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Exercise 4C

1 F = ma120 = 400a a = 0.3

The acceleration is $0.3 \,\mathrm{m\,s^{-2}}$

2 W = mg

 $= 4 \times 9.8$ = 39.2

The weight of the particle is 39.2 N

3 F = ma30 = 1.2m m = 25

The mass of the object is 25 kg

4 On Earth: W = 735 N, g = 9.8 m s⁻², m = ?

W = mg735 = m × 9.8 m = 735 ÷ 9.8 = 75 kg On the moon: W = 120 N, g = ?, m = 75 W = mg 120 = 75 × g g = 120 ÷ 75 = 1.6

On the Moon, the acceleration due to gravity is 1.6 m s^{-2} .

5 Always resolve in the direction of acceleration.

a $R(\uparrow)$, $P-2g=2\times 3$ P=25.6

The magnitude of P is 25.6 N

b
$$R(\downarrow)$$
, $4g+10-P=4\times 2$
 $49.2-P=8$
 $P=41.2$

The magnitude of P is 41.2 N

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6 a $R(\downarrow)$, $mg - 10 = m \times 5$ 9.8m - 10 = 5mm = 2.1 (2s.f.)

The mass of the body is 2.1kg

b
$$R(\uparrow)$$
, $20 - mg = m \times 2$
 $20 - 9.8m = 2m$
 $m = 1.7$ (2 s.f.)

The mass of the body is 1.7 kg

7 a
$$R(\downarrow)$$
, $2g-8=2a$
5.8 = a

The acceleration of the body is $5.8 \,\mathrm{m\,s^{-2}}$

b $R(\uparrow)$, 100-8g = 8a2.7 = a

The acceleration of the body is $2.7 \,\mathrm{m\,s^{-2}}$

8 W and T can be ignored, as they act at right angles to the motion.



Resultant force = ma $m = 3 \text{ kg}, a = 2 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ $R (\rightarrow), 10 - F = 3 \times 2 = 6$ F = 10 - 6The force due to friction is 4 N.

9 **a** u = 0, v = 3, s = 5, a = ? $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ $3^2 = 0^2 + 2a \times 5$ 9 = 10aa = 0.9

The acceleration of the lift is $0.9\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-2}}$

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9 b

c



$$R(\downarrow), \quad 800g - T = 800 \times 0.9$$

 $7840 - T = 720$
 $T = 7120$

The tension in the cable is 7120 N.

 $R(\uparrow), \quad T - 800g = 800 \times 0.9$

$$T = 8560$$

The tension in the cable is 8560 N.

10 a
$$u = 0, v = 1, t = 2, a = ?$$

 $v = u + at$
 $1 = 0 + a \times 2$
 $a = 0.5$

The acceleration of the trolley is $0.5\,m\,s^{-2}$



The tension in the rope is 45 N.

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11 a

$$R(\rightarrow), -200 = 400a \\ a = -0.5$$

$$u = 16, v = 0, a = -0.5, t = ?$$

$$v = u + at (\rightarrow)$$

$$0 = 16 - 0.5t$$

$$0.5t = 16 \\ t = 32$$

It takes 32s for the van to stop.

b
$$u = 16, v = 0, a = -0.5, s = ?$$

 $v^2 = u^2 + 2as \quad (\rightarrow)$
 $0^2 = 16^2 + 2(-0.5)s$
 $0 = 256 - s$
 $s = 256$

The van travels 256 m before it stops.

c Air resistance is unlikely to be of constant magnitude. (It is usually a function of speed.)

Challenge



The stone rises to a height of 2.9 m above the bottom of the pond.

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Challenge

b



 $v^2 = 0^2 + 2 \times 2.3 \times \frac{100}{34.6}$ v = 3.646... = 3.6 (2 s.f.)

The stone hits the bottom of the pond with speed $3.6 \,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$

c
$$u = 10, v = 0, a = -17.3, t = ?$$

 $v = u + at$ (↑)
 $0 = 10 - 17.3t,$
 $t_1 = \frac{10}{17.3} = 0.57803...$
 $u = 0, a = 2.3, s = \frac{100}{34.6}, t = ?$
 $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ (↓)
 $\frac{100}{34.6} = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 2.3t_2^2$
 $t_2^2 = \frac{2 \times 100}{2.3 \times 34.6} = 2.51319$
 $t_2 = 1.585$
 $t_1 + t_2 = 0.57803 + 1.585 = 2.16$

The total time is 2.16s (3 s.f.)