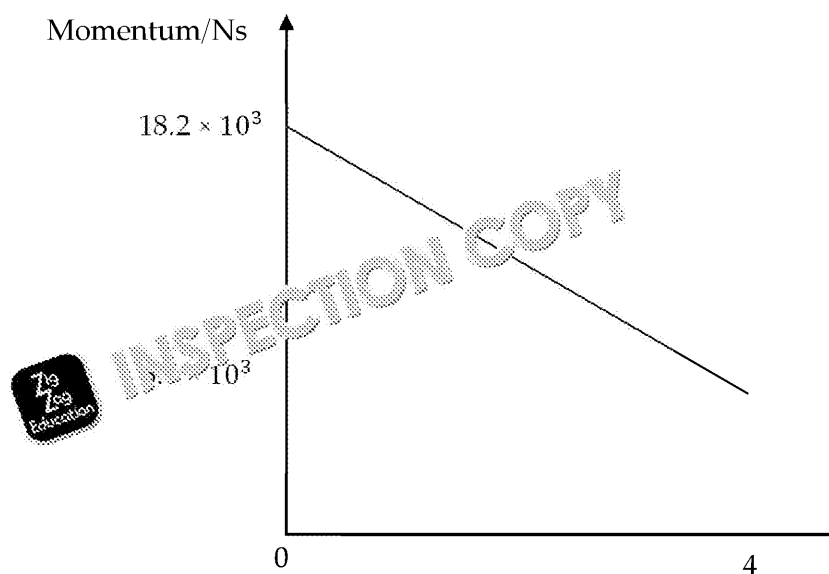
1. State Newton's first and second laws of motion.
2. Explain in terms of Newton's third law of motion how a rocket is able to launch from a launch pad.
3. A lift in a hotel regularly carries hotel guests from the lobby to their rooms.
 - a) Explain, in terms of Newton's laws, how the normal contact force between the lift and the hotel guests relate if the lift is moving at a constant velocity up the lift.

A hotel guest gets out the lift on an upper floor.

- b) Explain, in terms of Newton's laws, how the forces acting on the hotel guest relate to the lift, and therefore how the lift's motion alters.
4. A group of friends are playing a game of beach volleyball while on holiday. A player from Team 1 hits the ball over the net. The ball is 0.8 kg and travels at a velocity of 5.6 ms^{-1} over the net.
 - a) Define the term *linear momentum*.
 - b) Explain whether linear momentum is a scalar or a vector.
 - c) Calculate the linear momentum of the volleyball.

5. A family are driving their car weighing $1.5 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}$ and travelling at 12.2 ms^{-1} when they apply the brake suddenly as a cyclist pulls out in front of the car. The car reduces its speed to 0 ms^{-1} over 4 seconds.
 - a) Explain what is meant by the equation $F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$.

The following graph indicates the car's change in momentum over the time taken to stop.



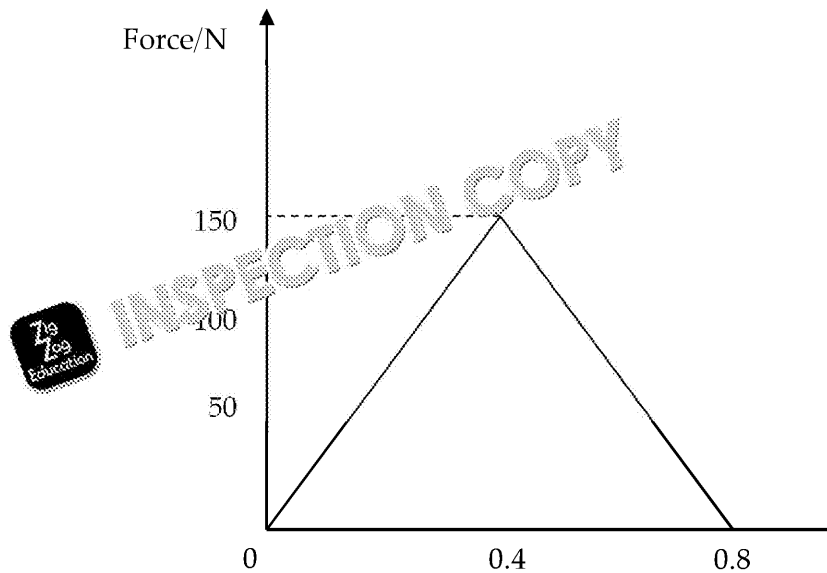
- b) Calculate the net force of the car.
- c) Explain why knowledge of net force and momentum change would be useful in situations involving car and passenger safety.

