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FURTHER MATHEMATICS

9231/33

Paper 3 Further Mechanics

May/June 2020

1 hour 30 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.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- 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 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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- 1 A particle P of mass m is attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length a . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point O on a smooth horizontal plane. The particle P moves in horizontal circles about O . The tension in the string is $4mg$.

Find, in terms of a and g , the time that P takes to make one complete revolution. [2]

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- 2 A particle Q of mass m kg falls from rest under gravity. The motion of Q is resisted by a force of magnitude mkv N, where v ms⁻¹ is the speed of Q at time t s and k is a positive constant.

Find an expression for v in terms of g , k and t . [6]

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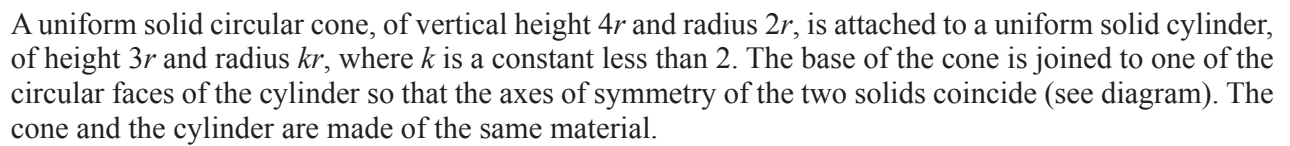
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- 3 A particle Q of mass m is attached to a fixed point O by a light inextensible string of length a . The particle moves in complete vertical circles about O . The points A and B are on the path of Q with AB a diameter of the circle. OA makes an angle of 60° with the downward vertical through O and OB makes an angle of 60° with the upward vertical through O . The speed of Q when it is at A is $2\sqrt{ag}$.

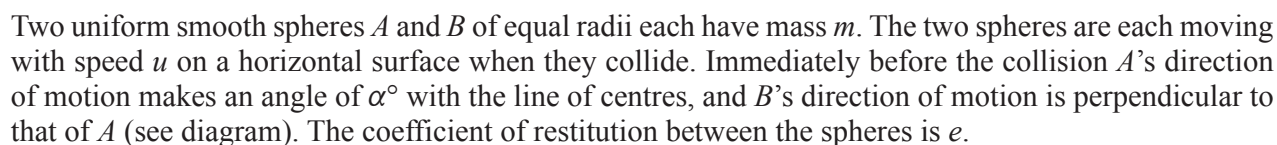
Given that T_A and T_B are the tensions in the string at A and B respectively, find the ratio $T_A:T_B$. [6]

[illegible]



- [illegible]

- [illegible]



(a) Show that $\tan \alpha = \frac{1+e}{1-e}$.

[4]

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- 6 A particle P is projected with speed u at an angle θ above the horizontal from a point O on a horizontal plane and moves freely under gravity. The direction of motion of P makes an angle α above the horizontal when P first reaches three-quarters of its greatest height.

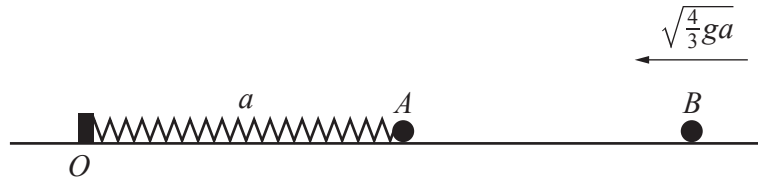
(a) Show that $\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta$.

[6]

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- (b)** Given that $\tan \theta = \frac{4}{3}$, find the horizontal distance travelled by P when it first reaches three-quarters of its greatest height. Give your answer in terms of u and g . [4]

[illegible]



One end of a light spring of natural length a and modulus of elasticity $4mg$ is attached to a fixed point O . The other end of the spring is attached to a particle A of mass km , where k is a constant. Initially the spring lies at rest on a smooth horizontal surface and has length a . A second particle B , of mass m , is moving towards A with speed $\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}ga}$ along the line of the spring from the opposite direction to O (see diagram).

The particles A and B collide and coalesce. At a point C in the subsequent motion, the length of the spring is $\frac{3}{4}a$ and the speed of the combined particle is half of its initial speed.

- (a)** Find the value of k .

[6]

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[4]

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