

**General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and Advanced Level**

**MATHEMATICS**

**M3**

**Mechanics 3**

Additional materials:  
Answer paper  
Graph paper  
List of Formulae

**SPECIMEN PAPER**

**TIME** 1 hour 20 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper.  
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.

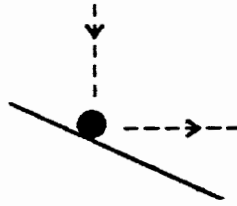
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**You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.**

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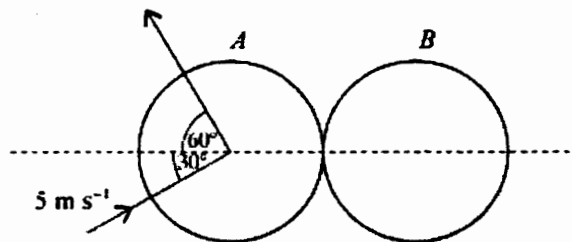
A ball of mass  $0.2 \text{ kg}$  falls vertically onto a sloping grass bank, and rebounds horizontally (see diagram). Immediately before the bounce the speed of the ball is  $8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , and immediately after the bounce the speed is  $3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . Calculate the magnitude and direction of the impulse on the ball due to the impact. [4]

2 A light elastic string of modulus  $28 \text{ N}$  and natural length  $0.8 \text{ m}$  has one end attached to a fixed point  $O$ . A particle of mass  $0.5 \text{ kg}$  is attached to the other end.

(i) The particle hangs in equilibrium at the point  $E$ . Calculate the distance  $OE$ . [2]

(ii) The particle is held at  $O$  and is released from rest. Calculate the speed of the particle as it passes the point  $E$ . [4]

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Two uniform smooth spheres  $A$  and  $B$ , of equal radius, are free to move on a smooth horizontal table. The mass of  $B$  is twice the mass of  $A$ . Initially  $B$  is at rest and  $A$  is moving with speed  $5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The spheres collide, and immediately before impact the direction of motion of  $A$  makes an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the line of centres. After the collision  $A$  moves at right angles to its original direction (see diagram). Show that

(i) the speed of  $A$  immediately after the collision is  $\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3} \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , [2]

(ii) the speed of  $B$  immediately after the collision is also  $\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3} \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , [3]

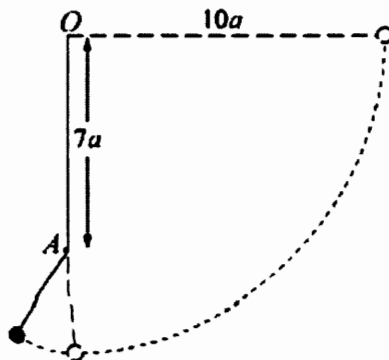
(iii) the collision is perfectly elastic. [3]

- 4 A particle of mass 0.2 kg is connected by two equal light elastic *springs*, each of natural length 0.5 m and modulus of elasticity 5 N, to two points  $A$  and  $B$  on a smooth horizontal table. The mid-point of  $AB$  is  $O$  and the length of  $AB$  is 1 m. The particle is displaced from  $O$ , towards  $B$ , through a distance of 0.3 m to the point  $C$  and released from rest. In the subsequent motion air resistance may be neglected. After  $t$  seconds the displacement of the particle from  $O$  is  $x$  metres. Show that

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -100x. \quad [3]$$

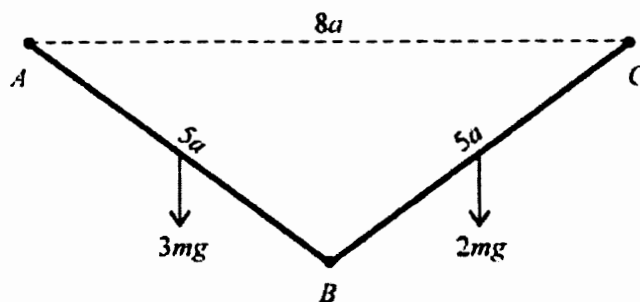
The particle moves a distance 0.1 m from  $C$  to  $D$ . Find

- (i) the speed of the particle at  $D$ , [3]
- (ii) the time taken to reach  $D$ . [3]
- 5 A particle of mass  $m$  is attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length  $10a$ . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $O$ . The particle is released from rest with the string taut and horizontal. Assuming there is no air resistance, find
- (i) the speed of the particle when the string has turned through  $30^\circ$ , [2]
- (ii) the tension in the string at this instant. [3]



When the string reaches the vertical position, it comes into contact with a small fixed peg  $A$  which is a distance  $7a$  below  $O$ . The particle begins to move in a vertical circle of radius  $3a$  with centre  $A$  (see diagram). Determine, showing your working, whether the particle describes a complete circle about  $A$ . [5]

