Three friends are taking part in a charity tug-o-war competition.


In a round in which the competitors start from rest, George and Bernard are applying forces of 640 and 510 N , respectively. Calculate the force which Rashida must apply for them to remain at rest.

Force $=640-510=\underline{130 \mathrm{~N}}$

Thanks to a sudden burst of energy, Rashida then pulls with a force of 550 N. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the resultant force exerted on the centre of the rope.

Total force to left $=640 \mathrm{~N}$
Total force to right $=510+550=1060 \mathrm{~N}$
Resultant force to right $=1060-640=\underline{420} \mathbf{N}$

A horse of mass 400 kg is accelerating forwards at a rate of $0.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$. The forces which are acting on the horse are as shown in the below diagram.


Which of the below mathematical statements is correct? Tick one box.

Friction + air resistance < 2 kN
Friction + air resistance $=2 \mathrm{kN}$
Friction + air resistance > 2 kN


## Explain your previous answer.

The horse is accelerating forwards [1] which means that there must be a resultant (net) force acting on it in the forwards direction [1]. This can only happen if the sum of the forces of friction and air resistance acting on the horse to the left is less than the force to the right ( 2 kN ).

Calculate the magnitude of the normal reaction force which is acting on the horse. Take $\mathrm{g}=9.8 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{kg}$.

Mass, m $=400 \mathrm{~kg}$
Weight, $\mathrm{W}=\mathrm{mg}=400 \times 9.8=3920 \mathrm{~N}$
In (vertical) equilibrium, total upwards force = total downwards force Therefore normal reaction force $=$ weight $=\underline{3920} \mathbf{N}$

In a game of tennis, a ball is hit horizontally at a speed of $40 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$.
After 0.5 seconds, its horizontal velocity has not changed, but it has developed a downwards component of velocity of approximately $5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$.

By drawing a suitable scale diagram, determine the magnitude and direction of the tennis ball after 0.5 seconds.

Choose appropriate scale (e.g. 1 cm represents $5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ ).
Draw appropriate scale diagram.
Include horizontal ( $40 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ ) and vertical ( $5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ ) components of velocity. Use ruler to measure length of resultant vector (in cm ) and convert to a velocity in $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}$ by using scale.
Use protractor to measure angle of resultant velocity to horizontal (or vertical).


Magnitude $=\underline{40.3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}}$
Direction $=\underline{\mathbf{7 . 1}}{ }^{\circ}$ to horizontal (or $82.9^{\circ}$ to vertical)

Watch out: in any scale diagram questions, if you are asked to measure the angle of a resultant force, velocity, or any other vector, be sure to indicate clearly (preferably both using your diagram and in writing, as I have done above) which angle you are referring to. Writing simply $7.1^{\circ}$ here (and not including the 'to horizontal' bit) may have lost you a mark.

