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### **Exercise 1A**

**1** a  $R(\downarrow): u_v = 0, t = 5 \text{ s}, a = g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}, s = h$ 

 $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^{2}$   $h = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.8 \times 5^{2}$  = 122.5The height *h* is 122.5 m.

**b**  $\operatorname{R}(\rightarrow): u_x = 20 \text{ ms}^{-1}, t = 5 \text{ s}, s = x$  s = vt  $x = 20 \times 5$ = 100

The particle travels a horizontal distance of 100 m.

2 a 
$$R(\rightarrow): u_x = 18 \text{ m s}^{-1}, t = 2 \text{ s}, s = x$$
  
 $s = vt$   
 $x = 18 \times 2$   
 $= 36$   
 $R(\downarrow): u_y = 0, t = 2 \text{ s}, a = g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}, s = y$   
 $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$   
 $h = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.8 \times 2^2$   
 $= 19.6$ 





**b** 
$$d^2 = 36^2 + 19.6^2$$

 $d = \sqrt{1680.16} = 40.989...$ 

The distance from the starting point is 41.0 m (3 s.f.).

The horizontal and vertical components of the displacement are 36 m and 19.6 m respectively.

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**3** R( $\downarrow$ ):  $u_y = 0$ ,  $a = g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ , s = 160 m, t = ?

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^{2}$$

$$160 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.8 \times t^{2}$$

$$t^{2} = \frac{160}{4.9}$$

$$t = \pm \frac{40}{7}$$

The negative root can be ignored.

R(→): 
$$u_x = U$$
,  $t = \frac{40}{7}$  s,  $s = 95$  m  
 $s = vt$   
 $95 = U \times \frac{40}{7}$   
 $U = \frac{7 \times 95}{40} = 16.625$ 

The projection speed is  $16.6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  (3s.f.).

4 
$$R(\downarrow)$$
  
 $u = 0, s = 16, a = 9.8, t = ?$   
 $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^{2}$   
 $16 = 0 + 4.9t^{2}$   
 $t^{2} = \frac{16}{4.9} = 3.265...$   
 $t = 1.807$   
Let the speed of the projection be  $u \,\mathrm{m \, s^{-1}}$   
 $R(\rightarrow)$ 

s = ut  $140 = u \times 1.807...$   $u = \frac{140}{1.807...}$  = 77.475The speed of projection of the particle is

 $77.5\,\mathrm{ms}^{-1}$  (3 s.f.)



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5 Whilst particle is on the table:

 $R(\rightarrow)$  s = vt  $2 = 20 \times t$  t = 0.1Once particle leaves the table:  $R(\downarrow) u_y = 0, a = g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}, s = 1.2 \text{ m}, t = ?$   $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  $1.2 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.8 \times t^2$ 

$$t^2 = \frac{1.2}{4.9}$$

$$t = \pm 0.49487..$$

The negative root can be ignored.

The total time the particle takes to reach the floor is 0.1 + 0.49 = 0.59 s (2s.f.).

6 R( $\downarrow$ )  $u_y = 0$ ,  $a = g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ , s = 9 cm = 0.09 m, t = ?

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^{2}$$
  

$$0.09 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.8 \times t^{2}$$
  

$$t^{2} = \frac{0.09}{4.9}$$
  

$$t = \pm 0.13552...$$

The negative root can be ignored.  $R(\rightarrow): u_x = 14 \text{ ms}^{-1}, t = 0.13552... \text{ s}, s = x$  s = vt  $x = 14 \times 0.13552...$ x = 1.8973...

The dart is thrown from a point 1.90 m (3s.f.) from the board.

7 a Once particle leaves the table:

R(
$$\downarrow$$
)  $u_y = 0, a = g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}, s = 1.2 \text{ m}, t = ?$   
 $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$   
 $1.2 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.8 \times t^2$   
 $t^2 = \frac{1.2}{4.9}$   
 $t = \pm 0.49487...$   
Total travel time is 1.0 s, so particle is in conta



 $2 \,\mathrm{m}$ 

 $5\,\mathrm{ms}^{-1}$ 





Ums<sup>-1</sup>

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7 **b** Considering forces acting on particle while on table:  $R(\downarrow): R = mg$ 

$$R(\rightarrow): \quad F = ma$$
  

$$-\mu R = ma \quad \text{since } F = F_{MAX}$$
  

$$-\mu mg = ma$$
  

$$a = -\mu g \qquad (1)$$
  
Use equations of motion to calculate the acceleration of the particle whilst on the table:  

$$s = 2 \text{ m}, u = 5 \text{ ms}^{-1}, t = 0.50513...\text{ s}, a = ?$$
  

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^{2}$$
  

$$2 = (5 \times 0.50513...) + (\frac{1}{2} \times a \times 0.50513...^{2})$$
  

$$0.12757... \times a = 2 - 2.5256...$$
  

$$a = -0.52564...$$

$$a = \frac{0.52504...}{0.12757...}$$
  
$$a = -4.1201...$$
 (2)

Substitute (2) in (1):

$$-4.1201... = -\mu g$$
  
-4.1201... = -9.8× \mu  
\mu = 0.42042...

The coefficient of friction is 0.42 (2s.f.).

7 c While particle is on the table: s = 2 m, u = 5 m s<sup>-1</sup>, t = 0.50513... s, v = U

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(u+v)t$$
  

$$2 = \frac{1}{2}(5+U)0.50513...$$
  

$$5+U = \frac{4}{0.50513...}$$
  

$$U = 7.9187...-5 = 2.9187...$$

Considering horizontal motion of particle once it has left the table: R( $\rightarrow$ ):  $u_x = U = 2.9187 \dots \text{m s}^{-1}$ , t = 0.495 s, s = x

$$s = vt$$
  
 $x = 2.9187... \times 0.495$   
 $x = 1.445$ 

The total distance travelled = 1.45 + 2 = 3.45 m (3 s.f.).

