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Physics

Unit 1

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FRIDAY 7 JUNE, AFTERNOON

Time

1 hour 30 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

Instructions to Candidates

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You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

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Complete in black ink only.

Answer **all** questions.

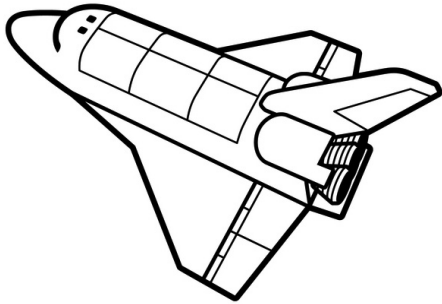
Information for Candidates

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Question **2(d)**.

- 1 (a) A space shuttle travels 36 000 km in 2 hours.

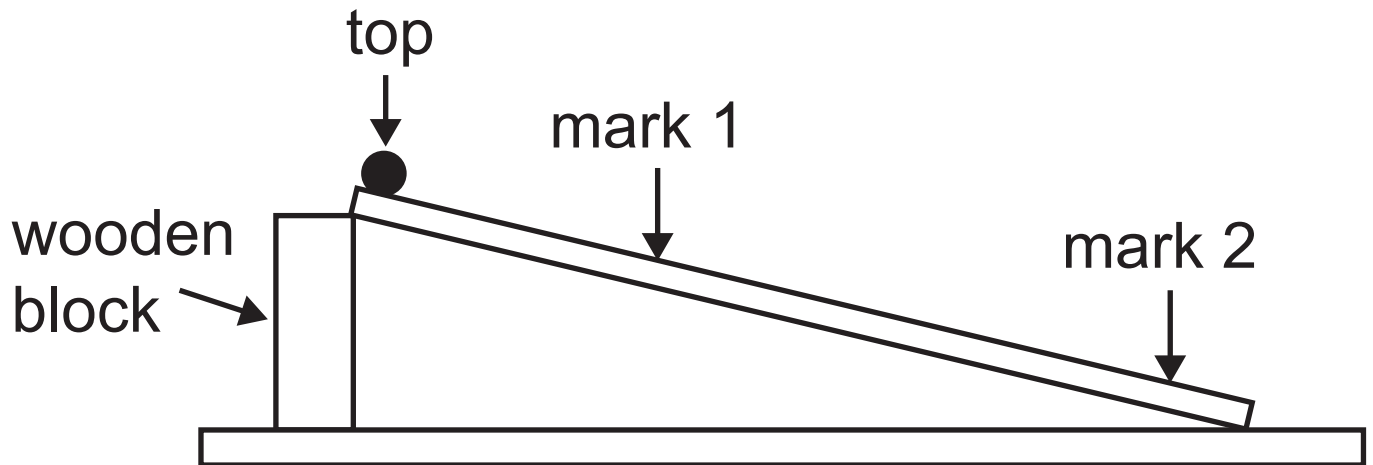


Calculate the average speed of the shuttle in m/s. [4 marks]

Show clearly how you get your answer, starting with the equation you plan to use.

Average speed = _____ m/s

(b) The diagram below shows the apparatus which can be used to calculate the average speed of a ball moving down a runway.



The average speed of a ball, released from rest at the top of the runway, is calculated for two journeys. Firstly, from the top to mark 1 and then from the top to mark 2.

The average speed can be calculated using the equation below.

$$\text{Average speed} = \frac{\text{final speed} + \text{initial speed}}{2}$$

How would the average speed of the ball for the longer journey compare with the average speed for the shorter journey?

[1 mark]

Place a tick (✓) in the correct box below.

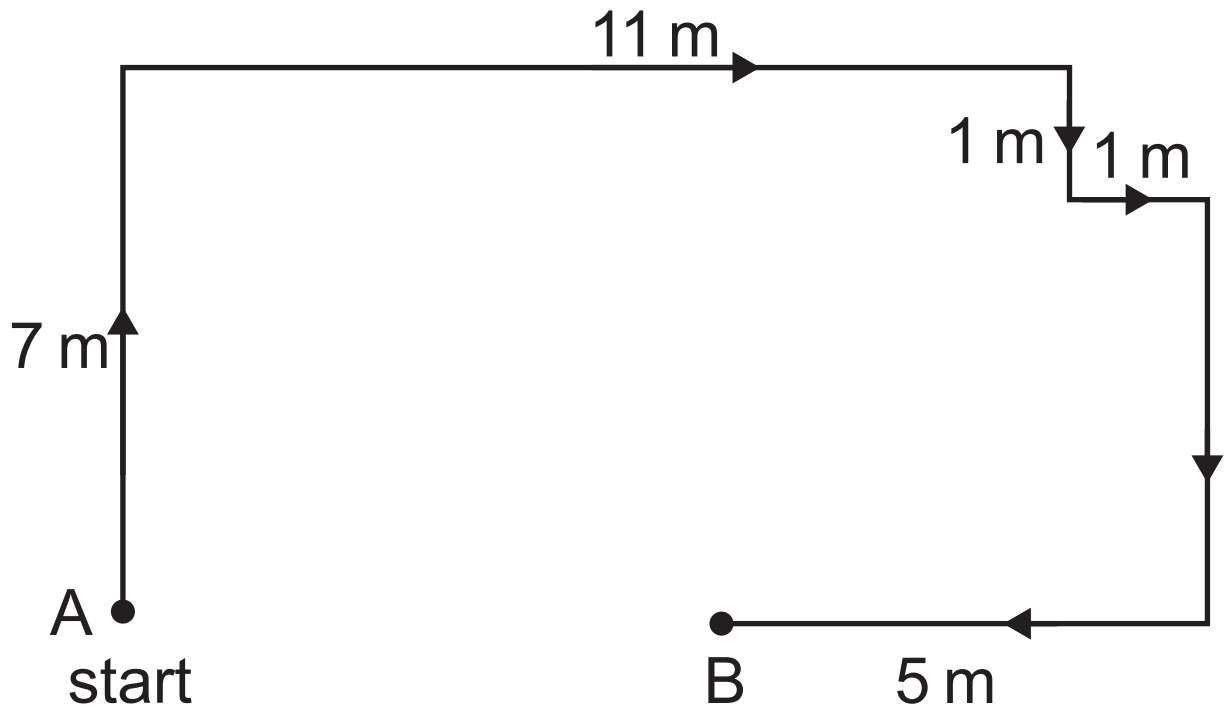
Same as.	
Less than.	
Greater than.	

