VELOCITY

Q1.

A train travels from town **A** to town **B**.

Figure 1 shows the route taken by the train. Figure 1 has been drawn to scale.



(a) The distance the train travels between **A** and **B** is not the same as the displacement of the train.

What is the difference between distance and displacement?

(b) Use Figure 1 to determine the displacement of the train in travelling from A to B. Show how you obtain your answer.

Displacement = _____ km

Direction = _____

(c) There are places on the journey where the train accelerates without changing speed.

Explain how this can happen.

(1)

(2)



(d) **Figure 2** shows how the velocity of the train changes with time as the train travels along a straight section of the journey.



Estimate the distance travelled by the train along the section of the journey shown in **Figure 2**.

To gain full marks you must show how you worked out your answer.

Distance = _____

(3) (Total 8 marks)

_____ m

Q2.

(a) Draw **one** line from each velocity-time graph to the statement describing the motion shown by the graph.



(ii) When the horse accelerates, what, if anything, happens to the air resistance acting against the horse?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

	The air resista	ance decreases		
	The air resista	ance is constant		
	The air resista	ance increases		
(d)	A horse and a por	ny walk across a fi	ield at the same constant speed.	
	The horse has 400	00 joules of kinetic	energy.	
	The pony is half th	ne mass of the hor	rse.	
	What is the kinetic	energy of the por	ıy?	
	Draw a ring around	d the correct answ	/er	
	2000 J	4000 J	8000 J	
	Give a reason for y	your answer.		

(Total 8 marks)

Q3.

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



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

	Give a reason for your answer.
(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?
Tho	speed of the recket 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.
	Kinetic energy = J
(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
(iii)	Calculate the maximum height the rocket will reach.
	Ignore the effect of air resistance.
	Gravitational field strength = 10 N / kg.
	Maximum height = m



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.



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

(1)

Q4.

(a) **Figure 1** shows the horizontal forces acting on a moving bicycle and cyclist.



(i) What causes force **A**?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.

	friction	gravity	weight	(1)
(ii)	What causes force B ?			

(iii) In this question you will be assessed on using good English, organising information clearly and using specialist terms where appropriate.

Figure 2 shows how the velocity of the cyclist changes during the first part of a journey along a straight and level road. During this part of the journey the force applied by the cyclist to the bicycle pedals is constant.



Describe how **and** explain, in terms of the forces **A** and **B**, why the velocity of the cyclist changes:

- between the points X and Y
- and between the points Y and Z, marked on the graph in Figure 2.

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	ist used the brakes to slow down and stop the bicycle.
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(b)

(6)

- (3) Complete the following sentences. When the brakes are used, the bicycle slows down. The kinetic energy of the bicycle _______. At the same time, the ________. of the brakes increases. (2) (Total 13 marks)
- Q5.

(ii)

(a) The diagram shows a car at position **X**.

→ Z

The handbrake is released and the car rolls down the slope to \mathbf{Y} . The car continues to roll along a horizontal surface before stopping at \mathbf{Z} . The brakes have **not** been used during this time.

(i) What type of energy does the car have at **X**?

(1)

(ii) What type of energy does the car have at Y?

(1)

(b) The graph shows how the velocity of the car changes with time between **Y** and **Z**.



(i) Which feature of the graph represents the negative acceleration between

- (ii) Which feature of the graph represents the distance travelled between **Y** and **Z**?
- (1)

(1)

(iii) The car starts again at position **X** and rolls down the slope as before. This time the brakes are applied lightly at **Y** until the car stops.

Draw on the graph another straight line to show the motion of the car between ${\bf Y}$ and ${\bf Z}.$

(2)

(c) Three students carry out an investigation. The students put trolley D at position P on a slope. They release the trolley. The trolley rolls down the slope and along the floor as shown in the diagram.



The students measure the distance from \mathbf{R} at the bottom of the slope to \mathbf{S} where the trolley stops. They also measure the time taken for the trolley to travel the distance \mathbf{RS} .

They repeat the investigation with another trolley, E.

Their results are shown in the table.

Trolley	Distance RS in centimetres	Time taken in seconds	Average velocity in centimetres per second
D	65	2.1	
E	80	2.6	

(i) Calculate the average velocity, in centimetres per second, between **R** and **S** for trolleys **D** and **E**. Write your answers in the table.

- (ii) Before the investigation, each student made a prediction.
 - Student **1** predicted that the two trolleys would travel the same distance.
 - Student **2** predicted that the average velocity of the two trolleys would be the same.
 - Student **3** predicted that the negative acceleration of the two trolleys would be the same.

