Question 32899

Let the initial y-component be h. For accelerated motion, velocity is $v = v_0 + at$. There is no horizontal acceleration (only vertical acceleration $g=9.81\frac{m}{s^2}$ according to gravity). Initial velocity $v_0=v_{0x}$ only has horizontal component. Therefore, $v_x = v_0$, $v_y = -gt$.

Integrating previous two equations, obtain: $x(t) = v_0 t$; $y(t) = h - \frac{gt^2}{2}$. In order to obtain path in usual form y = y(x), exclude t from y(t) by expressing it from x(t) ($t = \frac{x(t)}{v_0}$): $y(x) = h - \frac{gx^2}{2v_0^2}$ - this is the equation for the path of a projectile fired parallel to horizontal.