

# A level Applied Paper 3B Mechanics Practice Paper M17 **MARK SCHEME**

## Question 1

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
(a)	$s = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2$ $40 = 10 \times 5 - \frac{1}{2}a5^2$ $a = 0.8$	M1 A2 A1 (4)
(b)	<p>Finding <math>u</math> (<math>= 6</math>)</p> $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \text{ (A to M)}$ $20 = 6t + \frac{1}{2}0.8t^2$ $t = \frac{-15 \pm \sqrt{225 + 200}}{2}$ $= 2.8 \text{ or } 2.81 \text{ or better}$ <p>Alternative :</p> <p>Finding <math>v</math> (<math>= \sqrt{68}</math>)</p> $s = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2 \text{ (A to M)}$ $20 = \sqrt{68}t - \frac{1}{2}0.8t^2$ $t = \frac{\sqrt{68} \pm \sqrt{68 - 32}}{0.8}$ $= 2.8 \text{ or } 2.81 \text{ or better}$ <p>Alternative :</p> $s = vt_1 - \frac{1}{2}at_1^2 \text{ (M to B)}$ $20 = 10t_1 - \frac{1}{2}0.8t_1^2$ $t_1 = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 32}}{0.8}$ $= 2.192$ $t = 5 - t_1 = 2.8 \text{ or } 2.81 \text{ or better}$	M1 M1 A1 DM1 A1 (5)  M1 M1 A1 DM1 A1 (5)  M2 A1 DM1 A1 (5) 9


	Notes	
(a)	<p>First M1 for a complete method to produce a value for <math>a</math>. They may use two (or more equations) and solve for <math>a</math>. (see possible equations)  A2 if all correct, A1A0 for one error  Third A1 for <math>0.8 \text{ (m s}^{-2}\text{)}</math>  Possible equations:  <math>40 = 5u + \frac{1}{2}a.5^2</math>  <math>10^2 = u^2 + 2a.40</math>  <math>10 = u + 5a</math>  <math>40 = \frac{(u+10)}{2}.5</math></p>	
(b)	<p>First M1 for attempt to find a value for <math>u</math> (This may have been done in part (a) but MUST be used in (b) )  Second M1 for a complete method (may involve 2 or more <i>suvat</i> equations) for finding an equation in <math>t</math> <i>only</i>  First A1 for a correct equation  Third M1, <b>dependent</b> on previous M, for solving their equation for <math>t</math>  Second A1 for 2.8 (s) or better or <math>\frac{5(2\sqrt{17}-6)}{4}</math>; <math>\frac{40}{6+2\sqrt{17}}</math></p>	



## Question 2

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
	$T - 0.5g = 0.5a$ $15 - T - 0.75g = 0.75a$ $(OR: 15 - 0.5g - 0.75g = 1.25a)$ $(a = 2.2 \text{ m s}^{-2})$ $T = 6 \text{ N}$	M1 A1 M1 A1  M1 A1 <b>6</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	
	<p>First M1 for an equation of motion for either <math>P</math> or <math>Q</math> with usual rules i.e. correct no. of terms, dimensionally correct but condone sign errors</p> <p>First A1 for a correct equation (allow <math>T</math> replaced by <math>-T</math> and/or <math>a</math> replaced by <math>-a</math>)</p> <p>Second M1 for another equation of motion (for either <math>P</math> or <math>Q</math> or whole system) with usual rules as above</p> <p>Second A1 for a correct equation (allow <math>T</math> consistently replaced by <math>-T</math> and/or <math>a</math> consistently replaced by <math>-a</math>)</p> <p>Third M1 for solving two THREE term equations of <b>motion</b> for <math>T</math></p> <p>Third A1 for 6 (N). Must be positive but allow a change from <math>-6</math> to 6, if they have consistently used <math>-T</math> instead of <math>T</math>.</p>	

