Quiz One Solutions

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2 The point A has coordinates (-10, -14) (in feet), and the point B has coordinates (0, 6), so the distance from A to B is given by

$$d = \sqrt{(-10-0)^2 + (-14-6)^2} = \sqrt{(-10)^2 + (-20)^2} = \sqrt{500} = 10\sqrt{5} \approx 22.36 \text{feet}.$$

- 3 The golf ball travels at 3 feet per second, so it covers $10\sqrt{5}$ feet in $10\sqrt{5}/3 \approx 7.45$ seconds.
- 4 The circle has center (0,0) and radius 6, so it has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 36$. The line passes through A = (-10, -14) and B = (0,6), so it has equation y = 2x + 6. These two curves intersect when

$$x^2 + (2x+6)^2 = 6^2,$$

or when x = 0 (at B) or when x = -24/5 = -4.8. Thus the point C has coordinates (x, y) = (-4.8, -3.6).