

# Engineering Mechanics F.E. (All branches)

Time: 2 hr. 30 min. Examination: Prelim Exam FE Semester I - Solution Max. Marks: 80

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Q1.	Choose the correct option for following questions. All the Questions are compulsory and carry equal marks		
1.	The forces, which do meet at a point but lie in a single plane, are known as		
Option A:	Coplanar concurrent forces		
Option B:	Coplanar non-concurrent forces		
Option C:	Non-coplanar concurrent forces		
Option D:	Non-coplanar non-concurrent forces		
Answer	Coplanar concurrent forces		
2.	A train enters curve of radius 600 m with a speed of 30 m/s, what will be the		
	magnitude of tangential and normal acceleration at the instant the brakes are		
	applied so that the train stops by covering a distance of 400 m along the curve.		
Option A:	tangential acceleration = $1.125 \text{ m/s}^2$ , normal acceleration = $1.5 \text{ m/s}^2$		
Option B:	tangential acceleration = $1.125 \text{ m/s}^2$ , normal acceleration = $-1.5 \text{ m/s}^2$		
Option C:	tangential acceleration = $-1.125 \text{ m/s}^2$ , normal acceleration = $-1.5 \text{ m/s}^2$		
Option D:	tangential acceleration = $-1.125 \text{ m/s}^2$ , normal acceleration = $1.5 \text{ m/s}^2$		
Answer	tangential acceleration = $-1.125 \text{ m/s}^2$ , normal acceleration = $1.5 \text{ m/s}^2$		
3.	Which of the following is not a projectile		
Option A:	a bullet fired from a rifle		
Option B:	a bomb dropped from an aeroplane		
Option C:	hydrogen balloon floating in air		
Option D:	a boy throw a ball oblique with vertical.		
Answer	hydrogen balloon floating in air		
4.	The point at which the total area of a plane figure is assumed to be concentrated is called		
Option A:	Centre of gravity		
Option B:	Central point		
Option C:	Centroid		
Option D:	Inertial point		
Answer	Centroid		
5.	Kinematics of the rigid body is		
Option A:	Study of geometry of motion considering the cause of motion		
Option B:	Study of external forces acting on it without considering the geometry of motion		
Option C:	Study of geometry of motion without considering the cause of motion		
Option D:	Finding the reaction forces and moments at the supports		
Answer	Study of geometry of motion without considering the cause of motion		
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6.	A rod AB 26 m long leans against a vertical wall. The end A on the floor is drawing from the well at a rate of 24 m/s, when the and A of the rad is 10 m from		
	away from the wall at a rate of 24 m/s, when the end A of the rod is 10 m from the		
	wall. What is the velocity of end B sliding down vertically?		

Option A: Option B: Option C: Option D: Answer	velocity of end B = $57 \text{ m/s}$ velocity of end B = $10 \text{ m/s}$ velocity of end B = $24 \text{ m/s}$		
Option C: Option D:	velocity of end B = 24 m/s		
Option D:			
Answer	velocity of end $B = 12 \text{ m/s}$		
	velocity of end $B = 10 \text{ m/s}$		
7.	Lami's theorem is applicable for force system.		
Option A:	parallel force system		
Option B:	general force system		
Option C:	concurrent force system		
Option D:	None of the above		
Answer	concurrent force system		
8.	A fixed support constrains		
Option A:	Restrict the translation motion in one direction		
Option B:	Restrict the translation motion in two mutually perpendicular directions		
Option C:	Restrict rotational motion		
Option D:	Restrict rotational motion and translation motion in two mutually perpendicular		
	directions		
Answer	Restrict rotational motion and translation motion in two mutually		
	perpendicular directions		
9.	Choose the correct statements from the following:		
Option A:	Force is the product of Mass and Velocity		
Option B:	Momentum is the product of Mass and Acceleration		
Option C:	Torque is the product of Mass and Gravitational Acceleration		
Option D:	Moment is the product of Force and perpendicular distance		
Answer	Moment is the product of Force and perpendicular distance		
10.	A 50 N force acts from point A (0,0,0) to the point B (3,0,4) then force is		
	represented as		
Option A:	10		
Option B:	$10(3\vec{\imath} + 0\vec{\jmath} + 4\vec{k})$		
Option C:	$\frac{50}{\sqrt{7}}(0\vec{i}+3\vec{j}+4\vec{k})$		
Option D:	$150(3\vec{j}+4\vec{k})$		
Answer	$10(3\vec{\iota}+0\vec{j}+4\vec{k})$		

