When a model rocket is launched, the propellant burns for a few seconds, accelerating the rocket upward. After burnout, the rocket coasts upward for awhile and then begins to fall. A small explosive charge pops out a parachute shortly after the rocket starts down. The parachute slows the rocket to keep it from breaking when it lands. The figure below shows velocity data from the flight of a model rocket. Use the data to answer the questions below.

- 1. How fast was the rocket climbing when the engine stopped?
- 2. For how many seconds did the engine burn?
- 3. When did the rocket reach its highest point? What was its velocity there?
- 4. When did the parachute pop out? How fast was the rocket falling then?
- 5. How long did the rocket fall before the parachute opened?
- 6. Very carefully sketch a graph of the height of the rocket (in feet) versus time (in seconds).



Velocity of a model rocket