

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced Subsidiary General Certificate of Education  
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**MATHEMATICS**

**4731**

Mechanics 4

**Specimen Paper**

Additional materials:  
Answer booklet  
Graph paper  
List of Formulae (MF 1)

**TIME** 1 hour 30 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your Name, Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, unless a different degree of accuracy is specified in the question or is clearly appropriate.
- Where a numerical value for the acceleration due to gravity is needed, use  $9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .
- You are permitted to use a graphic calculator in this paper.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

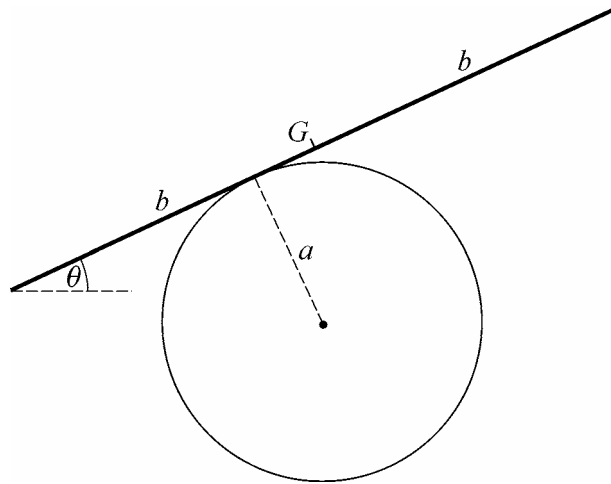
- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 72.
- Questions carrying smaller numbers of marks are printed earlier in the paper, and questions carrying larger numbers of marks later in the paper.
- **You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.**

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**This question paper consists of 3 printed pages and 1 blank page.**

- 1** A circular flywheel of radius 0.2 m is rotating freely about a fixed axis through its centre and perpendicular to its plane. The moment of inertia of the flywheel about the axis is  $0.37 \text{ kg m}^2$ . When the angular speed of the flywheel is  $8 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$  a particle of mass 0.75 kg, initially at rest, sticks to a point on the circumference of the flywheel. Find
- (i) the angular speed of the flywheel immediately after the particle has stuck to it, [4]
  - (ii) the loss of energy that results when the particle sticks to the flywheel. [2]
- 2** A uniform solid sphere, of mass 4 kg and radius 0.1 m, is rotating freely about a fixed axis with angular speed  $20 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ . The axis is a diameter of the sphere. A couple, having constant moment 0.36 N m about the axis and acting in the direction of rotation, is then applied for 6 seconds. For this time interval, find
- (i) the angular acceleration of the sphere, [3]
  - (ii) the angle through which the sphere turns, [2]
  - (iii) the work done by the couple. [2]
- 3** The region bounded by the  $x$ -axis, the  $y$ -axis, and the curve  $y = 4 - x^2$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 2$ , is occupied by a uniform lamina of mass 35 kg. The unit of length is the metre. Show that the moment of inertia of the lamina about the  $y$ -axis is  $28 \text{ kg m}^2$ . [8]
- 4** A straight rod  $AB$  of length  $a$  has variable density, and at a distance  $x$  from  $A$  its mass per unit length is  $k \left( 1 + \frac{x^2}{a^2} \right)$ , where  $k$  is a constant.
- (i) Find the distance of the centre of mass of the rod from  $A$ . [6]
- You are given that the moment of inertia of the rod about a perpendicular axis through  $A$  is  $\frac{8}{15}ka^3$ .
- (ii) Show that the period of oscillation of the rod as a compound pendulum, when freely pivoted at the other end  $B$ , is  $2\pi \sqrt{\frac{22a}{35g}}$ . [5]
- 5** A uniform rod  $AB$ , of mass  $m$  and length  $2a$ , is free to rotate in a vertical plane about a fixed horizontal axis through  $A$ . The rod is released from rest with  $AB$  horizontal. Air resistance may be neglected. For the instant when the rod has rotated through an angle  $\frac{1}{6}\pi$ ,
- (i) show that the angular acceleration of the rod is  $\frac{(3\sqrt{3})g}{8a}$ , [2]
  - (ii) find the angular speed of the rod, [3]
  - (iii) show that the force acting on the rod at  $A$  has magnitude  $\frac{\sqrt{103}}{8}mg$ . [7]

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A cylinder with radius  $a$  is fixed with its axis horizontal. A uniform rod, of mass  $m$  and length  $2b$ , moves in a vertical plane perpendicular to the axis of the cylinder, maintaining contact with the cylinder and not slipping (see diagram). When the rod is horizontal, its mid-point  $G$  is in contact with the cylinder. You are given that, when the rod makes an angle  $\theta$  with the horizontal, the height of  $G$  above the axis of the cylinder is  $a(\theta \sin \theta + \cos \theta)$ .

