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# Speed calculations

(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.**

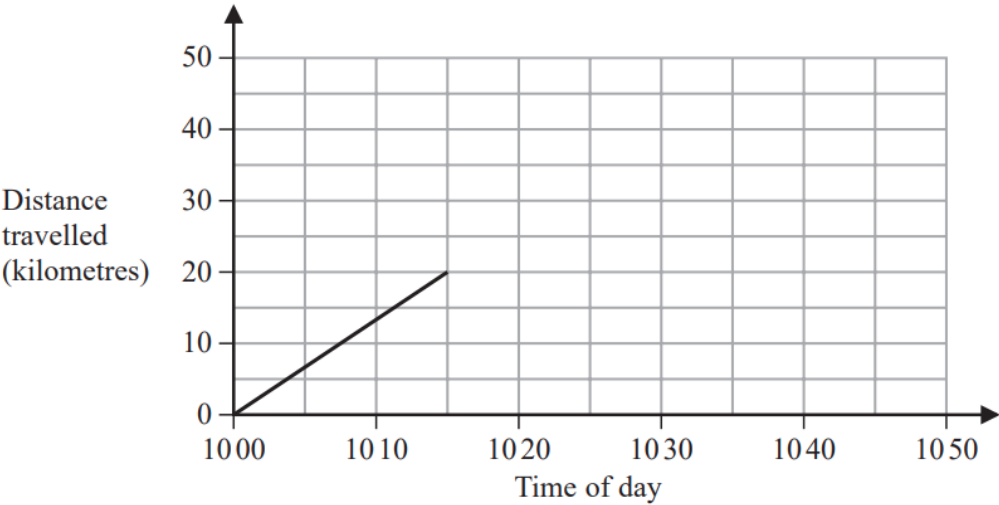
- 2** Andy cycles a distance of 30 km at an average speed of 24 km/h.  
He then runs a distance of 12 km at an average speed of 8 km/h.



Work out the total time Andy takes.  
Give your answer in hours and minutes.

..... hours ..... minutes

3 Sam drives his car on a journey.  
Here is the travel graph for the first 15 minutes of his journey.



(a) Work out Sam’s speed, in km/h, for the first 15 minutes of his journey.

..... km/h  
(2)

At 10 15 Sam stops for 10 minutes and then drives for 20 minutes at a speed of 75 km/h.

(b) On the grid, complete the travel graph for Sam’s journey.

(3)

- 4 Olly drove 56 km from Liverpool to Manchester.  
He then drove 61 km from Manchester to Sheffield.



Olly's average speed from Liverpool to Manchester was 70 km/h.  
Olly took 75 minutes to drive from Manchester to Sheffield.

- (a) Work out Olly's average speed for his total drive from Liverpool to Sheffield.

..... km/h  
(4)

Janie drove from Barnsley to York.

Janie's average speed from Barnsley to Leeds was 80 km/h.  
Her average speed from Leeds to York was 60 km/h.

Janie says that the average speed from Barnsley to York can be found by working out the mean of 80 km/h and 60 km/h.

- (b) If Janie is correct, what does this tell you about the two parts of Janie's journey?

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(1)

- 4 Gary drove from London to Sheffield.  
It took him 3 hours at an average speed of 80km/h.

Lyn drove from London to Sheffield.  
She took 5 hours.

Assuming that Lyn  
drove along the same roads as Gary  
and did not take a break,

- (a) work out Lyn's average speed from London to Sheffield.

.....km/h  
(3)

- (b) If Lyn did **not** drive along the same roads as Gary, explain how this could affect your answer to part (a).

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.....  
(1)

4 Axel and Lethna are driving along a motorway.



They see a road sign.

The road sign shows the distance to Junction 8

It also shows the average time drivers take to get to Junction 8

To Junction 8 30 miles 26 minutes
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The speed limit on the motorway is 70 mph.

Lethna says

“We will have to drive faster than the speed limit to drive 30 miles in 26 minutes.”

Is Lethna right?

You must show how you get your answer.

6 Nimer was driving to a hotel.  
He looked at his Sat Nav at 13 30



Time	13 30
Distance to destination	65 miles

Nimer arrived at the hotel at 14 48  
Work out the average speed of the car from 13 30 to 14 48  
You must show all your working.

..... mph

- 6 Jessica runs for 15 minutes at an average speed of 6 miles per hour.  
She then runs for 40 minutes at an average speed of 9 miles per hour.



It takes Amy 45 minutes to run the same total distance that Jessica runs.

Work out Amy's average speed.  
Give your answer in miles per hour.

..... miles per hour



**7** Riley travelled by car and by aeroplane.

He travelled 143 miles by car at an average speed of 55 miles per hour.  
Riley then travelled for 5 hours and 20 minutes by aeroplane.



Work out, in hours and minutes, Riley's total travelling time.

..... hours ..... minutes

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**(Total for Question 7 is 3 marks)**

**9** A car travels for 18 minutes at an average speed of 72 km/h.

(a) How far will the car travel in these 18 minutes?

..... km  
(2)

David says,

“72 kilometres per hour is faster than 20 metres per second.”

(b) Is David correct?

You must show how you get your answer.

(2)

- 9 James and Peter cycled along the same 50 km route.

James took  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours to cycle the 50 km.

Peter started to cycle 5 minutes after James started to cycle.

Peter caught up with James when they had both cycled 15 km.

James and Peter both cycled at constant speeds.

Work out Peter's speed.

..... km/h

**12** Sean drives from Manchester to Gretna Green.

He drives at an average speed of 50 mph for the first 3 hours of his journey.

He then has 150 miles to drive to get to Gretna Green.

Sean drives these 150 miles at an average speed of 30 mph.

Sean says,

“My average speed from Manchester to Gretna Green was 40 mph.”

Is Sean right?

You must show how you get your answer.

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**(Total for Question 12 is 4 marks)**

**17** A train travelled along a track in 110 minutes, correct to the nearest 5 minutes.



Jake finds out that the track is 270 km long.

He assumes that the track has been measured correct to the nearest 10 km.

- (a) Could the average speed of the train have been greater than 160 km/h?  
You must show how you get your answer.

(4)

Jake's assumption was wrong.

The track was measured correct to the nearest 5 km.

- (b) Explain how this could affect your decision in part (a).

(1)

- 23** A race is measured to have a distance of 10.6 km, correct to the nearest 0.1 km.  
Sam runs the race in a time of 31 minutes 48 seconds, correct to the nearest second.



Sam's average speed in this race is  $V$  km/hour.

By considering bounds, calculate the value of  $V$  to a suitable degree of accuracy.  
You must show all your working and give a reason for your answer.