

PHYS 2101 Exam 1B  
Monday, October 13, 2008  
5:30-7:00 pm

**IMPORTANT NOTE** ANSWERS HERE  
FOR MULTIPLE CHOICE ARE FOR EXAM  
1B. IF YOUR EXAM IS 1A THEN THE ANSWERS  
ARE THE SAME BUT THE  
CHOICES ARE DIFFERENT.

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**WRITE ALL ANSWER TO MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS IN THE TABLE  
BELOW.**

Answers to Multiple Choice questions (each question is 3.5 points)

MC1
MC2
MC3
MC4
MC5
MC6
MC7

MC total \_\_\_\_\_ /24.5

Useful constant:  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

P1 \_\_\_\_\_ /10

P2 \_\_\_\_\_ /15

P3 \_\_\_\_\_ /20.5

P4 \_\_\_\_\_ /20

P5 \_\_\_\_\_ /10

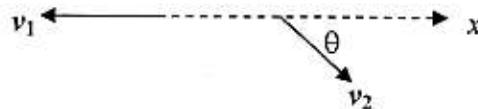
Tot \_\_\_\_\_ /100

Each multiple choice (MC) question is 3.5%. There are 7 questions: MC1 to MC7.

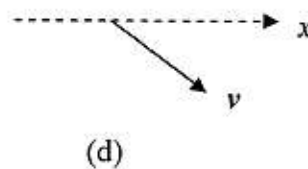
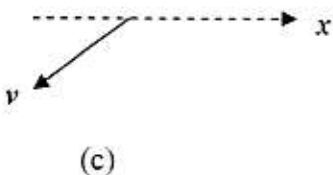
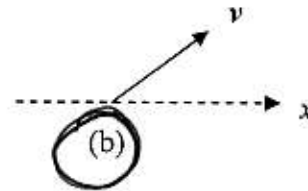
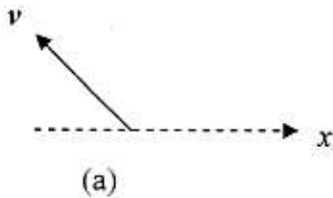
(MC1) Consider the equation  $y = y_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ . Which of the following statements is correct?

- (a)  $y$  is the final position at time  $t$ ,  $y_0$  is the initial position, and  $y - y_0$  is the displacement from the initial position.
- (b)  $y$  is the final distance from the origin at time  $t$ ,  $y_0$  is the initial distance from the origin and  $y - y_0$  is the displacement from origin.
- (c)  $y$  is the final distance from the origin at time  $t$ ,  $y_0$  is the origin, and  $y - y_0$  is the displacement from the origin.
- (d)  $y$  is the final position at time  $t$ ,  $y_0$  is the initial position, and  $y - y_0$  is the distance from the origin.

(MC2) Vectors  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are shown below.

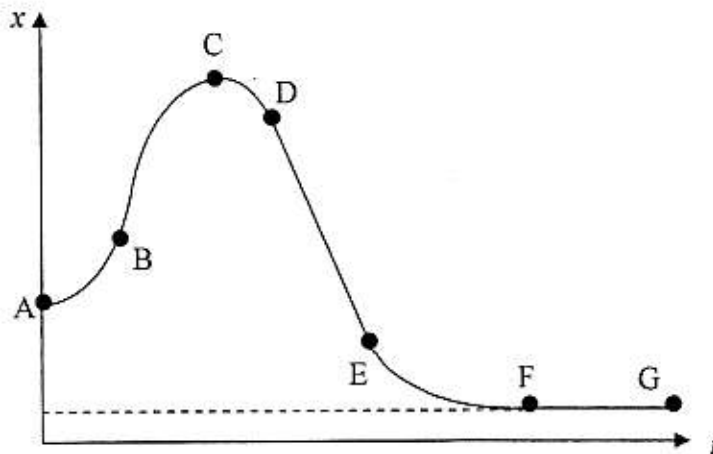


Which of the following choices below gives  $v = -v_1 - v_2$ ?



$$\begin{aligned}
 -\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 &= -(+\vec{v}_1) + (-\vec{v}_2) \\
 &= \vec{-v}_1 + \vec{-v}_2 = \vec{-v}
 \end{aligned}$$

The graph below shows the position  $x$  against time  $t$  graph for a Mazda 6 car. Use this graph to answer questions MC3, MC4 and MC5.



