

- 1 (a) Define acceleration.

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- (b) A rocket is launched vertically from the surface of the Earth.

Fig. 1.1 shows the variation of the velocity of the rocket with time for the first 20 s after its launch.

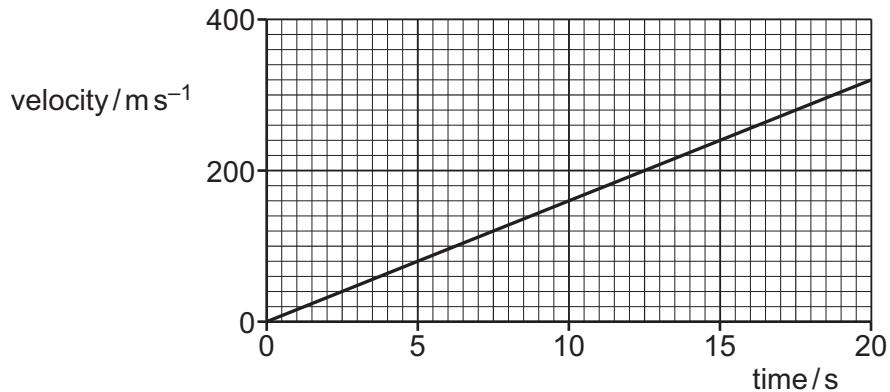


Fig. 1.1

- (i) Determine the acceleration of the rocket.

acceleration = ms^{-2} [1]

- (ii) Show that the height of the rocket above the surface of the Earth at a time of 20 s after launch is 3.2 km.

[2]



- (c) The mass of the rocket in (b) is $2.9 \times 10^6 \text{ kg}$. Assume that this mass remains constant.

For this rocket, from launch to its height at a time of 20 s after launch:

- (i) calculate the gain in gravitational potential energy ΔE_P

$$\Delta E_P = \dots \text{ J} [2]$$

- (ii) calculate the gain in kinetic energy ΔE_K

$$\Delta E_K = \dots \text{ J} [2]$$

- (iii) determine the average power output of the rocket engines. Assume that resistive forces are negligible.

$$\text{power} = \dots \text{ W} [2]$$

[Total: 10]