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6. Derive $F = ma$ from $F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$ to show how $F = ma$ is a special case of the second law of motion, $F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$.
7. During a golf tournament, various golf outlet companies recorded and analysed the force of a golf ball during impact to attempt to find ways to improve the design of a golf ball upon impact with a golf club was plotted for the first golfer.



- Define the term *impulse*.
- Explain how you could use the graph to determine the impulse of the impact.
- Calculate the impulse of the golf ball from the graph.
- Explain the effect on impulse if the ball was in contact with the golf club for a longer time if the force applied remained the same.

The same measurements were taken for a second golfer. The average force applied to the 0.04 kg golf ball was 120 N and the impact time was recorded as 0.02 s.

- Calculate the velocity of the golf ball as it is released from contact with the club.
Hint: the golf ball will initially be at rest ($u = 0$) as it sits on the tee.



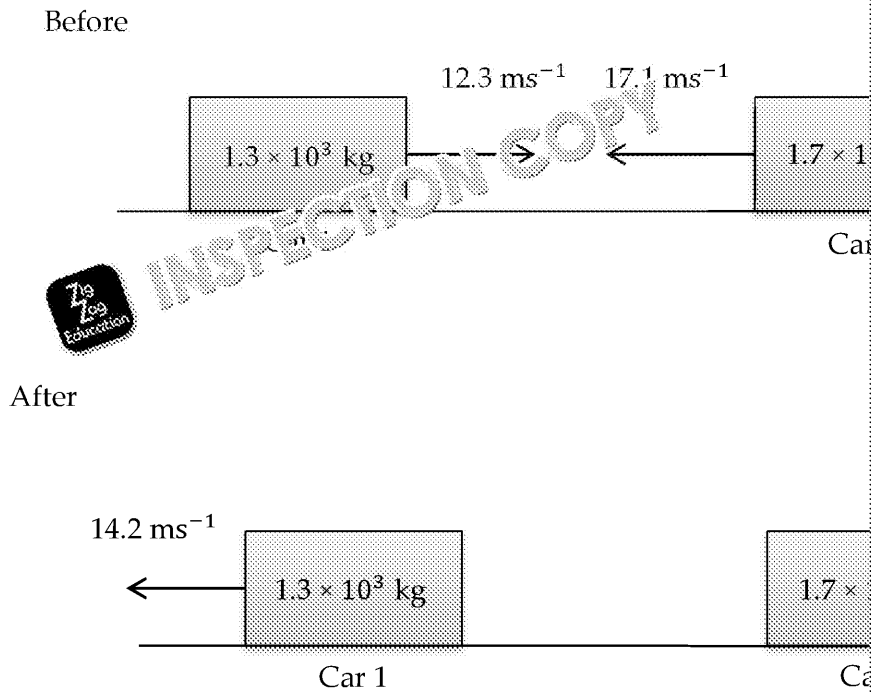
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3.5.2 (Part 2) Collisions

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8. Two cars collide at a large crossroads. The following diagram describes the cars before and after impact.



- Define the principle of conservation of momentum.
- Calculate the velocity, indicating magnitude and direction, of Car 2 after the collision.
- Determine whether the collision was perfectly elastic or inelastic. Justify your answer.
- Explain what could be altered in order to reduce the speed of Car 1 after the collision, and why this would be beneficial.
- Indicate how society could use knowledge of collisions to minimize damage during a collision.