Explain your choice using the equation opposite.

Do not refer to distance in your answer.

[2 marks]

(c) The diagram below shows part of the journey taken by a person walking through a maze. Some values of distance are shown.



(i) Explain the difference between distance and displacement.
[2 marks]

(ii) If the person starts their journey at A, calculate the total distance travelled when they arrive at B. [1 mark]

Distance = _____ m

(iii) Calculate the **displacement** of the person from A, when they arrive at B. [2 marks]

Displacement = _____ m
to the _____ of A

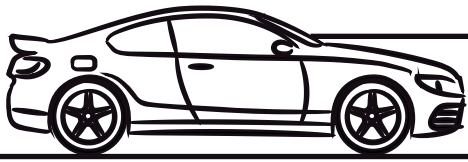
(d) The displacement–time graph for a car’s motion is shown opposite.

(i) Calculate the velocity of the car for the first 10 seconds of its motion.

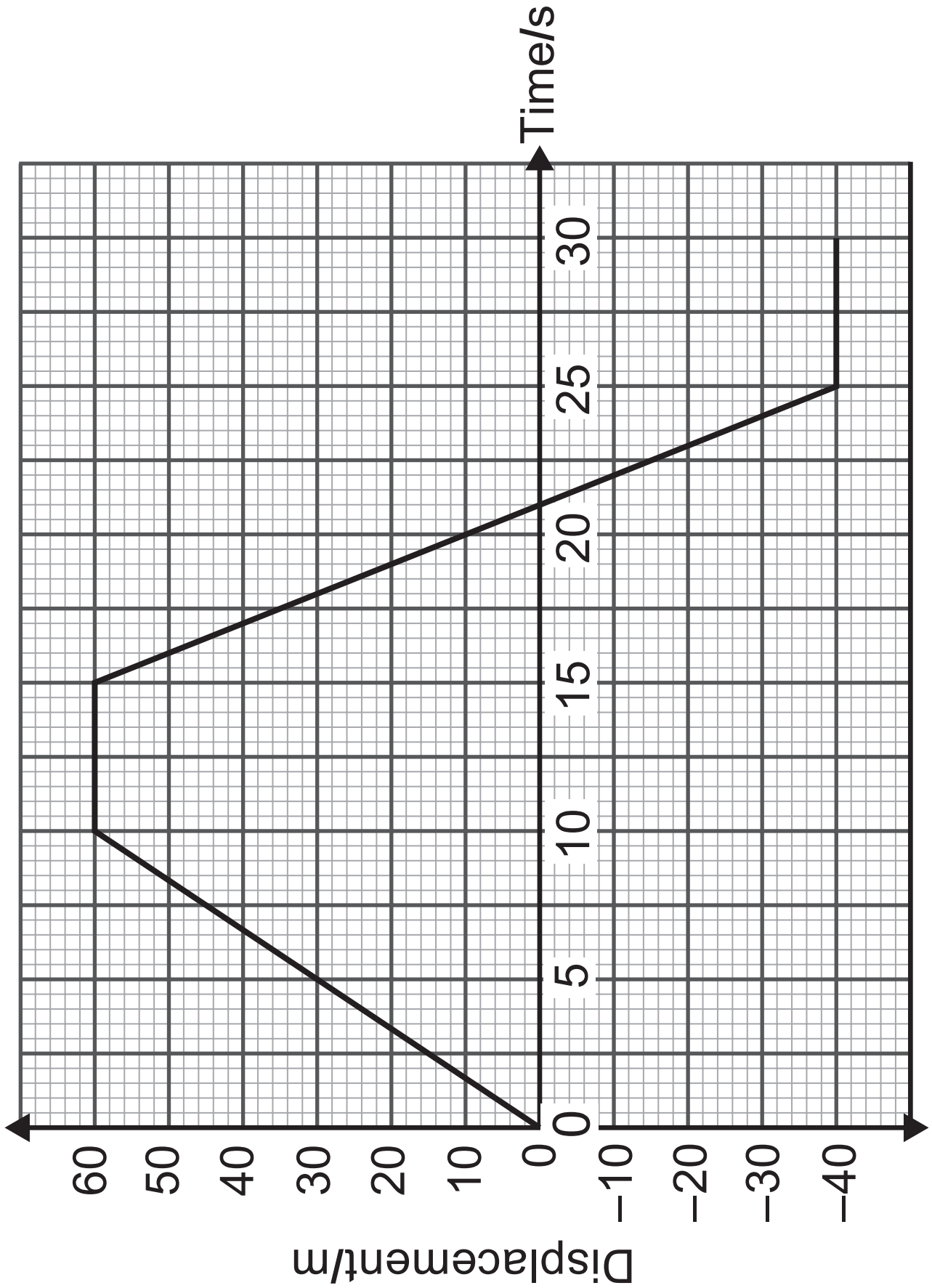
[3 marks]

Show clearly how you get your answer, starting with the equation you plan to use.

