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Demonstrate understanding of aspects of mechanics.	Demonstrate in-depth understanding of aspects of mechanics.	Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of aspects of mechanics.

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You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.

Show ALL working.

If you need more room for any answer, use the extra space provided at the back of this booklet.

Check that this booklet has pages 2–13 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

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You are advised to spend 60 minutes answering the questions in this booklet.

QUESTION ONE: PARACHUTING

A parachutist of mass 75 kg jumps from a plane at a height of 4 000 m above sea level.

- (a) The parachutist falls through a distance of 2400 m during the first 60 seconds. Calculate the average speed of the parachutist during this time.

$$v = \frac{d}{t}$$

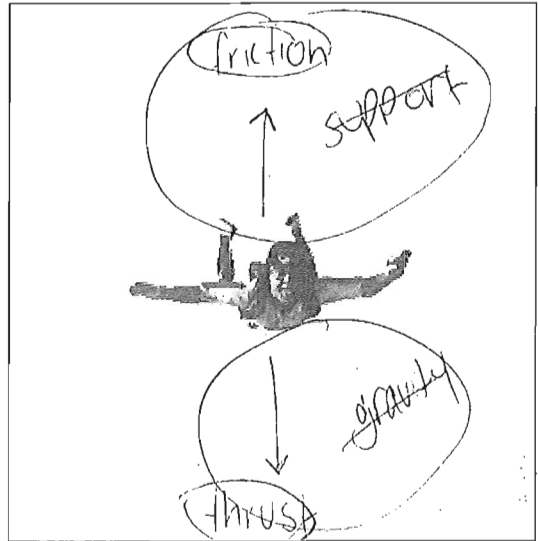
$$2400 : 60 = 40$$

Average speed = 40 m s⁻¹

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- (b) Explain the vertical motion of the parachutist just after she jumps from the plane. In your answer, you should mention the forces on the parachutist.



The net force is balanced and the net torque is balanced and the vertical motion of the parachutist is that she is moving downwards at a constant speed. The fact that the thrust and friction are balanced means that she will move at a constant speed whereas if her thrust was greater than friction she would be gaining speed.

- (c) After the 60 seconds, the parachutist pulls the cord and opens her parachute.

Explain how the parachute **reduces** the speed of the parachutist when it is just opened.

In your answer you should consider:

- how the motion of the parachutist changes when the parachute is opened
- the effect of the size of the parachute on the motion
- the effect of the parachute on the net vertical force.

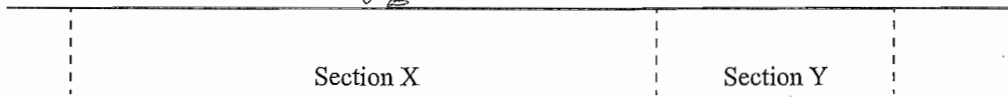
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The parachute will reduce the speed of the parachutist because now there is more friction holding her back. When the parachute opens the vertical motion decreases in speed. If the parachute is larger then there will be a greater force holding her back. Now that there is more friction than thrust the net vertical force becomes unbalanced and therefore reduces the speed of the parachutist.

One bin.
 One becomes unbalanced
 = 1 A point
 No mention of weight force
 or net force.
 So 3 A points = A4

QUESTION TWO: RUNNING

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A boy runs along a track, as shown above.

During section X, he runs with a **constant speed** of 2 m s^{-1} for 15 seconds.

During section Y, he runs with a **constant acceleration** of 0.2 m s^{-2} .

- (a) Calculate the net force acting on the boy (mass 60 kg) during **section Y**.

Give an appropriate unit with your answer.

$$F_{\text{net}} = \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration}$$

$$60 \times 0.2 = 12$$

Net force acting on the boy during section Y = 12 (N unit)

- (b) The boy runs 12.5 m during section Y in 5 seconds.

Calculate the power required by the boy to produce the constant acceleration of 0.2 m s^{-2} in 5 seconds during section Y.

Give an appropriate unit with your answer.

$$P = \frac{F}{a}$$

$$12 \div 0.2 = 60$$

Power required by the boy during section Y = 60 (W unit)

- (c) (i) Calculate the speed of the boy as he reaches the end of section Y.

