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# Distance time graphs

(9 – 1) Topic booklet

## Higher

These questions have been collated from previous years GCSE Mathematics papers.

**You must have:** Ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres, protractor, pair of compasses, pen, HB pencil, eraser.

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- Diagrams are NOT accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.
- You must **show all your working out.**
- If the question is a **1H** question you are not allowed to use a calculator.
- If the question is a **2H** or a **3H** question, you may use a calculator to help you answer.

### Information

- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

**Answer ALL questions**

**Write your answers in the space provided.**

**You must write down all the stages in your working.**

- 5 At 9 am, Bradley began a journey on his bicycle.

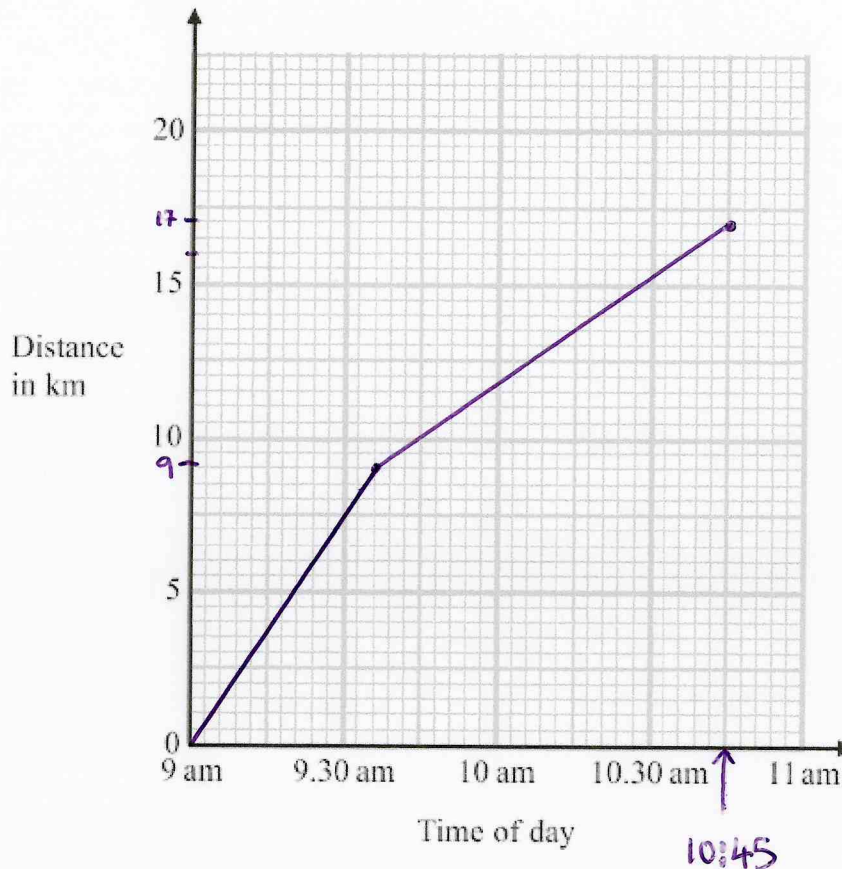
From 9 am to 9.36 am, he cycled at an average speed of 15 km/h.

From 9.36 am to 10.45 am, he cycled a further 8 km.

$$15 \times \frac{36}{60} = 9 \text{ km}$$



- (a) Draw a travel graph to show Bradley's journey.



