AQA GCSE Combined Science - Trilogy | 8464

SPECIFICATION POINT 6.5.4.3.3

Factors affecting braking distance 1

Past-paper questions

Tier	**Foundation**
Question groups	**6**
Available paper years	**2018–2025**

Using this booklet

1. Answer the questions in order and show your working.
2. Original question numbers and marks are retained.
3. Print at actual size (100%) for measuring questions.
4. Use the companion answer booklet to check your work.

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Question 01

June 2018 | 8464/P/2F | Original Q6

0 6 **Figure 10** shows a lorry.

Figure 10



0 6 . 1 The brakes of the lorry are in a poor condition.

What effect will the condition of the brakes have on thinking distance and the braking distance of the lorry?

[2 marks]

Thinking distance _____

_____

Braking distance _____

_____

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Question 01 · continued

0 6 . 2 Using a hand-held mobile phone while driving is illegal in the United Kingdom.

Table 1 shows the effect of using a mobile phone on thinking distance.

Table 1

	Thinking distance
Not using a mobile phone	19 m
Using a mobile phone with hands-free kit	23 m
Using a hand-held mobile phone	27 m

Explain why driving while using a hand-held mobile phone is more dangerous than using a mobile phone with a hands-free kit.

Use data from **Table 1**

[4 marks]

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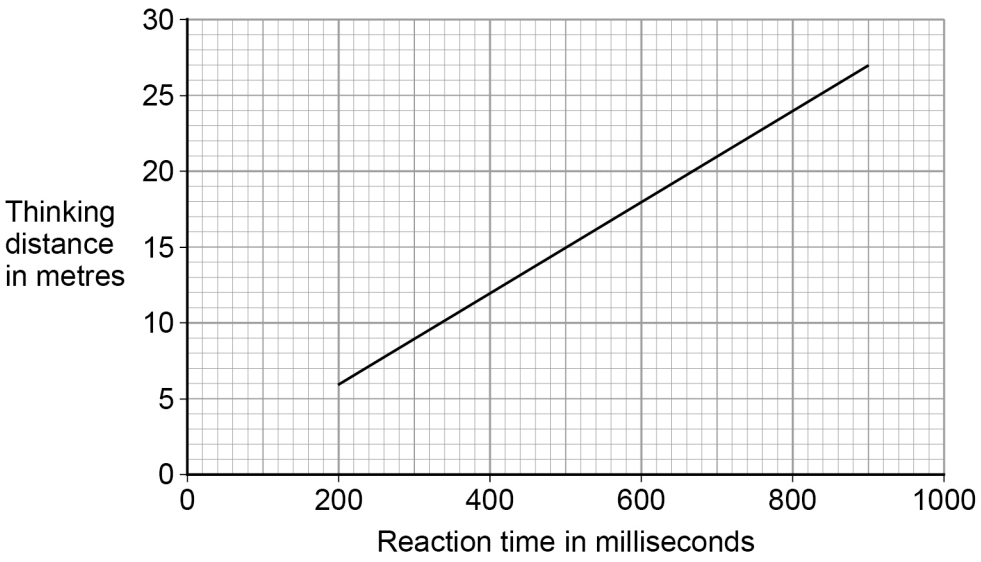
Question 02

June 2019 | 8464/P/2F | Original Q4

0 4 The thinking distance of a car depends on the reaction time of the driver.

Figure 6 shows how thinking distance varies with reaction time for a car travelling at 30 m/s

Figure 6



0 4 . 1 The reaction time of a driver can double if the driver is distracted.

Explain the effect doubling the reaction time has on the thinking distance.

Use data from **Figure 6**.

[2 marks]

0 4 . 2 Give the reason why there are no values of thinking distance for reaction times less than 200 milliseconds.

[1 mark]

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Question 02 · continued

A driver measured her reaction time using an online test. She did the test five times.

Table 2 shows the results.

Table 2

Reaction time in milliseconds				
258	265	302	248	327

0 4 . 3 How does the data in **Table 2** show that it was important that the driver did the test five times?

[1 mark]

0 4 . 4 Calculate the mean reaction time of the driver.

[2 marks]

Mean reaction time = _____ ms

0 4 . 5 The driver is driving her car at 30 m/s

Determine the thinking distance.

Use **Figure 6** and your answer from Question **04.4**

[1 mark]

Thinking distance = _____ m

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Question 02 · continued

0 4 . 6 The driver applies the brakes and the car comes to a stop.

The force exerted by the brakes affects the braking distance.

Give **two** other factors that affect the braking distance.