$$V = \frac{d}{t}$$

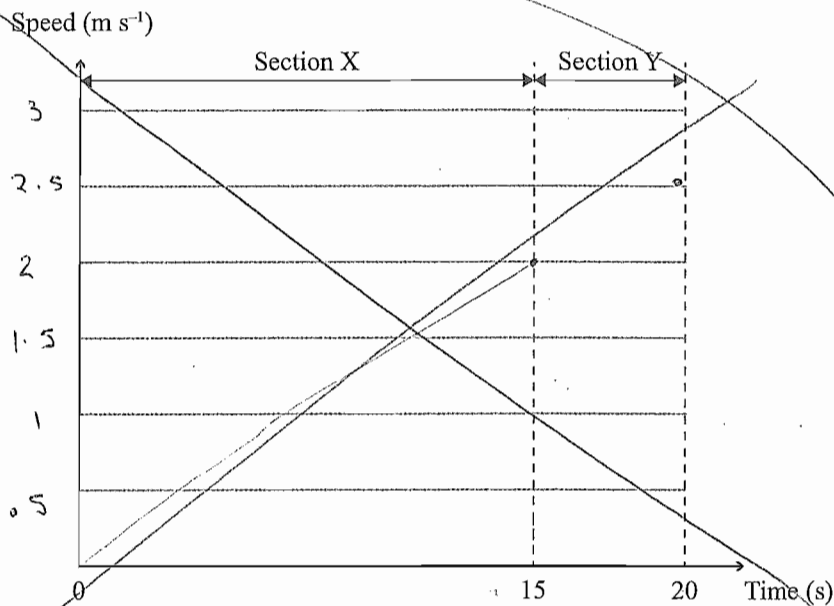
$$12.5 \text{ m} \div 5 = 2.5$$

Speed at the end of section Y = 2.5 m s⁻¹

- (ii) Use this and the other information provided in the question to complete the speed/time graph below.

On your graph, you should:

- label the speed values on the vertical axis
- draw a line on the graph to show the speeds for section X and section Y.



If you need to redraw this graph, use the grid on page 12.

See graph on page 12.

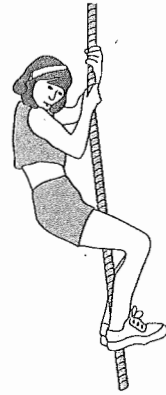
QUESTION THREE: ROPE CLIMBING

A girl of mass 60 kg uses 5100 J of energy when she climbs a vertical rope.

- (a) Calculate the maximum height it would be possible for the girl to reach.

$$mgh = E_p = h$$

$$60 \text{ kg} \times 10 = 5100 = 0.11$$



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- (b) In reality, the girl reaches a height of only 8 m.

Explain why the **energy** used by the girl during the climb does **not** equal the work she does to reach the vertical height of 8 m.

In your answer you should:

- name the type of energy the girl has when she is 8 m above the ground
- calculate the work done to reach a height of 8 m above the ground
- calculate the difference between the work done and the energy used by the girl
- explain where the "missing" energy has gone, and why this occurs.

When the girl is 8m above ground the energy she has is potential energy. To reach the 8 metres work done = 80 (W = 10 x 8). The difference between the energy of the girl and the work done is that the energy used is how much her body has used while the work done is what she has done physically.

(b) Missed word at "gravitational".

no calc. of work done or energy difference

no mention of heat produced

no mention of

$$E_p = W.$$

so N/A for attempting

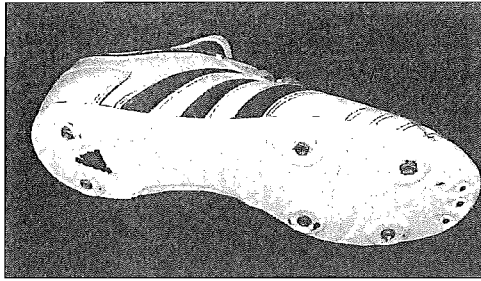
to use $E_p = mgh$.

So - (3)

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QUESTION FOUR: FOOTBALL BOOTS



Boot without studs.



Boot with studs.

A student of mass 40 kg uses the football boots shown above.

ONE boot **without** studs has a surface area of 165 cm^2 (0.0165 m^2) in **contact** with the ground.

ONE boot **with** six studs has a surface area of only 6 cm^2 (0.0006 m^2) in **contact** with the ground.

- (a) Calculate the pressure exerted if the student stands on ONE foot on a **hard surface**, for the boot **without** studs AND for the boot **with** studs.

Give an appropriate unit with your answers.

- (i) Without studs:

$$p = M \div a$$

$$40 \text{ kg} \div 165 = 0.24$$

Pressure exerted by ONE foot for the boot **without** studs = 0.24 (2dp) (kg/unit)

- (ii) With studs:

$$p = m \div a$$

$$40 \text{ kg} \div 6 = 6.66$$

Pressure exerted by ONE foot for the boot **with** studs = 6.66 (2dp) (kg/unit)

- (b) Discuss the advantage gained by the student when running on a soft grass football field while wearing the boots with studs compared to wearing boots of the same size without studs.

In your answer you should:

- compare the pressure exerted on the ground by the boot with the studs AND the boot without studs
- explain the relationship between surface area and pressure exerted
- explain how the difference in pressures would help the student run on a softer surface like grass.

The boot with studs exerts more pressure on the ground compared to the boot without studs. The smaller the surface area, the more pressure exerted because ~~the weight~~ there is more weight on the ~~smaller~~ boot with a smaller surface area. However if the boot has a larger surface area then the weight is more distributed causing there to be less pressure exerted. When the student is wearing the boots with studs the advantage is that it will be easier for him to run on the soft grass because he would not sink as much.

studs more pressure because of less area.

is correct. pressure equation.

= 1 A point.

so 2 A points = 1 A 3

1/2

If you need to redraw the graph from Question Two (c), draw it on the grid below. Make sure it is clear which graph you want marked.

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