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**MATHEMATICS**

**9709/42**

Paper 4 Mechanics

**February/March 2020**

**1 hour 15 minutes**

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
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- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined page at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- You should use a calculator where appropriate.
- You must show all necessary working clearly; no marks will be given for unsupported answers from a calculator.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place for angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.
- Where a numerical value for the acceleration due to gravity ( $g$ ) is needed, use  $10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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2 A particle  $P$  of mass  $0.4 \text{ kg}$  is on a rough horizontal floor. The coefficient of friction between  $P$  and the floor is  $\mu$ . A force of magnitude  $3 \text{ N}$  is applied to  $P$  upwards at an angle  $\alpha$  above the horizontal, where  $\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$ . The particle is initially at rest and accelerates at  $2 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

(a) Find the time it takes for  $P$  to travel a distance of  $1.44 \text{ m}$  from its starting point. [2]

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(b) Find  $\mu$ . [4]

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6 On a straight horizontal test track, driverless vehicles (with no passengers) are being tested. A car of mass 1600 kg is towing a trailer of mass 700 kg along the track. The brakes are applied, resulting in a deceleration of  $12 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . The braking force acts on the car only. In addition to the braking force there are constant resistance forces of 600 N on the car and of 200 N on the trailer.

(a) Find the magnitude of the force in the tow-bar. [2]

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(b) Find the braking force. [2]

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- (c) At the instant when the brakes are applied, the car has speed  $22 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . At this instant the car is 17.5 m away from a stationary van, which is directly in front of the car.

Show that the car hits the van at a speed of  $8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . [2]

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- (d) After the collision, the van starts to move with speed  $5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and the car and trailer continue moving in the same direction with speed  $2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

Find the mass of the van. [3]

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7 A particle moves in a straight line through the point  $O$ . The displacement of the particle from  $O$  at time  $t$  s is  $s$  m, where

$$s = t^2 - 3t + 2 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 6,$$

$$s = \frac{24}{t} - \frac{t^2}{4} + 25 \quad \text{for } t \geq 6.$$

(a) Find the value of  $t$  when the particle is instantaneously at rest during the first 6 seconds of its motion. [2]

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At  $t = 6$ , the particle hits a barrier at a point  $P$  and rebounds.

(b) Find the velocity with which the particle arrives at  $P$  and also the velocity with which the particle leaves  $P$ . [3]

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