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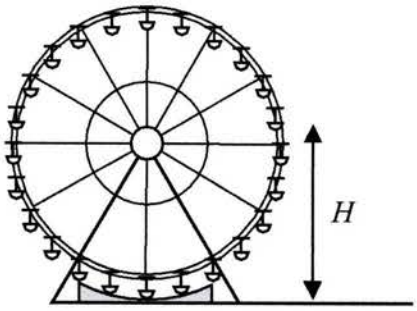

Figure 4

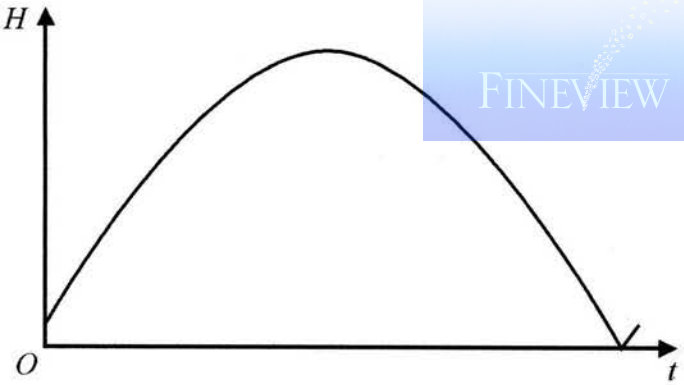

Figure 5

Figure 4 shows a sketch of a Ferris wheel.

The height above the ground, H m, of a passenger on the Ferris wheel, t seconds after the wheel starts turning, is modelled by the equation

$$H = |A\sin(bt + \alpha)^\circ|$$

where A, b and α are constants.

Figure 5 shows a sketch of the graph of H against t, for one revolution of the wheel.

Given that

- the maximum height of the passenger above the ground is 50 m
- the passenger is 1 m above the ground when the wheel starts turning
- the wheel takes 720 seconds to complete one revolution

(a) find a complete equation for the model, giving the exact value of A, the exact value of b and the value of α to 3 significant figures.

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(b) Explain why an equation of the form

$$H = |A\sin(bt + \alpha)^\circ| + d$$

where d is a positive constant, would be a more appropriate model.

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