Velocity = _____ m/s



the car initially
moves to the right



(ii) Calculate the **average speed** of the car for the 25 s of its motion.

[3 marks]

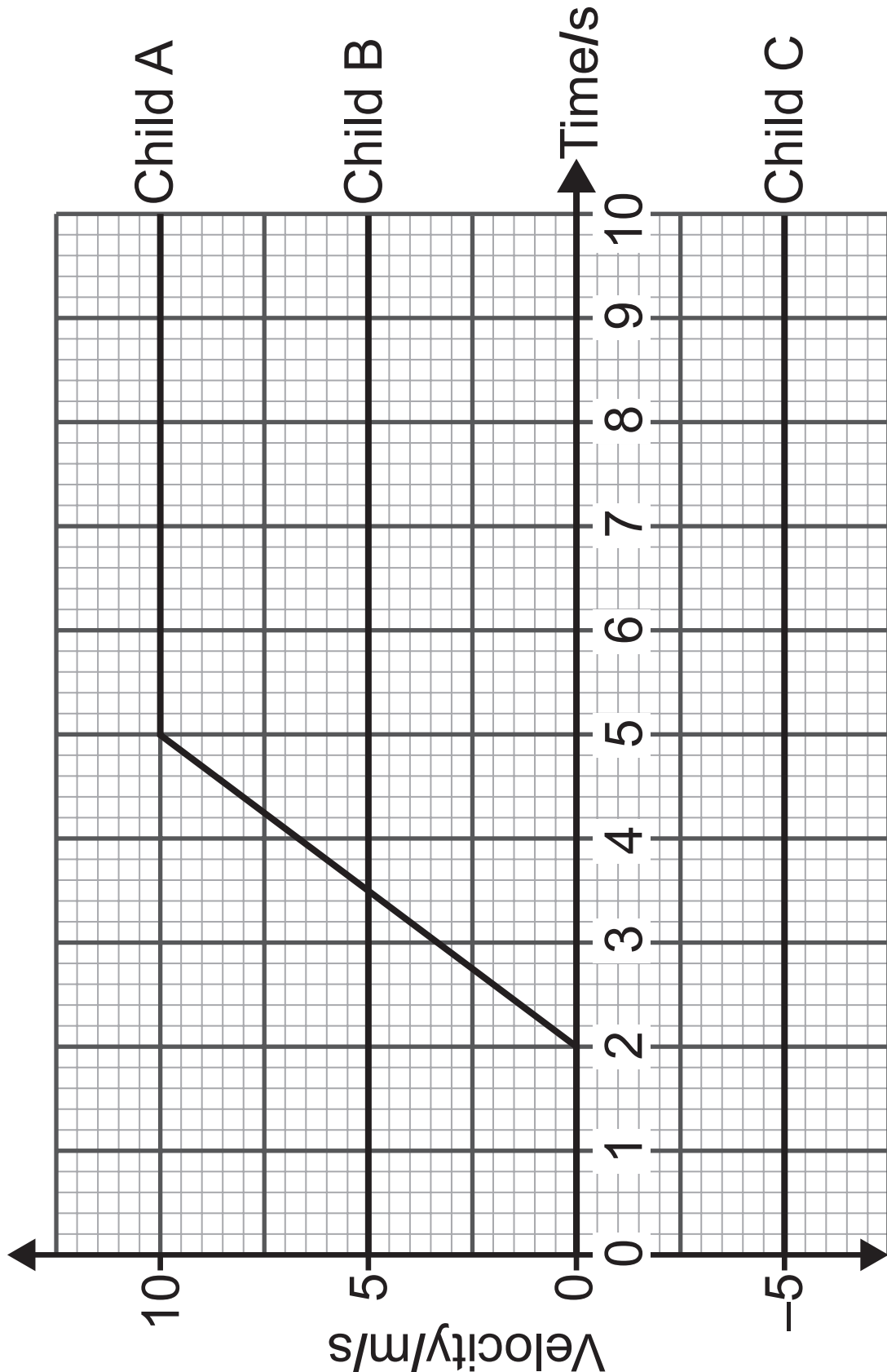
Show clearly how you get your answer, starting with the equation you plan to use.

Average speed = _____ m/s

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(e) Three children are riding their bicycles on a straight track. The velocity–time graph for each child is shown below.



(i) How far is child B in front of child A when child A begins to cycle?

[2 marks]

Show clearly how you get your answer.

_____ m

(ii) Calculate the acceleration of child A between $t = 2\text{ s}$ and $t = 5\text{ s}$.

[3 marks]

Show clearly how you get your answer, starting with the equation you plan to use.

Acceleration = _____ m/s^2

(iii) Compare the graphs of child B and child C.

State what is the same and what is different about their motion.

