SCALAR AND VECTOR QUANTITIES

Q1.

Quantities in physics are either scalars or vectors.

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

acceleration	**direction**	**distance**	**speed**	**time**

Velocity is _____ in a given _____ .

(2)

(b) Complete the table to show which quantities are scalars and which quantities are vectors.

Put **one** tick (✓) in each row.

The first row has been completed for you.

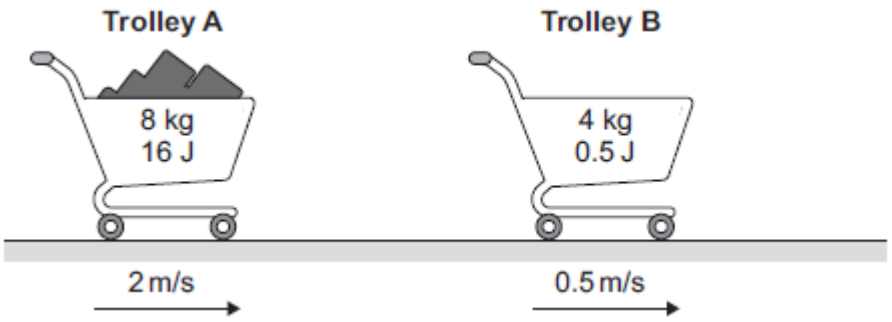
Quantity	Scalar	Vector
Momentum		✓
Acceleration		
Distance		
Force		
Time		

(3)

(c) The diagram shows two supermarket trolleys moving in the same direction.

Trolley **A** is full of shopping, has a total mass of 8 kg and is moving at a velocity of 2 m / s with a kinetic energy of 16 J.

Trolley **B** is empty, has a mass of 4 kg and is moving at a velocity of 0.5 m / s with a kinetic energy of 0.5 J.



(i) Calculate the momentum of both trolley **A** and trolley **B**.

Give the unit.

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Momentum of trolley **A** = _____

Momentum of trolley **B** = _____

Unit _____

(4)

(ii) The trolleys in the diagram collide and join together. They move off together.

Calculate the velocity with which they move off together.

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Velocity = _____ m / s

(3)

(iii) In a different situation, the trolleys in the digram move at the same speeds as before but now move towards each other.

Calculate the total momentum and the total kinetic energy of the two trolleys before they collide.

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Total momentum = _____

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Total kinetic energy = _____ J

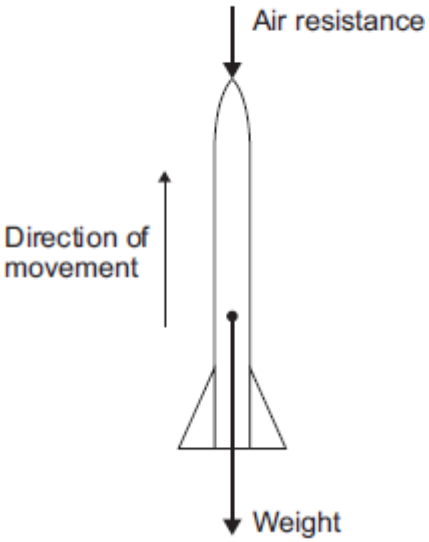
(2)

(Total 14 marks)

Q2.

(a) **Figure 1** shows the forces acting on a model air-powered rocket just after it has been launched vertically upwards.

Figure 1



(i) How does the velocity of the rocket change as the rocket moves **upwards**?

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Give a reason for your answer.

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(2)

(ii) The velocity of the rocket is not the same as the speed of the rocket.

What is the difference between the velocity of an object and the speed of an object?

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(1)

(b) The speed of the rocket just after being launched is 12 m / s.
The mass of the rocket is 0.05 kg.

(i) Calculate the kinetic energy of the rocket just after being launched.

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Kinetic energy = _____ J

(2)

(ii) As the rocket moves upwards, it gains gravitational potential energy.

State the maximum gravitational potential energy gained by the rocket.

Ignore the effect of air resistance.

Maximum gravitational potential energy = _____ J

(1)

(iii) Calculate the maximum height the rocket will reach.

Ignore the effect of air resistance.

Gravitational field strength = 10 N / kg.

