1. Axel and Lethna are driving along a motorway.

They see a road sign.

The road sign shows the distance to Junction 8

It also shows the average time drivers take to get to Junction 8

The speed limit on the motorway is 70 mph.

Lethna says:

"We will have to drive faster than the speed limit to drive 30 miles in 26 minutes."

Is Lethna right?

You must show how you get your answer.

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\text{average speed} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} = \frac{30 \text{ miles}}{26 \text{ minutes}} = \frac{26}{60} \text{ hours}.
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\text{Speed} = \frac{30}{26 \times 60} = 30 \div \frac{26}{60} = 30 \times \frac{60}{26} = \frac{692807692}{60} \text{ miles per hour}.
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Lethna is incorrect...
2. 12. At 9 am, Bradley began a journey on his bicycle.
From 9 am to 9.36 am, he cycled at an average speed of 15 km/h.
From 9.36 am to 10.45 am, he cycled a further 8 km.

(a) Draw a travel graph to show Bradley's journey.

From 10.45 am to 11 am, Bradley cycled at an average speed of 18 km/h.

(b) Work out the distance Bradley cycled from 10.45 am to 11 am.

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\begin{align*}
18 \text{ km} &= 60 \text{ mins} \\
15 \text{ mins} &= 1 \div 4 \\
4.5 \\
\end{align*}
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\[4.5 \text{ km}\]
3. Alan, Ben and Carl ran a 1000 metre race.

The distance-time graph shows the race.

(a) Who won the race?

Give a reason for your answer.

Ben because he reached 1000m in the quickest time

(b) Describe the race.

All 3 runners started the race at different constant speeds with Alan running fastest, then Ben, then Carl.

At 2.5 mins Ben changed his speed and ran slower.

At 3.0 mins Alan stopped for 15 seconds and restarted at a slower pace than before.

At 3.30s Ben started running faster and then at 4 mins Carl also speed up.

At 4 mins 15s Ben overtook Alan and won the race at 4.5 mins.

Both Alan and Carl finished together.
4. Water is poured into a glass for 4 seconds.
   The graph shows the depth of the water in the glass.

What is the rate of change of the depth of the water?
Circle your answer.
0.4 cm/s  1.25 cm/s  2.5 cm/s  10 cm/s [1]
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