(MC3) In which intervals is the Mazda's velocity constant?

- (a) Between A and B, D and E.
- (b) Between B and D, E and G.
- (c) Between A and C, C and F.
- (d) Between D and E, F and G.  $\rightarrow$  in both slope = const  $\Rightarrow v = \text{const}$

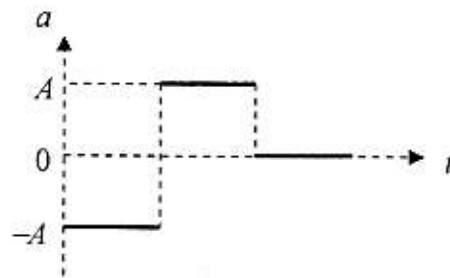
(MC4) In which interval is the Mazda moving in the negative direction?

- (a) Between A and C.
- (b) Between B and D.
- (c) Between C and F.  $\rightarrow$  it goes from larger  $x$  to smaller  $x$   
 $\therefore$  negative direction
- (d) Between F and G.

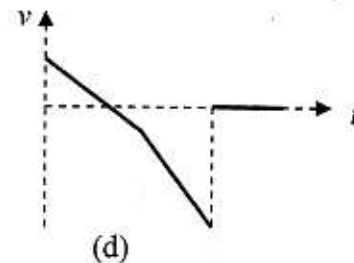
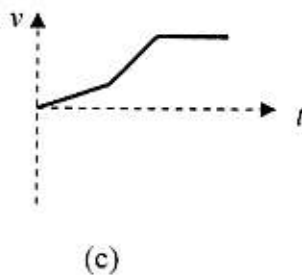
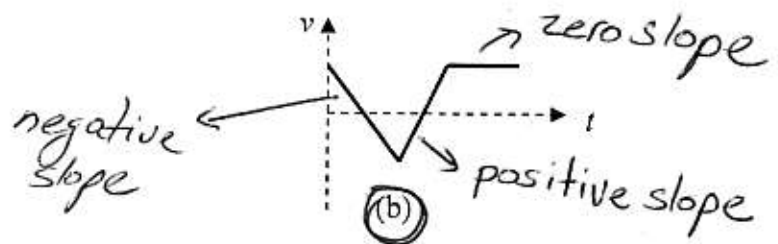
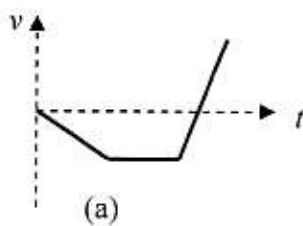
(MC5) In which of the following intervals is the Mazda accelerating (speed is increasing)?

- (a) Between A and B, D and E.
- (b) Between A and B, C and D.  $\rightarrow$  slope is increasing between A and B  
 $\therefore v$  is increasing. At C the slope = 0  $\Rightarrow v = 0$  at C,  $\therefore$  it accelerates when it moves to D  
 $\therefore$  between ~~A~~ C and D  
car is accelerating,  $\therefore$  speed increases.
- (c) Between D and E, E and F.
- (d) Between B and C, F and G.

(MC6) Below is a graph of acceleration  $a$  against time  $t$  for a bird. In the graph,  $A$  is a positive number.

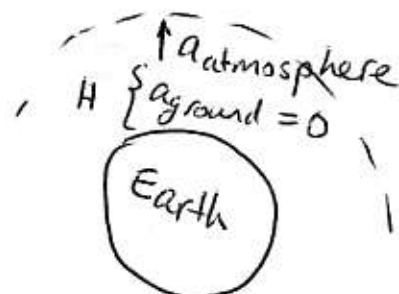


Which of the following graphs is a possible  $v$  against  $t$  graph for the bird, where  $v$  is velocity?



