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# A level Applied Mathematics Paper 3B Mechanics



Practice Paper M7

Time: 2 hours

## Information for Candidates

- This practice paper is an adapted legacy old paper for the Edexcel GCE A Level Specifications
- There are 10 questions in this question paper
- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets.
- Full marks may be obtained for answers to ALL questions

## Advice to candidates:

- You must ensure that your answers to parts of questions are clearly labelled.
- You must show sufficient working to make your methods clear to the Examiner
- Answers without working may not gain full credit

### Question 1

A car is moving along a straight horizontal road. At time  $t = 0$ , the car passes a point  $A$  with speed  $25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The car moves with constant speed  $25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  until  $t = 10 \text{ s}$ . The car then decelerates uniformly for  $8 \text{ s}$ . At time  $t = 18 \text{ s}$ , the speed of the car is  $V \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and this speed is maintained until the car reaches the point  $B$  at time  $t = 30 \text{ s}$ .

(a) Sketch, in the space below, a speed–time graph to show the motion of the car from  $A$  to  $B$  (3)

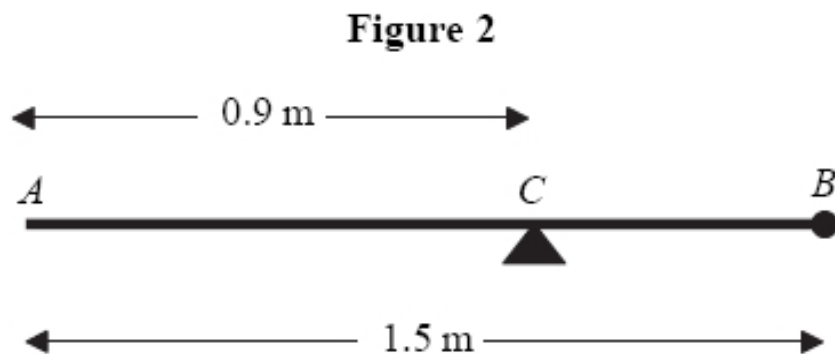
Given that  $AB = 526 \text{ m}$ , find

(b) the value of  $V$ , (5)

(c) the deceleration of the car between  $t = 10 \text{ s}$  and  $t = 18 \text{ s}$ . (3)

**(Total 11 marks)**

### Question 2



A uniform rod  $AB$  has length  $1.5 \text{ m}$  and mass  $8 \text{ kg}$ . A particle of mass  $m \text{ kg}$  is attached to the rod at  $B$ . The rod is supported at the point  $C$ , where  $AC = 0.9 \text{ m}$ , and the system is in equilibrium with  $AB$  horizontal, as shown in Figure 2.

(a) Show that  $m = 2$ . (4)

A particle of mass  $5 \text{ kg}$  is now attached to the rod at  $A$  and the support is moved from  $C$  to a point  $D$  of the rod. The system, including both particles, is again in equilibrium with  $AB$  horizontal.

(b) Find the distance  $AD$ . (5)

**(Total 9 marks)**



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### Question 3

A boat  $B$  is moving with constant velocity. At noon,  $B$  is at the point with position vector  $(3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j})$  km with respect to a fixed origin  $O$ . At 1430 on the same day,  $B$  is at the point with position vector  $(8\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j})$  km.

- (a) Find the velocity of  $B$ , giving your answer in the form  $p\mathbf{i} + q\mathbf{j}$ . (3)

At time  $t$  hours after noon, the position vector of  $B$  is  $\mathbf{b}$  km.

- (b) Find, in terms of  $t$ , an expression for  $\mathbf{b}$ . (3)

(Total 6 marks)

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### Question 4

A particle  $P$  of mass 0.5 kg moves under the action of a single force  $\mathbf{F}$  newtons. At time  $t$  seconds, the velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  m s<sup>-1</sup> of  $P$  is given by

$$\mathbf{v} = 3t^2\mathbf{i} + (1 - 4t)\mathbf{j}.$$

Find

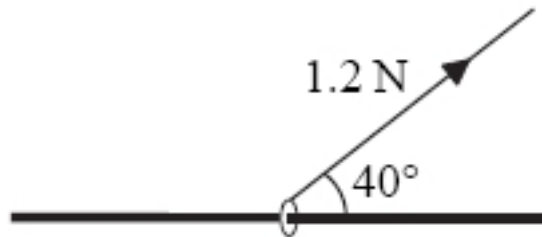
- (a) the acceleration of  $P$  at time  $t$  seconds, (2)

- (b) the magnitude of  $\mathbf{F}$  when  $t = 2$ . (4)