[2 marks]

Same _____

Different _____

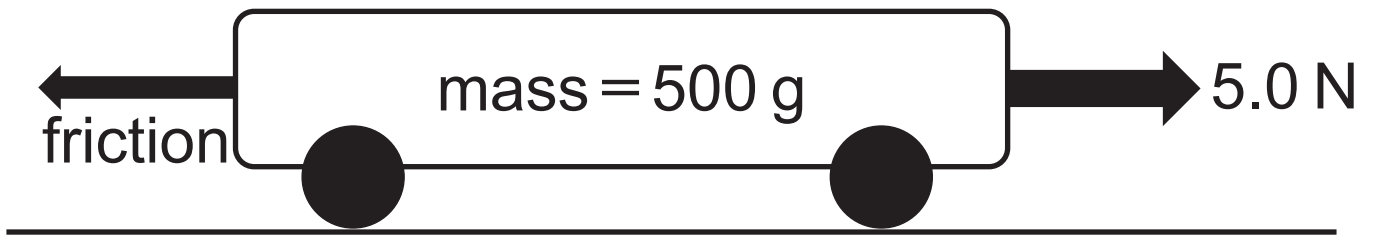
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2 (a) (i) Complete the following statement of Newton's second law.
Write the words in the spaces provided. [2 marks]

A _____ force will cause an object to accelerate and the acceleration is _____ to the size of this force.

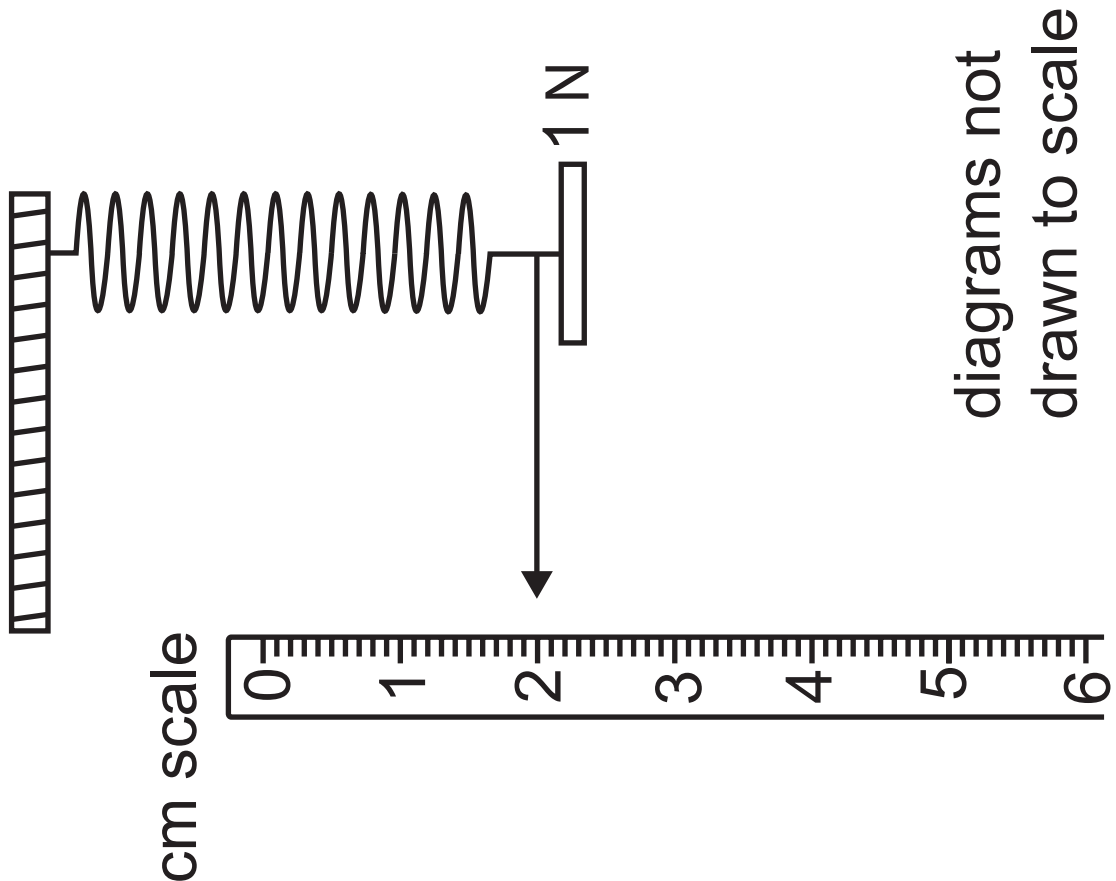
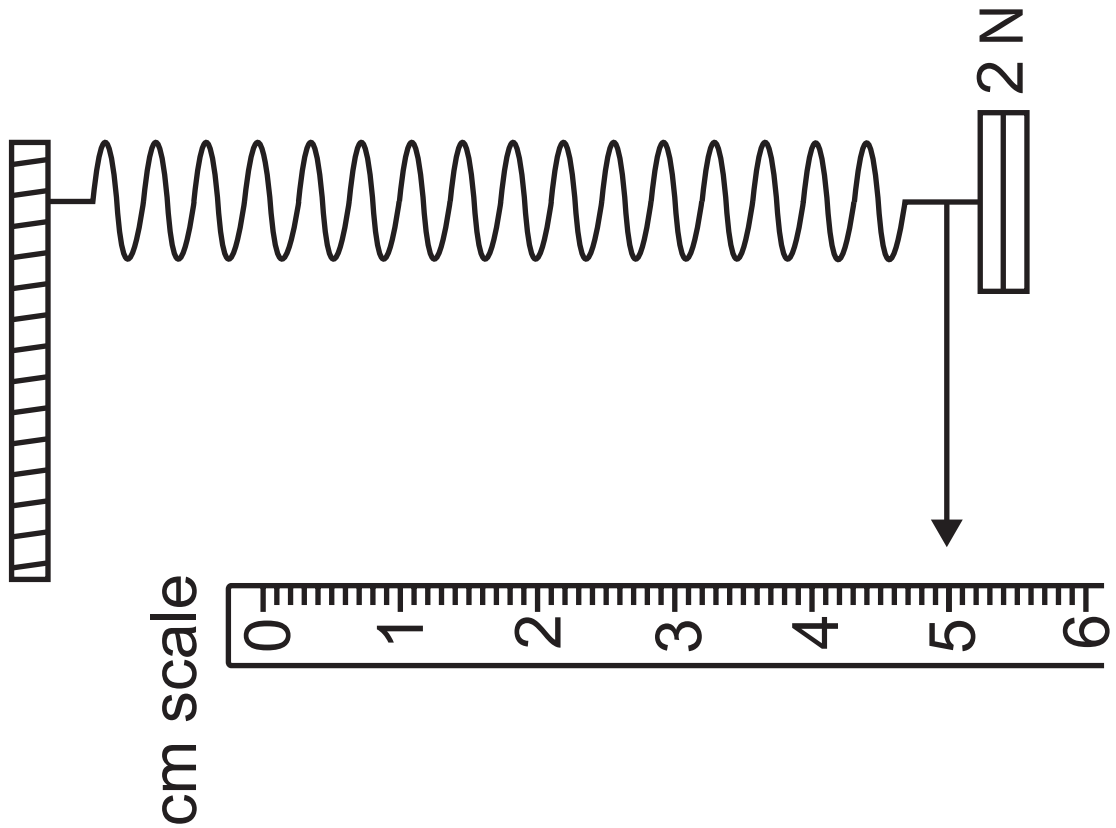
The diagram shows a trolley used in school science.



