

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

**Advanced Subsidiary General Certificate of Education
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MATHEMATICS

2637

Mechanics 1

Friday 19 JANUARY 2001 Morning 1 hour 20 minutes

Additional materials:
Answer booklet
Graph paper
List of Formulae (MF8)

TIME 1 hour 20 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 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 60.
- 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.**

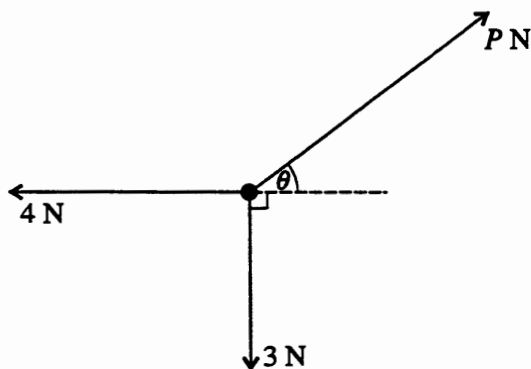
This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.

- 1 A particle P travels in a straight line with constant acceleration 0.5 m s^{-2} . The initial speed of P is 3 m s^{-1} . Find

(i) the speed of P after 4 s, [2]

(ii) the time taken for P to travel a distance of 55 m. [3]

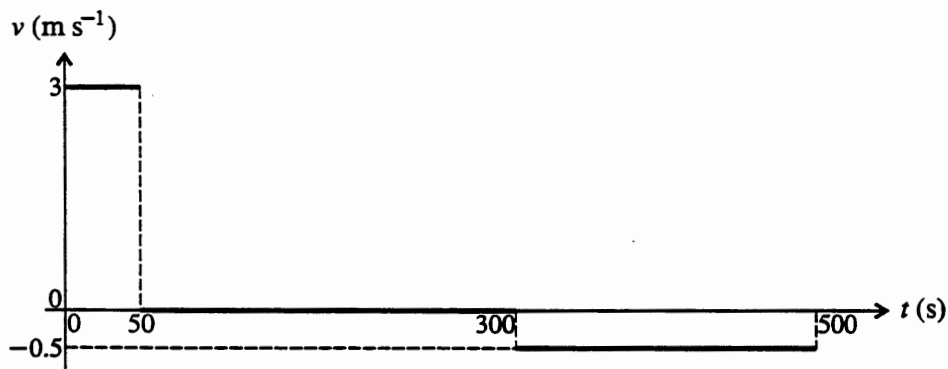
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(i) Three forces, of magnitudes PN , 4 N and 3 N , act on a particle in the directions shown in the diagram. The particle is in equilibrium. Find P and θ . [4]

(ii) The force of magnitude 4 N is now removed. The magnitudes and directions of the other two forces remain unchanged. Write down the magnitude and direction of the resultant force on the particle. [2]

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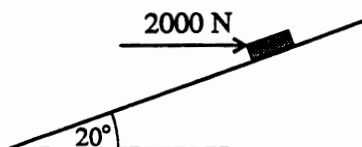
The (t, v) graph shown represents the motion of a first-aider going from a first-aid post to the scene of an accident, and subsequently accompanying the accident victim to a waiting ambulance. All the motion takes place along a straight path.

(i) State how long the first-aider was at the scene of the accident. [1]

(ii) Find the distance between the first-aid post and the waiting ambulance. [3]

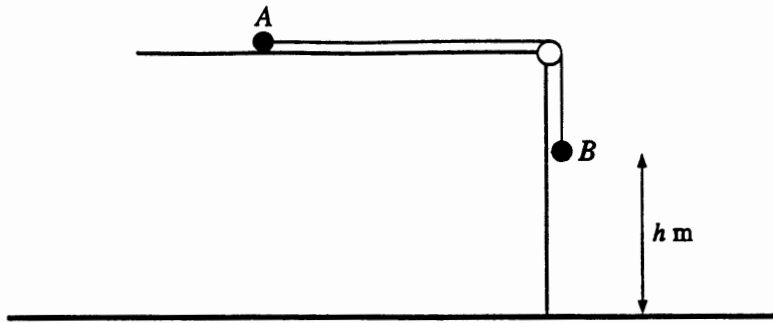
(iii) Sketch the (t, x) graph for the motion of the first-aider, where x metres is the displacement from the first-aid post. Show clearly the values of t and x when the first-aider arrives at the scene of the accident, when he departs from it, and when he arrives at the waiting ambulance. [3]