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**Question 5****Figure 3**

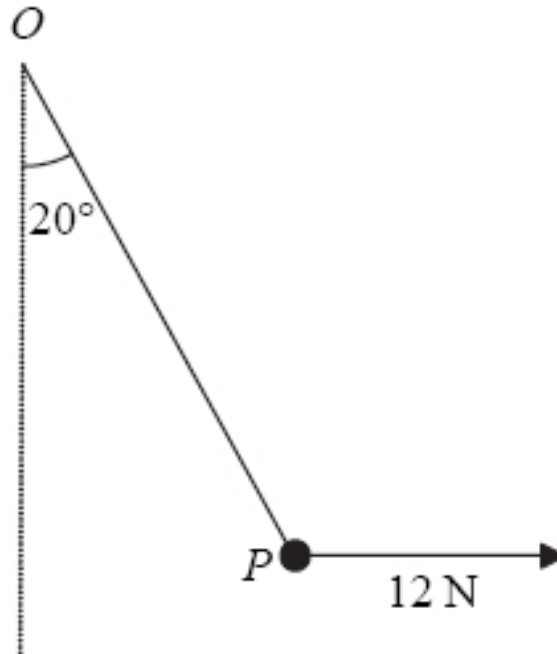
A small ring of mass  $0.25\text{ kg}$  is threaded on a fixed rough horizontal rod. The ring is pulled upwards by a light string which makes an angle  $40^\circ$  with the horizontal, as shown in Figure 3. The string and the rod are in the same vertical plane. The tension in the string is  $1.2\text{ N}$  and the coefficient of friction between the ring and the rod is  $\mu$ . Given that the ring is in limiting equilibrium, find

- (a) the normal reaction between the ring and the rod, (4)
- (b) the value of  $\mu$ . (6)

**(Total 10 marks)**

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**Question 6****Figure 1**

A particle  $P$  is attached to one end of a light inextensible string. The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $O$ . A horizontal force of magnitude  $12\text{ N}$  is applied to  $P$ . The particle  $P$  is in equilibrium with the string taut and  $OP$  making an angle of  $20^\circ$  with the downward vertical, as shown in Figure 1.

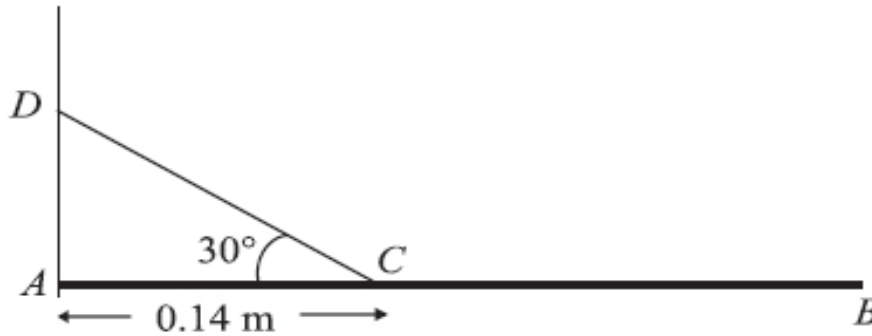
Find

- (a) the tension in the string, (3)
- (b) the weight of  $P$ . (4)

**(Total 7 marks)**

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### Question 7



**Figure 3**

A uniform beam  $AB$  of mass 2 kg is freely hinged at one end  $A$  to a vertical wall. The beam is held in equilibrium in a horizontal position by a rope which is attached to a point  $C$  on the beam, where  $AC = 0.14$  m. The rope is attached to the point  $D$  on the wall vertically above  $A$ , where  $\angle ACD = 30^\circ$ , as shown in Figure 3. The beam is modelled as a uniform rod and the rope as a light inextensible string. The tension in the rope is 63 N.

Find

- (a) the length of  $AB$ , (4)
- (b) the magnitude of the resultant reaction of the hinge on the beam at  $A$ . (5)

**(Total 9 marks)**

### Question 8

A particle  $P$  moves on the  $x$ -axis. At time  $t$  seconds the velocity of  $P$  is  $v$  m s<sup>-1</sup> in the direction of  $x$  increasing, where  $v$  is given by