- (ii) The trolley has a mass of 500 g and experiences an acceleration of 6 m/s^2 . Calculate the size of the friction force acting on the trolley. [5 marks]
Show clearly how you get your answer, starting with the equation you plan to use.

Friction = _____ N

(b) To investigate Hooke's law, the apparatus shown below was set up.



diagrams not
drawn to scale

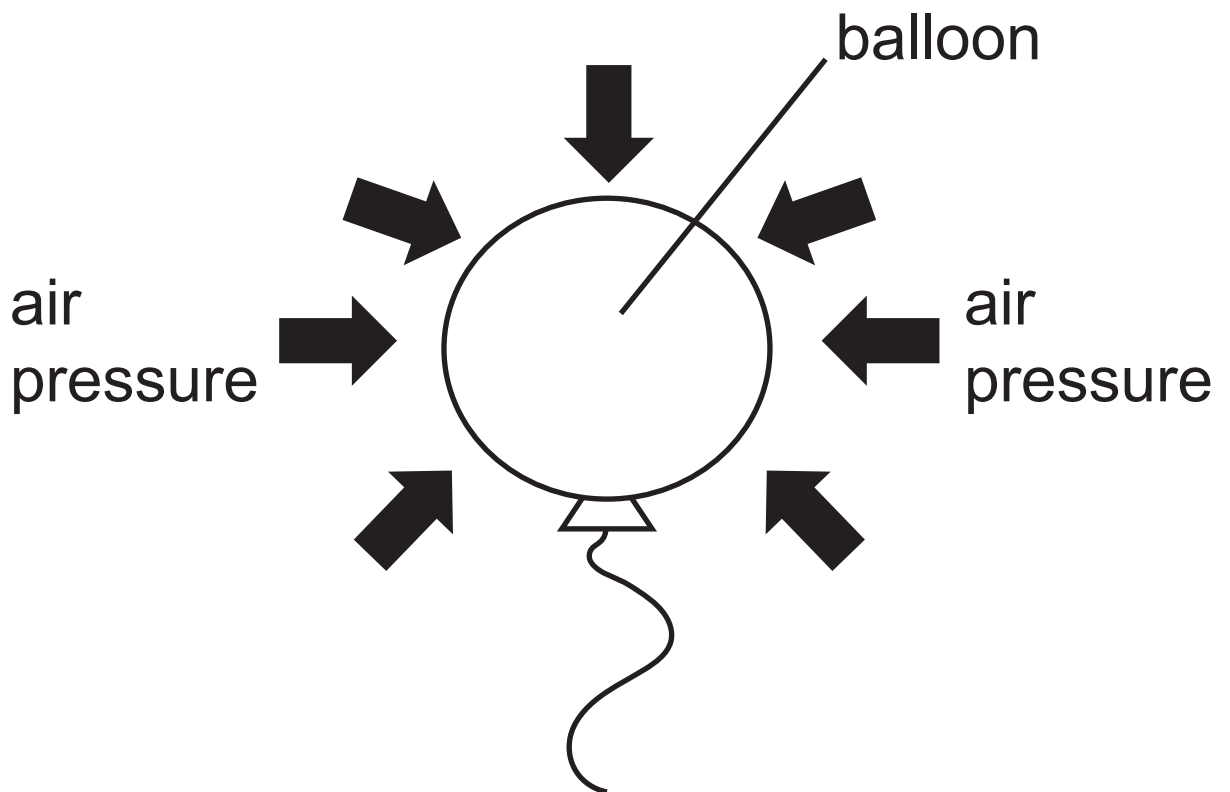
Using values from the diagrams opposite, calculate the value of the spring constant and state its unit.
[4 marks]

Spring constant $k =$ _____

Unit = _____

(c) (i) The air exerts a pressure of 10 N/cm^2 .
Explain what this means. [2 marks]

(ii) A balloon has total surface area of 1200 cm^2 .



Calculate the total force acting on the balloon due to the pressure exerted by the air. [3 marks]

Show clearly how you get your answer, starting with the equation you plan to use.