### Question 3

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
(a)	 $(\uparrow) R + 5R = 75g + 30g + 75g$ $M(A) \quad 75gx + 75g2x + 30g \times 3 = 5R \times 4$ $x = \frac{34}{15} = 2.3 \text{ or better}$ <p>(N.B. Or another Moments Equation)</p>	<p>M1 A2</p> <p>M1 A2 A1</p> <p>(M1 A2) (7)</p>
(b)	<p>uniform – mass is or acts at midpoint of plank; centre of mass is at middle of plank; weight acts at the middle of the plank, centre of gravity is at midpoint</p> <p>rod - plank does not bend, remains straight, is inflexible, is rigid</p>	<p>B1 B1 (2) 9</p>
Notes		
(a)	<p>First M1 for either a vertical resolution (with correct of terms) or a moments equation (all terms dim correct and correct no. of terms)</p> <p>First A1 and Second A1 for a correct equation in <math>R</math> (or <math>S</math> where <math>S = 5R</math>) only or <math>R</math> and <math>x</math> only or <math>S</math> and <math>x</math> only. (– 1 each error, A1A0 or A0A0)</p> <p>Second M1 for a moments equation (all terms dim correct and correct no. of terms)</p> <p>Third A1 and Fourth A1 for a correct equation in <math>R</math> (or <math>S</math> where <math>S = 5R</math>) only or <math>R</math> and <math>x</math> only or <math>S</math> and <math>x</math> only. (– 1 each error, A1A0 or A0A0)</p> <p>Fifth A1 for <math>x = \frac{34}{15}</math> or 2.3 (or better)</p> <p>(i) In a moments equation, if <math>R</math> and <math>5R</math> (or <math>S</math> and <math>0.2S</math>) are interchanged, treat as 1 error.</p> <p>(ii) Ignore diagram if it helps the candidate.</p> <p>(iii) If an equation is correct but contains both <math>R</math> and <math>S</math>, or <math>S = 5R</math> is never used, treat as 1 error.</p> <p>(iv) Full marks possible if all <math>g</math>'s omitted.</p> <p>(v) For inconsistent omission of <math>g</math>, penalise each omission.</p> <p><math>M(B), R \times 6 + 5R \times 2 = 75g(6 - x) + 75g(6 - 2x) + 30g \times 3</math></p> <p><math>M(C), 75g(4 - x) + 75g(4 - 2x) + 30g \times 1 = R \times 4</math></p> <p><math>M(G), 75g(3 - x) + 5R \times 1 = R \times 3 + 75g(2x - 3)</math></p> <p><math>M(P), Rx + 30g(3 - x) + 75gx = 5R(4 - x)</math></p> <p><math>M(Q), 75gx + 30g(2x - 3) + 5R(4 - 2x) = R \times 2x</math></p>	
(b)	<p>First B1 for first correct answer seen.</p> <p>Second B1 for the other answer, but only award this second mark if no extras given.</p>	