Q2.	Solve any Four	5 marks each
i.	Find resultant of the force system.	30° 30N 30N 50N
		90N
		Figure 1

$$\sum F_x = 30 \cos 20 - 60 \cos 30 - 50 \cos 40 =$$

$$62.07 N (\leftarrow)$$

$$\sum F_y = 30 \sin 20 + 60 \sin 30 - 90 - 50 \sin 40 =$$

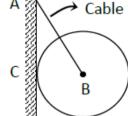
$$81.87 N (\downarrow)$$

$$R = \sqrt{\sum F_x^2 + \sum F_y^2} = 102.746 N$$

$$\theta = 52.83^0$$

$$\theta = 52.83^{\circ}$$
 $R = 102.746 \text{ N}$ 

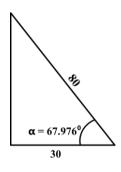
ii. A cylinder B,  $W_B = 1000$  N, dia. 60 cm, hangs by a cable AB = 80 cm rests against a smooth wall. Find out reaction at C and  $T_{AB}$ .

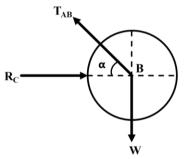


## **Solution:**

$$\propto = cos^{-1} \left( \frac{30}{80} \right) = 67.976^{\circ}$$

Figure 2





By Lami's theorem,

$$\frac{T_{AB}}{\sin 90} = \frac{R_C}{\sin 157.976} = \frac{1000}{\sin 112.024}$$

$$\therefore$$
 T<sub>AB</sub> = 1078.717 N

$$\therefore$$
 R<sub>C</sub> = 404.513 N

iii. A car moves in a straight line such that for a short time its velocity is defined by  $v = (9t^3+2t)$  m/sec where 't' is time in seconds. Determine its position and acceleration when t = 3 sec.

#### **Solution:**

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = 27t^2 + 2$$

At 
$$t = 3 \text{ sec}$$
,  $a_3 = (27 \times 9) + 2 = 245 \text{ m/s}^2$ 

Also, 
$$\int ds = \int v \cdot dt$$

$$\therefore$$
 s = 2.25t<sup>4</sup> + t<sup>2</sup> + c

At 
$$t = 0 \rightarrow s = 0$$
 m,  $\therefore c = 0$ 

At 
$$t = 3 \text{ sec}$$
,  $S_3 = (2.25 \times 3^4) + 3^2 = 191.25 \text{ m}$ 

iv. A block of weight 1000 N is kept on a rough inclined surface. Find out range of 'P' for which the block will be in equilibrium.

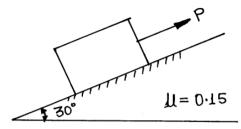


Figure 3

# **Solution:**

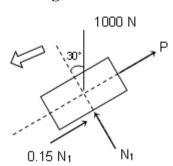
## Case (i)

$$\begin{aligned} P_{min} &= ? \text{ for holding the block} \\ \sum F_Y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$N_1 - 1000 \cos 30 = 0 
N_1 = 866.025 N 
\sum F_X = 0$$

$$\therefore$$
 P - 1000 sin 30 + 0.15 N<sub>1</sub> = 0

$$\therefore P_{\min} = 370.1 \text{ N}$$



## Case (ii)

$$\begin{split} P_{max} = ? & \qquad \text{for pulling the block.} \\ \sum F_v = 0 & \qquad \end{split}$$

$$N_2 - 1000 \cos 30 = 0$$

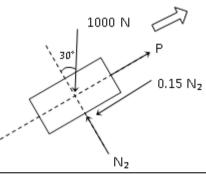
$$\therefore N_2 = 866.025 \text{ N}$$

$$\sum F_X = 0$$

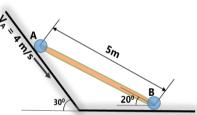
$$\therefore$$
 P - 1000 sin 30 - 0.15 N<sub>2</sub> = 0

$$P_{\text{max}} = 629.9 \text{ N}$$

Range of force P is  $370.1 \le P \le 629.9 \text{ N}$ .



v. Rod AB of length 5m is kept on smooth planes as shown in the figure. The velocity of the end A is 4 m/sec. along the inclined plane. Locate the ICR and find the velocity of the end B.