(i) By considering the potential energy of the rod, show that  $\theta = 0$  is a position of stable equilibrium. [6]

(ii) You are also given that, when  $\theta$  is small, the kinetic energy of the rod is approximately  $\frac{1}{6}mb^2\dot{\theta}^2$ .

Show that the approximate period of small oscillations about the position  $\theta = 0$  is  $\frac{2\pi b}{\sqrt{3ga}}$ . [7]

7 An unidentified object  $U$  is flying horizontally due east at a constant speed of  $220 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . An aircraft is  $15\,000 \text{ m}$  from  $U$  and is at the same height as  $U$ . The bearing of  $U$  from the aircraft is  $310^\circ$ .

(i) Assume that the aircraft flies in a straight line at a constant speed of  $160 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

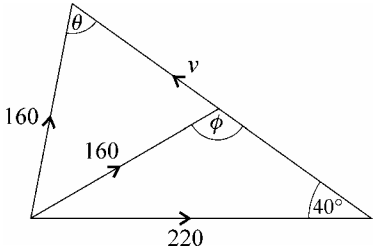
(a) Find the bearings of the two possible directions in which the aircraft can fly to intercept  $U$ . [6]

(b) Given that the interception occurs in the shorter of the two possible times, find the time taken to make the interception. [5]

(ii) Assuming instead that the aircraft flies in a straight line at a constant speed of  $130 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , show that the nearest the aircraft can come to  $U$  is approximately  $988 \text{ m}$ . [4]

<p><b>1</b> (i) MI with particle is <math>0.37 + 0.75 \times 0.2^2 = 0.4</math></p> <p><math>0.4\omega = 0.37 \times 8</math></p> <p>Hence angular speed is <math>7.4 \text{ rad s}^{-1}</math></p> <hr/> <p>(ii) K.E. loss <math>\frac{1}{2} \times 0.37 \times 8^2 - \frac{1}{2} \times 0.4 \times 7.4^2 = 0.888 \text{ J}</math></p>	<p>M1 A1 M1 A1</p> <p>4</p> <hr/> <p>M1 A1✓</p> <p>2</p> <p><b>6</b></p>	<p>For <math>0.75 \times 0.2^2</math></p> <p>For correct MI, stated or implied</p> <p>For relevant use of cons. of ang. mom.</p> <p>For correct value 7.4</p> <hr/> <p>For an correct relevant use of <math>\frac{1}{2} I \omega^2</math></p> <p>For correct value for the KE loss</p>
<p><b>2</b> (i) <math>I = \frac{2}{5} \times 4 \times 0.1^2 = 0.016</math></p> <p><math>0.36 = 0.016\alpha</math></p> <p>Hence angular acceleration is <math>22.5 \text{ rad s}^{-2}</math></p> <hr/> <p>(ii) <math>\theta = 20 \times 6 + \frac{1}{2} \times 22.5 \times 6^2</math></p> <p>Angle turned through is <math>525 \text{ radians}</math></p> <hr/> <p>(iii) Work done = <math>0.36 \times 525 = 189 \text{ J}</math></p>	<p>B1 M1 A1</p> <p>3</p> <hr/> <p>M1 A1✓</p> <p>2</p> <hr/> <p>M1 A1✓</p> <p>2</p> <p><b>7</b></p>	<p>For correct use of <math>\frac{2}{5} mr^2</math></p> <p>For use of <math>C = I\alpha</math> to find <math>\alpha</math></p> <p>For correct value 22.5</p> <hr/> <p>For use of <math>\theta = \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2</math> to find <math>\theta</math></p> <p>For correct answer 525</p> <hr/> <p>For use of <math>C\theta</math>, or increase in <math>\frac{1}{2} I \omega^2</math></p> <p>For correct answer 189</p>
<p><b>3</b> EITHER: Area is <math>\int_0^2 (4 - x^2) dx = \left[ 4x - \frac{1}{3} x^3 \right]_0^2 = \frac{16}{3}</math></p> <p>Hence <math>\frac{16}{3} \rho = 35 \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{105}{16}</math></p> <p><math>I = \int_0^2 \rho x^2 y dx = \frac{105}{16} \int_0^2 x^2 (4 - x^2) dx</math></p> <p><math>= \frac{105}{16} \left[ \frac{4}{3} x^3 - \frac{1}{5} x^5 \right]_0^2 = \frac{105}{16} \times \frac{64}{15} = 28</math></p> <p>OR: Area is <math>\int_0^4 (4 - y)^{\frac{1}{2}} dy = \left[ -\frac{2}{3} (4 - y)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_0^4 = \frac{16}{3}</math></p> <p>Hence <math>\frac{16}{3} \rho = 35 \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{105}{16}</math></p> <p><math>I = \frac{1}{3} \rho \int_0^4 x^3 dy = \frac{35}{16} \int_0^4 (4 - y)^{\frac{3}{2}} dy</math></p> <p><math>= \frac{35}{16} \left[ -\frac{2}{5} (4 - y)^{\frac{5}{2}} \right]_0^4 = \frac{35}{16} \times \frac{64}{5} = 28</math></p>	<p>M1 A1 B1✓ M1 A1✓ A1 A1✓ A1</p> <p>M1 A1 B1✓ M1 A1✓ A1 A1✓ A1</p> <p>8</p> <p><b>8</b></p>	<p>For evaluation of <math>\int_0^2 y dx</math></p> <p>For correct value <math>\frac{16}{3}</math></p> <p>For correct density</p> <p>For use of <math>\int x^2 y dx</math></p> <p>For correct expression for <math>I</math></p> <p>For correct indefinite integral <math>\frac{4}{3} x^3 - \frac{1}{5} x^5</math></p> <p>For correct numerical expression <math>\frac{64}{15} \rho</math></p> <p>For obtaining given answer 28 correctly</p> <hr/> <p>For evaluation of <math>\int_0^4 x dy</math></p> <p>For correct value <math>\frac{16}{3}</math></p> <p>For correct density</p> <p>For use of <math>\int x^3 dy</math></p> <p>For correct expression for <math>I</math></p> <p>For correct indefinite integral <math>-\frac{2}{5} (4 - y)^{\frac{5}{2}}</math></p> <p>For correct numerical expression <math>\frac{1}{3} \rho \times \frac{64}{5}</math></p> <p>For obtaining given answer 28 correctly</p>

