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- a. Explain what the 30, 70°, and 7 tell you about the free-throw shot.

velocity
ft/sec

angle

high about
ground

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b. What is the maximum height of the basketball?

$$\text{time} = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-30 \sin 70^\circ}{2(-16)} \quad y = 19.4 \text{ ft}$$

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c. At what time t does the ball reach the basket?

$$10 = 30t \sin 70^\circ - 16t^2 + 7$$

$$t = 1.648 \text{ sec}$$

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- d. Assuming that the person shoots the ball on an accurate path toward the center of the basket, will the shot go in the basket? Explain your reasoning.

$t = 1.68$ to get 10ft high

$$x = 16.9 \text{ ft}$$

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- e. Find the initial velocity, v , that the ball should be shot with to make a basket. Assuming the same angle.

$$x = vt \cos 70^\circ$$

$$\frac{15.8}{v \cos 70^\circ} = \frac{vt \cos 70^\circ}{v \cos 70^\circ}$$

$$\frac{46.2}{v} = t$$

$$y = vt \sin 70^\circ - 16t^2 + 7$$

$$y = v \left(\frac{46.2}{v} \right) \sin 70^\circ - 16 \left(\frac{46.2}{v} \right)^2 + 7$$

$$v = 29.06 \text{ ft/sec}$$