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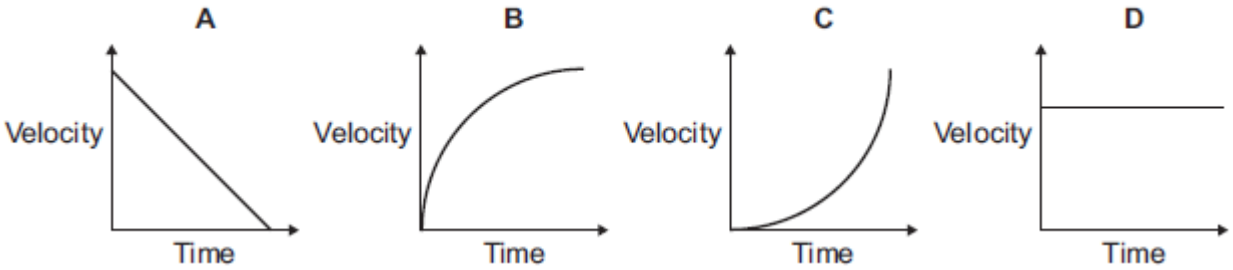
Maximum height = _____ m

(2)

(iv) **Figure 2** shows four velocity−time graphs.

Figure 2



Taking air resistance into account, which graph, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**, shows how the velocity of the rocket changes as it **falls** from the maximum height it reached until it just hits the ground?

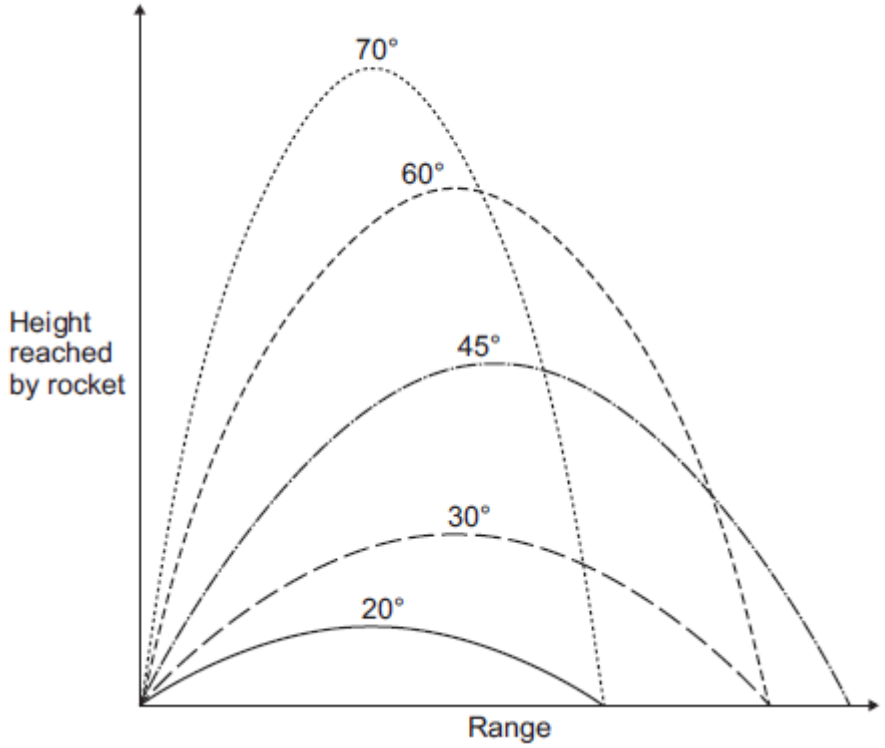
Write the correct answer in the box. ☐

(1)

(c) The rocket can be launched at different angles to the horizontal.
The horizontal distance the rocket travels is called the range.

Figure 3 shows the paths taken by the rocket when launched at different angles.
Air resistance has been ignored.

Figure 3



What pattern links the angle at which the rocket is launched and the range of the rocket?

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(2)

(Total 11 marks)

Q3.

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

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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)

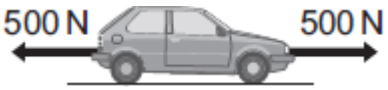
(Total 4 marks)

Q4.

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

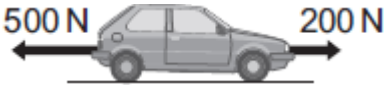
Draw a line to link each diagram to the description of the car's motion at the moment when the forces act.

Draw only **three** lines.