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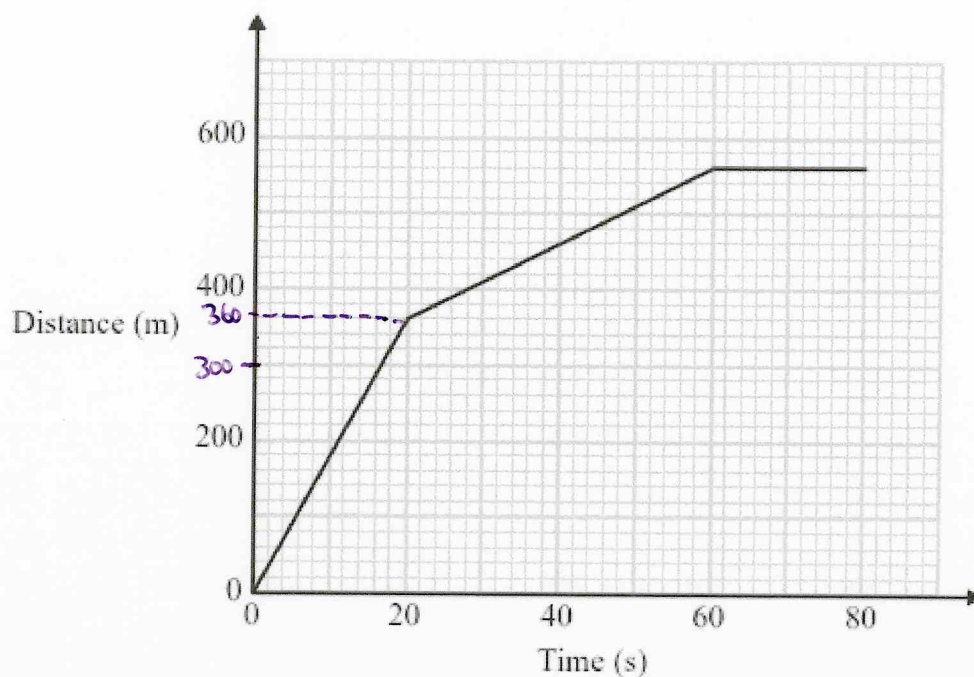
From 10.45 am to 11 am, Bradley cycled at an average speed of 18 km/h.

- (b) Work out the distance Bradley cycled from 10.45 am to 11 am.

$$18 \text{ kmph} \times \frac{15}{60} = 4.5$$

4.5 km  
(2)

10 Here is part of a distance-time graph for a car's journey.



- (a) Between which two times does the car travel at its greatest speed?  
Give a reason for your answer.

The steepest part is between 0-20 seconds.

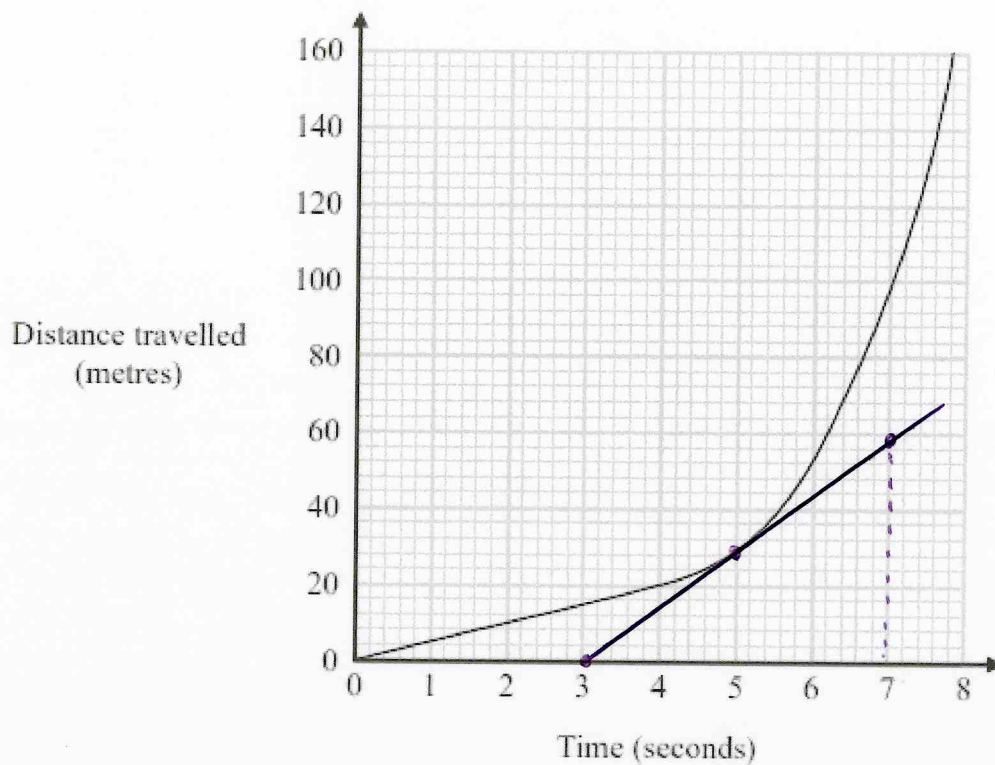
(2)

