

2. Kinematics

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A-Level Physics

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1. The rate of change of velocity with time is called _____.

2. When may the equations of motion be used? Select **all** that apply.

- ☐ when the acceleration is constant in magnitude
- ☐ when the acceleration is constant in direction
- ☐ for free fall with air resistance neglected
- ☐ for a body slowing under air resistance

Tick every correct option.

3. A ball thrown horizontally and a ball dropped from the same height hit the ground at the same time (no air resistance).

- ☐ True ☐ False

4. Which quantity is the **rate of change of displacement**?

- ☐ speed
- ☐ velocity
- ☐ acceleration
- ☐ distance

5. A car starts at $u = 2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ and accelerates at $a = 3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$ for $t = 4$ s. Find v .

_____ m/s

6. A projectile is launched at $20 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$, 30° above the horizontal. What is the **vertical** part of the launch velocity?

_____ m/s

7. Deceleration is a completely separate quantity from acceleration.

- ☐ True ☐ False

8. Which equation is just the **gradient** of a velocity–time graph?

- ☐ $v = u + at$
- ☐ $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$
- ☐ $s = \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t$

☐ $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$

9. Select **all** the statements that are true for a projectile (ignore air).

- ☐ The horizontal velocity stays constant
- ☐ The vertical velocity is zero at the highest point
- ☐ The whole velocity is zero at the highest point
- ☐ The path is a parabola
- ☐ A heavier projectile falls faster

Tick every correct option.

10. On a displacement–time graph, a flat (horizontal) line means the object is at rest.

- ☐ True ☐ False

1. **acceleration**

Acceleration is how fast the velocity changes — a vector, in $\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$.

2. **when the acceleration is constant in magnitude; when the acceleration is constant in direction; for free fall with air resistance neglected**

Air resistance makes the acceleration change, so only graph methods work there. A curved velocity-time graph is the visible warning.

3. **True**

Yes — the vertical motion is the same free fall for both, and the horizontal speed does not change the fall time.

4. **velocity**

Velocity is the rate of change of *displacement* (a vector). Speed is the rate of change of *distance* (a scalar).

5. **14 m/s**

Use $v = u + at = 2 + 3 \times 4 = 14 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$.

6. **10 m/s**

Vertical part $= u \sin \theta = 20 \times \sin 30^\circ = 20 \times 0.5 = 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$.

7. **False**

No — deceleration is just acceleration in the opposite direction to the motion (a negative acceleration).

8. **$v = u + at$**

The gradient is $a = \frac{v - u}{t}$, which rearranges to $v = u + at$.

9. **The horizontal velocity stays constant; The vertical velocity is zero at the highest point; The path is a parabola**

At the top only the *vertical* velocity is zero — the horizontal velocity $u \cos \theta$ carries on, so the ball keeps moving. Mass does not change free fall.

10. **True**

A flat line has zero gradient, and the gradient is the velocity — so the velocity is zero (at rest).