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| 01.1 | Factor | Affects thinking distance | Affects braking distance | one mark for each correct column | 2 | AO1AO24.5 .6 .3 .14.5 .6 .3 .24.5 .6 .3 .3 |
|  | road conditions |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |
|  | distractions in the car | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | speed | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |
| 01.2 | appropriate example e.g., tiredness if you are tired your reaction time is greater the thinking distance will increase |  |  | accept other examples e.g., drugs/alcohol | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO1} \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| 01.3 | appropriate example e.g., icy road conditions will increase the braking distance the stopping distance $=$ the thinking distance + the braking distance the stopping distance will increase |  |  |  |  | 1 1 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ 4.5 .6 .3 .1 \\ 4.5 .6 .3 .3 \end{gathered}$ |
| 02.1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { thinking distance }=\text { speed } \times \text { reaction time } \\ & =13.4 \times 0.67=8.978 \mathrm{~m} \\ & =9.0 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ |  |  | answer given to two significant figures | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ 4.5 .6 .3 .2 \end{gathered}$ |
| 02.2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { stopping distance }=13.9 \mathrm{~m}+8.978 \mathrm{~m}=22.878 \mathrm{~m} \\ & =23 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ |  |  | answer given to two significant figures | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ 4.5 .6 .3 .1 \end{gathered}$ |

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| 02.3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { thinking distance at } 50 \mathrm{mph}=\text { thinking distance at } 30 \mathrm{mph} \times \frac{50}{30}=9.00 \times \frac{50}{30} \\ & =15 \mathrm{~m} \\ & \text { the distance is proportional to the speed } \\ & \text { if the reaction time is constant } \end{aligned}$ | accept working out thinking distance using equation | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | AO2 AO3 4.5.6.3.1 4.5 .6 .3 .2 4.5 .6 .3 .3 |
| 02.4 | braking distance $=$ stopping distance - thinking distance ( $=53.0-15$ ) $=38 \mathrm{~m}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | AO2 4.5.6.3.1 4.5.6.3.2 4.5 .6 .3 .3 |
| 03.1 | independent - type of surface dependent - distance it travels on the surface before stopping control - any two from: <br> - height of ramp <br> - position of release of trolley <br> - type of trolley/mass of trolley | one mark for each correct point up to a maximum of two marks | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | AO2 |

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| 03.2 | method e.g., <br> - raise one end of the ramp by a height $h$ <br> - cover the floor at the other end of the ramp with a type of surface <br> - place a trolley at the top of a ramp and releases it <br> - measure the distance the trolley travels from the bottom of the ramp to the place that it stops <br> - repeat the experiment twice more with the same surface <br> - replace the surface with a different material and repeat the experiment with ramp at same height h <br> - identify outliers; do not include them in the calculation of mean |  | $\max 5$ | AO1 |
| 03.3 | appropriate example with improvement e.g., releasing the trolley from exactly the same place each time improvement: draw a line on the ramp and line up the back of the trolley with the line each time | or leaving ramp - make transition as smooth as possible by making sure the surface is at the same height as the bottom of the ramp | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | AO3 |
| 03.4 | this is a good model because different surfaces will affect the stopping distance difference surfaces produce different frictional forces on the trolley, so do different amounts of work on it. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ \mathrm{AO} \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 03.5 | the investigation does not involve braking because the trolley does not have brakes | or no thinking distance can be included as no 'brain' in the trolley | 1 <br> 1 | AO3 |

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| 04.1 | as distance increases, the reaction time increases at a decreasing rate / they are not directly proportional if you have a longer reaction time the ruler will fall further |  | 1 <br> 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ \mathrm{AO3} \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.2 | 0.23 s | accept $0.22-0.24$ | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.3 | yes typical reaction times range from $0.2-0.9 \mathrm{~s}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ 4.5 .6 .3 .2 \end{gathered}$ |
| 04.4 | appropriate example e.g., the partner holds the ruler a big distance above the student's hand the distance it falls will be larger than it should be the reaction time will be smaller than it actually is as they are no longer proportional |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO3} \\ 4.5 .6 .3 .2 \end{gathered}$ |
| 05.1 | the data is checked by other scientists peer review |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | AO1 |
| 05.2 | force is measured in newtons/kilograms or tonnes are both a unit of mass, not force |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ 4.5 .1 .3 \end{gathered}$ |
| 05.3 | weight $=$ mass $\times$ gravitational field strength | allow $\mathrm{W}=\mathrm{mg}$ | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ 4.5 .1 .3 \end{gathered}$ |
| 05.4 | $\begin{aligned} & W=1000 \times 9.8 \\ & =9800 \mathrm{~N} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ 4.5 .1 .3 \end{gathered}$ |
| 05.5 | people (without a science background) reading the article may be able to relate better to tonnes than to newtons. |  | 1 | AO3 |

