77. We use the functional notation $x(t)$, $v(t)$ and $a(t)$ and find the latter two quantities by differentiating:

$$v(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{t} = -15t^2 + 20 \quad \text{and} \quad a(t) = \frac{dv(t)}{dt} = -30t$$

with SI units understood. This expressions are used in the parts that follow.

(a) From $0 = -15t^2 + 20$, we see that the only positive value of t for which the particle is (momentarily) stopped is $t = \sqrt{20/15} = 1.2$ s.

(b) From $0 = -30t$, we find $a(0) = 0$ (that is, it vanishes at $t = 0$).

(c) It is clear that $a(t) = -30t$ is negative for $t > 0$ and positive for $t < 0$.

(d) We show the two of the graphs below (the third graph, $a(t)$, which is a straight line through the origin with slope$= -30$ is omitted in the interest of saving space). SI units are understood.