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2.1.1 Physical Quantities

1. ms^{-2} (1)
2. Incorrect:
 - C. Energy (1); should be joules (1)
 - D. Force (1); should be newtons (1)
3. a) 14 300 ms (1)
 - i) The time it takes her to complete the 100 metre stretch will increase
 - ii) 0.0025 kms^{-1}
 - iii) $t = \frac{d}{v} = \frac{100}{2.5} = 40 \text{ s}$ (1)
4. a) i) 70–80 kg (1)
 - ii) $E = mgh$
 $E = (70 \text{ to } 80) \times 9.8 \times 5.6$
 $E = 3845.57 \text{ J} - 4384 \text{ J}$ (1)

Accept any answer for energy that falls in between these two values.
- b) i) gravitational potential energy of the second friend at the end of the rope is greater. (1)
 - ii) $E = mgh$
 $E = (80 \text{ to } 90) \times 9.81 \times 5.6$
 $E = 4394.88 - 4944.24 \text{ J}$ (1)
 $E = 4.39 \text{ kJ} - 4.49 \text{ kJ}$ (1)
 Accept any answer that falls in between these two values.

2.1.2 SI Units

5. a) $\frac{1}{2}$ for each correct answer.

Base Quantity	
Mass	
Length	
Temperature	
Current	
Amount of substance	
Time	

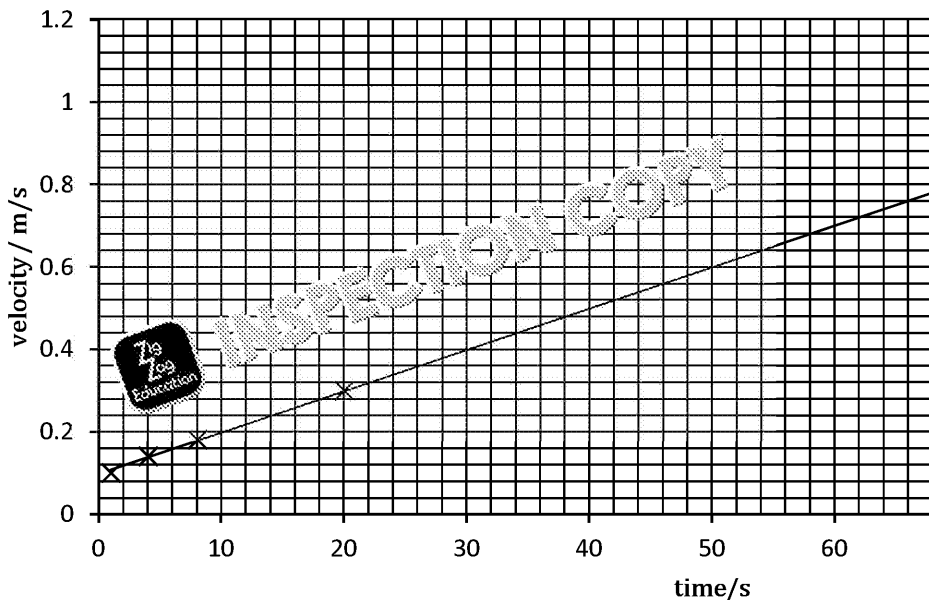
6. a) 0.05 A ($\frac{1}{2}$)
 b) 0.0001 s ($\frac{1}{2}$)
 c) 0.0252 kg ($\frac{1}{2}$)
 d) 700 m ($\frac{1}{2}$)
 7. a) i) $\text{velocity} = \frac{\text{metre}}{\text{second}} = \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ (1)
 ii) $\text{density} = \frac{\text{kilogram}}{\text{metres cubed}} = \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ (1)
 - i) $\text{m}^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi \text{ m}^3$
 $\text{m}^3 = \text{constant}$
 The units on both sides of the equation are m^3 ; therefore, the equation is homogeneous. (1)
 - ii) $\text{ms}^{-1} = \text{ms}^{-2} \times \text{ms}^{-1}$ (1)
 $\text{m}^2 \text{ s}^{-3}$
 The units on both sides of the equation are not the same and therefore not homogeneous. (1)
 - iii) $\text{m} = \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \times \text{s} + 0.5 \times \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \times \text{s}^2$ (1)
 $\text{m} = \text{m} + 0.5 \times \text{m}$ (1)
 All the units on both sides of the equation are in metres and therefore homogeneous. (1)
8. a) pm; nm; μm ; mm (1)
 b) kV; MV; GV; TV (1)
 c) cm; dm (1)

