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1. (a) A car is travelling at a uniform speed of 14 m s^{-1} when the driver notices a traffic light turning red 98 m ahead.

Find the minimum constant deceleration required to stop the car at the traffic light,

- (i) if the driver immediately applies the brake
 (ii) if the driver hesitates for 1 second before applying the brake.

(i)

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2fs$$

$$0 = 14^2 + 2f(98)$$

$$196f = -196$$

$$\Rightarrow f = -1 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

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(ii)

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

$$s = 14(1) + 0$$

$$s = 14$$

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$$v^2 = u^2 + 2fs$$

$$0 = 14^2 + 2f(98 - 14)$$

$$0 = 14^2 + 168f$$

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$$f = \frac{-196}{168}$$

$$= -\frac{7}{6} \text{ or } -1.17 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

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