- (b) Work out this greatest speed.

$$\frac{360\text{m}}{20\text{seconds}} = 18\text{m/s}$$

18 m/s  
(1)

14 The distance-time graph shows information about part of a car journey.



Use the graph to estimate the speed of the car at time 5 seconds.

$$\text{Speed} = \text{gradient} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{60}{4} = 15$$

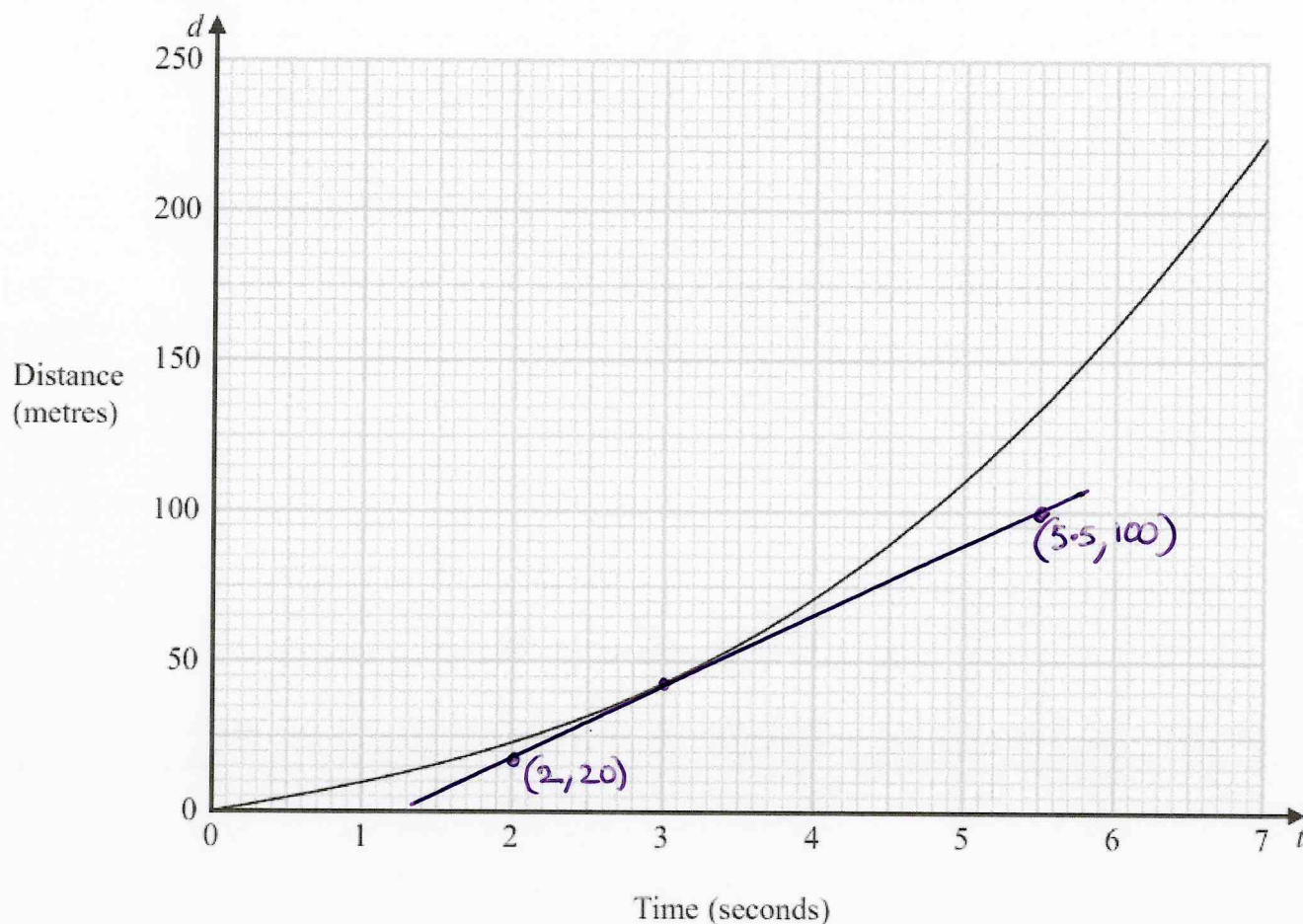
15

m/s



15 An object falls from rest.