- 4 (i) A crate of mass 250 kg rests in equilibrium on a slope inclined at 20° to the horizontal. Find the frictional force acting on the crate. [2]
- (ii) Given that the equilibrium is limiting, calculate the coefficient of friction between the crate and the slope. [2]
- (iii) The crate is now pushed horizontally with a force of magnitude 2000 N, as shown in the diagram below. Show that the crate remains in equilibrium. [6]



- 5 Particles A and B , of masses 0.15 kg and 0.2 kg respectively, are free to move on a horizontal surface. Air resistance may be ignored. At a particular instant A is moving with speed 2 m s^{-1} towards B , which is stationary at a point 4 m from A . Particle A collides directly with particle B .
- (i) It is given that the horizontal surface is smooth and that A is brought to rest by the collision. Find the speed of B immediately after the collision. [3]
- (ii) It is given instead that the coefficient of friction between A and the surface is 0.05. A is again brought to rest by the collision. Find the speed of B immediately after the collision. [7]
- 6 A particle P travels in a straight line from the point O to the point A and back to O . At time t seconds after starting from O , the displacement of P from O is x m, where $x = 2t^3 - t^4$. Find
- (i) expressions for the velocity and acceleration of P , [2]
- (ii) the value of t at the instant when P returns to O , [2]
- (iii) the speed with which P returns to O , [2]
- (iv) the value of t at the instant when P reaches A , [2]
- (v) the maximum speed while P is travelling from O towards A . [2]

[Question 7 is printed overleaf.]



Particles A and B , each of mass 0.6 kg, are joined by a light inextensible string. The string passes over a smooth pulley at the edge of a smooth horizontal platform. A is held at rest on the platform. B hangs vertically below the pulley at a height h m above the floor, as shown in the diagram. A is released, with the string taut, and the particles start to move. There is no air resistance.

- (i) Find the tension in the string and the acceleration of A . [4]
- (ii) Hence find the speed of A after it has travelled a distance of 2 m. [2]
- (iii) When A has moved a distance of 2 m it becomes detached from the string. From this instant B takes a further 0.2 s to reach the floor. Find the value of h . [3]
- (iv) Find also the total time for which B is in motion before it reaches the floor. [3]

1

$$v = u + at = 3 + 0.5 \times 4 = \mathbf{5 \text{ ms}^{-1}}$$

[2]

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \qquad 55 = 3t + 0.25t^2$$

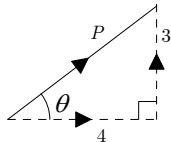
$$t^2 + 12t - 220 = 0$$

$$(t + 22)(t - 10) = 0$$

time taken is **10 s**

[3]

2



$$P = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = \mathbf{5} \qquad \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = \mathbf{36.9^\circ} \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

[4]

when 4 N force removed

resultant has magnitude **4 N** in the direction opp. to the missing force.

[2]

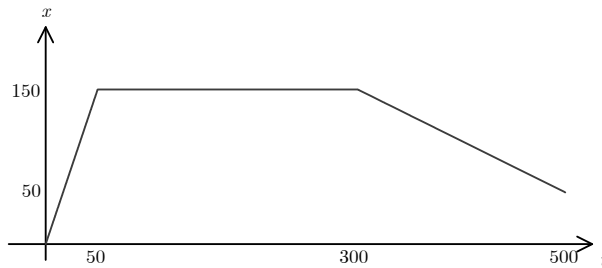
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time at scene of accident = $300 - 50 = \mathbf{250 \text{ s}}$

[1]

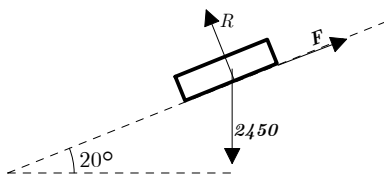
distance from first-aid post to ambulance = $3 \times 50 - 200 \times 0.5 = \mathbf{50 \text{ m}}$