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| 05.6 | ```momentum = mass }\times\mathrm{ velocity acceleration = change in velocity velocity = acceleration x time = 9.8 x 2.5 = 24.5 m/s momentum = 2.5 }\times24. = 61.3 kg m/s``` | $\begin{aligned} & \text { or } \mathrm{Ft}=\mathrm{mv}-\mathrm{mu} \\ & 2.5 \times 9.8 \times 2.5=\mathrm{mv}-0 \\ & \mathrm{mv}=61.25 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AO1 } \\ & \text { AO2 } \end{aligned}$ |
| 06.1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { momentum }=\text { mass } \times \text { velocity } \\ & =65 \times 5 \\ & =325 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.5.7.1 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 06.2 | momentum is conserved the mass of the two skaters together after the collision is bigger than the mass of the single skater before the collision so the velocity of the two people together will be less than $5.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ assuming the system is closed/there are no external forces acting |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ 4.5 .7 .1 \end{gathered}$ |
| 06.3 | momentum before $=$ momentum after $325=(65+85) \times$ velocity afterwards $\begin{aligned} & \text { velocity afterwards }=\frac{325}{65+85} \\ & =2.17 / 2.2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ 4.5 .7 .1 \end{gathered}$ |
| 06.4 | the barrier exerts an external force the system is not closed |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO1} \\ \mathrm{AO2} \\ 4.5 .7 .1 \end{gathered}$ |

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| 07.1 | $\begin{aligned} & 70 \text { miles }=70 \times 1609 \mathrm{~m}=112630 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 1 \text { hour }=3600 \mathrm{~s} \\ & \text { speed }=\frac{112630}{3600} \\ & =31(.3) \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ 4.5 .6 .1 .2 \end{gathered}$ |
| 07.2 | keep the cars far enough apart/a big distance apart so that the driver can brake in time/the distance is bigger than the stopping distance |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} \\ 4.5 .6 .3 .1 \\ 4.5 .6 .3 .2 \end{gathered}$ |
| 07.3 | ```thinking distance = stopping distance - braking distance = 96-75 = 21 m distance = speed }\times\mathrm{ time 21=31.3 x time time = 21 =0.67s``` |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | AO1 AO2 4.5.6.3.1 4.5 .6 .3 .2 |
| 07.4 | the distance is half the stopping distance |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.1 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 07.5 | correct suggestion e.g., <br> the driver will start to brake when they see the brake lights of the car in front during that time the car in front is also coming to a stop <br> or <br> to see 2 chevrons, the cars need to be 3 chevrons apart <br> so 120 m , not 80 m |  | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ 1 \\ \text { or } \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.1 } \end{gathered}$ |

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| 08.1 | graph B <br> in an emergency stop the driver presses the brake pedal harder/uses a bigger force <br> producing a bigger deceleration <br> at every speed the braking distance is shorter |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ \mathrm{AO} \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.3 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 08.2 | appropriate suggestion e.g., internal organs can be damaged/the organs of your body continue to move | or extra friction on/damage to the tyres | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 08.3 | no difference/it is the same at a particular speed thinking distance is related to reaction time, which is the same in both situations at the same speed |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.1 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 09.1 | texting and conversation increase your reaction time conversation by up to 1.9 and texting by up to three times as long which increases your thinking distance/stopping distance causing more accidents |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO3} \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 09.2 | ```thinking distance = speed }\times\mathrm{ reaction time with no phone: = 13.4 \times 1.00=13.4 m complex conversation: = 13.4 \times 1.80=24.12 m difference = 24.12-13.4=10.7 m``` |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ 4.5 .6 .3 .2 \end{gathered}$ |

