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| 01.1 | hold the ruler as close to the centre of the light gates as possible, with the ruler vertical make the measurement by looking directly at/at $90^{\circ}$ to the ruler. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AO1 } \\ & \text { AO2 } \end{aligned}$ |
| 01.2 | suitable suggestion e.g., the card was dropped from different heights above light gate 1 |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ 4.5 .6 .1 .4 \end{gathered}$ |
| 01.3 | the light gates use a light beam so produces a measurement of time, and the computer calculates velocity, so velocity measurements are more precise/more significant figures the data logger can measure to $\frac{1}{1000}$ second/1 ms when you use a ruler, you can measure to the nearest mm |  | $1$ $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | AO3 |
| 01.4 | (final velocity ${ }^{12}-$ (initial velocity) $^{2}=2 \times$ acceleration $\times$ distance $(2.987)^{2}-(1.376)^{2}=2 \times$ acceleration $\times 0.30$ $\text { acceleration }=\frac{2.987^{2}-1.376^{2}}{2 \times 0.3}$ $\begin{aligned} & =11.715 \\ & =11.7\left(\mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}\right) \end{aligned}$ | allow symbols answer given to two significant figures accept 11.7 with no working for the two calculation marks | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | AO2 |
| 01.5 | measured value is more than calculated value because card may not have fallen completely vertically and so distance travelled is actually greater than 30 cm |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.5 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 02.1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { walking }-1.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} \\ & \text { cycling }-6 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO1} \\ 4.5 .6 .1 .2 \end{gathered}$ |


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| 02.2 | distance $=$ speed $\times$ time |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ 4.5 .6 .1 .2 \end{gathered}$ |
| 02.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 1500=1.5 \times \text { time } \\ & \text { time } A=\frac{1500}{1.5} \\ & =1000 \mathrm{~s} \\ & \text { time } B=\frac{1500}{6}=250 \mathrm{~s} \\ & \text { difference }=1000-250=750 \mathrm{~s} \\ & =12.5 \text { minutes } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO1} \\ \mathrm{AO2} \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 02.4 | $\text { average speed }=\frac{\text { total distance }}{\text { total time }}$ <br> you do not need to travel at the fastest speed for the whole time |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 03.1 | plots are: $(0,0),(2,2),(4,5),(6,8),(8,14),(10,20),(12,22)$ curved line of best fit | two points for points plotted correctly | 2 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ 4.5 .6 .1 .4 \end{gathered}$ |
| 03.2 | evidence of tangent drawn at 4 seconds calculation of change in distance/change in time $\begin{aligned} & =\frac{8-2}{6-2} \\ & =1.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} \end{aligned}$ | accept values from one or two $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ 4.5 .6 .1 .4 \end{gathered}$ |
| 03.3 | the student moves with a steady speed higher than $1.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ for about 4 seconds then slows down |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ 4.5 .6 .1 .4 \end{gathered}$ |

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| 04.1 | car A the gradient of the line is greatest/steepest line |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ \mathrm{AO3} \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.2 | car C <br> the line is horizontal between four and seven minutes |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ \mathrm{AO} 3 \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.3 | car C <br> the line is curved/not a straight line/not a constant gradient a slope after seven minutes |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ \mathrm{AO3} \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.4 | car A <br> it travelled the same distance in the shortest time |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO2 } \\ \text { AO3 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.5 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { correct time }=4 \text { minutes }=240 \text { seconds, } \\ & \text { correct distance }=7.5 \mathrm{~km}=7500 \mathrm{~m} \\ & \text { distance }=\text { speed } \times \text { time } \\ & 7500=\text { speed } \times 240 \\ & \text { speed }=\frac{7500}{240} \\ & =31(31.25 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}) \end{aligned}$ | reading values off graph and converting | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 05.1 | it is possible to find the velocity at a range of different times/lots of times, compared to light gates which measure two velocities |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.5 } \end{gathered}$ |

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| 05.2 | $A B$ shows decreasing acceleration <br> $B C$ shows constant acceleration <br> CD shows zero acceleration/constant speed/constant velocity |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.5 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 05.3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { initial (greatest acceleration) }=\frac{\text { change in velocity }}{\text { time taken }} \\ & =\frac{0.5-0}{0.2} \\ & =2.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2} . \end{aligned}$ | accept 2.5 with no working for the two calculation marks | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.5 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 05.4 | ```distance travelled = area under the graph by counting squares one square =0.5 < 0.5 = 0.25 m number of squares=38 total distance = 38\times0.25=9.5 m``` | allow answers between nine and ten $m$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.5 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 06 | Level 3: Well organized answer with descriptions of reasons for calculations. Appropriate units given in all calculations. At least one assumption with effect on calculation given. |  | 5-6 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AO1 } \\ & \text { AO2 } \\ & \text { AO3 } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Level 2: Some relevant calculations, and difference in time calculated, but unit conversions missing or unhelpful. Some comment about speeds not being constant. |  | 3-4 | 4.5.61.2 |
|  | Level 1: Some relevant calculations completed, but unit conversions may be missing, and no explanation of method. No comment about assumptions. |  | 1-2 |  |
|  | No relevant comment. |  | 0 |  |


