Forces as Vectors - Edexcel Past Exam Questions

*1.   A particle P of mass 0.4 kg moves under the action of a single constant force $\mathbf{F}$ newtons. The acceleration of P is $(6\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j})$ m s^{-2} . Find

(a) the angle between the acceleration and $\mathbf{i}$,

(2)

(b) the magnitude of $\mathbf{F}$.

(3)

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2.   Two forces, $(4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j})$ N and $(p\mathbf{i} + q\mathbf{j})$ N, act on a particle P of mass m kg. The resultant of the two forces is $\mathbf{R}$. Given that $\mathbf{R}$ acts in a direction which is parallel to the vector $(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j})$,

(a) find the angle between $\mathbf{R}$ and the vector $\mathbf{j}$,   **(3)**

(b) show that $2p + q + 3 = 0$.   **(4)**

Given also that $q = 1$ and that P moves with an acceleration of magnitude $8\sqrt{5}$ m s^{-2},

(c) find the value of m.   **(7)**

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3.   A particle is acted upon by two forces $\mathbf{F}_1$ and $\mathbf{F}_2$, given by

$\mathbf{F}_1 = (\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})$ N,

$\mathbf{F}_2 = (p\mathbf{i} + 2p\mathbf{j})$ N, where p is a positive constant.

(a) Find the angle between $\mathbf{F}_2$ and $\mathbf{j}$.   **(2)**

The resultant of $\mathbf{F}_1$ and $\mathbf{F}_2$ is $\mathbf{R}$. Given that $\mathbf{R}$ is parallel to $\mathbf{i}$,

(b) find the value of p.   **(4)**

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