(MC7) You drop a dead fish from a satellite in space and it accelerates towards Earth. When the fish hits Earth's atmosphere, the atmosphere's resistance slows the fish down until it reaches height  $H$  above ground. After that, it falls to ground from height  $H$  with constant speed. What is the direction of the fish's acceleration when it leaves the satellite ( $a_{\text{space}}$ ), when it is slowing down ( $a_{\text{atmosphere}}$ ), and when it falls with constant speed ( $a_{\text{ground}}$ )?

- (a)  $a_{\text{space}}$  is down,  $a_{\text{atmosphere}}$  is down and  $a_{\text{ground}}$  is zero.
- (b)  $a_{\text{space}}$  is down,  $a_{\text{atmosphere}}$  is up and  $a_{\text{ground}}$  is zero.
- (c)  $a_{\text{space}}$  is down,  $a_{\text{atmosphere}}$  is down and  $a_{\text{ground}}$  is down.
- (d)  $a_{\text{space}}$  is up,  $a_{\text{atmosphere}}$  is down and  $a_{\text{ground}}$  is down.



There are 5 problems: P1 to P5.

(P1) One year has 365 days. Find one second to units of years. Give your answer in 2 significant figures. (10 points)

$$\begin{aligned} 1s &= 1s \times \frac{1\text{min}}{60s} \times \frac{1\text{hr}}{60\text{min}} \times \frac{1\text{day}}{24\text{hrs}} \times \frac{1\text{yr}}{365\text{days}} \\ &= 3.17 \times 10^{-8} \text{ yrs} = \underline{\underline{3.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ yrs}}} \end{aligned}$$

(P2) You are a policeman. You see a car accelerating uniformly from rest for a distance of 50.0m in 5 seconds. The speed limit in the road is 27.8m/s. Is the speed of the car above the speed limit after these 5s? Show your work. (15 points)

The car is accelerating uniformly, so

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$= 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \quad (\text{where origin is chosen at initial position})$$

$$\therefore 50 = \frac{1}{2} a (5)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 = 25a \Rightarrow a = \cancel{4} 4 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\therefore v = v_0 + at = 0 + (4)(5) = \underline{\underline{20 \text{ m/s}}}$$

less than the speed limit.

(P3) The figure below shows a ball thrown from a height 2.0m above ground at  $\theta = 30^\circ$  above the horizontal with initial velocity  $v_0$ . The ball travels 2.0m horizontally before hitting ground. Calculate the initial velocity  $v_0$  of the ball. (20.5 points)

See figure for choice of axes.

$$v_x = v_0 \cos 30 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} v_0 = 0.866 v_0$$

$$v_y = v_0 \sin 30 = \frac{1}{2} v_0 = 0.5 v_0$$

x-axis  $x = v_x t = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} v_0\right) t \Rightarrow t = \frac{2x}{v_0 \sqrt{3}}$

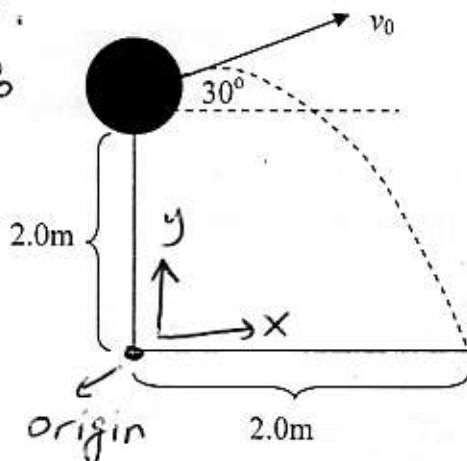
$$x = 2, \therefore t = \frac{4}{v_0 \sqrt{3}} = \frac{2.31}{v_0}$$

y-axis  $y = y_0 + v_{y0} t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$ ,

