GCSE Physics

Forces

Mark Scheme

Time available: 65 minutes
Marks available: 57 marks

1. (a) arrow of equal size pointing vertically upwards

judged by eye
ignore horizontal arrows if equal and opposite
horizontal arrows of unequal length negates this mark

1

labelled 'upthrust'

ignore buoyancy
ignore 25 kN

1

(b) weight = 25 kN

allow 24 to 25 kN inclusive

1

25 000 = mass × 9.8
or
$m = \frac{25000}{9.8}$

allow their W correctly converted and substituted

1

m = 2551 kg

allow correctly calculated value using their converted W
allow a value correctly calculated with W in kN

1

m = 2600 kg

allow a calculated answer correctly rounded to 2 significant figures

1

*an answer of 2600 scores **4** marks*

(c) Newton's 3rd law (of motion)

1

(d) vertical force (50 N) drawn
and
horizontal force (150 N) drawn to the same scale

1

resultant tension force in the correct direction

shown by an arrowhead

1

value of the tension force in the range 156 N−160 N

allow a calculated value of 158

1

value of direction in the range 18°−20° (from the horizontal)

allow 70° to 72° (from the vertical)
allow a bearing in the range 288 to 290

1

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2. (a) arrow vertically down – same size as lift – labelled weight

judge by eye

1

arrow to the left – same size as drag - labelled thrust

judge by eye

*two correct arrows without labels gains **1** mark*

1

(b) $34^2 - (0^2) = 2 \times 4.0 \times s$

1

$$\frac{34 \times 34}{8} = s$$

1

s = 144.5

1

s = 140 (2 sig figs)

*an answer of 140 scores **4** marks*

*an answer of 144.5 scores **3** marks*

1

(c) tension force drawn to a suitable scale and in correct direction **1**

triangle completed showing correct components

1

scale used to determine both component forces

1

horizontal component = 1900 N
vertical component = 680 N

allow 1850 to 1925 inclusive

allow 660 to 700 inclusive

1

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3. (a) the forces are equal in size and act in opposite directions

1

(b) (i) forwards / to the right / in the direction of the 300 N force

answers in either order

1

accelerating

1

(ii) constant velocity to the right

1

(iii) resultant force is zero

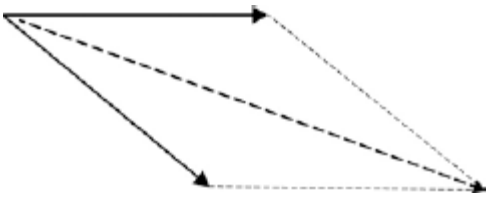
accept forces are equal / balanced

1

so boat continues in the same direction at the same speed

1

(iv) parallelogram or triangle is correctly drawn with resultant



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value of resultant in the range 545 N – 595 N

*parallelogram drawn without resultant gains **1** mark*

If no triangle or parallelogram drawn:

*drawn resultant line is **between** the two 300 N forces gains **1** mark*

*drawn resultant line is between and longer than the two 300 N forces gains **2** marks*

