

**Mathematics Questions by Topic**

Motion and Force

Answer 7

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A particle of mass  $m$  kg falls vertically downwards, from rest in a medium which offers air resistance equal to  $kv^2$  newtons, where  $v$   $\text{ms}^{-1}$  is its velocity at a time  $t$  seconds. After a time  $T$  seconds, its velocity is  $V$   $\text{ms}^{-1}$  and it has travelled a distance of  $D$  metres.

Which of the following is **false**?

**A.**  $m \frac{dv}{dt} = mg - kv^2$

**B.**  $D = \int_0^V \frac{mv}{mg - kv^2} dv$

**C.**  $V = \frac{D}{T}$

**D.**  $T = \int_0^V \frac{m}{mg - kv^2} dv$

**E.** Its limiting or terminal velocity is equal to  $\sqrt{\frac{mg}{k}}$   $\text{ms}^{-1}$ .

**ANSWER C**

$\ddot{x} = \frac{dv}{dt}$ ,  $m \frac{dv}{dt} = mg - kv^2$  **A.** is true.

$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{mg - kv^2}{m}$ ,  $\frac{dt}{dv} = \frac{m}{mg - kv^2}$ ,  $T = \int_0^V \frac{m}{mg - kv^2} dv$ , **D.** is true.

use  $\ddot{x} = v \frac{dv}{dx}$ ,  $mv \frac{dv}{dx} = mg - kv^2$ ,  $\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{mg - kv^2}{mv}$ ,  $\frac{dx}{dv} = \frac{mv}{mg - kv^2}$

$D = \int_0^V \frac{mv}{mg - kv^2} dv$  **B.** is true.

The limiting or terminal velocity occurs when  $\ddot{x} = 0$   $v_{\text{lim}} = \sqrt{\frac{mg}{k}}$   $\text{ms}^{-1}$ , **E.** is true.

$V = \frac{D}{T}$  is false, constant acceleration formulae do not apply.