[2 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

0 4 . 7 Write down the equation that links distance, force and work done.

[1 mark]

_____

0 4 . 8 When the driver applies the brakes, there is a constant resultant force of 6.0 kN on the car.

The car travels a distance of 75 m before stopping.

Calculate the work done in stopping the car.

[3 marks]

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_____

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Work done = _____ J

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Question 03

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0 5 The stopping distance of a car is the sum of the thinking distance and the braking distance.

0 5 . 1 Which factors affect the thinking distance?

[2 marks]

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

- Condition of the tyres ☐
- Driving on wet roads ☐
- Mass of the car ☐
- Tiredness of the driver ☐
- Using a mobile phone ☐

0 5 . 2 Explain why a person should **not** drink alcohol and then drive.

[3 marks]

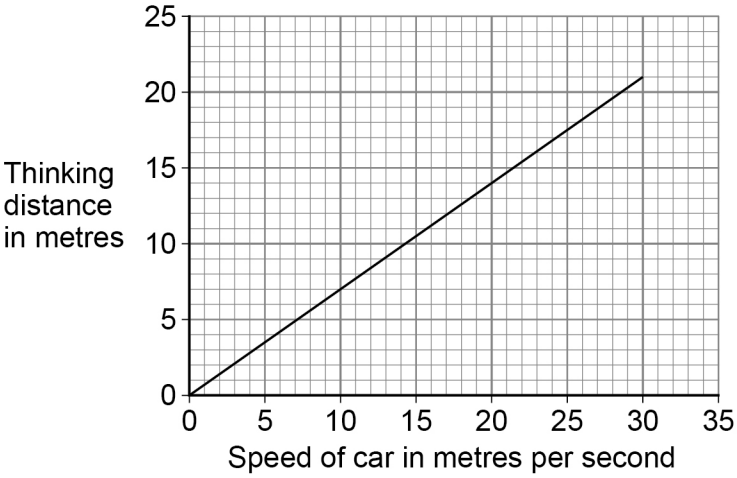
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Question 03 · continued

The Highway Code gives information on how thinking distance depends on the speed of a car.

Figure 7 shows the information as a graph.

Figure 7



0 5 . 3 What is the speed of a car if the thinking distance is 16 m?

[1 mark]

Speed of car = _____ m/s

0 5 . 4 Describe the relationship between speed and thinking distance.

[2 marks]

_____

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_____

_____

0 5 . 5 The Highway Code assumes the driver's reaction time is 0.70 seconds.

Draw a line on **Figure 7** to show the relationship for a driver with a reaction time of 1.4 seconds.

[2 marks]

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Question 03 · continued

0 5 . 6 A car accelerates at 5.0 m/s^2 over a distance of 45 m

initial velocity of the car = 0 m/s

Calculate the final velocity of the car.

Use the Physics Equations Sheet.

Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

[4 marks]

Final velocity (2 significant figures) = _____ m/s

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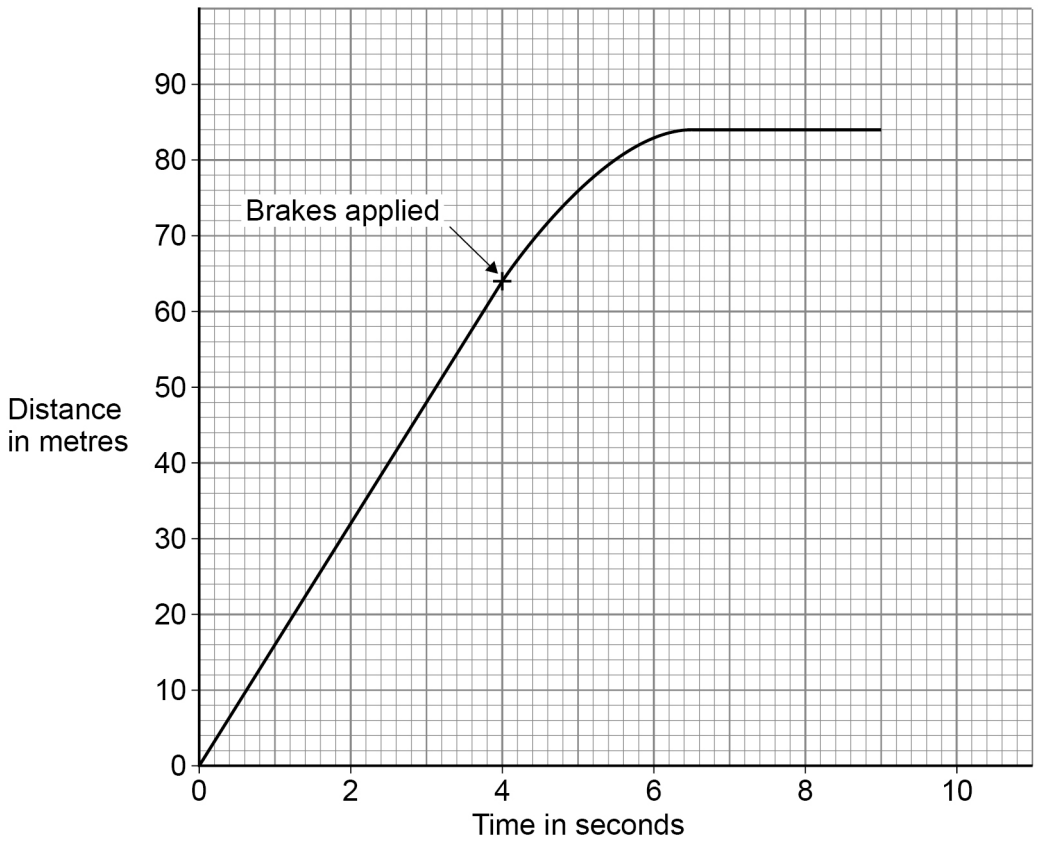
Question 04

