

Practice Probs Kinematics [16 marks]

Markscheme

1a. This question is about kinematics.

[3 marks]

Fiona drops a stone from rest vertically down a water well. She hears the splash of the stone striking the water 1.6 s after the stone leaves her hand. Estimate the

(i) distance between Fiona's hand and the water surface.

(ii) speed with which the stone hits the water.

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(i) $s = 12.5/12.6$ (m);

Allow $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$, answer is 12.8.

(ii) $v = \sqrt{2gs}$ or gt ; (allow any use of suvat equations)

$= (\sqrt{2 \times 9.8 \times 12.5}) = 15.7 \text{ (ms}^{-1}\text{)};$

Award [2] for a bald correct answer.

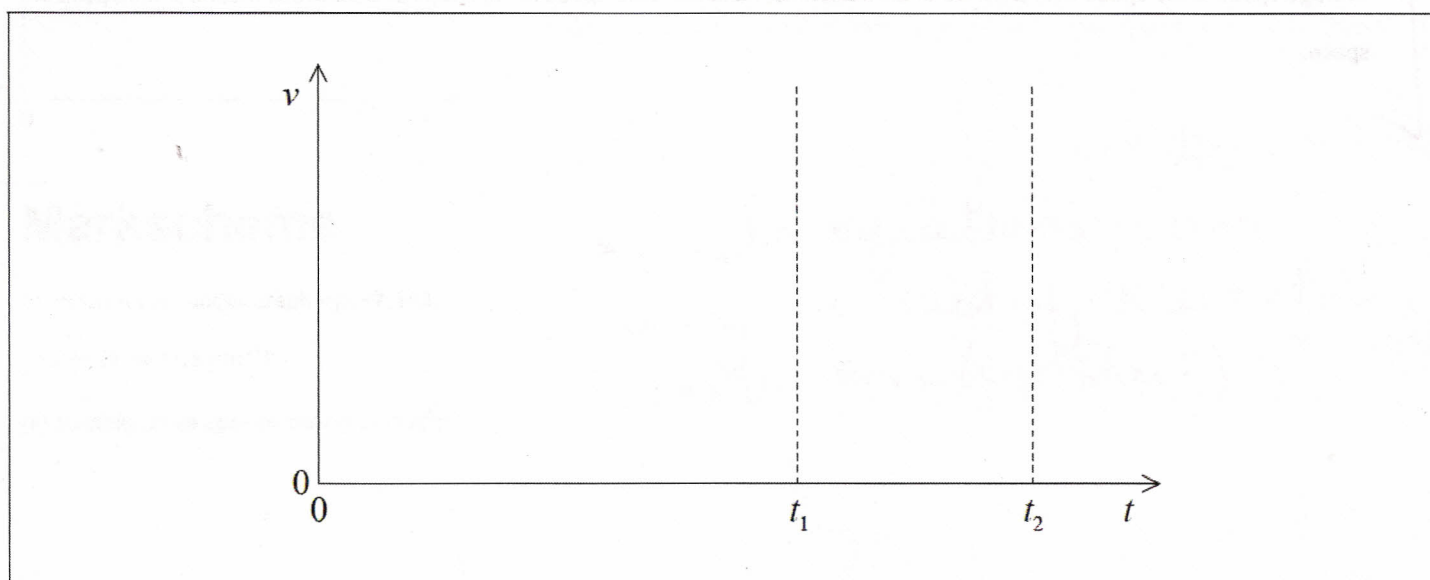
Allow $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ answer is 16.0 ms^{-1} .

