A Level H2 Physics Tutorial 2: Kinematics

Syllabus :

(a) show an understanding of and use the terms distance, displacement, speed, velocity and acceleration

1.

- (a) State the meanings of:
 - (i) distance and displacement
 - (ii) speed and velocity
 - (iii) acceleration

(b)



- (i) Find the distance OA.
- (ii) State the displacement of the ant when it crawled from O to A.
- (c) It takes 50 s for the ant to crawl from O to A.
 - (i) Find the speed of the ant.
 - (ii) Find its velocity.

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(d) The ant starts from O again. It starts from rest and crawls faster and faster towards A, reaching 0.10 m/s after 20 s. Find its acceleration.

(b) use graphical methods to represent distance, displacement, speed, velocity and acceleration

(c) identify and use the physical quantities from the gradients of displacement-time graphs and areas under and gradients of velocity-time graphs, including cases of non-uniform acceleration

2.



A baby crawls from point O in a straight line. Her displacement is given by the graph above.

(a) Find her speed and velocity at t = 5 s, 20 s and 40 s.

(b) What is her distance and displacement crawled frm t = 0 to 50 s.

3.



A girl runs along a straight foot path. Her velocity is given by the graph above.

- (i) Find her acceleration at t = 5 s and at t = 40 s.
- (ii) Find her distance moved between 0 to 10 s.

(iii) Find her velocity at t = 40 s.

(d) derive, from the definitions of velocity and acceleration, equations which represent uniformly accelerated motion in a straight line

4. Let

- s be the displacement of an object from point O,
- t bethe time taken,
- u its velocity at time t = 0,
- v its velocity at time t, and
- *a* its acceleration.

(a) State the definition of acceleration, and write down the equation relating *a* to u, v and t.

- (b) For uniform acceleration:
 - (i) Write down an expression to relate average velocity to s and t.
 - (ii) Show that the displacement is given by $s = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$.
 - (iii) Obtain an expression for (v u) from (a), and an expression for (v + u) from (i). Then show that $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$.

(e) solve problems using equations which represent uniformly accelerated motion in a straight line, including the motion of bodies falling in a uniform gravitational field without air resistance

(f) describe qualitatively the motion of bodies falling in a uniform gravitational field with air resistance

5. (a) A stone is dropped from height 1 m. How long does it take to hit the ground. Assume acceleration due to gravity is 9.8 m/s^2 .

(b) How would it be different if there is air resistance?

(g) describe and explain motion due to a uniform velocity in one direction and a uniform acceleration in a perpendicular direction

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6. On an oily ground, a ballmoves with almost no friction, at a constant speed. A force of constant magnitude pushes at the ball, always at right angle to its velocity.

- (i) Describe the shape of the ball's motion.
- (ii) Suggest a simple way to produce such a force.

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