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Exercise 2D

1 a = 3, u = 2, t = 6, v = ?

v = u + at= 2 + 3 × 6 = 2 + 18 = 20

The velocity of the particle at time t = 6 s is 20 m s⁻¹.

2
$$u = 10, v = 0, t = 16, a = ?$$

v = u + at $0 = 10 + a \times 16$ $a = -\frac{10}{16} = -0.625$

The deceleration of the car is 0.625 m s^{-1} .

3 s = 360, t = 15, v = 28, u = ?

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t$$
$$360 = \frac{u+28}{2} \times 15$$
$$u = \frac{360 \times 2}{15} - 28$$
$$= 20$$

The velocity of the car at the first sign post is 20 m s^{-1} .

4 a a = 0.5, u = 3, t = 12, v = ?

$$v = u + at$$

= 3 + 0.5 × 12 = 3 + 6 = 9

The velocity of the cyclist at *B* is 9 m s^{-1} .

b
$$u = 3, v = 9, t = 12, s = ?$$

 $s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t$
 $= \left(\frac{3+9}{2}\right) \times 12 = 6 \times 12 = 72$

The distance from A to B is 72 m s⁻¹.

5 a
$$s = 24, t = 6, v = 5, u = ?$$

 $s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t$

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5 a
$$24 = \left(\frac{u+5}{2}\right) \times 6$$

 $u = \frac{24 \times 2}{6} - 5 = 3$

The velocity of the particle at A is 3 m s⁻¹.

b
$$u = 3, v = 5, t = 6, a = ?$$

$$v = u + at$$

 $5 = 3 + 6a$
 $a = \frac{5-3}{6} = \frac{1}{3} = 0.333$ (to 3 s.f.)

The acceleration of the particle is 0.333 m s^{-1} .

6 a
$$a = -1.2, t = 6, v = 2, u = ?$$

$$v = u + at$$

 $2 = u - 1.2 \times 6 = u - 7.2$
 $u = 2 + 7.2 = 9.2$

The speed of the particle at A is 9.2 m s⁻¹.

b
$$u = 9.2, v = 2, t = 6, s = ?$$

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t = \left(\frac{9.2+2}{2}\right) \times 6 = 11.2 \times 3 = 33.6$$

The distance from A to B is 33.6 m.

7 **a** 72 km h⁻¹ = 72×1000 m h⁻¹ =
$$\frac{72 \times 1000}{3600}$$
 m s⁻¹ = 20 m s⁻¹

$$u = 20, a = -0.6, t = 25, v = ?$$

$$v = u + at = 20 - 0.6 \times 25 = 20 - 15 = 5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$5 \text{ m s}^{-1} = \frac{5 \times 3600}{1000} \text{ km h}^{-1} = 18 \text{ km h}^{-1}$$

The speed of the train as it passes the second signal is 18 km h^{-1}

b u = 20, v = 5, t = 25, s = ?

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t = \left(\frac{20+5}{2}\right) \times 25 = 12.5 \times 25 = 312.5$$

The distance between the signals is 312.5 m.

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8 a a = -4, u = 32, v = 0, t = ?

v = u + at0 = 32 - 4t $t = \frac{32}{4} = 8$

The time taken for the particle to move from A to B is 8 s.

b u = 32, v = 0, t = 8, s = ?

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) t = \left(\frac{32+0}{2}\right) \times 8 = 16 \times 8 = 128$$

The distance between A and B is 128 m.

9 a u = 16, t = 40, v = 0, a = ?

$$v = u + at$$

 $0 = 16 + 40a$
 $a = \frac{-16}{40} = -0.4$

The deceleration between A and B is 0.4 m s^{-2} .

b
$$u = 16, t = 40, v = 0, s = ?$$

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) t = \left(\frac{16+0}{2}\right) \times 40 = 8 \times 40 = 320$$

The distance from the bottom of the hill to the point where the skier comes to rest is 320 m.