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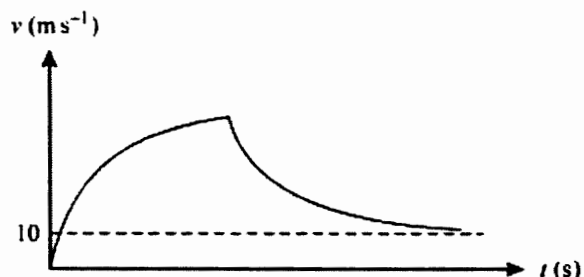
Two uniform beams  $AB$  and  $BC$ , each of length  $5a$ , have masses  $3m$  and  $2m$  respectively. The beams are freely jointed to fixed points at  $A$  and  $C$ , and to each other at  $B$ . The points  $A$  and  $C$  are on the same horizontal level at a distance  $8a$  apart, and the beams are in equilibrium with  $B$  vertically below the midpoint of  $AC$ , as shown in the diagram.

- (i) Find the vertical component of the force acting on  $BC$  at  $C$ , and show that the horizontal component of this force is  $\frac{5}{3}mg$ . [6]
- (ii) Find the magnitude and direction of the force acting on  $AB$  at  $B$ . [5]

- 7 A body falls vertically, the forces acting being gravity and air resistance. The air resistance is proportional to  $v$ , where  $v$  is the body's speed at time  $t$ . The value of  $v$  for which the acceleration is zero is known as the 'terminal velocity' for the motion, and is denoted by  $U$ . Show that the equation of motion of the body may be expressed as

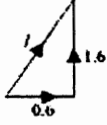
$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{g}{U}(U - v). \quad [3]$$

A parachutist jumps from a helicopter which is hovering at a height of several hundred metres, and falls vertically. Assume that, before the parachute is opened, the terminal velocity for the motion is  $50 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The parachutist opens the parachute  $10 \text{ s}$  after jumping. Find the speed at which the parachutist is falling just before the parachute opens. [5]



The diagram shows a  $(t, v)$  graph for the parachutist's motion, as modelled using the above differential equation.

- (i) Explain the significance of the speed of  $10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  in relation to the differential equation. [1]
- (ii) What has been assumed about the opening of the parachute? [1]
- (iii) Find the deceleration of the parachutist just after the parachute opens. [2]

<p>1</p>  <p>Magnitude = <math>\sqrt{0.6^2 + 1.6^2}</math>  Direction above horizontal = <math>\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1.6}{0.6}\right)</math>  Impulse is 1.71 N s at <math>69.4^\circ</math> to horizontal</p>	<p>B1 M1 A1 A1✓</p>	<p>For identifying impulse vector with the change of momentum, by means of a triangle or otherwise  For either Pythagoras or trig calculation  For magnitude  4 For angle to horizontal, or equivalent</p>
<p>2</p> <p>(i) <math>0.5g = \frac{28x}{0.8}</math>  <math>x = 0.14 \Rightarrow OE = 0.94</math> m</p> <p>(ii) Conservation of energy:  <math>\frac{1}{2} \times 0.5v^2 + \frac{28 \times 0.14^2}{2 \times 0.8} = 0.5g \times 0.94</math>  <math>0.25v^2 + 0.343 = 4.606</math>, hence <math>v = 4.13 \text{ m s}^{-1}</math></p>	<p>M1 A1 M1 B1✓ B1✓ A1</p>	<p>For equilibrium equation and Hooke  2 Correct answer for OE  For equation involving KE, PE and EE  For correct EE term  For PE term, correct apart possibly from sign  4</p>
<p>3</p> <p>(i) <math>v_A \cos 30^\circ = 5 \cos 60^\circ</math>  <math>v_A = \frac{5}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}\right) = \frac{5}{3}\sqrt{3}</math></p> <p>(ii) <math>m \times 5 \cos 30^\circ = 2mv_B - mv_A \cos 60^\circ</math>  <math>2v_B = \frac{5}{2}\sqrt{3} + \frac{5}{6}\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow v_B = \frac{5}{3}\sqrt{3}</math></p> <p>(iii) <math>v_A \cos 60^\circ + v_B = e \times 5 \cos 30^\circ</math>  <math>\frac{5}{3}\sqrt{3} \cos 60^\circ + \frac{5}{3}\sqrt{3} = 5e \cos 30^\circ</math>  Hence <math>e = 1</math>, as required</p>	<p>M1 A1 M1 A1 A1 M1 A1 A1</p>	<p>Equating components <math>\perp</math> line of centres  2 Given answer correctly shown  Using momentum <math>\parallel</math> line of centres  Correct equation (<math>v_A</math> need not be numerical)  3 Given answer correctly shown  Using restitution <math>\parallel</math> line of centres  Correct equation  3 Given result correctly shown</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Force in each spring is <math>\frac{5x}{0.5}</math>  Equation of motion is <math>10x + 10x = -0.2\ddot{x}</math>  i.e. <math>\ddot{x} = -100x</math></p> <p>(i) Motion is SHM with amplitude 0.3 m  <math>v_D^2 = 100(0.3^2 - 0.2^2)</math>  Speed at D is <math>2.24 \text{ m s}^{-1}</math></p> <p>(ii) <math>0.2 = 0.3 \cos(10t_D)</math>  <math>t_D = 0.1 \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)</math>  Time to reach D is 0.0841 s</p>	<p>B1 M1 A1 B1 M1 A1 B1 M1 A1</p>	<p>Correct expression for a <i>general</i> position  For relevant use of NII  3 Given answer correctly shown  Allow at any stage in the question  3  For correct SHM equation involving <math>t_D</math>  Or equivalent complete solution method  3</p>

