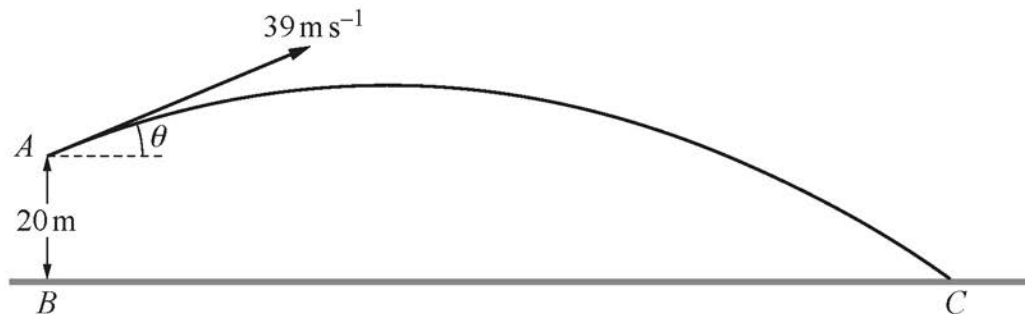


**12** In this question you should take the acceleration due to gravity to be  $10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .



A small ball  $P$  is projected from a point  $A$  with speed  $39 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  at an angle of elevation  $\theta$ , where  $\sin \theta = \frac{5}{13}$  and  $\cos \theta = \frac{12}{13}$ . Point  $A$  is  $20 \text{ m}$  vertically above a point  $B$  on horizontal ground. The ball first lands at a point  $C$  on the horizontal ground (see diagram).

The ball  $P$  is modelled as a particle moving freely under gravity.

**(a)** Find the maximum height of  $P$  above the ground during its motion. [3]

The time taken for  $P$  to travel from  $A$  to  $C$  is  $T$  seconds.

**(b)** Determine the value of  $T$ . [3]

**(c)** State **one** limitation of the model, other than air resistance or the wind, that could affect the answer to part **(b)**. [1]

At the instant that  $P$  is projected, a second small ball  $Q$  is released from rest at  $B$  and moves towards  $C$  along the horizontal ground.

At time  $t$  seconds, where  $t \geq 0$ , the velocity  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$  of  $Q$  is given by

$$v = kt^3 + 6t^2 + \frac{3}{2}t,$$

where  $k$  is a positive constant.

**(d)** Given that  $P$  and  $Q$  collide at  $C$ , determine the acceleration of  $Q$  immediately before this collision. [6]