

SOLUTIONS → Maximum Height & Maximum Area

1. $h(t) = -5t^2 + 50t$

↳ $y = -5t^2 + 50t$

To find the maximum height you need to "complete the square" and determine the "y" value of the vertex.

$y = -5(t^2 - 10t)$

$y - 125 = -5(t^2 - 10t + 25)$

$y - 125 = -5(t - 5)^2$
 $y = -5(t - 5)^2 + 125$

Therefore, the maximum height of the soccer ball is 125m. (C)

Vertex (5, 125)
Time Maximum Height

2. $h = -7t^2 + 42t$

↳ $y = -7t^2 + 42t$

To find out how many seconds it takes to reach the maximum height, you need to "complete the square" and determine the "x" value of the vertex.

$y = -7(t^2 - 6t)$

$y - 63 = -7(t^2 - 6t + 9)$

$y - 63 = -7(t - 3)^2$
 $y = -7(t - 3)^2 + 63$

Therefore, it took the golf ball 3 seconds to reach the maximum height. (A)

Vertex (3, 63)
Time Maximum Height

3. $h(t) = -2t^2 + 20t$

↳ $y = -2t^2 + 20t$

When the rocket hits the ground, it has a height of zero ($y=0$)

↳ $0 = -2t^2 + 20t$
 If we factor:

$0 = -2t(t - 10)$

Either $-2t = 0$ or $t - 10 = 0$

$\frac{-2t}{-2} = \frac{0}{-2}$ $t - 10 = 0$
 $t = 0$ $t = 10$

Alternate Methods:

1) Substitute answers into equation and see which one "works."

2) Use Graphing Calculator to find the "zero" (2nd Trace, #2)

$t=0$ when the rocket is launched, therefore $t=10$ when it returns to the ground. (D)

4. $h = -3t^2 + 24t + 1$

To determine how high the rocket is after 2 seconds, substitute ($t=2$) into the equation and solve.

$h = -3(2)^2 + 24(2) + 1$

$h = -3(4) + 48 + 1$

$h = -12 + 49$

$h = 37$

Therefore, the rocket is 37m high after 2 seconds.

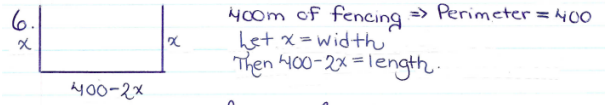
5. $h = -3t^2 + 24t + 5$

The ball is kicked from the balcony at time zero ($t=0$).

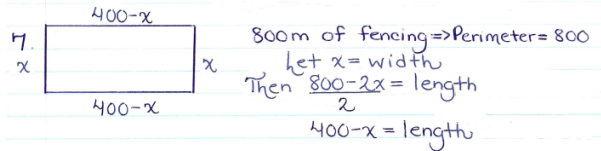
Therefore, by substituting $t=0$ into the equation we can determine the initial height of the ball (= the height of the balcony)

$h = -3(0)^2 + 24(0) + 5$
 $h = 0 + 0 + 5$
 $h = 5\text{m}$

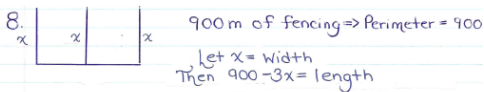
Therefore, the balcony is 5m off of the ground



Area = $l \times w$
 $= (400 - 2x)(x)$ (C)



Area = $l \times w$
 $= (400 - x)(x)$ (B)



Area = $l \times w$
 $A = (900 - 3x)(x)$
 or $y = (900 - 3x)(x)$

To determine the maximum area, you need to "complete the square."

$y = (900 - 3x)(x)$
 $y = 900x - 3x^2$
 or $y = -3x^2 + 900x$ (GF)
 $y = -3(x^2 - 300x)$
 $y - 67500 = -3(x^2 - 300x + 22500)$
 $y - 67500 = -3(x - 150)^2$
 $y = -3(x - 150)^2 + 67500$ (SF)

Vertex (150, 67500)
 ↳ width ↳ maximum area

Therefore, the maximum area of the figure is 67500 m².