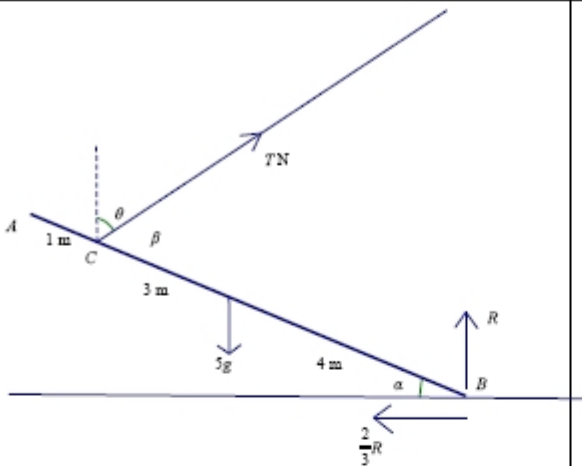
#### Question 4

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
	$(15\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) + (5q\mathbf{i} - p\mathbf{j}) + (-3p\mathbf{i} - q\mathbf{j}) = \mathbf{0}$ $3p - 5q = 15$ $p + q = 1$ $p = 2.5 \quad q = -1.5$	M1 M1 A1 M1 A1 A1 <b>6</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	
	<p>First M1 for equating the sum of the three forces to zero (can be implied by subsequent working)</p> <p>Second M1 for equating the sum of the <math>\mathbf{i}</math> components to zero AND the sum of the <math>\mathbf{j}</math> components to zero oe to produce TWO equations, each one being in <math>p</math> and <math>q</math> ONLY.</p> <p>First A1 for TWO correct equations (in any form)</p> <p>N.B. It is possible to obtain TWO equations by using <math>\lambda(3p - 5q - 15) = \mu(p + q - 1)</math> with TWO different pairs of values for <math>\lambda</math> and <math>\mu</math>, with one pair not a multiple of the other e.g. <math>\lambda=1, \mu=1</math> AND <math>\lambda=1, \mu=2</math>.</p> <p>Third M1(independent) for attempt (either by substitution or elimination) to produce an equation in either <math>p</math> ONLY or <math>q</math> ONLY.</p> <p>Second A1 for <math>p = 2.5</math> (any equivalent form, fractions do not need to be in lowest terms)</p> <p>Third A1 for <math>q = -1.5</math> (any equivalent form, fractions do not need to be in lowest terms)</p>	

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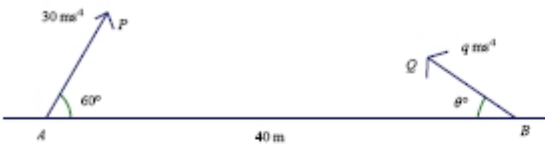
Question Number	Scheme	Marks
	$F = \mu R$ $(\searrow), \quad R = 10 \sin \alpha + 5g \cos \alpha \quad (45.2)$ $(\nearrow), \quad F = 5g \sin \alpha - 10 \cos \alpha \quad (21.4)$ $\mu = \frac{g \sin \alpha - 2 \cos \alpha}{2 \sin \alpha + g \cos \alpha} = 0.47 \quad \text{or} \quad 0.473$	B1 M1 A2 M1 A2 M1 A1 <b>9</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	
	<p>B1 for <math>F = \mu R</math> seen or implied</p> <p>First M1 for resolving perpendicular to the plane with usual rules</p> <p>First and second A1's for a correct equation. A1A0 if one error.</p> <p>Second M1 for resolving parallel to the plane with usual rules</p> <p>Third and fourth A1's for a correct equation. A1A0 if one error.</p> <p>If <math>m</math> is used instead of 5, penalise once in each equation.</p> <p>Third M1 <u>independent</u> for eliminating <math>R</math> to produce an equation in <math>\mu</math> only. Does not need to be <math>\mu = \dots</math></p> <p>Fifth A1 for 0.47 or 0.473.</p>	

# Question 6

Q.	Scheme	Marks	Notes
a			
	$F = \frac{2}{3}R$ seen or implied	B1	Use of $F = \mu R$ . Could be on diagram. Allow in (b) if not seen before
	$M(C): 5g \times 3 \cos \alpha + F \times 7 \sin \alpha = 7 \cos \alpha \times R$	M1	Moments about C or alternative complete method to find equation in F and R or R only. Dimensionally correct and all terms needed. Condone sin/cos confusion and sign error(s).
		A1	At most one error
		A1	Correct unsimplified equation
	$15g \cos \alpha = R \left( 7 \cos \alpha - \frac{14}{3} \sin \alpha \right)$		
	$15g \times \frac{4}{5} = R \left( 7 \times \frac{4}{5} - \frac{14}{3} \times \frac{3}{5} \right) = \frac{14}{5}R$	dM1	Substitute for F and trig and solve for R Dependent on previous M1
	$R = \frac{30}{7}g = 42 \text{ (N)}$	A1	
		(6)	
	e.g. of alternative for M1A1A1:		
	$M(A): T \sin \beta + 8R \cos \alpha = 8F \sin \alpha + 20g \cos \alpha$ and $M(B): 7T \sin \beta = 20g \cos \alpha$	(M1)	
		(A1)	At most 1 error
	$\frac{20g}{7} \cos \alpha + 8R \cos \alpha = 8F \sin \alpha + 20g \cos \alpha$	(A1)	Correct unsimplified equation in F and R or R only

