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**MATHEMATICS**

**2637**

Mechanics 1

Thursday

**14 JUNE 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  $9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .
- You are permitted to use a graphic calculator in this paper.

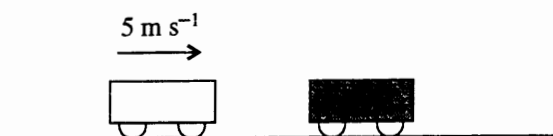
**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- 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 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.**

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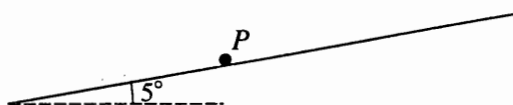
**This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.**

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Two wagons, each of unloaded mass 1000 kg, are free to travel on a straight horizontal track. One of the wagons carries a load of mass  $m$  kg and the other is empty. The empty wagon is travelling at  $5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  when it runs into the loaded wagon which is stationary (see diagram). Immediately after the collision the empty wagon continues in the same direction with speed  $0.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , and the loaded wagon starts to move with speed  $1.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . Find the value of  $m$ . [4]

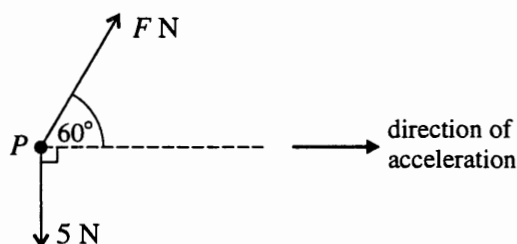
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A particle  $P$  is released from rest at the top of a smooth plane, of length 5 m, which is inclined at  $5^\circ$  to the horizontal (see diagram). Air resistance may be neglected. Find

- (i) the acceleration of  $P$  down the plane, [2]
- (ii) the time taken for  $P$  to reach the bottom of the plane, [2]
- (iii) the speed with which  $P$  reaches the bottom of the plane. [2]

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A particle  $P$  of mass 0.4 kg can move on a smooth horizontal table.  $P$  is acted on by two horizontal forces of magnitudes  $F$  N and 5 N. The direction of the acceleration of  $P$  makes angles of  $60^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$  with the directions of the forces of magnitudes  $F$  N and 5 N respectively, as shown in the diagram.

- (i) State the direction of the resultant of the two forces. [1]
- (ii) Find the value of  $F$ . [2]
- (iii) Find the magnitude of the resultant of the two forces, and find also the magnitude of the acceleration of  $P$ . [4]

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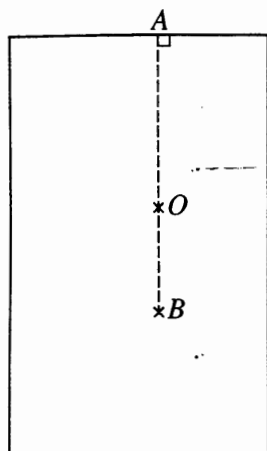


Fig. 1

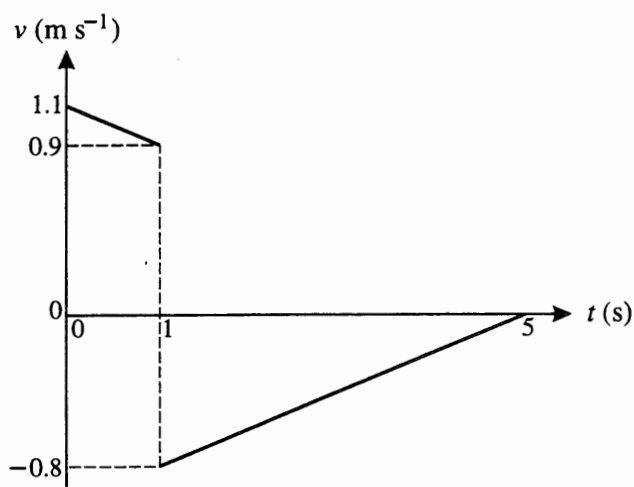


Fig. 2

A ball is at the point  $O$  on a snooker table when it is set in motion along the length of the table towards the point  $A$  at the end of the table. When the ball reaches  $A$  it rebounds along the line  $AO$  and comes to rest at  $B$  (see Fig. 1). The  $(t, v)$  graph for the motion is shown in Fig. 2.