Here is the distance-time graph for the distance ( $d$  metres) fallen by the object  $t$  seconds after it starts to fall.



Work out an estimate for the gradient of the graph at  $t = 3$   
You must show how you get your answer.

$$\text{gradient} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{100 - 20}{5.5 - 2} = \frac{80}{3.5}$$

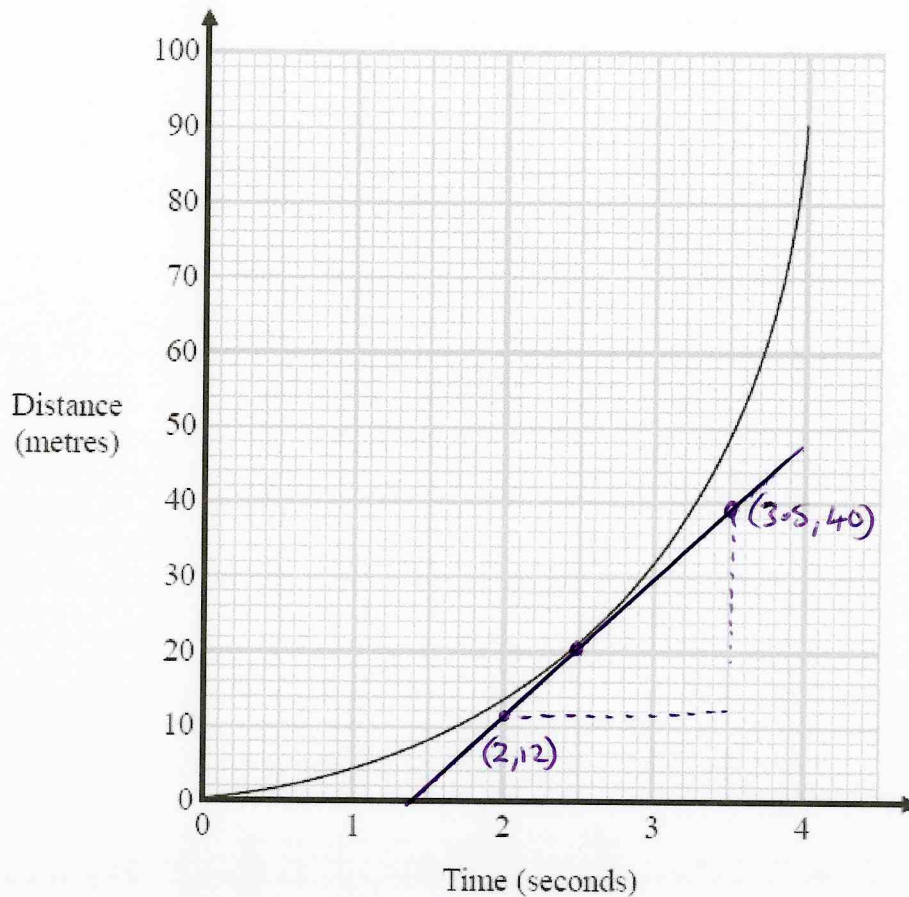
$$= \frac{160}{7}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 22.85 \\ 7 \overline{) 160.00} \end{array}$$

$$22.9$$

(21  $\leftrightarrow$  28)