Allow ECF from (a)(i)

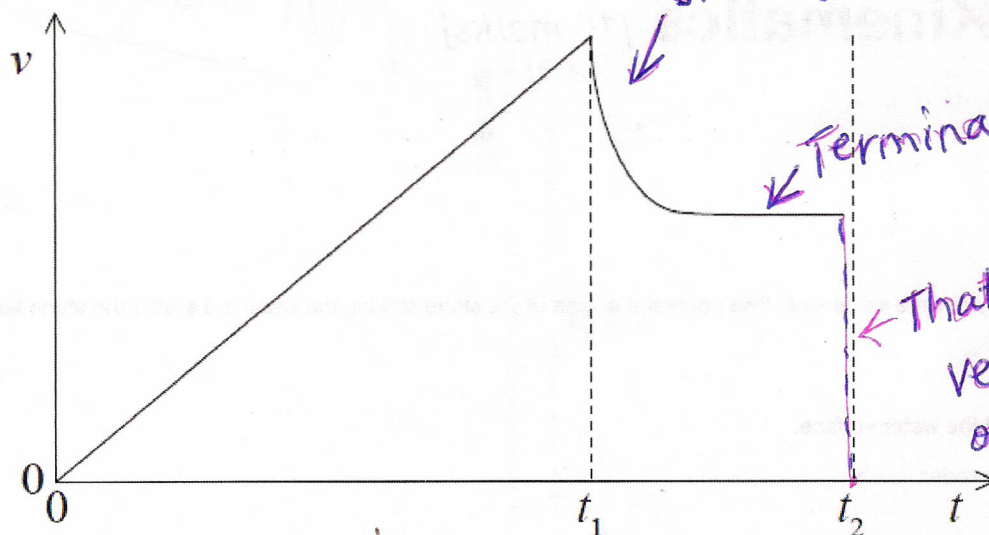
1b. After the stone in (a) hits the water surface it rapidly reaches a terminal speed as it falls through the water. The stone leaves

[3 marks]

Fiona's hand at time $t = 0$. It hits the water surface at t_1 and it comes to rest at the bottom of the water at t_2 . Using the axes below, sketch a graph to show how the speed v of the stone varies from time $t = 0$ to just before $t = t_2$. (There is no need to add any values to the axes.)



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straight line to water surface; (allow a slight curve within 10 % of t_1) clear decrease after hitting surface; (allow straight line or concave curve as shown, do not allow convex curve)

constant non-zero speed reached smaller than maximum; (speed must be less than maximum velocity)

Do not penalize answers where a curve is drawn to the dotted lines as there should not be a discontinuity at the two lines. Do not penalize if the line continues to t_2 or zero velocity shown at t_2 .

2a. This question is about kinematics.

[2 marks]

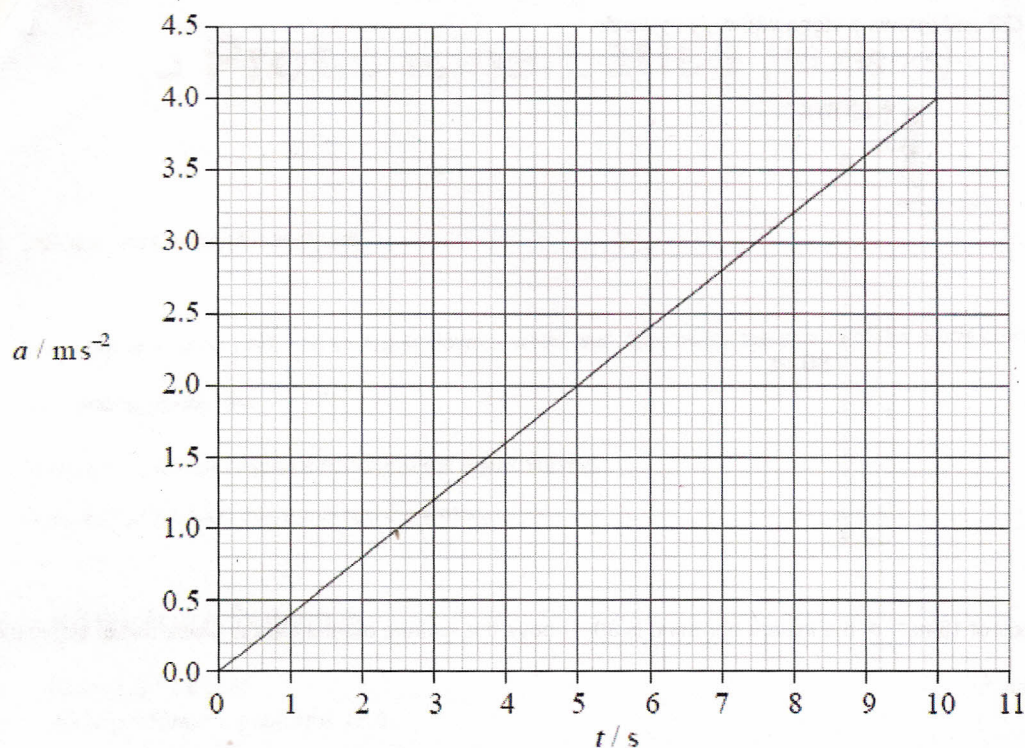
State the difference between average speed and instantaneous speed.

