

- 1 An experiment to determine the acceleration of free fall  $g$  is conducted by projecting a stone with speed  $u$  at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal. The horizontal distance  $R$  travelled by the stone when it returns to the level of projection is measured. Air resistance is negligible.

- (a) In determining the speed of the stone, a student defines speed as “distance travelled per second”.

Explain why this definition is incorrect.

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- (b) By expressing the time of flight of the stone  $T$  in terms of  $g$ ,  $u$  and  $\theta$ , show that  $R$  is given by the expression

$$R = \frac{2u^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{g}$$

[Three m]

(c) The expression in (b) can be written as

$$R = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\theta}{g}$$

The experiment is conducted to obtain the maximum range  $R_0$ .

State the value of  $\theta$  to obtain  $R_0$ .

$$\theta = \dots \text{ } ^\circ [1]$$

- (d) The values of  $u$  and  $R_0$  are  $45.36 \text{ km h}^{-1}$  and  $16.3 \text{ m}$ , with percentage uncertainties of 3% and 4% respectively.

Calculate the value of  $g$  and present the answer together with its uncertainty.

$$g = \dots \pm \dots \text{ m s}^{-2} [4]$$

[Total: 10]