Force = _____ N

(d) Describe how the position of an object's centre of gravity and the width of its base both affect its stability. [6 marks]

In your answer you should:

- state the meaning of centre of gravity;
- describe how to locate the centre of gravity of a rectangular piece of wood;
- explain why an object pivoted at its centre of gravity will not turn;
- explain how the position of the centre of gravity affects the stability of an object;
- explain how the width of the base of an object affects its stability.

In this question, you will be assessed on your written communication skills including the use of specialist scientific terms.

Write your answers in the appropriate space below.

Centre of gravity

How to locate the centre of gravity

Why it does not turn

Centre of gravity and stability

Width of base and stability

3 (a) The kinetic theory of matter uses the idea that all matter is composed of small particles.

Below are a number of statements about the properties of matter and the particles from which they are made.

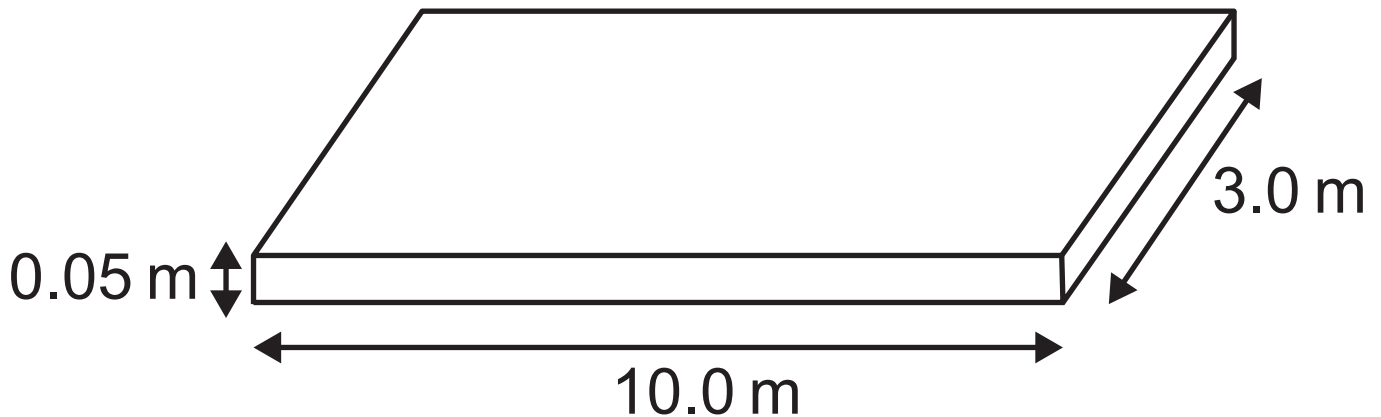
1. Have a rigid shape.
2. Have a fixed volume and will take up the shape of its container.
3. Will occupy the complete volume of its container.
4. Particles have very weak forces between them.
5. Particles can move around.
6. Particles are held in fixed positions.

- (i) Complete the table below by writing in the numbers of the statements which apply to each state of matter.
[2 marks]

State of matter	Statement Numbers
Solid	
Liquid	
Gas	

- (ii) Liquid water has a density of 1.0 g/cm^3 and ice has a density of 0.9 g/cm^3 . Describe what happens to the volume of water as it begins to freeze.
[1 mark]

- (b)** A house owner wants to lay a concrete driveway.
The diagram below shows the finished driveway.



- (i)** Calculate the volume of concrete needed. [2 marks]
Show clearly how you get your answer, starting with the equation you plan to use.

Volume = _____ m³

(ii) Concrete has a density of 2400 kg/m^3 .
Calculate the mass, in tonnes, of
concrete required to lay the driveway.

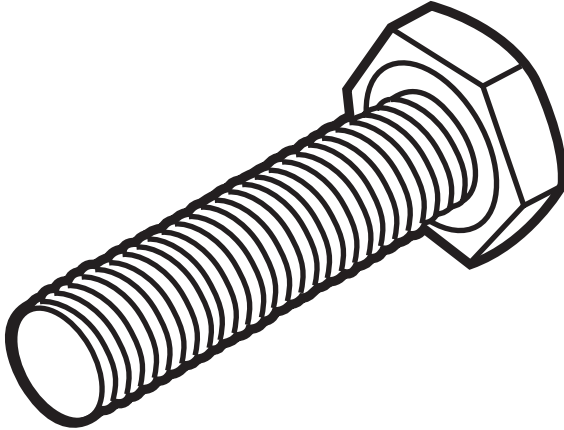
[4 marks]

1 tonne = 1000 kg

**Show clearly how you get your
answer, starting with the equation
you plan to use.**

Mass = _____ tonnes

(c) To measure the density of the material from which a large bolt is made, one of the first steps is to measure its volume.



Describe the method by which the volume of the bolt can be measured. In your method, state what should be done to obtain an accurate value for the volume. [3 marks]