<p>5 (i) <math>\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mg \times 10a \sin 30^\circ</math> Hence <math>v = \sqrt{10ga}</math></p>	<p>M1 A1 2</p>	<p>For relevant use of conservation of energy</p>
<p>(ii) <math>T - mg \cos 60^\circ = m \times \frac{10ga}{10a}</math>  <math>T = \frac{3}{2}mg</math></p>	<p>M1 A1✓ A1 3</p>	<p>3-term NII equation    string Correct unsimplified equation</p>
<p>Critical case is <math>T = 0</math> at highest point <math>\frac{1}{2}mv_H^2 = mg \times 4a</math> <math>v_H^2 = 8ga</math> <math>mg + T = \frac{mv^2}{3a}</math>  Hence it does make a complete circle</p>	<p>B1 M1 A1 M1 A1✓ 5</p>	<p>May be implied Use of energy to find <math>v_H</math> at highest point  Resolving to find <math>T (= \frac{5}{3}mg)</math> when <math>v = v_H</math> or to find critical <math>v^2 (= 3ga)</math> for <math>T = 0</math> Correct result and reason</p>
<p>6 (i) Moments about A for the system: <math>3mg \times 2a + 2mg \times 6a = Y_C \times 8a</math> <math>Y_C = \frac{9}{4}mg</math> Moments about B for BC: <math>2mg \times 2a + X_C \times 3a = \frac{9}{4}mg \times 4a</math> <math>X_C = \frac{5}{3}mg</math></p>	<p>M1 A1 A1 M1 A1 A1 6</p>	<p>Equation with 3 terms needed For correct unsimplified equation Correct answer for the vertical component Equation with 3 terms needed For correct unsimplified equation Given answer correctly shown</p>
<p>(ii) <math>X_B = \frac{5}{3}mg</math> <math>Y_B = \frac{1}{4}mg</math> Magnitude = <math>\sqrt{X_B^2 + Y_B^2}</math> Dir above horizontal = <math>\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{Y_B}{X_B}\right)</math> Magnitude = <math>\frac{1}{12}\sqrt{409}mg \approx 1.69mg</math> Dir above horizontal = <math>\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{20}\right) \approx 8.5^\circ</math></p>	<p>B1 B1✓ M1 A1✓ A1✓ 5</p>	<p>Follow the answer for <math>Y_C</math> in (i)  For numerical Pythagoras or trig calculation  Correct exact or approximate value Correct exact or approximate angle</p>
<p>7 Equation of motion is <math>m \frac{dv}{dt} = mg - kv</math> At terminal velocity <math>mg = kU</math> Hence <math>\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{g}{U}(U - v)</math></p>	<p>B1 B1 B1 3</p>	<p>Given answer correctly shown</p>
<p><math>\int \frac{1}{50 - v} dv = \int \frac{g}{50} dt</math> <math>-\ln(50 - v) = 0.196t + c</math> <math>v = 0, t = 0 \Rightarrow -\ln 50 = c</math> <math>-\ln(50 - v_{10}) = 1.96 - \ln 50</math> <math>v_{10} = 50(1 - e^{-1.96}) \approx 43.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}</math></p>	<p>M1 A1 M1 A1 A1 5</p>	<p>For separation and attempt at integration For both indefinite integrals correct Evaluation of constant or equiv use of limits Correct equation for <math>v_{10}</math> For correct exact or approximate answer</p>
<p>(i) <math>10 \text{ m s}^{-1}</math> is the terminal velocity (value of <math>U</math>) after the parachute opens</p>	<p>B1 1</p>	
<p>(ii) The parachute is assumed to open instantaneously</p>	<p>B1 1</p>	
<p>(iii) <math>\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{9.8}{10}(10 - 43.0)</math> Hence deceleration is <math>32.3 \text{ ms}^{-2}</math></p>	<p>M1 A1✓ 2</p>	