

AS Mathematics Exam Questions by Topic
Chapter 19a: Velocity-Time Graphs

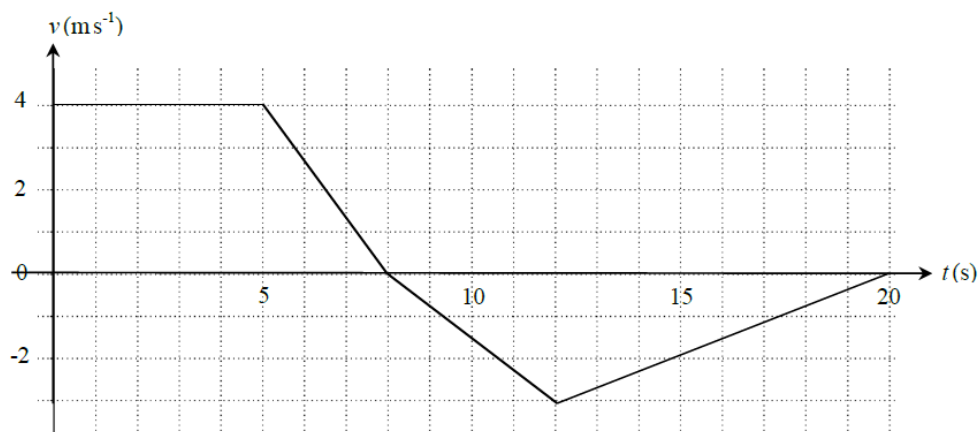
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OCR A AS Sample Paper 2 Question 9:

- 9 The diagram below shows the velocity-time graph of a car moving along a straight road, where $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$ is the velocity of the car at time t s after it passes through the point A .



- (i) Calculate the acceleration of the car at $t = 6$. [2]
- (ii) Jasmit says “The distance travelled by the car during the first 20 seconds of the car’s motion is more than five times its displacement from A after the first 20 seconds of the car’s motion”. Give evidence to support Jasmit’s statement. [3]

OCR B MEI AS 2018 Paper 1 Question 10:

- 10 Rory runs a distance of 45 m in 12.5 s. He starts from rest and accelerates to a speed of 4 m s^{-1} . He runs the remaining distance at 4 m s^{-1} .

Rory proposes a model in which the acceleration is constant until time T seconds.

- (i) Sketch the velocity-time graph for Rory's run using this model. [2]
- (ii) Calculate T . [2]
- (iii) Find an expression for Rory's displacement at time t s for $0 \leq t \leq T$. [2]
- (iv) Use this model to find the time taken for Rory to run the first 4 m. [1]

Rory proposes a refined model in which the velocity during the acceleration phase is a quadratic function of t . The graph of Rory's quadratic goes through $(0, 0)$ and has its maximum point at $(S, 4)$. In this model the acceleration phase lasts until time S seconds, after which the velocity is constant.

- (v) Sketch a velocity-time graph that represents Rory's run using this refined model. [1]
- (vi) State with a reason whether S is greater than T or less than T . (You are not required to calculate the value of S .) [1]

OCR B MEI AS Sample Paper 1 Question 7:

- 7 A car is usually driven along the whole of a 5 km stretch of road at a constant speed of 25 m s^{-1} . On one occasion, during a period of 50 seconds the speed of the car is as shown by the speed-time graph in Fig. 7; the rest of the 5 km is travelled at 25 m s^{-1} .

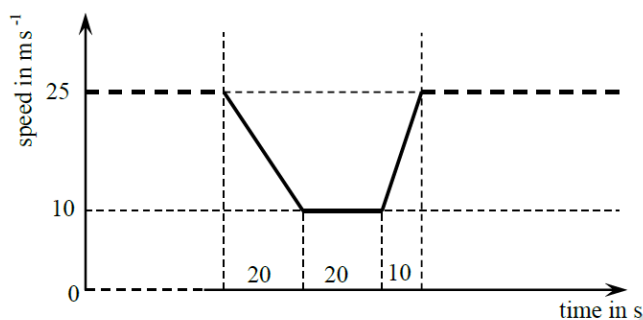


Fig. 7

How much more time than usual did the journey take on this occasion? Show your working clearly. [4]

7. A train travels along a straight horizontal track between two stations, A and B .

In a model of the motion, the train starts from rest at A and moves with constant acceleration 0.3 m s^{-2} for 80 s.

The train then moves at constant velocity before it moves with a constant deceleration of 0.5 m s^{-2} , coming to rest at B .

(a) For this model of the motion of the train between A and B ,

- (i) state the value of the constant velocity of the train,
- (ii) state the time for which the train is decelerating,
- (iii) sketch a velocity-time graph.

(3)

The total distance between the two stations is 4800 m.

(b) Using the model, find the total time taken by the train to travel from A to B .

(3)

(c) Suggest one improvement that could be made to the model of the motion of the train from A to B in order to make the model more realistic.

(1)
