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MATHEMATICS

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Paper 4 Mechanics

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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.
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- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
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- 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 ms^{-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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- 1 Two particles P and Q of masses 0.2 kg and 0.5 kg respectively are at rest on a smooth horizontal plane. Particle P is projected with a speed 6 m s^{-1} directly towards Q . After P and Q collide, P moves with a speed of 1 m s^{-1} .

Find the two possible speeds of Q after the collision.

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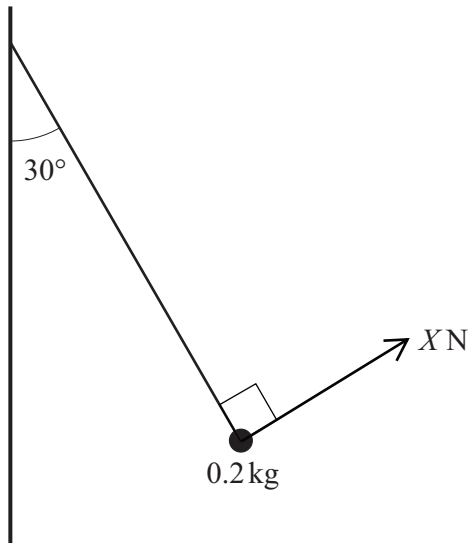
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A particle of mass 0.2 kg is attached to one end of a light inextensible string. The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point on a vertical wall. The particle is held in equilibrium by a force of magnitude $X\text{ N}$, perpendicular to the string, with the string taut and making an angle of 30° with the wall (see diagram).

Find the tension in the string and the value of X . [3]

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3 A car travels along a straight road with constant acceleration $a \text{ m s}^{-2}$, where $a > 0$. The car passes through points A , B and C in that order. The speed of the car at A is $u \text{ m s}^{-1}$ in the direction AB . The distance BC is twice the distance AB . The car takes 8 seconds to travel from A to B and 10 seconds to travel from B to C .

(a) Find u in terms of a . [4]

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(b) Find the speed of the car at C in terms of a . [2]

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4 A particle travels in a straight line. The velocity of the particle at time t s after leaving a point O is v ms⁻¹, where

$$v = kt^2 - 4t + 3.$$

The distance travelled by the particle in the first 2 s of its motion is 6 m. You may assume that $v > 0$ in the first 2 s of its motion.

(a) Find the value of k . [4]

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(b) Find the value of the minimum velocity of the particle. You do **not** need to show that this velocity is a minimum. [3]

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5 A van of mass 4500 kg is towing a trailer of mass 750 kg down a straight hill inclined at an angle of θ to the horizontal where $\sin \theta = 0.05$. The van and the trailer are connected by a light rigid tow-bar which is parallel to the road. There are constant resistance forces of 2500 N on the van and 300 N on the trailer.

(a) It is given that the tension in the tow-bar is 450 N.

Find the acceleration of the trailer and the driving force of the van's engine. [4]

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On another occasion, the van and trailer ascend a straight hill inclined at an angle of α to the horizontal where $\sin \alpha = 0.09$. The driving force of the van's engine is now 9100 N , and the speed of the van at the bottom of the hill is 20 m s^{-1} . The resistances to motion are unchanged.

(b) (i) Find the acceleration of the van and the tension in the tow-bar. [5]

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(ii) Find the speed of the van when it has travelled a distance of 375 m up the hill. [2]

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6 A cyclist is travelling along a straight horizontal road. The total mass of the cyclist and her bicycle is 80 kg. There is a constant resistance force of magnitude 32 N to the cyclist's motion. At an instant when she is travelling at 7 m s^{-1} , her acceleration is 0.1 m s^{-2} .

(a) Find the power output of the cyclist. [3]

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(b) Find the steady speed that the cyclist can maintain if her power output and the resistance force are both unchanged. [2]

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The diagram shows a track ABCD which lies in a vertical plane. The section AB is a straight line inclined at an angle of 30° to the horizontal and is smooth. The section BC is a horizontal straight line and is rough. The section CD is a straight line inclined at an angle of 30° to the horizontal and is rough. The lengths AB, BC and CD are each 2 m.

A particle is released from rest at A. The coefficient of friction between the particle and both BC and CD is μ . There is no change in the speed of the particle when it passes through either of the points B or C.

(a) It is given that $\mu = 0.1$.

Find the distance which the particle has moved up the section CD when its speed is 1 m s^{-1} . [5]

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