

17 A small sphere is moving horizontally through a viscous liquid.

(a) Stokes' law can be used to calculate the drag force on an object.

State the conditions that must apply for Stokes' law to be valid.

(2)

(b) There is a constant force of $2.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N}$ acting horizontally on the sphere.

diameter of sphere = $4.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$

viscosity of liquid = $7.1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Pa s}$

(i) At one instant, the speed of the sphere is $5.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m s}^{-1}$.

Calculate the resultant horizontal force on the sphere.

(3)

Resultant horizontal force =

(ii) Calculate the maximum speed of the sphere in the horizontal direction.

(2)

Maximum horizontal speed =



- (c) A larger diameter sphere in the same liquid is acted upon by the same constant force as in (b). The liquid is at a lower temperature.

Explain the effect these changes have on the maximum speed of this sphere.

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(Total for Question 17 = 11 marks)