Is each prediction correct?

Justify your answers.

(3) (Total 12 marks)

Q6.

(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?

	(ii)	How do the graphs show that	the two cars have t	he same decele	eration?
	(iii)	Use the graphs to calculate compared to car A .	how much further ca	r B travels befo	(1 re stopping
		Additional stop	ping distance =		m m (3
(b)	In a collis sens	crash-test laboratory, scientist sions. The graphs show how th sor, X , Y , and Z , change with th	s use sensors to me e electrical resistant he force applied to th	easure the forces ce of 3 experime le sensor.	s exerted in ental types of
		Х	Y		Z
Resistan in ohm	s	Resistance in ohms	,	Resistance in ohms	
		Force	Force	L	Force
	Whie	ch of the sensors, X , Y or Z , wo	ould be the best one	to use as a forc	ce sensor?
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Q7.

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.

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

(1)

(2)

(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.

(1) (Total 4 marks)

Q8.

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

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



Q9.

A cyclist travelling along a straight level road accelerates at 1.2 m/s² for 5 seconds. The mass of the cyclist and the bicycle is 80 kg.

Calculate the resultant force needed to produce this acceleration. (a)

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

Resultant force = _____

The graph shows how the velocity of the cyclist changes with time. (b)

(2)

(1)



(i) Complete the following sentence.

The velocity includes both the speed and the ______ of the cyclist.

- (1)
- (ii) Why has the data for the cyclist been shown as a line graph instead of a bar chart?
- (1)
- (iii) The diagrams show the horizontal forces acting on the cyclist at three different speeds. The length of an arrow represents the size of the force.



Which **one** of the diagrams, **A**, **B** or **C**, represents the forces acting when the cyclist is travelling at a constant 9 m/s?



Q10.

(a) The diagram shows a steel ball-bearing falling through a tube of oil. The forces, L and M, act on the ball-bearing.



What causes force L?

(1)

(b) The distance – time graph represents the motion of the ball-bearing as it falls through the oil.



(i) Explain, in terms of the forces, **L** and **M**, why the ball-bearing accelerates at first but then falls at constant speed.

(ii) What name is given to the constant speed reached by the falling ball-bearing?

(1)

(3)

(iii) Calculate the constant speed reached by the ball-bearing.

Show clearly how you use the graph to work out your answer.

___m/s

(1)

Q11.

(a) A car driver makes an emergency stop.

The chart shows the 'thinking distance' and the 'braking distance' needed to stop the car.



Calculate the total stopping distance of the car.

Stopping distance = _____ m

(b) The graph shows how the braking distance of a car driven on a dry road changes with the car's speed.



The braking distance of the car on an icy road is longer than the braking distance of the car on a dry road.

- (i) Draw a new line on the graph to show how the braking distance of the car on an icy road changes with speed.
- (2)
- (ii) Which **two** of the following would also increase the braking distance of the car?

Put a tick (\checkmark) next to each of your answers.

rain on the road

the driver having drunk alcohol

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car brakes in bad condition

- the driver having taken drugs
- (c) The thinking distance depends on the driver's reaction time.

The table shows the reaction times of three people driving under different conditions.

Car driver	Condition	Reaction time in seconds
A	Wide awake with no distractions	0.7
В	Using a hands-free mobile phone	0.9
С	Very tired and listening to music	1.2

The graph lines show how the thinking distance for the three drivers, **A**, **B** and **C**, depends on how fast they are driving the car.



- (i) Match each graph line to the correct driver by writing **A**, **B** or **C** in the box next to the correct line.
- (2)
- (ii) The information in the table cannot be used to tell if driver **C**'s reaction time is increased by being tired or by listening to music.

Explain why.

Q12.

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.

friction

(i) Force **X** is caused by

(ii) Force **Y** is caused by \mathbf{L}

- (b) The size of force **X** changes as the sky-diver falls. Describe the motion of the sky-diver when:
 - (i) force **X** is smaller than force **Y**,
 - (ii) force **X** is equal to force **Y**.

(1)

(1)

(2)

Q13.

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



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Complete the following sentence.

Skydiver ______ will fall faster because ______

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



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

(11) Force **T** is caused by

When force X is bigger than force Y, the speed of the (iii)

(2)

(1)

(1)



(Total 7 marks)

Q14.