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0 2 A car contains a device called a black box. The black box records the distance travelled and the time taken for each journey.

Figure 3 shows the distance–time graph for part of a journey.

Figure 3



0 2 . 1 Which feature of **Figure 3** shows that the car travels at a constant speed for the first 4 seconds?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

The line becomes horizontal. ☐

The line goes through the origin. ☐

The line is straight. ☐

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Question 04 · continued

0 2 . 2 After 4 seconds the driver applied the brakes and the car slowed down and stopped.

The distance the car travelled after the brakes were applied is called the braking distance.

Determine the braking distance of the car.

Use **Figure 3**.

[2 marks]

Braking distance = _____ m

The black box also records the deceleration of the car.

0 2 . 3 As the car decelerates, the velocity of the car changes by 16 m/s.

The car decelerates for 2.5 seconds.

Calculate the deceleration of the car.

Use the equation:

$$\text{deceleration} = \frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time taken}}$$

[2 marks]

Deceleration = _____ m/s^2

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Question 04 · continued

0 2 . 4 If the black box records large decelerations, it identifies that the driving may be dangerous.

Why can large decelerations be dangerous?

[2 marks]

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

- The brakes on the car can overheat. ☐
- The driver may lose control of the car. ☐
- The force applied by the brakes is very small. ☐
- The reaction time of the driver increases. ☐
- The thinking distance is very short. ☐

0 2 . 5 The black box monitors the speed of the car.

Describe how speed affects braking distance.

[1 mark]

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Question 05

June 2024 | 8464/P/2F | Original Q5

0 5 The stopping distance of a car depends on the thinking distance and the braking distance.

0 5 . 1 Which of the following affects the thinking distance?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Condition of the brakes ☐
- Icy road conditions ☐
- Reaction time of the driver ☐

A car manufacturer tested three different types of tyre which were fitted to three identical cars.

This is the method used.

1. Drive the car along a road.
2. Apply the brakes until the car stops.
3. Measure the distance travelled while braking.
4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 for each car when the road is dry and when the road is wet.

0 5 . 2 The brakes were applied with the same force for each test.

Give **one other** variable that should have been kept the same for each test.

