

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY**  
**Schulich School of Engineering**

**ENGG 202 – Engineering Statics**  
**First Midterm Exam**  
**February 10, 2011 (Thursday)**  
**18:40 – 20:00 (80 minutes)**

1. The examination is closed textbook
2. There are 6 short answer questions and 2 comprehensive questions.  
Answer all questions directly on the question sheets. For the short answer questions, write your answer in the space provided, only the answer will be marked.
3. Only the SSE sanctioned, non-programmable, scientific calculator is permitted.
4. Free body diagrams are required on all comprehensive equilibrium questions to obtain full marks.

**DO NOT OPEN THE EXAM BOOKLET**  
**UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO**

Student's Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lecture Section (Circle One):

L01	Tu Th	13:00	Lissel
L02	Tu Th	11:00	Grozic/Lissel
L03	Tu Th	09:30	Grozic

USEFUL FORMULAE:

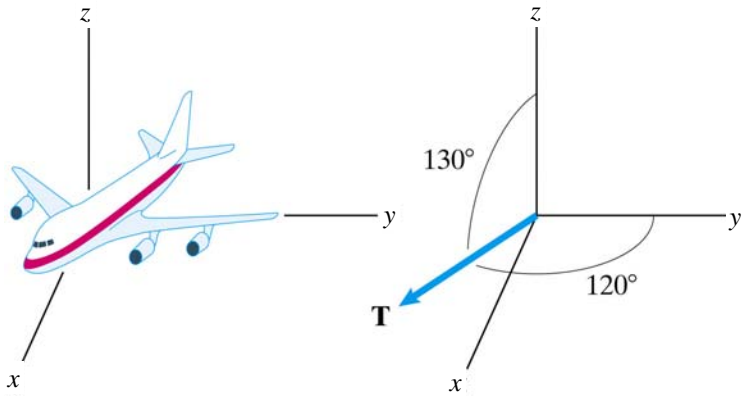
Sine Law:  $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$

Cosine Law:  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$

Question	Maximum mark	Mark
1 – 6	15	
7	15	
8	15	
Total	45	

All figures modified from:  
“Engineering Mechanics, Statics”, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition in SI Edition, Bedford and Fowler, Prentice Hall, 2008.

- Q1.** The airplane's engines exert a total thrust force  $\mathbf{T}$  with a magnitude of 200 kN. The angle between  $\mathbf{T}$  and the  $y$  axis is  $120^\circ$ , and the angle between  $\mathbf{T}$  and the  $z$  axis is  $130^\circ$ . The  $x$  component of  $\mathbf{T}$  is positive.
- (a) What is the angle between  $\mathbf{T}$  and the  $x$  axis?
- (b) Express  $\mathbf{T}$  in Cartesian vector format.



ANSWER: angle = \_\_\_\_\_ degrees /1.5 marks

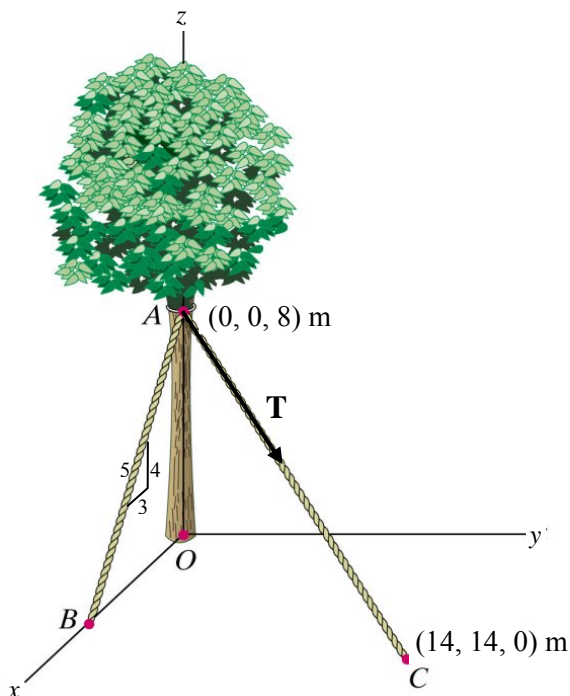
$\mathbf{T} =$  \_\_\_\_\_ kN /1.5 marks

- Q2.**  $\mathbf{A} = 20\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j} - 15\mathbf{k}$  N, and  $\mathbf{B} = -1\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$  m.

If  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}$ , what is  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C}$ ?

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_ /1 mark

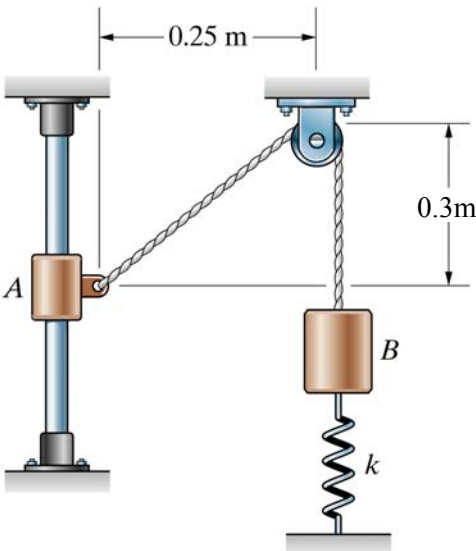
- Q3.** The tension in cable AC is 1000 N. Determine the magnitudes of the components of  $\mathbf{T}$  that are parallel and perpendicular to line AB.