A

B

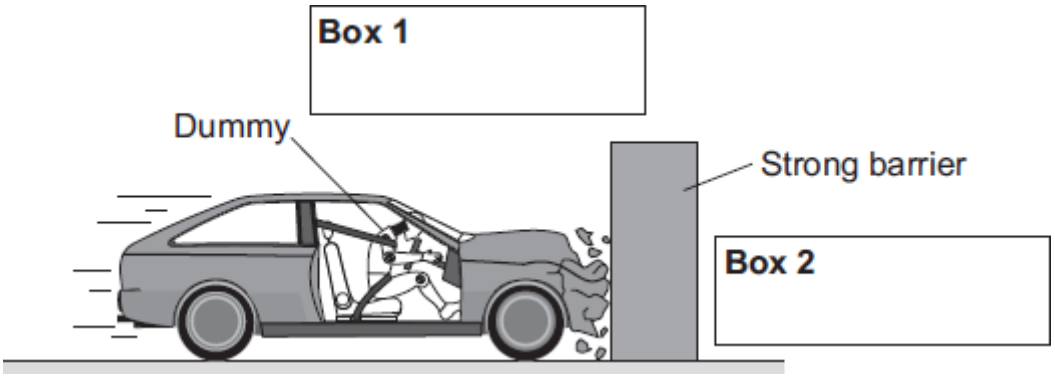


C

stationary
constant speed
slowing down
accelerating forwards

(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.

(1)

(ii) Draw an arrow in **Box 2** to show the direction of the force that the barrier exerts on the car.

(1)

(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
less than

5000 N.

(1)

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

Put a tick (✓) 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. ☐

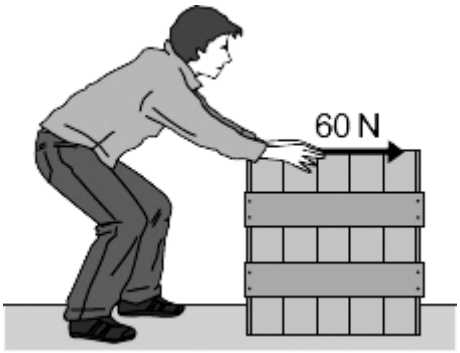
To measure the distance the car travels during the impact. ☐

(1)

(Total 7 marks)

Q5.

The diagram shows a worker using a constant force of 60 N to push a crate across the floor.



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(a) The crate moves at a constant speed in a straight line

(i) Draw an arrow on the diagram to show the direction of the friction force acting on the moving crate.

(1)

(ii) State the size of the friction force acting on the moving crate.

_____ N

Give the reason for your answer.

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(2)

(b) Calculate the work done by the worker to push the crate 28 metres.

Show clearly how you work out your answer and give the unit.

Choose the unit from the list below.

joule **newton** **watt**

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Work done = _____

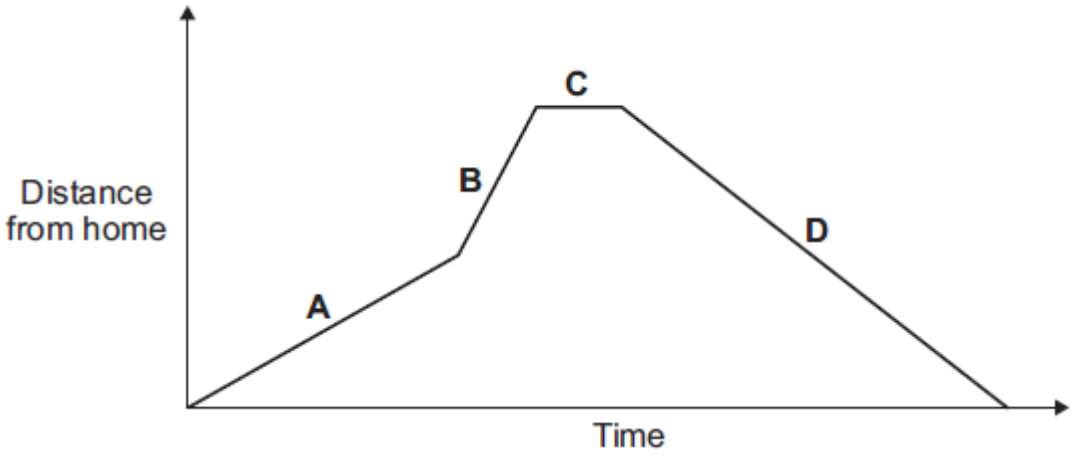
(3)

(Total 6 marks)

Q6.

(a) A person takes their dog for a walk.

The graph shows how the distance from their home changes with time.



Which part of the graph, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**, shows them walking the fastest?

Write your answer in the box. ☐

Give the reason for your answer.

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(2)

(b) During the walk, both the speed and the velocity of the person and the dog change.

How is *velocity* different from *speed*?

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(1)

(Total 3 marks)