## **NEWTON'S SECOND LAW**

## Q1.

(a) The figure below shows two students investigating reaction time.



Student A lets the ruler go.

Student B closes her hand the moment she sees the ruler fall.

This investigation can be used to find out if listening to music changes the reaction times of a student.

Explain how.

(b) A second group of students used a stop clock and computer simulation test to measure their reaction times.

The table below shows their results.

(4)

Student	Reaction time in seconds			
Student	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	
X	0.44	0.40	0.34	
Y	0.28	0.24	0.22	
Z	0.36	0.33	0.47	

Give one conclusion that can be made from the results for student X and student Y.

(c) Test **3** for student **Z** gave an anomalous result.

Suggest two possible reasons why this anomalous result occurred.

1	 		 
2	 	 	 

(1)

#### Q2.

The figure below shows the horizontal forces acting on a car.



(a) Which **one** of the statements describes the motion of the car?

Tick **one** box.

It will be slowing down.

It will be stationary.

It will have a constant speed.

It will be speeding up.

(1)

(b) During part of the journey the car is driven at a constant speed for five minutes.Which one of the equations links distance travelled, speed and time?

Tick **one** box.



- (1)
- (c) During a different part of the journey the car accelerates from 9m / s to 18m / s in 6 s.

Use the following equation to calculate the acceleration of the car.

	acceleration= time taken	
	acceleration =	m / s²
d)	Which equation links acceleration, mass and resultant force?	·
	Tick <b>one</b> box.	
	resultant force = mass + acceleration	
	resultant force = mass × acceleration	
	resultant force = mass - acceleration	
	resultant force = mass ÷ acceleration	
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e)	The mass of the car is 1120 kg. The mass of the driver is 80 kg.	
	Calculate the resultant force acting on the car and driver while accelerating.	
	Resultant force =	N

(f) Calculate the distance travelled while the car is accelerating.

Use the correct equation from the Physics Equation Sheet.

 Distance =	m

(g) A car driver sees a fallen tree lying across the road ahead and makes an emergency stop.

The braking distance of the car depends on the speed of the car.

For the same braking force, explain what happens to the braking distance if the speed doubles.

You should refer to kinetic energy in your answer.

(4) (Total 14 marks)

(3)

#### Q3.

(a) When a force is applied to a spring, the spring extends by 0.12 m. The spring has a spring constant of 25 N / m.

Calculate the force applied to the spring.

Force = \_\_\_\_\_ N

(b) **Figure 1** shows a toy glider. To launch the glider into the air, the rubber band and glider are pulled back and then the glider is released.

(2)



(i) Use the correct answers from the box to complete the sentence.

chemical	elastic potential	kinetic	thermal	
When the glider is released, the energy				
stored in the rubber band decreases and the glider gains				
	energy.			

(ii) **Figure 2** shows how the extension of the rubber band varies with the force applied to the rubber band.



What can you conclude, from **Figure 2**, would happen to the extension of the rubber band if the force applied to the rubber band was increased to 6 N?

The rubber band does **not** break.

(c) **Figure 3** shows the vertical forces, **A** and **B**, acting on the glider when it is flying.



(i) What name is given to the force labelled **B**?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.



(ii) Which **one** of the following describes the downward speed of the glider when force **B** is greater than force **A**?

Tick (✓) one box.

Downward speed increases

Downward	speed	is	constant

Downward speed decreases

(1) (Total 8 marks)

(1)

### Q4.

When two objects interact, they exert forces on each other.

(a) Which statement about the forces is correct?

Tick (✓) one box.

	Tick (✔)
The forces are equal in size and act in the same direction.	
The forces are unequal in size and act in the same direction.	
The forces are equal in size and act in opposite directions.	
The forces are unequal in size and act in opposite directions.	

(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.



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.





Q5.

(a) **Figure 1** shows the distance–time graph for a person walking to a bus stop.



Figure 1

(i) Which **one** of the following statements describes the motion of the person between points **R** and **S** on the graph?

Tick ( $\checkmark$ ) one box.

Not moving

Moving at constant speed

Movina	with	increasing	speed
IVIOVING	with	increasing	speed

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(1)

(ii) Another person, walking at constant speed, travels the same distance to the bus stop in 200 seconds.

Complete Figure 2 to show a distance–time graph for this person.