<p>4 (i) Moment @ A = <math>\int_0^a kx \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) dx = k \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4a^2} \right]_0^a</math>  <math>= \frac{3}{4}ka^2</math></p> <p>Mass of rod is <math>\int_0^a k \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) dx = k \left[ x + \frac{x^3}{3a^2} \right]_0^a</math>  <math>= \frac{4}{3}ka</math></p> <p>Hence <math>\frac{4}{3}ka\bar{x} = \frac{3}{4}ka^2 \Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{9}{16}a</math></p>	<p>M1 A1 M1 A1 M1 A1</p>	<p>For attempted integration of <math>\rho x</math> with limits For correct MI <math>\frac{3}{4}ka^2</math> For attempted integration of <math>\rho</math> with limits For correct mass <math>\frac{4}{3}ka</math> For moments equation for <math>\bar{x}</math> 6 For correct answer <math>\frac{9}{16}a</math></p>
<p>(ii) <math>I_G = I_A - m(\bar{x})^2 = \frac{8}{15}ka^3 - \frac{4}{3}ka\left(\frac{9}{16}a\right)^2 = \frac{107}{960}ka^3</math>  <math>I_B = I_G + m(a - \bar{x})^2 = \frac{107}{960}ka^3 + \frac{4}{3}ka\left(\frac{7}{16}a\right)^2 = \frac{11}{30}ka^3</math></p> <p>Period is <math>2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\frac{11}{30}ka^3}{\left(\frac{4}{3}ka\right)g\left(\frac{7}{16}a\right)}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{22a}{35g}}</math></p>	<p>B1 M1 A1 M1 A1</p>	<p>For stating correct relation <math>I_G = I_A - m(\bar{x})^2</math> For correct use of    axes to find <math>I_B</math> For correct value <math>\frac{11}{30}ka^3</math>, or equivalent For correct use of <math>2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{mgh}}</math> 5 For showing given answer correctly</p>
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<p>5 (i) <math>mga \cos \frac{1}{6}\pi = \frac{4}{3}ma^2\alpha</math> Hence <math>\alpha = \frac{(3\sqrt{3})g}{8a}</math></p>	<p>M1 A1</p>	<p>For use of <math>C = I_A\alpha</math> 2 For obtaining given answer correctly</p>
<p>(ii) <math>\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{3}ma^2 \times \omega^2 = mga \sin \frac{1}{6}\pi</math> Hence <math>\omega = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3g}{4a}\right)}</math></p>	<p>M1 A1 A1</p>	<p>For relevant use of conservation of energy For correct equation 3 For correct answer</p>
<p>(iii) Res    rod: <math>R - mg \sin \frac{1}{6}\pi = ma\omega^2</math> Hence <math>R = \frac{1}{2}mg + \frac{3}{4}mg = \frac{5}{4}mg</math> Res <math>\perp</math> rod: <math>mg \cos \frac{1}{6}\pi - S = ma\alpha</math> Hence <math>S = \left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}\right)mg - \left(\frac{3}{8}\sqrt{3}\right)mg = \left(\frac{1}{8}\sqrt{3}\right)mg</math> Magnitude is <math>\sqrt{(R^2 + S^2)} = \frac{1}{8}mg \sqrt{(10^2 + 3)}</math> <math>= \frac{\sqrt{103}}{8}mg</math></p>	<p>M1 A1✓ M1 A1 A1 M1 A1</p>	<p>For Newton II equation with 3 terms For correct component For Newton II equation with 3 terms For correct equation For correct component For correct method for resultant 7 For obtaining given answer correctly</p>