## Figure 4

## **Solution:**

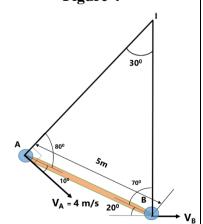
The velocity of end A is downward along the inclined plane so end B will move towards right. Drawing perpendicular to both velocities,  $v_A$  &  $v_B$  we get the location of ICR which is shown by the point, I on the figure.

Applying sine rule to the  $\Delta IAB$ , we get,

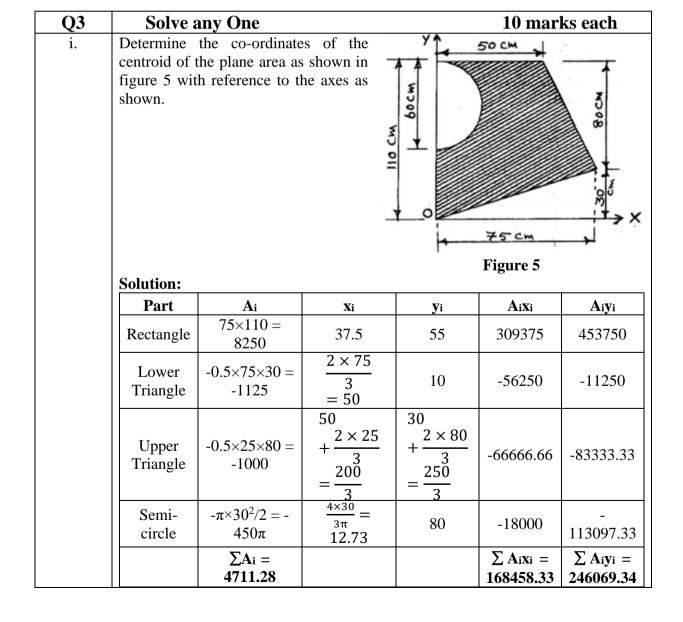
$$\frac{IA}{\sin 70} = \frac{IB}{\sin 80} = \frac{AB}{\sin 30}$$

$$\therefore$$
 IA = 9.396 m

$$\therefore$$
 IB = 9.848 m



	$\therefore \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{I}\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{\Omega}_{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}}$
	$\omega_{AB} = 4/9.396 = 0.425 \text{ rad/s}$
	$\therefore V_{B} = IB \times \omega_{AB} = 4.192 \text{ m/s}$
vi.	A force of 1200N acts along PQ, P (4, 5, -2) and Q (-3, 1, 6) m. Calculate its moment about a point A (3, 2, 0) m. <b>Solution:</b>
	$\overline{F_{PQ}} = 1200  imes \overline{e_{PQ}} = 1200  imes \left[ \frac{(-3-4)\hat{i}+(1-5)\hat{j}+(6-(-2))\hat{k}}{\sqrt{7^2+4^2+8^2}} \right]$
	$\overline{F_{PQ}} = 105.65(-7\hat{\imath} - 4\hat{\jmath} + 8\hat{k}) N$
	$\overline{M_{AP}^F} = \overline{r_{AP}} \times \overline{F_{PQ}} = 105.65 \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ (4-3) & (5-2) & (-2-0) \\ -7 & -4 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$
	$= 105.65 (16\hat{\imath} + 6\hat{\jmath} + 17\hat{k}) Nm$



$$\therefore \bar{x} = \frac{\Sigma A \bar{x}}{\Sigma A} = 35.75 \ cm \quad \& \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\Sigma A \bar{y}}{\Sigma A} = 52.22 \ cm$$
A particle is projected with an initial velocity of **a** (m/s²)

ii. A particle is projected with an initial velocity of 2 m/s along a straight line. The acceleration-time diagram for the linear motion is given in the figure. Construct velocity time and displacement time diagrams for the motion.