17 Here is a distance-time graph.



- (a) Find an estimate of the gradient of the graph at time 2.5 seconds.  
You must show how you get your answer.

$$\text{gradient} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{40 - 12}{3.5 - 2} = \frac{28}{1.5}$$

$$18.\dot{6}$$

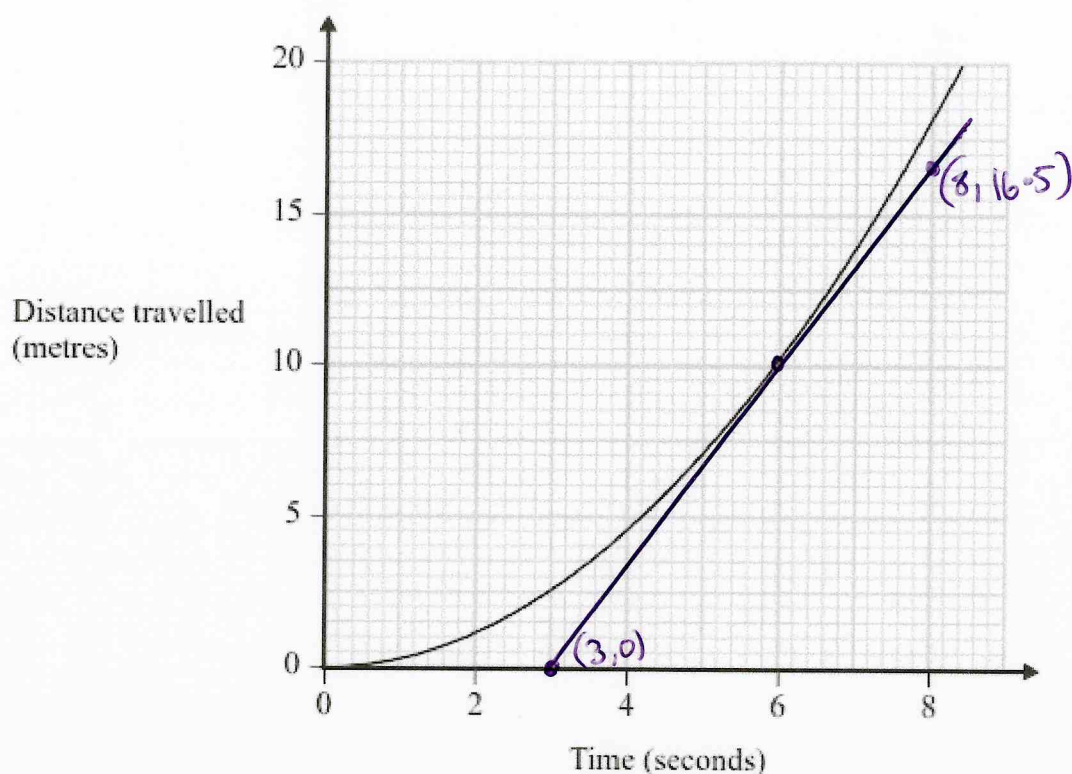
(16.5  $\longleftrightarrow$  19.5)

- (b) What does the gradient of the graph represent?

The speed.

(1)

19 The graph shows information about part of a cyclist's journey.



Work out an estimate of the speed, in m/s, of the cyclist at time 6 seconds.

$$\text{Speed} = \text{gradient} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{16.5 - 0}{8 - 3} = \frac{16.5}{5} = 3.3$$

3.3

m/s

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(Total for Question 19 is 3 marks)

(3 ← → 4)