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AQA - Circular motion - AS Further Mathematics Mechanics

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A cyclist in a road race is travelling around a bend on a horizontal circular path of radius 15 metres and is prevented from skidding by a frictional force.

The frictional force has a maximum value of 500 newtons.

The total mass of the cyclist and his cycle is 75 kg

Assume that the cyclist travels at a constant speed.

(a) Work out the greatest speed, in km h⁻¹, at which the cyclist can travel around the bend.

[4 marks]

(b) With reference to the surface of the road, describe one limitation of the model.

[1 mark]