Q.	Scheme	Marks	Notes
<b>b</b>	Resolve $\uparrow$ : $T \cos \theta + R = 5g$ $R + T \sin(\beta - \alpha) = 5g$	M1	Need all terms. Condone sin/cos confusion and sign error(s).
		A1	Correct in $R$ or <i>their</i> $R$
	Resolve $\leftrightarrow$ : $T \sin \theta = F (= 28)$ $F \left( = \frac{2}{3} R \right) = T \cos(\beta - \alpha)$	M1	Need both terms. Condone sin/cos confusion
		A1	Correct in $R$ or <i>their</i> $R$
	Solve simultaneous equations for $\beta - \alpha$		
	$\tan(\beta - \alpha) = 4$ , $\beta = 50.9^\circ$ ( $51^\circ$ )	A1	cso . Max 3 s.f.
		(5)	
<b>Alt b</b>	M(B): $7 \times T \sin \beta = 5g \cos \alpha \times 4$	M1	Moments equation. Dimensionally correct. Condone sin/cos confusion and sign error(s).
	$\left( T \sin \beta = \frac{16}{7} g \right)$	A1	
	OR: resolve perpendicular to the rod: $T \sin \beta + R \cos \alpha = 5g \cos \alpha + \frac{2}{3} R \sin \alpha$	(M1) (A1)	
	Resolve parallel to rod: $T \cos \beta + 5g \sin \alpha = F \cos \alpha + R \sin \alpha$ $\left( = \frac{2}{3} R \cos \alpha + R \sin \alpha \right)$	M1	All terms needed. Condone sin/cos confusion and sign error(s).
	$\left( T \cos \beta = \frac{13}{7} g \right)$	A1	
	Solve simultaneous equations for $\beta$		
	$\tan \beta = \frac{16}{13}$ , $\beta = 50.9^\circ$ ( $51^\circ$ )	A1	cso. Max 3 s.f.
		(5)	
		[11]	

# Question 7

Q.	Scheme	Marks	Notes
<b>a</b>			
	$30 \cos 60 \times 2 + q \cos \theta \times 2 = 40$	M1	Equation for horizontal distance Need to be using the 40 m
		A1	Correct unsimplified
	$30 \sin 60 \times 2 - 4.9 \times 4 = q \sin \theta \times 2 - 4.9 \times 4$ $30 \sin 60 = q \sin \theta$	M1	Equal vertical distance or initial vertical components of velocity
		A1	Correct unsimplified (no error seen)
	$q \cos \theta = \pm 5$ $q \sin \theta = 15\sqrt{3}$		
	$\tan \theta = 3\sqrt{3}$ ( $\tan \theta = 6 \sin 60$ )	DM1	Solve for $q$ or $\theta$ Dependent on both preceding M marks
	$\theta = 79.1$ (79)		(1.38 radians) or better
	$q = 26.45... = 26.5$	A1	(26 or better) ( $10\sqrt{7}$ ) Both correct and no error seen
		(6)	
<b>b</b>	Vertical component of speed =	M1	Must be working towards speed of $P$ (or $v^2$ ) (condone if working on $Q$ - they equal vertical components of velocity)
	$30 \sin 60 - 2g (= 6.38...)$	A1	Correct unsimplified. Accept $\pm$
	speed = $\sqrt{(30 \cos 60)^2 + 6.38^2}$	DM1	Use Pythagoras. Dependent on previous M Follow their vertical component.
		A1ft	Correct unsimplified equation in $v$ or $v^2$ .
	$= \sqrt{15^2 + 6.38^2} = 16.3 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$	A1	or 16 2 or 3 sf only
		(5)	
<b>b alt</b>	Vertical distance =	M1	Must be working towards speed of $P$
	$30 \sin 60 \times 2 - 4.9 \times 4 = 32.36$	A1	Correct unsimplified
	Conservation of energy:	DM1	Dependent on previous M. Follow their vertical distance.
	$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mg \times 32.36 = \frac{1}{2}m \times 900$	A1ft	Correct unsimplified equation in $v$ or $v^2$ .
	$v = 16.3 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$ (16)	A1	
		(5)	
		[11]	