ANSWER:  $T_{//AB} =$  \_\_\_\_\_ N /2 marks

$T_{\perp AB} =$  \_\_\_\_\_ N /1 mark

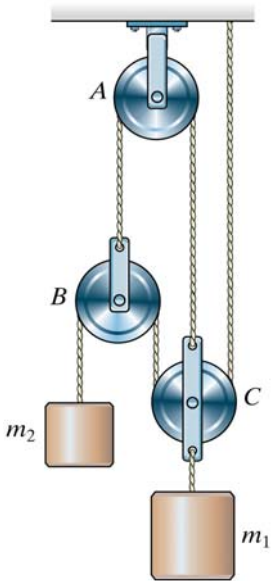
**Q4.** Collar A slides on the smooth vertical bar. Draw the FBD(s) that would be required to determine the spring constant  $k$ . Do NOT perform any calculations. Given:  $m_A = 20\text{ kg}$ ,  $m_B = 10\text{ kg}$  and when the system is in the equilibrium position shown the change in length in the spring is  $0.2\text{ m}$ .



ANSWER (draw in the space below):

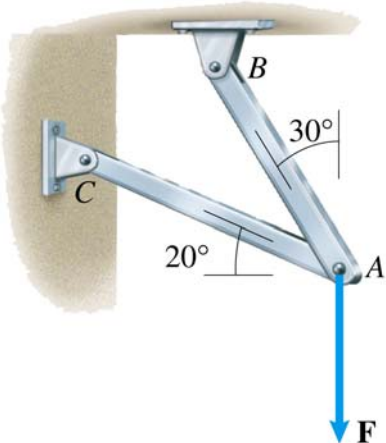
/3 marks

**Q5.** The mass  $m_1 = 50\text{ kg}$ . Neglecting the masses of the pulleys, determine the value of the mass  $m_2$  necessary for the system to be in equilibrium.



ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_ kg /2 marks

**Q6.** The length of the bar AB is  $350\text{ mm}$ . The moments about points B and C due to the vertical force  $F$  are  $M_B = -1.75\text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$  and  $M_C = -4.20\text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$ . Determine the magnitude of the force  $F$  and the length of bar AC.

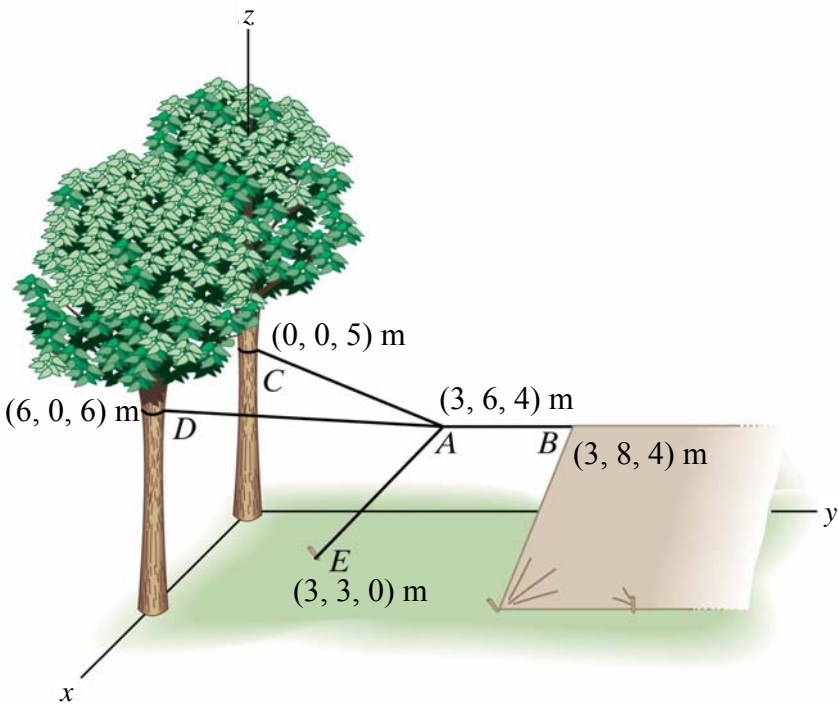


ANSWER:  $F =$  \_\_\_\_\_ kN /1.5 marks

Length of AC = \_\_\_\_\_ mm /1.5 marks

**Q7.** The tent is supported by an assembly of four ropes. To support the tent, the tension in the rope AB, parallel to the y axis, must be 400 N. What are the magnitudes of the forces in the ropes AC, AD, and AE?

/15 marks



**Q8.** A cable extends from point C to point E. It exerts a 75 N force **T** on the plate at C that is directed along the line from C to E. Points A, B, and E lie in the  $x$ - $z$  plane. Determine the moment of the force **T** about the straight line that passes through the hinges A and B. Express your answer in Cartesian vector format.

/15 marks