$$\therefore 0 = 2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} v_0\right) t + \frac{1}{2} (-9.8) t^2 = 2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} v_0\right) \left(\frac{2.31}{v_0}\right) - 4.9 \left(\frac{2.31}{v_0}\right)^2$$

$$\therefore 0 = 3.155 - \frac{26.147}{v_0^2} \Rightarrow v_0^2 = \frac{26.147}{3.155} = 8.287$$

$$\therefore v_0 = 2.88 \text{ m/s} = 2.9 \text{ m/s}$$



(P4) You are initially moving towards Muscat (positive direction) at 8.0m/s. You then accelerate uniformly at  $2.0\text{m/s}^2$  in the negative direction. (20 points, 5 per part)

(a) What is the magnitude of your velocity 6.0s after you started accelerating?

$$v = v_0 + at = 8 - 2(6) = 8 - 12 = -4 \text{ m/s}$$

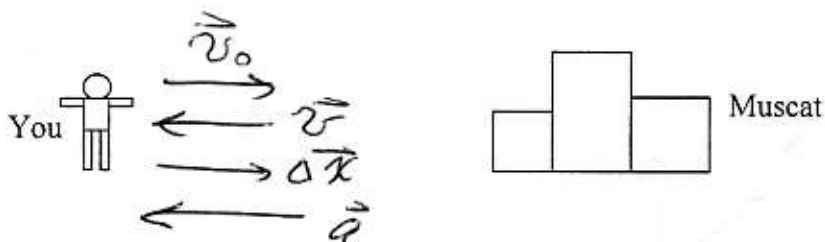
$\therefore$  magnitude is 4 m/s.

(b) Calculate the magnitude and direction of your displacement after these 6.0s.

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 = 0 + 8(6) + \frac{1}{2} (-2)(6)^2 = 48 - 36 = 12 \text{ m}$$

since  $x - x_0 = 12 - 0 = 12 \text{ m}$  is positive,  $\therefore$  direction is positive

(c) Draw **IN THE FIGURE BELOW** the following vectors: your initial velocity, your velocity after 6.0s, your displacement after 6.0s, and your acceleration. (to Muscat)



(d) Calculate the total distance you traveled in these 6.0s.

Time to stop:  $v = v_0 + at$  or  $0 = 8 - 2t \Rightarrow t = 4 \text{ s}$

$$\therefore x = 0 + 8(4) + \frac{1}{2} (-2)(4)^2 = 16 \text{ m to stop.}$$

Remaining time is 2s where you move in negative direction:

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 = 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{2} (2)(2)^2 = 4 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore \text{total distance} = 16 + 4 = \underline{20 \text{ m}}$$

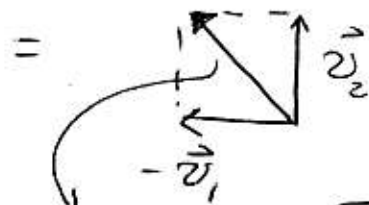
(P5) You go East at 8.0m/s and then turn North and continue at 8.0m/s. The change of direction from East to North takes 2.0s. (10 points, 5 per part)

(a) Calculate the magnitude and direction of your average acceleration.

(b) Draw a diagram showing the directions of your initial velocity, final velocity and average acceleration.

(a)  $\vec{a}$  is a vector;  $\vec{a} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1}{\Delta t}$  → vector subtraction

$$\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1 = \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \vec{v}_2 \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \vec{v}_1 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \vec{v}_2 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \\ -\vec{v}_1 \end{array}$$



$$\text{magnitude} = \sqrt{v_2^2 + (-v_1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{8^2 + 8^2} = 11.3 \text{ m/s}$$

direction is  $45^\circ$  above  $-\vec{v}_1$  (or above west).

$$\therefore |\vec{a}| = \text{magnitude of } a = \frac{11.3}{2} = \underline{\underline{5.7 \text{ m/s}^2}} \text{ at } \underline{\underline{45^\circ}} \text{ above west.}$$

