

Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.

- 1 (a)** The drag force  $F_D$  acting on a sphere moving through a fluid is given by the expression

$$F_D = K\rho v^2$$

where  $K$  is a constant,  
 $\rho$  is the density of the fluid  
and  $v$  is the speed of the sphere.

Determine the SI base units of  $K$ .

base units ..... [3]

- (b)** A ball of weight 1.5 N falls vertically from rest in air. The drag force  $F_D$  acting on the ball is given by the expression in **(a)**. The ball reaches a constant (terminal) speed of  $33\text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

Assume that the upthrust acting on the ball is negligible and that the density of the air is uniform.

For the instant when the ball is travelling at a speed of  $25\text{ ms}^{-1}$ , determine

- (i)** the drag force  $F_D$  on the ball,

$F_D = \dots$  N [2]

- (ii)** the acceleration of the ball.

acceleration = .....  $\text{ms}^{-2}$  [2]

- (c) Describe the acceleration of the ball in (b) as its speed changes from zero to  $33\text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

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