(b) A bus accelerates away from the bus stop at  $2.5 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

The total mass of the bus and passengers is 14 000 kg.

Calculate the resultant force needed to accelerate the bus and passengers.



#### Q6.

The diagram shows a boat pulling a water skier.



(a) The arrow represents the force on the water produced by the engine propeller. This force causes the boat to move.

Explain why.

(b) The boat accelerates at a constant rate in a straight line. This causes the velocity of the water skier to increase from 4.0 m/s to 16.0 m/s in 8.0 seconds.

(2)

(1)

		Acceleration =
The wat	er skier has a mass	of 68 kg
Calculat	e the resultant force	acting on the water skier while accelerating.
	F	<pre>esultant force =</pre>
Draw a r	ing around the corre	act answer to complete the sentence
The force	e from the boat pulli	ng the water skier forwards
	less than	
will be	the same as	the answer to part (b)(II).
	greater than	
	recent for your end	wor

## Q7.

Some students designed and built an electric-powered go-kart. The go-kart is shown below.



(a) Suggest **two** changes that could be made to the design of the go-kart to increase its top speed.

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1.\_\_\_\_\_

- 2.
- (b) A go-kart with a new design is entered into a race. The velocity-time graph for the go-kart, during the first 40 seconds of the race, is shown below.



Between which two points did the go-kart have the greatest acceleration?
 Tick ( ✓) one box.



Give a reason for your answer.

(ii) The go-kart travels at a speed of 13 m/s between points **D** and **E**. The total mass of the go-kart and driver is 140 kg.

Calculate the momentum of the go-kart and driver between points  ${\bf D}$  and  ${\bf E}.$ 

#### Q8.

(a) The diagrams, **A**, **B** and **C**, show the horizontal forces acting on a **moving** car.

Draw a line to link each diagram to the description of the car's motion at the moment when the forces act.

Draw only three lines.



(3)

(b) The front crumple zone of a car is tested at a road traffic laboratory. This is done by using a remote control device to drive the car into a strong barrier. Electronic sensors are attached to a dummy inside the car.



(i) Draw an arrow in **Box 1** to show the direction of the force that the car exerts on the barrier.

- (ii) Draw an arrow in **Box 2** to show the direction of the force that the barrier exerts on the car.
- (iii) Complete the following by drawing a ring around the correct line in the box.

The car exerts a force of 5000 N on the barrier. The barrier does not move. The force

exerted by the barrier on the car will be

more than	
equal to	5000 N
less than	

(1)

(1)

(iv) Which **one** of the following gives the most likely reason for attaching electronic sensors to the dummy?

Put a tick ( $\checkmark$ ) in the box next to your answer.

To measure the speed of the car just before the impact.

To measure the forces exerted on the dummy during the impact.

To measure the distance the car travels during the impact.

(1) (Total 7 marks)

#### Q9.

(a) A car is being driven along a straight road. The diagrams, **A**, **B** and **C**, show the horizontal forces acting on the moving car at three different points along the road.

Describe the motion of the car at each of the points, A, B and C.



- (b) The diagram below shows the stopping distance for a family car, in good condition, driven at 22 m/s on a dry road. The stopping distance has two parts.
  - (i) Complete the diagram below by adding an appropriate label to the second part of the stopping distance.

The distance the car travels during the driver's reaction time



(ii) State **one** factor that changes both the first part **and** the second part of the stopping distance.

(1)

(1)

(c) The front crumple zone of a car is tested at a road traffic laboratory. This is done by using a remote control device to drive the car into a strong barrier. Electronic sensors are attached to the dummy inside the car.



(i) At the point of collision, the car exerts a force of 5000 N on the barrier.

State the size and direction of the force exerted by the barrier on the car.

(1)

(ii) Suggest why the dummy is fitted with electronic sensors.

(iii) The graph shows how the velocity of the car changes during the test.



Use the graph to calculate the acceleration of the car just before the collision with the barrier.

Show clearly how you work out your answer, including how you use the graph, and give the unit.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceleration = \_\_\_\_\_

(3) (Total 10 marks)

## Q10.

The picture shows players in a cricket match.



(a) A fast bowler bowls the ball at 35 m/s. The ball has a mass of 0.16 kg.