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

/1	Orbiter	data
	Mass	78 000 kg
	Orbital speed	7.5 km/s
~~	Orbital altitude	200 km
	Landing speed	100 m/s
	Flight t ime	7 days

- (a) (i) What name is given to the force which keeps the orbiter in orbit around the Earth?
 - (ii) Use the following equation to calculate the kinetic energy, in joules, of the orbiter while it is in orbit.

kinetic energy =
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 mv²

Kinetic energy = _____ joules

(iii) What happens to most of this kinetic energy as the orbiter re-enters the Earth's atmosphere?

(1)

(2)

(b)	Afte	r touchdown the orbiter decelerates uniformly coming to a halt in 50 s.
	(i)	Give the equation that links acceleration, time and velocity.
	(ii)	Calculate the deceleration of the orbiter. Show clearly how you work out your answer and give the unit.
		Deceleration =
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
		(Total 9 ma

(1)

Q15.

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. _____ (2)

(Total 3 marks)

Q16.

The table shows the braking distances for a car at different speeds and kinetic energy. The braking distance is how far the car travels once the brakes have been applied.

Braking distance in m	Speed of car in m/s	Kinetic energy of car in kJ
5	10	40
12	15	90
20	20	160
33	25	250
45	30	360

- (a) A student suggests, "the braking distance is directly proportional to the kinetic energy."
 - (i) Draw a line graph to test this suggestion.



- (1)
- (b) The diagram shows a car before and during a crash test. The car hits the wall at 14 metres per second (m/s) and takes 0.25 seconds (s) to stop.



(i) Write down the equation which links acceleration, change in velocity and time taken.

In an accident the crumple z This increases the time it tak njury to the car passengers been started for you.	zone at the front of a car collapses progressive tes the car to stop. In a front end collision the should be reduced. Explain why. The answer h
By increasing the time it take	es for the car to stop, the

Q17.

(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**?

(1)

(ii) Which **one** of the distance-time graphs, **K**, **L** or **M**, shows the motion of the trolley? Draw a circle around your answer.



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



(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)

Q18.

A driver is driving along a road at 30 m/s. The driver suddenly sees a large truck parked across the road and reacts to the situation by applying the brakes so that a constant braking force stops the car. The reaction time of the driver is 0.67 seconds, it then takes another 5 seconds for the brakes to bring the car to rest.

(a) Using the data above, draw a speed-time graph to show the speed of the car from the instant the truck was seen by the driver until the car stopped.

(1)



The diagrams below show what would happen to a driver in a car crash. (d)



(i) Explain why the driver tends to be thrown towards the windscreen.

(ii) The car was travelling at 30 m/s immediately before the crash. Calculate the energy which has to be dissipated as the front of the car crumples.

(8) (Total 17 marks)

Q19.

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.
 - (i) Calculate the acceleration of the car.

(ii) Calculate the kinetic energy of the car when it is travelling at a speed of 48 m/s.

(iii) When the brakes are applied with a constant force of 10 000 N the car travels a distance of 144 m before it stops. Calculate the work done in stopping the car.

Q20.

A sky-diver jumps from a plane.

The sky-diver is shown in the diagram below.



(a) Arrows **X** and **Y** show two forces acting on the sky-diver as he falls.

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Explain why force	e X acts in an upward direction.	
At first forces X a	and Y are unbalanced.	
Which of the forc	es will be bigger?	
How does this ur	balanced force affect the sky-diver?	

(b) After some time the sky-diver pulls the rip cord and the parachute opens.The sky-diver and parachute are shown in the diagram below.



After a while forces X and Y are balanced.

Underline the correct answer in each line below.

Force X has

increased / stayed the same / decreased.

Force Y has

increased / stayed the same / decreased.

The speed of the sky-diver will

increase / stay the same / decrease.

(c) The graph below shows how the height of the sky-diver changes with time.



(i) Which part of the graph, **AB**, **BC** or **CD** shows the sky-diver falling at a constant speed?

(ii)	What distance does the sky-diver fall at a c	onstant speed?	
		Distance	m
(iii)	How long does he fall at this speed?		
		Time	S
(iv)	Calculate this speed.		
		Speed	m/s
			(Total 14 mark

Q21.

A hot air balloon called Global Challenger was used to try to break the record for travelling round the world.





- The balloon took off from Marrakesh one hour after the burners were lit and climbed rapidly.
- (a) Use the graph to find:
 - (i) the maximum height reached.

Maximum height _____ metres.

(ii) the total time of the flight.

Total time _____ hours.

- (b) Several important moments during the flight are labelled on the graph with the letters A, B, C, D, E and F. At which of these moments did the following happen?
 - (i) The balloon began a slow controlled descent to 2500 metres.
 - (ii) The crew threw out all the cargo on board in order to stop a very rapid descent.