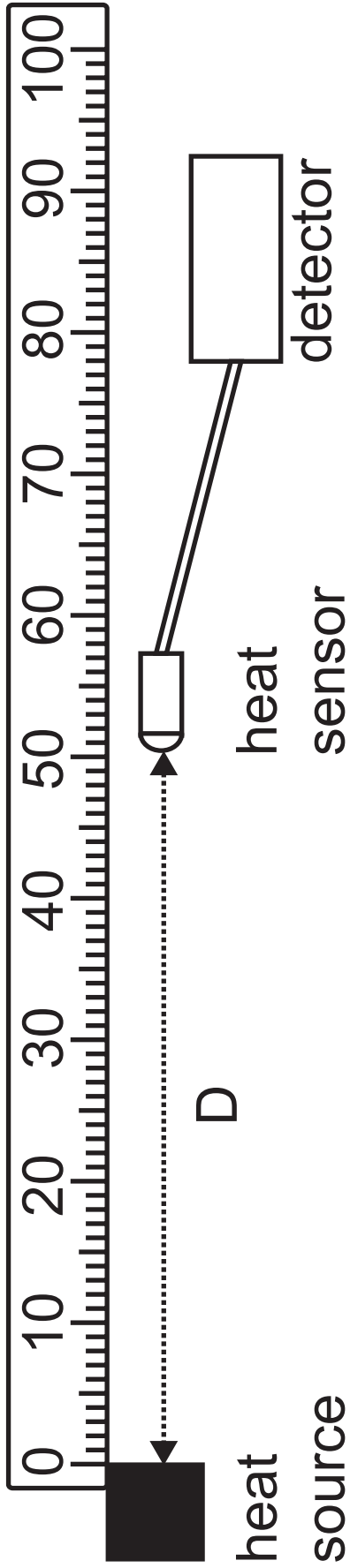
- 4 (a)** Name the two methods of heat transfer that involve the movement of particles.
[2 marks]

(b) Hot objects emit heat in the form of radiation.

To investigate how the amount of radiation varies with distance **D** from the source of heat, the apparatus shown opposite was used. The sensor produced a reading on the detector when it detected heat.

The investigation produced the values shown in the table below.

Distance D from the heat source/m	Reading R on the detector/V
0.4	68
0.6	30



The relationship between the reading R on the detector and the distance D is given by the equation below.

$$K = RD^2$$

K is a constant.

Using the values shown in the table, calculate an average value for K .

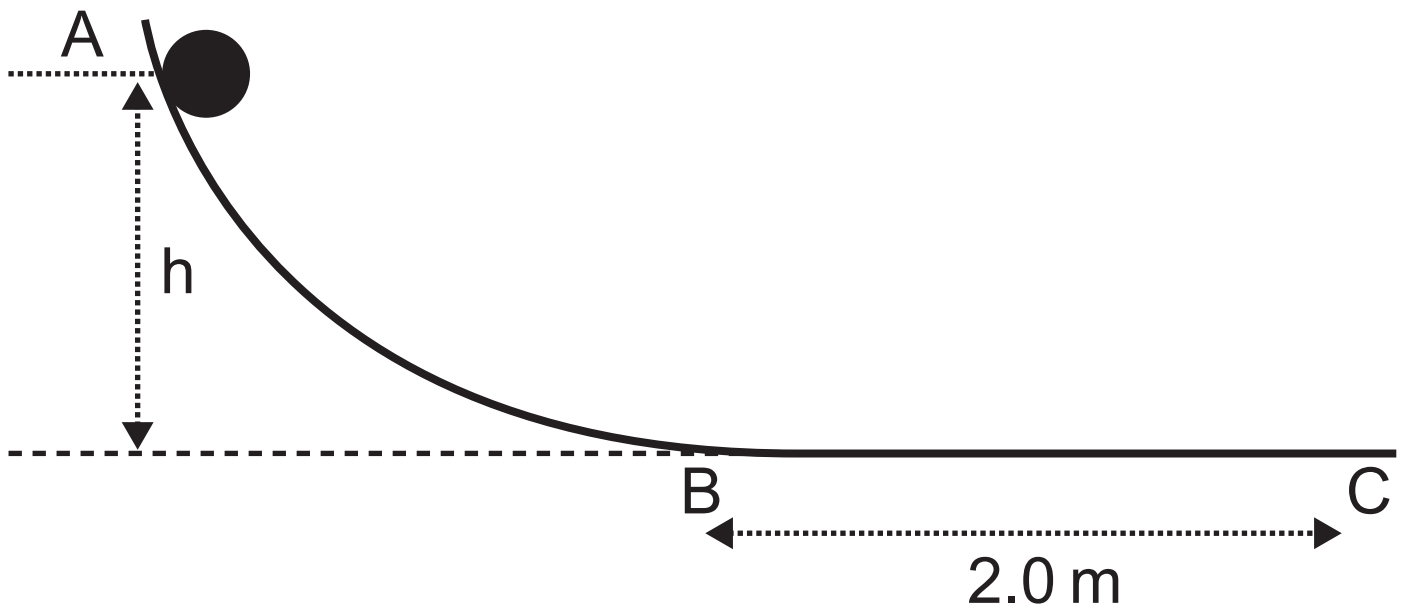
[3 marks]

Give your average value for K to the **nearest whole number**.

Show your calculations clearly.

Average value for $K =$ _____ Vm^2

(c) A ball is released from rest at point A and rolls down a slope.



(i) The potential energy of the ball at the point A is 3.0 J .

The ball has a mass of 200 g .

Calculate the height h . [4 marks]

Show clearly how you get your answer, starting with the equation you plan to use.

$h =$ _____ m

(ii) As it rolls down the slope, the ball loses 0.5 J of energy.

Calculate its kinetic energy and velocity when it reaches point B.

[5 marks]

Show clearly how you get your answer, starting with the equation you plan to use.

Kinetic energy = _____ J

Velocity = _____ m/s

(iii) The ball stops at C.

The distance the ball travels from B to C is 2.0 m.

