

10 The Shanghai Maglev Train is the first commercially operated high-speed magnetic levitation train in the world, connecting the airport and central Shanghai.

- (a) The total distance travelled is 29.9 km and the total journey time is 440 s. The train starts from rest and reaches a speed of 97 m s^{-1} in 120 s.

(i) Calculate the average acceleration of the train during the first 120 s.

(2)

Average acceleration of train =

- (ii) Calculate the average speed of the train for the period following the 120 s acceleration.

(3)

Average speed of train =

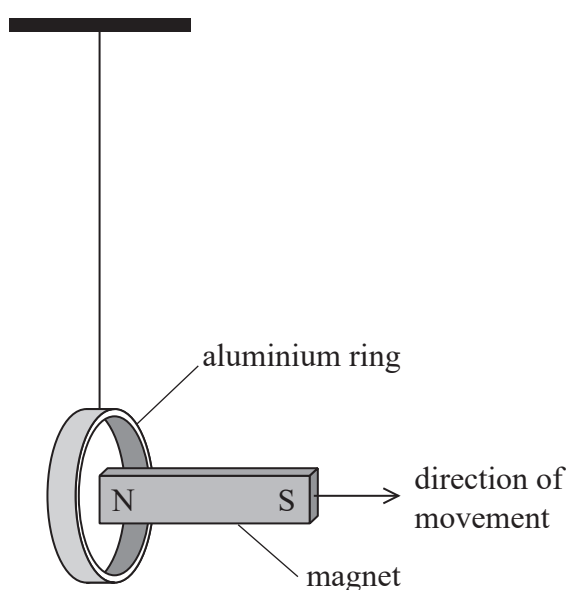
- (b) Electromagnetic forces enable the train to levitate above a steel rail.

Explain why magnetic levitation is an advantage for a high-speed transport system.

(2)

- *(c) A linear induction motor provides the force to accelerate the train forwards. A current flows in sequence through coils of wire mounted in the track. The train is dragged along as the magnetic field progresses along the coils of wire in the track. This is similar to moving a permanent magnetic field away from a conductor.

A teacher demonstrates this effect by quickly removing one end of a bar magnet from a suspended aluminium ring.



When the magnet is removed from the ring, the ring moves in the same direction as the magnet.

Explain, using the laws of electromagnetic induction, why the ring moves in the direction of the magnet.

(6)