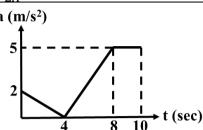


Figure 6

**Solution:**  $V_0 = 2 \text{ m/s}$ ;  $S_0 = 0 \text{ m}$  .......... (given)

From a – t curve:

From 0-4 sec:

Change in Velocity = Area under a - t curve

$$V_4 - V_0 = 0.5 \times 4 \times 2 = 4$$

$$\therefore$$
 V<sub>4</sub> = 6 m/s

From 4 - 8 sec:

$$V_8 - V_4 = 0.5 \times 4 \times 5 = 10$$

∴ 
$$V_8 = 16 \text{ m/s}$$

From 8 - 10 sec:

$$V_{10} - V_8 = 2 \times 5 = 10$$

$$V_{10} = 26 \text{ m/s}$$



From 0-4 sec:

Change in Displacement = Area under v - t curve

$$S_4 - S_0 = (4 \times 2) + \frac{2 \times 4 \times 4}{3}$$

#### $\therefore$ S<sub>4</sub> = 18.667 m

From 4 - 8 sec:

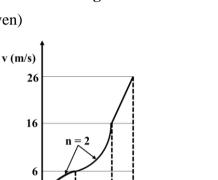
$$S_8 - S_4 = (4 \times 6) + \frac{10 \times 4}{3}$$

#### $\therefore$ S<sub>8</sub> = 56 m

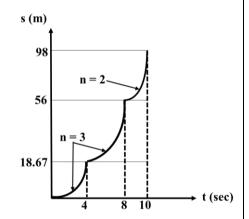
From 8 - 10 sec:

$$S_{10} - S_8 = 16 \times 2 + 0.5 \times 10 \times 2$$

∴ 
$$S_{10} = 98 \text{ m}$$



t (sec)



iii. Two cylinders are kept in a channel as shown in figure. Determine the reactions at all the contact points A, B, C and D. Assume all surfaces smooth.

(Taken  $W_A = 1000 \text{ N & } W_B = 750 \text{ N}$ ) (Also,  $r_A = 400 \text{ mm & } r_B = 300 \text{ mm}$ )

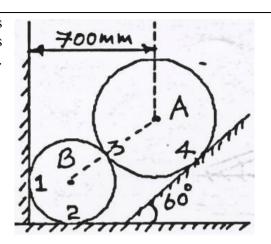
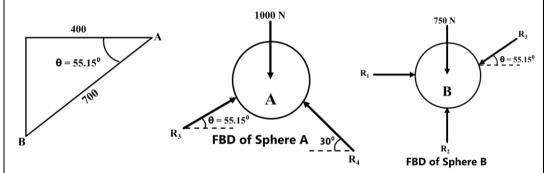


Figure 7

#### **Solution:**



$$\frac{1000}{\sin 94.85} = \frac{R_4}{\sin 145.15} = \frac{R_3}{\sin 120}$$

$$\therefore R_4 = 573.483 \text{ N}$$

$$R_3 = 869.137 \text{ N}$$
From FBD of sphere B,

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$R_2 - R_3 \sin 55.15 - 750 = 0$$

$$\therefore R_2 = 1463.258 \text{ N}$$

$$\sum F_z = 0$$

$$R_1 - R_3 \cos 55 \text{ N} = 0$$

$$\therefore R_1 = 496.65 \text{ N}$$

Q4. A	Solve any Two	5 marks each	
i.	A ball dropped from a height of 4 m, bounces to a height	of 1.5 m. Find 'e' and the	
	height to which it would rise on the second bounce.		
	Solution:		
	Given: $h_2 = 1.5 \text{ m } \& \text{ h} = 4 \text{ m}$		
	$e = \left(\frac{h_2}{h}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 0.7825$		
ii.	State and prove Lami's Theorem. Also state its limitation	S.	

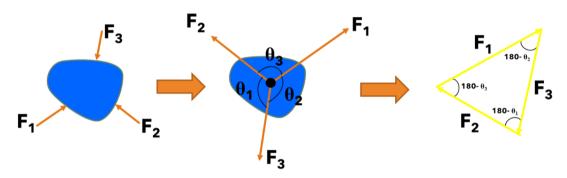
#### Ans:

If a body is in equilibrium under the action of three concurrent coplanar forces, then each force is proportional to the sine of the angle between the other two forces.

$$\therefore \frac{F_1}{\sin \theta_1} = \frac{F_2}{\sin \theta_2} = \frac{F_3}{\sin \theta_3}$$

#### **Proof:**

Let us consider F<sub>1</sub>, F<sub>2</sub> & F<sub>3</sub> be the three forces acting on the body keeping it in equilibrium.