# Question 8

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
(a)	$\tan \theta = \frac{2}{9} \quad \theta = 12.5^\circ \quad \text{bearing } 103^\circ$	M1 A1 A1 (3)
(b) (i) (ii)	$\mathbf{p} = (9\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j}) + t(9\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j})$ $\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) + t(4\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j})$	M1 A1 A1 (3)
(c)	$\overrightarrow{QP} = (8 + 5t)\mathbf{i} + (6 - 10t)\mathbf{j}$	M1 A1 (2)
(d)	$D^2 = (8 + 5t)^2 + (6 - 10t)^2$ $= 125t^2 - 40t + 100$ $100 = 125t^2 - 40t + 100$ $0 = 5t(25t - 8)$ $t = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 0.32$	M1 A1  M1 M1 A1 A1 (6)  <b>14</b>
Notes		
(a)	M1 for $\tan \theta = \pm \frac{2}{9}$ or $\pm \frac{9}{2}$ or use $\sin \theta$ or $\cos \theta$	
	First A1 for $\theta = \pm 13^\circ$ or $\pm 77^\circ$ or $\pm 12.5^\circ$ or $\pm 77.5^\circ$ or better	
	Second A1 for $103^\circ$	
(b)	M1 for clear attempt at $\mathbf{p} = (9\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j}) + t(9\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j})$ or $\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) + t(4\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j})$ (Allow slips but must be a '+' sign and $\mathbf{r} + t\mathbf{v}$ )	
(i)	First A1 for $\mathbf{p} = (9\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j}) + t(9\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j})$ oe	
(ii)	Second A1 for $\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) + t(4\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j})$ oe	
(c)	M1 for $\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}$ or $\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}$ with their $\mathbf{p}$ and $\mathbf{q}$ substituted A1 for correct answer $\overrightarrow{QP} = (8 + 5t)\mathbf{i} + (6 - 10t)\mathbf{j}$ (don't need $\overrightarrow{QP}$ but on R.H.S must be identical coefficients of $\mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{j}$ but allow column vectors)	
(d)	First M1 for attempt to find $QP$ or $QP^2$ in terms of $t$ only, using correct formula First A1 for a correct expression (with or without $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$ ) $125t^2 - 40t + 100$ Second M1 for $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$ (3 term quadratic) = 10 or (3 term quadratic) = 100. Third M1 for quadratic expression = 0 and attempt to solve (e.g. factorising or using formula) Second A1 for $t = 0$ (if they divide by $t$ and lose this value but get 0.32, M1A0A1) Third A1 for $t = 0.32$ oe	

# Question 9

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
(a) (i) (ii)	For $A$ : $T - F = 2ma$ For $B$ : $mg - T = ma$	M1 A1 M1 A1 (4)
(b)	$R = 2mg$ $mg(1 - 2\mu) = 3ma$ $\frac{g}{3}(1 - 2\mu) = a$	B1 M1 A1 (3)
(c)	$v^2 = \frac{2gh}{3}(1 - 2\mu)$ $v = \sqrt{\frac{2gh}{3}(1 - 2\mu)}$	M1 A1 (2)
(d)	$-\mu R = 2ma'$ $0^2 = \text{their } u^2 - 2a's$ $0 = \frac{2gh}{3}(1 - \frac{2}{3}) - 2(\frac{1}{3}g)s \text{ (or } s = (d - h))$ $s = \frac{1}{3}h$ $d = \frac{1}{3}h + h = \frac{4}{3}h$	M1 M1 A1 (A1) A1 A1 (5)
(e)	$A$ (or $B$ ) would not move; <b>OR</b> $A$ (or $B$ ) would remain in (limiting) equilibrium; <b>OR</b> the system would remain in (limiting) equilibrium	B1 (1) <b>15</b>

