

Constant Acceleration - Questions

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6. A cyclist is moving along a straight horizontal road and passes a point A . Five seconds later, at the instant when she is moving with speed 10 m s^{-1} , she passes the point B . She moves with constant acceleration from A to B .

Given that $AB = 40 \text{ m}$, find

- (a) the acceleration of the cyclist as she moves from A to B , (4)
- (b) the time it takes her to travel from A to the midpoint of AB . (5)

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7. A train travels along a straight horizontal track between two stations, A and B . The train starts from rest at A and moves with constant acceleration 0.5 m s^{-2} until it reaches a speed of $V \text{ m s}^{-1}$, ($V < 50$). The train then travels at this constant speed before it moves with constant deceleration 0.25 m s^{-2} until it comes to rest at B .

- (a) Sketch a speed-time graph for the motion of the train between the two stations A and B . (2)

The total time for the journey from A to B is 5 minutes.

- (b) Find, in terms of V , the length of time, in seconds, for which the train is
- (i) accelerating,
 - (ii) decelerating,
 - (iii) moving with constant speed. (5)

Given that the distance between the two stations A and B is 6.3 km,

- (c) find the value of V . (6)

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4. A lorry is moving along a straight horizontal road with constant acceleration. The lorry passes a point A with speed $u \text{ m s}^{-1}$, ($u < 34$), and 10 seconds later passes a point B with speed 34 m s^{-1} . Given that $AB = 240 \text{ m}$, find

(a) the value of u , (3)

(b) the time taken for the lorry to move from A to the mid-point of AB . (6)

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5. A car is travelling along a straight horizontal road. The car takes 120 s to travel between two sets of traffic lights which are 2145 m apart. The car starts from rest at the first set of traffic lights and moves with constant acceleration for 30 s until its speed is 22 m s^{-1} . The car maintains this speed for T seconds. The car then moves with constant deceleration, coming to rest at the second set of traffic lights.

(a) Sketch a speed-time graph for the motion of the car between the two sets of traffic lights. (2)

(b) Find the value of T . (3)

A motorcycle leaves the first set of traffic lights 10 s after the car has left the first set of traffic lights. The motorcycle moves from rest with constant acceleration, $a \text{ m s}^{-2}$, and passes the car at the point A which is 990 m from the first set of traffic lights. When the motorcycle passes the car, the car is moving with speed 22 m s^{-1} .

(c) Find the time it takes for the motorcycle to move from the first set of traffic lights to the point A . (4)

(d) Find the value of a . (2)

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4. A car is moving on a straight horizontal road. At time $t = 0$, the car is moving with speed 20 m s^{-1} and is at the point A . The car maintains the speed of 20 m s^{-1} for 25 s. The car then moves with constant deceleration 0.4 m s^{-2} , reducing its speed from 20 m s^{-1} to 8 m s^{-1} . The car then moves with constant speed 8 m s^{-1} for 60 s. The car then moves with constant acceleration until it is moving with speed 20 m s^{-1} at the point B .

(a) Sketch a speed-time graph to represent the motion of the car from A to B . (3)

(b) Find the time for which the car is decelerating. (2)

Given that the distance from A to B is 1960 m,

(c) find the time taken for the car to move from A to B . (8)

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2. An athlete runs along a straight road. She starts from rest and moves with constant acceleration for 5 seconds, reaching a speed of 8 m s^{-1} . This speed is then maintained for T seconds. She then decelerates at a constant rate until she stops. She has run a total of 500 m in 75 s.

(a) Sketch a speed-time graph to illustrate the motion of the athlete. (3)

(b) Calculate the value of T . (5)