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9. a)
 - No, there are no units in the table column headings. (1)
 - No, the title of each quantity in the table has not been specified. (1)
 b)
 - Correct axis title labels (1)
 - Correct axis unit scales and labels (1)
 - Correct plotting of data points and construction of line of best fit (1)

Linear motion of a falling object



2.2.1 Measurements and Uncertainties (i)

1. *Systematic error*: refers to a measurement error that causes repeated measurements from the true value by the same factor. (1) The source of the error is due to a method, the surroundings of the experiment or the apparatus used to carry out the experiment. (1)
2. *Random error*: refers to a measurement error that causes repeated measurements one another and results in a spread of measured values around a true value. The error is randomised and as a result of sources that cannot be foreseen. (1)
3. B (1)
4. Examples:
 - Systematic error*: apparatus or instruments used incorrectly (1), instruments causing measurements of parameters of the experiment recorded incorrectly. (1)
 - Random error*: electronic noise in an electric circuit (1), natural external factors (1), equipment's inability to detect small changes (lack of sensitivity) (1), human error in measurements (1), incorrect technique of measurement (1)
 Give full marks for any suitable answer for each error.
5. The contribution of random error can be reduced by:
 - Repeating the experiment (1)
 - Taking the mean of measured values (1)
 - Identifying the anomalies (1)
 Give full marks (1) for a suitable answer
6. Precision term used to describe the proximity of an experiment's repeated measurements (1)
7. Accuracy term used to describe how close in proximity a single measured value is to the true value (1)
8. D (1)

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9. a)
 - High accuracy due to each shot hitting the target centre (true value)
 - High precision due to all the shots being in extremely close proximity OR
High precision due to the shots recorded having a small spread. (1)
- b) If each shot became less accurate then each shot would be recorded further from the true value. (1)
- c)
 - High precision due to shots recorded in close proximity to each other OR
High precision due to the shots recorded having a small spread. (1)
- Low accuracy due to each of the shots being recorded a significant distance from the true value. (1)
- d) If the shots recorded became less precise it would result in an increase in the spread of the shots (increase the distances between each of the shots). (1)

2.2.1 Measurements and Uncertainties

1. percentage uncertainty = $\frac{\text{uncertainty}}{\text{average value}} \times 100\%$ (1)
2. a) 0.1% (1)
- b) percentage uncertainty = $\frac{0.1}{26.4} \times 100 = 0.4\%$ (1)
- c) $\text{Length} = (A \pm \Delta A) + (B \pm \Delta B)$
 $\text{Length} = (10.2 \pm 0.1) + (16.2 \pm 0.1)$ (1)
 $\text{Length} = (10.2 + 16.1) \pm (0.1 + 0.1)$
 $\text{Length} = 26.3 \pm 0.2 \text{ cm}$ (1)
- d) $\text{Length} = (A \pm \Delta A) - (B \pm \Delta B)$
 $\text{Length} = (34.2 \pm 0.1) - (8.2 \pm 0.1)$ (1)
 $\text{Length} = (34.2 - 8.1) \pm (0.1 + 0.1)$
 $\text{Length} = 26.1 \pm 0.2 \text{ cm}$ (1)
- e) If $y = \frac{A}{B}$
 % uncertainty in $y =$ % uncertainty in $A +$ % uncertainty in B (1)
- f) Same (1)
- g) $A = 2 \times$ % uncertainty in r (1)
 % uncertainty in $r = \frac{0.1}{3} \times 100\%$
 % uncertainty in $r = 3.33\%$ (1)
 % uncertainty in $A = 2 \times 3.33$
 % uncertainty in $A = 6.7\%$ (1)
3. a) i) Correct construction of line of best fit (1)
 ii) Gradient of best line fit = $\frac{1.95 - 0.15}{8 - 0} = 0.23$ (1)
- b) i) uncertainty = |gradient of line of best fit – gradient of line of worst fit|
 uncertainty = $|0.23 - 0.29| = 0.06$ (1)
- ii) percentage uncertainty = $\frac{\text{uncertainty}}{\text{gradient of best fit}} \times 100$ (1)
 percentage uncertainty = $\frac{0.06}{0.23} \times 100$
 percentage uncertainty = 26.1% (1)
- iii) percentage difference = $\frac{\text{decrease}}{\text{original value}} \times 100\%$ (1)
 percentage difference = $\frac{(0.85 - 0.6)}{0.85}$
 percentage difference = 0.294 = 29.4% (1)

