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11.5 - Constant acceleration formulae

Q1a) $v = \frac{ds}{dt}$

$$v = u + \frac{1}{2}(2)at = \underline{u + at}$$

Q1b) $a = \frac{dv}{dt}$

$$a = \frac{d}{dt}(u + at) = \underline{a \text{ ms}^{-2}}$$

Q2a) $v = \int a dt$

$$v = at + c$$

When $t=0$, $v=u$

$$u = 0 + c \Rightarrow c = u$$

$$v = \underline{at + u}$$

Q2b) $s = \int v dt$

$$s = \int (at + u) dt$$

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

When $t=0$, $s=0$

$$0 = 0 + 0 + d \Rightarrow d = 0$$

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

Q3) Constant accel $\Rightarrow a$ is "an expression" without other variable.

a) $s = 3t - 2t^3$

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} = 3 - 6t^2$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -12t \Rightarrow a \text{ is not constant.}$$

b) $s = t^2 - 7t$

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} = 2t - 7$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = 2 \Rightarrow a \text{ is a constant}$$

c) $s = 5t^{-1} + 8$

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} = -5t^{-2}$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = +10t^{-3} \Rightarrow a \text{ is not a constant}$$

d) $s = 16 - \frac{t^2}{2}$

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} = -t$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -1 \Rightarrow a \text{ is a constant.}$$

e) $s = 10$

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} = 0$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow a \text{ is a constant.}$$

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Q4a) When $t=0$, $s=0$

$$\text{When } t=50, s=32(50) - 0.3(50)^2 \\ = 850\text{m}$$

$$\therefore AB = \underline{\underline{850\text{m}}}$$

Note: Here we made an assumption that the car travels in the same direction throughout the journey A to B. Hence the displacement = distance. We assumed it because it's only a 1-marker. If the question is worth more marks, be mindful the car comes to an "instantaneous rest". See Problem Solving questions in Chapter 11.

Q4b) $v = \frac{ds}{dt} = 32 - 0.6t$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -0.6 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

\therefore The car travels with constant acceleration. (deceleration rather)

Q5a) $a = 3$

$$v = \int a dt = 3t + c$$

When $t=0$, $v=10$

$$10 = 3(0) + c \Rightarrow c = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \underline{\underline{3t + 10}}$$

Q5b) $s = \int v dt$

$$s = \frac{3t^2}{2} + 10t + d$$

When $t=0$, $s=5$

$$5 = 0 + 0 + d \Rightarrow d = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow s = \frac{3t^2}{2} + 10t + 5$$

$$s = \underline{\underline{10t + 1.5t^2 + 5}}$$

Q6) $s = pt^2 + qt + r$

When $t=2$, $s=8$

$$8 = 4p + 2q + r \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} = 2pt + q$$

When $t=2$, $v=7$

$$7 = 2p(2) + q$$

$$7 = 4p + q \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = 2p$$

When $t=2$, $a=6$

$$6 = 2p$$

$$p = \underline{\underline{3}}$$

Sub into (2)

$$7 = 4(3) + q$$

$$q = \underline{\underline{-5}}$$

Sub into (1)

$$8 = 4(3) + 2(-5) + r$$

$$8 = 12 - 10 + r$$

$$r = \underline{\underline{6}}$$

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Q7a) Constant acceleration \Rightarrow let accel be $a \text{ ms}^{-2}$

$$v = \int a dt$$

$$v = at + c$$

When $t=0$, $v=5$

$$5 = 0 + c \Rightarrow c = 5$$

$$v = at + 5$$

When $t=2$, $v=13$

$$13 = a(2) + 5$$

$$a = \underline{\underline{4 \text{ ms}^{-2}}}$$

Q7b) $s = \int v dt$

$$s = \int 4t + 5 dt$$

$$s = 2t^2 + 5t + d$$

When $t=0$, $s=3$

$$3 = 0 + 0 + d \Rightarrow d = 3$$

$$s = \underline{\underline{2t^2 + 5t + 3}} \quad (\text{Totally not worth 5 marks imo})$$



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