

Physics  
Horizontal Launch Projectiles,  
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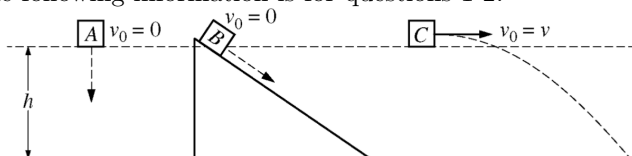
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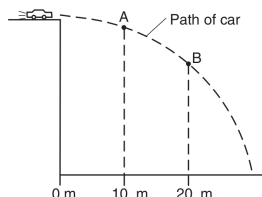
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  - Block C
  - All three blocks reach the ground at the same time.
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- The figure below shows the path of a stunt-car as it drives off a cliff. Compared to the horizontal component of the car's velocity at point A, the horizontal component of the car's velocity at point B is -



- Greater
- Smaller
- The Same
- it cannot be determined without knowing the car's initial velocity.
- It cannot be determined without knowing the car's vertical velocity at either A or B.

Section 2. Multiple Correct Multiple Choice

For the following question, **choose two** correct answers. No credit will be given for incorrect or partially correct answers. Mark **both** answers clearly.

- When a projectile is launched horizontally, which of the following statements are true?
  - The vertical acceleration is equal to  $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$
  - The initial horizontal velocity is zero.
  - The initial vertical velocity is zero.
  - The horizontal final velocity is equal to the vertical acceleration.

### Section 3. Free Response

5. An accident investigator finds that a car has driven off the edge of Scenic Drive and off of a cliff. The investigator is given the task of determining whether the car was driving faster than the speed limit, which was 20 mph (8.9408 m/s) in that area. He may make any measurements that he needs.

- (a) In a clear, concise paragraph describe the process that the investigator should use to determine the initial speed of the car, and any measurements he should make.

- (b) The investigator measures that the cliff is 52 meters high, and the car landed 37 meters from the cliff. Complete the following table:

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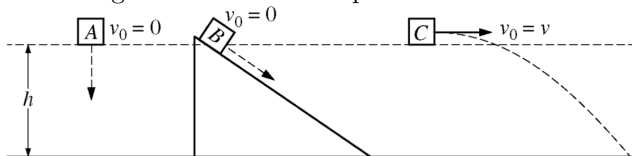
- (c) Determine the angle of impact of the car.

- (d) Was the car speeding?

# Answer Key for Exam A

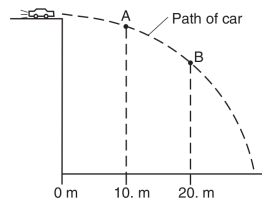
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