



2017 Ph H1 Q1

Section: Our Dynamic Universe

Topic: Motion, Equations and Graphs

Question Summary

The velocity-time graph shows that an object's velocity increases from 5 m s^{-1} to 10 m s^{-1} over 6.0 s .

What is the object's acceleration?



Final Answer:

A. 0.83 m s^{-2}

Working

Use the formula:

$$a = \frac{v - u}{t}$$

Where:

- $v = 10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
- $u = 5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
- $t = 6.0 \text{ s}$

Substitute:

$$a = \frac{10 - 5}{6.0} = \frac{5}{6.0} = 0.83 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

Quick Tips

- Acceleration = **gradient of a v–t graph**
 - Always estimate values **carefully** from the graph axes
 - Watch out for **units** and **significant figures** — they count in multiple choice!
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