[3]



[3]

4



N2(up the slope) $F - 2450 \sin 20^\circ = 0$

$$F = 837.949\dots$$

$$= \mathbf{838} \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

[2]

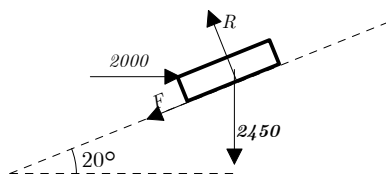
N2(normal to slope) $R - 2450 \cos 20^\circ = 0$

$$R = 2302.246\dots$$

limiting equilibrium

$$\mu = \frac{F}{R} = \frac{837.949\dots}{2302.24\dots} = \tan 20^\circ = 0.36397\dots = \mathbf{0.364} \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

[2]



N2(normal) $R - 2000 \sin 20^\circ - 2450 \cos 20^\circ = 0$

$$R = 2986.287\dots$$

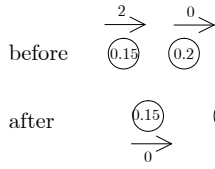
limiting friction = $2986.287\dots \times 0.36397\dots = 1086.919\dots$

$$2000 \cos 20^\circ - 2450 \sin 20^\circ = 1041.43\dots$$

since $1041.43\dots < 1086.919\dots$ the crate will remain in equilibrium with friction down the slope.

[6]

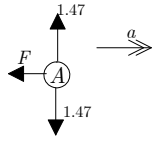
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conservation of momentum

$$0.15 \times 2 + 0.2 \times 0 = 0.15 \times 0 + 0.2v_B$$

$$v_B = 1.5 \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad [3]$$



N2(\rightarrow)

$$-1.47 \times 0.05 = 0.15a$$

$$a = -0.49$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as = 2^2 - 2 \times 0.49 \times 4 = 0.08$$

$$v = 0.28284\dots$$

cons. of mom.

$$0.2v_B = 0.15 \times 0.28284\dots$$

$$v_B = 0.21213\dots = 0.212 \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

[2]

[7]

6

$$x = 2t^3 - t^4$$

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = 6t^2 - 4t^3$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = 12t - 12t^2$$

[2]

when P is at $O \dots$

$$2t^3 - t^4 = 0$$

$$t^3(2 - t) = 0$$

$$t = 2 \text{ (on return)}$$

[2]

$$v(2) = 6 \times 2^2 - 4 \times 2^3 = -8$$

$$\therefore \text{speed on return to } O = 8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

[2]

$v = 0$ at A

$$\Rightarrow 2t^2(3 - 2t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{3}{2}$$

[2]

maximum speed occurs when $a = 0$

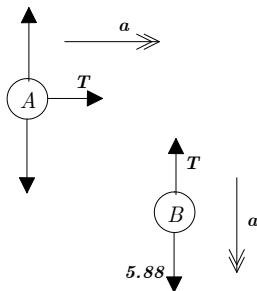
$$12t(1 - t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 1 \text{ so}$$

$$v_{\max} = 6 - 4 = 2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

[2]

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A N2(\rightarrow)

$$T = 0.6a$$

B N2(\downarrow)

$$5.88 - T = 0.6a$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T = 0.6a \\ 5.88 - T = 0.6a \end{array} \right\} a = 4.9 \text{ ms}^{-2} \quad T = 2.94 \text{ N}$$

[4]

after 2 m

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as = 0 + 2 \times 2.94 \times 2 = 11.76$$

$$v = 3.42928\dots = 3.43 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

[2]

$$h = 2 + \left(ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2 \right) = 2 + 3.42928\dots \times 0.2 + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.8 \times 0.2^2 = 2.88185\dots = 2.88 \text{ m} \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

[3]

$$\text{total time} = 0.2 + \left(\frac{v - u}{a} \right)_{\text{first phase}} = 0.2 + \left(\frac{3.42928\dots}{4.9} \right) = 0.899854\dots = 0.900 \text{ s} \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

[3]

Total [60]