Describing Motion and Position Assessment Key and Rubrics

Question 1 Rubric:

Item/Score	0	1	2	3
Mathematical Concepts	Velocity and acceleration are not related.	An incorrect relationship between velocity and acceleration is presented.	A relationship between velocity and acceleration is correct but does not demonstrate understanding (e.g. m/s/s).	Acceleration is defined as the change in velocity over change in time.
Explanation	Fails to state that Frank accelerated at a faster rate.	Claims that Frank accelerated at a faster rate without an explanation.	Claims that Frank accelerated at a faster rate with a partial explanation (e.g. steeper graph).	Claims that Frank accelerated at a faster rate with with an explicit explanation (e.g. steeper graph means that velocity changes at a faster rate which means a higher value of acceleration).

Question 2 Answer Key:

Position vs. time	_Object is not moving
Velocity vs. time	Object is moving at constant velocity
Acceleration vs. time	Object is accelerating at a constant rate
Direction vs. time	Object is moving in a straight line

Question 3 Rubric:

Item/Score	0	1	2	3
Accuracy of Plot	Points are not	Most points are	All points are	All points are
	plotted correctly	plotted correctly	plotted correctly	plotted correctly
	or extra points	or some points are	and are easy to	and are easy to
	were included.	missing.	see but may not	see. A ruler is
			have carefully	used to neatly
			drawn lines.	connect the points
				or make the bars,
				if not using a
				computerized
				graphing program.
Title	A title is not	A title is present	Title relates to the	Title is explicit
	present.	at the top of the	graph but may not	and printed at the
		graph but does not	be completely	top of the graph.
		relate to the	correct.	
		graph.		
I aboling of V.	The X axis is not	The X axis has a	The X axis is	The X axis has a
	labeled.	label without	labeled with the	clear, neat label
		units.	units only (e.g.	that includes the
Axis			seconds, minutes)	units used for the
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				variable (e.g,
				time).
Labeling of Y- Axis	The Y axis is not	The Y axis has a	The Y axis is	The Y axis has a
	labeled.	label without	labeled with units	clear, neat label
		units.	only (e.g, m/s,	that includes the
			meters).	units for the
				dependent
				variable (e.g,
				velocity,
				acceleration,
				distance,
				direction).