As we know that forces are vector quantities, they can be vectorially added by head and tail connections. Thus, we get a closed triangle in interior angles as (180- $\theta_1$ ),  $(180 - \theta_2) \& (180 - \theta_3).$ 

Applying Sine rule, we get,

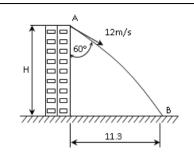
rule, we get,
$$\frac{F_1}{\sin(180 - \theta_1)} = \frac{F_2}{\sin(180 - \theta_2)} = \frac{F_3}{\sin(180 - \theta_3)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{F_1}{\sin \theta_1} = \frac{F_2}{\sin \theta_2} = \frac{F_3}{\sin \theta_3}$$

Limitations of Lami's Theorem:

- 1) Lami's theorem is applicable to only coplanar, concurrent forces.
- 2) Lami's theorem is not applicable for more than or less than three forces.

iii. A ball thrown with speed of 12 m/s at an angle of 60<sup>0</sup> with a building strikes the ground 11.3 m horizontally from the foot of the building as shown. Determine the height of the building.



**Solution:** 

Given: 
$$x = 11.3 \text{ m}$$
;  $v = 12 \text{ m/sec}$ ;  $\alpha = -30^{\circ}$   
 $y = x \tan \alpha - \frac{gx^{2}}{2u^{2}} (1 + \tan^{2} \alpha)$   
 $h = 11.3 \tan 30 - \frac{9.81 \times 11.3^{2}}{2 \times 12^{2}} (1 + \tan^{2} 30)$   
 $\therefore h = 12.32 \text{ m} (\downarrow)$ 

Figure 8

# Q4. B | Solve any One

# 10 mark each

i. Determine the reactions at hinged support and roller support as shown in figure 9.

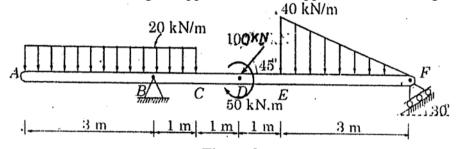
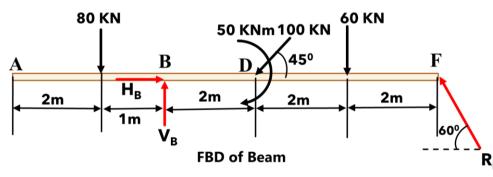


Figure 9



#### **Solution:**

$$\Sigma M_B = (80 \times 1) - 50 - (2 \times 100 \times \sin 45) - (60 \times 4) + (R_F \times 6 \times \sin 60) = 0$$
  
  $\therefore R_F = 67.63 \text{ KN}$ 

$$\Sigma F_x = 0$$
 ::  $H_B = 100 \times \cos 45 + R_F \times \cos 60 = 104.526 \text{ KN}$ 

$$\Sigma Fy = 0 = V_B - 80 - 100 \times \sin 45 - 60 + R_F \times \sin 60$$

# :. $V_A = 152.141 \text{ KN}$

ii. Determine the force 'P' required to move the block 'A' of weight 5000 N up the inclined plane. Coefficient of friction between all contact surfaces is 0.25. Neglect the weight of the wedge and the wedge angle is 15°.

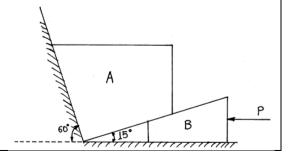
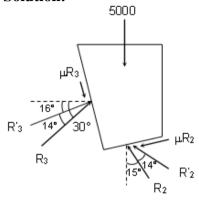


Figure 10 Solution:



$$\phi = \tan^{-1}(0.25) = 14^{\circ}$$

$$\frac{5000}{\sin 103^{\circ}} = \frac{R_{3}'}{\sin 151^{\circ}} = \frac{R_{2}'}{\sin 106^{\circ}}$$

$$\therefore R_{3}' = 2487.8 \text{ N}$$

$$R_{2}' = 4932.7 \text{ N}$$

$$\frac{4932.7}{\sin 104^{\circ}} = \frac{P}{\sin 137^{\circ}} = \frac{R_{1}'}{\sin 119^{\circ}}$$
∴ 
$$P = 3467.1 \text{ N}$$

$$R_{1}' = 4446.3 \text{ N}$$