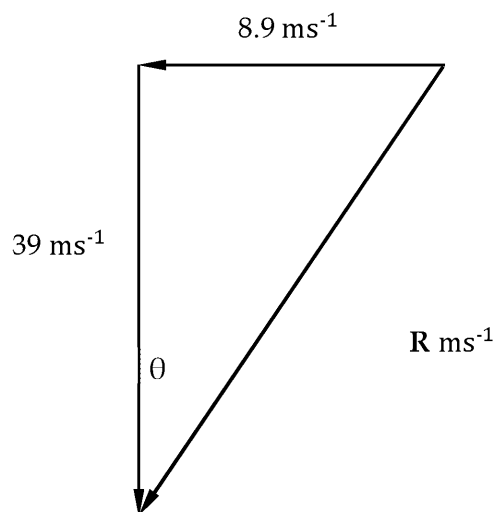
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- c) i) The term 'zero error' refers to the error that occurs as a result of an instrument displaying a reading when it should be zero. (1)
 ii) The ammeter should display a zero measurement (no charge) when the plates; therefore, the source of the error will be a false reading for zero. (1)
 iii) All the values measured for charge will be higher than their true values. Therefore, the value obtained for energy will be higher than its true value. (1)

2.3.1 Scalars and Vectors

1. *Scalar quantity*: is a term that refers to a quantity that is defined by a magnitude only. (1)
2. *Vector quantity*: is a term that refers to a quantity that is defined by both a magnitude and a direction. (1)
3.
 - a) Vector (1)
 - b) Vector (1)
 - c) Scalar (1)
 - d) Scalar (1)
 - e) Vector (1)
 - f) Scalar (1)
 - g) Scalar (1)
 - h) Scalar (1)
4. A direction (1); since tension (force) is a vector quantity and therefore is defined by both a magnitude and a direction. (1)
5.
 - a) $6.3 \text{ ms}^{-1} + 3 \text{ ms}^{-1} = 9.3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ (1), due east. (1)
 - b) $6.3 \text{ ms}^{-1} - 3 \text{ ms}^{-1} = 3.3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ (1), due east. (1)
6. a)



- Correct order of vector addition (1)
 - Correct choice of angle (1)
 - Correct direction of resultant vector (1)
- b) Magnitude: $R = \sqrt{(39^2) + (8.9^2)} = 40 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ (1)
 Direction: $\tan\theta = \frac{8.9}{39}$; $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{8.9}{39}\right) = 12.86^\circ$ (1)
- c) $a_n = a \cos\theta$ (1)
 OR
 $a_n = 9.81 \cos 70$ (1)
- d) $a_n = 9.81 \times \cos 70$ (1)
 $a_n = 3.36 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ (1)
 OR
 $a_v = 9.81 \times \sin 20$ (1)
 $a_v = 3.36 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ (1)

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