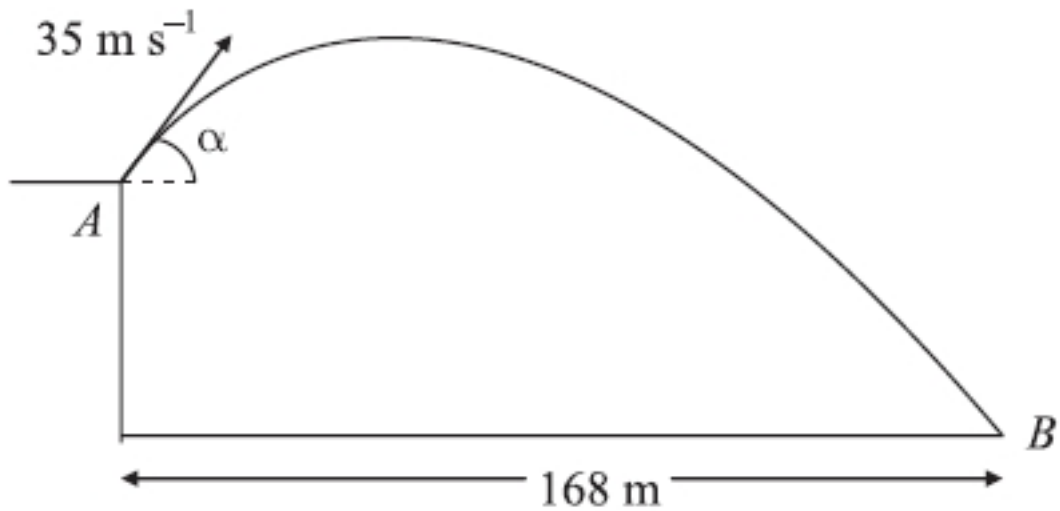
$$v = \begin{cases} 8t - \frac{3}{2}t^2, & 0 \leq t \leq 4, \\ 16 - 2t, & t > 4. \end{cases}$$

When  $t = 0$ ,  $P$  is at the origin  $O$ . Find

- (a) the greatest speed of  $P$  in the interval  $0 \leq t \leq 4$ , (4)
- (b) the distance of  $P$  from  $O$  when  $t = 4$ , (3)
- (c) the time at which  $P$  is instantaneously at rest for  $t > 4$ , (1)
- (d) the total distance travelled by  $P$  in the first 10 s of its motion. (8)

**(Total 16 marks)**

### Question 9



**Figure 4**

A golf ball  $P$  is projected with speed  $35 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  from a point  $A$  on a cliff above horizontal ground.

The angle of projection is  $\alpha$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan \alpha = \frac{4}{3}$ . The ball moves freely under gravity and hits the ground at the point  $B$ , as shown in Figure 4.

(a) Find the greatest height of  $P$  above the level of  $A$ . (3)

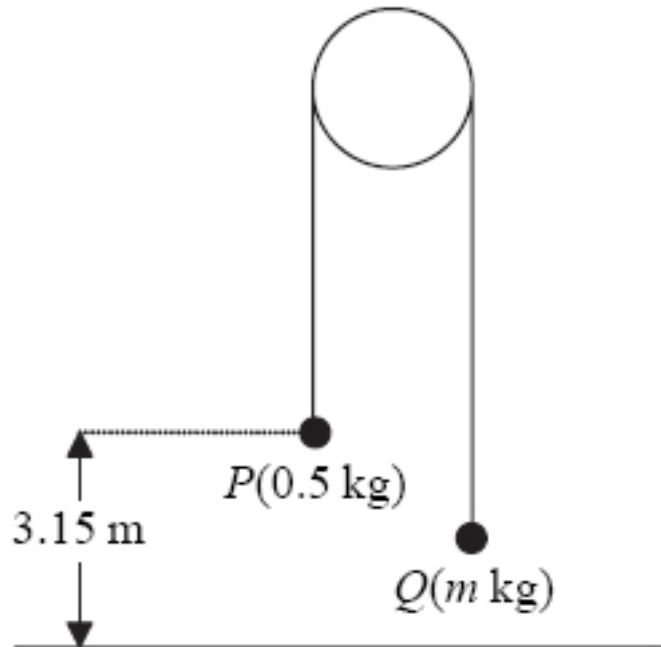
The horizontal distance from  $A$  to  $B$  is  $168 \text{ m}$ .

(b) Find the height of  $A$  above the ground. (6)

**(Total 9 marks)**

**Question 10**

**Figure 4**



Two particles  $P$  and  $Q$  have mass  $0.5$  kg and  $m$  kg respectively, where  $m < 0.5$ . The particles are connected by a light inextensible string which passes over a smooth, fixed pulley. Initially  $P$  is  $3.15$  m above horizontal ground. The particles are released from rest with the string taut and the hanging parts of the string vertical, as shown in Figure 4. After  $P$  has been descending for  $1.5$  s, it strikes the ground. Particle  $P$  reaches the ground before  $Q$  has reached the pulley.

- (a) Show that the acceleration of  $P$  as it descends is  $2.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . (3)
- (b) Find the tension in the string as  $P$  descends. (3)
- (c) Show that  $m = \frac{5}{18}$ . (4)
- (d) State how you have used the information that the string is inextensible. (1)

When  $P$  strikes the ground,  $P$  does not rebound and the string becomes slack. Particle  $Q$  then moves freely under gravity, without reaching the pulley, until the string becomes taut again.

- (e) Find the time between the instant when  $P$  strikes the ground and the instant when the string becomes taut again. (6)

**(Total 17 marks)**

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