Use the equation in the box to calculate the kinetic energy of the cricket ball as it leaves the bowler's hand.

kinetic energy = 
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 × mass × speed<sup>2</sup>

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

Kinetic energy = \_\_\_\_\_ J (2)

(b) When the ball reaches the batsman it is travelling at 30 m/s. The batsman strikes the ball which moves off at 30 m/s in the opposite direction.



(i) Use the equation in the box to calculate the change in momentum of the ball.

momentum = mass × velocity

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

(ii) The ball is in contact with the bat for 0.001 s.

Use the equation in the box to calculate the force exerted by the bat on the ball.



Show clearly how you work out your answer.



## Q11.

The diagram shows the forces acting on a car. The car is being driven along a straight, level road at a constant speed of 12 m/s.



(a) The driver then accelerates the car to 23 m/s in 4 seconds.

Use the equation in the box to calculate the acceleration of the car.

	acceleration =	change in velocity	
		time taken for change	
Show clearly how	you work out your ans	swer and give the unit.	
Α	cceleration =		
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#### (Total 6 marks)

## Q12.

The diagram shows a child on a playground swing.



The playground surface is covered in rubber safety tiles. The tiles reduce the risk of serious injury to children who fall off the swing.

The graph gives the maximum height that a child can fall onto rubber safety tiles of different thicknesses and be unlikely to get a serious head injury.



- (i) Describe how the maximum height of fall relates to the thickness of the rubber safety tile.
- (ii) The maximum height of any of the playground rides is 2 metres.

What tile thickness should be used in the playground?

Give a reason for your answer.

(2) (Total 3 marks)

## Q13.

(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*?

(1)

(ii)	Describe the movement of the aircraft when the resultant force is zero.
The a ma	aircraft has a take-off mass of 320 000 kg. Each of the 4 engines can produce aximum force of 240 kN.
Calc	ulate the maximum acceleration of the aircraft.
Sho	w clearly how you work out your answer and give the unit.
	Acceleration =
	Acceleration =
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(2) (Total 7 marks)

(1)

# Q14.

The diagram shows the forces on a small, radio-controlled, flying toy.



(a) (i) The mass of the toy is 0.06 kg.

	Calculate the weight of	of the toy.	
	Show clearly how you	work out your answer and give the unit.	
			-
		Weight =	_
			(3
(ii)	Complete the followin the box.	g sentence by drawing a ring around the correct line in	
	When the toy is hover	ing stationary in mid-air, the lift force is	
	When the toy is hover bigger than	ring stationary in mid-air, the lift force is	
	When the toy is hover bigger than the same as	ring stationary in mid-air, the lift force is the weight of the toy.	
	When the toy is hover bigger than the same as smaller than	ring stationary in mid-air, the lift force is the weight of the toy.	
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(ii) What is the direction of the resultant force on the falling toy?

#### (1) (Total 6 marks)

(1)

# Q15.

(b)

The diagram shows a sky-diver in free fall. Two forces, **X** and **Y**, act on the sky-diver.



(a) Complete these sentences by crossing out the **two** lines in each box that are wrong.



### Q16.

(a) The arrows in the diagram represent the size and direction of the forces on a space shuttle, fuel tank and booster rockets one second after launch. The longer the arrow the bigger the force.

Thrust force



Weight of shuttle, fuel tanks and booster rockets plus air resistance

(i) Describe the upward motion of the space shuttle one second after launch.

(ii) By the time it moves out of the Earth's atmosphere, the total weight of the space shuttle, fuel tank and booster rockets has decreased and so has the air resistance. How does this change the motion of the space shuttle? (Assume the thrust force does not change). (1) (b) The space shuttle takes 9 minutes to reach its orbital velocity of 8100 m/s. (i) Write down the equation that links acceleration, change in velocity and time taken. (1) Calculate, in m/s<sup>2</sup>, the average acceleration of the space shuttle during the (ii) first 9 minutes of its flight. Show clearly how you work out your answer. average acceleration = \_\_\_\_\_ m/s<sup>2</sup> (2) How is the velocity of an object different from the speed of an object? (iii) (1)

## Q17.

(a) Two skydivers jump from a plane. Each holds a different position in the air.





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Complete the following sentence.