(iii) The balloon started to descend from 9000 metres.

(3) (Total 5 marks)

Q22.

When a bungee-jump is made the jumper steps off a high platform. An elastic cord from the platform is tied to the jumper.

The diagram below shows different stages in a bungee-jump.

Forces A, B and C are forces acting on the jumper at each stage.



- (b) The motion of the jumper is shown in the diagrams.By comparing forces A, B and C, state how the motion is caused in:
 - (i) diagram **X**;
 - (ii) diagram **Y**;
 - (iii) diagram Z.

(1)

(c) The table gives results for a bungee cord when it is being stretched.

STRETCHING FORCE (N)	100	200	400	600	800
LENGTH OF CORD (m)	20	24	32	40	48



(i) Plot a graph of these results on the graph paper.

(3)



Length _____ m



Q23.

When you transfer *energy* to a shopping trolley, the amount of *work done* depends on the *force* used and the *distance moved*.



Complete the table by using the correct units from the box.

joule (J)	metre (m)	newton (N)
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The first one has been done for you.

Quantity	Unit
energy (transferred)	joule
force	
distance (moved)	
work done	

(Total 2 marks)

Q24.

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A bouncy ball is dropped vertically from a height of 2.00 m onto the floor. The graph shows the height of the ball above the floor at different times during its fall until it hits the floor after 0.64 s.



(a) What is the average speed of the ball over the first 0.64 s? Show clearly how you work out your answer.

Average speed = _____ m/s

- (b) After it hits the floor the ball bounces back to a height of 1.25 m. It reaches this height 1. 16 s after it was dropped. Plot this point on the grid above and sketch a graph to show the height of the ball above the floor between 0. 64 s and 1.16 s.
- (c) (i) The ball bounces on the floor 0.64 s after being dropped. How long after being dropped will it be before it bounces a second time?

(1)

(1)

(1)

(3)

- (ii) What distance will the ball travel between its first and second bounce?
- (d) The ball was held stationary before being dropped. On the graph and your sketch mark **two** other points X_1 and X_2 , where the ball is stationary, and in each case explain why the ball is not moving.
 - **X**₁ ___

(₂	 	 	 _

Q25.

When a gun is fired, a very large force acts on the bullet for a very short time.

The change in momentum of the bullet is given by the following relationship:

force (N) × time(s) = change in momentum (kg m/s)

(a) An average force of 4000 newton acts for 0.01 seconds on a bullet of mass 50g.

Calculate the speed of the bullet. (Show your working.)

Answer _____ m/s

(b) The bullet is fired horizontally. In the short time it takes for the bullet to reach its target, its horizontal speed has fallen to 80% of its initial speed.

(i) Explain why the speed of the bullet decreases so quickly.

(2)

(4)

(ii) Calculate the percentage of its original kinetic energy the bullet still has when it reaches its target.

(Show your working.)

(4) (Total 10 marks)

Q26.

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.

(1)

(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)

A man's car will not start, so two friends help him by pushing it.



By pushing as hard as they can for 12 seconds they make the car reach a speed of 3 metres per second.

(a) Calculate the acceleration they give to the car.

_____ Answer _____ m/s² (2) Whilst pushing the car the two friends together do a total of 2400 joules of (b) work. Calculate their total power. _____ Answer _____ watts (2)

(c) Another motorist has the same problem. The two friends push his car along the same stretch of road with the same force as before.

It takes them 18 seconds to get the second car up to a speed of 3 metres per second.

What does this tell you about the mass of the second car? (You can ignore forces of friction.)

(d) On a flat stretch of a motorway a lorry driver changes into top gear. He then makes the lorry go as fast as he can.

The graph shows what happens to the speed of the lorry.

(2)



Explain why the speed of the lorry increases at first but then levels out.

(3) (Total 9 marks)

Q28.

A small object falls out of a balloon.



Choose words from the list to complete the sentences below.

	friction	gravity	air pressure
	accelerates	falls at a steady speed	slows down
•	The weight of an object i	s the force of	which acts on it.
•	When you drop somethir	ng, first of all it	·
•	The faster it falls, the big	ger the force of	which acts on it.
•	Eventually the object	· .	(Total 4 marks)

Q29.

The diagram shows a shuttlecock that is used for playing badminton.



The shuttlecock weighs very little.

When you drop it from a height of a few metres, it accelerates at first but soon reaches a steady speed.

Explain, as fully as you can:

(a) why the shuttlecock accelerates at first,

(b) why the shuttlecock reaches a steady speed.

(3) (Total 5 marks)

(2)