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|  | Indicative content: <br> $>$ suitable value for typical speeds: <br> $>$ car -50 mph <br> $>$ distance $=$ speed $\times$ time <br> $>20$ miles $=50 \mathrm{mph} \times$ time <br> $>$ time $=\frac{20}{50}=\frac{2}{5}$ hour $=2 \times \frac{60}{5}=24$ minutes <br> $>$ bicycle -15 mph <br> $>$ method as above: 80 minutes <br> $>$ you arrive 80-24 = 56 minutes earlier <br> $>$ train -80 mph <br> $>$ method as above: 15 minutes <br> $>$ assuming he travels at that speed for the entirety of the journey <br> $>$ he will not do this, if faster than assumed speed he will arrive quicker and if slower journey times would be longer <br> $>$ for most journeys there are multiple parts travelling at different speeds <br> $>$ train has ignored the time taken to get to and from the station, this should be added on | allow suitable values for typical speeds in $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}$ and times calculated with distance of 20 miles converted to metres |  |  |
| 07.1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { distance travelled }=2 \times 20200000=40400000 \\ & \text { distance }=\text { speed } \times \text { time } \\ & 40400000=300000000 \times \text { time } \\ & \text { time }=\frac{40400000}{300000000} \\ & =0.13 \mathrm{~s} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.2 } \end{gathered}$ |


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| 07.2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { convert } 55 \mathrm{mph} \text { to } \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}: 55 \mathrm{mph}=55 \times \frac{1609}{3600} \\ & =24.6 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}(25 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}) \\ & \text { distance }=\mathrm{speed} \times \text { time } \\ & =24.6 \times 0.13 \\ & =3.20 \mathrm{~m}(\text { if } 25 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} \text { and } 0.1 \mathrm{~s} \text { used, then } 3.3 \mathrm{~m} \text { ) } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 07.3 | systematic the same time difference is introduced each time (though the distance will depend on the speed that distance is predictable) |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | AO3 |
| 07.4 | work out two positions <br> work out the time (between the two positions) <br> finds the distance between the two positions and the time to work out the speed |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO3} \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.3 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 07.5 | (the satellite is moving at a constant speed but) its direction is constantly changing its velocity is constantly changing, (so it is accelerating) |  | 1 <br> 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO3} \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.3 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 08.1 | gravity |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.5.1.3 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 08.2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { weight }=\text { mass } \times \text { gravitational field strength } \\ & =10 \times 10^{3} \times 9.8 \\ & =9.8 \times 10^{4}(\mathrm{~N}) \text { or } 98000(\mathrm{~N}) \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ 4.5 .1 .3 \end{gathered}$ |

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| 08.3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { work done }=\text { force } \times \text { distance } \\ & =9.8 \times 10^{4} \times 2 \\ & =1.96 \times 10^{5}(\mathrm{~J}) \end{aligned}$ | accept $2.0 \times 10^{5}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | AO1 <br> AO2 <br> 4.5.2 |
| 08.4 | draw two arrows at 90 degrees one arrow along the slope and one perpendicular to the slope use the parallelogram rule to work out the length |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.5.1.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 08.5 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { force needed to pull block up slope }=3000+49000=52000 \mathrm{~N} \\ & \text { distance }=4 \mathrm{~m} \\ & \text { work }=\text { force } x \text { distance } \\ & =52000 \times 4 \\ & =208000 \mathrm{~J} \end{aligned}$ | resultant | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AO1 } \\ & \text { AO2 } \\ & 4.5 .2 \end{aligned}$ |
| 08.6 | the force needed along the slope is smaller than lifting it vertically against gravity | do not accept 'easier' without some reference to the size of the force | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ & 4.5 .2 \end{aligned}$ |
| 09.1 | the point at $4.2 \mathrm{~cm} / 4.4 \mathrm{~N}$ |  | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AO3 } \\ & 4.5 .3 \end{aligned}$ |
| 09.2 | force $=$ spring constant $\times$ extension |  | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AO1 } \\ & \text { 4.5.3 } \end{aligned}$ |

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| 09.3 | use of initial linear section of the graph/line of best fit (ignoring outlier) $1.0 \mathrm{~N}=$ spring constant $\times 0.011$ <br> spring constant $=\frac{1.0}{0.011}$ $=90 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}(\text { or } 0.8 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{cm})$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AO2 } \\ & 4.5 .3 \end{aligned}$ |
| 09.4 | that is where the line starts to curve/bend/is no longer a straight line/as $F$ is no longer proportional to e |  | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AO1 } \\ & 4.5 .3 \end{aligned}$ |
| 10.1 | $\text { acceleration }=\frac{\text { final velocity-initial velocity }}{\text { time }}$ | allow $a=\frac{v-u}{t}$ or acceleration = changeinvelocity time | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.5 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 10.2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { acceleration }=\frac{7.12-1.12}{1.25} \\ & =4.8 \\ & \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2} \end{aligned}$ | accept 4.8 with no working for two calculation marks | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ 4.5 .6 .1 .5 \end{gathered}$ |
| 10.3 | the acceleration due to gravity $9.8 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$ ratio $=4.8: 9.8=1: 2$ (2.04) | accept 2:1 with reverse working shown | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.5 } \end{gathered}$ |

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| 10.4 | one mark for two straight lines with correct overall shape not starting at origin <br> one mark for a longer time decelerating than accelerating one mark for steeper line accelerating than decelerating two from: <br> - the acceleration of the trolley down the ramp is bigger than the deceleration, (because the change in velocity takes a longer time) <br> - the gradient when accelerating is larger than decelerating <br> - the acceleration part shows a positive gradient, and the deceleration shows a negative gradient | one mark for two straight lines with correct overall shape not starting at origin one mark for a longer time decelerating than accelerating one mark for steeper line accelerating than decelerating | 3 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ \mathrm{AO} \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.5 } \end{gathered}$ |