Skydiver \_\_\_\_\_\_ will fall faster because \_\_\_\_\_\_

(Total 6 marks)

The diagram shows the direction of the forces acting on one of the skydivers.



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(b) In the following sentences, cross out in each box the **two** lines that are wrong.



## Q18.

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

Π	Orbiter datz	L
1	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?
- (1) (ii) Use the following equation to calculate the kinetic energy, in joules, of the orbiter while it is in orbit. kinetic energy =  $\frac{1}{2}$  mv<sup>2</sup> Kinetic energy = \_\_\_\_\_ joules (2) (iii) What happens to most of this kinetic energy as the orbiter re-enters the Earth's atmosphere? (1) (b) After touchdown the orbiter decelerates uniformly coming to a halt in 50 s. (i) Give the equation that links acceleration, time and velocity. (1) Calculate the deceleration of the orbiter. Show clearly how you work out your (ii) answer and give the unit.

- (c) (i) Give the equation that links acceleration, force and mass.
  - (ii) Calculate, in newtons, the force needed to bring the orbiter to a halt. Show clearly how you work out your answer.

Force = \_\_\_\_\_ newtons (1) (Total 9 marks)

#### Q19.

The apparatus shown is used to compare the motion of a coin with the motion of a piece of paper as they both fall.



(a) When the tube is filled with air the coin falls faster than the piece of paper. Why?

(b) The air in the tube is removed by the vacuum pump. The tube is turned upside down.
 State two ways in which the motion of the coin and piece of paper will change compared to when there was air in the tube.

1.\_\_\_\_\_ 2.\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

(1)

## Q20.

(a) A shopping trolley is being pushed at a constant speed. The arrows represent the horizontal forces on the trolley.



- (i) How big is force **P** compared to force **F**?
- (ii) Which **one** of the distance-time graphs, **K**, **L** or **M**, shows the motion of the trolley? Draw a circle around your answer.



(1)

(1)

(b) Complete the sentence by crossing out the **two** words in the box that are wrong.



(1)

(c) Three trolleys, **A**, **B** and **C**, are pushed using the same size force. The force causes each trolley to accelerate.



Which trolley will have the smallest acceleration?

Give a reason for your answer.

(2) (Total 5 marks)

## Q21.

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

Deceleration =  $m/s^2$ 

(2) (Total 3 marks)

(1)

### Q22.

The manufacturer of a family car gave the following information.

Mass of car 950 kg

The car will accelerate from 0 to 33 m/s in 11 seconds.

(a) Calculate the acceleration of the car during the 11 seconds.

(b) Calculate the force needed to produce this acceleration.

(c) The manufacturer of the car claims a top speed of 110 miles per hour. Explain why there must be a top speed for any car.

#### (3) (Total 7 marks)

#### Q23.

(a) When a car is driven efficiently the engine gives a constant forward pull on the car as the car accelerates to its maximum speed. During this time frictional forces and air resistance oppose the forward motion of the car. The sketch graphs below show how the car's speed increases when only the driver is in the car, and when the driver has a passenger in the car.



(ii) What conclusion can be made about the resultant (net) forward force on the car as its speed increases?

(2)

(ii)	On the graph, draw a line to show how you would expect the car's speed to vary if it carried three passengers
Th	e manufacturer of a family car gave the following information.
Ма	ss of car 950g
The	e car will accelerate from 0 to 33 m/s in 11 seconds.
(i)	Calculate the acceleration of the car during the 11 seconds.
	Answer
(ii)	Calculate the force needed to produce this acceleration.
	Answer N
(iii)	The manufacturer of the car claims a top speed of 110 miles per hour. Explain why there must be a top speed for any car.
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## Q24.

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. (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. Calculate the acceleration of the car. (i) (ii) Calculate the kinetic energy of the car when it is travelling at a speed of 48 m/s. When the brakes are applied with a constant force of 10 000 N the car travels (iii) a distance of 144 m before it stops. Calculate the work done in stopping the car.

(4)



Five forces, A, B, C, D and E act on the van.

(a) Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct forces from A to E.

Force \_\_\_\_\_\_ is the forward force from the engine.

Force \_\_\_\_\_\_ is the force resisting the van's motion.

(1)

 (b) The size of forces A and E can change. Complete the table to show how big force A is compared to force E for each motion of the van. Do this by placing a tick in the correct box. The first one has been done for you.