(i) Find the distance  $OA$ . [2]

(ii) Find the distance  $OB$ . [3]

(iii) Show that the deceleration of the ball from  $O$  to  $A$  is the same as that from  $A$  to  $B$ . [3]

5 A train of mass 200 000 kg makes a journey, on a straight horizontal track, consisting of the following three stages.

First stage: The train moves with constant acceleration, starting from rest and reaching a speed of  $25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  when it has travelled 0.25 km.

Second stage: The train travels 11.25 km at a constant speed of  $25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

Third stage: The train has constant deceleration and comes to rest in 40 s.

(i) Find the acceleration during the first stage. [3]

(ii) Find the total distance travelled. [2]

(iii) The resistance to motion is modelled as a constant force of magnitude 100 000 N throughout each stage of the journey. Find the driving force produced by the train's engine during the first stage. [2]

(iv) During the third stage there is no driving force produced by the train's engine, but a retarding force is produced by the train's brakes. Find this retarding force. [4]

- 6 A particle starts from rest at  $O$  and travels in a straight line to  $A$ . The time taken for the journey from  $O$  to  $A$  is 25 s, and the particle reaches  $A$  with a speed of  $15 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The velocity of the particle  $t$  seconds after it leaves  $O$  is  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . It is given that  $v = kt^2$ , where  $k$  is a constant.

(i) Show that  $k = \frac{3}{125}$ . [2]

(ii) Find the distance  $OA$ . [4]

(iii) Find the distance of the particle from  $O$  when its acceleration is  $0.72 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . [6]

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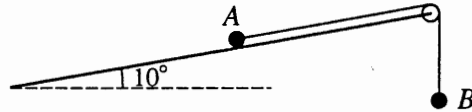


Fig. 1

Two particles  $A$  and  $B$ , of masses  $0.5 \text{ kg}$  and  $m \text{ kg}$  respectively, are joined by a light inextensible string. Particle  $A$  rests on a board which is fixed at  $10^\circ$  to the horizontal. The coefficient of friction between  $A$  and the board is  $0.15$ . The string is parallel to a line of greatest slope of the board and passes over a small smooth pulley at the top of the board. Particle  $B$  hangs vertically below the pulley, as shown in Fig. 1. The system is in equilibrium.

- (i) (a) Given that  $A$  is on the point of sliding up the plane, show that  $m = 0.161$ , correct to 3 decimal places.

- (b) Given instead that  $A$  is on the point of sliding down the plane, show that  $m = 0.013$ , correct to 3 decimal places.

[7]

The board is now fixed horizontally and  $A$  is held on the board. The string passes over the pulley and  $B$  hangs vertically below the pulley as shown in Fig. 2.  $A$  is now released.

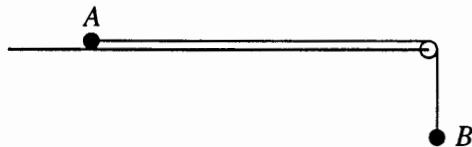


Fig. 2

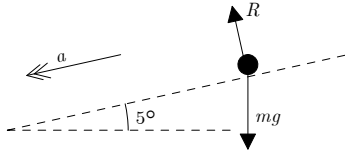
- (ii) Show that the system starts to move if  $m$  has the value in part (i) (a), but remains at rest if  $m$  has the value in part (i) (b). [3]

- (iii) Find the magnitude of the frictional force acting on  $A$  for each of the values of  $m$  in part (i). [2]

1 conservation of momentum ....

$$1000 \times 5 = 1000 \times 0.5 + (1000 + m) \times 1.5 \qquad 1000 + m = 3000 \qquad m = \mathbf{2000} \quad [4]$$

2



N2(down slope)

$$mg \sin 5^\circ = ma$$

$$a = 9.8 \sin 5^\circ = 0.854126... = \mathbf{0.854} \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

time to reach bottom .....