	Notes	
(a)(i)	First M1 for equation of motion for $A$ with usual rules First A1 for a correct equation (allow $-T$ instead of $T$ )	
(ii)	Second M1 for equation of motion for $B$ with usual rules Second A1 for a correct equation (allow consistent $-T$ instead of $T$ )	
(b)	B1 for $R = 2mg$ M1 for using $F = \mu R$ and eliminating to give equation in $a$ and $\mu$ only. A1 for PRINTED ANSWER (Must be identical to printed answer)	
(c)	M1 for using $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ or any other complete method to find the speed of $A$ A1 for correct answer in any form	
(d)	First M1 for equation of motion for $A$ with $T = 0$ and $F = \mu R$ e.g. $\mu R = 2ma'$ (must be $2m$ ) Second M1 for using $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ with their $u^2$ from (c), $v = 0$ and a new $a$ (does not need to be substituted) First A1 for a correct equation in $s$ , $g$ and $h$ with $\mu = \frac{1}{3}$ Second A1 for $s = \frac{1}{3}h$ Third A1 for $d = \frac{4}{3}h$  <b>ALTERNATIVE</b> using work-energy principle: M2 for $\mu R s = \frac{1}{2} 2mu^2$ (their $u^2$ from (c)) (M1 if they use $m$ ) First A1 for $\frac{1}{3} 2mgs = \frac{1}{2} 2m \frac{2gh}{3} (1 - \frac{2}{3})$ Second A1 for $s = \frac{1}{3}h$ Third A1 for $d = \frac{4}{3}h$	
(e)	B1 for any one of the alternatives listed above.	

# Question 10

Q.	Scheme	Marks	Notes
<b>a</b>	$v = 0 \Rightarrow 3t^2 - 16t + 21 = 0$	M1	Set $v = 0$ and attempt to solve
	$((3t - 7)(t - 3) = 0) \quad t_1 = \frac{7}{3}, \quad t_2 = 3$	A1	
		(2)	
<b>b</b>	$a = \frac{d}{dt}(3t^2 - 16t + 21)$	M1	Differentiate $v$ to obtain $a$
	$= 6t - 16$	A1	
	$t = t_1, \quad a = 6 \times \frac{7}{3} - 16 = -2 \text{ (m s}^{-2}\text{)}$ Magnitude 2 (m s <sup>-2</sup> )	A1	No errors seen. Must be positive - the Q asks for magnitude.
		(3)	
<b>c</b>	$s = \int (3t^2 - 16t + 21) dt$	M1	Integrate $v$ to find $s$
	$= t^3 - 8t^2 + 21t (+C)$	A1	
	$\pm \left( (3^3 - 8 \times 9 + 21 \times 3) - \left( \left( \frac{7}{3} \right)^3 - 8 \times \frac{49}{9} + 21 \times \frac{7}{3} \right) \right)$	M1	Correct use of their limits
	$s = 0.148 \text{ (m)} \quad \left( \frac{4}{27} \right)$	A1	Final answer must be positive. 0.15 or better
		(4)	
<b>d</b>	Return to $O \Rightarrow s = 0 = t(t^2 - 8t + 21)$	B1	seen or implied
	Discriminant of quadratic $= 64 - 4 \times 21 (= -20) < 0$	M1	Or equivalent. <b>*given answer so must show some evidence of method*</b>
	No real roots $\Rightarrow$ does not return to $O$	A1	Sufficient correct working to justify <b>*given answer*</b>
		(3)	
<b>dalt</b>	Travels away until $t_1 = \frac{7}{3}$ , turns back at $t_2 = 3$ then turns away again	M1	Complete story
	$s_3 = 18$	B1	Seen or implied
	Complete argument	A1	
		(3)	
<b>dalt</b>	Distance time graph	B1	
	Locate min turning point	M1	
	Complete argument	A1	
		(3)	
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