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| 09.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 24.12 \mathrm{~m}=\text { speed } \times 1.00 \mathrm{~s} \\ & \text { speed }=\frac{24.12}{1.00} \\ & =24.12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} \\ & 24.12 \times \frac{30}{13.4}=54 \mathrm{mph} \end{aligned}$ <br> having a conversation has the effect of nearly doubling the effective speed of the car in terms of thinking distance. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ \mathrm{AO} \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 10.1 | force $=$ spring constant $\times$ extension |  | 1 | A01 |
| 10.2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { extension }=1.25-1.00=0.25 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 100=\text { spring constant } \times 0.25 \\ & \text { spring constant }=\frac{100}{0.25} \\ & =400 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | AO2 |
| 10.3 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{L}_{2}+\mathrm{d} \\ & =1.25+0.5 \\ & =1.75 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | AO3 |
| 11.1 | maximum force with airbag $=800 \mathrm{~N}$ <br> maximum force without airbag $=4750 \mathrm{~N}$ <br> ratio of forces $=\frac{4750}{800}=5.9$ <br> the force without an airbag is nearly 6 times the force with an air bag | readings from graph | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ \mathrm{AO} 3 \\ \text { 4.5.7.3 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 11.2 | estimate between 500 N and 800 N |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO3 } \\ 4.5 .7 .3 \end{gathered}$ |

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| 11.3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { force }=\frac{\text { change in momentum }}{\text { time }} \\ & \text { momentum }=\text { mass } \times \text { velocity } \\ & \text { force }=\frac{\text { mass } \times \text { change in velocity }}{\text { time }} \\ & 750 \mathrm{~ms}=750 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{~s} \\ & 750=\frac{60 \times \text { change in velocity }}{750 \times 10^{-3}} \\ & \text { change in velocity }=\frac{750}{60} \times 750 \times 10^{-3} \\ & =9.4 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} \\ & \text { final velocity }=0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}, \text { so initial velocity }=9.4 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} \end{aligned}$ |  | 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 1 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ 4.5 .7 .3 \end{gathered}$ |
| 11.4 | the acceleration is less/change in velocity happens over a longer time the force required is much smaller for the same change in momentum |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.5.7.3 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 12.1 | work is done by friction/energy transferred mechanically |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 12.2 | the brakes/the surroundings |  | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.4 } \end{gathered}$ |

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| 12.3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { deceleration }=\frac{\text { change in speed }}{\text { time taken }} \\ & =\frac{20}{4.3} \\ & =4.7 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2} \end{aligned}$ <br> assuming the acceleration is constant the acceleration is probably not constant because the brakes do not exert a constant force |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 1 \\ \mathrm{AO2} \\ \mathrm{AO3} \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 12.4 | braking force $=$ mass $\times$ deceleration $\begin{aligned} & =1250 \times 4.7 \\ & =5875(=5900 \mathrm{~N}) \end{aligned}$ <br> this is similar to the forces exerted by car engines | accept $\mathrm{F}=\mathrm{ma}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO2} \\ \text { 4.5.6.3.4 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 13.1 | weight $=$ mass $\times$ gravitational field strength $\begin{aligned} & =1 \times 9.8 \\ & =9.8 \mathrm{~N} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.5.1.3 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 13.2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { work }=\text { force } \times \text { distance } \\ & =9.8 \mathrm{~N} \times 1 \mathrm{~m} \\ & =9.8 \mathrm{~J} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AO1 } \\ & \text { AO2 } \\ & 4.5 .2 \end{aligned}$ |
| 13.3 | 9.8 N | allow error carried forward | 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AO} 2 \\ \text { 4.5.1.3 } \end{gathered}$ |

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| 14.1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { kinetic energy }=0.5 \times \text { mass }_{\times} \text {speed }^{2} \\ & =0.5 \times 1500 \times 13.4^{2} \\ & =134670 \\ & =1.35 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{~J} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.1.1.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 14.2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { work done }=\text { force } \times \text { distance } \\ & 1.35 \times 10^{5}=10000 \times \text { distance } \\ & \text { distance }=\frac{1.35 \times 10^{5}}{10000} \\ & =13.5 \mathrm{~m} \\ & \text { difference }=13.5-9.4=4.1 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO1 } \\ \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.5.2 } \\ \text { 4.1.1.2 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 14.3 | $\begin{aligned} & (\text { final velocity })^{2}-(\text { initial velocity })^{2}=2 \times \text { acceleration } \times \text { distance } \\ & \text { final velocity }=\sqrt{(2 \times \text { acceleraton } \times \text { distance })+(\text { initialvelocity })^{2}} \\ & \text { final velocity }=\sqrt{(2 \times(-6.7) \times 9.4)+13.4^{2}} \\ & \text { final velocity }=7.32 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} \\ & =7.32 \times \frac{3600}{1609} \\ & =16.4 \mathrm{mph} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AO2 } \\ \text { 4.5.6.1.5 } \end{gathered}$ |
| 14.4 | sensible suggestion with reason e.g., <br> approach two <br> because people can relate to the fact that the car will still be moving, so will cause injury to a person that they hit at that speed. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | AO3 |