10 a u = 2, v = 7, t = 20, a = ?

$$v = u + at$$

$$7 = 2 + 20a$$

$$a = \frac{7 - 2}{20} = 0.25$$

The acceleration of the particle is 0.25 m s^{-2} .

b From *B* to *C*, u = 7, v = 11, a = 0.25, t = ?

$$v = u + at$$

 $11 = 7 + 0.25t$
 $t = \frac{11 - 7}{0.25} = 16$

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10 b The time taken for the particle to move from B to C is 16 s.

c The time taken to move from A to C is (20 + 16) = 36 s

From *A* to *C*, u = 2, v = 11, t = 36, s = ?

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t = \left(\frac{2+11}{2}\right) \times 36 = 6.5 \times 36 = 234$$

The distance between A and C is 234 m.

11 a From A to B, a = 1.5, u = 1, t = 12, v = ?

 $v = u + at = 1 + 1.5 \times 12 = 1 + 18 = 19$

The velocity of the particle at *B* is 19 m s^{-1} .

b From *B* to *C*, u = 19, v = 43, t = 10, a = ?

$$v = u + at$$

 $43 = 19 + 10a$
 $a = \frac{43 - 19}{10} = 2.4$

The acceleration from *B* to *C* is 2.4 m s^{-2} .

c The distance from A to B, u = 1, v = 19, t = 12, s = ?

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t = \left(\frac{1+19}{2}\right) \times 12 = 10 \times 12 = 120$$

The distance from *B* to *C*, u = 19, v = 43, t = 10, s = ?

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t = \left(\frac{19+43}{2}\right) \times 10 = 31 \times 10 = 310$$

The distance from A to C is (120 + 310) = 430 m.

12 a u = 0, v = 5, t = 20, a = x

$$v = u + at$$

$$5 = 0 + 20x$$

$$x = \frac{5}{20} = 0.25$$

b While accelerating, u = 0, v = 5, t = 20, s = ?

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t = \left(\frac{0+5}{2}\right) \times 20 = 2.5 \times 20 = 50$$

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12 b While decelerating, u = 5, v = 0, $a = -\frac{1}{2}$, x = -0.125, t = ?

$$v = u + at$$

$$0 = 5 - 0.125t$$

$$t = \frac{5}{0.125} = 40$$

Now, u = 5, v = 0, t = 40, s = ?

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t = \left(\frac{5+0}{2}\right) \times 40 = 2.5 \times 40 = 100$$

The total distance travelled is the distance travelled while accelerating added to the distance travelled while decelerating = (50 + 100) = 150 m.

13 a From A to B

$$v = u + at$$

$$30 = 20 + at_1$$

$$at_1 = 10$$
 (1)

From B to C

$$v = u + at$$

 $45 = 30 + at_2$
 $at_2 = 15$ (2)

Dividing (1) by (2),

$$\frac{at_1}{at_2} = \frac{10}{15}$$
$$\frac{t_1}{t_2} = \frac{2}{3}$$
 as required.

b From the result in part **a**

$$t_2 = \frac{3}{2}t_1$$

$$t_1 + t_2 = t_1 + \frac{3}{2}t_1 = \frac{5}{2}t_1 = 50$$

$$t_1 = \frac{2}{5} \times 50 = 20$$

From A to B, u = 20, v = 30, t = 20, s = ?

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t = \left(\frac{20+30}{2}\right) \times 20 = 25 \times 20 = 500$$

The distance from A to B is 500 m.

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Challenge

a Distance *s* is the same for both particles: *AB*.

For the first particle: u = 3, v = 5, time taken is *t* seconds

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t = \left(\frac{3+5}{2}\right)t = 4t$$
(1)

For the second particle: u = 4, v = 8, time taken is (t - 1) seconds, because the particle starts 1 second later than the first and arrives at the same time)

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)(t-1) = \left(\frac{4+8}{2}\right)(t-1) = 6(t-1) = 6t-6$$
 (2)
4t = 6t - 6 (1) and (2)
t = 3

The time for the first particle to get from A to B is 3 s.

b Substituting this value of *t* into equation (1):

$$s = 4t = 4 \times 3 = 12$$

The distance between *A* and *B* is 12 m.

[Check by substituting into equation (2): $s = 6t - 6 = 6 \times 3 - 6 = 12$]