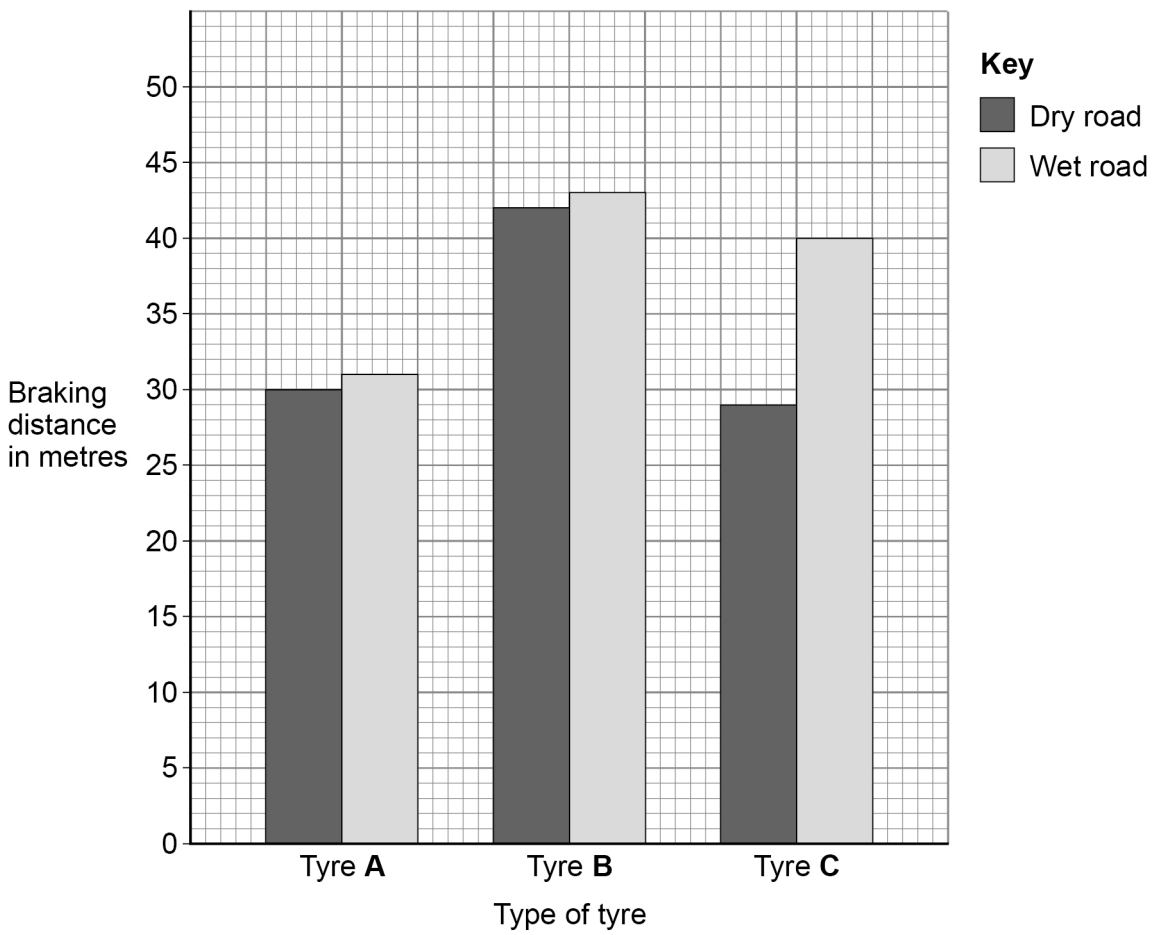
[1 mark]

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Question 05 · continued

Figure 10 shows the results.

Figure 10



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Question 05 · continued

0 5 . 3 The manufacturer wants to put the safest tyres on a new car.

Evaluate the safety of each type of tyre.

Use **data** from **Figure 10**.

[6 marks]

Question 5 continues on the next page

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Question 05 · continued

When the brakes are applied, a force does work to stop the car.

Use the Physics Equations Sheet to answer questions **05.4** and **05.5**.

0 5 . 4 Write down the equation that links distance (*s*), force (*F*) and work done (*W*).

[1 mark]

0 5 . 5 The braking force acting on a car is 6000 N.

The work done to stop the car is 300 000 J.

Calculate the braking distance of the car.

[3 marks]

Braking distance = _____ m

0 5 . 6 Explain how the force applied by the brakes affects the braking distance of the car.

[2 marks]

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Question 06

June 2025 | 8464/P/2F | Original Q7

0 7 The stopping distance of a car is affected by the condition of the brakes and tyres.

A car is being driven around a corner when the driver sees some roadworks.

0 7 . 1 The driver applies the brakes when the car is 24 m away from the roadworks.

The velocity of the car changes from 18 m/s to 0 m/s.

Calculate the constant deceleration needed to stop the car in a distance of 24 m.

Use the Physics Equations Sheet.

[3 marks]

Deceleration = _____ m/s^2

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Question 06 · continued

0 7 . 2 As a safety measure, the speed limit on the road was reduced.

Explain how the safety of road users is affected by:

- the condition of the brakes and tyres
- reduced speed.

You should refer to thinking distance and braking distance.

[6 marks]

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Question 7 continues on the next page

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Question 06 · continued

0 7 . 3 Two identical cars were driven along a straight, level road.

One car had a greater speed than the other car.

The driver of each car applied the brakes until the cars stopped.

Both cars travelled the same distance while braking.

Explain how braking from a greater speed affected the risk of the brakes overheating.

[3 marks]

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