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<p>6 (i) <math>V = mga(\theta \sin \theta + \cos \theta)</math>, so</p> $\frac{dV}{d\theta} = mga(\theta \cos \theta + \sin \theta - \sin \theta) = mga\theta \cos \theta$ <p>Hence equilibrium at <math>\theta = 0</math>, since <math>\frac{dV}{d\theta} = 0</math></p> $\frac{d^2V}{d\theta^2} = mga(\cos \theta - \theta \sin \theta)$ <p>When <math>\theta = 0</math>, <math>\frac{d^2V}{d\theta^2} = mga &gt; 0</math>, so equm is stable</p>	<p>M1 A1 A1 M1 A1 A1</p>	<p>For differentiation using product rule For correct derivative For showing the given result correctly For differentiating again using product rule For correct second derivative 6 For showing the given result correctly</p>
<p>(ii) <math>mga(\theta \sin \theta + \cos \theta) + \frac{1}{6}mb^2\dot{\theta}^2 = K</math></p> <p>Hence <math>(mga\theta \cos \theta)\dot{\theta} + \frac{1}{3}mb^2\dot{\theta}\ddot{\theta} = 0</math></p> <p>For small <math>\theta</math>, <math>mga\theta + \frac{1}{3}mb^2\ddot{\theta} \approx 0 \Rightarrow \ddot{\theta} \approx -\frac{3ga}{b^2}\theta</math></p> <p>Motion is approximate SHM with period <math>\frac{2\pi b}{\sqrt{3ga}}</math></p>	<p>B1 M1 A1√ A1 M1 M1 A1</p>	<p>For correct statement of energy equation For attempt to differentiate w.r.t. <math>t</math> For correct derivative of PE term For correct derivative of KE term For use of <math>\cos \theta \approx 1</math> and simplifying For use of <math>\frac{2\pi}{\omega}</math> from standard SHM form 7 For showing the given answer correctly</p>
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<p>7 (i) (a)</p>  $\frac{\sin \theta}{220} = \frac{\sin 40^\circ}{160}$ <p>Hence <math>\theta = 62.1^\circ</math>, <math>\phi = 117.9^\circ</math></p> <p>Required bearings are <math>012.1^\circ</math> and <math>067.9^\circ</math></p>	<p>B1 B1 M1 A1 A1 A1 B1√ M1 A1 M1 A1√</p>	<p>For correct triangle for at least one case For both triangle (together or separately) For a method for finding a relevant angle For either angle correct For one correct bearing 6 For the other correct bearing For selecting the appropriate case For finding the relative speed, or equivalent For correct value 243.4 For calculation of the time taken 5 For correct value 61.6</p>
<p>(ii) For closest approach, <math>\sin \alpha = \frac{130}{220} \Rightarrow \alpha = 36.2^\circ</math></p> <p>Hence min distance is <math>15000 \sin(40 - \alpha) \approx 988</math> m</p>	<p>M1 A1 M1 A1</p>	<p>For use of correct velocity triangle For correct angle For use of correct displacement triangle 4 For showing given answer correctly</p>
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