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average speed is the speed over a period of time/distance; instantaneous speed is the speed at a particular instant in time/point in space.

a graph shows how the acceleration a of a particle varies with time t .

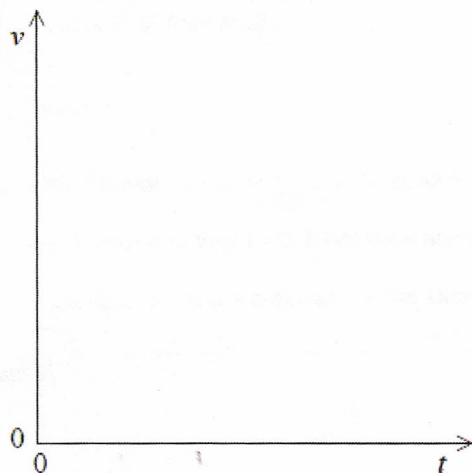
[3 marks]



At time $t = 0$ the instantaneous speed of the particle is zero.

(i) Calculate the instantaneous speed of the particle at $t = 7.5$ s.

(ii) Using the axes below, sketch a graph to show how the instantaneous speed v of the particle varies with t .



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(i) speed = (area under graph) = $\frac{1}{2} \times 7.5 \times 3$;

= 10 or 11 or 11.3 (ms^{-1});

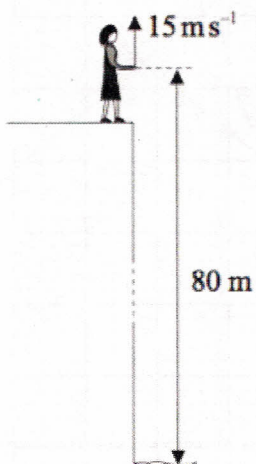
(ii) suitable curve approximating to $v = kt^2$;

Kinematic equations can only be used if acceleration is uniform (constant)

3a. This question is about kinematics.

[2 marks]

Lucy stands on the edge of a vertical cliff and throws a stone vertically upwards.



The stone leaves her hand with a speed of 15 ms⁻¹ at the instant her hand is 80 m above the surface of the sea. Air resistance is negligible and the acceleration of free fall is 10 ms⁻².

Calculate the maximum height reached by the stone as measured from the point where it is thrown.

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$$h = \frac{v^2}{2g};$$
$$= \left(\frac{225}{20} \right) = 11\text{m};$$

Award [1 max] for 91 m or 91.25 m (candidate adds cliff height incorrectly).

3b. Determine the time for the stone to reach the surface of the sea after leaving Lucy's hand.

[3 marks]

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time to reach maximum height = 1.5 s;

time to fall 91 m = 4.3 s;

total time = 5.8 s;

Answer can be alternatively expressed as 3.0 (to return to hand) + 2.8 (to fall 80 m).

or

use of $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$;

$80 = -15t + 5t^2$ or $-80 = 15t - 5t^2$;

$t = 5.8$ s;