

1. (a) A stone projected vertically upwards with an initial speed of u m/s rises 70 m in the first t seconds and another 50 m in the next t seconds.

Find the value of u .

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$70 = ut - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$120 = u(2t) - \frac{1}{2}g(2t)^2 \quad \text{or} \quad 50 = (u - gt)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$140 = 2ut - gt^2$$

$$120 = 2ut - 2gt^2$$

$$20 = gt^2$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{20}{g}}$$

$$140 = 2u\left(\sqrt{\frac{20}{g}}\right) - 20$$

$$\Rightarrow u = 56 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

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