

Class 11th Physics Test Paper  
Chapter: Motion in a Straight Line

Time: 1 Hour

M.M : 20

Section A - (1 mark each)

1. Define displacement and explain with an example how its magnitude can be less than the distance travelled.
2. A particle moves along the x-axis. Its position at time  $t$  is given by  $x(t) = 4t^2 - 2t + 3$ .  
Find its instantaneous velocity at  $t = 2$  s.
3. A particle is thrown vertically upward with a velocity  $u$ . Write the expression for the time taken to reach the highest point and derive it.
4. Under what conditions will the average velocity of a particle be zero over a time interval, even if the particle has non-zero speed throughout? Illustrate with an example.
5. A car is moving with uniform acceleration. Its velocity-time graph is a straight line inclined to the time axis. What does the area under this line represent? How can it be used to calculate displacement?
6. Write the equations of motion for a freely falling body using the sign convention.

Section B - (2 marks each)

7. Define instantaneous acceleration. How is it different from average acceleration? Illustrate with suitable graphs or examples.
8. A car travels the first half of a distance with a uniform speed of 60 km/h, and the second half with a uniform speed of 40 km/h. Find the average speed of the car over the entire journey.
9. A particle is moving in a straight line with a velocity given by  
$$v(t) = 3t^2 + 2t + 1 \text{ m/s.}$$

Find the displacement of the particle between  $t = 1$  s and  $t = 2$  s

Section C - (3 marks each)

10. From the top of a tower of 100m height, a ball is dropped and

at the same time another ball is projected vertically upwards from the ground with a velocity of  $25\text{ms}^{-1}$ . Find when and where the two balls will meet. Take  $g = 9.8\text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

11. A train starting from rest accelerates uniformly at  $2\text{ m/s}^2$  for 10 seconds. It then moves at constant speed for 20 seconds and finally decelerates at  $1\text{ m/s}^2$  to come to rest.

Find the total distance covered by the train during this entire journey.

Section D - Long Answer Type Questions (3 marks each)

12. Derive all three equations of motion using the calculus method. Also explain the physical significance of the slope of a velocity-time graph.

13. Derive all three equations of motion using the graphical method. Mention all assumptions and show clear labelled diagrams.

Answers:

Section A – (1 mark each)

1. Displacement is the shortest distance from initial to final position with direction.

Example: If a person walks 10 m east and then 10 m west, total distance = 20 m, but displacement = 0.

2. Given:  $x(t) = 4t^2 - 2t + 3$

Instantaneous velocity  $v = dx/dt = 8t - 2$

At  $t = 2\text{ s}$ ,  $v = 8(2) - 2 = 16 - 2 = 14\text{ m/s}$

3. At highest point, final velocity  $v = 0$ .

Using  $v = u - gt$ , we get  $0 = u - gt \rightarrow t = u/g$

4. Average velocity is zero when total displacement is zero.

Example: If a ball is thrown up and returns to the starting point, net displacement = 0, so average velocity = 0.

5. The area under a velocity-time graph represents displacement.

For uniformly accelerated motion, the area under the v-t line (a trapezium or triangle) equals displacement.

6. Equations of motion for freely falling body (taking downward as positive):

$$v = u + gt$$

$$h = ut + (1/2)gt^2$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2gh$$

Section B – (2 marks each)

7. Average acceleration = (change in velocity)/(time interval) =  $\Delta v / \Delta t$

Instantaneous acceleration = limit of Av. acceleration as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ , or  $a = dv/dt$

Graphically, instantaneous acceleration is the slope of velocity-time curve at a point.

8. Let total distance = 2d.

Time for first half =  $d / 60$

Time for second half =  $d / 40$

Total time =  $(d/60 + d/40) = (2d + 3d)/120 = 5d/120$

Average speed = total distance / total time =  $2d / (5d/120) = (2 * 120)/5 = 48 \text{ km/h}$

9.  $v(t) = 3t^2 + 2t + 1$

Displacement =  $\int v(t) dt$  from  $t = 1$  to 2

$$= \int (3t^2 + 2t + 1) dt = [t^3 + t^2 + t] \text{ from } 1 \text{ to } 2$$

$$= (8 + 4 + 2) - (1 + 1 + 1) = 14 - 3 = 9 \text{ meters}$$

Section C – (3 marks each)

10. Let A be the top of a tower and B be its foot. Two balls meet at point C after time t seconds. Let AC = x, so BC = 100 - x.

For the ball dropped from top (A to C):

Initial velocity  $u = 0$ , acceleration  $a = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ , displacement = x, time = t

Using equation:  $S = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.8 \times t^2 = 4.9t^2 \dots(i)$$

For the ball thrown upward from bottom (B to C):

Initial velocity  $u = 25 \text{ m/s}$ , acceleration  $a = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ ,

displacement =  $100 - x$ , time =  $t$

Using equation:  $S = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$$\Rightarrow 100 - x = 25t + \frac{1}{2}(-9.8)t^2 = 25t - 4.9t^2 \dots(ii)$$

Adding (i) and (ii):

$$x + (100 - x) = 4.9t^2 + (25t - 4.9t^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 = 25t \Rightarrow t = 4 \text{ s}$$

Putting  $t = 4$  in (i):

$$x = 4.9 \times 16 = 78.4 \text{ m}$$

Final Answer: The two balls meet after 4 seconds at a distance of 78.4 m below the top of the tower.

11. Phase 1 (acceleration):  $u = 0$ ,  $a = 2 \text{ m/s}^2$ ,  $t = 10 \text{ s}$

$$v = u + at = 0 + 2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ m/s}$$

$$s_1 = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 = 0 + \frac{1}{2}(2)(100) = 100 \text{ m}$$

Phase 2 (constant speed):  $v = 20 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $t = 20 \text{ s}$

$$s_2 = vt = 20 \times 20 = 400 \text{ m}$$

Phase 3 (deceleration):  $u = 20 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $v = 0$ ,  $a = -1 \text{ m/s}^2$

$$\text{Using } v^2 = u^2 + 2as \rightarrow 0 = 400 + 2(-1)s \rightarrow s_3 = 200 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Total distance} = s_1 + s_2 + s_3 = 100 + 400 + 200 = 700 \text{ m}$$