1

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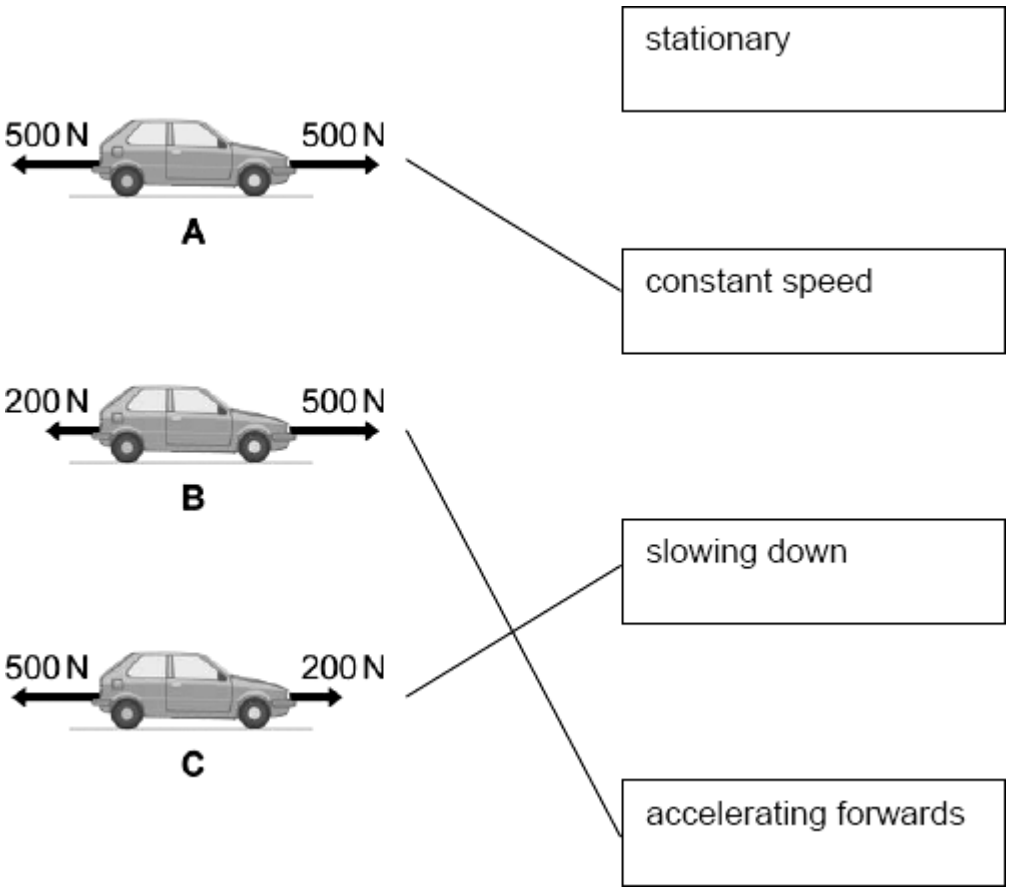
4. (a) *3 lines drawn*
all correct
*allow **1** mark for each correct line*
if two or more lines are drawn from any diagram then all these lines are incorrect



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(b) (i) horizontal arrow to the right
judge by eye
accept an arrow drawn outside the box if it is labelled correctly

1

(ii) horizontal arrow to the left
judge by eye
accept an arrow drawn outside the box if it is labelled correctly

1

(iii) equal to

1

(iv) to measure the forces exerted on the dummy during the impact

1

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5. (a) (i) horizontal arrow pointing to the left
judge by eye
drawn anywhere on the diagram

1

(ii) 60 (N) **1**

(at steady speed) resultant force must be zero

accept forces must balance/are equal

accept no acceleration

*do **not** accept constant speed*

1

(b) 1680

*allow **1** mark for correct substitution, ie 60 x 28 provided no subsequent step shown*

2

joule

accept J
do not accept j

1

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6. (a) (i) 50 (N)

ignore any units

1

(ii) resultant force

1

(iii) 4000

*accept their (a)(i) × 80 correctly calculated for **2** marks*

*allow **1** mark for correct substitution i.e. 50 × 80 or their (a)(i) × 80*

ignore any units

2

(b) (i) joule

1

(ii) heat

1

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7. (a) (i) a single force that has the same effect as all the forces combined

accept all the forces added / the sum of the forces / overall force

1

(ii) constant speed (in a straight line)

*do **not** accept stationary*

or constant velocity

1

(b) 3

*allow **1** mark for correct substitution into transformed equation*
*accept answer 0.003 gains **1** mark*
*answer = 0.75 gains **1** mark*

2

m/s^2

1

(c) as speed increases air resistance increases

accept drag / friction for air resistance

1

reducing the resultant force

1

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