

Question#20775

a cannon is fired horizontally from the top of a castle and lands 250 meters down range. if the cannon ball leaves the cannon at 400 m/s how high is the castle?

Solution:

Let:

$$S = 250 \text{ m}$$

$$v = 400 \text{ m/s}$$

H —?

$$S = vt,$$

Where t is the time of free falling from height H

$$t = \frac{S}{v}$$

Such as:

$$H = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

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$$H = \frac{gS^2}{2v^2}$$

$$H = \frac{9.8 \times 250^2}{2 \times 400^2} = 1.91 \text{ m}$$

Answer: 1.91 m.