

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
6(a)	$2m^2 + 5m + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -\frac{1}{2}, -2$	M1	3.4
	$x = Ae^{-0.5t} + Be^{-2t}$	A1	1.1b
	PI is of the form $x = pt + q$	B1	1.1b
	$\frac{dx}{dt} = p, \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 0 \Rightarrow 5p + 2pt + 2q = 4t + 12 \Rightarrow p = \dots, q = \dots$	M1	3.4
	$p = 2, q = 1$	A1	1.1b
	$x = Ae^{-0.5t} + Be^{-2t} + 2t + 1$	A1ft	1.1b
		(6)	
(b)	$t = 0, x = 3 \Rightarrow 3 = A + B + 1$	M1	3.4
	$\frac{dx}{dt} = -0.5Ae^{-0.5t} - 2Be^{-2t} + 2$ $t = 0, \frac{dx}{dt} = -2 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}A - 2B + 2 = -2$ $\Rightarrow A = \dots, B = \dots$	M1	3.4
	$x = 2e^{-2t} + 2t + 1$	A1	1.1b
		(3)	
(c)(i)	$\frac{dx}{dt} = -4e^{-2t} + 2$	M1	3.1b
	$e^{-2t} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow -2t = \ln \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$	dM1	2.1
	$x = 2e^{-2t} + 2t + 1 = 1 + \ln 2 + 1 = 2 + \ln 2^*$	A1*	1.1b
(c)(ii)	$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 8e^{-2t}$ is $> 0$ for all values of $t$ so distance is a minimum	B1ft	2.4
		(4)	
(d)	Examples: For large values of $t, [e^{-2t} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow] x \rightarrow 2t + 1$ so constant speed For large values of $t, [e^{-2t} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow] \frac{dx}{dt} \rightarrow 2$ so constant speed For large values of $t, [e^{-2t} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow] \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \rightarrow 0$ so constant speed Conclusion: so the model is suitable	B1ft	3.2b
		(1)	

(14 marks)

Notes
(a) <b>M1:</b> Attempts to solve $2m^2 + 5m + 2 = 0$ , usual rules apply for solving a quadratic equation. <b>A1:</b> Correct CF. Do not need “ $x =$ ” here, but must be in terms of $t$ <b>B1:</b> Correct form for the PI i.e. $x = pt + q$ or $x = at^2 + bt + c$ <b>M1:</b> Differentiates their PI (of the forms $x = pt + q$ or $x = at^2 + bt + c$ ) twice and substitutes into the given differential equation finding values for their constants to obtain a PI of the form $pt + q$ , $p, q \neq 0$ <b>A1:</b> Correct PI <b>A1ft:</b> Correct GS or correct ft GS, which is the sum of their CF and PI. This is dependent on achieving both previous M marks. <b>Must have</b> $x =$ and their GS must be in terms of $t$ .

(b)

**M1:** Substitutes  $x = 3$  when  $t = 0$  into their GS to establish an equation in  $A$  and  $B$ , allow minor slips if the intention is clear.

**M1:** Differentiates their answer to part (a) which must be in terms of  $t$  only, and sets  $= -2$  with  $t = 0$  to establish another equation in  $A$  and  $B$  and solves simultaneously to find  $A$  and  $B$ .

Do not be concerned about how their simultaneous equations are solved; award this mark if they then go on to write values for  $A$  and  $B$ .

Functions which require the use of product rule or trigonometric functions must be differentiated appropriately.

**A1:** Correct PS. Need “ $x =$ ” here, their answer must be in terms of  $t$  and no other variable.

(c) Mark (i) and (ii) together but only award for work done in (c)

(i)

**M1:** Differentiates their Particular Solution of the form  $x = ae^{-kt} + bt + c$  where  $c$  may be 0 to obtain an expression of the form  $Ce^{-kt} + D$

**dM1:** Solves an equation of the form  $Ce^{-kt} + D = 0$ ,  $C \times D < 0$ , to obtain  $t = -\frac{1}{k} \ln\left(\frac{-D}{C}\right)$

**A1\*:** Substitutes  $t = \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$  or to obtain the printed answer with no errors.

Condone going from  $2e^{-2\left(\frac{1}{2} \ln 2\right)} + 2\left(\frac{1}{2} \ln 2\right) + 1 = 2 + \ln 2$

(c)(ii)

**B1ft:** Obtains a second derivative of the form  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \lambda e^{-\mu t}$ ,  $\lambda, \mu > 0$  **and** makes a conclusion e.g.

- $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} > 0$  (for all values of  $t$ ) hence minimum.
- or substitutes their value of  $t$  (even if incorrect) and states  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} > 0$  hence minimum

(d)

**B1ft:** Dependent on having obtained a Particular Solution of the form  $f(t) + bt + c$  where  $f(t)$  only has terms in  $ae^{-kt}$  where  $k > 0$  and  $a, b \neq 0$

This mark is awarded for the candidate demonstrating that in the model for “large values” or “as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ”, the value of their  $e^{-kt} \rightarrow 0$ , so there is constant speed **and** states that the model is suitable, or equivalent statement. (See scheme for examples)