MOTION OF VAN	FORCE <b>A</b> SMALLER THAN FORCE <b>E</b>	FORCE <b>A</b> EQUAL TO FORCE <b>E</b>	FORCE <b>A</b> BIGGER THAN FORCE <b>E</b>
Not moving			
Speeding up			
Constant speed			
Slowing down			

(c) When is force **E** zero?

(3)

(1)

(d) The van has a fault and leaks one drop of oil every second.
 The diagram below shows the oil drops left on the road as the van moves from W to Z.



Describe the motion of the van as it moves from:

X to Y Y to Z (e) The driver and passengers wear seatbel Seatbelts reduce the risk of injury if the variable		
<ul> <li>Y to Z</li></ul>		
(e) The driver and passengers wear seatbel Seatbelts reduce the risk of injury if the va		
	ts. an stops suddenly.	
backwards downwards force	forwards mass	weight
Complete the following sentences, using the risk of injury is reduced if the van stor	words from the list above, os suddenly.	to explain why
A large is need	ed to stop the van suddenl	ly.
The driver and passengers would continu	ue to move	·
The seatbelts supply apassengers	force to keep the c	driver and
in their seats.		

(Total 11 marks)

#### Q26.



(a) The van shown above has a fault and leaks one drop of oil every second.

The diagram below shows the oil drops left on the road as the van moves from  ${\bf W}$  to  ${\bf Z}.$ 



Describe the motion of the van as it moves from:

W to X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X to Y \_\_\_\_\_\_ Y to Z \_\_\_\_\_\_

			Distance _	m
The van was travelling	g at 30m/s. It slov	ved to a stop	in 12 seconds.	
Calculate the van's ac	celeration.			
			Acceleration	m/s <sup>2</sup>
The driver and passer	nger wear seatbe	elts. Seatbelts	reduce the risk of	injury.
Explain how seatbelts	reduce the risk c	of injury.		

(3)

# Q27.

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  $10 \text{ m/s}^2$ . The mass of the car and its passengers is 1210 kg.

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

Force = \_\_\_\_\_ N

(Total 3 marks)

### Q28.

A book weighs 6 newtons.

A librarian picks up the book from one shelf and puts it on a shelf 2 metres higher.



(a) Calculate the work done on the book. [Show your working].

(b) The next person to take the book from the shelf accidentally drops it.

The book accelerates at 9.8m/s<sup>2</sup>.

Use this information to calculate the mass of the book. [Show your working].

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ kg.

(c) If the book was dropped from an aeroplane high in the sky, it would accelerate to begin with. Eventually it would fall at a steady speed.

Explain, in as much detail as you can, why this happens.

(3)

(3)

A crane is used to lift a steel girder to the top of a high building.



When it is lifted by the crane:

- the girder accelerates from rest to a speed of 0.6 m/s in the first 3 seconds;
- it then rises at a steady speed.
- (a) Calculate the **acceleration** of the girder.

(Show your working.)

(i)	What is the <b>weight</b> of the steel girder?
	Answer N
(ii)	Calculate the <b>power</b> of the crane motor as it lifts the girder at a steady speed of 0.6 m/s.
	(Show your working. You can ignore the weight of the cable and hook which is small compared to the weight of the girder.)

(c) A new motor is fitted to the crane. This motor accelerates the girder at  $0.3 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

Calculate the **force** which the crane applies to the girder to produce this acceleration.

(Show your working.)

Anowor	N
	IN (3)
	(Total 9 marks)

## Q30.

A sky-diver steps out of an aeroplane.

After 10 seconds she is falling at a steady speed of 50m/s.

She then opens her parachute.



After another 5 seconds she is once again falling at a steady speed.

This speed is now only 10m/s.

(a) Calculate the sky-diver's average acceleration during the time from when she opens her parachute until she reaches her slower steady speed. (Show your working.)

- (b) Explain, as fully as you can:
  - (i) why the sky-diver eventually reaches a steady speed (with or without her parachute).

(ii) why the sky-diver's steady speed is lower when her parachute is open.

(3)

(3)

(c)	The sky- diver and her equipment have a total mass of 75kg. Calculate the
	gravitational force acting on this mass. (Show your working.)

Answer	N
	(1)
	(Total 8 marks)