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$5 = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.854126 \times t^2 \qquad t = 3.42167... = \mathbf{3.42} \text{ s} \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

speed at bottom ...

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$v^2 = 8.54126...$$

$$v = 2.92254... = \mathbf{2.92} \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

3 the resultant is in the direction of the acceleration.

normal to the direction of acceleration ...

$$\text{N2} \quad F \sin 60^\circ - 5 = 0$$

$$F = \frac{5}{\sin 60^\circ} = 5.7735... = \mathbf{5.77} \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

$$\text{magnitude of resultant} = 5 \cos 60^\circ = \mathbf{2.5} \text{ N}$$

$$\text{acceleration} = \frac{2.5}{0.4} = \mathbf{6.25} \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

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$$OA = \text{area of trapezium} = 1 \times \left( \frac{1.1 + 0.9}{2} \right) = \mathbf{1} \text{ m}$$

$$AB = \text{area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 0.8 = 1.6 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore OB = 1.6 - 1 = \mathbf{0.6} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{deceleration}_{OA} = 0.2 / \frac{1}{1} = 0.2 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

$$\text{deceleration}_{AB} = 0.8 / \frac{4}{4} = 0.2 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

**the same!**

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first stage ...

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$25^2 = 0^2 + 2a \times 250$$

$$a = 1.25 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

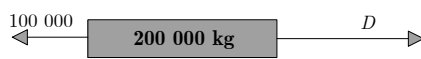
[3]

third stage ...

$$s = \left( \frac{u+v}{2} \right) t = 40 \left( \frac{25+0}{2} \right) = 600 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{total distance travelled} = 0.25 + 11.25 + 0.6 = 12.1 \text{ km}$$

[2]



N2(→)

$$D - 100\,000 = 200\,000 \times 1.25$$

$$D = 350\,000 \text{ N}$$

[2]

third stage ...

$$a = -25/40 = -0.625$$

$$-R - 100\,000 = 200\,000 \times -0.625$$

$$R = 25\,000 \text{ N}$$

[4]

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$$v = kt^2 \text{ and } v = 15 \text{ when } t = 25 \Rightarrow 15 = 625k \Rightarrow k = 15/625 = 3/125 \text{ (show)}$$

[2]

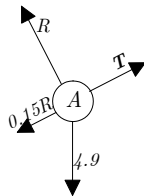
$$x = \int v dt = \int \frac{3}{125} t^2 dt = \frac{1}{125} t^3 \quad \therefore OA = \frac{1}{125} \times 25^3 = 125 \text{ m}$$

[4]

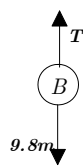
$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{6}{125} t \quad \text{so when } a = 0.72, \quad t = 15 \text{ s} \quad \therefore x = \frac{1}{125} \times 15^3 = 27 \text{ m}$$

[6]

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on the point of sliding **up** the plane ...

$$R = 4.9 \cos 10^\circ = 4.82555\dots$$



N2(A)

$$T - 0.15R - 4.9 \sin 10^\circ = 0$$

N2(B)

$$9.8m - T = 0$$

$$9.8m = 0.15 \times 4.82555\dots + 4.9 \sin 10^\circ$$

$$m = 0.160684\dots = 0.161 \quad (3 \text{ d.p.}) \text{ (show)}$$

when on the point of sliding **down** the plane ...

$$9.8m = 4.9 \sin 10^\circ - 0.15 \times 4.82555\dots$$

$$m = 0.012963\dots = 0.013 \text{ (3 d.p.)}$$

[7]

horizontal board ...

$$\text{limiting friction on A} = 0.15 \times 0.5 \times 9.8 = 0.735$$

[2]

weight of B is .....

Total [60]