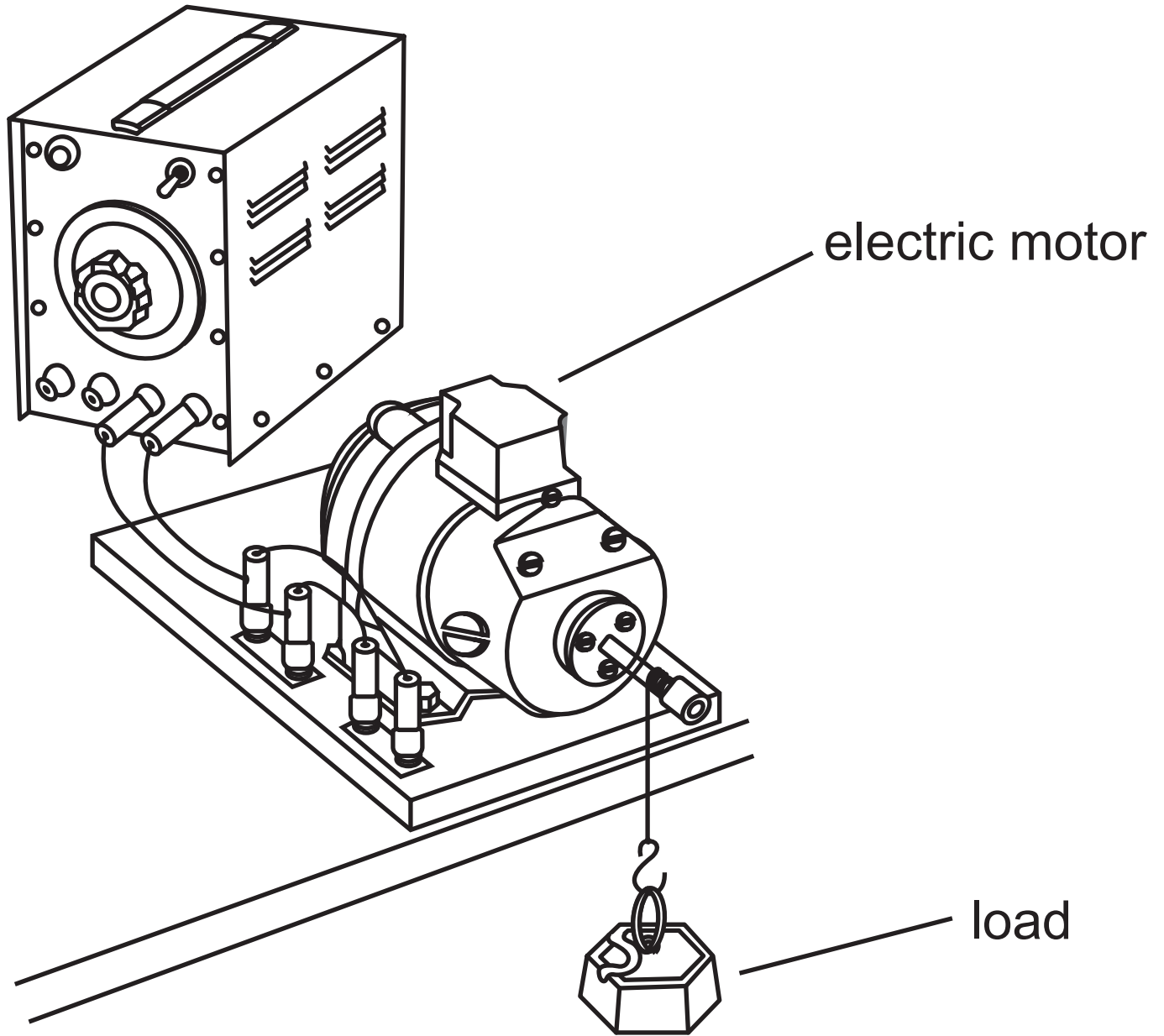
Calculate the friction force acting on the ball as it travels from B to C.

[3 marks]

Show clearly how you get your answer, starting with the equation you plan to use.

Friction = _____ N

(d) An electric motor is used to raise a load as shown below.



- (i) The motor uses 500 J of electrical energy and the load gains 450 J of potential energy when it reaches the top.

Calculate the efficiency of the electric motor. [3 marks]

Show clearly how you get your answer, starting with the equation you plan to use.

Efficiency = _____

(ii) It takes the motor 5.0 s to raise the load.

Calculate the **output** power of the motor. [4 marks]

Include the unit of power with your answer.

Show clearly how you get your answer, starting with the equation you plan to use.

Power = _____

Unit = _____

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- 5 (a) (i) Name one **major** source of background radiation. [1 mark]
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The count rates from a radioactive source are corrected for background radiation and the results are shown in the table below.

Time/s	0	50	100	150	200	250
Corrected count rate/ counts/minute	128	90	64	45	32	21

- (ii) Use the table to determine the half-life of this radioactive source. [2 marks]

Half-life = _____ s

(iii) Calculate the time that must elapse before the count rate falls below 8 counts/minute. [3 marks]
Show clearly how you get your answer.

Time = _____ s

(b) An isotope of sodium (Na) is radioactive and decays to magnesium (Mg) by emitting a beta particle.

(i) Complete the decay equation below.
[5 marks]



This isotope of sodium is often used as a means of detecting leaks from underground water pipes. The isotope is added to the water pipe and a detector is moved along the ground until an increase in the activity is detected. **The half-life of this isotope is 15 hours.**

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(ii) Explain why a radioactive source that emits alpha (α) particles would not be suitable for this task. [1 mark]

(iii) Another radioactive source is available that emits beta particles. However, it has a half-life of three days. Explain why this radioactive source would not be suitable for this task. [1 mark]

(c) The International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) is a research and development programme based in France.

(i) Name the nuclear process that ITER is investigating. [1 mark]

(ii) Describe in terms of nuclei what happens in this process that ITER is investigating. [2 marks]

(iii) Where does this nuclear process occur naturally in our Solar System? [1 mark]

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